

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

Miami FILE NO. **76-241**

REPORT MADE AT Miami, Florida.	DATE WHEN MADE 2-28-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2-24-38	REPORT MADE BY S. K. McKee
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: Records Miami Police Department and interview with Lieutenant E. W. Melchen, Detective Bureau, Miami Police Department, reflect no hotel robberies in metropolitan Miami during period 12-16-37 to 1-12-38.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent G. O. Hurt, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 2-15-38.

DETAILS:

Lieutenant Edward W. Melchen, of the Detective Bureau, Miami Police Department, was contacted and an examination was made of records described as daily briefs of offenses reported to Police for the period extending from December, 1937 through January 12, 1938, and same failed to reflect any hotel robbery in Miami, Florida. Lieutenant Melchen also advised from his personal recollection that there had not been any hotel robbery in the metropolitan Miami area during the indicated period.

It is also the recollection of the writer, who has been in Miami during the period in question, that there has not been any publicity with respect to any hotel robbery such as described by Gordon Troop, inmate of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

March 2, 1938.

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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Transmit the following message to:

BUREAU IN RECEIPT OF COPY OF LETTER WARDEN ALCATRAZ TRANSMITTING
LETTER POSTMARKED PHILADELPHIA ELEVEN PM FEBRUARY ELEVEN NINETEEN
THIRTY EIGHT SIGNED "FRISKY" REQUESTING COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS
LETTER FROM PHILADELPHIA RE COLE AND ROE. WARDEN STATES LATTER
LETTER TRANSMITTED TO SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE. HIS UNDERSTANDING
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MARCH 4, 1966

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: **SAC OKLAHOMA CITY**
RALPH ROE WAS. FUG. I.O. ONE FOUR SEVEN TWO DEAL RFP. RESET FIRST INSTANT.
EXPENDITURE FOR N AUTHORIZED. ARRANGE WITH LOS ANGELES TO MEET N PHOENIX
AND ARRANGE TRANSPORTATION AND CONTACT.

HAROLD NATHAN

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR.

CC LOS ANGELES
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POST OFFICE BOX 1276,
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA,
MARCH 1st, 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.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, Oklahoma City, February 21st, 1938, copies of which were furnished the Los Angeles and San Francisco offices, and in which reference is made to the character of and associations of the Johnson family with subjects, which information was obtained through a confidential informant referred to as "N", closely associated with the Johnson family, who promised to visit Phoenix, Arizona and make contact with the Johnsons in an effort to obtain information of interest relative to subjects.

Please be advised that on February 28th, 1938 Special Agent F. S. Smith of this office made contact with Informant N, who advised that an oil field worker, a personal friend of hers, who is also a friend of the Johnson family, recently returned from Bakersfield, California and advised her the Johnson family had moved from Phoenix to Bakersfield and were residing 1½ miles northwest of Bakersfield when he left there. She stated she discreetly questioned this man, whose identity she appeared reluctant to divulge, concerning the escape of Roe and Cole, in the interest of obtaining an expression relative to the possibility of the Johnsons' connections therewith; that his response was that he gathered from conversing with "Sleepy" and Lon Johnson that Roe and Cole were in circulation. She said he further stated that both "Sleepy" and Lon appeared to be very busy and had been making repeated trips away from Bakersfield, and that they did not disclose to him the purpose of these trips or the racket in which they were engaged.

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Informant N advised she is definitely leaving for Phoenix on Monday, March 7th, 1938 and expects to be in Phoenix not more than two days. However, she said she would gladly extend her stay for a necessary period and would go to Bakersfield, California and there contact the Johnson family, providing the Bureau would pay her transportation from Phoenix to Bakersfield and return, and advance her sufficient funds to take care of her four children at Seminole, Oklahoma during the extra period she would be detained on this errand. She said if the Johnson boys or their mother have any concrete information relative to the escape and whereabouts of subject, that she could unquestionably get it, as they all have explicit confidence in her and would not hesitate to give her the information. She stated that she personally doubts the successful escape of Roe and Cole, however that if they did escape, there is no doubt in her mind that the Johnson boys in some manner aided them and are assisting and harboring them at the present time. She said it is highly probable that "old lady Johnson" is cooking their meals.

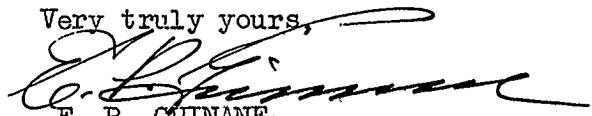
Chief of Police Jake Sims, Seminole, Oklahoma, advised Agent Smith that he has confidence in the reliability of the informant and personally knows she is in close, confidential contact with the Johnson family. He stated further that if Roe and Cole are on the ground that there would be no better place to look for them than around the Johnson's place as they would give aid and protection to these fugitives or any other criminals.

It is requested that the Bureau advise by wire on receipt of this letter, if it will authorize the advancing of necessary expenses of travel for this informant from Phoenix, Arizona to Bakersfield, California and return and the advancing of sufficient funds to maintain her family at Seminole, Oklahoma during the period of her errand to Bakersfield. Expenses in addition to her transportation from Phoenix to Bakersfield probably will not exceed \$25.00.

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In the event the Bureau favorably considers authorizing this expenditure, it will be deemed advisable to then inform this informant that she will be met by a Bureau Agent in Phoenix,

who will arrange for her transportation to Bakersfield and return, and for necessary contact by the Los Angeles Office with her at Bakersfield.

Very truly yours,



E. P. GUINANE,
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

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AIR MAIL
SPECIAL DELIVERY

CC - Los Angeles
San Francisco

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

FILE NO. 76-89 WFW:MEN

REPORT MADE AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE	DATE WHEN MADE 2-28-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2-3, 21-38	REPORT MADE BY W. F. WHITELY
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:

Bryan Conway reported to have gone to Houston, Texas, with one Homer Flamigan and may be located through a Miss Corbin there.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent M. E. Gurnea, San Francisco, California, dated 12-28-37;
Report of Special Agent W. F. Whitely, Memphis, Tennessee, dated 2-3-38

DETAILS:

While talking with Chief of Police Ed Holt at Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, on other matters, he advised that he had received information that Bryan Conway was presently residing in Columbia, Tennessee. Agent contacted Sheriff Floyd Bottoms, who could give no additional information.

Agent contacted Frank Busby and his wife at Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, and they had no additional information relative to Conway's whereabouts since last interviewed by this agent.

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Agent interviewed Mrs. Hugh Conway at the "Drummers' Home" on Eighth Street on February 3, 1938, and she advised that Conway and Homer Flamigan had left just two days previously for Houston, Texas. She stated her husband, Hugh Conway, often corresponded with his brother Bryan and

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March 10, 1938

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Mr. Warren H. Madoley,
Newcastle, California.

Dear Mr. Madoley:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated March 2, 1938, in which you requested to be advised if any reward has been offered for information furnished to this Bureau which results in the apprehension of Theodore Cole and Ralph Roe, escaped Federal prisoners.

I desire to advise you that this Bureau has not offered any reward for information leading to the apprehension of these two fugitives. I have, however, instructed Mr. N. J. L. Pieper, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, One Eleven Sutter Building, Room 1729, San Francisco, California, to have an Agent contact you at the earliest possible moment for any information in your possession relative to the location of these fugitives.

Very truly yours,
For the Director,

Harold Nathan,
Assistant Director.

cc - San Francisco (with copies of incoming letter)
cc - Oklahoma City (with copy of incoming letter)

EX-10-153



Newcastle, California
March 2, 1938

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

Gentlemen,

Will you please let me know if there
is any reward offered for information
that, furnished to your office, will
enable your officers to capture the
escaped convicts from Alcatraz Island.
The two are Ted Cole and Ralph Roe.

Yours truly,

Warren H. Madeley

WARREN H MADELEY

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Suite 1729 - 111 Sutter
San Francisco, California
February 24, 1938.

Special Agent in Charge,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Dear Sir: Re: RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE,
I.O. #1472. THEODORE COLE, with
aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.
Escaped Federal Prisoners.

The following information was supplied by Warden J.
A. JOHNSTON, of the Federal Penitentiary at Alcatraz Island,
to the San Francisco Bureau Office:

"There is supposed to be a woman, known as
Goldie, at the Hattery Hotel, Hot Springs, Ark-
ansas, and when Barker, who is now our number
258-AZ, was at liberty he used to use the place
as a hide-out, that he kept guns and money
there, and it is intimated that our missing pri-
soners (Cole #258-AZ and Roe #260-AZ) would know
about the place and try to get there or use the
place either as a hide-out or to secure guns and
money."

It is believed that the Little Rock Office will know
the identity of the woman referred to as "GOLDIE", and it is
requested that appropriate investigation be made at the Hat-
tery Hotel, to establish if either of the Subjects could poss-
ibly have made a contact there.

Very truly yours,

s.c. Bureau.
c.c. Oklahoma City.

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Refer file
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H.J.L. PLEPER,
Special Agent in Charge.

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U. S. Department of Justice

Suite 1729, 111 Sutter,
San Francisco, California

March 2, 1938.

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

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to Bureau's telegram of March 2nd, stating that the Bureau was in receipt of a copy of a letter from Warden JOHNSTON transmitting a letter postmarked Philadelphia, 11.00 PM February 11, 1938, signed "FRISKY", requesting comparison with previous letter from Philadelphia re Cole and Roe.

From the reading of this telegram if the Bureau files are checked, the inference is given that the Warden directly mailed this letter for comparison to the Bureau.

Immediately upon receipt of this telegram, I called the Warden and asked him whether or not he had sent a letter for comparison directly to the Bureau rather than through our office and he explained to me that he had not and that in a communication to MR. BENNETT of the Bureau of Prisons, he had mentioned this other letter and stated that there might possibly be some connection, but that he had not intended that it be considered a letter of transmittal to be called to the attention of the Bureau for comparison purposes. He agreed with me that the proper procedure was for any matters of that type to be cleared from this office and he states that he is fully desirous of continuing what we have done in the past, particularly notifying me immediately of any such matters which he thinks important for our attention.

From the reading of this telegram it can be easily misunderstood that the Warden sent something direct to Washington for comparison rather than clearing from this office and I want you to know that this is not a matter of a lack of diligence on our part or a lack of contact with the Island, because we are constantly in communication with the Warden on all matters pertaining to this case, and this telegram read by itself would indicate that this office has failed to properly handle this matter which is not coincident with the facts.

There is enclosed a card, not a letter, addressed to the Warden, signed "Ralph and Ted" for comparison purposes.

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This will advise that the San Francisco Field Office in a telegram dated January 11, 1938, to the Philadelphia Field Office set forth the information on this card and that the Philadelphia Office conducted appropriate investigation and eliminated any possible connection with either of the subjects and this information is set forth in detail in report of Special Agent John R. Wells, Philadelphia, dated January 19, 1938.

Very truly yours,


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

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Report

Case: Ralph Roe, w.a. Fugitive, I. O. 1472;
Theodore Cole, with aliases, Fugitive,
I. O. 1471; Escaped Federal Prisoners.

Number: 76-2686-269

Specimens:

76-2686-269 Q 16 One postcard postmarked at Philadelphia, Pa, Jan. 5,
1938, 10 PM. Addressed to Warden Johnson, Alcatraz,
San Francisco Bay, California.

Examination requested by: San Francisco

Date received: 3/7/38. Recorded 3/8/38. 10:30 mfr

Examination requested: Document

Result of examination:

K1 & K2 not suspected
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Examination by: Major AE

cc Oklahoma City

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

K2 My Work - To Warden
Cole Theodore

Q - Warden Ted
Glad Teddy to be

K-# you we me
I met G day here. Ralph

RFG:HA
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March 12, 1938.

Mr. Elbert D. Welch,
Vermilion, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Welch:

In the absence of the Director, Mr. Hoover, from Washington, I wish to acknowledge receipt of your postal card of March 5, 1938, in which you have made inquiry concerning the recent escape of two convicts from Alcatraz Island.

For your information, may I advise that the two convicts to whom you refer are Theodore Cole and Ralph Rowe. These individuals escaped from Alcatraz on December 16, 1937 and no further information has been developed as to their whereabouts at the present time.

May I assure you that it is a pleasure to make available to you several of our booklets dealing with the activities of the Special Agents of this Bureau together with several of Mr. Hoover's addresses which I thought you might like to have.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,
For the Director,

Harold Nathan,
Assistant Director.

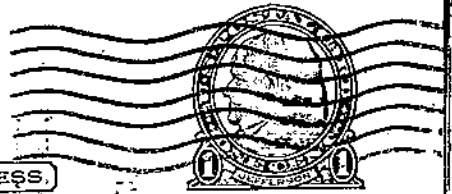
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Mr. Naughton
Mr. Nichols
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Mr. Schilder
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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS.

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D.C.

Vermilion Ohio
March 5-1938

Gentlemen,

Will you please inform me whether the escaped convict from Alcatraz Island has been recaptured. I am a student and I'd like to report on that case. Could you please give me the details on it. I would appreciate it very much.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours
Elbert D. Welch

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

FILE NO. **76-348**

REPORT MADE AT Oklahoma City	DATE WHEN MADE 3-5-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3-1-38	REPORT MADE BY F. S. Smith
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:

Buster Jarrett admits personal acquaintance with Roe and Cole but denies emphatically having seen them or having been in communication with them since their incarceration at McAlester State Prison. Claims statement of Gordon Troop fabulous and without foundation.

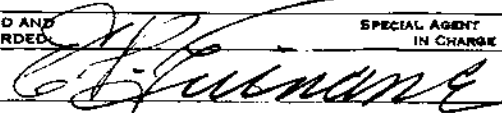
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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent C. O. Hurt, Okla. City, 2-15-38, and Bureau letter, 2-24-38.

DETAILS:

At Oklahoma City.

Buster Jarrett was interviewed at the Oklahoma City Police Department, where he was detained for investigation. He stated he was paroled from the McAlester State Prison in 1937 after having served 13½ years of a 25 year sentence on a charge of bank robbery; that he personally knows Roe and Cole, who were both inmates at McAlester; that he resolved on leaving McAlester to stay out of trouble and has since his release refrained from contacting the underworld as much as possible. He stated emphatically the only information he had relative to Roe and Cole was what he received through the papers concerning their escape; that he has not seen or heard from either of them and has not talked with

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anyone who has. He denied having been at Muskogee, Oklahoma or in the vicinity of the Prison Camp near Clayton, Oklahoma. He stated that while he may have known Gordon/Troop while an inmate at McAlester, he does not recall him, and that the statement of Troop is fabulous and without foundation.

Jarrett very frankly stated that if he had information concerning subjects or any other criminals who were at liberty, he would not inform on them; that he had had his troubles and expected to stay out of trouble.

He further stated that he personally knows Jess Darr, who was also an inmate at McAlester Penitentiary, but that he has not seen or heard of him since his release from that institution.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE OKLAHOMA CITY DIVISION

At Ardmore, Oklahoma will conduct appropriate investigation in the interest of locating Jess Darr, reported to be residing there, and question him concerning his knowledge of Roe and Cole.

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March 22, 1938.

Mrs. Blanche W. Scott,
Victor, Idaho.

Dear Mrs. Scott:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated March 7, 1938, in which you advise that you have identified a photograph of Ralph Roe, a fugitive whose apprehension is desired by this Bureau, as being the photograph of an individual who appeared during the late fall or early winter at a hotel operated by you at Victor, Idaho.

I have instructed Mr. H. E. Andersen, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 302 Federal Building, Butte, Montana, to have an Agent call upon you at the earliest possible moment for any information in your possession relative to this fugitive.

I desire to thank you for your interest in this matter and for transmitting this information to me.

Very truly yours,
For the Director,

Harold Nathan,
Assistant Director.

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Victor, Ida. March 7-1938

J. Edgar Hoover,

Dear Sir,

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Yesterday I bought a new True Detective and was looking thru the "Line-up". I am positive that I recognized the picture of Ralph Roe as the man that was here at my place either late Fall or early Winter.

He asked for something to eat but did not strike me as an ordinary hobo at the time. I gave him his supper and a room, altho' he did not sleep in his room he was back for breakfast. A day later I saw a picture in the newspaper of the two men that escaped from Alcatraz and remarked at the time that I believed he was one of them. However the picture was very indistinct and I did not feel sure, since seeing this likeness in the magazine I am positive he was the man you were looking for and thought it might be best to let you know even at this late date.

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I run a small hotel here and by looking thru my old register I can find the exact date he was here if it will help you any. He was very interested in all my old newspapers but had nothing to say. I asked him where he was going and he said to Jackson Hole but I have no idea of whether he did or not.

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do so.

Respectfully,

Mrs Blanche W. Scott
Victor

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FILE NO. 76-259-

REPORT MADE AT Dallas, Texas	DATE WHEN MADE 3-8-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2-25-38	REPORT MADE BY R. C. Coulter
TITLE RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, IO #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, IO #1471.			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

John Barker, Childress, Texas, denied having heard from Cole directly or indirectly since his escape, and according to letters from Fred Cole he has not heard from subject Cole.

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Reference:

Reports of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 12-29-37, and Special Agent R. C. Coulter, Dallas, Texas, dated 1-4-38.

Details:

After being advised by Sheriff J. D. Moore of Childress, Texas, that Barker had had no visitors since this investigation was instituted, personal contact was had with John F. Barker, 710 Avenue "B", N.W., Childress, Texas, who advised that he is the uncle of Fred Cole, the step-father of subject THEODORE COLE. He stated that he apparently missed reading the newspapers that carried the story relating to the escape of COLE and was not informed of the same for sometime thereafter. Barker was informed of the fugitive status of ROE and COLE, and he advised that he was not acquainted with ROE, but that COLE had visited his home several times, the most recent visit being about 1935, after he escaped from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary. Barker stated that immediately thereafter COLE appeared at his home, at which time he was driving a V8 Ford, and remained for a day or two, and then apparently went directly to Dallas, Texas, where he was apprehended. He stated that it was not until after COLE'S apprehension in Dallas that he became aware that he had escaped from the penitentiary.

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Barker continued by stating that he had no desire whatever to become involved with the Government, and that he would immediately report to the Dallas office by telephone any information he might receive regarding the whereabouts of COLE. He stated that he has received two or three letters from Fred Cole and that Fred maintained that he did not know subject COLE'S whereabouts and to his knowledge he had not contacted any of his relatives since his escape. Barker stated that he was inclined to believe the statements, since he had made no inquiry regarding subject COLE, and for the further reason that Fred Cole would have no reason to deceive him.

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

K. C. FILE NO. **76-471**

REPORT MADE AT Kansas City	DATE WHEN MADE 3-9-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2-10/21/25 to 3-1/4-38	REPORT MADE BY M. J. LYNCH wk
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:

Clyde and Woodford Hawk not located at St. Joseph, Missouri. Mrs. Raymond Roe, Hays, Kansas, states she and her husband have heard nothing concerning Ralph since his escape. Deputy Warden Shuttleworth of the Leavenworth Penitentiary advises informant states that Doc Barker, inmate at Alcatraz, was instigator of escape. Former inmate advises James Poulas may have given Subjects assistance after escape; Poulas, however, believed to have been deported. Karl Clark Strain, fugitive, apprehended at Kansas City, interviewed concerning Roe and Cole, without results. "Boss" Fisk, incarcerated at Oklahoma State Penitentiary, may be able to furnish information of value. Mrs. E. C. Willett, Coffeyville, Kansas, has no information concerning Subjects.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent W. L. Listerman, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 1-24-38.

Report of Special Agent E. C. Dorris, El Paso, Texas, dated 1-28-38.

DETAILS:

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At St. Joseph, Missouri.

Efforts to locate Woodford and Clyde Hawk at St. Joseph,

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Missouri, met with negative results. A search of the city and telephone directories failed to reflect that they were listed therein.

Identification Officer Andrews of the St. Joseph Police Department was contacted and stated he believed Clyde Hawk was in the vicinity of St. Joseph, but that he did not know where he could be located. He stated he would make an attempt to locate him and notify this office.

At Hays, Kansas.

Mrs. Raymond Roe, sister-in-law of Subject Ralph Roe, was interviewed at her home on the outskirts of Hays, and stated that she had not heard anything whatever concerning the whereabouts of Ralph and, further, that in her opinion, as well as the opinion of her husband, it seemed impossible to them that Ralph could have made his escape, inasmuch as he is a very poor swimmer, and that she did not possibly see how it was possible for him to obtain outside help, inasmuch as he had no money and knew no one in California. At the time Mrs. Roe was interviewed, she advised that her husband, Raymond Roe, was not at home and she did not know where he could be located. She informed Agent that she and her husband have often talked about Ralph and stated that if he were to come to their house they would positively turn him in, inasmuch as they did not desire to be prosecuted for harboring and also because they have a [redacted] and are of the opinion that they owe it to their daughter to turn in Ralph Roe.

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Mrs. Roe advised Agent that she did not know any of Ralph's contacts, inasmuch as he had only been to their house a few times before he was sent to Alcatraz and that the only person she heard Ralph speak of was a girl by the name of Marie, who lives in the vicinity of Ardmore, Oklahoma. The report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, Oklahoma City, dated 2-3-38, reflects that Marie Blackwell of Ardmore, Oklahoma, had been contacted, and in all probability this is the person Mrs. Roe had in mind.

Chief of Police Alec Weltz was contacted and he stated he and his officers had maintained a close watch in the vicinity of the home of Raymond Roe and also in the vicinity of Hays and that they had been unable to obtain any information to the effect that Subject Ralph Roe was in that vicinity.

Agent contacted Sheriff Joseph Doerfler, who stated that he and his deputies have been maintaining a surveillance on the home

of Raymond Roe, who was known to him personally, and that they have not been able to learn of anything regarding Ralph Roe's whereabouts. Doerfler advised Agent that he was of the opinion that if Subject Ralph Roe appeared at Hays, Raymond Roe would immediately contact him and notify him of Ralph's presence.

At Springfield, Missouri.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent J. K. Mumford, Jr.:

Associate Warden M. A. McDonald, U. S. Hospital for Defective Delinquents, Springfield, stated that he has the confidence of prisoner Hayes Van Gorder, #1112-D.D., and that this prisoner was recently transferred to this hospital from Alcatraz Island. Mr. McDonald advised that this prisoner told him that there was a prisoner at Alcatraz Island known as "Jimmie the Greek"; that Associate Warden Shuttleworth, now at Leavenworth Penitentiary, can readily identify this man by this alias, as he is well acquainted with the prisoner. The informant told Mr. McDonald that this prisoner known as "Jimmie the Greek" was closely associated with prisoners Cole and Roe; that he promised Cole and Roe that when he was released, if he was not immediately deported, he would arrange for their escape; that "Jimmie the Greek" was subsequently released from Alcatraz Island; that he defeated efforts to have himself deported; and that the informant believes that he probably either arranged the escape of Cole and Roe or would have been contacted by them after the escape.

Mr. McDonald advised the writer that his informant, Prisoner Van Gorder, is an elderly man with a long sentence; that he has known him for several years; that he has found his information reliable in the past; and that he believes this information is straight.

At Leavenworth, Kansas.

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

At the U. S. Penitentiary, Deputy Warden Shuttleworth was interviewed and he advised that he remembered Hayes Van Gorder and stated that while he, Shuttleworth, had been at Alcatraz, Van Gorder had proved to be a valuable source of information. With reference to "Jimmie the Greek", Mr. Shuttleworth stated that this individual was James Poulas, former inmate at Alcatraz, whose number was 172; that, as he recalled, this individual had been released

from Alcatraz to the Immigration authorities about two years ago to be deported, but that he did not know whether or not Poulas had actually been deported, and that he did not know of any connection between Poulas and Ralph Roe or Theodore Cole.

Mr. Shuttleworth had just recently completed a trip to Alcatraz and some prisoners had been transferred from Alcatraz to the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth. It appeared that Mr. Shuttleworth has an informant in the penitentiary at Leavenworth, who has advised him, in substance, that he obtained information from the prisoners who were transferred from Alcatraz to Leavenworth to the effect that Doc Barker, an inmate at Alcatraz, was really the instigator and had planned the escape; that he intended to go with Subjects but had been taken to the barber shop for a haircut and the Subjects had not waited for him; that the Subject had in some manner secured and secreted four one-gallon empty paint containers, which they used to buoy them up; that Roe's partner, Jack Lloyd, known as Big Tom, who is #264 at Alcatraz, is the prisoner who greased the bodies of the two Subjects just before their escape; that inmates Francis Waters, colored, #64, and Voss and Smith, first names and numbers not known, engaged the other inmates in conversation while Subjects were making their preparations and the actual escape; that one of those engaged in conversation and whom the Subjects appeared to be afraid of was Charlie Berta, #132; that inmate Roverdeaux, #342, is said to have seen both Subjects in the water and saw Roe disappear under the water. Further information was to the effect that there was no outside help.

It is altogether probable that the San Francisco Office is by this time in possession of this information, in view of the fact that Mr. Shuttleworth stated he had written to the Warden at Alcatraz, giving him the aforementioned data.

At Kansas City, Missouri.

The following was dictated by Special Agent L. B. Reed:

Karl Clark Strain, fugitive, recently apprehended at Kansas City, Missouri, and released by the Bureau to the Police Department at San Diego, California, was interviewed vigorously by Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley and Agent L. B. Reed at Kansas City and while enroute to California, regarding Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole. Strain said he was acquainted with these men, having met them at Alcatraz; that, in his opinion, Roe and Cole successfully effected their escape and that "certain people" had told

him Roe and Cole did accomplish the swim from Alcatraz to the mainland. When pressed, Strain admitted no one had told him of seeing either Cole or Roe since they escaped Alcatraz. Strain said, "Roe is supposed to be in Mexico and Cole in Canada." He could give no reason for that statement and it was evident that Strain was giving voice to a supposition or fabrication. Hours of questioning concerning Cole and Roe brought no lead as to the probable location or present connections of either Cole or Roe and no information to indicate that either or both are alive.

At Treece, Kansas.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent E. M. Krieger:

While interviewing Deputy Sheriff Art Bray at Treece on other matters, he advised that "Boss" Fisk, a former bartender of Ray Walker, Picher, Oklahoma, now serving time at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, may be able to furnish information concerning the present whereabouts of Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole, and certainly is in a position to furnish the Bureau with information concerning former friends, relatives, and criminals with whom these escaped convicts associated before they were sentenced to Alcatraz. Mr. Bray also stated that Fisk has an odd disposition and suggests that an elderly Agent be sent to interview him.

At Coffeyville, Kansas.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent E. M. Krieger:

Mrs. E. C. (Bessie) Willett, 923 Delaware Street, advised she has received no mail from her brother, Floyd Brown, since his transfer to the Federal Penitentiary at Alcatraz, although she has heard of him through letters written by him to their mother, Mrs. Minnie Brown, of Garfield, Arkansas.

Mrs. Willett further stated that she had written several letters to Floyd, begging him to write to her, but had received no answers to them.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE at San Francisco, California, through the Immigration authorities, will conduct appropriate investigation to determine whether James Poulas, alias Jimmie the Greek, was actually deported upon his release from Alcatraz.

At Alcatraz Island, if the same has not already been done, will make such investigation as is warranted from the information furnished by Deputy Warden Shuttleworth, as set out in the body of this report.

THE OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE at McAlester, Oklahoma, will interview "Boss" Fisk, inmate of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, for any information in his possession regarding the present whereabouts of Subjects Roe and Cole, as well as information concerning former associates of these individuals. In accordance with the suggestion of Deputy Sheriff Art Bray of Treece, Kansas, this interview should be conducted by an elderly Agent.

THE KANSAS CITY OFFICE at St. Joseph, Missouri, will maintain contact with Identification Officer Andrews of the St. Joseph Police Department to determine if he has been able to locate Clyde and Woodford Hawk.

Will carry out the leads set out in the reference report.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

FILE NO. 76-614

REPORT MADE AT Cincinnati, Ohio	DATE WHEN MADE 3-11-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3-1,2-38	REPORT MADE BY F. J. Smith - acr
TITLE RALPH ROE, with aliases, Fugitive, IO #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, Fugitive, IO #1471			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: William F. Leaman left Columbus, Ohio 2-26-38 for Chicago, Ill. Address there unknown.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent G. H. Treadwell Cincinnati, Ohio dated 2-18-38.

DETAILS: AT COLUMBUS, OHIO

Lt. Glenn Huffman advised that William F. Leaman had recently been arrested by several detectives at his room, 33½ Starling Ave., for investigation on a counterfeit charge. The matter was turned over to the Secret Service Operator and investigation by that department disclosed that the money passed by Leaman was genuine and Leaman was released from custody 2-26-38.

Robert Leaman, brother, 298 N. Warner St., advised William was employed as an attendant at the Gulf Service Station, 276 W. Broad from the date of his release from the Industrial Reformatory until his arrest in February. During this time William was rooming at 33½ Starling Avenue. Robert Leaman advised that William did not tell him he was going to Chicago but that he left a note containing this information with a man at the service station. Leaman also stated that William had no relatives or friends in Chicago and that he did not state in his note where he could be located. He also stated that he did not think William would write unless he became involved in some kind of trouble. Robert Leaman was questioned as to whether William had made any remarks concerning the escape of the subjects in this case and he advised that William had mentioned that he knew the subjects in this case. Robert Leaman stated that he was going to move to a farm located on Route #1, Circleville, Ohio within the next 10 days. He stated that if he learns of William's whereabouts he will notify reporting agent.

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U. S. Department of Justice

Suite 1729, 111 Sutter,
San Francisco, California
March 8, 1938

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

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

I am enclosing herewith a letter addressed
to "Alcatraz Island, California" on the envelope, the note
itself written on stationery of the Seaside Hotel, Atlantic
City, and reading as follows:

"Dear Slug O'Mally. I hope you got the tools O.K. I
sent them with mike the fake. Dont forget when you
break Ill have the raft waiting for you with some grub
and a typewriter. In case any of the boys want to come
with you bring trigger the jach handle or butch the
rattlesler. Dont forget 12.01. As ever your Dear Slug
o' Juckerawiz. xxxxxx (kises)" (dated 2/17/38)

This pencilled note was forwarded to me by
the Warden at Alcatraz and it is respectfully requested that
the handwriting be compared with the handwriting submitted
heretofore in this case, with the possibility in mind that
one individual may be writing these. letters to the Warden.

Very truly yours,

N. J. L. Pieper

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

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Laboratory Report

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

Number: 76-2686-276

Specimens:

- 76-2686-276 Q17 Envelope postmarked "Atlantic City, N. J., Feb. 17, 1938,
10:00 P. M."
Q18 Accompanying handwritten letter beginning "I hope you got..."

Examination requested by: San Francisco

Date received: 3/14/38 (recorded 3/16/38 mtg 11:00 A. M.)

Examination requested: Document

Result of examination:

Concluded Q17 & Q18 not by
K1 or K2
Examination by: Major AE

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K-2 Calif Theodore
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DIRECTOR

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Suite 1729, 111 Sutter,
San Francisco, California
March 8, 1938

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

Warden J. A. Johnston,
U. S. Penitentiary,
Alcatraz Island, California

Dear Warden:

Receipt is acknowledged of your
letter of March 5, 1938, enclosing a note received
by you on the stationery of the Seaside Hotel, Atlantic
City, addressed "Dear Slug O'Mally".

As I told you over the telephone, I will
forward this to the Bureau to check it against the hand-
writing specimens in this case.

Very truly yours,

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

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cc. Bureau
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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, March 12, 1934

12:15 A.M.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Dept. of Justice
Washington, D. C.

J. H. Hagan
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
903 Pacific Commerce Bldg
Los Angeles, California

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INSTANT BUT HAS RETURNED TO KSM HOME AT SEVENONE FROM SHORT TRIP TO TEXAS
CLAIMING BROTHERS SEE REPORTED CONTACT PHOENIX BOB IN KANSAS CITY INFORMATION
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P. O. Box 1278
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
March 10, 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 the letter from the Oklahoma City Division to the Bureau dated March 1, 1938, relative to authorization for confidential informant "D" of Seminole, Oklahoma to proceed to Phoenix, and thence to Bakersfield, California, for the purpose of securing information in the instant case. This letter will serve to confirm the telephone conversation with Special Agent in Charge John H. Hansen of the Los Angeles Division today. The Bureau by teletype dated March 4, 1938 authorized the expenditure for informant "D."

It should be noted that the informant referred to as "D" in the letter to the Bureau dated March 1, 1938 and in this communication is identical with confidential informant "R," concerning the identity of whom a personal and confidential letter was directed to the Bureau on February 23, 1938 by the Oklahoma City Division.

This woman left her home at Seminole, Oklahoma on March 9, 1938 for San Antonio, Texas; thence she will proceed to Phoenix, Arizona. She will arrive in Phoenix on the afternoon of March 10th, and will register at the Ford Hotel under the name of Mrs. Ruth Crawford. The Los Angeles Division will have an Agent contact this woman at Phoenix, advance her the necessary funds for her transportation and expenses from Phoenix to Bakersfield, California and return, and will arrange with her for proper contacts at Bakersfield, in order that any information she might develop at Bakersfield can be immediately furnished to a Bureau Agent. Prior to

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leaving Seminole this woman was advanced \$20.00, which sum was for the purpose of buying food for her children at Seminole, where they will remain.

In the contacts with this woman at Phoenix and Bakersfield the data contained in the Oklahoma City letter to the Bureau dated March 1, 1938 and the data contained in the report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, dated at Oklahoma City February 21, 1938, should be utilized.

Very truly yours,

E. P. GUINANE

Special Agent in Charge.

cc Bureau
San Francisco

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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FILE NO. 76-259-

REPORT MADE AT Dallas, Texas	DATE WHEN MADE 3-11-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2-26/3-1, 2-38	REPORT MADE BY Clarence W. Dunker
TITLE RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, IO #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, IO #1471.			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

A. W. Davis, #311-AZ, reported at 1208 Clay Street, Houston, Texas. No information obtained from relatives.

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Reference:

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

Details:

The writer was unable to locate Mrs. Gena Mac Wall at 711 College Street, Beaumont, Texas, through the Police Department or General Delivery at the Post Office in Beaumont.

Mrs. K. O'Gwinn, 901 Sixth Street, Port Arthur, Texas, advised that she is the mother of Barbara O'Gwinn who was formerly the wife of A. W. Davis; that her daughter had divorced Davis and had taken her maiden name and did not have anything to do with Davis.

She advised that Mrs. Winnie Dobresky was at Sabine, Texas; that Mrs. H. R. Davis, mother of A. W. Davis was at Yoakum, Texas; that Mrs. Etta Storme, sister of Davis was at Port Arthur, Texas; as was Mrs. Gena Mac Wall. She advised that A. W. Davis was at 1208 Clay Street, Houston, Texas.

Mrs. O'Gwinn advised that her daughter was not at home, but if she were she could not supply any additional information.

Mrs. O'Gwinn could not supply any information relative to instant case.

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Mrs. Etta Storme, 848 Seventh Street, Port Arthur, Texas, advised she could not supply any further information relative to this case; that her sister, Mrs. Gena Mac Wall would not be able to supply any information.

Mrs. Gena Mac Wall could not be located, but in view of the information given, it was not deemed necessary to continue efforts to locate and interview her.

Mrs. Winnie Dobresky, Plettman's Store, Sabine, Texas, advised that she did not have any information relative to instant case.

Mrs. Storme and Mrs. Dobresky verified the address of A. W. Davis, as the last address known to them.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE SAN ANTONIO FIELD OFFICE:

At Houston, Texas: is requested to locate and interview A. W. Davis, 1208 Clay Street, released from Alcatraz on 1-13-37, as requested in reference report.

At Yoakum, Texas: Will interview Mrs. H. R. Davis, mother of A. W. Davis, as requested in reference report.

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Special Agent in Charge,
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:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report
covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office
in connection with the above entitled matter and received in
the Bureau

March 1, 1938.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure:

cc - Oklahoma City
San Francisco
New York

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report

Case:

March 15, 1938.

Number:

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Ralph Roe, with aliases - Fugitive, I. O.
#1478; Theodore Cole, with aliases - Fugitive,
I. O. #1491; Escaped Federal Prisoners.

Specimens:

- Q14. One envelope postmarked "New York, New York, 5, January 29,
1938, 9:30 P. M."
Q15. One postal card apparently enclosed in Q14 which reads
"THEY DIDN'T BOTH"".

Examination requested by:

Salt Lake City

Date received:

3/1/38

Examination requested:

Document - Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: Miller

No conclusion was reached as to whether the handprinting appearing on specimens Q14 and Q15 was done by either Roe or Cole because of the absence of any known handprinting for such a comparison.

The handprinting appearing on specimens Q14 and Q15 was also compared with all of the other handprinting previously received for examination in connection with this case and the conclusion was reached that none of this other handprinting was done by the same individual as the handprinting appearing on specimens Q14 and Q15.

A report on the fingerprint examination will be submitted separately.

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Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY

FILE NO. 76-41

REPORT MADE AT DES MOINES, IOWA.	DATE WHEN MADE 3-14-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3-2, 7, & 8, -38	REPORT MADE BY J. R. GREEN
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: Mahloe Bethers, Council Bluffs, Iowa, father of Francis Harper, advised he had only seen his son twice since he was three years old, and has had no correspondence with him since convicted and has no sympathy for him or his friends. No one has contacted him concerning instant matter and can furnish no information thereto.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-RUC-</p> <p>REFERENCE: Reports of Special Agents M. E. Gurnea, San Francisco, 12-28-37, and O. G. Hall, Des Moines, 1-26-38.</p> <p>DETAILS: <u>AT COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA.</u></p> <p>Inquiry at Post Office and at office of District Supervisor of Employment (WPA) disclosed Mahloe Bethers presently residing at 1212 14th Ave., Council Bluffs, Iowa.</p> <p>Mahloe Bethers, 1212-14th Ave., Council Bluffs, advised that on account of his wife's misconduct, he and she separated when his son, known as Francis Harper, #283 AZ, FBI #735649, was three years old and gave his custody to his mother; that since that time he has only seen his son, Francis, twice, and had no other contact with him; that he had no sympathy with him or his various criminal activities and as far as he is concerned he will have to pay the full penalty of all his misdeeds, is getting no more than he deserves and can stay at Alcatraz and take his medicine; that he never writes to Francis nor he to him and has had no communication from him of any kind since he entered Alcatraz.</p>			
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When questioned concerning instant matter, he stated that he knew absolutely nothing concerning same; that if Francis knew anything about instant escape he, Bethers, would be the last person Francis would communicate it to, also, he would be the last person to whom Francis would refer Subjects Roe and Cole and their kind for assistance of any kind; that no strangers or anyone resembling descriptions or photographs of Roe and Cole had contacted him; that he had heard nothing directly or indirectly concerning their escape or plans concerning same and could furnish no information of any nature relative thereto or concerning Subjects Roe and Cole.

Mr. Bethers was very bitter towards his son Francis and his mother, and promised he would immediately advise the Des Moines Field Office, address of which was furnished, should any information concerning instant investigation come to him. He appeared honest, reliable and sincere, and entirely out of touch with his son and his friends, having no sympathy for them whatsoever.

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

FILE NO. 76-50

REPORT MADE AT Seattle, Washington	DATE WHEN MADE 3-12-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2-28; 3-1, 3-1938	REPORT MADE BY R. L. Moore MEM
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:

Records of Federal Land Bank, Spokane, Washington, reflect one Charles W. Garrison, in 1935, abandoned some property near Galvin, Washington. Efforts to locate him by Federal Land Bank have been unsuccessful. Leads to locate Garrison set out herein. Mrs. Kathleen McClure, Spokane, Washington, advises when visited Robert Kress, Alcatraz inmate, no mention made of escape and no reference made to any inmates. Fugitives are unknown to Mrs. McClure, who was advised of their Fugitive status and harboring statute.

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REFERENCES: Copy of Portland letter to San Francisco, December 23, 1937.

Report of Special Agent H. A. King, Portland, Oregon, January 8, 1938.

Report of Special Agent J. E. Thornton, San Francisco, California, January 17, 1938.

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

DETAILS: At Spokane, Washington

At the Federal Land Bank, 610 West Main Street, Mr. M. N. Briggs, after checking the records, produced a file on one Charles W. Garrison. This file disclosed that 117 acres of land, located four miles West of Galvin, Washington, were transferred by Oral Henriksen to Garrison. The address of Henriksen was listed as Riverside Route, Pendleton, Oregon.

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It was further ascertained that Garrison abandoned this property in 1935, and numerous efforts by the Federal Land Bank to locate him have been without success. Mrs. Z. M. Mehlenbeck, 818 Marsh Street, Centralia, Washington, has a second mortgage on this property. W. J. Hood, Montesano, Washington, at one time held a judgment against Garrison.

It appears that Charles W. Garrison is identical with the one Garrison mentioned in the reference report as having at one time owned some land near Galvin, Washington, about five miles from Rochester, Washington. It is desired that Garrison be interviewed to determine if he purchased the tide charts at Portland, Oregon.

Mrs. Kathleen McClure, 3113 West Garland Avenue, advised that she visited Robert Kress shortly before Christmas, 1937, and their conversation was limited to a discussion of the family and his welfare; that Kress made no mention of an escape nor did he mention the names of any inmates within the confines of Alcatraz; that she was not acquainted with the Fugitives of instant case and that the first time she had ever heard of them was in connection with their escape from Alcatraz. Mrs. McClure stated that a few hours after she returned to San Francisco, California from Alcatraz, she read of Fugitives' escape.

Mrs. McClure was advised of the Fugitive status of subjects and that any person rendering aid to them in any manner was subject to prosecution under the Harboring Statute.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE SEATTLE OFFICE, at Centralia, Washington, will contact Mrs. A. M. Mehlenbeck, 818 Marsh Street, for any information she might have as to the present whereabouts of Charles W. Garrison.

At Montesano, Washington, will contact Mr. W. J. Hood for any assistance he might render in locating Charles W. Garrison.

THE PORTLAND OFFICE, at Pendleton, Oregon, Riverside Route, will contact Mr. Oral Henricksen for any assistance he might render in locating Charles W. Garrison.

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March 21, 1938.

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

Mr. D. Brantley,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1612 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
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:

Reference is made to a letter from the Kansas City Field Division to the Bureau dated March 15, 1938, inquiring as to arrangements to be made with Flint C. Brannon, relative to furnishing information concerning Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole.

The Bureau desires that in the event appropriate arrangements can be made with Brannon, \$100 be furnished to him by the Dallas Field Division subsequent to his arrival at Texarkana, Texas, upon his release from the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas. The Bureau authorizes the promise of a sum of money not in excess of \$2,000 to Brannon for information furnished the Federal Bureau of Investigation which results in the apprehension of Roe and Cole.

Subsequent to the release of Brannon from the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, arrangements should be made with him in order that an Agent from the Dallas Field Division will contact him subsequent to his arrival at Texarkana, Texas, prior to his departure for Hobbs, New Mexico, or whereby he will report to the Dallas Field Division. The method of contact should, of course, be arranged in accordance with Brannon's desire, at which time \$100 can be given to him to defray his expenses in proceeding to Hobbs, New Mexico. Arrangements should also be worked out with him whereby he can be contacted subsequent to his return from Hobbs, New Mexico, for the purpose of obtaining any information received by him.

Very truly yours,
For the Director,

Harold Nathan,
Assistant Director.

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Boardman
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Cowley
Mr. Egan
Mr. Glavin
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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI,
MARCH 15, 1938.

AIR MAIL
SPECIAL DELIVERY

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

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated March 8, 1938(76-2686) with which were transmitted copies of a letter from Warden J. A. Johnston, U. S. Penitentiary, Alcatraz Island, referring to Flint C. Brannon, an inmate of the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, who 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, as well as to determine their whereabouts at the present time.

On March 11, 1938, Deputy Warden C. J. Shuttleworth was contacted by Special Agent W. L. Listerman, and, thereafter, Flint C. Brannon, Register No. 49670, was briefly interviewed. Brannon was not interrogated for any length of time, since it was not deemed advisable, due to the fact that Agent Listerman is known to a number of inmates at the penitentiary, who were aware of his visit to Deputy Warden Shuttleworth's office.

Brannon is serving a sentence for a violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act; he has a wife and family at Texarkana, Texas, and will be released conditionally at 8:30 A.M. March 29, 1938; and will be furnished transportation to Texarkana, Texas, where he will join his family. He stated that he is well acquainted with James Roe, brother of Ralph Roe, and that they worked together for some time in the penitentiary prior to the release of James Roe. He frankly stated that he has no money and is interested in helping the Bureau for monetary consideration. Brannon claims that he and James Roe are such good friends that within twenty-four to forty-eight hours after contacting James Roe, he would be able to find out whether Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole successfully made their escape from Alcatraz and where they are at the present time, if James Roe knew this information.

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Confidential arrangements have been effected whereby Brannon will be met outside of the penitentiary gate during the early morning of March 29, 1938, and brought to Kansas City, Missouri, via automobile for further interview prior to his departure via train for his home at Texarkana, Texas.

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In the event Brannon is furnished transportation to Hobbs, New Mexico, he naturally does not desire to be contacted promiscuously or indiscriminately, but arrangements can be made with him to be again contacted at Texarkana, Texas, at some other mutually agreed upon place after his return from Hobbs, New Mexico, for the purpose of obtaining any information he was able to develop from James Roe.

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It is also suggested that the Bureau may desire to stipulate a maximum amount of monetary reward that may be offered to Brannon for information which results directly in the apprehension of Roe and Cole, it being definitely understood that a less amount could be agreed upon if acceptable to Brannon.

The Kansas City Office should be advised in this matter as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley
DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc(2) to: Oklahoma City
San Francisco
El Paso
Dallas

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI,
MARCH 15, 1938.

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE
OKLAHOMA C. TY., OKLAHOMA

Dear Sir:

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

This will advise that on March 14, 1938, a confidential informant, while in the office on other matters, stated that when he was recently in Tulsa, Oklahoma, one Bob Parker informed him that James Roe passed through Tulsa, Oklahoma, shortly prior to the escape of Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole from the Alcatraz Penitentiary, and at that time, James Roe had approximately \$1,000 cash in his possession as well as a new automobile. It was also alleged by the informant that James Roe cautioned Bob Parker to say nothing about his visit to Tulsa, Oklahoma.

According to the informant, Bob Parker is a former bootlegger who operated the Schlitz Bar, 1220 East 15th Street, Tulsa, Okla., and resides in a brown stucco colonial type bungalow on U. S. Route No. 33 outside of Tulsa, where his unlisted telephone number is 64605.

Parker is described as being about 40 years of age; gray hair; and drives a new tan or cream colored De Soto sedan. Informant further states that Parker will tell anything he knows if he is properly informed that he will be placed in jail for withholding any information in the nature of harboring these escaped federal prisoners.

The foregoing information is being furnished to you with the thought in mind that you may desire to interrogate Parker after conducting some preliminary investigation concerning his possible connections with the Roe family.

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Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
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 3/9/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/26/38	REPORT MADE BY A. P. BARBER cpw
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: <i>✓</i> Mail cover on mail of Marie Cole, Alpena Pass, Ark., unproductive of results. Richard Galatas, Hot Springs, Ark., unable to furnish information of value concerning subjects. Claimed made trip to Chicago, Ill., and Detroit, Mich., during Christmas holidays for business and pleasure purposes, returning to Hot Springs on Dec. 29, 1937.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>REFERENCES: Report of Special Agent Alman P. Barber, dated at Little Rock, January 13, 1938. Report of Special Agent W. F. Whitely, dated at Memphis, Tenn., on Feb., 3, 1938. Letter from Oklahoma City Division dated January 17, 1938. Letter from San Francisco Division dated February 24, 1938.</p> <p>DETAILS: As a result of the mail cover placed on the mail of Marie Cole, Alpena Pass, Arkansas, it was noted that Marie Cole only received one letter during that period, which was a typewritten letter with no return address, postmarked at Chicago, Illinois, on January 11, 1938. Mrs. J. D. Wynne, who apparently also lives at the same address, received eight letters mailed from various cities, but containing no return addresses. It is also noted that the tracings of these letters do not resemble the handwriting of subjects.</p> <p>COPIES DESTROYED 51 SEP 8 1966</p>			
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AT HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS:

Richard Galatas, 18 Dell Street, upon being interviewed in accordance with the letter of reference from the Oklahoma City Field Division, dated January 17, 1938, advised that he was released on conditional parole from the Alcatraz Penitentiary on September 28, 1937, and immediately returned to his home at Hot Springs, Arkansas. He stated that with the exception of a short period after he had been received at Alcatraz, he had been assigned to the office of the Superintendent of Industries in the laundry department. He stated that he never came in close contact with either of the subjects of this case, with the exception of one or two occasions when he met them in the yard, at which times the prisoners were in the yard of the penitentiary for relaxation. He stated that prisoners were only permitted in the yard on Saturday afternoons and Sundays. He also stated that subject Roe had played on the same baseball team with him for one game, but that Roe was immediately dropped from the team as he was a very poor ball player. Galatas stated that he did not become intimate with any of the inmates of Alcatraz Penitentiary, and further advised that he had never heard any rumors of plans of an attempted break from that penitentiary. He stated that it was his opinion, as well as the consensus of opinion of all individuals whom he had talked to, that the subjects of this case were drowned when they attempted to effect their escape by swimming from the island.

Galatas stated that he had some difficulty in definitely recalling subjects Roe and Cole at the time their names appeared in the paper as being escapees from Alcatraz, and vaguely recalled that one of them was employed in the mat shop. However, he was not able to state which of the subjects was employed in that particular shop. Galatas indicated that he had not discussed the escape of Roe and Cole with any others than local residents at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and that such discussions were merely in casual conversation. Further, that he did not have any definite information upon which he based his belief that subjects had been drowned.

It is to be noted that Galatas was somewhat evasive in the replies to questions put to him concerning the subjects of this case. Through his conversation it was noted that he was very embittered toward the Federal Government in connection with his having been convicted on a conspiracy charge as an outgrowth of the Kansas City Massacre. He indicated that he felt he was innocent of that charge, and that as a matter of fact he had been "railroaded" to the Federal Penitentiary by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

In connection with the trip he made during the Christmas holidays, Mr. Galatas advised that he left Hot Springs, Arkansas, on December 17, 1937, and drove to Chicago, Illinois, in his personal automobile, where he remained for several days, visiting his attorney,

Mr. Henry A. Balaban, 11 LaSalle Street, Chicago, and also contacted representatives of the Indian Products Corporation, located in the 2300 block of Michigan Boulevard, where he secured a franchise to sell trailers and air conditioning units in the State of Arkansas. He stated that he and his wife then proceeded to drive to Detroit, Michigan, where he and his wife visited his wife's sister, Mrs. Harold Scheufler, and Lee Cady, a brother-in-law, who is employed by the Kimball Piano Distributing Company. Mr. Galatas stated that he was unable to recall the street addresses of either of these parties at the time he was interviewed, but that both of them could be readily interviewed or located in event of the necessity, as they had resided in Detroit, Michigan for a considerable period of time, and that particularly Lee Cady could be located at the Kimball Piano Distributing Company at any time.

With reference to the information furnished the San Francisco Office by Warden J. A. Johnston, as contained in the letter of reference from that office, dated February 24, 1938, wherein one "Goldie", proprietor of the "Hattery" Hotel, Hot Springs, Arkansas, whom he reported as having harbored Barker, and that the subjects of this case might know of the place and use it either as a hideout or to secure guns and money, attention is directed to the fact that this place, the Hatterie Hotel, a house of prostitution, is operated by Grace Goldstein, whose place has been under investigation for more than the past year in connection with the BREKID case, and particularly with the harboring of Alvin Karpis at Hot Springs, Arkansas. In accordance with the request contained in the letter of reference from the San Francisco Field Division, a lead is being set forth requesting that appropriate investigation be conducted in the vicinity of the Hatterie Hotel, Hot Springs, Arkansas, to ascertain if either of the subjects of this case might possibly have contacted Grace Goldstein.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The LITTLE ROCK FIELD DIVISION at Jonesboro, Arkansas, will conduct the investigation requested in the report of reference of Special Agent W. F. Whitely.

At Hot Springs, Arkansas, will conduct appropriate investigation in the vicinity of the Hatterie Hotel, which is operated by Grace Goldstein to ascertain if the subjects of this case might possibly have contacted that individual.

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

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REPORT MADE AT EL PASO, Texas.	DATE WHEN MADE 3-14-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3-5/8-38	REPORT MADE BY E.C. Dorris jfn
TITLE RALPH ROE with aliases - FUGITIVE, IO #1472; THEODORE COLE with aliases - FUGITIVE, IO #1471			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Information gained at Monahans, Texas, indicates Marvin Connor and his mother Hazel Underhill departed from Monahans approximately 3-2-38 for Levelland, Texas.

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REFERENCE: - Report of Special Agent C.O. Hurt, Oklahoma City, 3-14-38.

DETAILS: **AT MONAHANS, Texas:-**

Through inquiries of various oil field supply houses, the post office, and local officers, it was determined that the ITIO company was unknown in this particular section. Information was obtained however that this company is a subsidiary of the Cities Service Oil Co., but that they have no interests in the fields around Monahans, Texas. Inquiries were then made at the Post Office for O.C. Hale, but no information was obtained. The Postmaster, Earl Estes, likewise advised that he knew of no one by the name of Marvin Connor or Mrs. Hazel Underhill, but suggested that Agent return at sometime when all the general delivery window clerks were present, in order to confer with them in this matter as it is possible that Marvin Connor could have called for mail and he would not be aware of it.

B.W. Beattie, Post Office Clerk, when contacted advised that he was personally acquainted with both Marvin Connor and his mother Hazel Connor or Hazel Underhill, as he had formerly lived in the same section of Oklahoma with these people. Beattie advised he had learned from a local resident that both Marvin Connor and his mother were in the vicinity of Monahans for approximately one weeks time, but had left for an unknown destination. This individual, whose name was unknown to Beattie, stated that he expected to receive a card at any time from either Hazel or Marvin and would probably talk to Beattie about it again. When Beattie was next contacted he advised that his informant, a resident of Monahans but name still not known, had advised him that he had just received a card from Marvin Connor stating that he and his mother

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were located at Levelland, Texas; that Marvin was working for some oil company there, the name of which was not furnished. The name of the pusher was not obtained.

ENCLOSURE TO DALLAS - Copy of report of Special Agent C.O. Hurt,
2-14-38 at Oklahoma City.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

DALLAS OFFICE - At Levelland, Texas - Will endeavor to locate and interview Hazel Underhill as suggested in report of reference.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
March 15, 1938

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

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

Dear Sir:

Please refer to letter from this office dated March 1, 1938 and copy of letter directed to the Los Angeles Office, dated March 10, 1938, with reference to having Confidential Informant [redacted] proceed to Bakersfield, California to contact the Johnson family on the possibility of securing information concerning these fugitives.

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In accordance with Bureau authorization, arrangements were made by Special Agent F. S. Smith, of this office, to have this informant contact an Agent of this Bureau at Phoenix, where arrangements were to be made to have her proceed to Bakersfield for the above purpose.

On March 11, 1938 Jake Sims, Chief of Police at Seminole, Oklahoma, called at this office, and stated that [redacted] had telephoned him on the night of [redacted] [redacted] stated she had made contact with a party who informed her that [redacted] were in [redacted] and would be in [redacted] in a few days. She requested Sims to have someone meet her at [redacted] as these individuals indicated they had someone with them in whom she thought the Bureau might be interested.

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Special Agent F. S. Smith, in company with Chief Jake

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Sims, contacted [redacted] She at this time stated that while she was en route to San Antonio, as previously planned, she came in contact with a man named [redacted] who told her he had been living with the Johnsons in California about a week before leaving there; that [redacted] were now in [redacted] wanted to see her, but was afraid to come to [redacted] because of an old warrant which was supposed to be outstanding against him for hi-jacking. [redacted] further stated that [redacted] sent word that he wanted her to telephone him at Kansas City, stating she could reach him at telephone 3-6481, Kansas City. She stated [redacted] had a strange man with him, whom he did not introduce, and he said he was en route to Arkansas.

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[redacted] further related that she asked [redacted] if he had learned anything through the Johnsons boys about Ralph Roe or Roe's escape, and he remarked "they are on the ground," but did not go into any detail or explanation for his answer.

[redacted] said she expected to telephone Kansas City long distance on the night of March 12, 1938 in an endeavor to get in touch with the Johnsons. Arrangements were made whereby Jake Sims would be present when she placed this long distance call.

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[redacted] said she expected [redacted] and [redacted] at Seminole in view of the information she had received from Wiley, and would keep in direct touch with Jake Sims, advising him if they appeared there.

Both Special Agent F. S. Smith and Chief of Police Jake Sims were very skeptical of the information given by Mrs.

Crawford, inasmuch as she had failed to explain the reason for not going to San Antonio to fulfill her engagement.

The above information was telephoned by Acting Special Agent in Charge L. E. Kingman to Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley at Kansas City, and Mr. Brantley stated that there was no such telephone as 3-6481, and verified that there was no number like this through the telephone company.

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In view of the above [redacted] is not proceeding to Phoenix or Bakersfield unless further definite information is obtained indicating she might obtain some information there, but from the story given by her at the present time it does not appear that there will be any good reason for her going to Bakersfield.

[redacted] This office will keep in close touch with [redacted] for any possible information she might obtain concerning these fugitives.

Very truly yours,



E. P. GUINANE,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc San Francisco

Los Angeles

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 709
Portland, Oregon,
March 14, 1938.

Postmaster,
Brookings, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

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

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this Office, it is requested that you advise as to whether one D. W. Longacre is now residing in your community.

In the event Mr. Longacre is not residing at Brookings, but has left a forwarding address, it is requested that you furnish same.

Thanking you for your cooperation, I am,

Very truly yours,

J. D. SWENSON,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc: Bureau

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March 21, 1938.

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

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

Dear Mr. Jones:

Relative to your letter of March 17, 1938, concerning alleged information in the possession of Howard Wells relative to the location of a hide-out of an unspecified point in which it is claimed several fugitives are hiding, including Charles Chapman, Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole, you are advised that this situation has been brought to the attention of the Director of the Bureau of Prisons. You may inform Howard Wells that the Director of the Bureau of Prisons has authorized this Bureau to inform him that if he, Wells, furnishes complete and accurate information to representatives of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which information results in the location and apprehension of Charles Chapman, Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole, the Bureau of Prisons will not place Howard Wells in the Alcatraz Island Penitentiary upon any charge now pending against him upon which sentence may be imposed in the Federal Courts. The Bureau of Prisons states that in the event Howard Wells is sentenced into the custody of the Bureau of Prisons, he will be incarcerated in some institution other than Alcatraz Island Penitentiary as long as his personal behavior in a Federal penal institution does not require his transfer to Alcatraz for disciplinary reasons. In other words, the Bureau of Prisons states that Howard Wells, if the information furnished by him is found reliable, will not be sent to Alcatraz Island Penitentiary upon any charge presently being preferred against him. This agreement is so worded in order that should Howard Wells become an unruly prisoner in any Federal penal institution to which he may be sentenced or should otherwise require disciplinary action for his conduct within a Federal penal institution, he may be transferred to the Alcatraz Island Penitentiary.

You should advise me promptly of any additional developments in this situation.

Very truly yours,
For the Director,

Harold Nathan,
Assistant Director.

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Post Office Box 1630
San Antonio, Texas
March 17, 1938

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

HOWARD WELLS, with aliases
CITIZENS STATE BANK,
LULING, TEXAS. (EDIC)
Bank Robbery

Dear Sir:

Howard Wells, with aliases, subject of my teletype and telegrams to the Dallas office, who robbed the Citizens State Bank at Luling, Texas, on the afternoon of March 5, 1938, and who on the afternoon of March 12, 1938, had two gun fights with local officers at Boeville and Rosenberg, Texas, was apprehended at Gladewater, Texas, by a posse consisting of Bureau Agents from the Dallas office, State Highway Patrolmen and Deputy Sheriffs, two of the Deputy Sheriffs being from San Antonio. This man was turned over to the Bexar County Deputy Sheriffs and brought to San Antonio, Texas, where he is now confined in the County Jail.

We have obtained a signed sworn statement from him admitting the Luling bank robbery, highway robberies of a restaurant at Lockhart, Texas, and of a filling station at Luling, Texas, and Refugio, Texas.

His case covering the Luling bank robbery will be presented to a Federal Grand Jury at Del Rio, Texas, Monday, March 21, 1938, and he will be arraigned later in the week at San Antonio, Texas. He has stated that he would enter a plea of guilty.

Late last night Deputy Sheriffs J. J. Klevenhagen and W. B. Hawk called at my residence and stated that while they were bringing Wells from Gladewater to San Antonio he told them that he had recently been in a hideout where Charlie Chapman and two men, who were escapes from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, together with Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole, the men who escaped from Alcatraz, were in hiding. At the time the statement was made to the Deputy Sheriffs they did not pay much attention to it, however, last night Klevenhagen had a talk with Wells at the County Jail and Wells went into more detail with him and stated that he intended to enter a plea of guilty to the federal charges against him and knew he would get a long

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sentence, however, the only thing that was bothering him was that he had a horror of being sent to Alcatraz and that if he could be assured that he would not go to Alcatraz he would disclose the hiding place of the five individuals mentioned. Klevanbogen, of course, told him that he could not make him any such promise but he would ask me to come to the jail and talk to Wells.

This morning I talked to Wells for two hours in the presence of Deputy Sheriff Klevanbogen, who repeated to me in Wells' presence just what Wells had told him. Wells then told me that he realized he would receive a long sentence in a federal prison and that of course he had it coming and while he did not desire to ask for any leniency or promise of parole or pardon or anything like that he did have a horror of going to Alcatraz because he did not believe he could ever complete a sentence at that place; that if he could be assured that he would not be transferred to Alcatraz after he was sentenced he would disclose the hideout of Chapman, Roe and Cole.

I talked to him at length concerning that angle in order to determine whether or not his story was true. He stated that he knew Charlie Chapman well, having served five years with him in the Arkansas Penitentiary and was an inmate there when Chapman escaped; that he knew the two Oklahoma men but declined at this time to furnish their names. He stated that while he had never met Roe or Cole, he knew them well by reputation; knew of several jobs they had pulled before their arrest and conviction and they likewise knew him by reputation. He stated that the hideout is maintained by an "old man" who has a ranch in a mountainous section and it is a hideout well known to all men who have during the past two years been engaged in highway robbery, especially bank robbery; that the old man makes a business of shielding certain criminals for pay. The hideout where the five men are consists of a cabin with a large cave nearby and is about three miles from the old man's house; that after his escape from the Arkansas State Penitentiary, knowing the old man personally and about the hideout he visited the place and was told by the old man that a "friend of yours is around" and upon asking who it was he said it was "Charlie Chapman?" "would you like to see him." He was then taken to the place where he visited for several hours. He stated that he had also visited the place after he robbed the Luling bank and spent six or seven hours; that the boys did not have any transportation there; that they never went anywhere; that the old man would make trips to different nearby towns and purchase food and supplies for them; that they were well equipped with arms and ammunition and that Charlie Chapman told him he intended to stay there for at least six months to let things get "good and cool;" that

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Chapman and the two Oklahoma men were there when Roe and Cole arrived. He said that he talked for several hours with Cole and Roe and they described in detail how they escaped from Alcatraz; that they had an improvised raft and that they were in the water for about 24 hours and that all that saved them was the dense fog that prevailed; that the tide would carry them out and bring them back. They finally made it to shore and that due to the fact that they wanted to leave the impression that they were probably drowned they did not pull any holdups or robberies, one of the reasons being that they were unarmed; that they stole an automobile abandoning it when the gasoline gave out; that they then made their way to where they are now located by riding freight trains and walking; that they were in the hills in California for about a week before attempting to catch a freight train. They knew of the hideout and as soon as they made their way there they contacted the old man and he took them to this hideout where Chapman and the two Oklahoma men were and they have been there ever since.

As Wells put the proposition up, he stated that he understood that if a promise was made that he would not go to Alcatraz, it would necessarily be in case his information turned out to be correct and that if it did not of course he did not expect that any such promise to be kept.

After two hours' talk with this man, I believe that he is telling the truth, however, I can not see what possible advantage it would be to him to fake a story of this kind. He at no time asked that any one intercede to have his sentence lightened or any promise be made to him for any parole or pardon later and the only thing he asked was that he not be sent to Alcatraz and that in exchange for a promise of this kind he would divulge the location of these men.

I told him that I did not know whether any such arrangement of that kind could be made and that certainly I had no authority to make him any such promise; that I would take the matter up with the proper person. I asked him what would be the nature of the assurance he would want. He stated that if I would write a confidential letter to the proper person, preferably Mr. Hoover, and if I could show him a letter from the Bureau stating that he would not be transferred to Alcatraz after his sentence, that would be all the assurance he desires.

In view of the fact that, in the regular course of events, this man might not be transferred to Alcatraz, and as it would not in any way compromise the Bureau or the department concerning any court proceedings or any sentence he might receive, I believe that should his information result in the apprehension of Chapman, Roe, and Cole, he could well be assured that

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he would not be transfered to Alcatraz.

From my talk with this man I am constrained to believe that this hideout is either in Eastern Oklahoma or Western Arkansas.

It is requested that the writer be advised by coded wire or telephone the Bureau's wishes in this matter.

Very truly yours,

AIR MAIL
SPECIAL DELIVERY

Gus T. Jones,
Special Agent in Charge.

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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: Additional automobile owners contacted in Oregon, but unsuccessful in locating anyone who purchased booklets on Hydrographic Service or from Parks Nautical Instruments Service, Portland; no photographs identified by witnesses.			
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REFERENCES: Report of Special Agent H. A. King, Portland, dated January 8, 1938; report of Special Agent Daniel Currie Jr., Seattle, dated December 29, 1937; report of Special Agent Daniel Currie Jr., Seattle, dated January 7, 1938; report of Special Agent M. E. Gurnea, San Francisco, dated December 28, 1937; report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, Oklahoma City, dated February 21, 1938; report of Special Agent Leo J. Walcomb, Seattle, dated February 12, 1938.			
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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent Wm. B. O'Mahoney:

Henry K. Tuerck, 6417 S. W. Macadam, Portland, Oregon, was, according to the checking stations on the California - Oregon border one of the individuals who crossed from Oregon into California between December 14th and December 16th, 1937. Records of the checking station disclose that Mr. Tuerck was driving a 1930 Buick Sedan, bearing 1938 Oregon registration 122-497.

Investigation developed that 6417 S. W. Macadam was the office of the Rose City Ironcraft Shop, which is jointly owned and operated by Henry K. Tuerck, Peter Dressler and A. J. Feldman. When investigation was first conducted at 6417 S. W. Macadam Mr. Tuerck was still out of the city. Peter Dressler, the partner, advised Henry Tuerck had left Portland on the morning of December 14th to drive to Los Angeles, California where he was to spend the holiday season with his wife and son, who reside at 311 Gracewood Avenue, Arcadia, California. Dressler described Tuerck as 45 to 50 years, height 5' 9", weight 165 pounds; medium build, bald headed; thin faced; wears glasses constantly.

Agent contacted Henry K. Tuerck on his return to Portland. Mr. Tuerck verified the fact that he had passed from Oregon into California over the Redwood Highway during the period mentioned. He stated that he had left Portland and had driven through to Los Angeles where he visited his wife and son. Mr. Tuerck disclaimed any knowledge whatever of the Pacific Current Charts and stated that he had not purchased such a chart in Portland at any time prior to his departure. The description of Mr. Tuerck obtained during the interview with him was substantially as given by Peter Dressler.

It was also determined that Mr. David Donaldson, 1537 N. E. 13th Avenue, had also entered California from Oregon during the period of December 14th to 16th, 1937. The records of the California Checking station indicate that Mr. Donaldson was driving a 1928 Franklin Sedan, bearing Oregon registration for 1937, 3884.

Investigation was conducted at 1537 N. E. 13th Avenue, which developed the fact that this address is the home of Dr. N. Byrd, and that the Donaldsons are roomers at this address. Dr. Nellie Byrd, who was interviewed, stated that Mr. and Mrs. Donaldson had left Portland on December 14th and that they stated upon leaving that they were driving to the home of their daughter in California. Mr. Donaldson, according to Mrs. Byrd was until recently employed as an engineer at the Bonneville Dam.

Mr. David Donaldson upon his return to Portland was interviewed and stated that he had left Portland on December 14th and had driven to Alameda, California, where he visited with his married daughter. He stated while travelling from Portland to Alameda he had travelled by way of the Redwood Highway. Mr. Donaldson disclaimed any knowledge whatever of any Pacific Current Charts and stated that he had not purchased any such chart prior to his departure from Portland. Mr. Donaldson is 60 years old, 5' 7" in height, weighs 140 pounds; slender build; blue eyes and grey hair and thin faced.

Reference is made to memorandum of Special Agent H. A. King dated January 11, 1938 which indicates that a check of the automobiles crossing the Oregon-California border during the period December 14 to 16th included 1937 Oregon license 288-275, which was issued to H. H. Bork, 443 N. 34th Street, Corvallis, Oregon, for 1937 Chevrolet Sedan, motor number 874062. Agent King's memorandum indicates that attempts to contact Mr. or Mrs. Bork at Corvallis were unsuccessful due to the fact that Mr. and Mrs. Bork were in California, the exact date of their return was not determined. It was ascertained that Mr. Bork was employed in the Comptroller's Office, Oregon State College.

Special Agent Wm. B. O'Mahoney contacted Mr. H. H. Bork, who advised that he left Corvallis Wednesday, December 15th, 1937 at 7:00 A.M.; that he, his wife and Mr. Paul Walgren, also of Corvallis, Oregon drove to Berkeley, California, arriving there on the evening of Wednesday December 15th at about 11:00 or 11:30 P.M. Mr. Bork stated that the purpose of his trip was to attend a conference of Pacific Coast Colleges which was being held at Berkeley and that he returned to Portland on December 18th. Mr. Bork advised he had no knowledge whatever of any Pacific Coast Charts and stated that he had not purchased such a chart prior to his departure from Oregon. Mr. Bork is 38 years old; height 5' 10", weight 170 pounds, iron grey hair; blue eyes; medium build and dark complexion.

Further reference is made to letter from the San Francisco Office dated January 5, 1938 regarding Arnold Wallen, who crossed the California-Oregon State line on December 16th, 1937 in a Ford Coupe bearing California license number 5E-717.

Arnold Wallen, who is a student at Oregon State College at Corvallis, Oregon, was interviewed by Special Agent Wm. B. O'Mahoney. Arnold Wallen is presently residing at 610 South 20th Street, Corvallis. He stated that immediately following a midterm examination, he and a companion, who had also taken the examination with him and whose name is John Butler, left Corvallis about 6:45 P.M. on December 15th and drove the Ford Coupe bearing California license 5E-717, straight through to

San Francisco, California. Arnold Wallen's companion resides in North Sacramento. Arnold Wallen states that he is not very well acquainted with John Butler, but that Butler was present in his classes for several days prior to their departure from Corvallis. Arnold Wallen states further that neither he nor his companion were in Portland within a week prior to their departure from Corvallis. He stated he feels positive that neither Butler nor himself have any information which would be helpful in this investigation. He stated that he had never purchased or made inquiries concerning any bulletins on the tides or currents in San Francisco Bay or at any other point along the Pacific Coast.

In the report of Special Agent Daniel Curry Jr., dated December 29, 1937 at Seattle, Washington undeveloped lead is set out for the Portland Field Division at Elgin, Oregon requesting that Mr. W. E. Moore be contacted to determine whether he had occasion to request information from the United States Lightship Service. It appears from the report that Mr. W. E. Moore was one of the passengers who left Seattle, Washington on December 15th, 1937 by airplane with a destination of Portland, Oregon.

Special Agent F. G. McGeary attempted to contact Mr. W. E. Moore at Elgin, Oregon. However, he ascertained that Mr. Moore was at that time in Portland, Oregon attending a Western Pine Association meeting in the Grill Room of the Portland Hotel. Agent McGeary further ascertained that Mr. W. E. Moore is President of the Pongosa Pine Lumber Company of Elgin, Oregon.

Upon receipt of information that Mr. Moore was supposed to be in Portland, Special Agent Wm. B. O'Mahoney contacted Mr. Moore at the Portland Hotel where Mr. Moore was attending a Western Pine Association meeting. Upon interview Mr. Moore advised that he recalls definitely that he left Seattle on December 15th by airplane and arrived in Portland, Oregon; that he attended to some business matters in Portland and immediately left for his home at Elgin, Oregon. Mr. Moore stated that he had made no inquiry nor had he purchased any bulletins on the tides or currents of the Pacific Coast. Mr. Moore is described as 60 years old, height 6 feet, weight 145 pounds, build, slender; hair light grey; eyes, blue; wears rimless glasses.

Reference is made to report of Special Agent M. E. Gurnea dated December 28, 1937 at San Francisco, California, which lists relatives of prisoners who visited the inmates of Alcatraz prior to the escape of subjects. It is noted on page 26 of this report that Mrs. Cora Simmons and Floraine Simmons, mother and sister of James L. Ripley, Alcatraz number 344-AZ, who resided at 516 N. 15th Street, Corvallis, Oregon, visited James L. Ripley on August 31st and September 1st, 1937.

Mrs. Cora Simmons, as well as her daughters Floraine and Adelia were interviewed at Corvallis, Oregon by Special Agent Wm. B. O'Mahoney. Mrs. Simmons stated that she and Floraine upon arriving in San Francisco visited Alcatraz Island on August 31, 1937 where they were permitted to talk to James L. Ripley. Mrs. Simmons stated that she had not seen her son for several years; that the only conversation she and Floraine had with James L. Ripley concerning members of the immediate family regarded their health and welfare. Mrs. Simmons stated that during the entire conversation with her son no mention was made whatever of any of the other prisoners in the penitentiary and conditions in the penitentiary were not discussed other than to inquiry whether James L. Ripley was getting along in a satisfactory manner. Mrs. Simmons stated that her son advised her that he was doing a lot of serious reading and that he had hopes of securing a lucrative position when he was discharged from the penitentiary. During the interview with Mrs. Simmons it was learned that Adelia Simmons, another daughter, had also accompanied Mrs. Simmons to San Francisco and that on the second day they were permitted to visit James L. Ripley Adelia accompanied her mother. Adelia is the younger of the two Simmons sisters and is attending Oregon State College. Miss Floraine Simmons is a teacher in the grade schools at Corvallis and at the present time is teaching at Roosevelt School. Mrs. Simmons stated that she has another son, Carl Simmons, who is married and resides at Genesee, Idaho. Both Mrs. Simmons and her daughters stated that none of them was requested to deliver any message to any individual outside the penitentiary by James L. Ripley and as previously stated limited their conversation to a discussion of family affairs.

Special Agent K. D. Deaderick endeavored to locate Mr. and Mrs. A. C. ~~WINELAND~~, Postoffice box #372, Hood River, Oregon, investigation being based upon report of Special Agent M. E. Gurnea, San Francisco, California, dated December 28, 1937, Page 24.

The Postmaster at Hood River advised Agent Deaderick that Mr. and Mrs. ~~WINELAND~~ were unknown to him, but that his records indicate that on October 27, 1937, they wrote a letter to him from Berkeley, California, instructing him to forward their mail to 5499 Bond St., Oakland, California.

With reference to report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, Oklahoma City, dated February 21, 1938, forwarding photographs of RUFUS ALONZO ~~JOHNSON~~, W. C. ~~CRAWFORD~~, and SEDELL ~~JOHNSON~~, these photographs, as well as the photograph of one ~~GRAFMYER~~, Bellingham, Washington, were displayed to various witnesses at Portland, Oregon who saw the party purchase current tables and tidal charts, but no identification was effected.

With reference to the report of Special Agent Daniel Currie, Jr., Seattle, dated December 29, 1937, G. C. ~~Haldon~~, clerk at the Portland Hotel, advised Agent upon interview that JOHN C. ~~MYERS~~ had registered there on December 15, 1937 and remained until December 20, 1937. It was, therefore, impossible for MYERS to have purchased the tidal and current charts and arrived at San Francisco on December 16, 1937.

Mr. K. ~~PARROTT~~, in the office of the United Air Lines, advised Agent upon interview that his records indicate that C. U. ~~URQUHART~~ and J. R. ~~COLBS~~ had continued their journeys to Chicago and Pittsburgh, respectively, immediately upon their arrival in Portland. The records indicated both had boarded a United Air Lines Plane at Vancouver, B. C., en route to Chicago and Pittsburgh, and as stated above, neither remained in Portland for a subsequent trip.

Mr. J. W. ~~BROWN~~ of the Roma Wine Co., Mead Building, Portland, was contacted by Agent by telephone after several efforts were made to interview him personally. Mr. BROWN advised that he frequently makes use of the air lines, and that as he recalled, he left Seattle about December 13, 1937 as indicated in report of Special Agent Daniel Currie, Jr., and further he believed that he had gone almost

immediately to San Francisco by plane, and that if he left Seattle on the 13th, he probably left Portland either on the 13th or 14th. BROWN stated that he knew absolutely nothing about any current tables or tidal charts and that he had not made any such purchases in Portland at any time.

With reference to the report of Special Agent Leo J. Walcomb, Seattle, dated February 12, 1938, Agent, at Salem, Oregon, made a personal check of the license records and was unable to find any 1938 license issued for C. A. GARRISON or for a 1930 Buick coupe, motor No. 2589268.

With further reference to the report of Special Agent Daniel Currie, Jr., Seattle, dated January 7, 1938 wherein a lead is set out to locate and interview KENNETH WARD, the writer interviewed Mrs. E. M. WARD, 3646 S. E. Tolman St., Portland, and Mrs. WARD advised that KENNETH WARD is her son; that during the Summer and Fall of 1937, he was working on the Grand Coulee Dam, but had recently left there, and had paid her a visit in Portland for a short time, and then departed for Texas. Mrs. WARD advised that her son was a young man twenty-five years of age and he in no way answers the description of the unknown party who purchased the booklets at Portland. She stated she was certain he would have no interest in such booklets and accordingly, further investigation is not being conducted concerning WARD. Mrs. WARD did not know his present address at the time Agent called.

With reference to further Oregon automobiles which passed through the California checking stations on December 15, and 16, 1937, the following investigation has been conducted:

1937 Oregon license 186-589 was found to have been issued to RENEE V. THOMPSON, Jewell, Oregon, for 1937 Plymouth coupe, P4-4294566. Agent made two visits to Jewell and on the second, was successful in interviewing THOMPSON, at which time he advised that he made a trip to California about two weeks before Christmas, 1937. That he was in Portland prior to making the trip to California, but that he did not purchase any current tables, tidal charts, or anything of the kind, and in fact had no idea what they were. He in no way answers the description of the unknown party who made the purchase.

1937 Oregon license 225-140, was issued to LAUREL JAMES of Bonneville, Oregon for 1929 Ford coupe, motor No. A388984. Blanche North, Postmistress at Bonneville, advised that she had no forwarding

address for this individual and could not furnish any information concerning him. Subsequently a search was made of the records of the Secretary of State, Division of Motor Vehicles, and it was found that 1929 Ford coupe motor No. A388964, was in the possession of LAUREL JAMES, 1425 Fair St., The Dalles, Oregon. This car bears 1938 Oregon license 72-864.

With reference to Oregon license 32-455, a search has been made of the 1937 and 1938 records with the following results: 1937 Oregon license 32-455, was issued to E. E. BURGESS, Redmond, Oregon for 1929 Chevrolet coach, motor No. 614729. Special Agent E. V. McCain conducted investigation at Bend and Redmond, Oregon and ascertained that BURGESS traded his car in at Galloway's Garage, Redmond, Oregon about December 12, 1937. It was further determined that GALLOWAY had the car in his garage until December 21, at which time he sold it to FRANK TUCK of Sisters, Oregon who is the present owner.

ARTHUR TUCK of the Oregon State Police advised that he personally recalls checking the automobile in question and that he is certain he saw the license plates on the car as late as December 21. Further that BURGESS and GALLOWAY are entirely reliable. It appears, therefore, that this is not the automobile which entered California.

With reference to 1938 Oregon license 32-455, this is registered to N. P. PETERSON, Route 1, Box 231, Corvallis, Oregon, for a Willys-Knight panel delivery truck. Mr. Peterson upon interview by the writer, advised that he had not been in the State of California for a number of years and that he was positive his Willys-Knight truck was not out of the State of Oregon during December of 1937.

Special Agent F. G. McGeary conducted the following investigation:

Mr. EARL F. WOOD, Myrtle Point, Oregon, who is the registered owner of a 1934 Chevrolet truck bearing 1937 Oregon license #T11-709, was out of the city when Agent called at his residence on January 4th. Agent interviewed his wife who advised that Mr. Wood had not been in California during December, 1937, although he had loaned the above truck to Rolla Yates of Marshfield, Oregon who left Myrtle Point on Wednesday, December 15th, and took a load of Christmas trees in it to Los Angeles. Mrs. Wood said that her husband had not been to Portland during December, 1937.

Mr. Roila G. Yates was interviewed by Agent on January 5, 1938 at his residence, 634 S. 10th St., Marshfield, Oregon. He said he had driven the 1934 Chevrolet truck belonging to Mr. Wood to Los Angeles, California and that he left Marshfield at about 3:00 p.m. December 15, 1937. He said he had taken a load of Christmas trees to Los Angeles at that time; that he had cut the trees December 13 and 14 and had greased the truck the morning of December 15 before he left Marshfield. He said he made the trip to Los Angeles alone and that he was not in Portland during December, 1937 nor had he been there since June, 1937. Mr. Yates is thirty-seven years of age, five feet ten inches in height, weighs one hundred seventy pounds, is of medium complexion, has brown hair, and does not wear glasses.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE SEATTLE FIELD OFFICE: at Olympia, Washington, will ascertain whether C. A. GARRISON has registered a 1930 Buick coupe, motor No. 2589268, and interview him if an address is located.

THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD OFFICE: at Oakland, California, will, in accordance with the report of Special Agent M. E. Gurnea, San Francisco, dated December 28, 1937, interview Mr. and Mrs. A. O. WINELAND at 5499 Bond St., Oakland.

At San Francisco, California, will interview T. P. SINNET, Box 104, San Francisco, registered owner of 1931 Chevrolet coach, motor No. 2857170, bearing 1938 Oregon license 69560, which automobile passed through one of the California checking stations.

THE PORTLAND FIELD OFFICE: at Portland, Oregon, will interview H. A. McCune, 221 S. W. Front St., registered owner of 1934 DeSoto Sedan, motor #SE14492, 1938 Oregon license 128-252, which car is thought to be one which passed through the California checking station.

Will interview A. R. ZELLER, 2826 N. Williams Avenue, Portland, registered owner of 1930 Pierce Arrow Sedan, motor No. 300157, bearing 1938 Oregon license 154-752. In this connection the 1937 license 154-752, has been checked and determined not to have entered California.

At Clatskanie, Oregon, will interview G. H. THOMAS, Route 1, Box 28, owner of 1933 Chevrolet Sedan, motor No. 3884171, 1938 Oregon license 5971.

At Ashland, Oregon, will contact F. A. WAGNER, 47 Granite Street, registered owner of Chrysler touring sedan, 1936 model, motor No. C 6 - 18529, bearing 1938 license 2745. In this connection the 1937 license 2745 was found to be registered to Joseph A. Gray of Medford, Oregon who stated positively that he was not in California during December of 1937.

At Ashland, Oregon, will contact the California-Oregon Box and Lumber Co., 139 Granite Street, registered owner of 1930 Pontiac sedan, motor No. 682086, bearing 1938 license 299-336.

At Eugene, Oregon, will interview D. M. DOBYNS, Eugene, Hotel, owner of 1937 Dodge sedan, motor No. D5-245930, 1937 Oregon license 196-464. DOBYNS is a salesman for the Pabst Beer Company.

At Eugene, will locate S. E. MAHARRY, Route 2, registered owner of 1937 Chevrolet coupe motor No. 782-187, 1937 Oregon license 284-843. A son of MAHARRY advised Agent he did not think his father had been in California recently, but MAHARRY should be located.

At Eugene, will interview IMOGENE NYLIE or WILLIE, 1875 Kincaid Street, registered owner of 1936 Ford tudor sedan motor No. 18-3234634, bearing 1937 Oregon license 60-388.

At The Dalles, Oregon, will interview LAUREL JAMES, 1425 Fair St., registered owner of 1929 Ford coupe, motor No. A-388964 or 388984, bearing 1937 Oregon license 225-140, and 1938 Oregon license 72-864.

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FILE NO. 76-259

REPORT MADE AT Dallas, Texas	DATE WHEN MADE 3/18/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/8-9/38	REPORT MADE BY D. B. Daviss
TITLE RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, IO #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, IO #1471.			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

No such person as Nanie Buchman has resided at 4326 Frank Street, Dallas, Texas. Mrs. B. E. Buchanan, who resided at above address from December, 1935, to June, 1936, has since died. Subject Theodore Cole and Robert Burton Cornett arrested Reno Hotel, Dallas, January 6, 1935, in possession of stolen merchandise. Subject Cole turned over to U. S. Marshal, Dallas, for return to Oklahoma City for trial for kidnaping. Indictment returned against Cornett January 13, 1935, by Dallas County Grand Jury, charging him with theft. Charge was dismissed June 17, 1936. Present whereabouts of Cornett unknown to Dallas Police Department or to attorney who represented him in Dallas. Disposition sheet on Cornett is being submitted herewith.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent M. E. Gurnea, San Francisco, California, dated December 28, 1937; and report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated February 21, 1938.

DETAILS:

Agent ascertained that Mrs. Lily Lay presently resides at 4326 Frank Street, Dallas, Texas. Mrs. Lay was interviewed but was unable to furnish any information concerning former occupants of the premises, stating that she moved to the above address January 25, 1937, from another section of the city. She advised that Mr. Martin, who resides at 4016 Frank Street, has charge of the renting of the premises.

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Mr. G. R. Martin, 4016 Frank Street, Dallas, Texas, upon interview advised that he has managed the premises located at 4326 Frank Street since the house was built many years ago, and that he has never had a tenant by the name of Buchman. He advised, however, that at one time a Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan lived at 4326 Frank Street. Upon examining his rent receipt book, he ascertained that Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Buchanan lived at the above address from December, 1935, to June, 1936. Mr. Martin advised further that the Buchanans, after moving from the above address, rented a house from him located at 4326 Canal Street. He stated that Mrs. Price, who still lives at 4328 Canal, was very friendly with Mrs. Buchanan and would possibly be in a position to give some information pertaining to her present whereabouts.

Mrs. M. A. Price, 4328 Canal, upon interview advised that she was well acquainted with Mrs. Nanie Buchanan when the Buchanans lived at 4326 Canal Street. She stated that the Buchanans moved from this address to some address on Second Avenue, the number of which is unknown to her. She stated that Mrs. Buchanan died during the latter part of 1936 or the first part of 1937. She stated that she attended the funeral of Mrs. Buchanan and knows she is dead.

Inspector William Fritz, Dallas, Texas, Police Department, searched the records of the identification department of the Police Department and advised that Subject Theodore Cole and Rebel Burton Cornett were arrested at the Reno Hotel in Dallas, January 6, 1935, by Officers R. W. Korn, Ernest Hutton, M. H. Behimer, Joe Compton. After his arrest, it was ascertained that Theodore Cole was an escapee from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary and was wanted by the Federal authorities in connection with some kidnaping in Oklahoma. Inspector Fritz advised that Cole was turned over to the United States Marshal, Dallas, Texas, and removed to Oklahoma City, where he was tried and convicted in the Federal Court for Kidnaping. Inspector Fritz suggested that agent contact one of the arresting officers for details of this arresting.

Officer R. W. Korn, Dallas Police Department, advised that the arrest of Cole and Cornett was predicated upon information received by him to the effect that two men were staying at the Reno Hotel and that these two men had some stolen merchandise in their possession. After their arrest on January 6, 1935, Subject Cole was turned over to the United States Marshal in Dallas for removal to Oklahoma City, where he was tried for kidnaping. A complaint was filed in Criminal District Court No. 1, Dallas, Texas, against Cornett, charging him with theft of over \$50.00, and he was turned over to the Dallas County authorities for trial. A notation in Cornett's file indicates that the above charge against him was dismissed on June 17, 1936.

A photograph of Cornett was obtained from the identification bureau of the Dallas, Texas, Police Department and is being transmitted to the Oklahoma City Division, attached to copies of this report.

The following description of "Rebel" Burton Cornett was obtained from the arrest record card:

Name	"Rebel" Burton Cornett
Age	39
Height	5 ft. 10 in.
Weight	151
Build	Slender
Hair	Light Chestnut
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Medium
Occupation	Laborer
Nativity	Kentucky
Residence	Middleton, Ohio
Scars & Marks	Middle finger right hand amputated second joint.
Criminal record	Arrested Dallas, Tex. PD 1-6-35 for theft - No. 13325- Charge dismissed 6-17-36.

Through the cooperation of Assistant District Attorney Eugene Bailey, Dallas County, Texas, it was ascertained that Cornett was indicted under the name of Robert B. Cornett, January 13, 1935, for theft of over \$50.00, and that this indictment was dismissed June 17, 1936, at the request of Mr. J. H. Martin, attorney for Cornett. The records further indicated that R. W. Brown and Lillian Brown signed the appearance bond of Cornett.

Mr. J. H. Martin, upon interview, Fidelity Building, Dallas, Texas, advised that in 1935 he was associated in the practice of law with Mr. Frank A. Morris. He stated that Mr. Morris, while in the Dallas County Jail talking to other prisoners, made arrangements to represent Cornett. He stated that at this time he was representing Mr. R. W. Brown, whose signature appears on the appearance bond of Cornett, and that he, Martin, had power-of-attorney to sign the name of Mr. Brown and his wife, Mrs. Lillian Brown, to appearance bonds. He stated that Mr. and Mrs. Brown have never seen Cornett and knew nothing about their names being on his appearance bond with the exception of what he, Martin, had told them. Mr. Martin advised that at his request the District Attorney did not set Cornett's case for trial, due to the fact that Cornett could not be located and he did not want to forfeit his bond. Before the case was set on the criminal calendar, the indictment was dismissed, due to the fact that certain technical faults were found which justified the dismissal of the case before the bond was forfeited.

Mr. Martin was unable to furnish any information as to the present whereabouts of Cornett, but stated that he remembers Cornett resided in some small town in Oklahoma and has a brother who resides on some Rural Route, possibly out of Oklahoma City.

Mr. Martin advised that Cornett had tried to get him to represent Subject Cole, but as soon as he found out that Cole was going to be removed to Oklahoma City by Federal authorities, he declined to have anything to do with his case.

Disposition Sheet for Robert Burton Cornett is being submitted to the Bureau.

No undeveloped lead is being directed to the Oklahoma City Division to locate and interview Cornett for information in his possession concerning the present whereabouts of Subject Cole. The matter of conducting this investigation is being left to the discretion of the Oklahoma City Division, which is the office of origin.

ENCLOSURE: To the Bureau - Disposition Sheet on Robert Burton Cornett.

To the Oklahoma City Division - Photograph of Cornett.

P E N D I N G.

Mr. J. E. Hoover, Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

DALLAS FIELD DIVISION

(Name and address of Contributor)

March 18, 1938

Dear Sir:

(Date)

Following are additional records in cases on which fingerprints have been mailed to the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

Bureau File Number	Name, Aliases and Number	Arrested or Received	Charge	Disposition
	ROBERT BURTON CORNETT alias "Rebel" Burton Cornett	1-6-35, PD, Dallas, Tex. No. 13325.	Theft over \$50	Indicted 1-13-35 by Dallas Co. Grand Jury; Charges dismissed 6-17-36.

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(For instructions see reverse side)

Very truly yours,

F. J. BLAKE
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE
(Official Title)

This form to be submitted to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, to report dispositions of cases in which prints have been forwarded previously. Dispositions include such information as advice relative to sentences imposed, fines, acquittals, dismissals, etc. Several cases may be listed on each sheet.

Where the Bureau file number is available it should be used.

Primary classifications, if available, should be given in reporting common names.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

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FILE NO.

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REPORT MADE AT ATLANTA, GA.	DATE WHEN MADE 3/18/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/24; 3/3,4;38	REPORT MADE BY A. J. LEMAIRE
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: Leo McIntosh, #43881, and Willie Kennedy, #20552, USP, Atlanta, both of whom had been incarcerated at Alcatraz Island during year 1937, were carefully interviewed concerning Subjects Cole and Roe in an effort to learn whether they had information of an escape plot, with negative results. Both indicated that they would not advise Bureau Agents if they did have. Mrs. Ida Allen, relative of William E. Bartlett, former co-worker of Subject Cole, at Alcatraz, residing at Jonesboro, Ga., receives letters from William E. Bartlett of a personal nature without information concerning the activities at Alcatraz Island. Cole and Roe were never mentioned in letters to Ida Allen by William E. Bartlett. Further efforts to locate Miss Frances Bartlett, Stockbridge, Ga., are being made.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent M. E. Gurnea, San Francisco, 12/28/37; Letter from Kansas City, 1/6/38, to Philadelphia.

DETAILS: Leo McIntosh, #43881, U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, was interviewed by Special Agent W. Lee Hancock on February 24, 1938:

"Leo McIntosh advised that he knew the Subjects only casually, that he had never worked with them in any particular shop while he was incarcerated at Alcatraz, and stated that he was not on friendly terms with either one of them. This relationship was due to his having had a

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fight with one of Subject Cole's friends and the fact that he was not in Alcatraz for any length of time while the Subjects were incarcerated there. During the course of the conversation, he advised that if a person had help from the outside it would be easier to escape from Alcatraz than it would be from Atlanta. Efforts were expended for him to elaborate on this statement in the hope that he would eventually reveal some information of value to this investigation, but McIntosh refused to commit himself further. Approximately one hour was spent interviewing the inmate and he very frankly told the Agent if he did know of any plans that the Subjects might have had to perpetrate their escape from the Island, he would not reveal them. He stated that it was his philosophy to let a man build his own time. By that it was understood he meant that he would not "rat" on a fellow prisoner.

"Upon the conclusion of the interview, Captain of the Guards Nelson, in whose office the interview was conducted, advised that he was employed as a guard at Alcatraz Island when McIntosh was incarcerated there. He stated that he believed it an utter waste of time to attempt to elicit any information from him and sighted the following example upon which he based his reasoning:

"He advised that McIntosh had committed an infraction of the rules at Alcatraz and it was the custom of the warden there to require the prisoner to say that he was sorry. McIntosh because of his peculiar personality and his stubborn nature flatly refused to apologize, and as a disciplinary measure, he was put in the dungeon in chains. It was believed that such action would cause him to come about. Captain Nelson stated that he remained twenty-three days in the hole before he could be prevailed upon to say he was sorry and then it was only utter exhaustion that caused him to break."

Willie Kennedy, #20552, U. S. Penitentiary, was interviewed by the writer with the result that little information of value was obtained. This individual was carefully questioned and he admitted readily that he knew Subjects Cole and Roe and had worked in the same shop with them while confined at Alcatraz Island. Kennedy stated that he was incarcerated at the time of the escape of these Subjects and that he had heard, of course, that they had made a successful escape but had no information whatever concerning their present whereabouts. He stated that he did not while incarcerated in Alcatraz Island overhear any conversation or any rumors which would indicate that these Subjects had planned a prison break, however, Kennedy stated that this was not unusual because had they

been planning to make their escape at the time he was incarcerated there, he probably would not have known it anyway. Kennedy stated that it is very unlikely that any other prisoner would have known of the escape plot unless they were actually a participator in it. He stated that very little conversation takes place at Alcatraz and little trust is placed in anybody else because of the rigid discipline maintained there. Agent was further advised that both of these Subjects are of a very quiet nature and seldom spoke to anyone. Kennedy frankly admitted that he would not furnish information to Bureau Agents if he did have positive information concerning the escape plot of these Subjects. He stated he has found it to his advantage to attend his own business and not to overhear conversations between convicts which did not pertain to himself.

The records of the Penitentiary revealed that Leo McIntosh was transferred to the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas on March 20, 1937 from Alcatraz Island, and that he was received at the U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, as a conditional release violator on January 1, 1938.

The records further reflect that Willie Kennedy was transferred to Alcatraz Island on August 22, 1934 and again transferred from that institution to the U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, on September 26, 1937.

A review of the persons with whom these individuals correspond was made with the result it was found Kennedy writes and receives letters from the following persons:

Estell Ramsey, Appalachicola, Florida
Mrs. Estell Gray, sister, Savannah, Ga.

Subject Leo McIntosh corresponds with Mrs. Sallie McIntosh, mother, Box 285 Morehead, N. C., also to his father, A. H. McIntosh, 15 Standly Street, New Bern, N. C.

He lists the following additional persons as his relatives:

Bradley McIntosh, brother, Morehead, N. C. Box 285
Pearl Davis, half sister, Morehead, N. C.
Sadie Fulcher, half sister, Mount, N.C.
Mary Highsmith, sister, Rocky Mount, 606 Rex Street,

The files fail to disclose that any of these persons ever correspond with the Subjects of this case.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent J. B. Cook at Jonesboro, Georgia.

Mrs. Ida Allen, half sister of William E. Bartlett, co-worker of Subject Cole at Alcatraz, residing near Jonesboro, Georgia, advised that she has received three letters from her brother while he has been incarcerated at Alcatraz Island and that she writes to him approximately one letter a month. Mrs. Allen stated that she has been unable to locate any of these letters, however, she is positive that he never mentioned the Subjects of this case or any escape plot. She stated that the letters principally deal with the health of her children and of herself and matters purely personal existing between her and her brother. Agent was advised that W. E. Bartlett is serving sentence believed to be six years for counterfeiting and that he has served previous sentences, possibly two or three prior to his present sentence. Mrs. Allen further stated that her brother is not the type who would be likely to participate in an escape plot where there would be danger involved.

A careful investigation near Stockbridge, Georgia to locate Miss Frances Bartlett, relative of W. E. Bartlett, was made, with negative results. Agent ascertained that she had recently been married to one Dee Evans who is thought to have resided near Stockbridge, Georgia. A diligent investigation was made at Stockbridge and vicinity in an effort to locate Miss Bartlett and her husband with the result that it was ascertained at the local Post Office that there is an unclaimed letter in General Delivery, bearing postmark 2/20/38 at Atlanta, Georgia addressed to Mr. Dee Evans with the return address of the State Capitol, Atlanta, Georgia. The Postmaster advised that he does not know this individual and that in the event Evans calls for the letter, he will notify the Atlanta Field Office.

Under date of January 6, 1938 the Kansas City Office in letter addressed to the Philadelphia Office, among other things, advised that Leo McIntosh, #74-AZ, who was transferred to Leavenworth Penitentiary on March 18, 1937, had been transferred to the U. S. Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia on July 19, 1937 and that this person and others should be interviewed pursuant to the request of the reference report of Special Agent M. E. Gurnea.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE ATLANTA FIELD DIVISION at Stockbridge, Georgia, will interview the Postmaster to ascertain the exact address of Mrs. Dee Evans and when this is obtained, interview her, with reference to lead as set forth in reference report.

Will conduct the investigation as set out in reference report.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

FILE NO. **76-259-**

REPORT MADE AT DALLAS, TEXAS	DATE WHEN MADE 3-17-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3-5-38	REPORT MADE BY H. T. ARTERBERRY
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:

Ralph Roe and Jack Lloyd arrested by Sheriff, Bonham, Texas July 25, 1934 near Tishimingo, Oklahoma and returned to Bonham, Texas on automobile theft and burglary charges. Roe and Lloyd executed bonds each in the sum of \$1,500.00 which had been arranged by Mrs. Wilbur Underhill and Mrs. Jack Lloyd; that seven days after release they robbed the bank at Sulphur, Oklahoma for which they each received ninety nine year sentences; that the only contact Roe and Lloyd had in Bonham, Texas was Jewell (Buddy) Eversole who formerly resided at Seminole, Oklahoma; that before Bonds were arranged for Roe and Lloyd they had cut the bars to their cells in the Bonham, Texas jail and apparently waiting for darkness to effect escape when they were apprehended. Jewell Eversole was person believed to have smuggled saws to them. Eversole's whereabouts now believed to be in vicinity of Longview, Texas.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent in Charge M. E. Gurnea, dated, 12-28-37.

DETAILS:

Henry Chaney, present Sheriff, Bonham, Fannin County, Texas has no knowledge or information reference instant matter.

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Mr. A. L. Pood~~X~~ Chaffin, former Sheriff and Mr. R. Abernathy, former Chief Deputy Sheriff under Mr. Chaffin, Bonham, Texas jointly interviewed and advised as follows:

That on July 25, 1934 they arrested Ralph Roe and Jack~~X~~ Lloyd near Tishimingo, Oklahoma who a night or two previous had broken into the Bonham Garage, Bonham, Texas and stolen an automobile and some automobile casings; that Roe and Lloyd were returned by them to Bonham, Texas and lodged in the County jail; that while they were in the County jail Roe and Lloyd were visited by a man known to them as Jewell (Buddy)~~X~~ Eversole who formerly resided in Seminole, Oklahoma; that Eversole had been tried on a murder charge at that place and been acquitted; that Eversole was a half brother to Mr. Ras Eversole, a prominent lumber dealer of Honey Grove, Texas and to Mrs. Ed Brents, whose husband was a former Sheriff of Fannin County, Texas; that these individuals employed counsel for Eversole and an acquittal was had. They advised that while Mrs. Wilbur Underhill and Mrs. Jack Lloyd were attempting to secure their release on bonds of \$1,500.00 each it was noted that Jewell Eversole was in frequent consultation with them; that before bonds were executed Roe and Lloyd managed to saw the bars to their cell as well as the window bars leading to the ground and apparently while waiting for dark to approach before making their escape, a trusty tipped them off to the plans and their escape was prevented; that it was noted that for about one week before this attempted escape Jewell (Buddy) Eversole was seen hanging out daily at a filling station which is located across the street from the County Jail; that on one occasion an automobile was noted parked across the street from the jail an entire night at the station where Eversole had frequented; that they never secured enough proof on which to arrest Eversole for smuggling saws to them but that they were satisfied in their own minds that he was the guilty party.

Mr. Chaffin further advised that Roe and Lloyd's bonds were set at \$1,500.00 each pending grand jury action; that said bonds were executed by some Bond Company located in Dallas, Texas but that all arrangements for same had been engineered by Mrs. Wilbur Underhill, Roe's girl friend and Jack Lloyd's wife; that seven days after said bonds were executed and approved and Roe and Lloyd released, they robbed the bank at Sulphur, Oklahoma for which offense each received a ninety nine year sentence; that no attempt was ever made to take a forfeiture on said bonds or secure their return to Bonham, Texas for trial.

Mr. Chaffin advised that Roe and Mrs. Underhill were greatly "stuck" on each other while at Bonham, Texas and that he was strongly of the opinion that if Roe were in this country he was with Mrs. Wilbur Underhill somewhere.

Mr. Chaffin advised that Jewell (Buddy) Eversole's brother, Ras Eversole had recently died and that his brother-in-law, former Sheriff Ed Brent was now deceased that Eversole had left the county and that he had been informed that he was residing in the vicinity of Longview, Texas; that he had no information that he had ever been on the West coast at any time.

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Washington, D. C.

March 31, 1938.

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The following is a transcript of the complete record appearing in the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning number FBI 131209, which number should be quoted in future correspondence including any dispositions submitted.

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

J. E. Hoover
JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, Director.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
SP, Huntsville, Texas	Flint Brandon, alias Flint Brannon, #18213	9-15-22	burglary	2 yrs.
PD, Little Rock, Ark.	F. C. Brannon, #1080	11-3-27	P.L.	
US, Atlanta, Ga.	F. C. Brannon, alias Flint Charles Brannon, #27026	1-28-28	consp. to vio. Nat. Proh. Act	1 yr. and 1 day
PD, Texarkana, Ark.	Flint C. Brannon, aliases, Clint Brannon, Clint F. Brannon, F. C. Brannon, #1366	12-21-31	inv.	rel.
PD, Texarkana, Texas	Flynt C. Brannon, alias F. C. Brannon, #1352	2-2-32	Dyer Act (trans. automobile Shreveport, La. to Ark.)	
PD, Sherman, Texas	Flint Brannon, #extra	9-27-36	(Dyer Act) prob. viol. (Fed.)	2 yrs.
SO, Sherman, Texas	Flint Brannon, #1366	9-27-36	(Dyer Act) prob. viol. (Fed.)	2 yrs.
USM, Sherman, Texas	Flint Brannon, #	9-27-36	(Dyer Act) prob. viol. (Fed.)	2 yrs.
USP, Leavenworth, Kans.	Flint C. Brannon, #19670	10-15-36	Dyer Act	2 yrs.
	Flynt C. Brannon, sent. 5-21-31, at Texarkana, Texas to 5 yrs. in the USP at Leavenworth, Kans., sent. susp. for 5 yrs.; viol. Title 18, Sec. 108, USC.			

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

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

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
<p>CC-Bu. Field Div., Kansas City, Mo. (Encl.) AIR MAIL-SPECIAL DELIVERY</p> <p>CC-Bu.</p>	<p>There are attached hereto two photographs of this subject.</p> <p>The above individual is identical with FLINT C. BRANNON, subject of your letter dated March 15, 1938.</p>			

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

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

U. S. Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI,
MARCH 15, 1938.

AIR MAIL
SPECIAL DELIVERY

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

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

Dear Sir:

Kindly furnish the known criminal record of the following:

Name (inc. aliases)	City, Police Arrest, or Other Number.	Approximate Date Fingerprints for- warded Bureau of Investigation.	Fingerprint Classifica- tion.
Flint C. Brannon	U.S. Penitentiary, Reg. #49670	3/16/38	

Please forward to the Kansas City Field Division two photographs of
Flint C. Brannon.

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Very truly yours, **76-2686-291**
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DWIGHT BRANTLEY
Special Agent in Charge
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NIGHT LETTER	SHIP RADIOGRAM

Patrons should check class of service desired; otherwise message will be transmitted as a full-rate communication.

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R. B. WHITE
PRESIDENTNEWCOMB CARLTON
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARDJ. C. WILLEVER
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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

Aberdeen, S. D.
3/22/38
5:10 P.M.

C. W. STEIN
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
629 FIRST NATIONAL BANK BLDG.,
OMAHA, NEB.

RE TO FOURTEEN SEVEN ONE AND FOURTEEN SEVEN TWO. INFORMED SUBJECTS
SELLING RAZOR BLADES TO COUNTRY MERCHANTS IN SOUTHWEST SOUTH DAKOTA
AND MAKING THEIR HEADQUARTERS AT CHADRON, NEBRASKA. I HAVE AGENT
CHECKING AND WILL ADVISE YOU FURTHER AS TO MERITS OF INFORMATION

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2. In any event the company shall not be liable for damages for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for the non-delivery, of any message, whether caused by the negligence of its servants or otherwise, beyond the sum of five thousand dollars, at which amount each message is deemed to be valued, unless a greater value is stated in writing by the sender thereof at the time the message is tendered for transmission, and unless the repeated-message rate is paid or agreed to be paid, and an additional charge equal to one-tenth of one percent of the amount by which such valuation shall exceed five thousand dollars.
3. The company is hereby made the agent of the sender, without liability, to forward this message over the lines of any other company when necessary to reach its destination.
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SPECIAL TERMS APPLYING TO DAY LETTERS:

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Suite 1729 - 111 Sutter
San Francisco, California
March 22, 1938.

Mr. F. C. Schindler,
Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue,
Treasury Department,
Santa Rosa, California.

Dear Sir: Attention: E. M. Sullivan, Deputy.

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 19, 1938, advising that Mr. HARRY D. NORTON, of the Standard Drug Company, 507 - 4th Street, Santa Rosa, California, has recently stated that two men were in his store, and by their conversations and actions he believes they may possibly have been the two escaped convicts from Alcatraz.

I wish to thank you for forwarding this information to me, and I want to assure you it will receive proper attention.

Very truly yours,

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

q.c. Bureau.

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

March 24, 1938.

Time - 7³⁰ p.m.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Re: Cole and Roe.

I telephoned SAC Ladd at the Chicago Office with reference to the articles which are appearing in the papers here to the effect that the police in Chicago are spreading a net to effect the apprehension of the two above named individuals, who were identified in St. Louis as having been on their way to Chicago. I inquired whether he had any information on this matter.

Mr. Ladd said that apparently the State Police at Springfield, Ill., broadcasted some similar radio announcement for the State Police. Having learned of this, Mr. Ladd got in touch with the Peoria Office and asked them to check at Springfield to see what this was all about. This evening, Mr. Ladd received a teletype from St. Louis saying that a Miss Kirkpatrick, who runs a lunch room in St. Louis, gave sandwiches to two men in her restaurant at 11:40 on March 22nd. She states these men said they were from Los Angeles and were en route to Chicago. She did not know anything about their means of travel or anything of that kind. After they left, this woman read an article in a detective magazine about Cole and Roe, and identified the photographs of Cole and Roe as being the two men to whom she gave sandwiches. She apparently notified the St. Louis Police Department and the St. Louis Bureau Office. There is nothing to indicate that the two men in question were residing in St. Louis, and no leads were obtained in St. Louis to indicate their present location or destination. The investigation is being continued by the St. Louis Office.

A copy of the above mentioned teletype was sent to the Bureau by St. Louis, and no further information is in the possession of the Chicago Office.

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Respectfully,

P. E. FOXWORTH.

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REGARDING THEIR MEANS OF TRAVEL, HOWEVER THAT A DAY AFTER THEIR
DEPARTURE SHE READ ARTICLE ENTITLED MOST WANTED MEN IN AMERICA APPEARING
IN MARCH THIRTIETH ISSUE OFFICIAL DETECTIVE STORIES REGARDING ALLEGED
ESCAPE OF SUBJECTS FROM US PENITENTIARY ALCATRAZ AND IDENTIFIED PHOTO-
GRAPHS PUBLISHED CONNECTION THIS ARTICLE AS SUBJECTS THIS CASE. SHE
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Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **76-51**

REPORT MADE AT Peoria, Illinois	DATE WHEN MADE 3-26-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3-24-38	REPORT MADE BY B. F. FITZSIMONS BFF:DEB
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: Radio broadcast concerning fugitives not released by State Police, Springfield, Illinois.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- RUC -</p> <p><u>DETAILS</u></p> <p>On the afternoon of March 24, 1938, Special Agent A. H. Johnson, of the Chicago Office, advised, by telephone, that a teletype message had been received from the San Francisco Office, which indicated that the International News Service at San Francisco had made inquiry of officials of the United States Penitentiary, Alcatraz Island, concerning a radio broadcast to the effect that the fugitives had left St. Louis, Missouri, en route to Chicago, Illinois, on or about March 23, 1938. Special Agent Johnson further advised that information had been obtained at Chicago, through the Trans-America Service, that the broadcast in question had emanated from the State Police at Springfield, Illinois.</p> <p><u>AT SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS</u></p> <p>Special Agent Jack Waldman interviewed Lieutenant Raymond May of the Illinois State Highway Maintenance Police. Lieutenant May stated that the broadcast in question was not released by the State Police at Springfield, but that they had intercepted a message, broadcast by the St. Louis, Missouri Police Department to the Chicago, Illinois Police Department, to the effect that Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole, two escaped convicts from Alcatraz, were supposed to have been in St. Louis about one o'clock on the afternoon of March 23, 1938, and were going to Chicago, either by freight train or by hitch-hiking. Lieutenant May</p>			
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stated that, contrary to press releases, the Illinois State Highway Maintenance Police did not patrol the highways, and took no official cognizance of the broadcast.

Upon receipt of this information, communication was had, by long distance telephone, with Special Agent in Charge G. B. Norris, at St. Louis, Missouri, and Special Agent in Charge Norris advised that the St. Louis Office was conducting appropriate investigation concerning the broadcast in question, which was released, as heretofore mentioned, by the St. Louis, Missouri Police Department.

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

FILE NO. **76-362**

REPORT MADE AT Los Angeles, Calif.	DATE WHEN MADE 3/21/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/25/38 3/2/38	REPORT MADE BY W. E. Miller 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:

Informants at [redacted] believe that [redacted] have been in that vicinity in recent months but their present whereabouts is unknown. Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT C. PHILLIPSON have no information on instant case.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, Oklahoma City, 2/21/38; report of Special Agent Daniel Currie, Jr., Seattle, 12/21/38.

DETAILS:

Waddell, Arizona, is merely a large cotton plantation, the two principal buildings being the cotton gin and a store building which houses the trading post and post office. The employees on the plantation reside in a large camp of small wooden buildings built close together like a very large tourist court. At the peak of the cotton picking season this camp houses approximately 1500 people.

C. V. STANLEY, manager of the Waddell trading post and reported to be thoroughly reliable, was interviewed and advised that due to the recent rainy weather and the further fact that the cotton picking is almost completed, many of the cotton pickers have left in the past two weeks; that the majority of the pickers come from Oklahoma and Texas; that their names are not obtained but each picker is paid by ticket which is cashed at

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the trading post; that these people come into the camp at all hours and leave the same way without taking the trouble to give any notice of their departure or leaving a forwarding address for their mail. In strict confidence he was shown the photographs of [redacted]

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He advised that the only photograph which appears familiar is that of [redacted] that he believes he saw this man around Waddell some time during the present cotton picking season but has not seen him recently and knows nothing concerning his exact identity or present whereabouts. He added that he feels reasonably certain that he has not seen the other two men around there in recent months. Although the Post Office was closed at the time this investigation was being made late in the evening, Mr. STANLEY succeeded in gaining admittance and in the writer's presence exhibited the three photographs, aforementioned, to the Postmistress, informing her at the same time that the inquiry was strictly confidential. She was unable to recall having seen any of these parties and search of her records failed to reveal their names as present or former patrons. Likewise no forwarding address could be found for any of them.

W. (BUD) BATES, proprietor of a trading post located on R.P. 1, Peoria, Arizona, and located four miles from Waddell, Arizona, was interviewed and in strict confidence was shown the three photographs aforementioned. He advised that he believes that during the present cotton picking season he has seen parties resembling CRAWFORD and SEDELL JOHNSON at his trading post, where cotton pickers within a two mile radius come to cash their tickets. He added, however, that he has no recollection of having seen these parties recently. Accompanied by Mr. Bates, the writer visited the various cotton pickers' camps in that vicinity but saw no one fitting the description or resembling the photographs of the JOHNSONS and CRAWFORD. Likewise no one was found fitting the descriptions or resembling photographs of subjects.

Both Mr. BATES and Mr. STANLEY promised to keep this inquiry strictly confidential and to notify the writer in the event they obtain any information concerning these parties.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent W. H. Osborne at La Jolla, California:

Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT C. PHILLIPSON were located at the La Jolla Gold Club and upon being interviewed stated that they came into the United States from Canada on December 14, 1937, and stopped in Portland, Oregon, on the night of the 14th and entered the State of California at Dunsmuir on

December 16, 1937, enroute to La Jolla, California, where they have spent the winters for a number of years. When questioned as to whether they had visited the lighthouse at Portland or made any purchases of books or other literature relative to the tides and currents of San Francisco Bay, they stated that they do not know where the lighthouse is located in Portland and did not have any interest in the tides or currents of San Francisco Bay.

During the conversation it was learned that these people come from Chilliwack, Canada, where Mr. PHILLIPSON owns and operates a golf course and from their appearance, it was Agent's impression that these people are rather comfortably fixed financially. These people cooperated with Agent in answering all questions fully and without hesitation and from their appearance and attitude it is not believed that they are in any way connected with this case.

At the Windansea Hotel, La Jolla, California, it was learned that these people have spent several winters there and are wealthy tourists from Canada, who spend a considerable portion of their time on the La Jolla Gold Club course. They are reported to be very highly respected people.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE at Bakersfield, California, will conduct investigation requested in reference report.

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WAS, FUGITIVE, IO FOURTEEN SEVENTY ONE, AFP. INTERNATIONAL NEWS
SERVICE SAN FRANCISCO HAS MADE INQUIRY OF WARDEN AT ALCATRAZ BASED
ON DISPATCH FROM CHICAGO STATING ROE AND COLE LEFT ST LOUIS LAST
NIGHT EN ROUTE CHICAGO THAT STATE AND CHICAGO POLICE ARE PATROLLING
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April 2, 1938.

Mr. J. V. Roberts,
Constable,
Champaign County,
Post Office Box 1538,
Mahomet, Illinois.

My dear Constable:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated March 28, 1938, furnishing information relative to Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole, who have been identified as having recently been in Champaign County, Illinois.

I desire to thank you for forwarding that information to this Bureau, and in the event you secure any further information concerning these individuals it is suggested that you communicate with Mr. E. F. Fitzsimons, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 300 Commercial Merchants National Bank and Trust Company Building, Peoria, Illinois. The contents of your letter of March 28, 1938, have been referred to Mr. Fitzsimons who will have an Agent call upon you at the earliest possible opportunity.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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P.O.Box 1558
Mahomet, Ill.
Mar, 28, 1938

Federal Bureau of Identification,
J. Edgar Hoover Director.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

On Friday Mar, 11th, two men in a black colored V8 Ford coach, bearing Texas licence plates, stoped in this town at the Charles Jackson filling station for about twenty minutes which gave Mr. Jackson time to make note of their features, also at the station was a Mr. Roger Maher of 217-S-Locust St, Champaign, Ill.

After these two strangers had left Mr. Jackson called me in and gave me an account of their actions and their description and said they left town going north on Rt. 47.

Yesterday being Sunday, I picked up a magazine and saw the pictures of Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole. I immediately showed the pictures to Mr. Jackson and he declared positivly that they were the men that had been in his place on the above date.

I then went to Champaign and contacted Mr. Maher and he to declared that the man with the turned up nose was identical, but the other man had avoided his eye and for that reason he was not so positive about him.

I questioned both Mr. Jackson and Mr. Maher in regard to the height and general description of each and in my opinion they talleyed, I then inquired of the licence number and was informed that due to the mud condition of the plates it could not be taken.

I am encloseing the pictures I clipped from the magazine and am hoping this little bit of information may help in following the trail of these two men.

Very truly yours.

John Roberts

Constable Champaign County.

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Theodore Cole, No.
258, and Ralph Roe,
No. 260, chose the
most likely time to
stage their frantic
break for freedom.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

1612 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,
Kansas City, Missouri
March 29, 1938

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

RE: RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1172;
THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O.
1171; ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated March 21, 1938, (Bureau File 76-2686), relative to the arrangements to be made with Flint C. Brannon, U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas Register #19670, for him to obtain information concerning Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole from James Roe, the brother of Ralph Roe.

This will advise that in accordance with previous arrangements effected by this office with Deputy Warden C. J. Shuttleworth of the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, and with Brannon, Brannon was met outside of the prison gates during the early morning of March 29, 1938 by Special Agent W. L. Listerman, after which he was brought to Kansas City, Missouri. It may be stated that Brannon received a final discharge from the U. S. Penitentiary and, therefore, it is not necessary for him to report to any Probation Officer as a conditional releasee. He was furnished transportation by the prison authorities to his home in Texarkana, Texas, and will leave by Missouri Pacific Train at 9:45 p.m., March 29, 1938, for his home at 1003 Milam Street, Texarkana, Texas, where he intends to rejoin his family, consisting of his wife, Mary Brannon, son James Brannon, age 19, who is presently employed by the Western Auto Supply Company in that city, and daughter Betty Brannon, age 12.

Brannon related that he is still willing to endeavor to obtain what information he can concerning the whereabouts of Roe and Cole if said information can possibly be obtained from James Roe, he being willing to perform these services for a monetary consideration. No promise of an exact sum of money was made to Brannon since all final arrangements are being left to the Dallas Field Division. Of course, Brannon expects expense money, since at the time of his release, he only had a few dollars. During the course of the conversation with Brannon in the Kansas City Office, he stated that in addition to the expense money, it would be advisable to furnish him with an automobile for the purpose of proceeding to New Mexico or any other point where James Roe might be located, since he believed that more

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effective results could be accomplished by having an automobile. With regard to the automobile, however, he suggested that if one were furnished to him that he also be furnished with some sort of a bill of sale, whether it be genuine or otherwise, and that license plates registered in his name be on the automobile, so that there would be no possibility for James Roe to check back on the registration and thereby ascertain that he might be using an automobile belonging to somebody connected with the Bureau.

The matter of furnishing him with an automobile is being left to the discretion of the Bureau, and it is suggested that it advise the Dallas Field Division Office accordingly, preparatory to the contacting of Brannon at Texarkana, Texas by an Agent of the Dallas Office.

Arrangements were made with Brannon for an Agent of the Dallas Office to contact him on Monday, April 11, 1938. It is suggested that an experienced Agent be delegated for this contact and in accordance with Brannon's suggestion, the Agent may contact a Mr. Beckley of the Union Furniture Company, 223 West Broad Street, Texarkana, Texas, to ascertain the exact whereabouts of Brannon, of course, not relating the nature of the business to be discussed with Brannon. Brannon suggested this method of contact, inasmuch as he and his family may move from their present residence at 1003 Milam Street between now and April 11, 1938. At the time of this contact, final arrangements can be made with Brannon relative to his proposed visit to James Roe for obtaining the desired information. Arrangements also can be made for a subsequent contact to determine what information he has obtained. Along this line, it might be suggested that some method of communication from Brannon be arranged in the event he obtains immediate information concerning the then whereabouts of the fugitives in this case, without necessitating his return to his home or to Dallas, Texas to relate the information.

During the course of the conversation, Brannon mentioned the name of a former local law enforcement official in that vicinity of Texas, whom he did not trust and whom he inquired as to whether he had any connection with the Bureau. This individual's name is Spurgeon Harrington, Brannon stating that he did not desire to be contacted by him if he was employed by the Bureau.

Brannon also related that a Bob Pringle, who is alleged to be a present inmate of the U. S. Penitentiary on Alcatraz Island, was exceedingly friendly with Roe and Cole during their incarceration

on the Island. It is suggested that the San Francisco Office endeavor to determine the identity of Pringle and check his correspondence and friends for possible leads in connection with this case.

Prior to the discharge of Brannon from Leavenworth, he ascertained through conversations with other inmates that James and Ralph Roe had the following friends or connections:

Harry J. ~~X~~Alberts, El Paso, Texas, alleged to be a candidate for office of Sheriff at El Paso.

Dell ~~X~~Carpenter, 1213 N. Peach St., Ft. Worth, Texas, believed to be an inmate of USP, Leavenworth, Kansas at present time, but family at Ft. Worth, known to the Roe brothers.

A. ~~X~~Youd (or A. ~~X~~Gould), and Teddy Youd (or Gould), 902 $\frac{1}{2}$ South, El Paso, Texas, who operates a candy and cigar store.

Family of Jack F. ~~X~~Williams, 25 East 7th St., San Angelo, Texas, Jack Williams presently incarcerated Leavenworth, but family known to the Roe brothers.

Dan ~~X~~Harless, 2529 Gillham Road, Kansas City, Mo.

With respect to Dan Harless, Brannon stated that Harless was a friend of James Roe and furnished Roe with his address immediately prior to his discharge from Leavenworth.

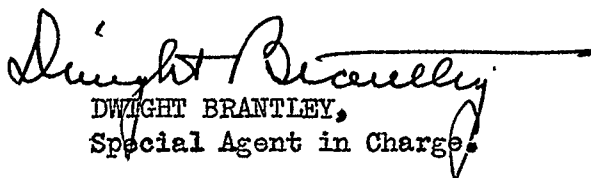
It was ascertained through L. J. Grout, Probation Officer, Kansas City, Mo., that Harless was presently reporting to him as a probationer, resided at 2529 Gillham Road, and was employed at the Duff and Repp Furniture Company, 1216 Main Street, Kansas City, Mo.

It is suggested that no contacts or investigation be made at the present time of the addresses furnished by Brannon and set forth hereinbefore, until Brannon has had an opportunity to contact James Roe in this matter, since it will be necessary for Brannon himself to obtain the information concerning the exact whereabouts of James Roe prior to contacting him, in order that he may advise Roe as to the means of obtaining his location if the latter questions him closely.

The suggestion is being made to the Oklahoma City Office, the office of origin herein, that it furnish sufficient serials of its files to the Dallas Office relative to the background of James Roe prior to the contact of Brannon by an Agent of that Office.

For the assistance of the Dallas Office, there is transmitted with copies of this letter, a copy of the latest photograph of Flint C. Brannon, Register #49670, USP, Leavenworth, Kansas.

Very truly yours,


DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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March 29, 1938.

Time: 10:18 PM

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

RE: Ralph^O Roe and Theodore^O Cole,
Escaped Federal Prisoners.

I telephoned SAC Gurnea at Richmond and stated that there had been a lot of rumors that Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole were in Arkansas; that if things were in a satisfactory situation at Richmond I would like Mr. Gurnea to go to Arkansas and look into these rumors; that if there was nothing important or urgent to these rumors it would not be necessary for him to stay there. Mr. Gurnea stated that there was nobody to take over the Richmond Office since the Number One Man, R. L. Murphy, was in Retraining School. I stated that I would order him back to Richmond tonight and Mr. Gurnea should come to Washington not later than noon tomorrow for conference before going down to Arkansas. Mr. Gurnea stated that he would be there.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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

EAT:DM

Time - 2:25 P. M.

March 29, 1938.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: ROE AND COLE

OKlahoma SAC Guinane telephoned with reference to the above case, stating that he had just talked to Tom Antone, who was just released from the ~~State~~ Penitentiary; that according to Agent Frank Smith, who has known him for some time, he has some excellent contacts with the associates of Roe and Cole, and really knows them. Antone advised he is ready to visit Seminole, Texas, and claims that if these fellows are out, he can get the information; that he states he doesn't know anything right now, but thinks he can get the information. Mr. Guinane requested authorization to advance Antone \$100.00 in payments of \$25.00 to take care of his travel expenses to Texas, and the necessary authorization was granted. I told Mr. Guinane to get him started right away.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
March 26, 1938.

EAT:CDW

Time - 2:10 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Cole and Roe.

SAC Fletcher telephoned me from Little Rock and said that he is in receipt of a letter today from the Sheriff at Berryville, Arkansas, relative to the two above named individuals. The Sheriff writes that some time ago, Ted Cole was shot by a then Deputy Sheriff named Frank Boyd, and that on March 22nd, a man came to Boyd's house at Urbanette, Arkansas, and asked to stay over night. The Boyds took the man in and let him sleep in the barn over night, giving him a quilt. The next morning when this man came to return the quilt, he was invited in for breakfast. At that time, Boyd, who had not seen the man before, came in to look him over, whereupon the man hastily left. Mr. Boyd now says that this man was none other than Ted Cole, whom he shot in 1929, and who swore at that time to come back some time and "get" Boyd. Ted Cole has a former wife residing in that vicinity, and is well known to the Sheriff's Office at Berryville. The Sheriff in his letter stated that due to rather strained financial conditions he had not been able to make much of an investigation, but that from the investigation which he has conducted, he is satisfied the man in question was Cole. Boyd told the Sheriff that he did not try to take Cole into custody at that time for the reason that he was unarmed, but did not explain why Cole did not "get" him as he had threatened.

I told Mr. Fletcher to have this matter investigated at once and to make sure that everything is done that is humanly possible to determine whether or not this individual is in fact Cole. I told Mr. Fletcher to let us know the results of this investigation.

Respectfully,

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I think we have got to get behind this & press it vigorously.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
March 29, 1938.

Time - 10:20 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Cole and Roe.

Mr. Fletcher telephoned me from Little Rock and said that they have had a conference with Mrs. Cole. Mrs. Cole said she has heard divers rumors that Cole is in that neighborhood, as a result of which she has been trying to get in touch with a State Police Officer whom she has seen going up and down the highway near her house; that she finally reached him at Harrison, Arkansas, where she talked to him about the situation, informing this State Policeman that while she did not know where Cole was, she thought perhaps she could find him. When the Agents talked to her tonight, she said her only source of information would be her folks; that she intends to get in touch with them; that she would be interested in receiving some money for information which she furnishes resulting in the apprehension of Cole and that she does not want over \$300.00.

Mr. Fletcher said that they are talking to the other people in the house where Mrs. Cole lives to get their versions of whether or not they think Cole has been there. A bank robbery friend of Cole's has been interviewed, and this man said that as a matter of fact he does not know Cole personally and consequently does not know whether he is in Arkansas at this time. No one else who has been interviewed up there has seen Cole in that vicinity recently. However, they interviewed one young man who said that he has not seen any strangers around there except the same man wearing the same kind of clothes as the man we are looking for. He partially identifies this man from photographs as being Cole.

Mr. Fletcher said that they are going to institute a fully open and complete investigation of this entire situation up there for the purpose of determining whether or not in fact Cole was up there.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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ENCLOSURE

Mr. J. Robillard,
4814 29th Avenue,
Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Dear Mr. Robillard:

I desire to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated March 19, 1938, furnishing information relative to Ralph Roe whose apprehension is desired by this Bureau.

The contents of your communication have been referred to Mr. B. E. Sackett, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 1021 Bankers' Building, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, who will have an Agent call upon you in the near future for the purpose of securing complete details concerning the incident mentioned in your letter.

If, in the meantime, it is convenient to you, it is suggested that you may desire to call upon Mr. Sackett in person and discuss this matter with him.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Gentlemen

On or near Feb 14th I had a flat tire

fixed at Barnett Mo. while tire was being fixed I went across the street to restaurant, time near 6 P.M. after ordering meal a man walked in asked the Prop. or clerk what time a bus was leaving for Kansas City. As I was going there I turned and sized this man up thinking I would give him a ride, but after sizing him up decided not too. The clerk told him there was no bus till morning. This fellow said is there no way I can get there. The restaurant man told him if he got a car or taxi to take him to some other small town close by he could catch a bus which he did.

a week or so later I happen to be reading a detective magazine in the line up I saw a picture. I said to myself where did I see this fellow. Ralph Roe. I put it out of my mind until last night, while reading the Official Detective

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I saw his picture again, after reading his description again and reading he had a sister in Kansas City. I had him placed as the one I had seen in the restaurant going to Kansas City if this was not him it was his double. He had no cap or hat on, and if I had not been going to Kansas City I would not have sized him up the way I did.

Yours Very Truly

J. Robillard
* 4814-29th Ave
Kenosha Wisconsin

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
March 29, 1938.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR *File*

Re: Cole and Roe.

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SAC Fletcher telephoned me from Little Rock and said that from the investigation which has been conducted thus far in Berryville, Ark., and vicinity, there have been no affirmative developments. They have secured the cooperation of the trainmen down there in asking all of their employees to be on the lookout for a man of the description of the individual we are seeking. He said that they have another partial identification of the photograph of Cole as having been seen in the railroad yards at Berryville on the 22nd of March, wearing the same type of clothes as the clothes which the individual we are seeking is wearing. Mr. Fletcher said they have tried to develop latent fingerprints in the barn where this man is alleged to have stayed one night, without success.

Mr. Fletcher said they have a rumor to the effect that Cole would contact a former bank robber named Oliver Jones. Investigation is being conducted with reference to this man, and he will be interviewed to see if he knows anything about the whereabouts of Cole.

He said that they have installed a plant on the residence of Cole's former wife, and the plant will be continued for three or four days, and if nothing is obtained therefrom, the entire family will be interviewed.

Mr. Fletcher will keep me advised of developments.

~~Respectfully,~~

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
March 29, 1938.

Time - 6:05 - P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: *Shelore* Cole and *Ros*.

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SAC Fletcher telephoned me from Little Rock, Arkansas, with reference to the investigation which is being conducted at Berryville, Arkansas, concerning the report that Cole is in that vicinity. He said that Mrs. Cole, upon whom they are maintaining a plant, this afternoon went down to Alpena Pass and entered the office of the State Police there, where she indicated she might be able to furnish some information about the whereabouts of Cole if she were paid some money. The State Police did not know what to tell her, so they turned her over to the Sheriff's Office where arrangements were made to contact her tonight at eight o'clock. This information came to us through the Sheriff's Office at Berryville. Mr. Fletcher said that he plans to get his men in the ground floor of this situation and take the matter over, inquiring whether he would be authorized to make a payment to this woman for delivery of the fugitive. I told Mr. Fletcher by all means he was authorized to make a reasonable payment, and as soon as they talk to this woman and get her proposition, he should get in touch with me and let me know what the proposition is so that the Bureau could pass on it. In any event, I told Mr. Fletcher that any officer which is made to this woman should be made on a C.O.D. basis. The actual office of the State Police is located at Harrison, Arkansas.

I told Mr. Fletcher to call me as soon as they have finished with the conference with this woman.

~~Respectfully,~~
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E. A. TAMM.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
March 27, 1938

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Time: 10:30 P. M.

SAC Fletcher called from Little Rock and stated that SA Whitely, who has been at Maryville, Ark., all day, reports that former Deputy Sheriff Frank Boyd, who has a small farm near Maryville, positively identifies Ted Cole as the man who slept in his barn the night of March 22nd last. Cole was offered breakfast or a cup of coffee by Boyd, but declined and fled on being recognized by Boyd, taking the hardest way leading from the farm. SA Whitely also contacted some other persons who are believed to have seen the same individual and they make a partial identification of Cole from his photograph on the I. O. Boyd arrested Cole in 1929 on a burglary charge, shooting Cole in the leg at the time, and served for a period of time as his jailor. When seen by Boyd this individual was wearing brown pants, a sweatshirt, a miner's or fireman's cap, and a nail apron.

Mr. Fletcher stated that Marie Wynn Cole, former wife of Cole, who lives with her family at Alpena Pass, Ark., was interviewed previously and promised cooperation. She has not been contacted on this occasion, as it is believed that if Cole is there and she has not notified the Bureau, she is harboring him. As SA Whitely has to return to Little Rock because of a subpoena, he contacted a neighbor and asked him to keep on the lookout for Cole. I told Mr. Fletcher that we should put a surveillance on the house of Marie Cole from the neighbor's house for three or four days and then make a complete investigation of the house. Mr. Fletcher stated that he would send a couple of men there immediately.

I asked why this was not reported to us sooner. Mr. Fletcher stated that Boyd furnished the information to the sheriff's office at Maryville immediately. The sheriff's office investigated the matter at that time. Mr. Fletcher stated that he was notified by teletype from the Kansas City office that a trainman on a Missouri and North Arkansas R. R. Co. train had also observed Cole. Kansas City is checking this information. Mr. Fletcher suggested that the Memphis Field Division check the public shelters there. I told him to have them do so, telling no one the name of the person for whom they are looking.

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Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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We must press this vigorously.
J. H.

1612 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
March 28, 1938

Special Agent in Charge
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Sir:

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

This will confirm telephonic conversation had by Special Agent L. H. Richmond of this office and Special Agent Whitely of your office on March 28, 1938.

The original information furnished in the teletype on March 26, 1938, to your office was received from Sergeant Kahler of the Missouri State Highway Patrol located at Joplin, Missouri. Sergeant Kahler was again contacted by phone on March 28, 1938, at which time he advised that one Jack Jackson, who presently resides at either Harrison or Alpena, Arkansas, is a full time fireman and substitute engineer on the Missouri and North Arkansas Railway running between Harrison, Arkansas, and Joplin, Missouri. Jackson at one time was a Special Agent for the Kansas City Southern Railway and was located at Joplin, Missouri, during which time Sergeant Kahler became acquainted with him. Kahler stated that on Saturday night, March 26, 1938, Jack Jackson contacted Kahler at the Joplin, Missouri, Police Department and informed him that he had just arrived in Joplin on a run from Harrison, Arkansas, and that he was engineer on the train. He stated that the train stopped and switched in Berryville, Arkansas. One of the crew members on the train informed Jackson, after leaving Berryville, Arkansas, that he had seen either Ralph Roe or Theodore Cole in the railway yards at Berryville when the train stopped there and that either Roe or Cole had informed him that he was going to visit his wife, named Alpena Marie, at Alpena. Inasmuch as the former wife of Cole is named Marie Wynn, it was probably Cole seen by the trainman in Berryville. Kahler stated that he did not ask Jackson the name of the trainman who had given him this information, but is certain that Jackson knows the name of this trainman and would be willing to furnish it to agents of this Bureau. No doubt Jackson can be located by contacting the railroad officials at Harrison, Arkansas.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge

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cc-Bureau
Oklahoma City

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
MARCH 26, 1938

SAC - LITTLE ROCK

RALPH ROE WAS ETAL KFP. JACK JACKSON, TRAINMAN WORKING FOR MISSOURI
AND NORTH ARKANSAS RAILROAD, RUNNING BETWEEN BERRYVILLE AND JOPLIN,
MISSOURI, ADVISED MEMBER OF HIGHWAY PATROL TONIGHT THAT FELLOW EMPLOYEE
ON TRAIN, NAME UNKNOWN, IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE SEEN COLE OR ROE AT BERRYVILLE,
ARKANSAS, TONIGHT AND WAS INFORMED THAT ROE OR COLE WAS GOING TO ALPENA,
ARKANSAS, TONIGHT TO VISIT HIS EX-WIFE NAMED ALPENA MARIE. FILES THIS
OFFICE FAIL TO REFLECT ANY RELATIVES AT ALPENA FOR EITHER SUBJECT

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Suite 1729, 111 Sutter,
San Francisco, California
March 28, 1938

Special Agent in Charge,
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Sir:

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

We are just in receipt of a communication from
the Warden at Alcatraz who has received the following letter from
the Chief of Police, Newark, Ohio. It is requested that this
matter be given attention:

"Please send me at once the photos
and copy of fingerprints of the two
inmates that escaped from your
institution just recently. We have
very good information and it may turn
out to be one of your subjects. This
man is here in hiding and from the in-
direct information we gather it is
possible that he is one of them.

(signed) Curtis I. Berry,
Chief of Police, Newark, Ohio".

Very truly yours,

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

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722 Midland Savings Building
Denver, Colorado
March 30, 1938

Special Agent in Charge,
Portland, Oregon.

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 report of Special Agent W. Willis Fisher dated at Denver, Colorado, February 20, 1938, in the above entitled matter, which set forth a lead at Sterling, Colorado, to obtain the address of Chris C. Knudson, in order that such individual could be interviewed relative to instant case.

On March 21, 1938, Mr. Balsar Knudson of Sterling, Colorado, advised the Denver Office that his son, Chris C. Knudson, is presently residing at Myram, Oregon.

Accordingly, it is requested that the latter 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, and 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.

There being no further investigation in the Denver District, this case is being referred upon completion to the Office of Origin.

Very truly yours,

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cc Bureau
Oklahoma City
San Francisco

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R. D. BROWN
Special Agent in Charge 9938

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Oklahoma City, Okla.

FILE NO.

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REPORT MADE AT Birmingham, Ala.	DATE WHEN MADE 3/30/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/10,11/38	REPORT MADE BY H. H. McKee
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: Unable to locate Mrs. Laura Smith at Mobile, Ala.			
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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent M. E. Gurnea, San Francisco, Calif., 12/28/37.			
DETAILS: AT MOBILE, ALA.:			
<p>The 1936 and 1937 City Directory lists John Allen and wife, Henrietta, (colored), as residing at 511 North Joachim Street and does not list Laura Smith at all. When agent called at this address he was advised that A. C. Willard, colored, had been residing there for about two months and that he rents from James M. Glennon Real Estate Company. Willard did not know where Allen had moved and did not know him at all. Also living at this address at the present time is William Howard Johnson, (colored), who advised he had been living there with his wife for about five months and did not know Laura Smith nor John Allen. Neighborhood inquiry did not reveal anyone who knew either Allen or Laura Smith. Agent was advised that people move in and out of this place very often and that usually two or three colored families lived there. There was no forwarding address left at the Post Office for any of the above parties.</p> <p>The 1937 City Directory lists Mrs. G. Smith, (colored), as living at 151 North Holmes St., Pritchard, Ala., and gives her maiden name as Leona. It also indicated that Leila McMillan resides here. It is possible that Leona Smith may be the same as Laura Smith.</p>			
UNDEVELOPED LEADS:			
<p style="text-align: center;">THE BIRMINGHAM FIELD DIVISION at Mobile, Ala., will obtain from James K. Glennon Real Estate Company the name of the people who resided at 511</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		
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North Joachim Street, and attempt to obtain the forwarding address of John Allen who should be interviewed concerning the whereabouts of Laura Smith, who should be interviewed in accordance with reference report.

At Pritchard, Ala., will attempt to locate Mrs. G. Smith at 151 North Holmes Street and interview her in accordance with reference report.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **76-297**

REPORT MADE AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN	DATE WHEN MADE 3/30/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/3/38	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:

Theodore Murdock, inmate of the Federal Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan, states rumors of break by Subjects pervaded Alcatraz Island for over a month prior thereto. Other prisoners hoped escape successful; doubted inside or outside assistance, but had no definite information.

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REFERENCES:

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

Report of Special Agent W. R. Lorry dated February 3, 1938 at Detroit, Michigan.

DETAILS:

Interview was had with prisoner Theodore Murdock at the Federal Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan. He stated that for about a month or six weeks prior to the break Subjects there had been rumors floating around Alcatraz Prison regarding the proposed break. No definite information was ever given, however, and Murdock was in the confidence of Subjects, but never heard them mention same.

Murdock stated that it was natural for the other prisoners to hope that the escape would be successful, and that the general feeling was that they would make their escape. He could offer nothing definite, however. He doubted whether these men had had any inside or outside assistance and was questioned in regard to this doubt. He stated that the only inside help they might have had was

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from Bard Steer (phonetic), who was very much disliked by all of the prisoners, since he had beaten Whitey Phillips, when the latter slugged the Warden. Murdock was sure that none of the prisoners would endeavor to approach Steer in any manner.

As for assistance from the outside Murdock stated that he could not conceive of any arrangements being effected for outside assistance since no definite time could be made for a meeting, and with the current that exists there no boat could wait at any definite point to meet a prisoner who might make his escape.

Since interview was had with Mrs. Thomas A. Kitchen, Flint, Michigan, she has forwarded this office a letter written her by Murdock, which is very short and merely has a few personal remarks in it and is of no assistance to this investigation.

Murdock concluded by stating he was transferred from Alcatraz about one week after the break by Subjects and could gather no information which might be of assistance.

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April 11, 1938.

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

RE: RALPH MOE, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1472;
THEODORE COLE, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1471;
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your communication dated March 30, 1938, requesting that the Bureau advise whether Woodford Hawk should be furnished with the necessary expenses for the purpose of making a trip to Lincoln, Nebraska to contact his brother who is confined in the Nebraska State Penitentiary at that place.

You are advised that it is the Bureau's desire that the necessary expenses be advanced to Woodford Hawk to make the trip to Lincoln for the purpose of questioning his brother for information relative to the subjects in this case. The Bureau should be immediately advised of the results of the interview between Woodford Hawk and his brother, Henry Hawk.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

CC - SAN FRANCISCO
OMAHA

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

1612 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,
Kansas City, Missouri
March 30, 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 PRISONER.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent M. E. Gurnea, San Francisco, dated 12-28-37, which sets forth a list of released and transferred prisoners from Alcatraz Island Penitentiary, as well as the names and addresses of their relatives, requesting that such persons be located and interviewed.

With particular reference to page 19 of the above mentioned report, this will advise that Woodford Hawk, brother of Henry Hawk, #333-AZ, who resides at 1724 8th Avenue, St. Joseph, Mo., has been interviewed by Special Agent John W. Core. Although Woodford Hawk was unable to furnish any information in connection with this case, he did offer to interview his brother, Henry Hawk, a life term at the Nebraska State Penitentiary, for any information the latter might possess concerning Roe and Cole.

Woodford Hawk indicated that he has furnished information of value to the Police Department and would be glad to assist this Bureau in any possible way. Hawk has his own small house and makes a living by trucking dirt, but his residence is located in an extremely poor neighborhood of the city of St. Joseph.

In the event it is desired for Woodford Hawk to proceed to Nebraska for the purpose of interviewing his brother, it will be necessary to defray his expenses to that point and back to St. Joseph, Missouri.

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It is suggested that the Bureau advise the Kansas City Office whether Woodford Hawk should be furnished with the necessary expenses for the purpose of contacting his brother relative to this matter.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Oklahoma City
San Francisco
Omaha

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

POST OFFICE BOX 1276
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA
MARCH 29, 1938

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

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

Confirming telephone conversation of March 29, 1938, with Mr. E. A. Tamm, authority is requested to advance \$100.00, in amounts of \$25.00 during the course of the next month, to TOM ANTONE, a confidential informant who was released from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, on March 1, 1938.

Special Agent Frank S. Smith during the past few years contacted Antone at McAlester Penitentiary, where he was incarcerated, serving a term for bank robbery, and gained the confidence of Antone, and had suggested to Antone that when he was released to contact Agent Smith at the Oklahoma City Office.

On March 28, 1938, Antone called at the Oklahoma City office and was interviewed by the writer and Agent Frank Smith. He related that his niece, now residing in Oklahoma City, was formerly the wife of Alvin Karpis and that his sister, Carol Tankersley, was the wife of Herman Barker, deceased, brother of "Doc" and Fred Barker, sons of "Ma" Barker. His sister, Carol Tankersley, for many years was rated as one of the leading gangster molls in this part of the country and for years was closely associated with a great number of dangerous criminals throughout the Southwest.

Antone served time at McAlester while Ralph Roe and the Barkers were incarcerated there, and associated with Ralph Roe. He is also well acquainted with Theodore Cole. Antone escaped from McAlester and was living with Wilbur Underhill and Ralph Roe in the same house until the day previous to the apprehension of Underhill.

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Antone stated that since his release from McAlester on March 1, 1938, he has been staying with his two nieces in Oklahoma City and has not been in close contact with the underworld, but because of his close association with Roe and Cole and his knowledge of their contacts he believes that he can obtain definite information as to their whereabouts if they actually escaped from Alcatraz.

In this connection Antone stated that it was his belief that they probably had plans made to effect their escape because of the fact that Ralph Roe is naturally a coward and is considered "yellow" and that in his opinion Roe would never have attempted to escape unless some fairly good arrangements had been made. With reference to Cole, he stated that Cole would try anything and was considered to have plenty of daring and courage, but that Ralph Roe had none and would not have attempted an escape unless plans had been made to get them out of the water.

It was Antone's belief, based on supposition only, that "Doc" Barker had probably planned their escape and promised to finance them with the idea in mind of Roe and Cole later perfecting arrangements for a delivery of "Doc" Barker and his associates from Alcatraz. Antone stated that "Doc" Barker and Ralph Roe were very close friends and for this reason he thought it was possible that if they effected their escape "Doc" Barker might have made arrangements for them to make connections with parties in Chicago to assist them in a possible delivery at Alcatraz.

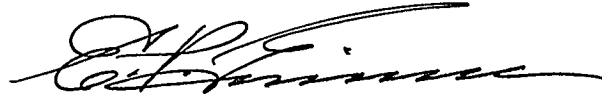
Antone stated very clearly that he did not at this time have any definite information and would not attempt to give any, but he felt he was in such a position now that he could obtain definite information by visiting former associates of Roe and Cole, particularly Hazel Underhill, who lives in the vicinity of Monahan, Texas, "Birdie" Pruitt, a known associate of gangsters who lives in the vicinity of Ardmore, Oklahoma, and an Indian girl who formerly lived with "Birdie" Pruitt, and who was formerly a sweetheart of Ralph Roe, who is quite wealthy and has in the past furnished money to Ralph Roe, according to Antone, and would at any time harbor him and furnish him money. This Indian girl now lives in the vicinity of Ardmore, Oklahoma. There is also another woman at Denison, Texas, whose name will be obtained and furnished the Bureau, whom Antone knows is a close contact of Roe's.

It is Antone's intention, if he secures sufficient money to travel on, to visit these former associates of Roe and to obtain any information which he can discreetly pick up concerning them, and has promised to immediately furnish this information to the writer and Special Agent Frank Smith.

It is the opinion of Agent Smith that Antone is in a position to secure information and will secure information and furnish same to this office. Antone impressed the writer as being one who would probably secure valuable information.

In accordance with authorization from Mr. Tamm, \$100.00 will be advanced to Antone in parcels of \$25.00 to cover his expenses in making these contacts, and any information obtained will be immediately furnished the Bureau.

Very truly yours,



E. P. GUIMANE
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

FILE NO. 76-81

REPORT MADE AT Louisville, Ky.	DATE WHEN MADE 3/31/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/23/38	REPORT MADE BY J. E. MONTGOMERY slc
TITLE RALPH ROE, with aliases: Paul Sullivan, Jack Sullivan, J. O. Sullivan, Jack McCarty, Jack McCarthy, Raymond Roe, Raymond Rowe, J. H. Reynolds, Ralph Rowe, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases: Ted Cole, Theodore Cole, Ray Jackson, Roy Jackson, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: H. M. and W. R. Beckler, Lynch, Kentucky, believe Subject Cole known to them at Copper Hill, Tennessee, about fifteen years ago. Becklers interviewed by Agent and both state they attended school near Copper Hill, Tennessee, with a Theodore Cole; however, they are unable to identify photograph of Subject Cole as being the same Cole known to them. Both state Subject Cole too young to be identified with Theodore Cole from Copper Hill, Tennessee. Mrs. A. F. Soward, Lynch, Kentucky, a cousin to the Theodore Cole from Copper Hill, Tennessee, interviewed and states Subject Cole too young to be identical with her cousin, whom she has not seen in fifteen years.

- R.U.C. -

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent M. E. Gurnea, dated at San Francisco, California, December 28, 1937;
Letter to Oklahoma City Division, dated January 8, 1938;
Letter from the Oklahoma City Division, dated on January 17, 1938.

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DETAILS:

This investigation is predicated upon information received in a letter from H. M. Beckler, P.O. Box 921, Lynch, Kentucky, addressed to the Louisville Division, and the contents of same briefly narrate the following: That H. M. Beckler is of the opinion that he attended school at Copper Hill, Tennessee, with Subject Theodore Cole; that Cole had two brothers, one of whom is dead, and the other now resides in Fontana, North Carolina. The letter further advises that Theodore Cole's father's name was Dal, and that the Coles have relatives presently residing near Ducktown, Tennessee.

AT LYNCH, KENTUCKY

Agent contacted Mr. Rice Walton, Postmaster, who advised that he is not personally acquainted with H. M. Beckler, but that he knows W. R. Beckler, Cost Clerk of the U. S. Coal and Coke Corporation, a subsidiary of the U. S. Steel Corporation, and that W. R. Beckler enjoys a very good reputation in the town of Lynch and is a man who can be depended on to give truthful information.

At the Federal Building, Agent contacted Mr. W. R. Beckler, who advised that he and his brother, H. M. Beckler attended the Public School at Grassy Creek, Tennessee, at which time a Theodore Cole was also a pupil there. Mr. Beckler stated that as he now recalls Theodore Cole had two brothers, Clarence Cole and Rhupford Cole; that there were not any sisters in the Cole family. Mr. Beckler continued that the Cole family lived in Polk County, Tennessee, at a place known as Ducktown. He added that he believed the Coles were originally from the West, and that Mrs. Cole died about fifteen years ago and the family moved back to Colorado or some other western town, and then later returned to Tennessee. Agent produced a photograph of Subject Cole, and exhibited same to Mr. Beckler, who stated that same did not resemble the Cole known to him; however, he added that he has not seen Theodore Cole for about fifteen years, and doubted if he would recognize him at this time. He continued that the Theodore Cole known to him would be between the ages of thirty-five and forty, and that Subject Cole was too young to be identical with the one known to him. Mr. Beckler advised that his brother, H. M. Beckler, who resides at 880 Liberty Street, might have additional information relative to this case.

Agent contacted Mr. H. M. Beckler at his residence in Lynch, Kentucky. Mr. Beckler stated that he had read an account of Subject's escape from the Federal Penitentiary on Alcatraz Island, near San Francisco, California, and same had brought to his memory a Theodore Cole whom he and his brother had known and attended school with in Grassy Creek, Tennessee.

H. M. Beckler's information relative to his attendance at school with Theodore Cole is identical with that furnished by his brother, W. R. Beckler, and same is not being set out here.

Mr. H. M. Beckler added that he has not seen Theodore Cole in about twelve years or more, at which time he was approximately nineteen or twenty years of age, possibly twenty-one years of age. He continued that the Theodore Cole known to him would at the present time be approximately thirty-five years of age, or thereabouts. H. M. Beckler stated that he recalls there were three of the Cole boys, namely: Theodore, Rhupford and Clarence. He added that the mother of these boys died and their father took them to Oklahoma or some place in the West, where he remarried and then returned to Tennessee.

Mr. H. M. Beckler stated that Clarence and Theodore Cole in later years got into some sort of trouble, for which he heard they had been sent to a Penitentiary. He stated that the family around Ducktown and Copper Hill, Tennessee, told everyone that Clarence and Theodore were dead. Mr. Beckler stated further that the brother, Rhupford Cole, worked in a mine at one time in Lynch, Kentucky, and that while pursuing such employment he lost a leg as the result of an accident, and subsequently returned to Tennessee and later moved to Fontana, North Carolina, which is near Murphy, North Carolina. He stated that he believed Rhupford Cole is presently residing somewhere in Florida. A photograph of Subject Cole was exhibited to Mr. H. M. Beckler, who stated that same looked like the Theodore Cole known to him; however, he could not make a positive identification in view of the fact that he had not seen Cole in twelve or more years.

H. M. Beckler advised that Theodore Cole has a cousin who is presently residing in Lynch, Kentucky, and that this cousin, a Mrs. Allen F. Soward, might be able to furnish additional information relative to Subject Cole.

Agent interviewed Mrs. Allen F. Soward at her place of residence, 494 Main Street. Mrs. Soward stated that she has a cousin by the name of Theodore Cole, and that while they are first cousins there is very little in the way of information that she could furnish relative to him. Mrs. Soward stated further that she has not seen her cousin Theodore Cole for

more than fifteen years. Mrs. Soward stated that Theodore Cole was born in the State of Wisconsin, she does not know the exact place. She added the the Coles later moved to Denver, Colorado, and then to Tennessee. She stated that there were no girls in this family, and that the mother died while in Tennessee, and the father remarried. Mrs. Soward stated that Theodore Cole was several years her senior; that she is thirty-five years of age; and that Theodore Cole would possibly be about thirty-seven or thirty-eight at the present time. Agent read the names of the known relatives of Subject Cole to Mrs. Soward, and she stated that none was familiar to her. A photograph of Subject Cole was also exhibited to Mrs. Soward, and she stated that she could be positive in saying that he was not identical with her cousin.

Mrs. Soward stated that even if Subject Cole was her cousin she would be glad to surrender any information relative to his whereabouts to Federal Agents. She advised Agent that she admired and respected the Agents of this Bureau, and in view of the splendid work done by them in recent kidnappings and bank robberies, she would feel it part of her duty to aid the Bureau in apprehending the Subjects in this case.

Mrs. Soward appeared to be a very intelligent person, and her home was neatly and expensively furnished, which is a decided contrast to the usual miner's home.

Mrs. Soward stated further that she was never very intimate with the Cole family, and that she has lost all trace of them and their immediate family in the past fifteen years. She advised Agent that should she obtain any information relative to the Cole family which she deemed valuable in this investigation, she would forward same to the Louisville Field Division forthwith.

It will be noted from the report of Special Agent M. E. Gurnes, dated at San Francisco, California, December 28, 1937, that Subject Cole is listed as having one brother and one sister, while the Theodore Cole from Copper Hill, Tennessee, is known to have two brothers and no sisters. Special Agent Gurnes's report also reflects that Subject Cole's mother is alive and married the second time, while the mother of Theodore Cole mentioned by H. M. Beckler as possibly being the Subject died approximately fifteen years ago.

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Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **76-64**

REPORT MADE AT Aberdeen, South Dakota	DATE WHEN MADE 3/30/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/24/38	REPORT MADE BY R. L. NALLS WSG
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:

Subjects reported selling razor blades to country merchants in southwest South Dakota and headquartering at Chadron, Nebraska. Investigation shows parties suspected as Subjects not Subjects and well known in Chadron.

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REFERENCE:

Telegram Aberdeen to Omaha Division, dated March 22, 1938.

DETAILS:

This investigation is predicated upon a telephone call received by the Aberdeen Division from Sheriff William Andre, Hot Springs, South Dakota, who advised that Subjects THEODORE COLE and RALPH ROE were possibly operating in Fall River County selling razor blades to country merchants.

Sheriff Andre informed the writer that R. B. Howard and his wife, located at Oelrichs, South Dakota, had twice called at his office and informed him they were quite positive that two men who visited their store on Monday, March 14, 1938, selling razor blades and novelties were the Subjects being sought in this case. Agent, accompanied by Sheriff Andre, proceeded to Oelrichs, South Dakota and interviewed Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Howard who advised that around three o'clock on Monday afternoon, March 14, 1938, two men came into their store and were selling cigarette lighters, shoe strings, razor blades, punch boards, tie clasps, and other novelties and informed them they were building up a route and would possibly call back about every two weeks. They described the two men as follows:

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#1	
Age	27 to 28
Height	5' 9"
Weight	About 135
Build	Slight
Hair	Medium brown and combed straight back from the forehead
Eyes	Unknown
Complexion	Fair
Nose	Very peculiar. Slanted at a back tilt and when looking at him one looked straight into his nostrils which were very large.
Speech	Very nervous in actions
Dress	Nothing irregular
	Neatly dressed in a double breasted box-type suit, blue in color with a small stripe. Wore no hat.
#2	
Age	30 to 32
Height	5' 10" to 6'
Weight	170 to 175
Build	Well built
Hair	Dark brown
Eyes	Unknown.
Eyeglasses	Wore octagon shape rimless type glasses
	Very composed
Complexion	Fair
Speech	Nothing irregular
Dress	Wore a dark suit and a brownish-gray overcoat. Wore a brown soft felt hat which he wore well down over his eyes.

They further advised that the larger man of the two, #2, appeared to be the boss and apparently was giving instructions to the younger man, #1; that they advised they were headquartering in Chadron, Nebraska, and were working for a firm out of Chicago, Illinois, but did not mention the name of the firm. They also advised that the older and larger man of the two had been in the store once before about two days previous.

Mr. Howard exhibited to Agent a copy of a publication, Official Detective Stories, March 30, 1938 issue, and pointed out to Agent an article beginning on Page 28, written by Patrick O'Hara, containing photographs of Fugitives THEODORE COLE and RALPH ROE and giving a history of their criminal activities and escape from the U. S. Penitentiary at Alcatraz Island, California. Mr. Howard stated that he picked up the magazine and began to read the article just a short time after the men had left the store and immediately called to the attention of his wife the fact that the two men who had just left bore striking resemblance to the Fugitives being sought and his wife too was impressed and believed that they were the two men who had visited the store.

Agent exhibited to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Identification Orders numbers 1471 and 1472 and they both stated they were of the opinion that the men referred to by them as #1, the younger and smaller of the two, was THEODORE COLE and based their belief on the peculiar nose of this individual; also, that the man referred to by them as #2, the older and larger of the two, was RALPH ROE. They further informed Agent that while they did not see the car these men were traveling in they had heard that they were traveling in a car with Chadron, Nebraska license plates and were accompanied by a woman; also, that while in town they stopped at the garage of Claris E. Kenoyer.

Agent called at the garage of Claris E. Kenoyer and questioned him concerning the visit of the two men. He stated he recalled the men and that they were traveling in a 1936 or 1937 Studebaker automobile which carried Nebraska license plates, the first two numbers of which were 69, which would indicate that the car was registered from Chadron, Nebraska. Agent exhibited to Mr. Kenoyer Identification Orders 1471 and 1472 and he stated that while the photographs appearing on the Identification Orders did somewhat resemble the two men he did not believe that they were the men. He further stated that the men were accompanied by a young, dark, heavy-set woman about thirty years of age who was quite short of stature and was wearing a gray and black coat. He further stated he had seen the older and larger man of the two on one other occasion when he called at the garage in company with Ray Wood, a salesman for the Casper Supply Company located at Chadron, Nebraska. He also stated that on the occasion of this man's second visit in company with the younger man, he gave him an order for some matches and placed a deposit of \$1.00 with him and understood that the matches would be shipped to him from Chicago, Illinois; that a few days later he received a postcard from Willens & Company, Inc., Chicago, Illinois, acknowledging the order obtained by their salesman, C. M. Riley, and advising the matches would be shipped at an early date. Mr. Kenoyer also exhibited to Agent a receipt he received from the salesman at the time he gave the order and the receipt is signed Clyde M. Riley, 220 King Street, Chadron, Nebraska.

Sheriff Andre advised that Chadron, Nebraska was only a short distance from Oelrichs, South Dakota, so it was deemed advisable for the sake of economy and expediency to proceed to Chadron, Nebraska to make further check. Inquiry was made at the office of the Casper Supply Company in Chadron, Nebraska where it was ascertained that Ray Wood is a traveling salesman for the company and was absent from the city. No information with reference to Clyde M. Riley was obtainable at the office.

The City directory of Chadron, Nebraska was referred to and a listing was found for W. E. Riley, 200 King Street. W. E. Riley was interviewed and advised that Clyde M. Riley is his son and that he is presently employed by a Chicago firm selling razor blades, novelties and so forth. He further stated that his son was traveling someplace in South Dakota or Nebraska and he did not expect him to return to Chadron, Nebraska until the following week. He also advised that Clyde M. Riley was traveling with Mrs. Bonnie Barry in her car and was being assisted in his sales work by Charles Hollinrake of Chadron, Nebraska, who was also traveling with him and Mrs. Barry.

Sheriff William Moody and Deputy Sheriff E. D. Harrison, Chadron, Nebraska, were interviewed and advised that both Clyde M. Riley and Charles Hollinrake as well as Mrs. Bonnie Barry are well known to them. Identification Orders 1471 and 1472 were exhibited to these gentlemen and they advised that Clyde M. Riley and Charles Hollinrake do resemble the photographs on the Identification Orders to some extent and that Hollinrake has a nose which is very similar in appearance to the nose of THEODORE COLE as shown by the photograph. They both stated, however, that they have known Clyde M. Riley and Charles Hollinrake for a number of years and are positive that they are not the fugitives being sought in this case. In view of the information developed as to the identity of the individuals who appeared at the Howard Store in Oelrichs, South Dakota, it was not deemed necessary to conduct further investigation.

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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 OKLAHOMA CITY	DATE WHEN MADE 4-1-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3-24-38	REPORT MADE BY F. S. SMITH
TITLE RAIPH ROE with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Confidential informant alleges a friend advised him recently that Roe and Cole successfully escaped and subsequently were furnished clothing and financed, and are both taken care of at present time. Informant promised to obtain detailed information from his informant.

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DETAILS:

A confidential informant hereafter referred to as informant "Z" was brought to the writer on March 24th, 1938 by Dick Herwig, operative of the Department of Public Safety, State of Oklahoma. Mr. Herwig stated the informant had information concerning the escape of Roe and Cole.

Informant Z stated that a short time after the escape of Roe and Cole,

Recently, Informant Z states he again met his friend and the same subject arose. Informant Z again expressed his opinion that subjects were drowned. The friend said

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he knew positively that Roe and Cole escaped and were furnished help and clothed and financed after escaping; that both of them are now o.k. and are being taken care of.

Informant Z stated he was not particularly interested in these outlaws and therefore did not question his friend with reference to details. Informant Z apologetically declined to furnish the identity of his friend, stating the information he gave was confidential and therefore he did not feel justified in divulging his identity. Informant Z stated he personally was convinced, after talking with his friend, that Roe and Cole are alive as stated. He advised he would again contact this friend within the next few days and endeavor to obtain all information he possesses relative to Cole and Roe; that upon receipt of same he will advise the writer by telephone at his home. He did state that he would prefer not to call Agent at the Oklahoma City Office.

This Agent personally knows Informant Z, who is unreliable and is an ex-convict and underworld character. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] However, he has a wide acquaintance with the underworld, especially the "fast boys" who frequent Oklahoma country. He is very resourceful and knows Roe and his associates. He has in the past furnished some valuable information.

Informant Z stated he will contact his friend who furnished him this information not later than sometime in the next two weeks, and that he feels reasonably sure that he will be able to obtain details from him of material interest to the Government.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD OFFICE will allow Informant Z a reasonable length of time to obtain and furnish the information he has promised, before again contacting him.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 1469

Little Rock, Arkansas

April 2, 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.

Dear Sir:

There is being forwarded to the Bureau under separate cover, one clear glass half-pint bottle which was found near the ranch of Frank Boyd, ex-deputy sheriff, Berryville, Arkansas, who identified Subject Cole as having slept in his barn on the night of March 22, 1938.

Boyd advised that upon leaving his ranch the suspect ran over a hill which is to the side of his house, and disappeared into the woods. A subsequent search of the vicinity between the place where the suspect disappeared and the railroad tracks resulted in the finding of this bottle.

It is requested that the bottle be processed for latent fingerprints, and in the event any are found that they be compared with the fingerprints of subject Cole, and also searched through the single fingerprint files.

Very truly yours,

M. E. Gurnea

M. E. GURNEA,
Special Agent in Charge.
Special Assignment.

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cc - Oklahoma City

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Special Agent in Charge,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Re: GILBERT B.E., with aliases,
fugitive, I. O. #1472, Theodore
Cole, with aliases, fugitive,
I. O. #1471; BARBARA HARRIS.
MURKIN.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Special Agent in Charge W. E.
Gurnea's letter of April 2, 1938, transmitting one clear glass
half-pint bottle found near the ranch of Frank Boyd, Berryville,
Arkansas, for latent fingerprint examination in connection with
the above-entitled case.

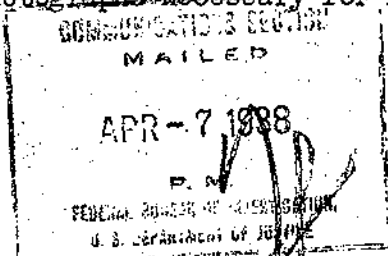
Please be advised that the specimen submitted has
been examined, but no latent fingerprints of value could be
developed. The bottle is being returned to your office under
separate cover by registered mail.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

CC - Oklahoma City.

No photographs necessary for files.



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Date Recorded: 4-6-38 12:00 Noon

Single Fingerprint Report

Case: Re: RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1472; Number: 76-2686-315
THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE,
I.O. 1471;
Escaped Federal Prisoners.

Specimens:

One clear glass half-pint bottle to be examined for
latent fingerprints.

Requested that if any latents are developed that they
be compared with the fingerprints of Theodore Cole.

Examination requested by: Little Rock

Date received: chp Apr. 5, 1938.

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: Potter

cc -Oklahoma City

Reviewed - no latents 4/6/38

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4/6/38*

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4-7-38
A. J. Brown*

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APRIL 2, 1938

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

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Suite 1729, 111 Sutter,
San Francisco, California
April 1, 1938

Special Agent in Charge,
Miami, Florida

Dear Sir:

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

We are in receipt of information from Warden Johnston at Alcatraz to the effect that a party who has been in Tampa, Florida, says she saw both Cole and Roe, and that Cole is living with a girl he claims is his sister; that Cole is going by the name of JAMES STEWART of New York.

Roe is reportedly staying with them as a boarder and is supposed to have grown a mustache. They are supposed to be living at 715 1/2 North A Street, Tampa, Florida, in Apartment #3, the landlady being a Mrs. Whurn.

The informant also stated they are both working in a bowling alley four and one-half or five blocks above Plant Park and that the girl living with Cole is supposed to be named MILLIE.

It is suggested that this matter be immediately checked so that we can advise the Warden whether or not there is anything to this information.

Very truly yours,

E. J. L. PIERPER,
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Oklahoma City
cc Bureau

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FUGITIVE

POST OFFICE BOX 1276,
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA,
APRIL 1, 1938

Special Agent in Charge,
Dallas, Texas

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 letter from the Kansas City Office to the Bureau dated March 29th, 1938 relative to the arrangements to be made with Flint J. Brannon, U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas Register #49670, for him to obtain information concerning Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole from James Roe, the brother of Ralph Roe.

From a review of the file the following information concerning James Roe, brother of fugitive Ralph Roe, was obtained:

FAMILY HISTORY

James W. Roe was born January 23d, 1900 at Arcadia Springs, Missouri where the family lived until he was about 12 years of age. At this time they moved to Duncan, Oklahoma. When James Roe was about 10 or 16 years of age he went to Amarillo, Texas and enlisted in the U. S. Army on February 16th, 1917 at that place. He was discharged at Camp Pike, Arkansas on January 20th, 1920 as a private, Fifth Field, Signal Battalion. On July 3d, 1930 he was married to Mae "Babe" Blackburne, from whom he has been separated since 1924.

As to his education, he has had two years of highschool work, INDEXED
a bookkeeping course in an ungraded commercial school, and an
apprentice course in aviation and mechanics.

The file reflects the following relatives of James W. Roe:

Father - Deceased;

Brothers - Raymond Roe, Hayes, ARKANSAS 1938 A. M.
employed by Halliburton Oil Well
Cementing Co.; Roy Roe, OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
State Penitentiary, Muskogee, Okla.;
Ralph Roe, fugitive.

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Wife - Fae Roe, 15 East Colorado Blvd.,
Arcadia, California.

James W. Roe was incarcerated in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth from June 21st, 1935 to July 28th, 1937 on a charge of violating an Internal Revenue law and the counterfeiting of revenue stamps in the Northern District of Oklahoma at Tulsa. On the latter date he was conditionally released and instructed to report to Mr. J. R. Small, Probation Officer, Federal Building, Tulsa.

While at the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, the file shows he corresponded with the following:

~~X~~
Mrs. James Roe, 15 East Colorado Blvd.,
Arcadia, California - Wife;
Raymond Roe, Box 143, Hayes, Kansas -
Brother;
~~X~~
Mrs. W. H. Stukay, 1308 South Broadway,
Kansas City, Missouri - Sister;
Joe Roberts, Douglas Aircraft Company,
Santa Monica, California - Friend;
Mark Kane, addresses: Tulsa, Oklahoma;
813 South Chrysler Avenue, Independence,
Missouri; 820 Harrison Street, Kansas City,
Missouri - Friend;
Louis Moralsky or Moritsky, 2345 Taylor
Avenue, Detroit, Michigan or 2224 Vandegre,
Detroit, Michigan - Friend;
Joan Price, Russell, Kansas - Friend.

Excludes of officers, James W. Roe while incarcerated on the above charge, was visited three times by Mrs. W. H. Stukay and one time by his wife, Mrs. Fae Roe.

DESCRIPTION

AGE	36 years (1-22-1900)
HEIGHT	5' 11 1/2"
WEIGHT	153 lbs.
BUILD	Medium
COMPLEXION	Medium
HAIR	Medium dark chestnut. Bald on top and in front.

EYES
RACE
OCCUPATION
SCARS:

Yellow hazel
white
Bookkeeper
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CRIMINAL RECORD

The complete criminal record of James H. Roe is not contained in the file, but the following record was contained in the files of the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth:

On June 26th, 1920 James H. Roe as L. H. Evans, #17314 was received at the State penitentiary, Little Rock, Ark. to serve a 2 year sentence for grand larceny and was released on March 28th, 1922.

On June 24th, 1924 as James Roe, he was received at the U.S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, under #21514 to serve a 3 year sentence for Dyer Act violations, being released on November 13th, 1926.

On February 11th, 1929 he was received at the U.S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth as James Evans, #29263 to serve a 2 year sentence for probation violation and was released on October 19th, 1929.

Upon his release on July 28th, 1937 James H. Roe joined Wanda Stucky and the two lived as man and wife for approximately two months at the Convention Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri. Wanda Stucky was very friendly with Lillian McMahon, who also lives at this hotel, and the two still carry on a correspondence. Lillian McMahon is believed to be a dope addict. The manager of the Convention Hotel advised that Lillian McMahon on one occasion shortly after the escape of subjects, stated Wanda had advised her by letter that James Roe was in San Francisco. This information has never been confirmed and the manager of the hotel stated Lillian McMahon, when under the influence of narcotics, usually did a good deal of talking.

The Wanda Stucky above mentioned is the person listed under the correspondents of James E. Roe as being his sister. The officials at the penitentiary, after discovering he had no sister, took away his visiting privileges. James Roe and Wanda Stucky are now living as man and wife at the Hoteling Apartments, adjacent to the Hoteling Store at Hobbs, New Mexico, having lived there since December 1st, 1937 with the exception of an overnight trip to El Paso, Texas during the month of December, 1937. James Roe was apparently in Hobbs, New Mexico throughout that month. He is presently employed by the International Supply Company, having originally been employed by them at Wink, Texas.

On September 23d, 1937 James Roe's file was transferred from Tulsa, Oklahoma to Federal Probation Officer Henry C. Clifton, El Paso, Texas to whom he is still reporting.

James Roe, upon being interviewed advised he was at Hobbs, New Mexico at the time of Ralph Roe's escape and denied any knowledge as to the facts of the escape and as to whether it was successful. He further stated his brother, Raymond Roe is the only one who knows his, James', present whereabouts, and that he does not know the present address of his brother, Roy Roe. (It should be noted here that the file reflects Roy Roe, #35809, was received at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma on February 9th, 1937 to serve a seven year term for larceny of an automobile, and is presently in that institution.)

James Roe stated he plans to obtain a divorce from his present wife and marry Wanda Stucky as soon as this is done. He also stated he had approximately 70 hours flying time to his credit, however that he is not a licensed pilot and has not flown any since his release from the penitentiary. He stated he listed the name of Joe Roberts among his correspondents at Leavenworth because he heard Joe Roberts was a possible source of employment. The John Price listed as a friend is manager of the International Supply Company store at Wink, Texas. Louis Morelsky's wife was a friend of Wanda Stucky and he met the Morelskys while living with Wanda subsequent to his release from the penitentiary. Louis Morelsky attempted to obtain employment for James Roe.

George Turner, presently operating the Automobile Recovery Bureau of Oklahoma at Tulsa, Oklahoma, who is an ex-convict and

personal friend of subject and James Roe, contacted James Roe subsequent to the escape of subject, and Turner stated James Roe advised that he, James, did not know whether Ralph Roe was successful in his escape.

Prior to his incarceration at Leavenworth on June 21st, 1935 the file reflects that James Roe was engaged in bootlegging at Tulsa about 1927 and was arrested and convicted in 1933. Upon his release from Leavenworth in 1930 he married Fae Blackburne at that place. They lived together for approximately four years but the file does not reveal his whereabouts during that period other than the fact that he was arrested again in Wichita, Kansas in 1934 for bootlegging and sentenced to serve another term in Leavenworth.

For the possible assistance of the Dallas Office, a photograph of James Roe is being forwarded herewith.

Very truly yours,

E. F. GUINANE,
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

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cc - San Francisco (2)
El Paso (2)
Bureau (2) ✓

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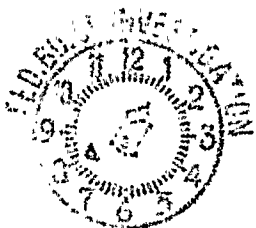
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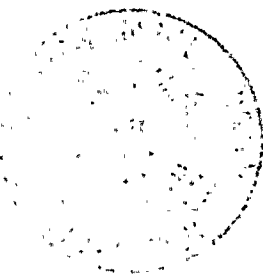
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April 4, 1938.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I have talked to Mr. Gurnea over the weekend on several occasions and briefly he stated that no additional leads have been developed in the vicinity of Berryville, Arkansas, concerning the whereabouts of the fugitives Roe and Cole. Information has been developed, however, that one Tom Carpenter, Sr., lives about three and a half miles from Berryville and that he has a number of caves upon his farm and has been known to harbor fugitives in the past. It is alleged that at one time Carpenter, Sr., harbored Pretty Boy Floyd and Frischette; that he harbored Harry Campbell in the old days when Campbell was a fugitive on State charges, and that he has harbored other criminals, principally from the Oklahoma Penitentiary. The significance of this information is that it ties in very closely with the information furnished by Harry Wells, a bank robber in the San Antonio district, and it is noted that the locale is identical with the information previously furnished. Tom Carpenter has a son, Tom Carpenter, Jr., who is presently serving time in the Kansas State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas. Unverified information is that Tom Carpenter, Jr., was acquainted with Roe or Cole or both.

Mr. Gurnea says that a surveillance of Carpenter's place is impossible but that it is possible for people appearing to be natives to roam about that section of the country hunting without being questioned, and Mr. Gurnea stated that Agents Hurt and Bryce of the Oklahoma City Office could fit into a picture like this and could scout around the hills, etc., in the guise of hunters without being questioned at all. I instructed Gurnea to have Bryce and Hurt proceed to Arkansas at once to make a reconnaissance and ascertain just what the physical setup and possibilities are at the place of Carpenter, Sr. Of course, no raid or arrest is anticipated at this time but it is desired to ascertain the exact situation with particular reference to the caves, etc., on Carpenter's place. A rumor in the Sheriff's office is to the effect that on one occasion a hunter entered a cave on Carpenter's place which contained a bed and other evidence of the cave having recently been occupied. Mr. Gurnea will keep the Bureau closely advised as to any developments in this situation.

It is deemed inadvisable at this time to question Harry Wells in Texas as to whether Carpenter's place is the one which he had in mind because of a possible leak, and it is also deemed inadvisable to question Tom Carpenter, Jr., concerning the persons on his father's property, since this likewise might result in information reaching the older Carpenter concerning the Bureau's interest in him.

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Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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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:

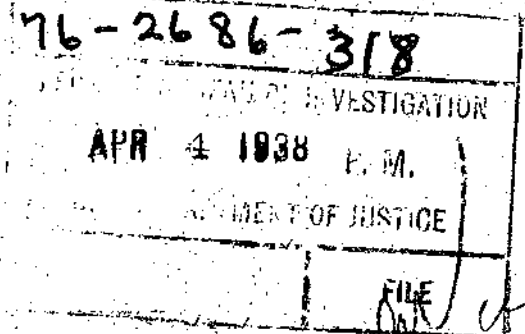
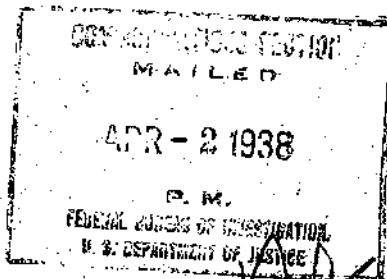
Reference is made to Bureau letter dated
January 31, 1938, requesting an investigation to
determine the identity of Mr. and Mrs. Viefer Glas
(some letters missing) and family.

A review of the Bureau file in this case
fails to reflect that an appropriate investigation
is being conducted and the Bureau desires that this
be done at the earliest possible moment.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

CC Oklahoma City.



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
April 2, 1938.

Time: 6:40 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

File
Re Cole AND Roe

Mr. Gurnea called from the Little Rock Field Division with regard to a possible undeveloped lead in this case:

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One Tom Carpenter, who at one time harbored Rochetti and "Pretty Boy" Floyd, has a son by the name of Tom, Jr., who is at present incarcerated in either Leavenworth or Kansas State Penitentiary. According to information, Tom, Jr., accompanied the subject of this investigation while in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

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Tom Carpenter, Sr., has a rather large estate on which there are located many caves, one of which is known to have been occupied due to the fact that upon investigation a bed and other utensils necessary for subsistence were found therein.

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Mr. Gurnea advised that, having again talked with Wilford Wall, the Special Investigator of the Sheriff's Office, he is sure of complete cooperation from that source. The Sheriff's Office obtained its information from one Hamilton Willhide, who is a neighbor of Tom Carpenter, Sr. Mr. Gurnea advised that the Oklahoma City Field Division secure the criminal record of Carpenter so that it could be searched and compared with the Bureau's records. Carpenter has been photographed in Tulsa, Oklahoma and his photograph and record should be checked against the Bureau's files thus ascertaining his location at the present time.

*Shut down
Kilmer's
Roe*
Carpenter's estate is located about three and a half miles south of Berryville. Upon the suggestion of Mr. Gurnea I advised him to check the record of Tom Carpenter, Jr. and when all information was secured to confront the man in Texas with it in an attempt to get some connected evidence to work on. By comparing the record of Tom Carpenter, Jr. with our file on the Texas man we will be able to ascertain if the two men were ever incarcerated together. I advised Mr. Gurnea to proceed to San Antonio when the evidence is prepared and confront Harry Wells with it, who will probably deny any knowledge of the case. If this angle fails the next step will be to contact Tom Carpenter, Sr. and investigate his estate.

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Memorandum for the Director.

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Mr. Gurnea suggested two competent Agents to send up into the mountains to investigate the estate of Carpenter, if such procedure becomes necessary. I advised Mr. Gurnea that when he was ready for the Agents, to contact me and I would arrange for their transfer.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box #1469
Little Rock, Arkansas
April 1, 1938

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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

Dear Sir:

*There is being forwarded for the
inspection of the Bureau's Technical Laboratory a full
package of "Old North State" smoking tobacco, which was
found on the railroad tracks near Urbanette, Arkansas,
on March 29, 1938.*

*There had been a severe storm at
the time of the finding of this package of tobacco, and
it is very possible that no latent fingerprints can be
found upon the package of tobacco. However, in view of
the fact that the Bureau is very desirous of obtaining
definite information as to whether Ted Cole and Ralph
Roe are alive, and since a stranger seen near Urbanette,
Arkansas, was believed by some to be Ted Cole, it is
desired that the Laboratory check this package of smoking
tobacco for the purpose of learning if any latent finger-
prints can be found thereon. In the event that a latent
fingerprint can be found, it is requested that this
latent print be checked against the known fingerprints
of Ted Cole, I. O. # 1471, and of Ralph Roe, I. O. # 1472.*

Very truly yours,

H. B. Fletcher

H. B. FLETCHER,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Oklahoma City

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Special Agent in Charge,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

RE: MELVIN BORN, with aliases, FUGITIVE,
I. O. #1472; THEODORE BORN, with
aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1472;
EDWARD PAULINE BORN.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of April 1, 1938,
covering the transmittal of one package of Old North State
Smoking Tobacco for latent fingerprint examination in connection
with the above-entitled case, your file #76-86.

You are advised that the specimen submitted has been
examined, but no latent fingerprints of value could be developed.
The package of tobacco is being returned to your office under
separate cover by registered mail.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc - Oklahoma City.

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Single Fingerprint Report

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

Number: 76-2686-320

Specimens:

One package of Old North State Smoking Tobacco to be
examined for latents fingerprints.
Requested that if any latents are developed that they
be compared with the fingerprints of Ralph Roe and
Theodore Cole.

Examination requested by: Little Rock.

Date received: chp Apr. 5, 1938.

Examination requested: Fingerprint - Chemical Development

Result of examination:

Examination by: Potter

cc -Oklahoma City

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No Latents Developed

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

WPI:EG

March 15, 1938.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

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

The results of the examination of specimens Q12 and Q13 in the above-entitled matter are being furnished herewith for the information of the Investigative Unit.

The questioned letter, with the exception of the signature and address, identified as specimen Q13, is handprinted in upper case letters with blue-black ink on a sheet of ruled paper which contains no watermark and is irregularly torn along three edges so that it now measures approximately 5x7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". The paper is ruled with 27 black lines on each side, spaced at an average distance of 0.277" apart, and contains a serrated edge along one side. The accompanying envelope is made of plain white paper containing the watermark "U. S. 1933" and measures approximately 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ x6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". The envelope is addressed with blue-black ink and contains a 2¢ embossed stamp. The words "Special Delivery" are written in script.

The signature "Paul Stulges" appearing on specimen Q13 was compared with the writing "Paul Stulges, Chicago, Ill." appearing on the pawn ticket of the Eagle Loan Office which was previously submitted by the San Francisco field division and listed in the Bureau's files as specimen Q8 and the conclusion was reached that all of this handwriting is by the same individual.

Examiners Miller and Blackburn concluded that the script writing appearing on specimens Q12 and Q13 was not written by Theodore Cole.

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Mr. Pickering, associate examiner, reached no conclusion as a result of his comparison of the known handwriting of Theodore Cole with the writing appearing on specimens Q12 and Q13. Specimens Q12 and Q13 are a letter and envelope addressed to "Eagle Loan Office, 123 Third Street, San Francisco, Cal.", bearing the return address "Paul

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Memorandum for Mr. Nathan
March 15, 1938.

Stulges, 413 East 7th St., Los Angeles, Cal.". This letter was submitted by the San Francisco office for comparison with the known handwriting of Theodore Cole and received in the Bureau February 25, 1938.

A report on the fingerprint examination will be furnished to the San Francisco office separately.

This information is being furnished in accordance with recent instructions. No report is being furnished to the San Francisco field division as a result of this comparison.

Respectfully,

E. P. Coffey

E. P. Coffey.

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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 4/1/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3-26to30-38	REPORT MADE BY P. A. PRATT IN
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 in vicinity of Berryville, Arkansas, in response to rumors received from Sheriff's Office that Ted Cole had been seen in vicinity, proved fruitless. Surveillance conducted on home of Marie Cole, former wife of Ted Cole, Alpena, Arkansas, fails to disclose any information concerning this subject. Mrs. Cole and her mother assert they have had no information to indicate that Cole is alive, and Mrs. Cole promised to ascertain if possible from mother of Cole any possible information concerning his present whereabouts.

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REFERENCE:

Letter from the Kansas City Division dated March 28, 1938; teletype from Kansas City Division dated March 26, 1938.

DETAILS:

On March 26, 1938, a letter was received from Mr. Wilford Wall, Special Investigator for the Sheriff's Office at Berryville, Arkansas, in which letter Mr. Wall advised that he had received information concerning Theodore Cole, one of the above mentioned subjects. Mr. Wall stated in his letter that one Frank Boyd, residing Northeast of Berryville, Arkansas, had seen subject Cole one morning when Cole had called at his residence requesting lodging; further that he Wall believed Cole to be in the vicinity of Berryville, Arkansas.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent W. F. Whitely on March 26 and 27, 1938:

Frank Boyd, who lives about $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles northeast of Berryville, Arkansas, advised that on Tuesday night, March 22, 1938, an individual came to his house at about 8:00 P.M., and rapped on the door, and asked Boyd if he could stay there all night. Boyd stated that he told this individual to come into the house and he could sleep there, but that the latter replied that he preferred to sleep in the barn. He advised that this individual talked like a negro, and as it was dark he did not get a good look at his face, and believing that he was a negro told him to go ahead and sleep in the barn; that this man took a blanket which was hanging on the fence, and went to the barn and slept all night. He advised that the following morning, Louis Lowery, a hired man on the Boyd farm, went to the barn and talked with the suspect; that the suspect told Lowery that he was on his way to Memphis, Tennessee, and asked Lowery the direction to the railroad tracks, which Lowery pointed out to him; that Lowery and the suspect went to Boyd's house; and upon arriving there, Boyd's young son asked the suspect to come in and have breakfast. Boyd stated that he then came out on the porch, and that he immediately recognized this individual as Ted Cole. Boyd stated that he asked this individual in for breakfast, which invitation was refused, and that he then asked him in for a cup of coffee, this invitation likewise being refused, and that at this time the suspect turned and walked very rapidly away, and trotted over a steep hill, going south, in exactly the opposite direction from the railroad tracks. Boyd advised that this is the last time he saw the suspect.

It should be noted here that Frank Boyd was formerly a Deputy Sheriff of Carroll County at Berryville, Arkansas, and that in 1929 he arrested Cole on a burglary charge near Berryville, during which arrest Boyd advised he shot Cole in the leg. Boyd stated that Cole was later taken to the County Jail at Berryville, Arkansas, and he, Boyd, was the Jailer at that time, and that he saw Cole every day for a period of over two weeks.

Boyd, when interviewed by the writer, stated that he is absolutely positive that the individual who came to his house on Tuesday night and to whom he talked on Wednesday morning, is Ted Cole. He advised that when the suspect was at his house, the latter was wearing a pair of brown pants, a sweat shirt, either a miner's or railroad engineer's cap, and had on a carpenter's nail apron, the pockets of which were full of unknown articles. Boyd stated that during the time he talked with the suspect, he kept his hands in the pockets of this apron, as though he might possibly have a weapon there. It seems to be Boyd's belief that Cole may have come to his house to kill him, as Cole had threatened to do this at the time he was incarcerated in the County Jail at Berryville. Boyd also stated that he noticed that when the suspect ran over the hill, he apparently had a limp in one leg. He also stated that the suspect appeared to be very nervous when he talked with him, and refused to look him in the eye.

Louis Lowery was interviewed, and there was exhibited to him a photograph of Cole, as appears on Identification Order No. 1471, issued for Cole. Lowery stated that the individual who slept in the barn closely resembled Cole, but that he could not say positively that this individual was Cole. Both Lowery and Boyd advised that at the time the suspect was at the Boyd ranch he appeared very dirty, which may have been caused by his riding freight trains, and which in Boyd's opinion, might have been the result of the suspect trying to disguise himself as a negro.

Boyd stated that he reported the above incident to the Sheriff's Office at Berryville, Arkansas, and that Deputy Sheriff Chick Daugherty and Mr. Wilfred Wall, who does some investigative work for the Sheriff's Office, who began an immediate check to locate this individual. As a result of their investigation, they located Tom Born, who lives at Urbanette, Arkansas, who they reported, saw the suspect standing on the railroad tracks at Urbanette on Tuesday afternoon, March 22, 1938. Tom Born, who is a Justice of the Peace at Urbanette, Arkansas, was interviewed, and he advised that at about 5:00 P. M., on March 22, 1938, he noticed a man who was dressed similar to the suspect, as described by Frank Boyd; that this individual watched a freight train going east on the railroad tracks, and after the train had passed him, ran after it for a short distance and then stopped. Mr. Born stated that he thought this individual's face looked somewhat familiar, and that he went home and on looking through some Identification Orders which he had, he came upon the Identification Order on Ted Cole, and he noticed that the individual whom he saw on the railroad tracks bore a strong resemblance to Cole's photograph.

He stated that the individual whom he saw on the tracks was very dirty, but that he was sure that this individual was not a negro, as he noticed the man's hair sticking down under his cap, and that this hair was very straight. He also stated that the ears of this individual were exactly like the ears of Cole as appearing in the photograph on the Identification Order. Mr. Born also advised that a young boy by the name of Ruble Stacy, about 15 years of age, was likewise standing on the tracks at the time the suspect was there, and got a good look at him. Born advised that he took the Identification Order on Cole down to Stacy's house and showed the same to Stacy, and that Stacy stated "That looks like the man we saw on the railroad tracks".

It should be noted at this point that Ruble Stacy lives with a man by the name of Oliver Jones, an old-time bank robber, who, according to information received, is or was a very close friend of subject Cole. In view of the fact the suspect might contact Jones, no effort was made at this time to directly contact Stacy, although Mr. Born stated that when he showed the Identification Order to Stacy, he gave no sign that Cole had visited their house.

There is also an individual by the name of Bud Smith, who lives at Urbanette, Arkansas, who advised that about 5:30 P.M., on March 22, 1938, he saw an individual answering the description of the suspect pass through one of his

fields; that, however, he was not close enough to this individual to recognize him, and for this reason he was not personally contacted and shown a copy of the Identification Order on Cole.

Information was also received from Luther Owens, of the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission, that he received information through an informant of his that Cole was at Oliver Jones' house at Urbanette, Arkansas, a night or two previous to the time he talked with the agent, which was on Saturday night, March 26, 1938.

Deputy Sheriff Daugherty and Mr. Wall have been endeavoring through Thursday, Friday and Saturday to locate the individual referred to by Frank Boyd, but these efforts have been unsuccessful to date. Both Wall and Daugherty know Cole on sight, as does Sheriff Tom Morris at Berryville, Arkansas.

Numerous people up and down the railroad tracks and in the vicinity of Berryville, Arkansas, have been contacted in an effort to locate the suspect, with negative results. However, information was received through Mr. Wait Anderson, Mr. John Starks, and a Mrs. DeLozier, all of whom live at Green Forest, Arkansas, to the effect that an individual answering the description of the suspect was seen to cross Highway #64 on Friday, March 25, 1938, during the afternoon, walking northward toward the baseball park. Mr. Wall and Deputy Daugherty checked the baseball park, but were unable to find any evidence that anyone had slept there or that any sort of a meal had been cooked. No one has been located who has fed the suspect, nor is it known where he obtained his meals in that vicinity.

There is also a man by the name of Mr. Nichols, who runs a stove mill at Green Forest, Arkansas, who reported that he saw an individual answering the description of the suspect, at about 5:00 A.M. on Thursday, March 24, 1938. He advised that this individual was a stranger in the vicinity; that this man's description was similar to that given by Boyd, and that he was near the railroad station in Green Forest, walking north, away from the railroad tracks.

In view of the fact that it is known that Ted Cole's ex-wife, known as "Alpena Marie" and whose name is Marie Wynne Cole, lives at Alpena Pass, Arkansas, an effort was made to ascertain whether the subject had visited in that vicinity, and to this end contact was had with Dr. W. L. Watkins, who was recommended as being very reliable, and from whom it was learned that he is the family doctor for Alpena Marie and her mother, who lives in the same house with her. Dr. Watkins had no information concerning the subject, but his name is being set forth as a possible valuable contact, as he has access to the house, and appears to be cooperative.

It should be noted also at this point that there is another girl, Yvonne Jenkins, who lives in the same house with Alpena Marie. From the information obtained in that vicinity it appears that Alpena Marie Cole is a common prostitute, and that the Jenkins girl is likewise in the same business.

Preston Greer was interviewed at Alpena Pass, Arkansas, who advised that his home is at Green Forest, Arkansas, but that his mother and father live at Alpena Pass. Greer was in Alpena Pass on Sunday, March 27, 1938, and he stated that he had no information concerning Cole having been in that vicinity, but that he felt sure that he could elicit the cooperation of his father and mother if he contacted them. Arrangements were made whereby Greer would talk to his parents, and when later interviewed, he stated that his mother and father had absolutely no information concerning the subject; further, that they had noted nothing unusual going on at Alpena Marie's house, and they were positive that if Cole had visited this house they would have known of it, as the subject's small son often visits at their house and plays in the front yard, and furthermore, for the reason that Marie's mother is deathly afraid of the subject, and would certainly have given some sign if he had visited at the home. They also stated that Alpena Marie is likewise afraid of the subject, and they felt sure that neither Marie nor her mother would allow the subject to stay there, although it could be possible that he would come there to visit his small son. Greer stated that his mother and father were very anxious not to become involved in the matter, but he felt sure their cooperation could be obtained if handled with diplomacy. He advised that his father promised to call him immediately should he obtain any information of value, and Greer stated that he would go to his father's home and obtain the information and either notify the Little Rock Field Office or the Sheriff's Office at Berryville, Arkansas, should any information of value be received. He suggested this procedure in view of the fact that the telephones in that vicinity are more or less public and he would not desire this method of communication.

In connection with further investigation at Alpena Pass, Arkansas, the possibility of contacting one Cotton Boyd should be born in mind, as Mr. Wall and Deputy Sheriff Daugherty advised that Cotton Boyd, who is a salesman for the Pontiac automobile dealer at Alpena Pass, is well acquainted with the subject, having formerly been a brother-in-law of his, and knows the subject very well. However, they are not sure as to how far this man can be trusted.

The various parties contacted by Daugherty and Wall, and parties contacted by agent, have all been requested to immediately advise the Sheriff's Office at Berryville, Arkansas, should they obtain any information concerning any individual in the vicinity answering the description of the suspect, and these parties have promised their cooperation in this matter.

In view of the fact that agent was called out of the district on subpoena, no further investigation was conducted by him at this time.

The letter of reference from the Kansas City Field Division indicated that the Missouri State Highway Patrol at Joplin, Missouri, had received information from one Jack Jackson, an employee of the Missouri - North Arkansas Railway Company, to the effect that on Saturday night, March 26, 1938, when the train was switching at Berryville, Arkansas, one of the members of the train crew informed him that he had seen either Ralph Roe or Ted Cole in the railroad yards at Berryville, and that Roe or Cole had informed him that he was going to visit his wife, known as Alpena Marie, at Aplena, Arkansas. The letter stated further that the officer of the Missouri State Highway Patrol did not ask Jackson the name of the trainman who gave him this information, but it was believed that Jackson could be located through the railroad officials at Harrison, Arkansas.

The remaining investigation listed in this report is a joint investigation of Special Agents J. R. Calhoun and P. A. Pratt.

AT HARRISON, ARKANSAS

Through officials of the Missouri - North Arkansas Railroad Company it was learned that there was no Jack Jackson employed but that the person who was on the train crew on March 26, 1938, was undoubtedly Arlin Jackson, whose address was given as # 5 Glines Court, Harrison, Arkansas.

Mr. Arlin Jackson was interviewed by Agents at his home in Harrison, at which time he stated that the information had been learned by members of the train crew to the effect that one of the persons who was believed to have escaped from Alcatraz Prison had been seen in the vicinity of Berryville, Arkansas; this information coming from a telegram sent by the Sheriff at Berryville, Arkansas, to Bud Baker, Special Agent of the Railroad, to have all members of the train crew be on the lookout for anyone answering the description of Theodore Cole along the railroad right-of-way between Berryville, Arkansas, and Harrison. Mr. Jackson stated that Mr. Guy Bratton and Hubert Morrison, members of this train crew had given him the information concerning subject Cole; that as he recalled Guy Bratton had actually

seen the telegram from the Sheriff's Office to Baker, and had discussed the same with the members of the train crew; that none of the members of the crew actually saw this stranger on or near the train on Saturday night. Jackson stated further that he had formerly been a railroad special officer in Missouri and Kansas and that he had been acquainted with Sergeant Kahler of the Missouri State Highway Patrol at Joplin, Missouri, and that he had told Mr. Kahler of this information.

Hubert Morrison was interviewed at his home in Harrison, Arkansas, and advised at the time that he had no information concerning Theodore Cole; that he did recall that the members of the train crew had discussed Cole and wondered at his present whereabouts. Mr. Morrison stated that he had no definite information concerning Cole. He advised that neither he nor any other member of the train crew had actually seen the stranger at Berryville, Arkansas, on the previous Saturday night.

Agents were advised by Sheriff Tom Morris, Berryville, Arkansas, that he had forwarded to Mr. Bud Baker, Special Agent of the Missouri and Arkansas Railroad Company, Harrison, Arkansas, a telegram telling of the rumor concerning Ted Cole, and that he had advised all local officers in the communication but that no definite information had been received concerning this stranger, with the exception of the information as given to Agent Whitely.

Frank Boyd was reinterviewed by Agents, and he readily agreed to have his barn checked for latent fingerprints, but a thorough search of the premises failed to disclose any latent fingerprints. Mr. Boyd pointed out to Agents the approximate location of the stranger during the night that he had slept in this barn, and efforts were made to secure latent fingerprints at this place, however, no prints could be secured because of the rough condition of the wooden boards in this barn. The premises surrounding the barn were checked thoroughly for the purpose of ascertaining if this stranger dropped any article from which a latent fingerprint could be secured, which might determine definitely that Ted Cole was living, but nothing could be found.

Frank Boyd is an elderly man and has only one eye. He worked for many years as City Marshal at Berryville, Arkansas, and as a Deputy Sheriff, and it was he who wounded Ted Cole a number of years ago. Mr. Boyd appears to hold a fear that Cole will return and do him bodily injury. From a reinterview with Mr. Boyd it was learned that he did not form a suspicion that this stranger was Cole until the stranger had left on the following morning. Mr. Boyd appeared considerably excited and it was apparent that from every conversation he had with citizens and with officers he heightened his belief that the stranger was Cole.

Mr. Luther Owens, the Game and Fish Officer located at Berryville, Arkansas, was interviewed for the purpose of learning from him the informant who told him that he had seen this stranger coming from the home of one Orville Jones, an ex-convict and former bank robber, presently residing at Erbanette, Arkansas. Mr. Owens stated that this informant was named Charles Phillips, an itinerant youth; that Phillips did not actually say that he saw the man coming from the home of Jones, but that the home of Jones was located directly on the railroad track at Erbanette, Arkansas, and that Phillips said that the stranger was between the railroad track and the home of Jones. Efforts were made to locate Phillips but without success.

It was learned that one of the tie-makers who was supposed to have seen the stranger was Hurbert Everso, Everso, who lived temporarily at Berryville, Arkansas. Mr. Everso was interviewed and was shown a number of Identification Orders among which was that of Theodore Cole. Mr. Everso looked them over and then picked out the Identification Order of Cole as being that most closely resembling the appearance of the stranger. He stated, however, that he was not close enough to have obtained a definite picture of this individual and he could not identify it definitely as that of the stranger.

Mr. Preston Greer, who operates a Conoco Wholesale Oil Company at Green Forest, Arkansas, was interviewed by Agents and arrangements were made through him to conduct a surveillance on the home of Mrs. Marie Cole, ex-wife of Ted Cole, from the house of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H.

X Greer, who live next door to Mrs. Marie Cole. A surveillance maintained on this house on the night of March 28th, and all day during March 29, 1938, failed to disclose the presence of anyone other than Mrs. Cole, her mother, and her niece, Lavon Jenkins.

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[redacted] produced the information that he did not note any strangers in the vicinity of [redacted] when the train passed there on Saturday, March 26, 1938.

Orville Jones was interviewed by Agent Calhoun and by Sheriff Tom Morris at his home at Erbanette, Arkansas, at which time Jones stated he at no time saw any strangers in the vicinity, but that when information had been received to the effect that Ted Cole had been seen in the vicinity, he felt that he would be suspected of harboring him, inasmuch as he, Jones, had served a sentence for bank robbery. Jones stated that he had never seen Ted Cole in his life, and that he was not living in the vicinity of Berryville, Arkansas, when Cole lived there. He advised that he had recently completed a long sentence in the Idaho State Penitentiary for bank robbery, and that he had come to Erbanette, Arkansas, to live with his aged mother. He advised that it would be very foolish on his part to harbor anyone, particularly a man who was a total stranger to him. He advised that he had had enough of prisons, and did not care to take any chance in aiding any criminal, since such action might get him into trouble. He welcomed an inspection of his house, and the place was searched thoroughly, but nothing was found to indicate the presence of any stranger.

The aged mother of Jones was interviewed and she advised that no stranger had been seen by her, and that she did not know Ted Cole at all.

Information was received through the Sheriff's Office at Berryville, Arkansas, that Mrs. Geraldine Willinell, who works in her father's drug store in Berryville, Arkansas, had had conversations with Mrs. Marie Cole, ex-wife of Ted Cole, and that she possibly might have information of value.

Mrs. Villinel, upon interview, stated that she had talked with Marie Cole the previous week, just before the rumor came out that Ted Cole was alive and in the vicinity, and that Mrs. Cole stated at that time that although it seemed unbelievable she had a feeling that Ted Cole was alive, and that she felt that if he did get out of Alcatraz Penitentiary, he may have gone to Mexico City; that she was afraid that Ted might come to her home and attempt to steal away their eight-year-old boy. It was further learned that Mrs. Marie Cole had told that she had been offered some money by a radio company in Springfield, Missouri, to tell the story of her life over the radio, but that she feared that if she did so her husband might hear of it, and that it might be a determining point in causing him to come to her home and do her bodily injury.

On March 29, 1938, the Sheriff's Office received information from Mr. Troy Price, a farmer living near Erbanette, Arkansas, that from his home he had noted some person looking about near a country cemetery located adjacent to the railroad track near Erbanette, Arkansas. A search was made of the premises about the cemetery of an empty church and of some empty farm houses, but nothing was found to indicate that any individual had occupied the house and no latent fingerprints could be found. A severe storm had been raging in the vicinity of Berryville, Arkansas, for two days, but there was nothing to indicate muddy tracks in or around these buildings. Agent Agent Calhoun found on the railroad tracks a full package of "Old North State" Smoking Tobacco; this package was rain soaked, and it is very likely that no latent fingerprints are to be found upon it, but in view of the Bureau's desire to determine definitely if Cole and Roe are alive, this package is being forwarded to the Bureau by letter with the request that it be learned whether any latent fingerprints can be found thereon, and if so to compare them with the latent fingerprints of Roe and Cole.

It was learned from Deputy Sheriff Wall and from Arkansas State Police Officer Lucas Weathers stationed at Harrison, Arkansas, that Mrs. Marie Cole had on March 29, 1938, come to Harrison, Arkansas, and had asked at the Police Department if Officer Weathers was trying to locate Ted Cole,

her ex-husband, and that she desired to talk with Mr. Weathers. Mr. Wall and Mr. Weathers were approached by Mrs. Cole and she rode in the automobile with them from Harrison, Arkansas, to her home in Alpena, Arkansas, at which time she told them that she feared that if her husband was alive he would do her and her family bodily injury. She then got around to the subject of a reward, according to these officers, and she stated that she did not know where her husband was, but that she believed she could find out. The officers stated that she had a smile on her face at that time which would give indications that she did know of his whereabouts. They advised her that quite possibly she could get a reward by furnishing information concerning his whereabouts.

When this information was made known to Agents, a telephone call was made to Special Agent in Charge H. B. Fletcher of the Little Rock Field Division and details were furnished him as to the conversations. Mr. Fletcher stated that he would telephone to Mr. E. A. Tamm of the Bureau immediately, and that he would then advise Agents of instructions received from Mr. Tamm. Mr. Fletcher later telephoned to Agents that contact should be made immediately with Mrs. Marie Cole, at which time she should be requested to advise how much of a reward she would desire for furnishing information as to the whereabouts of her husband, and that she should be told that under no circumstances would any money be paid in advance; that any money paid would have to be on a "C.O.D. basis".

Mrs. Marie Cole was interviewed by Agents, at which time she asserted that she had not received any information directly or otherwise since December 16, 1937, to indicate that her husband was alive. She stated that she had secured a divorce from Ted Cole but that he did not know of it. She stated that she had no doubt whatever that he was in contact with his mother and his sister in California, and she then stated that if she could find any information concerning Ted Cole she would be glad to disclose it to the Government, and that she would like to have a reward of \$300.00. She was advised that no money could be paid her unless she should furnish definite information as to Cole's whereabouts and that he should be apprehended as a result of her information. She stated that she well understood this, and that she would like to secure the reward

in addition to releasing her mother of a fear that Ted Cole would come in and do harm to them. She stated that she had the addresses of Ted Cole's mother and sister located somewhere in her home; that she would write to them immediately and would ask them if they could furnish her any information to indicate that he was alive, and if so where he was to be found. She stated that she would advise the Little Rock Field Division of any reply received, and that if the letter should be returned unclaimed, she would advise the Little Rock Field Division in order that the correct address of these people could be obtained and furnished her. An envelope addressed to the Little Rock Field Division was furnished Mrs. Marie Cole and the telephone number of the Little Rock Field Division was likewise furnished her.

Interviews were had with Mrs. J. D. Wynne, mother of Mrs. Marie Cole, and [redacted] (not [redacted]), [redacted] Mrs. Marie Cole, but each stated that she had heard no word of Ted Cole since he was given a Federal sentence. Mrs. Wynne stated that she had also feared Ted Cole, and had never liked him, and that she feared that some day he might come to her home and attempt to steal his son, or to do him bodily harm. Mrs. Wynne stated that she had been trying to bring up this eight-year-old boy to be a law abiding citizen and that neighboring children were causing him considerable embarrassment by advising him from time to time that his father was a criminal and that he had escaped from Alcatraz Prison. Mrs. Wynne seems to be an elderly lady of good character, and she appeared to be sincere in her statements.

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[redacted] stated that she was a very small girl when Ted Cole lived at Alpena, and that she had had no information concerning him since he was sent to prison. [redacted]

Information received from Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Greer, the neighbors of Mrs. Wynne and Mrs. Marie Cole, indicated that when rumors were first heard that Cole was in the vicinity, Mrs. Wynne came to them and appeared very much troubled, and stated that she feared that he might come to her home and cause trouble. Mrs. Wynne stated to Mr. and Mrs. Greer that if he did come she would create a sufficient disturbance

for them to be aware of it. Mr. and Mrs. Greer stated that they would cooperate fully with the Little Rock Field Division and that any information learned by them would be transmitted to the Little Rock Office at once.

The Sheriff's Office at Berryville, Arkansas, is continuing its efforts to determine if the stranger who is believed to have appeared in the community recently can be located.

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ALBERT J. BROWN	DRILLER	YES	12345 OIL FIELD RD, SHELTON, WY
JOHN D. SMITH	DRILLER	YES	56789 WYOMING ST, CHEYENNE, WY
WILLIAM E. JONES	DRILLER	YES	98765 RUSTY RD, CASPER, WY
CHARLES F. GARCIA	DRILLER	YES	43210 WYOMING AVE, LARAMIE, WY
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Record of Telephone Call or Visitor.

Apr. 2 1938.

Time 6:25 PM

Name SAC Gurnea, tele from Little

Rock, Ark.

Referred to _____

Details:

Was advised through the operator that Mr. Hoover was not in his office. Mr. Gurnea then asked to speak to Mr. Tamm and the call was transferred.

Mr. Tamm advises that Mr. Gurnea has not found anything of a definite affirmative nature; that there are however, several leads that he is running out; that he will keep Mr. Tamm advised of any developments.

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

FILE NO. **76-224 AG**

REPORT MADE AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.	DATE WHEN MADE 4-4-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3-12-38	REPORT MADE BY J.L. FALLON
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:

Information obtained that parties looking like fugitives were seen in Ashland, Penna. Investigation reveals that no possible identification was made but that men, who were in Ashland, Penna., were from Philadelphia, Penna., or Newark, New Jersey.

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DETAILS:

This investigation is predicated on telephone call from Corporal J. Buckbee of the Pennsylvania Motor Police, Shamokin, Pennsylvania, under date of March 11, 1938, to the effect that a druggist in Ashland had informed him by telephone that persons, who bore a likeness to the two fugitives appearing in the Detective Stories Magazine of the March Issue (1938) were seen in Ashland, Penna.

AT ASHLAND, PENNA.

Arrangements being perfected by the Philadelphia Office to meet Corporal J. Buckbee at Ashland, the writer and Corporal Buckbee interviewed John W. Brown, 501 Center Street, proprietor and owner of a drug store, who stated at 2:30 P.M., March 9th, he was returning from the Ashland State Hospital and while passing between 6th and 7th Sts., on Center Street, he observed two men standing on the corner. After he had passed them they approached and asked him where they could obtain something to eat. He readily pointed out the Ashland Restaurant, which is located on

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Center Street, and known as the Rosenbush Restaurant; that he did not think much about this until his return to his drug store when he saw the same two men consorting with the town's ne'er-do-wells on the corner of 5th and Center Sts; that on the evening of March 10th he went to his magazine rack and picked up the Official Detective Stories and opening it to the page where fugitives' pictures appear he thought that the pictures in the magazine bore quite a resemblance to the two men he had seen that day; that he immediately called his wife, who had also seen the men, and he was quite positive that the two individuals were the same as referred to in the magazine.

Brown claimed these two men were strangers and that he had made inquiry of the people whom he had seen with them and they claimed the men had slept in the Ashland Jail over night. On receipt of this information Edward Deuch, constable at Ashland, and keeper of the Borough Jail, was gotten in touch with and stated that he remembered the two individuals who occupied the jail on March 9th. Upon looking at the pictures from instant file he stated they did not resemble the two individuals he permitted to sleep in the lock-up over night; that the younger of the two had very light hair and seemed to be about 19 years of age and the older fellow, to the best of his knowledge, had been in the local jail upon prior occasions and he did not resemble the picture that was shown to him. Deuch claims there are no regulations nor do they take any names whatsoever when they allow transients to occupy the jail for sleeping.

Information being received that these men had been seen in the Rosenbush Restaurant, inquiry was made of Bella Kent, who was shown several pictures with the pictures of the fugitives among them but she could not identify any as the parties who had been there, with the exception of No. 260, U.S. Pen., Alcatraz, Fugitive Roe, claiming there was quite a likeness to the individual who had been there on March 10th early in the morning and obtained a cup of coffee; that the two men at that time were bareheaded; that later in the afternoon they returned and one of them was wearing a black hat. She could not state that she saw any scars on their faces or anything that would positively identify them; that the conversation she had overheard was that one of them had just returned from the Coast, not naming whether it was the East or West Coast. Miss Kent is a waitress employed by the said restaurant.

Miss Elva Koch, 730 Market Street, Ashland, Penna., an employee of the same restaurant, picked out the picture of Roe as being the party, who bore a resemblance to the one who ate in the restaurant on March 10th, although no positive identification could be made. She claimed that the two men occupied the second booth and that the younger of the two had very light hair; that she did not hear any conversation which ensued; that they did not display a large amount of bills but seemed to have very limited funds.

Earl Ernest, 1227 Arch Street, an employee of the restaurant, was shown the pictures of several individuals and could not identify the two who were supposed to be the fugitives in the instant case. He stated that one of the parties seemed to be a man of approximately 41 years of age and had light brown hair, partially bald; that he was of the opinion they were from Philadelphia, Penna. or Newark, New Jersey.

Mrs. ~~Katie~~ Joyce, 27 Chestnut Street, Ashland, Penna., another employee of the restaurant, stated that the picture of fugitive Cole bore a likeness to the younger of the two, but no positive identification was made. She overheard one of them say he liked the West Coast better than this part of the country. The younger of the two was wearing a light top-coat and had an accent of the East Coast or New York.

With the thought in mind that the two men had been consorting with the local alcoholics of the town ~~Owen~~ McLaughlin, who is known to the Constable as the town's panderer (no address) was interviewed and stated that he remembers the two strangers, who put in their appearance on March 10th at Ashland, Penna.; that he met them coming out of the local calaboose; that upon conversation with him they decided they would buy a pint of liquor, which was done; that he had seen them on prior occasions in the vicinity of Ashland, especially the older of the two; that he knows the one to be from Philadelphia, Penna., and upon questioning the younger he claimed he had an aunt living in East Orange, New Jersey and that he was coming from Pittsburgh, Penna. in an effort to reach Newark, New Jersey, to see his aunt. While they were in the local jail he knows that they had a bottle of Bay Rum and that they had consumed this Bay Rum and further that the older one looks to be quite a drunkard; that the first time he saw the latter was about six weeks ago when he occupied a bed in the Ashland, Penna. Jail.

McLaughlin stated he knew they made a visit to the Reverend Hoyer of the Catholic Church in an effort to obtain some funds and further that Father Hoyer gave one of them a black hat and 50¢. No identification was made as to either of them being the fugitive in the instant case. McLaughlin stated he knew the elder of the two has a pronounced Philadelphia accent and when they left the vicinity of Ashland they were going to Pottsville to stay overnight. He described the younger as being approximately 19 years of age, with light hair, dark complexion, very good teeth, and the elder one as approximately 40 years of age, light hair, partially bald, good teeth and a broad nose.

James McGurl, 1124 Box Street, Ashland, Penna., who is a friend of Owen McLaughlin, stated he saw the two parties after they left the Ashland Jail and was shown the pictures but could not identify them. He corroborated the story of McLaughlin and stated that he was quite positive that one of them was from Philadelphia, Penna.

Father Francis J. Hoya of the Roman Catholic Church at Ashland, stated at 2:30 P.M. on March 10th he answered the door in response to a knock and that a middle aged man asked him for alms; that he asked him to come into the rectory and started to talk about his past. The man stated he was from Philadelphia, Penna. and that he was a member of St. Anne's Parish, and was acquainted with Rev. Francis McDermott, the Pastor of St. Anne's Church. Father Hoya stated he knew this individual had a Philadelphia twang, Father Hoya having been the Chaplain at the Eastern State Penitentiary before his present assignment. Father Hoya was shown pictures of both fugitives and stated that the men he had seen had not resembled any of the features of Cole or Roe.

Father Hoya stated he had given this individual 50¢ and the black hat, which was size 7½, and further that one of them had "a hang dog" look and was much the type of man who had imbibed too freely of alcohol.

Agent made inquiry of Mr. Deuch as to whether he had seen any Bay Rum bottles in or around the jail after their departure with the thought in mind that fingerprints might have been left on same but Deuch replied in the negative.

AT POTTSVILLE, PENNA.

Sergeant J.E. Crist, who was on duty on night of March 11th, gave agent permission to peruse the records of the local jail and there were twenty-one men remained in the jail overnight on the date of March 10th, but the significant part was there were two men registered under Nos. 21 and 22, No. 21 being Harry Johnson, Philadelphia, Penna., and No. 22 Robert Devere. Newark, New Jersey. Sergeant Crist informed that Officer James Torpey of 224 Mauch Chunk Street was the officer on duty that evening. He was accordingly interviewed and shown the pictures of both fugitives. Torpey picked the picture of fugitive Roe as resembling one of the parties, who was in the Pottsville jail the night of March 10th although he could not positively identify him. He qualified this statement with the thought that the man, who remained in jail overnight with a young fellow seemed to be much older than the picture shown to him.

The investigation does not reveal there is any positive identification of either fugitive being in the vicinity of Ashland, Penna.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

FILE NO. 76-290

REPORT MADE AT San Francisco, Calif.	DATE WHEN MADE 4-2-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/25/38 3/3,9,17,18/38	REPORT MADE BY J. E. THORNTON - FB
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 POULAS, Alcatraz Number 172 deported to Greece 7/18/36. Body of unidentified person found on beach at San Diego, California, eliminated as being either subject by DR. MAURICE SOLOMAN through dental charts. Body found by U. S. Coast Guard on 3/9/38 in Bay Area eliminated. Body found on 3/18/38 identified as JAMES CAMPION.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau letter dated January 3, 1938 (76-2686)
Bureau telegram dated March 2, 1938;
Bureau letter dated March 15, 1938 (76-2686)
Letter from the Los Angeles Field Office dated February 24, 1938;
Report of Special Agent M. J. Lynch Kansas City, dated March 9, 1938.

DETAILS:

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

Reference is made to report of Special Agent M. J. Lynch, Kansas City, Missouri, dated March 9, 1938, concerning **JAMES POULAS**.

Investigation was conducted at the Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization, U. S. Customs House, San Francisco, California and file 12020/24362 reflected that **JAMES POULAS** also known as **JAMES DEMETRIOUS ELIOU**,

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also known as JIMMIE THE GREEK was included in a Presidential Order, dated July 26, 1935, relating to certain prisoners whose sentences were commuted for purposes of deportation.

The file further reflected that POULAS was taken into custody for deportation from Alcatraz Island by the Immigration Authorities on May 26, 1936 and was deported to Greece through the Port of New York City, New York, on July 18, 1936. There is no further information available concerning him. The Alcatraz Number for JAMES POULAS was 172.

The following investigation was made by Special Agent Duane L. Traynor:

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

Reference is made to Los Angeles letter to the San Francisco Field Office dated February 24, 1938.

DR. MAURICE SOLOMAN, 516 Sutter Street, was exhibited the photograph of the teeth of an unidentified dead man found on the beach near San Diego, California, together with a chart of the dental work done in the mouths of subjects. He stated that this unidentified dead person positively is not either of the subjects in instant case. The dental chart shows that none of the characteristics as set out in reference letter is similar to those found in the mouths of subjects.

DR. SOLOMAN stated that both ROE and COLE had excellent teeth. In comparing the charts with the photograph he stated that it was not ROE because the upper left tooth known as #15 should be missing and that it was not in that of specimen; also that there were no other restorations in the form of fillings present in the upper jaw of ROE while there were a number in the specimen; also that the lower left jaw should have the #1 and #2 molars missing and no fillings in any part of the lower mouth, with the exception of a bridge attached to the first and third molars, right side, the second molar being missing. This is not true of specimen.

He further stated it was not COLE because he had perfect dentition of the upper teeth with the exception of a small cavity in the occlusal surface of the third molar and there are many more cavities in the specimen; also that the lower left jaw had a small cavity in the occlusal surface of the third molar, the second left molar being missing and on the right jaw lower COLE had a small cavity in the occlusal surface of the first molar, the second molar being missing and no other restorations in his mouth. The characteristics of the specimen show many more restorations.

MR. GEORGE SUSCEFF, 910 Rhode Island Street, San Francisco, California, called at the San Francisco Field Office and was interviewed by Special Agent T. Fitzhugh Wilson.

MR. SUSCEFF is a member of the Iron Workers and Boiler Makers' Union, Locals 376 and 377 and advised he had occasion to view many strange men when they called at the headquarters of these locals and that he wished to see photographs of the two escaped subjects in order that he might keep them in mind. He was supplied with photographs and descriptions of each subject.

The Bureau advised by letter dated March 15, 1938, that the envelope postmarked New York, New York, 5, January 29, 1938, 9.30 PM designated as Specimen Q14, and Specimen Q15, a postal card which reads "They didn't both drown, one sailed on the SS ROMA tonight" had been compared with other handwriting previously received for examination in connection with this case and the conclusion was reached that none of this handwriting was done by the same individual as the handwriting appearing on specimens designated as Q14 and Q15.

WARDEN J. A. JOHNSTON was advised by reporting agent of this conclusion.

WARDEN JOHNSTON advised that he had received two letters, one from O. E. BARBER of Spavinaw, Oklahoma, requesting a photograph of TED COLE. A lead is being set forth for the Oklahoma City Field Office to make appropriate investigation concerning O. E. BARBER.

WARDEN JOHNSTON also received a letter from GEORGE S. THOMPSON, 37 South Second Street, Phoenix, Arizona, which made reference to "The Two Escapes From Alcatraz."

A lead is being set forth for the Los Angeles Field Office to make appropriate investigation concerning GEORGE S. THOMPSON. THOMPSON'S letter is not being quoted as it does not appear to be necessary. However, it has been placed in the San Francisco Field Office file.

WARDEN JOHNSTON also received a letter making reference to the Alcatraz Escapes from the person who signed his initials as "R.R.M." c/o Post Office Box 1351 Hobbs, New Mexico and the Los Angeles Field Office is being requested to make appropriate investigation.

A photostatic copy of this letter is being sent to the Los Angeles Field Office.

On March 4, 1938, WARDEN JOHNSTON supplied the San Francisco Field Office with a copy of a letter which was postmarked Philadelphia, February 14, 1938, and signed "FRISKY". This original letter had previously been sent by WARDEN JOHNSTON to the Bureau of Prisons and then referred to the FBI at Washington.

This letter is being quoted herein and information concerning it will be set forth in a subsequent report when supplied by the Bureau laboratory:

"Warden James Johnston
San Francisco

Sir

I am one of the for er 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 then 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 were the start they are now on the coast in disguise you could easily pick them up if the federalsgot on it good. They have map of island and know the entire set.

Frisky"

On March 19, 1938, LIEUTENANT COMMANDER HATCH of the U. S. Coast Guard, advised the San Francisco Field Office that the Coast Guards assigned to the Fort Point Station at the Presidio, had recovered the body of a man in the Golden Gate Bay Area.

This body was examined by Special Agent J. H. Rice and Deputy Coroner T. F. GAVAN. The corpse was that of a white man possibly 40 to 45 years of age, weight, 165, height 5' 8" and was badly decomposed at the time of examination. It was impossible to obtain fingerprints, inasmuch as the hands were missing from the body at the time it was located and no facial characteristics were available. However, the body was eliminated as being either subject through the dental charts on file in the San Francisco Field Office.

DEPUTY CORONER GAVAN stated the body had been in the water about three weeks at the time it was found.

On March 18, 1938, the Coroner's Office reported the body of a white man had been recovered at Pier 33.

Special Agent J. H. Rice observed the body at the morgue and ascertained that it had been positively identified as JAMES CAMPION, 264 Valencia Street, San Francisco, California. The identification was positively made by MRS. ELANOR C. CENTER, sister of CAMPION.

ENCLOSURES: TO THE LOS ANGELES FIELD OFFICE:

One photostatic copy of letter addressed to WARDEN JAMES A. JOHNSTON, initialed "R.R.M." Post Office Box 1351.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD OFFICE AT HOBBS, NEW MEXICO, will ascertain the party who rents Box 1351 and whose initials are "R.R.M." and make appropriate investigation. If possible, this party should be interviewed for any possible information he might have concerning either of the escapes.

AT PHOENIX, ARIZONA, will contact MR. GEORGE S. THOMPSON and interview him for any information which he might have concerning either of the escapes. MR. THOMPSON advised WARDEN JOHNSTON in his letter that he could be contacted through the State Veteran Officer, MR. HARRY VALENTINE, Room 408, Capitol Annex, 17th and Adams Street, Phoenix, Arizona.

THE OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD OFFICE AT SPAVINAW, OKLAHOMA, will make appropriate investigation concerning O. E. BARBER to ascertain if he has any information in connection with this case.

PENDING.

United States Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

April 4, 1938.

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The following is a transcript of the complete record appearing in the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning number FBI 840350, which number should be quoted in future correspondence including any dispositions submitted.

Re: RALPH ROE, with aliases,
FUGITIVE - KFP.
I.O. #1472.

Bu. file #

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, Director.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD, Coffeyville, Kans.	Tommie Carpenter, #1132	9-24-34	P.D. - B.D. - inv.	
SO, Independence, Kans.	Tommy Carpentier, #---	9-27-34	poss. and transp. of liquor	60 days Co. Jail
Bu. Field Div., Kansas City, Mo., #---	Thomas L. Carpenter, Inquiry	10-5-35		
St. Hwy. Patrol, Joplin, Mo.	Thomas L. Carpenter, #---	10-5-35	bank robbery and B. and I.	rel. to Kans. State Patrol
SP, Lansing, Kans.	Tommy Carpenter, #5190	2-13-36	burglary 2nd deg.	5 - 10 yrs.
This case is entered in the Single Fingerprint Section of the Bureau under #K-14247.				
cc-Bu. Field Div., Little Rock, Ark. AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY	The above individual is possibly identical with THOMAS L. CARPENTER, JR., subject of your wire dated April 3, 1938. Two copies of the photograph of the above individual are attached hereto.			
cc-Bureau				

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

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

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FBI JUSTICE WASHN DC

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FOUR NAUGHT THREE FIVE NAUGHT. FORWARD CRIMINAL RECORD
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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LITTLE ROCK ARKANSAS

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HE HAS NOT BEEN AT BERRYVILLE ARKANSAS SINCE MARCH FIFTEEN NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN THAT
HE NEVER DID TALK TO SHERIFF TOM MORRIS CONCERNING A CAVE OF ANY DESCRIPTION. WALKER
OF TWINFALLS STATES TOM CARPENTER LIVES FOUR MILES SOUTH OF BERRYVILLE AND ANOTHER
INDIVIDUAL NAMED CLINT WALKER LIVES HALF WAY BETWEEN ON THE SAME ROAD.

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cc Bureau
Oklahoma City

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
302 FEDERAL BUILDING
BUTTE, MONT.

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DOMESTIC	CABLE
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NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT LETTER
NIGHT LETTER	SHIP RADIOGRAM

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R. B. WHITE
PRESIDENT

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CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

J. C. WILLEVER
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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APRIL 7, 1938

N.J.L. PIEPER
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

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11:00 A.M.
cc: Bureau ✓
Oklahoma City

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WESTERN UNION GIFT ORDERS ARE APPROPRIATE GIFTS FOR ALL OCCASIONS.

ALL MESSAGES TAKEN BY THIS COMPANY ARE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS:

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1. The company shall not be liable for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the unrepeatable message rate beyond the sum of five hundred dollars; nor for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the repeated-message rate beyond the sum of five thousand dollars, *unless specially valued*; nor in any case for delays arising from unavoidable interruption in the working of its lines; nor for errors in cipher or obscure messages.

2. In any event the company shall not be liable for damages for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for the non-delivery, of any message, whether caused by the negligence of its servants or otherwise, beyond the sum of five thousand dollars, at which amount each message is deemed to be valued, unless a greater value is stated in writing by the sender thereof at the time the message is tendered for transmission, and unless the repeated-message rate is paid or agreed to be paid, and an additional charge equal to one-tenth of one percent of the amount by which such valuation shall exceed five thousand dollars.

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4. Domestic messages and incoming cable messages will be delivered free within one-half mile of the company's office in towns of 5,000 population or less, and within one mile of such office in other cities or towns. Beyond these limits the company does not undertake to make delivery, but will, without liability, at the sender's request, as his agent and at his expense, endeavor to contract for him for such delivery at a reasonable price.

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6. The company will not be liable for damages or statutory penalties in any case where the claim is not presented in writing within sixty days after the message is filed with the company for transmission.

7. It is agreed that in any action by the company to recover the tolls for any message or messages the prompt and correct transmission and delivery thereof shall be presumed, subject to rebuttal by competent evidence.

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INCORPORATED
R. B. WHITE, PRESIDENT

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SPECIAL TERMS APPLYING TO DAY LETTERS:

In further consideration of the reduced rate for this special Day Letter service, the following special terms in addition to those enumerated above are hereby agreed to:

A. Day Letters may be forwarded by the Telegraph Company as a deferred service and the transmission and delivery of such Day Letters is, in all respects, subordinate to the priority of transmission and delivery of regular telegrams.

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An expedited service throughout. Code language permitted.

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A service to and from ships at sea, in all parts of the world. Plain language or code language may be used.

1300 Liberty Trust Bldg.,
Philadelphia, Penna.

April 7, 1938.

Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Re: RALPH ROE, w.a., FUGITIVE,
I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE,
w.a., FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471
Escaped Federal Prisoners.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to report of Special
Agent J.L. Fallon, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, dated
April 4, 1938, which reflects the coverage of a lead at
Ashland, Pennsylvania.

In view of the fact there are no fur-
ther leads in this case in this territory the matter is
being Referred Upon Completion to the Office of Origin.

Very truly yours,

ABL:AG
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cc; Bureau

A.B. LECKIE,
Special Agent in Charge.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FUGITIVE

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

K. C. FILE NO. 76-471

REPORT MADE AT Kansas City	DATE WHEN MADE 4-4-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3-11/12/17/21/22/28/29; 4-2-38	REPORT MADE BY JOHN W. CORE wk
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:

Ralph Roe not known to Captain Pennington, Wichita Police Department. James V. Gaylor now located at Kansas City, Missouri. Woodford Hawk and Mrs. Sylvia Siard, brother and sister of Henry Hawk, Nebraska State Penitentiary, state they have no information concerning Subjects Roe and Cole. Woodford Hawk states he could obtain any information in Henry Hawk's possession if given an opportunity to personally interview him. In accordance with Bureau instructions, Flint C. Brannon, U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, #49670, contacted upon release there and arrangements made for Agent of Dallas Office to contact him 4-11-38, for obtaining information concerning Roe and Cole from James Roe. Information received and furnished Little Rock Office that Cole seen in railroad yard at Berryville, Arkansas, on 3-26-38.

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REFERENCES:

Report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 2-3-38; report of Special Agent M. J. Lynch, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 3-9-38; Bureau letters dated 3-8-38 and 3-21-38; and telegram from Little Rock Office, dated 4-2-38.

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COPIES OF THIS REPORT <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> 3 - Bureau 2 - Oklahoma City 2 - San Francisco 3 - Kansas City </div> <div> 2 - Little Rock 2 - Omaha 2 - El Paso 2 - Dallas </div> </div>	APR -7 A.M. FUGITIVE STAT. SECT.

DETAILS:

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent J. M. O'Leary at Wichita, Kansas.

Captain H. A. Pennington, Vice Squad, Wichita Police Department, advised that Ralph Roe was not known to him and that he had no information concerning the present whereabouts of Roe. Captain Pennington stated that he did know Jimmy Roe, brother of Ralph, but that he had not seen Jimmy Roe for several years. Captain Pennington further advised that James V. Gaylor, Alcohol Tax Unit, was now located at Kansas City, Missouri.

At the office of the Alcohol Tax Unit, Federal Building, it was ascertained that James V. Gaylor can be located at the office of the Alcohol Tax Unit, New Post Office Building, Kansas City, Missouri.

The following investigation was conducted by the writer at St. Joseph, Missouri.

Inquiry by B. T. Andrews, Identification Officer of the Police Department, revealed that Woodford Hawk, brother of Henry Hawk, who is now serving a life sentence in the Nebraska State Penitentiary, resides at 1724 Eighth Avenue. Agent interviewed Woodford Hawk, who stated that he is familiar with the instant case only from reading newspaper articles and that he never had any information concerning either of these parties prior to or subsequent to their escape, and that he has not been in a position to know whether his brother, Henry Hawk, might have any information concerning the escape of Subjects from Alcatraz; however, he has always been rather close to his brother so far as obtaining information from him is concerned; that he has never condoned his brother's activities in any respect and, as a matter of fact, caused his brother's arrest on more than one occasion, in spite of which fact Henry has always been willing to talk to him regarding any matter and disclose any information in his possession. Hawk ventured the opinion that, if accompanied by an Agent who was unknown to his brother, Henry, he and the Agent could talk to his brother together and obtain from him any information in the latter's possession regarding the planning or carrying out of this prison break, and it is further his belief that no law enforcement officer contacting his brother openly will obtain any information whatever from him.

Woodford Hawk accompanied Agent in locating the home of his sister, Sylvia Siard, who lives on R. F. D. #2, Weston, Missouri, a small town located near St. Joseph. Mrs. Siard was interviewed by Woodford in Agent's presence, at which time Woodford left Mrs. Siard

with the impression that he, Woodford, was trying to develop information concerning the escapes, Roe and Cole, and wanted to obtain information concerning their whereabouts from his brother, Henry, if possible, in view of the fact that he thought it would be of help to Henry and thereby might possibly obtain some clemency for him, and that he was making inquiry of her because he thought possibly Henry had been closely associated with the fugitives at Alcatraz and may have sent them to his sister's house or they might appear there at a later date. Mrs. Siard, who appeared to be a very ignorant individual, stated that she had never heard of the fugitives and, after conversing with her brother, asked specifically for their names and descriptions, which were furnished her in order that she might immediately communicate with her brother at St. Joseph should she either see or hear of either of them. She appeared very interested in the matter and promised to furnish any information which she might obtain at any later date to her brother, who could immediately communicate with the Kansas City Office. Mrs. Siard lives in such an out-of-the-way place that the only way for her to communicate with anyone would be through her brother or by mail. Both Woodford Hawk and Mrs. Siard stated that their brother, Clyde Hawk, is living with his mother, as indicated in the report of Special Agent M. E. Gurnea, San Francisco, dated 12-28-37.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent W. L. Listerman:

With reference to Bureau letter dated March 8, 1938, Deputy Warden C. J. Shuttleworth of the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, was first contacted and thereafter Flint C. Brannon, register #49670, was briefly interviewed. Brannon, who was serving a sentence for violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, was scheduled to be released at approximately 8:30 A.M., March 29, 1938, when he would be furnished transportation to Texarkana, Texas. He claimed to be well acquainted with James Roe, brother of Ralph Roe, adding that they worked together in the penitentiary for some time prior to the release of James Roe. He claimed that he and James Roe were such good friends that from 24 to 48 hours after he had contacted James Roe he could learn whether or not Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole successfully made their escape from Alcatraz and where they are at the present time, if James Roe knew this information. At that time it was learned from Brannon that he and James Roe were supposed to meet after the former's discharge, but he admitted that he had no idea where James Roe was living. Confidential arrangements were made whereby Brannon would be met outside the penitentiary gate during the early morning of March 29, 1938, and the foregoing information was furnished by air mail, special delivery letter to the Bureau.

Thereafter, by letter dated March 21, 1938, the Bureau advised that arrangements should be made with Brannon in order that an Agent from the Dallas Office would contact him subsequent to his arrival at Texarkana, Texas, in order that final arrangements could be consummated for Brannon to obtain the desired information from James Roe, who is presently located at Hobbs, New Mexico.

The Bureau was advised, by letter dated March 29, 1938, with copies to all interested offices, to the effect that Brannon was met on his final discharge from the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, and that he was leaving on that date for his home at 1003 Milam Street, Texarkana, Texas, where he intended to rejoin his family, consisting of his wife, Mary Brannon, his son, James Brannon, age 19, presently employed by the Western Auto Supply Company in that city, and his daughter, Betty Brannon, age 12. At that time Brannon related that he is still willing to endeavor to obtain what information he can concerning the whereabouts of Roe and Cole, he working for a monetary consideration. No promise of an exact sum of money was made to Brannon since all final arrangements are being left to the Dallas Office.

Brannon also indicated that it would be advisable to furnish him with an automobile for the purpose of proceeding to any point where James Roe might be located, since he believed more effective results could be accomplished by having an automobile. However, it is noted in Bureau letter dated April 1, 1938, addressed to the Dallas Office, that the Bureau would not deem it advisable to furnish Brannon with an automobile to make the trip to New Mexico, but that he could arrange for the rental of one out of the money furnished him for expenses, if the same was necessary.

Arrangements were made with Brannon for an Agent of the Dallas Office to contact him on Monday, April 11, 1938, the contact to be made at Brannon's suggestion through Mr. Beckley of the Union Furniture Company, 223 West Broad Street, Texarkana, Texas, who would know the exact whereabouts of Brannon if he had moved from the Milam Street address.

Brannon related that a Bob ~~Pringle~~ Pringle, who was alleged to be a present inmate of the U. S. Penitentiary at Alcatraz Island, was exceedingly friendly with Roe and Cole during their incarceration in that penitentiary. It has been suggested that the San Francisco Office endeavor to determine the identity of Pringle and check his correspondence and records for possible leads in this case.

Prior to the discharge of Brannon from Leavenworth, he ascertained through conversations with other inmates that James and Ralph Roe had the following friends or connections:

Harry J. ~~X~~Alberts, El Paso, Texas, alleged to be a candidate for office of Sheriff at El Paso.
Dell ~~X~~Carpenter, 1213 N. Peach Street, Fort Worth, Texas, believed to be an inmate of the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, at the present time, but family at Fort Worth known to the Roe brothers.
A. ~~X~~Youd (or A. ~~X~~Gould), and Teddy ~~X~~Youd (or ~~X~~Gould), 902 $\frac{1}{2}$ South, El Paso, Texas, who operates a candy and cigar store.
Family of Jack F. ~~X~~Williams, 25 East 7th Street, San Angelo, Texas. Jack Williams present incarcerated Leavenworth, but family known to the Roe brothers.
Dan ~~X~~Harless, 2529 Gillham Road, Kansas City, Missouri.

With reference to Dan Harless, Brannon stated that Harless was a friend of James Roe and furnished Roe with his address immediately prior to the discharge of Harless from Leavenworth. It was ascertained through L. J. Grout, Probation Officer, Kansas City, Missouri, that Harless was presently reporting to him as a probationer, and resided at 2529 Gillham Road, which was the exact address that Brannon gave, and was employed by the Duff and Repp Furniture Company, 1216 Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

In the letter dated March 29, 1938, addressed to the Bureau, with copies to the interested offices, it was suggested that no contacts or investigation be immediately made of the addresses furnished by Brannon, until Brannon has had an opportunity to contact James Roe in this matter. It was also suggested that the Oklahoma City Office, the office of origin, furnish the Dallas Office sufficient information concerning the background of James Roe prior to the contact of Brannon by an Agent of that office. A photograph of Flint C. Brannon, register #49670, U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, was forwarded to the Dallas Office.

The Oklahoma ~~X~~City Office was informed, by letter dated March 15, 1938, that a ~~X~~confidential informant, whose name has been furnished to the Bureau, stated that when he was recently in Tulsa, Oklahoma, one Bob ~~X~~Parker informed him that James Roe had passed through

Tulsa, Oklahoma, shortly prior to the escape of Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole and at that time James Roe had approximately \$1,000.00 in his possession, as well as a new automobile. It was also alleged by the informant that James Roe cautioned Bob Parker to say nothing about his visit to Tulsa, Oklahoma. According to the informant, Bob Parker is a former bootlegger, who operates the Schlitz Bar, 1220 East 15th Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and resides in a brown stucco colonial type bungalow on U. S. Route #33, outside of Tulsa, where his unlisted telephone number is 64605. According to the informant, Parker is described as being about 40 years of age, gray hair, and drives a new tan or cream colored DeSoto sedan; that Parker will tell anything he knows if he is properly informed that he will be prosecuted for withholding information in the nature of harboring these escaped Federal prisoners.

During the late evening of March 26, 1938, Sergeant Kahler of the Missouri State Highway Patrol at Joplin, Missouri, telephonically informed the Kansas City Office that he had been talking to one Jack Jackson, engineer on the Missouri and North Arkansas railroad, who stated that a trainman on that train had been talking to either Ralph Roe or Theodore Cole that same night at Berryville, Arkansas; that either Cole or Roe informed this trainman that he was going to Alpena, Arkansas, to visit his ex-wife. A summary of this information was immediately furnished to the Little Rock Office.

Sergeant Kahler was again contacted by telephone, at which time he stated that Jack Jackson, who resides at either Harrison or Alpena, Arkansas, is a full time fireman and substitute engineer on the Missouri and North Arkansas Railroad, running between Harrison, Arkansas, and Joplin, Missouri. Kahler continued that on Saturday, March 26, 1938, Jackson contacted him at the Joplin, Missouri, Police Department and stated that he had just arrived in Joplin on a run from Harrison, Arkansas; that he was engineer on this train and that the train had stopped and switched at Berryville, Arkansas. One of the crew members on the train informed Jackson that, after leaving Berryville, Arkansas, he had seen either Roe or Cole at the railroad yards at Berryville when the train stopped there and that this individual, who was either Roe or Cole, claimed that he was going to visit his wife, named Alpena Marie, at Alpena, Arkansas. It was concluded that, inasmuch as the former wife of Cole is Maria Wynn and is known as Alpena Marie, the trainman apparently referred to Theodore Cole. Sergeant Kahler stated that he did not ask Jackson the name of the trainman, but is certain that Jackson and the trainman would be willing to furnish the information. The foregoing was

furnished by Special Agent L. H. Richmond to Special Agent W. F. Whitely of the Little Rock Office telephonically on March 28, 1936.

Upon receipt of reference telegram from the Little Rock Office on April 2, 1938, telephonic conversation with Clyde Wilson, Record Clerk, Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, resulted in the information that Thomas L. Carpenter, Jr. was still incarcerated in that institution, he having been received on February 13, 1936, on a second degree burglary charge to serve a term of five to ten years. The Little Rock Office was so advised by telegram.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE OMAHA OFFICE at Lincoln, Nebraska, will advise the Kansas City Office of the results of interview with Henry Hawk, incarcerated in the Nebraska State Penitentiary, in order to determine whether it would be advisable to make arrangements for Woodford Hawk, brother of Henry Hawk, to interview him.

THE KANSAS CITY OFFICE at Kansas City, Missouri, will interview James V. Gaylor of the Alcohol Tax Unit, New Post Office Building, as requested in the reference report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 2-3-38.

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629 First National Bank Building,
Omaha, Nebraska

April 7, 1938

W
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 PRISONERS.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to the report of Special Agent
John W. Gore, Kansas City, April 4, 1938 - there is enclosed
one copy of the report of Special Agent J. L. Flood, Omaha,
February 25, 1938, covering his interview with Henry Hawk
at the State Penitentiary, Lincoln, Nebraska.

You will note that the results of the inter-
view were negative.

Very truly yours,

C. W. STEIN,
Special Agent in Charge

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Encl. (1)
cc Bureau,
San Francisco
Oklahoma City

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

FILE NO.

76-284

REPORT MADE AT PITTSBURGH, PA.	DATE WHEN MADE 4-6-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4-6-38	REPORT MADE BY F. J. DONAGHUE
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:

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Woods, Edgeworth, Pa., advise that photograph of Fugitive Cole, appearing April issue "Front Page Detective Stories" bore marked similarity to individual, with two male companions, traveling via C & O R.R. ferry, Norfolk, Va., to Washington D.C. train connection, Sunday 3-6-38. Photos of Cole and Roe exhibited to the Woods who identified picture of Cole as being person above referred to.

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

DETAILS:

Mr. E. W. Woods telephonically communicated with Special Agent in Charge R. J. Untreiner of the Pittsburgh Division on the afternoon of April 6, 1938, and advised that he and his wife, while traveling in Virginia, had observed an individual whom they believed to be a fugitive sought by the Bureau. Mr. Woods made an appointment for he and his wife to call at the Pittsburgh Field Office later this date.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Woods, who gave their address as 312 Maple Lane, Edgworth, Pa., called at the Pittsburgh Office on April 6, 1938. Mr. Woods advised that he is in the insurance business at 337 Union Trust Company Building, Pittsburgh, Pa.

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Mr. and Mrs. Woods stated that on Sunday, March 6, 1938, while enroute from Norfolk, Virginia, to Washington, D.C., they had occasion to use the C and O Railroad ferry from Norfolk, Virginia, to an unknown point, south of Williamsburg, Virginia, at which point a train connection was made with the C and O train for Washington, D.C. They stated they left Norfolk at approximately 2:50 P.M. on Sunday, March 6, 1938.

Mr. and Mrs. Woods advised that while crossing the ferry they noted three men, sitting directly opposite them, who attracted their attention, and one of these men in particular whom they described as being 25 to 30 years of age, about 5' 7" to 5' 8" tall, 130 to 135 pounds, swarthy green-grayish complexion, black or dark brown hair which was slicked down close to the head, wore a hat which was pushed back on his head, and held his head very erect (back), drooping eyelids, hollow chested appearance, lower lip or jaw seemed to protrude slightly beyond upper lip, and whose apparel was a gray suit, brown hat with narrow brim; he was a dapper dresser, and had good taste.

The man above described was believed by Mr. and Mrs. Woods to be Theodore Cole, whose photograph they state they have since seen reproduced in the April, 1938, issue of the "Front Page Detective Magazine" as being a fugitive who escaped from Alcatraz Island.

Photographs of Theodore Cole, U. S. Penitentiary, Alcatraz #258, and Ralph Roe, U. S. Penitentiary, Alcatraz #260, were exhibited to Mr. and Mrs. Woods who immediately identified the photograph of Theodore Cole as being identical with the person whom they state was on the ferry boat as above outlined.

Mr. and Mrs. Woods were unable to identify the photograph of Ralph Roe, but Mrs. Woods stated that upon close examination of the photograph she could easily imagine that Roe's photograph resembled in some manner one of the individuals accompanying the above described man, and whom they stated was 25 to 30 years of age, tall, heavy set, broad shoulders, light brown and slightly curly hair, between sandy and reddish color and beginning to become slightly bald, complexion medium ruddy, dissipated appearance, showed bright white teeth when smiling or laughing, and wore a heavy pile coat with belt all around, slouch hat turned down.

Mr. and Mrs. Woods were unable to give a description of the third individual in the group other than he seemed to be about the same age as the other two.

Mrs. Woods advised that she did not overhear much of their conversation, but she did hear them speak of Virginia -- College -- University, and they mentioned something about dances. She stated it was her impression that these men were conveying the idea that they were attending the University of Virginia.

Mrs. Woods further stated that she formerly lived in a college town, Athens, Georgia, and is rather familiar with the attitude, personality, and dress of college men, and the men above referred to did not possess the usual characteristics of college men.

Mr. and Mrs. Woods were unable to give the point to which the C and O Railroad ferry boat docked in order to make the Washington D.C. train connection, but stated it was somewhere south of Williamsburg, Virginia; and upon arriving at the terminus they did not notice what direction the three individuals referred to proceeded, but state they do not believe the three men went towards the railroad train.

The Woods were unable to give any further information other than that outlined above, and stated that they were giving the information in a spirit of cooperation, for what it was worth, and desired that it be treated as confidential information.

In view of the meager information, this information is not being transmitted by teletypewriter but is being forwarded Air Mail Special Delivery.

Copies of this report are being furnished the Washington Field, Oklahoma City, and San Francisco Offices for their information.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE RICHMOND FIELD DIVISION, AT NORFOLK, VIRGINIA, will exhibit photographs of subjects Cole and Roe to the employees and personnel of the C and O Railroad Ferry and to the crew of the ferry boat which left Norfolk approximately 2:30 P.M. Sunday, March 6, 1938, for a destination several hours travel away to an unknown destination which makes a train connection via C and O Railroad for Washington, D. C.

Upon ascertaining the terminus point of this ferry, will exhibit photographs of Cole and Roe to the logical personnel of the ferry company and railroad with a view to possible identification, looking to the location of these fugitives.

AT CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA, at the University of Virginia, will exhibit photographs of fugitives Cole and Roe to the registrar and other appropriate officials for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not there is an individual or individuals resembling these persons at that institution or who have been seen about the campus.

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

April 4, 1938.

Time-3:07 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Re: Roe and Cole Case.

Special Agent in Charge E. P. Guinane called from Oklahoma City with regard to the above case. He stated that a confidential informant of the Oklahoma office, Tom Antone, had gone down into Texas in an effort to locate Hazel Underhill, who is believed to be at Monahans, Texas. Antone, who had been advanced \$50, was unable to locate Hazel Underhill in that city because she has disappeared

Antone stated that he heard the "little fellow" was in Brownsville, Texas. From this it is gathered that he is talking about Thomas Cole.

Guinane asked if the Bureau had any more information on Hazel Underhill. I stated that I would have a check made in our files and in the meantime to keep Antone looking around Monahans in an effort to locate Hazel Underhill. Guinane also asked permission to pay Antone \$25 more for his investigation.

Mr. Guinane said he would phone Agent Gurnea and impart the above information. He also stated that as Gurnea was going down into that part of the country, he could contact Tom Antone.

Respectfully,

P. E. Foxworth
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April 8, 1938

E P GUINANE
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Oklahoma City, Okla.

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1612 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
APRIL 8, 1938

Special Agent in Charge,
Dallas, Texas.

RE: RALPH ROE, with aliases, - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1472;
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Texarkana, Tex -
April 2nd 1938,

Dear Mr - Listerman.

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/s/ Mrs - F. C. Brannon
1003 - Milan St -
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APRIL 16, 1938

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MR. H. H. REINECKE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
506 FLETCHER TRUST BUILDING,
INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

RALPH ROE WAS FUGITIVE I.O. ONE FOUR SEVEN TWO. THEODORE COLE WAS FUGITIVE I.O. ONE FOUR SEVEN ONE EFP. ONE WILLIAM PHILLIP GEMPP FBI ONE NINE ONE NINE TWO SEVEN NOW INCARCERATED COUNTY JAIL CLARK COUNTY, BERRYVILLE VIRGINIA WAS FORMERLY INCARCERATED ALCATRAZ PRISON AND CLAIMS TO BE WELL ACQUAINTED WITH BOTH SUBJECTS. STATES HE SAW ROE AT CHILDS RESTAURANT FOURTEEN HUNDRED BLOCK PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE WASHINGTON D C DURING JANUARY THIRTYEIGHT. ROE USING ALIAS JACK MCCARTHY AND ACCOMPANIED BY PAULINE SKEEN ALIAS PAULINE SMITH WHO IS DAUGHTER OF MINISTER OF LOGAN WEST VIRGINIA STATES ROE WAS IN POSSESSION OF BLACK LASALLE SEDAN LATE MODEL WHICH HE CLAIMED TO HAVE PURCHASED FROM LEGTIMATE DEALER MICHIGAN CITY, INDIANA, DURING DECEMBER TIRTYSEVEN. PLEASE CONDUCT NECESSARY INVESTIGATION MICHIGAN CITY IN ATTEMPT TO VARIFY PURCHASE AND IDENTITY THIS AUTOMOBILE. HUNTINGTON IS ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE PAULINE SKEEN.

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5. No responsibility attaches to this company concerning messages until the same are accepted at one of its transmitting offices; and if a message is sent to such office by one of the company's messengers, he acts for that purpose as the agent of the sender.

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REPORT MADE AT CINCINNATI, OHIO.	DATE WHEN MADE 4-7-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4-4-38	REPORT MADE BY WM. A. MURPHY goc
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. P. ^{*}Patterson, Newark, Ohio, Cafe proprietor, hired a dishwasher whose actions and manner caused him to suspect that he might be identical with Roe or Cole. Requested photos of latter from local Chief of Police. Upon viewing photos of subjects states employee not identical with either.

P.

Reference:

San Francisco Field Division Letter, dated 3-28-38.

Details:

AT NEWARK, OHIO.

Curtis I. Berry, Chief of Police, advised that R. P. Patterson, proprietor of the Wagon Wheel Cafe, West Main and North Fourth, a former convict on a liquor charge during prohibition days, had requested to see photographs of the persons believed to have escaped from Alcatraz recently, mentioning that about a month ago he had hired a dishwasher, whose conversation and manner indicated that he had done time in the past and had caused Patterson to become suspicious of him. Based upon this request, Chief Berry wrote the Warden at Alcatraz as set out in the reference letter.

Patterson was interviewed in the presence of

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Chief Berry and when furnished photographs of Ralph Roe and Ted Cole, U. S. Penitentiary Alcatraz #260 and 258, respectively, failed to identify either of same as those of the individual referred to in the above paragraph, and stated that he was certain that the latter was not identical with the subjects of this case.

He furnished the following description of the person who had aroused his suspicion:

Age	38 - 39
Height	5'11"
Weight	165
Hair	Light brown
Complexion	Medium
Scars	None on face
Occupation	Dishwasher, Wagon Wheel Cafe, Newark, Ohio
Residence	6th and Church, Newark, O.
Marital status	Single
Peculiarities	Texas drawl, talks about San Francisco, Cal.
Criminal rec.	Unknown.

It is observed that this description varies materially from those of Roe and Cole.

Additional copies of Identification Orders 1471 and 1472 were furnished to Chief Berry for future use in connection with the instant case. He assured the writer that he would instruct the members of his department to observe the person working for Patterson, known only as ~~X~~ Johnny, and to pick him up for fingerprinting and questioning in the event the circumstances warranted same.

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RE: RALPH ROE, with aliases,
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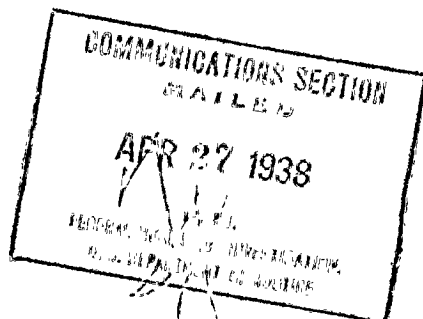
Dear Sir:

You are advised that in the future the
code word "ROCOL" should be used in lieu of the title
in all Bureau correspondence except reports in connec-
tion with this case.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.



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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

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Washington, D. C.
April 22, 1938.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

RE: RALPH ROE, with aliases,
FUGITIVE; I. O. #1472; et al;
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.

The Oklahoma City Office has suggested that the Bureau devise a code word for use in connection with this case.

Inasmuch as there is quite a bit of correspondence other than reports at the present time in this case, it is suggested that the use of the code word "ROCOL" would be advantageous in connection with this case.

A letter to all field offices advising them of the adoption of the code word is attached hereto for your approval.

Respectfully,

S. B. Landrum
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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
April 5, 1938

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

Dear Sir:

Re: RALPH ROE with aliases -
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Very truly yours,

E. J. Guinane
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Special Agent in Charge.

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MEG:MT

April 16, 1938.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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Supplementing our conversation, the recent investigation conducted in and near Berryville, Arkansas, revealed that the informant, Frank Boyd, is a known prevaricator, and that there was no foundation to his identification of Subject Cole. This investigation is being set out in detail in a report which was dictated at the Little Rock office prior to my departure from that city.

Reference is made to the information obtained from Harry Wells, subject of Bureau file, Selvie Winfield Wells; Bank Robbery, State Bank of Tuling, Texas. Immediately upon arrival at San Antonio, Texas, the writer interviewed Harry Wells who confirmed the information received from the San Antonio office advising that he had been in a hide-out with Charles Chapman, subject of Bureau file, Irving Charles Chapman, with aliases, Fugitive, I. O. #1456; and that Subjects Roe and Cole were present. Wells had previously been advised by Special Agent in Charge Gus Jones of the arrangements made between this Bureau and the Bureau of Prisons relative to his (Wells) incarceration on Alcatraz Island. Wells advised the writer at that time he was willing to go through with his end of the bargain immediately following the dismissal of State charges pending against him in which prosecution was possibly to be had. In an effort to illicit further and more definite information from him, I requested that he advise me of some exact information which would definitely indicate that he had actually been with and interviewed Subject Cole in the hide-out. Harry Wells then attempted to relate to me the manner in which Subjects Cole and Roe escaped from Alcatraz Island. He stated that Cole had advised that after getting over the "wall" they had obtained lumber from the old laundry and had constructed a raft at the edge

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of the Island in the fog. Wells advised that Cole stated that had the fog left during the construction of the raft they would have been observed and would have been immediately returned to the prison. Wells further stated that Cole and Roe drifted in the San Francisco Bay for four days prior to the time of actually reaching shore and during these four days they had no food whatsoever but did have a jug of water on the raft. This raft was supposed to have drifted in and out of the Golden Gate on the various tides during that time.

As you are familiar with the geographical location of Alcatraz Island, you will realize, of course, that such circumstances are absolutely impossible.

Upon learning that the other counties who contemplated prosecution against Harry Wells had indicated that they would not prosecute due to the fact that he had already received ninety-nine years in State Court for robbery, Harry Wells was again interviewed on the morning prior to the time he appeared in Federal Court for arraignment and sentence. During this interview Wells began making excuses and advised that he did not believe he could "safely" advise the Agents of this Bureau of the exact location of the hide-out. He stated he would, however, be able to tell us within five or ten miles which would make it possible to send Agents in posing as hunters, and eventually locate the cave which is being used as the hide-out. I advised him that it was very unusual for this Bureau or the Bureau of Prisons to enter into any agreement whatsoever with criminals, and that certainly under no circumstances would we enter into any bartering or bickering for information. I further advised that even if I were so inclined, I did not have the authority to enter into any part agreement. Following this conversation, Wells then began complaining about treatment he had received at the County Jail which he did not deem as being justified due to the fact that he was "working with the government." It was very apparent Wells was at this time evading the issue and did not know how to gracefully admit that he had been lying to the Deputy Sheriffs and Agents of this Bureau. He then stated he wished to wait until after the sentence in Federal Court before giving out any information. As you have previously been advised, Harry Wells received two twenty year and two twenty-five year sentences which are to run concurrently for the robbery of the State Bank of Luling, Texas. After receiving that sentence and upon being further questioned by Special Agent in Charge Gus Jones and the writer, he then stated that he did not desire to give out any information due to the fact he had received a

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sentence which is equal to a life sentence. He subsequently stated that considering the fact he was to spend the rest of his life in prison he "might just as well spend it on the rock." Further interrogation failed to reveal any indication that Harry Wells had any definite knowledge whatsoever as to the present location of Subjects Chapman, Cole, or Roe. From the personal interview and observation, the writer is of the opinion that Harry Wells was lying from the start and that he had hoped that a story such as he gave might possibly bring about a set of circumstances which would enable him to escape.

It is suggested, if considered appropriate by you, that these facts be called to the attention of the Bureau of Prisons for such action as they may deem advisable.

Respectfully submitted,



M. E. Gurnea,
Special Agent in Charge.

EAT:CDW

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR,
BUREAU OF PRISONS.

Selvie Winfield Wells, alias Harry Wells, was recently sentenced at San Antonio, Texas, to a term of imprisonment for 90 years for violation of the National Bank Robbery Statute. Prior to this sentence and subsequent to his arrest, Wells claimed that he was in possession of information concerning the whereabouts of Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole, which information he would furnish to the Bureau if he could be assured that he would not be sentenced to incarceration in Alcatraz Island Penitentiary. After Mr. Tamm of the Bureau had discussed this matter with you, Wells was advised that he would not be incarcerated in Alcatraz upon any charge then pending against him upon which sentence might be imposed in the Federal Court, but that, of course, if his conduct in any Federal institution to which he might be sentenced required disciplinary action in the nature of a transfer to some other penitentiary, he might be sent to Alcatraz. Subsequent to the imposition of sentence, Wells refused to furnish any information concerning his alleged knowledge of the whereabouts of Cole and Roe. From the interrogation of Wells by Bureau Agents concerning this matter and the statements made by him, it appeared obvious that Wells had no information concerning the whereabouts of these two escaped Federal prisoners.

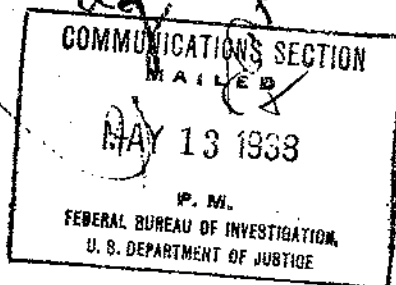
Of course, no promise was made to Wells which would preclude his being sentenced to Alcatraz Penitentiary or any other penitentiary to which you may see fit to send him, it being noted that he failed to meet the condition of the overtures made to him.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Mr. Nathan
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Mr. Baughman
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, *File*
BUREAU OF PRISONS.

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 case of Selvie Winfield Wells who is also known as Harry Wells, and who was recently sentenced to serve a term of ninety years in a Federal penitentiary by the United States District Court at San Antonio, Texas, on a charge of bank robbery.

You will recall that after the arrest of Wells by Agents of this Bureau and local officers at Gladewater, Texas, Wells indicated that he could furnish valuable information relating to Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole if he were promised that he would not be incarcerated in the United States Penitentiary at Alcatraz Island. Upon your authorization, Wells was advised that if he furnished information resulting in the location and apprehension of Roe and Cole, he would not be incarcerated in the Alcatraz Island Penitentiary upon any charge then pending against him upon which sentence might be imposed by the Federal Court. He was further advised that if he were sentenced to serve a term in a Federal penal institution he would be incarcerated in some other penitentiary than the Alcatraz Island Penitentiary so long as his personal behavior did not require a transfer to Alcatraz for disciplinary reasons.

Thereafter, Wells advised an Agent of this Bureau that he had, subsequent to his escape from the Arkansas State Penitentiary and prior to his apprehension at Gladewater, Texas, been in a hideout with Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole allegedly located in the State of Arkansas. However, he refused to furnish information relative to the exact location of that hideout until the state charges then pending against him were dismissed. In an effort to elicit further and more definite information from Wells, he was requested to furnish some exact information which would definitely indicate that he had been in contact with Roe and Cole.

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Wells then attempted to relate the manner in which Cole and Roe escaped from Alcatraz Island. He said that Cole had advised that after getting over the "wall" he and Roe obtained lumber from the old laundry and constructed a raft at the edge of the island, their activities not being observed as a result of the heavy fog covering the island at that time. Wells further advised that Cole stated that had the fog lifted during the construction of the raft they would have been observed and would have been immediately returned to the prison. He also stated that Cole and Roe advised him that they drifted in San Francisco Bay for four days prior to the time of actually reaching shore and that during those four days they had no food whatsoever, but did have a jug of water on the raft. The raft is alleged to have drifted in and out of the Golden Gate on the various tides during that time. Inasmuch as you are familiar with the geographical location of Alcatraz Island, you will realize, of course, that such circumstances are absolutely impossible.

After Wells received a ninety year sentence in the United States District Court at San Antonio, the officials for the Texas counties wherein prosecution of Wells had been contemplated, advised that he would not be prosecuted in view of the sentence imposed in the Federal District Court. Wells thereafter was again interviewed and he began making excuses and stating that he did not believe he could safely advise Special Agents of this Bureau of the exact location of the hideout where he alleges he contacted Roe and Cole. He did state, however, that he would be able to tell within five or ten miles of the location of that hideout and that it would thereafter be possible for Agents posing as hunters to eventually locate the cave in which he, Cole and Roe are alleged to have been in hiding, but Wells endeavored to barter that information to the Government for favors subsequent to his incarceration in a Federal penitentiary. Wells was emphatically advised that it was very unusual for the Bureau of Prisons to authorize any agreement whatsoever with criminals and that under no circumstances would the Bureau of Prisons or the Federal Bureau of Investigation enter into any bartering or bickering for information.

It was very apparent that Wells was evading the issue and did not know how to gracefully admit that he had been lying, concerning the hideout in which he is alleged to have been in contact with Roe and Cole.

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Bureau of Prisons.

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After receiving the ninety year sentence, Wells stated that inasmuch as he was to spend the rest of his life in prison he "might just as well spend it on the rock." It would appear that from the beginning Wells was lying about having been in contact with Roe and Cole and that he concocted that story with the thought in mind that it might bring about a set of circumstances which would enable him to escape.

The above information is being furnished to you for any action which you may deem appropriate.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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El Paso, Texas
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HIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Oklahoma City**

FILE NO. **76-348**

REPORT MADE AT Oklahoma City	DATE WHEN MADE 4-5-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3-29, 30-38; 4-3, 4-38.	REPORT MADE BY E. P. Guinane
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:

A confidential informant who was formerly associated with subject Ralph Roe and who has close connections with Hazel Underhill and others, is endeavoring to contact Hazel Underhill to obtain information from her as to whether subjects escaped and their possible whereabouts if the escape was effected. An ex-convict told this informant, who is now at Odessa, Texas, that Theodore Cole was seen by him at Brownsville, Texas on 4-1-38. Efforts being continued by this informant to contact Hazel Underhill.

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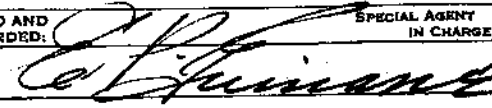
Special Agent Frank S. Smith developed a confidential informant who was recently released from [redacted]

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This informant called at the Oklahoma City Office on March

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29, 1938 and told the writer and Frank Smith that he had not heard anything definite concerning whether Roe and Cole had escaped from Alcatraz but that he believed that through his underworld contacts he could obtain definite information reflecting whether they had escaped and probably their present whereabouts if they had effected their escape.

This informant stated as his own personal opinion that he believes they probably did make good their escape because he knows that Ralph Roe is "yellow" and that Roe is always looking out for himself and would not be one to attempt to escape unless he had a good opportunity of it being successful. On the other hand, the informant stated that Theodore Cole, [redacted]

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[redacted] is known to be extremely daring and that Cole would have attempted to swim from the island if he had nothing more than a shingle to assist him. Informant stated, however, that he is certain in his own mind that Roe would not have made any attempt unless arrangements had been made to assist him to escape.

The informant further related that he believes "Doc" Barker had something to do with effecting or planning the escape of Roe and Cole, or of financing same, if they made good their escape, as the informant knows of his own personal knowledge that "Doc" Barker and Ralph Roe were very close friends. This is purely supposition on the part of the informant but if his guess is true he states there is a good chance that Barker would have fixed some persons in Chicago to be contacted by Roe and Cole, and therefore there is a possibility of them being in Chicago.

The informant further stated that Ralph Roe and Hazel Underhill were very close and that if Roe contacts anyone he will contact Hazel Underhill. The informant made it very clear that he did not have any definite information at the time of this conversation but he felt that by contacting former associates of Roe and Cole, particularly Hazel Underhill, who his information indicated lived in the vicinity of Monahans, Texas, and Birdie Pruitt, a former associate of gangsters, who lives in the vicinity of Ardmore, Oklahoma, as well as an Indian girl, who formerly lived with Birdie Pruitt and who was formerly a sweetheart of Ralph Roe, he could secure information. The informant stated that the Indian girl is

quite wealthy and has in the past furnished money to Ralph Roe and would at any time harbor him or furnish him money. The informant also stated that there was a woman at Denison, Texas, whose name he did not give at this time, who is a close contact of Roe's.

Mr. E. A. Tamm was telephonically informed of the above and authorized the payment of \$100.00 to the informant to cover travel expenses in contacting former associates of Roe and Cole, and particularly to make contact with Hazel Underhill.

On March 31st the informant again called at the Oklahoma City Office and stated he had visited Grace Cunningham, who is now married to a man named Philbrick; that Philbrick is in jail at Seminole, Oklahoma serving a sentence for driving while drunk; that Grace is living at 2400 1/2 South Robinson, Oklahoma City, and is working at a beauty college at 2700 South Robinson, Oklahoma City.

The informant stated that he talked to Grace about things in general and more particularly in connection with her personal affairs, and did not mention either Roe or Cole, but that Grace brought their names up herself and asked him whether he thought they made their escape. Grace had not heard anything concerning Roe or Cole and had no information.

He started talking to Grace about Hazel Underhill and found that Grace did not know where Hazel was living at this time, and he did not tell Grace where he thought Hazel was living. Grace did say however that if Ralph Roe made his escape he would certainly contact Hazel Underhill wherever she was. Informant is to have further contacts with Grace Cunningham to determine whether she learns anything.

On the following day informant appeared at this office and said he had contacted an individual in Seminole, Oklahoma who is a bootlegger, who has contacts with Hazel Underhill and who told him that Hazel Underhill is living at Monahans, Texas.

The informant stated that it was his opinion, from his previous knowledge of Roe and also from information which he had gained, that if Roe escaped he would certainly contact Hazel Underhill. For this reason he believes now that he has the underworld information as to where Hazel lives, that he can safely visit with her and believes that if she has been in contact with Roe or has any information concerning Roe or Cole whatsoever, that he will be able to obtain the same.

\$50.00 was advanced the informant for the purpose of proceeding to Monahans, Texas or Hobbs, New Mexico, where he thought Hazel might have moved because of the activity at Hobbs. If he obtains any information of importance, he will either telephone or write this office.

On April 4th the informant telephoned from Odessa, Texas advising that he had been at Monahans, Texas and had learned through underworld contacts that Hazel Underhill had secretly left Monahans about April 1st and that no one whom he had contacted down there knew where she had gone but it was expected she would return to Monahans within a few days.

The informant further stated that he had run across an ex-convict whom he knew and had several drinks with this individual, who informed him that he had seen Theodore Colo, whom he referred to as "the little fellow", at Brownsville, Texas about April 1, 1938. The informant stated that, of course, this ex-convict could have been "talking wild" because of being partially drunk but that he, the informant, believed there might be something to the information. Instructions were given the informant to remain at Monahans and Odessa, Texas in order to contact Hazel Underhill when she returned, or to telephone this office if he secured her present whereabouts.

The writer telephoned the above information to Mr. Foxworth of the Bureau on April 4th inquiring whether the Bureau had any information concerning the present whereabouts of Hazel Underhill and Mr. Foxworth was to inform this office if the Bureau had any additional information.

SAC Gurnea, who is at the writing of this report at the Little Rock Office, was also telephoned concerning the above information, including the information relative to Colo being seen at Brownsville, Texas.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE will keep in close contact with this confidential informant and will immediately apprise the Bureau of any information of value obtained by him.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA**FILE NO. **76-389**

REPORT MADE AT: Portland, Oregon	DATE WHEN MADE: 4/5/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 3/31/38	REPORT MADE BY: W. F. WOOD - FGD
TITLE: 0 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: Paul English, Grants Pass, Oregon, advised he made frequent trips from Grants Pass to Crescent City, Calif. in December, 1937 for the purpose of moving his business and household furniture from Crescent City to Grants Pass, and reported he never inquired for or purchased "Current Chart of the San Francisco Bay".</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. E. Thornton, San Francisco, California, dated February 25, 1938.</p> <p><u>AT GRANTS PASS, OREGON:</u></p> <p>DETAILS: Paul English, Route 1, Box 278, advised he is the owner of a Dodge car which did carry 1937 California license 9J 5611, and advised that during December, 1937, he made frequent trips to Crescent City, California from Grants Pass, Oregon. Mr. English explained these trips by stating that he and his wife formerly ran a small concession at Crescent City, but that in December they began building a</p>			
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similar establishment in Grants Pass, and made numerous trips moving their goods from Crescent City to Grants Pass.

Mr. English advised he never purchased or inquired about a booklet entitled "Current Chart of the San Francisco Bay", nor did he ever make any inquiry concerning the tides in San Francisco Bay and vicinity.

The above information was verified by Mrs. Paul English.

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Special Agent in Charge
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Sir:

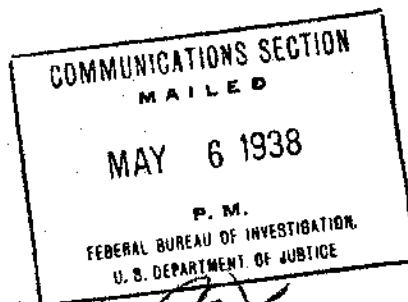
Reference is made to the letter of March 4, 1938 from the Little Rock Field Division to the Oklahoma City Office relative to a cabin located near the intersection of Highways 10 and 33 in Arkansas, which is believed to be a hang out for lawless characters and is alleged to be the property of two lawyers of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The Bureau desires to be advised of the results of your investigation in this connection. If the Oklahoma City Office has not previously done so, it is suggested that a discreet inquiry be made at Tulsa for information concerning two attorneys who are alleged to own the cabin in question. The Oklahoma City Office should use extreme care in making the suggested inquiry at Tulsa.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

CC Oklahoma City



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

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Washington, D. C.
April 18, 1938.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

RE: ROE and COLE.

For your further information in the above case, a copy of a letter from the Little Rock Office to the Oklahoma City Office discloses that Neill Shannon of the Arkansas State Police furnished information to Special Agent W. A. Winter of the Little Rock Office that a cabin located on Highway #10, approximately seven miles from the intersection of that highway and Highway #33 in Arkansas, was being frequented by lawless characters. This information apparently was secured from Sheriff Ferguson of the county in which the cabin is located. The Sheriff has a brother-in-law by the name of Sanders who lives in the vicinity of that cabin and it appears that Sanders advised the Sheriff that shortly after the robbery of a bank in Danville, Arkansas, two individuals drove an automobile into the woods near the cabin, left it and walked back to the cabin where they spent the night. Sanders appears to have advised the Sheriff further that strange automobiles have been frequenting that cabin of late.

It further appears that the cabin in question belongs to two lawyers of Tulsa, Oklahoma, one whose name is John Scott, and the other --- Schwabbe. Both of these lawyers bear "shady" reputations. The letter above referred to further indicates that Mr. Shannon is of the opinion that it will not be possible to contact Sanders directly for information relative to individuals residing in and frequenting that cabin. However, Shannon is of the opinion that information may be secured through Sheriff John Ferguson of Adair County.

The Little Rock letter states that the cabin in question is being investigated in connection with the captioned case.

Respectfully,

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Letter - Little Rock (see Okla. City)
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TAMM
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P. O. Box 1469
Little Rock, Arkansas

March 4, 1938

Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Neil Shannon of the Arkansas State Police furnished the following information to Special Agent W. A. Winter.

He advised that he recently made a trip to Tulsa, Oklahoma, and on that trip talked with Sheriff John Ferguson of Adair County, Oklahoma, and was advised by Sheriff Ferguson that an agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation had contacted him last summer, and had advised him that a cabin located on Highway #10, approximately seven miles from the point where this highway intersects Highway #33, was being frequented by lawless characters. Mr. Shannon stated that Sheriff Ferguson advised him that at the time he contacted a man named Sanders, who is a brother-in-law of Sheriff Ferguson and caretaker for the parties who owned this cabin, and that he was convinced that the cabin was not being used as reported. However, Ferguson stated to Shannon that recently his brother-in-law, Sanders, contacted him and advised him that parties had been coming to this cabin under suspicious circumstances, and in that connection had stated that recently, and shortly after the robbery of the bank at Danville, Arkansas, two persons had come to this cabin in the evening, had driven their automobile into the woods, walked back to the cabin and spent the night there, leaving early in the morning. Sanders had further informed the Sheriff that automobiles had frequently come to this place recently, late in the evening, and would leave early in the morning.

Sheriff Ferguson further advised Shannon that this cabin was owned by two lawyers, whose names are John Scott and - - - Schwabbe, both of Tulsa, Oklahoma, which lawyers were stated to bear a "shady" reputation. It was ascertained that this cabin was located approximately seven miles south on Highway #10, from the point where Highway #10 intersects Highway #33.

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Sheriff Ferguson further advised Shannon that John Scott has a sister who is a widow named Mrs. Elizabeth Brashears, residing at Fayetteville, Arkansas, and that Mrs. Brashears has a daughter named Katherine; that Mrs. Brashears is reputed to be the widow of a bank robber who is now deceased and whose name was not Brashears.

Mr. Shannon stated that he did not believe that Sanders, the caretaker of this cabin, should be contacted directly for the reason that Sanders was somewhat apprehensive of giving information to anyone because of the fact that he believed that he might himself get into trouble at the hands of the parties who frequented this cabin, and in this connection, Shannon advised that he believed information could be obtained through Sheriff John Ferguson of Adair County.

This matter is being investigated by the Little Rock Field Division in connection with the case entitled - "Ralph Roe, with aliases, Fugitive; I. O. #1472; Theodore Cole, with aliases, Fugitive - I. O. #1471".

Very truly yours,

H. B. FLETCHER,
Special Agent in Charge.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **76-89**

REPORT MADE AT Memphis, Tennessee	DATE WHEN MADE 4/8/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/27-30/38	REPORT MADE BY C. O. PICKARD COP:C
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:

No information obtained indicating Cole or Roe have been in Memphis. Full information left at places where they may be seen if they come to Memphis.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent W. F. Whitely, Memphis, 2/28/38.

DETAILS:

AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE:

On Sunday night, 3/27/38, Special Agent in Charge J. E. Clegg received a telephone call from the Little Rock Field Division and was advised that it had been definitely determined that fugitive Ted Cole was seen in Berryville, Arkansas on March 23, 1938, at which time he made remarks that he was going to Memphis, Tennessee; that he was also probably in Berryville as late as 3/25/38; that it had been positively established that Cole is a "bum" and that he is dressed as follows: brown pants, sweat shirt, carpenters nail apron, black miner's cap. SAC Fletcher further advised that Cole is known to be very dirty in appearance. Request was made that an immediate

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investigation be made by inquiring at places of public rests, and that the investigation be made in a very discreet manner.

Reporting agent and Special Agent William T. Morton called at the public shelters known as Salvation Army Shelter, 333 Adams; Good Will Mission, 101 Calhoun, and the Open Door Mission, operated by Dr. Ben Cox, 210 North Main.

On account of the lateness of the hour, no one could be aroused at these places except at the Salvation Army Shelter. Photograph and the latest descriptive data were furnished to Gus Swanson, Night Clerk at this shelter, who advised that he does all of the registering of transients and he advised that he is quite positive Cole has not been at this place. His register was checked with negative results. He agreed to notify the Memphis office immediately should the fugitive come to his attention.

Agent Morton and the reporting agent also immediately canvassed the waiting rooms of the Grand Central Station and the Union Station, as well as the bus stations, with negative results.

On the morning of 3/28/38, M. L. Flake, in charge of the Good Will Mission, 101 Calhoun, and also Miss Louis Miller, in charge of the register at the Open Door Mission, 210 North Main, were contacted and photograph displayed, as well as recent descriptive data furnished, with negative results. The registers at these places were also checked, with negative results. Flake is the only person who handles transients at the Good Will Mission. Other employees at the Open Door Mission who deal with transients were contacted with negative results. These two places agreed to immediately notify the Memphis office should the fugitive come to their attention.

Mr. R. E. Stewart, in charge of the Special Agents of the Frisco Railway, and Messrs. B. Walton and Charles Harkins, Special Officers of the Illinois Central Railway, were contacted and given full information in this matter. These officers are known to be trustworthy and more definite information was confidentially furnished to them. They stated that they would see that all employees who have anything to do with hobos on these railroads would be on the alert for the appearance of Cole. Mr. Stewart stated that he would immediately circularize all employees of his railroad over a wide area but would not divulge in the circular any information indicating the identity of the person sought.

Police Officer M. A. Richey, who covers exclusively Court Square Park and Confederate Park, which are places frequented by bums and transients, was contacted and given descriptive data in this matter. He thought that perhaps on 3/25 or 26/38, a person answering the most recent description of the fugitive might have passed through the park but he was not allowed to stop and he has no information regarding where he went. He was unable to identify the photograph of Cole as being this person. He agreed to notify the Memphis Division immediately should he receive any information of value.

Although the investigation was primarily concerned with Ted Cole, the photograph of Ralph Roe was exhibited at each place contacted.

Should any further information be obtained by the Memphis office as a result of the above contacts, same will be followed immediately to a logical conclusion.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION

802 United States Court House,
El Paso, Texas.

April 6, 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.
El Paso File 76-282.

Cover maintained on the mail of Mr. and Mrs. James Roe, Hobbs, N.M., is productive of the following mail tracings: 2 tracings of letters mailed at Kansas City, Mo., March 29, addressed to Mrs. James Roe, return address: "A. Chelfo, 629 Harrison St., Kansas City, Mo." It is noted from your letter to the Dallas Office dated April 1, 1938 that a former correspondent of James Roe while he was confined in the Leavenworth Penitentiary was Mark Lane, one of whose addresses was 629 Harrison St., Kansas City, Mo., listed as a friend.

A third tracing received was of a letter addressed to Mr. and Mrs. James Roe, with return address 6420 Sterling Apt. B-3, Detroit, Michigan. It is thought that this letter was from the Louis Korelesky or Moritsky known to live in Detroit and to have been corresponding with James Rowe.

It is suggested that appropriate investigation be made at 629 Harrison St., Kansas City, Mo., with respect to the letters sent from that address.

Very truly yours,

R.H. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 1469
Little Rock, Arkansas

April 9, 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.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the photograph of Ralph Roe, appearing on Identification Order No. 1472, smooth-finish copies of which have been forwarded to all Field Divisions to assist in their investigations of this case.

I have been advised by Special Agents D. A. Bryce and C. O. Hurt, that the above photograph does not portray a true likeness of subject Roe, and that it would be very difficult for anyone not knowing him to recognize Roe from this photograph. It may be noted that Ralph Roe is personally known to both Special Agents Bryce and Hurt. I am also advised by these agents that the photograph of Roe, taken by the Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Police Department, as their No. 15589, is a true likeness of subject Roe and portrays his usual appearance. In comparing the photographs which appear on the Identification Order with the Oklahoma City Police Department photograph, it is observed that the bridge of Roe's nose has the appearance of apparently being struck by some blunt object, which has changed his entire profile.

It is respectfully suggested that the Bureau compare these photographs, and that a copy of this letter be placed in the file jacket of subject Roe in the Identification Division, so that if in the future, additional photographs are forwarded to the various Field

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Divisions, that the Oklahoma City Police Department photograph shall be forwarded instead of those now in use.

Very truly yours,



M. E. GURNEA,
Special Agent in Charge.
Special Assignment.

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cc Oklahoma City

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RE: RCOL

Dear Sir:

Inasmuch as the Bureau has been advised that the photograph of Ralph Roe appearing on Identification Order #1472 does not portray a true likeness of that individual and further that the photograph of Ralph Roe taken by the Oklahoma City Police Department and bearing #15589 is a true likeness of Roe, there are being transmitted herewith four copies of the Oklahoma City Police Department photograph of Roe.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
Enclosures.
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

EAT:JHR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
April 9, 1938.

Time-11:57 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: ^QRoe and ^QCole-Escaped Federal Prisoners.

SAC Gurnea called from Little Rock regarding the developments in this case.

He stated that Agents Bryce and Hurt returned last night and had worked everything out-with no result. They made another search around Boyd's and located a man named Maxwell. ~~Maxwell~~ said that a man came to his house in the middle of the afternoon, but that he wouldn't let him stay. Maxwell asserted that this individual could not be Cole, because of physical differences. The Agents found a man who worked on Boyd's place, and this man admitted that the story was false. The Agents located a trapper who knew this territory perfectly-searched the locality from one end to the other-and found nothing of interest. Then they confronted Boyd with all of this evidence, and Boyd indirectly admitted that he had been mistaken.

Carpenter's place was gone over and again nothing was uncovered. A sheriff, who knows Carpenter very well, stated that no one could be up there without his knowledge, but that he would go up and question Carpenter within the next day or two.

Mr. Gurnea will go to San Antonio, Texas and talk to Harry Wells.

SAC Gurnea had information from Oklahoma City to the effect that a state police officer up there knows a man who is supposed to be harboring some of these men. This lead is being taken care of by an old informant, Jack Miller.

Respectfully,

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FILE NO. **76-326**

REPORT MADE AT St. Louis, Missouri	DATE WHEN MADE 4/7/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/24/38	REPORT MADE BY E. L. Cochran AM
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: Miss Pearl Kirkpatrick, proprietor of lunch room, St. Louis, Missouri, reported that on March 22, 1938, she furnished sandwiches to two men, subsequently believed by her to be identical with fugitives, said individuals stating they were proceeding from Los Angeles, California, to Chicago, Illinois; exact method of travel unknown.

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REFERENCE: Teletype from the San Francisco Office to the Bureau and the Chicago and St. Louis Offices, dated March 24, 1938.

DETAILS:

Captain Robert L. Agee of the Fifth District of the St. Louis, Missouri, Police Department informed the St. Louis Office that about 10:30 P. M. on March 23, 1938, Miss Pearl Kirkpatrick, proprietor of a lunch room at 4136 North Broadway, St. Louis, reported to Sergeant William Wiley and Patrolman Hugh Smith of said district that between 12:00 midnight and 1:00 A. M. on that date, two men came into her restaurant and asked for something to eat. Miss Kirkpatrick stated she gave them sandwiches, and in the course of conversation they spoke of riding on a freight train for about sixty-six hours from California; that later the same date, while reading an "Official Detective Stories" magazine, she observed pictures of Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole and recognized said pictures as being photographs of the men she had fed.

Miss Pearl Kirkpatrick, interviewed in her restaurant and residence address at 4136 North Broadway, St. Louis, said that about 11:40 P. M., March 22, 1938, two young men had entered her lunch room and had begged her for something to eat, and after securing the same had departed, the total period of time spent by them in the restaurant being not in excess of fifteen minutes. Miss Kirkpatrick said these

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men appeared in a disheveled condition, as though they had been bumming their way on freight trains or hitch-hiking, and that both appeared tired and hungry. She said the older of the two men, whom she characterized as the "big fellow," did all the talking for the pair and asked her if they could get something to eat. She stated this man, whom she later identified as Ralph Roe, said they had not eaten for sixty-six hours and had just come in on the train. Miss Kirkpatrick said she asked where they had come from, and the individual subsequently believed by her to be identical with Roe said: "Did you ever hear of the city of the big flood? Well, that's just where we come from." Miss Kirkpatrick interpreted this to be a reference to Los Angeles, California. In reply to a query as to their destination, this individual said they were going to Chicago, Illinois, and in reply to a question as to whether they had worked there, he said, "No, but we will be well taken care of." Miss Kirkpatrick said she did not recall that the individual whom she characterized as the "little fellow" and subsequently identified as being Theodore Cole said anything at all during the few minutes the two men were in her lunch room. She stated they appeared to be friendly young fellows, and she felt sorry for them and prepared two soup bone meat sandwiches, covered with onions, which she folded in paper napkins and put in a brown paper bag, also putting about one and one-half loaves of hard bread in the bag. She said the two men then each drank a tumbler of water which she offered them, and after thanking her for the food, walked out of the restaurant in a southerly direction. Miss Kirkpatrick stated the only other persons in her lunch room were her brother, who paid no attention to them and had nothing to do with them, and an individual whom she called "Doc" Sanders. She stated that after the individuals departed, on the following night at about 10:00 P. M., March 23, 1938, she was reading a copy of the "Official Detective Stories" magazine, issue of March 30, 1938, and observed a story displayed on pages 28 and 29 of said magazine, entitled "Most Wanted Men in America," by Patrick O'Hara, which purported to be a story of the alleged escape of the fugitives from Alcatraz and which was illustrated by front-view photographs of the fugitives, identical with the photographs on Identification Orders 1471 and 1472. Miss Kirkpatrick stated that as soon as she observed the photographs of the fugitives as displayed on page 29 of said magazine, she recognized said photographs as being likenesses of the two individuals she had fed the night before. Miss Kirkpatrick stated that thereupon she ran into the street and hailed a St. Louis Police Department car, containing two policemen, names unknown to her, and told them of her alleged identification. Miss Kirkpatrick, upon being shown the photographs and descriptions of Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole, was positive in her identification, stating that from her best recollection and belief the photographs of said fugitives were those of the two individuals above mentioned. She described these individuals as follows:

No. 1 (Identified from photographs by Miss Pearl Kirkpatrick
as being identical with Ralph Roe)

Age	About 29 or 30 years
Height	6 feet
Weight	Between 170 and 180 pounds
Build	Sturdy

Hair	Chestnut; wavy
Eyes	Hazel
Complexion	Fair
Features	Firm chin; full lips; apparently a slight scar near the corner of lips at left side of mouth
Characteristics	Nervous; quick-moving; quick-talking
Dress	White shirt opening at neck; no tie; brown, loose-fitting, coat; grayish, bell-bottom, trousers; dark shoes; bareheaded

No. 2 (Identified and believed by Miss Pearl Kirkpatrick as being identical with Theodore Cole)

Age	About 26 or 27 years
Height	About 5 feet, 8 inches
Weight	135 or 140 pounds
Build	Slender
Hair	Dark brown; thick; straight
Eyes	Unknown
Complexion	Dark
Characteristics	Nervous; quiet
Dress	Dark, snug-fitting, jacket or tight coat; dark trousers; dark shoes; bareheaded

Miss Kirkpatrick could furnish no further information regarding these individuals and could not give the full name or address of the other person, "Doc" Sanders, who she stated had observed these men, beyond the information that Sanders apparently was a detective of some sort for a railroad company and hung around the lunch room occasionally at night. She stated she would ascertain, if possible, the full name and address of Sanders and would communicate same to the St. Louis Office for the purpose of interview.

Contact with the St. Louis Police Department resulted in no further information.

A summary of the above data was communicated to the Bureau and the Chicago and San Francisco Offices by teletype on March 24, 1938.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The ST. LOUIS Office at St. Louis, Missouri, will recontact Miss Pearl Kirkpatrick, 4136 North Broadway, relative to the identity and address of "Doc" Sanders, who also observed the individuals fed by Miss Kirkpatrick on the night of March 22, 1938, and interview Sanders. The St. Louis Office will recontact the St. Louis Police Department for possible further information.

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REPORT MADE AT KANSAS CITY.	DATE WHEN MADE 4-11-1938	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3-10;12;16-38	REPORT MADE BY H. W. SAVAGE ebc
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. Elmer Sisk, Mrs. Elizabeth Estice, Mrs. Alice Tywaters and Ethel Roe, Excelsior Springs, Mo., relatives Ralph Roe, advised they have not seen him since visit to Excelsior Springs when a child of six or seven years. P.

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, Oklahoma City, December 22, 1937.

DETAILS:

AT EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, MO.

Mrs. Elmer Sisk, who resides on a rural route five miles southeast of Excelsior Springs stated that Ralph Roe had visited Excelsior Springs with his mother when he was a child of six or seven years of age and since that date she has received no correspondence or any information concerning his activities or present whereabouts.

Mrs. Elizabeth Estice stated that she last saw Ralph Roe when he had visited in Excelsior Springs with his mother on the visit referred to above.

Mrs. Alice Tywaters, 515 Isley Street, and Miss Ethel Roe, 516 Park Avenue, both stated that they have never seen Ralph Roe since he was a child and can be of no assistance in giving any information concerning his present whereabouts.

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OKLAHOMA CITY OKLAHOMA
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10:30 a.m.

R H COLVIN
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
202 US COURT HOUSE
EL PASO TEXAS

RALPH ROE WAS FUGITIVE EFF REFERENCE REPORT AGENT DORRIS KLPASO
MARCH FOUR THIRTYEIGHT INQUIRY LEVELLAND TEXAS FAILED TO LOCATE EITHER HAZEL
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I you'd watch Miss Billie
Brown, Sapulpa, Oklahoma
you might find something.
At present I can't recall her
street address but can get it.

Three cars in M^cAlister
Okla., per could talk about
him if they would: - Bob
Bridges, of Tulsa, Ernie
Jones and - Morgan, the
latter is on a car rap.

I understood that Frank
Lake, Terry Druggan, Ralph
Capone, Collette, Jim and
Jack Cusack and Frank

Nitta and Hyman Levine
were figuring something
on Johnson's hotel, Alcatraz.
I believe the Rock is due
for some hot fireworks -
in a fog. - and the cable
to Oakland, as I trust, Nelson.

As soon as I am out of
here and get back to Chi,
if I learn anything of real
value, I'll let you know.

I'm done enough to write
myself and do not crave
any more.

Wts
Hospital.

yours truly
Dwight C. Pugh
Ward 7.

over

Veterans Hospital,
Dayton, Ohio

for the Dept. of Justice. April 2, 1938.

Dear Sir: -

As regards Ted
Cole and Ralph Roe who
lammed from The Rock
the following may be of
interest:

I did time with them
in Leavenworth. Ted was
going half a century for a
match while Ralph was
shaking 99 - due out in
on a national bank rot. Year 2001.

Bob Bridges might be
back in Lavenworth doing
the short way parole on
two years.

What time in 1940 will
my citizenship be restored?

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April 25, 1938.

Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

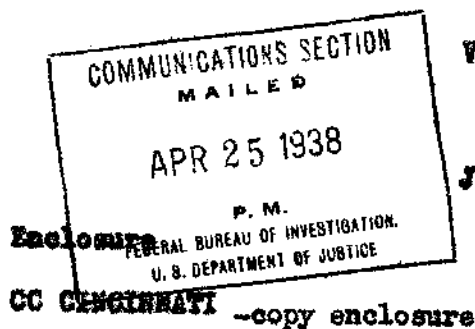
RE: THEODORE COLE, with aliases,
FUGITIVE; I. O. #1471;
RALPH ROE, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1472.
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER.

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are photostatic copies
of a letter furnished to this Bureau by the Bureau of
Prisons.

Inasmuch as Dwight O. Pugh, Ward 7,
Veterans Hospital, Dayton, Ohio, indicates that he can
furnish information of value relative to Theodore Cole
and Ralph Roe, the Cincinnati Office to which a copy
of this letter is being transmitted, should interview
that individual for any further information at his
disposal.

The contents of the letter addressed to
the Department of Justice by Dwight O. Pugh should be given
appropriate consideration by the Oklahoma City Field Divi-
sion.



Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

[Handwritten signature]

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

FILE NO.

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REPORT MADE AT Dallas, Texas	DATE WHEN MADE 4/12/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/11/38	REPORT MADE BY Clarence W. Dunker
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>Flint C. Brannon contacted Texarkana, Texas, and furnished \$100.00. He advised unable to locate Dan Harless, Kansas City. Brannon and wife will proceed to San Angelo, Texas, probably by automobile April 14, 1938, and contact Williams family; then proceed to Wink, Texas, and contact James Roe. Brannon will write Dallas Office prior to leaving Texarkana; will have his wife write Dallas Office of developments on contacts; and upon return to Texarkana, will come through Dallas and contact this office to advise results. Brannon promised \$750.00 each for information leading to apprehension of Subjects.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-P-</p> <p>REFERENCE:</p> <p>Bureau letter to Kansas City Division dated March 21, 1938 (76-2686); letter from Kansas City Office to Bureau dated March 29, 1938; letter from Bureau dated April 1, 1938; letter from Oklahoma City Office dated April 1, 1938.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p>Flint C. Brannon was located at his home 1003 Milam Street, Texarkana, Texas, and was requested to come to the Grim Hotel for an interview. Brannon was interviewed by the writer at the Grim Hotel, Texarkana, Texas, April 11, 1938.</p> <p>Brannon advised that while in Kansas City he attempted to locate Dan Harless at 2529 Gillam Road, and had made inquiry in an attempt</p>			
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to locate Harless, but found that Harless had evidently left town and that his present address was unknown. He advised that inasmuch as he had spent some money on taxi fares and was getting low on money, and because he was anxious to leave, he left without contacting an agent of the Kansas City Field Division, but he did, however, immediately upon his return to Texarkana have his wife write a letter reporting the results of his inquiry. He advised that when he stopped at 2529 Gillem Road he was nearly thrown out of the house, and he therefore believed it would be inadvisable to follow up this contact until after he had completed his trip to Wink, Texas, to contact James Roe.

In accordance with Bureau instructions, Brannon was furnished \$100.00 by the writer and a receipt was obtained from him. Brannon advised that he would leave Texarkana, Texas, with his wife as soon as he could move out of the house in which he was living and either rent or buy an automobile. He advised that he thought of leaving on Wednesday, April 13, but inasmuch as it was the 13th, he believed it would be better to leave on the 14th. Brannon advised that just prior to leaving he would write a letter addressed to F. J. Blake, 1206 Tower Petroleum Building, Dallas, Texas, advising the time he was leaving; that he would then proceed to San Angelo, Texas, and contact the family of Jack F. Williams, 25 East 7th Street, to obtain the present address of James Roe, and also to obtain what information he could relative to the whereabouts of the Subjects in this case. He advised that he would then proceed to Wink, Texas, where James Roe was reported to be located; that he would probably pose as a salesman in that vicinity and might sell some razor blades and sundry articles.

He advised that while in the vicinity of Wink, Texas, he would attempt to obtain information relative to the whereabouts of the Subjects in this case and would then have his wife send a letter to F. J. Blake, 1206 Tower Petroleum Building, Dallas, Texas, so that any communication from him could not be traced. Brannon advised that while in the vicinity of Wink, Texas, he would periodically have his wife communicate with F. J. Blake, 1206 Tower Petroleum Building, Dallas, Texas, so that the Dallas Field Division would at all times be advised of the developments he was making.

Brannon advised that after he had contacted James Roe, he would return to Texarkana, Texas, by way of Dallas, Texas; and that he would telephonically communicate with the Dallas Office when he passed through Dallas. The telephone number was left with him. He advised that upon telephonically contacting the Dallas Field Division, he desired to have arrangements made so that some agent could contact him away from the office, at which time he would report the complete results of his contact with James Roe.

Brannon advised that he wanted all contacts with him made in such a way that his identity would in no way be revealed. He advised that he believed Roe and Cole to be very dangerous and that he did not wish to leave any traces of his contacts with the Bureau.

Brannon advised that he believed he should be paid \$1,000.00 each for information leading to the apprehension of Roe and Cole, or \$1,000.00 if he gave information leading to the apprehension of either of the Subjects. After some discussion with Brannon, he decided that if he received \$750.00 each for information leading to the apprehension of Subjects, it would be satisfactory; or if he received \$750.00 for either one of the men in the event he gave information leading to their apprehension, it would be satisfactory. The writer then advised Brannon that in the event he furnished information which resulted in the apprehension of Roe and Cole he would be paid \$750.00 each for this information; and in the event he furnished information which resulted in the apprehension of one of the Subjects, he would be paid \$750.00 by the Bureau.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE DALLAS FIELD DIVISION

At Dallas, Texas, will furnish information regarding the developments and results of Brannon's contact with James Roe.

P E N D I N G.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

EAT:JHR

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

April 13, 1938.

Time-11:44 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Roe and Cole
Escaped Federal Prisoners.

SAC Jones called from San Antonio and reported that Harry Wells received ninety years in a Federal Court on four counts. As a result of this, Wells refused to talk any further. Mr. Jones suggested that we obtain an order removing Wells to a prison right away because of his frame of mind. I stated that we would talk to the Bureau of Prisons.

During this conversation, I also talked to Mr. Gurnea. He said that Wells told the following story: That Roe and Cole were on the raft four days—that they had built the raft on the island during a period of fog. Wells said that he would not point out the exact spot. It would seem that the story has been made up..

I asked Mr. Gurnea to come to Washington before going to the Richmond Office.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

FILE NO. 76-107

REPORT MADE AT Butte, Montana.	DATE WHEN MADE 4/11/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/6/38	REPORT MADE BY E. Sandberg
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: William Loyear presently located Spokane Hotel, Spokane, Washington. P.			
Reference: Report of Special Agent Daniel Currie, Jr., Seattle, Washington, 1/21/38.			
Details: Agent ascertained from the Postmaster, Moscow, Idaho, that William Loyear is presently located at the Spokane Hotel, Spokane, Washington.			
UNDEVELOPED LEADS: The SEATTLE FIELD DIVISION will interview William Loyear			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>A.E. Andersen</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES 76-2626-343 APR 18 1938 FUGITIVE STAT SECT.	
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at the Spokane Hotel, Spokane, Washington, as set out for the Butte
Office at Moscow, Idaho, in the reference report.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

FILE NO. **76-85 MS**

REPORT MADE AT Buffalo, N.Y.	DATE WHEN MADE 4/13/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/26, 28/38	REPORT MADE BY C. E. GREANEY
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:

Detective PAUL GORDON, PD, Johnstown, N.Y. advises knowing PRENTICE ROMAINE, alias JOHN DUPONT and all relatives in Johnstown and Gloversville, N.Y. Chief LEWIS FISH, PD, Gloversville, N.Y. arrested PRENTICE ROMAINE in 1931 for Grand Larceny. All relatives of PRENTICE ROMAINE advise that no strangers answering the descriptions of fugitives ROE and COLE have visited them looking for PRENTICE ROMAINE. PRENTICE ROMAINE presently confined at the Attica State Prison, Attica, N.Y. as a parole violator.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent M. E. GURNEA, San Francisco, Calif., 12/28/37.

DETAILS:

AT JOHNSTOWN, N.Y.

Detective PAUL GORDON of the Johnstown, N.Y. Police Department advised that the correct name of JOHN DUPONT, FBI-221311 is PRENTICE ROMAINE and that he knows PRENTICE ROMAINE personally and most of his family, the names of whom are listed on page 23 of the reference report. It was developed from Detective Gordon that PRENTICE ROMAINE'S sister, MRS. ANNA NELLIS, resided at 42 Irving

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Street, Johnstown, N.Y. and that his sister, JOSEPHINE ROMAINE presently resides at 319 North Perry St., Johnstown, N.Y., and that a brother, JAMES ROMAINE, resides on a farm on the outskirts of the city of Johnstown, N.Y.

MRS. ANNA NELLIS, 42 Irving Street, on being contacted stated that she had not seen her brother, PRENTICE ROMAINE in nearly three years or since the time that he was sentenced to the Atlanta Penitentiary for stealing an automobile. She stated that she understood that her brother was returned to New York State during the fall of 1937 and was committed to some penitentiary, the name of which she did not know, advising that she has not written nor heard from him since his return to New York State. Mrs. Nellis was shown the photographs of subjects RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE, but she stated that no individuals resembling them nor any persons in fact, had contacted her or any members of her family, as far as she knew, since December of 1937, when the two fugitives escaped. She advised that she would contact the local police immediately should any visitors call in Johnstown looking for her brother at any time and they in turn would contact the Buffalo Field Division.

MISS JOSEPHINE ROMAINE, 319 North Perry Street, stated that she also had not seen her brother in about three years and that she had seldom heard from him since he was sentenced to the penitentiary. She stated that she knew that he had been returned to New York State, but that she did not know in what penitentiary he was confined or for what reason and apparently knew little about him. It might be observed that this sister, tho single, has a child born out of wedlock and lives with some man who apparently is the father of the child, and their home would undoubtedly be a place in which the fugitives would not take refuge. MISS ROMAINE was shown the photographs of subject COLE and ROE but was unable to identify them as any person she had ever seen at any time. She also stated that she would communicate with the local police if any strangers came to her home asking for Prentice.

JAMES ROMAINE, R.F.D., Johnstown, advised that he has been working on a farm for several years and that he has not seen his brother, Prentice since he was sentenced to the Atlanta penitentiary. He stated further that he did not know where his brother, Prentice was presently confined altho he had known that he had been returned to New York State in the fall of 1937.

JAMES ROMAINE was likewise shown the pictures of Roe and Cole and he stated that he has had no strangers stopping at his farm inquiring for his brother, Prentice since December 1937 when the subjects escaped. James Romaine appeared to be a respectable individual and he advised that he would gladly cooperate in reporting the appearance of any strangers in the future inquiring for Prentice.

AT GLOVERSVILLE, N.Y.

Chief of Police LOUIS WISH and Detective HARRY HART both advised that PRENTICE ROMAINE was well known to them having been arrested by their department on a charge of Grand Larceny for the theft of an automobile for which offense he was sentenced in 1931 to the Elmira State Reformatory. They both advised that Prentice Romaine was still confined in some penitentiary since his return to New York State and that no information had come to their department that any strangers had been around to his relatives inquiring for him. Both officers were familiar with the Identification Orders of both subjects Roe and Cole, and they advised that they would be on the alert for the appearance of the subjects in or about Gloversville, N.Y.

MRS. LEON MOSHER, 1 West 9th Avenue, advised that she is Prentice Romaine's sister. She stated that she has received letters from Prentice both while he was confined at Alcatraz and later since his confinement at Attica State Prison, Attica, N.Y., where he is presently confined. She stated that she has not seen her brother since he was sentenced to the Atlanta, Ga. U. S. Penitentiary about three years before and that he had never in any of the letters he had written to her mentioned any persons that he had met while in Alcatraz. She was shown the photographs of subjects Roe and Cole but she advised that she had never had any strangers, who answered the descriptions of the fugitives, call at her house asking for her brother, Prentice.

She advised that she and ZAIDA HILKEY, a half sister of Prentice Romaine, were the only two of all the family that had been given authority to correspond with and take care of him. She stated that she would gladly communicate with the local police department should any strangers make any inquiries for her brother at any time in the future.

EDWARD HILLEY, 57 Melwig Street, advised that Prentice Romaine was his half brother and that Prentice for the most part before coming involved in trouble stayed with his, Prentice's half sister, ZAIDA HILLEY. He stated that PAUL HILLEY is his, Edward Hilley's brother, and that his brother Paul works on a farm as a farmhand to one ROSS JOHNSON between Ingalls Mills and Oppenheim, N.Y., two small rural hamlets on an R.F.D. route out of Dolgeville, N.Y. Mr. Hilley stated that Prentice Romaine was not particularly attached to PAUL HILLEY and that he doubted very much whether prentice would ever think of mentioning Paul Hilley to any of his associates in the Alcatraz penitentiary as any person that might ever at any time be contacted for assistance. In fact, Mr. Hilley stated that the more likely person that Prentice would have anyone contact, would be his half-sister, ZAIDA HILLEY, who was greatly attached to him.

He and his wife were both shown the photographs of subjects Roe and Cole. Both advised that they had no strangers call at their home since December 1937 inquiring for Prentice. Mr. Hilley stated that in the event that any strangers call at his home in the near future, he would advise the local police at once.

ZAIDA H. HILLEY, 55 Third Avenue, advised that she and MRS. LEON MOSHER had been given full authority to take care of Prentice Romaine and that they were the only two members of the family with whom he corresponded. She stated that he had been returned from Alcatraz penitentiary to the state of New York sometime in October 1937 and that he was recommitted as a parole violator to the Attica State Prison at Attica, N.Y. for a three year term. She stated that Prentice had communicated with her for the most part while confined at Alcatraz and that he had never mentioned such to her about any other prisoners. She stated also that she had visited Prentice at the Attica State Prison about a month previous and that he had never made mention to her of any persons with whom he had associated while in Alcatraz or anything regarding the escape of subjects Cole and Roe. She likewise examined the photographs of Roe and Cole and advised that neither they nor any other strangers had ever visited her house looking for Prentice. She likewise advised that she would immediately communicate with the local police department in the event any persons answering their description called at her home looking for Prentice.

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WILLIAM ROYAL, R.N.D., was likewise interviewed and it was observed that he lived in very poverty stricken circumstances with his wife and seven children. He stated that he had not seen Prentice in about three years and that no strangers had attempted to contact him since December 1937 regarding the whereabouts of Prentice. He likewise was shown the photographs of Roe and Cole but stated that he had never observed any individuals in or about Gloversville answering their descriptions.

AT ALBANY, N.Y.

WILLIAM M. CASHIN, Director, Division of Criminal Identification, New York State Department of Correction, advised that Prentice Romaine was returned to the Elmira State Reformatory as a parole violator on October 19, 1937 and that he was transferred on November 15, 1937 to the Attica State Prison, where he is presently confined and is known as number T4419.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE BUFFALO FIELD DIVISION

AT ATTICA, N.Y. will interview Prentice Romaine, Attica Prison #T4419, to develop from him whatever knowledge he may possess with respect to any plans that had been formulated at the Alcatraz penitentiary by subjects Roe and Cole relative to the instant escape. The photographs of both of these fugitives should be exhibited to Romaine to ascertain whether he can recognize either as fellow prisoners.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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FILE NO. 76-338

REPORT MADE AT San Antonio, Tex.	DATE WHEN MADE April 13 '38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/2/38	REPORT MADE BY T. H. Sisk
TITLE RALPH ROE, w.a. FUGITIVE I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, w.a. FUGITIVE I.O. #1471			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:


Former inmate A. W. Davis, #311-AZ, interviewed at Houston, Texas, states was released from Alcatraz 1/13/37, a year before the break, hence has no knowledge of plans formulated. Knows Roe and Cole on sight, but nothing else about them and expressed opinion they drowned. Former inmate Bryan Conway, #293-AZ, unknown to mother of Homer Flanakin at Houston, but further efforts being made to locate him through Flanakin family. P.

Reference: Reports Special Agents W. F. Whitely, Memphis, Tenn. 2/28/38 and Clarence W. Dunker, Dallas, Tex. 3/11/38.

DETAILS:

Inquiry at 1208 Clay Street, Houston, Texas, disclosed former inmate A. W. Davis, #311-AZ, moved from that address several weeks ago without stating where he was going. Interview was then had with Assistant City Editor Douglas Hicks, of the Houston "Press" who wrote a series of articles in collaboration with Davis, and who advised Davis is now living at the Stratford Hotel, Houston, Tex.

Davis was interviewed at room 217 Stratford Hotel and stated he was released from Alcatraz on January 13, 1937, almost a year prior to instant break, hence that he has no idea as to what plans if any were formulated with respect to same. He stated he was confined in the institution only 7½ months and in accordance with the usual custom the long termers did not talk or associate with him. Davis says he knows Roe and Cole on sight but nothing at all about them, and during the entire time he was on the rock never had a conversation with them, or about them. He stated he has not seen them anywhere, nor heard anything about them, however, he promised that if he ever does see them or obtain any information he will advise the Bureau.

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Davis says he is not acquainted with former inmate Bryan Conway, and has no idea where he could be located for interview.

The first reference report reflects Conway might be located through an ex-convict named Homer Flannigan who was supposed to be known to the Houston Police, and that Flannigan could be located through a sister, Miss Corbin, 2716 Austin Street, Houston. Inquiry at this address disclosed it is a rooming house operated by a widow, Mrs. Agnes Flanakin, and that Homer Flanakin is her son, and Mrs. Sarah Corbin her married daughter. Upon interview Mrs. Flanakin stated she is very worried about Homer as he has not been in touch with her for some time, however, that she believes he will be around to visit her pretty soon and when he shows up she will either advise Agent or have Homer communicate with the Resident Agent's office in Houston. She remarked Homer is out of the city but exactly where she does not know.

Mrs. Flanakin stated she has never heard the name of Bryan Conway, that her son never tells her much about his associates. She was shown pictures of subjects and stated they are strangers to her.

Further contact will be had with Mrs. Flanakin if her son, Homer, does not appear soon. It is noted she has another son, John F., and another daughter, Vivian, who live at the same address. She replied in response to a question that Mrs. Corbin, the other daughter, does not live there, but is somewhere in the city at an unknown address.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

San Antonio Office: At Houston, Tex. if Homer Flanakin contacts Resident Agent's office obtain from him the whereabouts of former inmate Bryan Conway, #293-AZ, so that he can be interviewed. If Flanakin does not show up within a reasonable time again contact Mrs. Agnes Flanakin and other members of the family at 2716 Austin Street; also request Police to be on lookout for him.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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FILE NO. 76-348

REPORT MADE AT Oklahoma City	DATE WHEN MADE 4-12-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3-28 & 4-1-38	REPORT MADE BY F. S. Smith
TITLE 0 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:

"Boss" Fisk, #36608 OSP, McAlester, Okla., claims does not know Roe and Cole, and does not have any information concerning them. Informant "Z" alleges confidentially informed by Herbert Allen Farmer of Joplin, Missouri, Cole contacted Farmer recently at Joplin.

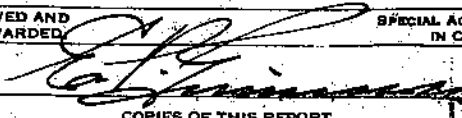
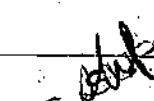
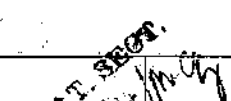
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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent F. S. Smith, Okla. City, 4-1-38, and report of Special Agent M. J. Lynch, Kansas City, 3-9-38.

DETAILS:

At McAlester, Oklahoma.

"Boss" Fisk, #36608 Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, was interviewed at length and he emphatically stated that he does not know Roe and Cole and has no information concerning them; that he was confined in this institution on a manslaughter charge; that he is not a thief and has never associated with that element and therefore never came in contact with Roe or Cole, and the only thing he ever heard about them he read in the papers. He stated he would be glad to make inquiries among the convicts in the prison and if he obtained any information concerning them of interest he would communicate same to the Oklahoma City

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Office. He stated he had heard their names mentioned among the convicts in the McAlester Prison, some of whom thought they escaped and others expressed the opinion that they were drowned.

On March 28, 1938, Mr. Dave McConnell, private investigator for the Governor of Oklahoma, called the writer by phone, advising he had an informant who had direct information concerning Roe and Cole, knew their connections and where they were furnished clothing and finances after their escape. Mr. McConnell stated he was reasonably sure he would have definite information through this informant within a very short time, probably by April 4th, from which he would know the location of Roe and Cole. McConnell indicated he was impressed with his source of information, stating that in the event the information materialized he desired to be in on the capture of subjects as the publicity would aid the Governor of Oklahoma in his campaign for United States Senator. McConnell was advised by the writer that the Bureau was very much interested in the capture of these men and would appreciate his cooperation and any information furnished concerning them. McConnell stated he would advise the Oklahoma City Office as soon as he received additional information from his informant.

On April 1, 1938 the writer received a long distance call from Joplin, Missouri. The writer readily recognized the voice of the caller as informant "Z". His conversation was as follows: "I am in Joplin, calling from the Keystone Hotel. This is the place. The little fellow who escaped out there was here recently and contacted the big deaf fellow who was involved in the Kansas City massacre. The deaf fellow told me that while he knew the little fellow, he could not afford for him to hang around and told him so and told him that he had had his troubles and did not want any more and had him leave." Informant further stated that the party he had previously referred to as giving him the original information concerning Roe and Cole, and which information is set forth in reference report, had gone to Texas and would not return for several days; that this party would probably stop by informant's place at Bartlesville on his return and he felt sure

he would be able to get details from him regarding Roe and Cole and where they are. Informant stated he was returning that night to Bartlesville, Oklahoma and requested that the writer phone Dave McConnell and tell him to be there the following day as the informant's matter would come up on that date and he needed McConnell's presence. Informant's conversation clearly disclosed to the writer that he is the source of information McConnell referred to. The writer is skeptical of this informant and the truthfulness of his information, and it is believed same is concocted as a scheme for personal gain. The Oklahoma City Office, however, will await further developments from this informant for a reasonable period of time and if he does not communicate as promised he will be contacted.

It was ascertained that Dave McConnell was temporarily absent from Oklahoma City and not available at this time for interview. He will be contacted by the writer at an early date relative to information obtained from informant "Z" by him.

The "big deaf fellow" referred to by Informant "Z" is unquestionably Herbert Allen Farmer.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE

At Bartlesville, Oklahoma, after a reasonable period, if no communication is received from Informant "Z", he will be contacted by Agent Smith with a view of establishing, if possible, the authenticity of his previous statements, and receive such other information as he may be able to impart.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **OKLAHOMA CITY**

FILE NO. **76-86**

REPORT MADE AT Little Rock, Arkansas	DATE WHEN MADE 4/13/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/28, 3/1, 3, 26 and 4/6/1938	REPORT MADE BY W. A. WINTER DTR
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:

Party known as J. E. Conway, reported to have been released from Alcatraz, was in Jonesboro, Arkansas in January, 1938 and departed presumably for St. Louis, Missouri. Mary Conway, mother of Bryan Conway could not be located at Jonesboro. Ethel Payton, Gibson Switch, Arkansas, advised she had a brother named Harrison Conway who served in the Army during the World War, and that the family has not heard from him since, believing him to be dead, but have heard rumors that he had been in prison.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent W. F. Whitely, Memphis, dated 2/3/38.

DETAILS: At Jonesboro, Arkansas -

G. E. Fryer, Deputy Sheriff, advised that he is not acquainted with a Mary Conway at Jonesboro, nor had he ever heard of Bryan Conway.

The directories at the Post Office were examined as was the telephone directory, and all utility companies in Jonesboro were contacted, but none of these sources reflected a name - Mary or Bryan Conway. The Retail Credit Department of the Chamber of Commerce was also contacted without reflecting any of the above names. A Mrs. Erby Conway, 204 Church Street was listed in the Retail Credit Department records of the Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. Erby Conway was located at 310 Cate Street, to which address she has recently moved, and upon interviewing her it was ascertained

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that she was not related to Bryan Conway.

Chief of Police H. F. Mabrey, when contacted, stated that he believed he had heard of a woman who had stayed at 309 Front Street, which the Chief stated was a house frequented by prostitutes, and he believed that the woman referred to had been named Mary Conway. Accompanied by Chief Mabrey, Alice Gosney at the above address was contacted, and she advised that a girl by the name of Mary Conway had been at that address for several months, until in January, 1938 when she left with a couple of men, presumably for St. Louis, Missouri. Alice Gosney stated that this Mary Conway was a young woman, probably 23 to 30 years of age, and that she left with a man who called himself J. B. Conway, who had visited her in Jonesboro for several days before they left, and stated they were going to St. Louis, they being accompanied by another man, whose name she recalled as Durrinkels (phonetic). Alice Gosney stated that there was also another woman with Mary Conway and these two men whom she knew only as "Mergie". Alice Gosney stated that she understood from what she had heard from J. B. Conway and the woman called Mary Conway, that J. B. Conway had at one time been incarcerated in Alcatraz Prison, but stated that she had no personal knowledge as to this. She advised that she did not know where Mary Conway was from, nor could she furnish any information as to the address in St. Louis where these parties might be found, stating that she did not know definitely whether they were in fact going to St. Louis.

Alice Gosney further stated that Mary Conway appeared to be younger than J. B. Conway, and that she considered it impossible that Mary might be J. B. Conway's mother, but might have been a sister; that she believed that the woman in charge of the house at 102 Bridge Street might be acquainted with some Conways, inasmuch as she had heard of a Conway in connection with that house.

Chief of Police Mabrey stated that the house at 102 Bridge Street was also a house frequented by prostitutes.

Minnie Oaks, 102 Bridge Street, the woman in charge of this house, advised that she was not acquainted with a Mary Conway or any other Conway, but stated that a girl named Georgie Schuster, who stayed at that house, talked of a woman named Mary Conway. She advised that Georgie Schuster was out of the city at the time of this call.

Georgie Schuster was contacted at a later date, and she advised that Mack Payton, who operates a small grocery store at the corner of Burk and Nesbitt Streets, had a sister-in-law by the name of Mary Conway, whose address she did not know. She advised that she was not personally acquainted with Mary Conways.

Mack Payton, 1102 Burk Street, advised that his brother, Joe Payton, married a woman named Ethel Conway, whose mother is Mary Conway. He stated that Ethel resides near Gibson Switch, Arkansas, and that Mary Conway, Ethel's mother, resides at Weiner, Arkansas with her sons, James and Henry Conway. He further advised that he had heard Ethel talk of a brother whom she called Harrison Conway, who served in the army during the World War and whom the family believed was killed during his service in the army; however, he stated that there had been rumors that this brother was not in fact killed but had been confined to a United States Penitentiary for some years, on account of killing a party while he was in the army, but he advised that he had no definite information in this respect.

At Weiner, Arkansas -

It was ascertained that Mary Conway is an elderly woman who lives with her two sons, James and Henry, about six miles south of Weiner, Arkansas. On the day of Agent's call, it was raining heavily, and Agent was advised that it would be impossible to reach the home of the Conways except by walking the entire distance.

At Gibson Switch, Arkansas -

Mrs. Ethel Payton, residing approximately one mile west of Gibson Switch, which is located on State Road No. 39, between Otwell and Jonesboro, Arkansas was contacted. She advised that she had a brother named Harrison Conway who enlisted in the army at Jonesboro, Arkansas in 1917, and that Harrison at that time was 19 years of age. She advised that none of the family have seen Harrison since that time, advising that the last time they heard of Harrison was sometime in 1918 when he was stationed at Washington, D. C., and by letter advised that he was about to be sent to France. Inasmuch as they never heard from Harrison since that time, they believed that he had been killed; however, she advised that during the last several years they had heard rumors that Harrison, in fact, had not been killed, but had had some trouble, and that he had killed a man while serving in the army and had been confined to a Federal Penitentiary every since 1919. She advised that she and her brothers have endeavored to ascertain whether or not this is a fact, but that they have been unable to do so. She stated that they were very anxious to locate Harrison. Mrs. Payton further stated that her family is composed of her mother, Mary Conway, who resides at Weiner, Arkansas with James Conway and Henry Conway, who are Ethel's brothers. She advised that she has no other brothers or sisters.

In the report of Special Agent M. E. Gurnea, dated at San Francisco, California December 28, 1937, it is noted that Bryan Conway is stated to have the following brothers and sisters: Virginia Conway; M. (?) R. Conway; Andrew Conway; Lee Conway; Hugh Conway and J. B. Conway, the latter being an uncle of Bryan Conway.

Mrs. Payton stated that she had no brothers or sisters by the names mentioned, advising that she was the only daughter in the family. She advised that she knew that her brothers, James and Henry, and her mother, Mary Conway, had no further information concerning Harrison than she had, and also advised that if her brother had been at Jonesboro, Arkansas recently, he had not contacted any of the family in the vicinity of Weiner and Gibson Switch.

No lead is being set out for the St. Louis Office to locate Bryan Conway at that city, inasmuch as the information obtained that he had gone there appears to be too indefinite to base a lead on.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

MEMPHIS FIELD DIVISION - Is requested to contact other relatives of Bryan Conway, residing in the State of Tennessee, as was suggested in the report of reference, in the event Bryan Conway was not located at Jonesboro, Arkansas or through relatives at that point.

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SBL:RD
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April 28, 1938

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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:

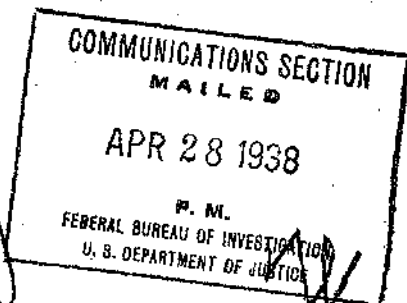
Reference is made to your communication dated April 16, 1938, concerning an interview with Joe Chornley and reporting certain information secured by Special Agent F. S. Smith from informant "Z".

You are advised that the Bureau does not desire that the activities of these informants be hampered by a premature investigation; however, close contact should be maintained with them in order that the information furnished by these individuals can be thoroughly checked at the appropriate time.

The Bureau should be kept advised of all current developments in connection with this phase of instant case.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.



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POST OFFICE BOX 1276,
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA,
APRIL 16th, 1938

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

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

Dear Sir:

During February 1938 Joe Ghormley, an Indian of Bartlesville, Okla-
homa, called at the Oklahoma City Office and advised SAC C. W. Stein
that he had learned indirectly from Hazel Underhill of Tulsa, Oklahoma
that Ed Davis, who is now confined in the California State Penitentiary,
San Quentin, under sentence of death, received as a result of a riot
at that prison, will not be executed for about two years, due to an
appeal from his sentence, and an attempt will be made by Davis to ex-
cape from San Quentin during the time his appeal is pending. This in-
formation was furnished the San Francisco Office.

On March 10th, 1938 Ghormley was interviewed by Special Agent F. S.
Smith and he informed Agent Smith that he had been working with Hazel
Underhill, who he had known for many years, and that she was interested
in obtaining possession of a large sum of bonds which she claims she
obtained from Wilbur Underhill, her deceased husband; that after his
death she turned them to a brother of Ralph Roe at Hayes, Kansas. She
undoubtedly referred to Raymond Roe. He also stated that Hazel Under-
hill had a scheme to aid Ed Davis in escaping from San Quentin Prison
and that she expected to use those bonds to assist in causing his es-
cape. He also informed Agent Smith that Hazel Underhill had proceeded
to Monahans, Texas in an effort to determine if Roe was alive, and
that she had subsequently informed him she had been unable to obtain
any information concerning Roe, but that she believed he did effect
his escape and that she was attempting to make another connection with
reference to the bonds. Ghormley stated he would continue his corres-
pondence with Hazel Underhill in the interest of securing information
regarding the subjects, and of the activities of Mrs. Underhill.

On April 14th, 1938 Ghormley called again at the Oklahoma City Office
where he was interviewed by Special Agents Smith and Ralph T. Hood,
at which time he advised that about April 1st, 1938 he saw Hazel Under-
hill at Kaw City, Oklahoma, at which time she had a large sum of money
derived from the sale of bonds allegedly stolen by subject Roe and
Wilbur Underhill. At this time she was with Mrs. A. W. Davis and was

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proceeding to Texas. She informed Ghormley that she was forced to use a forged signature of Ralph Roe to obtain the bonds from Raymond Roe who had secreted them for a long time, and indicated that a sister of Ralph Roe, name not disclosed, was the person who forged subject Roe's signature. Ghormley however, was of the opinion that the signature was not forged but was the true signature of Ralph Roe and that Hazel Underhill is in contact with him.

Subsequently Ghormley's wife received a letter from Hazel Underhill disclosing that she was in Levelland, Texas where her son, Marvin Connor was recently injured in an oil well explosion and that he had been released from a hospital at Lubbock. Ghormley's information, as received from one J. B. Atkinson, an underworld character at Kaw City, was that Roe was presently in the vicinity of Rio Rico, Mexico and that he is making contact with a friend, one Loupe, a saloone keeper and smuggler who Atkinson alleges has protection from the Customs Service. Ghormley is of the opinion that Atkinson will cause the apprehension of Roe for a reward, and he will immediately contact Atkinson for that purpose. Atkinson is a former associate of Loupe and a close contact of Hazel Underhill.

Ghormley appeared to be very desirous of furnishing information regarding subjects in an effort to obtain a reward.

Ghormley claims that he has acted as informant for various peace officers in Oklahoma in the past and has caused the apprehension of several fugitives, receiving rewards for this. He stated he was broke and sick and is depending on rewards for a living. He suggested that if he were given sufficient money to pay for his transportation expenses in order to make contacts with Hazel Underhill, he could probably obtain information of value.

The Bureau will be immediately advised as soon as Ghormley is able to contact Atkinson in an effort to obtain information.

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Informant [] reported that he had received information from an ex-convict at Odessa, Texas to the effect that he, the ex-convict, recently saw subject Cole at Brownsville, Texas. [] is presently in Oklahoma City awaiting verification of Hazel Underhill's whereabouts.

Your attention is called to the reports of Special Agent F. S. Smith dated April 1st and 12th, 1938 wherein information is set forth as obtained by Informant Z, whose identity was disclosed to the Bureau by letter. Z, who operates a night club at Bartlesville, Oklahoma,

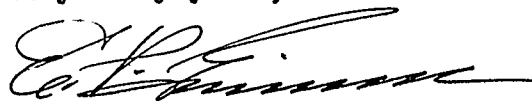
has a long criminal record and has been a member of the underworld in the southwest for a number of years. Prior to the apprehension of Frank Nash, Z furnished information to Agent Smith that Nash was using Fort Smith, Arkansas as a place of asylum and could be located at that place. This information was verified after the apprehension of Nash, upon information received independent of Informant Z. Z is friendly with Herbert Farmer, ex-Alcatraz inmate, and members of the underworld in Missouri and Arkansas. Dave McConnell, private investigator for Governor E. W. Marland of Oklahoma, who contacted Agent Smith with reference to Z, appears to consider him a reliable informant and places a great deal of faith in the information furnished by him. It appears that Z is presently a parolee from the State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma and hopes to obtain a pardon through McConnell by furnishing him information.

On March 14th, 1938 Z was interviewed by Agent Smith at the home of Dave McConnell and informed Agent Smith that he had received information from Herbert Farmer, Joplin, Missouri and another individual whose name he would not divulge, to the effect that Roe and Cole were at Joplin after their escape from Alcatraz, in company with James Roe, and that after contacting Farmer they advised they expected to proceed to Fort Smith, Arkansas to make contact with a former associate of Russell Cooper, presently at Alcatraz. Z claims that subjects were very cautious and careful to conceal the facts of their being alive. He further stated he had also learned that James Roe was in San Francisco at the time of the subjects' escape and assisted them in their escape, and that the escape was effected through the use of oil barrels and paddles. Z considers Hazel Underhill to be the person that Roe and Cole would surely contact.

Informant Z informed Agent Smith that he would maintain his contacts at Joplin, Missouri and Fort Smith, Arkansas in an effort to obtain information which would lead to the apprehension of Roe and Cole, or which would definitely determine that they are alive. He requested that no information be sought or investigation conducted at these points at this time as he is afraid that any investigation would cause his identity to become known to Farmer and his associates and he thought he would be able to obtain information from these parties regarding subjects.

In view of the contemplated results of cooperation with these confidential informants and as premature investigation might hamper them in obtaining further information regarding the whereabouts of Roe and Cole, investigation concerning the information furnished by them is not being requested at this time by this office, but close contact with informants will be maintained by the Oklahoma City Office.

Very truly yours,



E. P. GUINANE,
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

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AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

cc - San Francisco
Kansas City
Little Rock
Dallas
San Antonio
El Paso

PEF:CDW

April 16, 1938.

Time - 12:30 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Mr. Edward M. Williams, Commonwealth Attorney at Berryville, Virginia, telephoned me and said that they have in custody in the jail at Berryville one WILLIAM PHILLIP GEMPP, FBI-191927, who is under indictment for obtaining money under false pretenses. Mr. Williams told me that Gempp sent for him, stating that he had some important information to give him, and in the presence of police officers, Gempp stated that while he was in Alcatraz, he formed the acquaintance of Cole and Roe, who later escaped; that he knows these are the two individuals who have Peter David Levine at this time holding him for ransom, and further, that he knows the individual through whom they can be contacted. Mr. Williams said that Gempp told him he wanted to talk to an Agent of this Bureau about this situation.

Mr. Williams said that while he does not, of course, know whether there is anything to the story told by this individual, he wanted to communicate the information to the Bureau for whatever action we desired to take in the premises.

I told Mr. Williams that the Bureau sincerely appreciated his calling and that we would have someone get in touch with him at once and make arrangements to come out and talk to this man. Mr. Williams said that if he can't be reached, the Agent can just go to the jail and get in touch with Deputy Sheriff Buckner, who would arrange for an interview with the prisoner.

I immediately transmitted the above information to Agent Murphy at the Richmond Office with instructions to take care of this situation at once.

Respectfully,

P. E. FOXNORTH.

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United States Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

April 16, 1938.

Time - 7:40 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Re: Cole and Roe.

Special Agent Murphy telephoned me from the Richmond Office with reference to the interview which was conducted with William Gempp in the jail at Berryville, Virginia. This is the matter about which the District Attorney at Berryville called me and reported that Gempp wanted to see a Bureau Agent relative to the above entitled matter. The following is the story told by Gempp relative to this situation:

In January of this year, he was in Child's Restaurant in the 1400 block of Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, where he met Roe, whom he knows as Jack McCarthy; that Roe was with a girl named Pauline Smith, whose real name is Pauline Skeen and who is the daughter of a minister who lives at Logan, West Virginia. Roe told him that Doc Barker had planned to escape from Alcatraz with one of his friends, and had arranged for a speed boat to come by there at a certain time; that he, Roe, overheard these arrangements and took advantage of them to escape with Cole. With reference to the connection with the Levine Case, Roe told Gempp that he and Cole were going to make a "snatch" and from the conversation, Gempp concluded that this "snatch" they were going to make was Peter Levine. Roe told Gempp that they were not doing this for money, but to "show up J. Edgar Hoover". The Skeen girl was present during this conversation. Gempp stated that Roe is in possession of a black LaSalle Sedan, 1937 or 1938 model, which he claims to have purchased from a legitimate dealer in December of 1937 in Michigan City, Indiana. Gempp says that about 10:30 on the night of this meeting with Roe in Child's, he, Gempp, got on a train bound for Stanton, Virginia, and the Skeen girl was on this same train. During the train ride, they became quite friendly, and when they got off of the train at Stanton, they spent the night at a hotel there, registering under the name of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Harmel. (A check is being made at Stanton on this registration). The Skeen girl was present during Gempp's conversation with Roe in Child's, and Gempp says he has seen her a number of times since that time. She is supposed to have a girl friend working in Child's who is the girl friend of Cole. The name of this girl is not known. Gempp says that the Skeen girl is probably at the home of her parents in Logan, West Virginia.

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I told Mr. Murphy to get in touch with the Huntington Office and have a check made at Logan, West Virginia, with reference to this girl, and also to get in touch with the office covering Michigan City, Indiana, and have a check made relative to the automobile mentioned above. Of course, a check is already being made at Stanton concerning the hotel registration mentioned above.

Respectfully,

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

Follow this up vigorously.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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FILE NO. 76-78

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REPORT MADE AT Cleveland	DATE WHEN MADE 4/13/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/5, 6, 11, 12/38	REPORT MADE BY E. J. Dowd
TITLE RALPH ROE, with aliases: Paul Sullivan, Jack Sullivan, J. O. Sullivan, Jack McCarty, Jack McCarthy, Raymond Roe, Raymond Rowe, J.H. Reynolds, Ralph Rowe - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases: Ted Cole, Theadore Cole, Ray Jackson, Roy Jackson - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471			CHARACTER OF CASE Escaped Federal Prisoners
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Frank Williams, alias Fred Carpenter, No. 308-AZ, advises that during the time he was at Alcatraz he had only a speaking acquaintance with subjects but never heard them or anyone else make mention of subjects' intention to make a break from the Island. According to Williams, it was common gossip among the inmates that an escape could best be effected by means of using an inflated inner tube that might be found in one of the automobile casings that are being used in the manufacture of mats in the mat shop. However, he stated that while he was at Alcatraz, it was never known that an inner tube had been found in any of the casings which were closely examined before reaching the mat shop.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>REFERENCES: Report of Special Agent M.E. Gurnea dated at San Francisco, California, on 12/28/37; Report of Special Agent Bliss Morton dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, on 1/11/38</p> <p>DETAILS: Frank Williams, alias Fred Carpenter, 308 AZ, was located through Charles Kempton, a friend, who formerly lived at 1971 East 75th Street,</p>			
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(not East Seventh Street), Cleveland, Ohio. Kempton, who signed the arrival papers of Williams, operates the E & M Restaurant located at 7717 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, which, according to Inspector Joseph Sweeney, Chief of Detectives of the Cleveland Police Department, and Agent in Charge John J. McGrath, U. S. Secret Service, Treasury Department, Cleveland, Ohio, is a notorious rendezvous for thieves, pimps, prostitutes and underworld characters.

After being located Frank Williams alias Fred Carpenter at the request of agent came to the Cleveland office where he was interviewed. Williams stated that he was arrested at Cardington, Ohio, on April 1, 1933, with Earl K. Richardson, who now tends bar at the E & M Restaurant; that both of them were convicted on a charge of counterfeiting and sentenced to serve four years in the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas.

Williams stated that he was later transferred to ~~Camp Kootenai~~ in Idaho, at which place he violated the rules and regulations and in May 1936 was sent to Alcatraz, from which institution he was released on April 23, 1937, securing transportation to Cleveland, Ohio, at which place he has resided since his release and at the present time is engaged in making a book on racehorses in the vicinity of and at the E & M Restaurant here. He declined to furnish his present home address. However, this was obtained from the records of the Secret Service at Cleveland, Ohio. According to Mr. McGrath, Fred Carpenter is now living with a woman under the name of Wright at 1941 East 81st Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

During the time he was confined at Alcatraz Williams stated that he was employed in the laundry with Alvin Karpis and George (Machine-Gun) Kelly and that he had only a speaking acquaintance with subjects Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole, one of whom he stated was employed in the mat shop. However, he never heard Roe or Cole or anyone else mention that it was the intention of subjects to make a break from the Island. According to Williams, it was not unusual to frequently talk about the best way to make an escape.

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In this connection Williams stated that the inmates did refer to using an inflated inner tube if one of them could be found in the automobile casings that were being used in the manufacture of mats in the mat shop. In fact, he stated that inmates were constantly on the alert for such inner tubes but during the time he was on the Island it was never known among the inmates that any inner tube had been found in the automobile casings, because these casings were carefully examined before they reached the mat shop. Williams stated that even with the assistance of an inflated inner tube and being a good swimmer he doubts very much if a successful escape could be effected.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

The CLEVELAND OFFICE at Toledo, Ohio, as requested in reference report of Special Agent M. E. Gurnea, will interview Mrs. Etta Davis, 275 Dearborn, whose name appears on page sixteen of the report, and Mrs. Gertrude Campbell, wife of Harry Campbell, 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ Tecumseh Street, whose name appears on page twenty five of the same report for any knowledge they may have pertaining to plans which were formulated on the Island relative to the break of subjects.

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Suite 1729, 111 Sutter,
San Francisco, California
April 16, 1938

Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

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

I am forwarding herewith a
copy of a communication received by Warden J. A.
JOHNSTON at Alcatraz Penitentiary, yesterday.

It is requested that the
investigative leads suggested therein be carried
out.

Very truly yours,

Enclosure
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cc Bureau (enclosure)
cc Cincinnati (enclosure)
cc Kansas City (enclosure)

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

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Veterans Hospital
Dayton, Ohio
April 2, 1938

For the Dept. of Justice
Dear Sirs:

As regards ^C TED COLE and RALPH ROE who lammed from the Rock the following may be of interest:

I did time with them in Leavenworth. TED was doing half a century for a snatch, while RALPH was shaking 99 - due out in year 2001 on a national bank job.

If you'd watch Miss BILLIE BROWN, Sawpulpe, Oklahoma, you might find something. At present I can't recall her street address but can get it.

Three cons in McAlister, Okla. Pen. could talk about him if they would: BOB BRIDGES of Tulsa, ERNIE JONES and MORGAN, the latter in on a car rap.

I understood that FRANKIE LAKE, TERRY DRUGGAN, RALPH CAPONE, COLLETTI, SAM and JACK CUSAH and FRANK NITTI and HYMIE LEVINS were figuring something on JOHNSON'S hotel, Alcatraz. I believe the Rock is due for some hot fireworks - in a fog - and the cable to Oakland, and Lieut. NELSON.

As soon as I am out of here and get back to Chi, if I learn anything of real value, I'll let you know.

I've done enough time myself and do not crave anymore.

Yours truly,

DWIGHT O'PUGH, Ward 7
Vets Hospital

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BOB BRIDGES might be back in Leavenworth doing the short way parole on two years. What time in 1940 will my citizenship be restored?

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Special Agent in Charge
Dallas, Texas

RE: HOCOL.

Dear Sir:

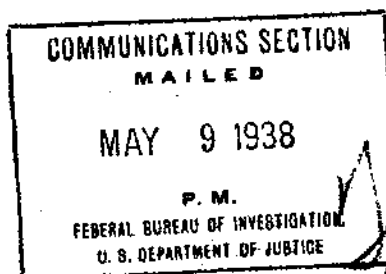
Reference is made to the report of Special Agent H. T. Arterberry, dated April 20, 1938, at Dallas, Texas, reflecting the results of an interview with Flint C. Brannon.

Inasmuch as the details of that report reflect that Brannon was obviously falsifying relative to the information he alleges he received from James Roe, the Bureau desires that extreme caution be used in further contact with that individual, inasmuch as it appears that very little reliability can be given information furnished by him.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

CC OKLAHOMA CITY
KANSAS CITY



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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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FILE NO. 76-259

REPORT MADE AT Dallas, Texas	DATE WHEN MADE 4/20/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/18/38	REPORT MADE BY H. T. Arterberry
TITLE RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, IO#1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, IO#1471.			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Flint C. Brannon, Texarkana, Texas, avers personally interviewed James Roe, care International Supply Company, Hobbs, New Mexico, April 16, 1938; that Roe advised him that about two months after Alcatraz Prison break a man purporting to be Ted Cole contacted him at Hobbs and delivered a note signed "R. R.", purporting to be from Ralph Roe, requesting \$300; that James Roe gave \$300 to this unknown individual and that since that transaction he has received no word from either party; that this individual advised James Roe that if he ever heard from Ralph Roe to get in contact with Ray Giles, 300 East 6th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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DETAILS:

The writer interviewed Flint C. Brannon at the Dallas Union Station in the late afternoon of April 18, 1938, upon telephonic request from Brannon that an agent meet him at that address for a conference. Brannon advised that he and his wife and his young daughter left Texarkana, Texas, via automobile April 14, 1938, and arrived in Hobbs, New Mexico, at 1:00 P.M. on April 16, 1938; that immediately upon arrival in Hobbs he went to the International Supply Company and there met and had a conference with James Roe, brother of Ralph Roe; that he made an appointment with James Roe for him and his wife to join him, Brannon, and his wife and daughter at the Busy Bee Cafe in Hobbs for dinner; that during the evening dinner at this cafe he conferred at length with James Roe with reference to the probable whereabouts of his brother, Ralph Roe and Ted Cole.

Brannon advised that James Roe told him that a man came to see him at Hobbs, New Mexico, about eight weeks after the Alcatraz break; that

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this person advised him that he was Ted Cole; that this individual delivered to him a note signed "R. R." and that the contents of the note requested that he be sent \$300.00 in cash, whereupon James Roe delivered \$300.00 in cash to this strange individual to be delivered, he believed, to his brother, Ralph Roe; that since James Roe had given this \$300.00 to the individual who is purported to be Ted Cole he had never seen or heard of either one of them.

Brannon further advised that James Roe told him that the man purporting to be Ted Cole told him that he and Ralph became separated after they hit the water, and that he had never seen Ralph any more. Brannon also advised that James Roe stated that this individual purporting to be Ted Cole told him that if he ever heard from his brother Ralph to get in contact with Ray Giles, 300 East 6th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

It will be noted that Brannon could not explain the discrepancy in his statements wherein he advised that the individual purporting to be Ted Cole stated that he and Ralph Roe became separated when they hit the water and that he had not seen Ralph Roe since that date, and the further statement that this individual had delivered a note to James Roe signed "R. R." purporting to be from Ralph Roe, wherein it was requested that \$300.00 be furnished to this man for Ralph Roe.

Flint C. Brannon further advised that James Roe told him that he was being watched and shadowed by Government agents from the El Paso Office, and that such procedure was quite annoying to him and it appeared that on this account he might lose his job with the International Supply Company, by whom he is presently employed. Brannon requested the writer to advise the El Paso Office to stop this procedure and let him handle the proposition, because it appeared that James Roe was very anxious about his position and angry at the Federal agents from the El Paso District who are alleged to have been shadowing him of late.

Flint C. Brannon further advised that James Roe told him that he had two more months yet to go before his probationary period would be completed; that he had two more monthly reports to submit to the United States Probation Officer at El Paso, Texas, and then he would be a free man; that as soon as this probationary period was ended, he and his wife, Wanda, had in mind to leave Hobbs, New Mexico, for parts unknown, and that if his brother Ralph had actually escaped from Alcatraz, he would locate him or know the reason why.

Brannon further advised that James Roe requested that he keep in touch with him for the next two months, or until his probationary period was over, and requested that at the end of this period Brannon and his wife take a long automobile trip with him and his wife; that he desired to contact a party or two in San Antonio, but did not advise for what reason; and further, that he desired to contact certain parties in the State of California, but did not say for what reason he desired to do that.

The writer requested of Flint C. Brannon that he state what his immediate plans were and what course he expected to pursue within the next few days or few weeks with reference to instant matter. Brannon replied that he was not going to take any action or do anything whatsoever for the next two months; that he desired to wait until James Roe's probationary period had ended before he again contacted him. Brannon further advised that he and his wife and little daughter left Hobbs, New Mexico, on the morning of April 17, 1938, and drove to Sweetwater, Texas, where they stopped at a tourist camp for the night. Brannon advised that during said trip a strange man driving a 1938 Plymouth sedan overtook and passed him at least six or eight times during the day's travel; that it was quite obvious that he was being shadowed, but that when he pulled into the tourist camp in Sweetwater, Texas, he saw no more of this individual; that he believed this individual who was following him was an agent of the El Paso Field Division. Brannon advised that the car was a new Plymouth sedan, colored black, but that he did not secure the license number. The car bore a Texas license. He could not describe the alleged agent who was driving instant automobile.

It was noted during the hour's conversation with Brannon at the Dallas Union Terminal that he was quite nervous and appeared to be irritated over the fact that his friend James Roe was being shadowed by Federal agents in Hobbs, New Mexico, and from the further fact that he had apparently been shadowed by someone during his trip from Hobbs, New Mexico, to Sweetwater, Texas, and also by the fact that he was out of expense money. He advised that he had already spent the \$100.00 advanced to him on April 11, 1938, with the exception of approximately \$1.40, and stated that he could not operate his car further or devote very much more time to instant investigation without additional funds. Brannon requested a loan from the writer of \$10.00, advising that he would repay same some day, but this request was not granted; whereupon Brannon appeared to become very angry and intimated that unless further funds could be advanced to him, he could be of little service in this investigation.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD DIVISION

At Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, is requested to ascertain the identity of Ray Giles, 300 East 6th Street, this individual being the one whom James Roe advised Brannon he would contact in the event he ever had any information with reference to his brother Ralph.

THE DALLAS FIELD DIVISION

At Dallas, Texas, will report any information regarding the developments and results of any further investigation which may be made and reported by Flint C. Brannon of Texarkana, Texas.

P E N D I N G

Federal Bureau of Investigation

PEF:JHR United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

April 22, 1938.

Time-12:42 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

Re: Roe and Cole.

I called SAC Reynolds at Huntington and inquired about the above case. I referred to my phone call to him of April 16, 1938, and asked if he had talked to Pauline Skeen.

Mr. Reynolds informed me that he has been out of town, but that an agent was sent to locate her last Sunday, but was unsuccessful.

SAC Reynolds stated that Agent Franz, who knows about this case, is out to lunch, so Mr. Reynolds will call back later.

Respectfully,


E. E. FOXWORTH.

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FEDERAL 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 4/21/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/18/38	REPORT MADE BY J. E. JONES MJR
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:

Richmond office advised that informant stated he had seen subject ROE, as JACK McCARTHY, in Washington, D. C., January, 1938, in possession late model black LaSalle sedan claimed to have been purchased in Michigan City, Ind., during December, 1937. All automobile dealers in Michigan City and Packard and LaSalle dealers in LaPorte, Ind., contacted. All state did not sell such a car and do not recall individual who might be subject ROE. License bureau and finance company also checked with negative results.

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REFERENCE:

Telegram from Richmond office to Indianapolis office dated April 16, 1938.

DETAILS:

On April 18, 1938, Special Agent in Charge HEROLD H. REINECKE advised agent by telegram to South Bend that the Richmond office had advised that one WILLIAM PHILLIP GEMPP, FBI-191927, now incarcerated in the county jail, Clark County, Berryville, Virginia, was formerly incarcerated at Alcatraz Prison and claimed to be well acquainted with both subjects; that GEMPP stated he saw subject ROE at Childs Restaurant, 1400 Block, Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D. C., during January, 1938; that ROE was using the alias of JACK McCARTHY and was accompanied by PAULINE SKEEN, alias PAULINE SMITH, who is the daughter of a minister of Logan, West Virginia; that GEMPP also stated ROE was in possession of a black late model LaSalle sedan which he claimed he purchased from a legitimate dealer in Michigan City, Indiana, during December, 1937; that appropriate investigation was desired

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at Michigan City for the purpose of verifying the purchase of this automobile and identifying the same.

AT MICHIGAN CITY, INDIANA

Agent checked the latest telephone book for Michigan City and secured the names and addresses of all dealers in used and new automobiles and thereafter made effort to contact these places. At some of these places the proper officials were not in at first and because of the desirability of a prompt check of this matter some contacts were made by telephone but in every instance where there was any doubt as to whether or not a LaSalle automobile had been sold within the past year the officials were interviewed personally. The name and alias, JACK MCCARTHY, of subject ROE were mentioned, but in no case was that alias or the true name of subject recalled. ROE'S photograph was also exhibited with negative results where personal contacts were made and every dealer in new and used cars in Michigan City was contacted. However, none could offer any information of value to this investigation or which would indicate that such a LaSalle sedan as described above might have been sold to subject ROE during December, 1937. It is noted that the Huntington office is endeavoring to locate PAULINE SKEEN, alias PAULINE SMITH. If she is located and verifies the information relative to the purchase of the above car in Michigan City, a more exhaustive inquiry will be made at Michigan City by personally contacting all dealers and salesmen in that vicinity, although it is thought at this time that the information secured from the contacts mentioned below gives a reasonable ground for the belief that such a car was not purchased in Michigan City during the period around December, 1937.

The following concerns were contacted relative to this matter and the information received from each is briefly set out, the same being negative:

Auto license bureau, 420 $\frac{1}{2}$ Franklin Street. No license issued to subject ROE or JACK MCCARTHY in LaPorte County, Indiana.

Michigan City Auto Finance Company, 115 West 7th Street. Does practically all of local financing of new and used cars but does not have subject ROE listed.

Joe Dry, 1105 Franklin Street, Nash and Lafayette dealer. Has sold no LaSalle automobile for at least one year.

Krebs Service, Inc., 726 Franklin Street, Plymouth and Chrysler dealers. Has sold no LaSalle automobile for over one year.

Bonifield Motor Company, 119 West Michigan Street, Buick dealers. Has sold no LaSalle automobile for over four years.

Economy Chevrolet Corporation, 225 East Michigan Street; no sale of LaSalle automobile recalled and can say definitely has sold no such car for many months prior to December, 1937.

Kiley Motor Corporation, 117 East Michigan Street, Ford dealers. Has sold no LaSalle since middle of 1937 and this car was merely junk.

J. L. Freeland Motor Company, 125 East Second Street. Never owned a LaSalle sedan.

Haviland Baker Motor Sales, Inc., 212 Spring Street. Never owned a LaSalle automobile.

Spinning Motor Sales, 1107 Franklin Street, Pontiac dealers. Has owned no LaSalle automobile for at least one year or more.

Jacob Rose Garage, 211 Franklin Street, Studebaker dealers. Has never sold a LaSalle automobile.

Dunes Motor Sales, 112 East Michigan Street, Buick dealers. Opened for business January 7, 1938, and has sold no LaSalle cars.

At the Charles F. Swartzell Motor Company, 1602 East Michigan Street, Plymouth and DeSoto dealers, WALTER SURNS, bookkeeper, stated that his company has not sold a LaSalle automobile within the past year at least; that MR. P. W. WAY who has an interest in that company also has a LaSalle agency at LaPorte, Indiana, and that MR. WAY sells practically all LaSalle automobiles disposed of around Michigan City or in LaPorte county, his agency covering the entire county; that MR. WAY would be most likely to know of such a transaction as instant one; that MR. WAY during the latter part of 1937 sold a new black LaSalle sedan to A. T. WILLETT, Beverly Shores, telephone 1782-R but that MR. WILLETT is a reputable individual in Michigan City and owns a large home on the beach at Beverly Shores; that WILLETT is not identical with the photograph of subject ROE.

During the course of these inquiries it was found that two companies, the Michigan City Auto Sales, 112 East Michigan Avenue, and the Packard Sales & Service, 1107 Franklin Street used to do business in that city but that both of these companies ceased to operate some time before December, 1937. The above-mentioned Packard

agency was a branch of an agency at LaPorte, Indiana.

Agent contacted ARTHUR SULLIVAN, chief of police, who stated that he would bear this matter in mind and that if it came to his knowledge that a LaSalle automobile, especially used, was purchased in that city during about December, 1937, he would give proper notice to this office. Chief SULLIVAN could advise of no contacts in addition to those mentioned above which might prove of value or have any reason to possess information in this case.

AT LAPORTE, INDIANA

At the Cadillac and LaSalle Agency, 915 Jefferson Avenue, agent contacted MR. P. W. WAY, owner, who stated that he has the only Cadillac and LaSalle agency in LaPorte county; that during December, 1937, he sold no used LaSalle automobiles and only three new ones to the following individuals: A. T. WILLETT, A. C. ARMIGER and DR. KINIGAN, all of Michigan City. He stated that these three individuals have resided in Michigan City for many years and that he knows them personally and that they bear excellent reputations in the community and own a good deal of property. MR. WAY viewed the photograph of subject ROE but could not identify the same as an acquaintance, nor were subject's name or aliases familiar to him. He stated that he makes a practice of noting all transactions concerning the above make of car in that vicinity but that it has not come to his attention that such a sale as instant alleged one was made during the period around December, 1937, and that he can recall no similar transaction at any time; that he is in Michigan City regularly and is very well acquainted there, especially with all automobile dealers and that he doubts if such a transaction actually occurred in Michigan City during December, 1937. MR. WAY stated that CLARENCE MATT dealt in Packards in Michigan City before closing that branch and would be the next most logical person to contact, especially inasmuch as he deals in larger cars. Agent reviewed with MR. WAY, who appeared very cooperative, the list of contacts already made at Michigan City and he stated that he could suggest no others and that he was sure that no other companies were operating in that city.

MR. CLARENCE MATT of the A. C. Mansfield Packard Agency, 315 Lincolnway, stated that during December, 1937, his company had a branch sales agency at 1107 South Franklin Street in Michigan City, since discontinued, but that he was positive that his company has not sold a LaSalle automobile for the past several years.

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

FILE NO. **76-86**

REPORT MADE AT Little Rock, Arkansas	DATE WHEN MADE 4/19/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/5, 6, 7, 8/38	REPORT MADE BY D. A. BRYCE DTR
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:

Subsequent investigation does not indicate that Cole has been in vicinity of Berryville, Arkansas since 1929. Original informant interviewed, and his story varies somewhat since first interview. Neighborhood inquiries indicate that Frank Boyd is very unreliable. Search of caves in neighborhood of Berryville unproductive of results. Stranger reported to have spent the night with Dr. McCurry, Green Forest, Arkansas, proved to be a neighbor boy. Maria Cole, wife of Ted Cole, observed by Agents in Eureka Springs, Arkansas on April 6, 1938. Will Brown, father of Floyd Brown, not known in Garfield, Arkansas.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent P. A. Pratt, Little Rock, dated 4/1/38 and report of Special Agent M. E. Gurnea, San Francisco, dated 12/28/37.

DETAILS: Reference is made to the telephone call from the San Antonio Office to the Bureau, advising that an informant, who is charged with bank robbery in that division, stated that it would be possible for him to advise the Bureau of the location where he had met Charles Chapman in company with subjects Roe and Cole.

In view of the fact that subjects Roe and Cole are natives of Oklahoma and had previously frequented northwestern Arkansas, during the investigation relative to the rumors of subject Cole being identified in or near Berryville, Arkansas, the Sheriff's Office was asked at that point whether they had information indicating that any particular individual in

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that locality was a known harborer of criminals. Special Agent in Charge M. E. Gurnea and Special Agent P. A. Pratt were advised at that time that Thomas L. Carpenter, Sr. lived near Berryville and had a reputation of harboring criminals. When asked for a description of Carpenter's place, the Sheriff described it as being a small cabin about seven miles from Berryville, located in a territory where there were numerous caves, which information coincided with information given by the informant of the San Antonio Office.

It was not deemed advisable at that time for Special Agent in Charge Gurnea and Special Agent Pratt to make an open investigation in the vicinity of Carpenter's farm, owing to the possibility that one of these subjects may have been hiding there at that time.

It was later learned that Thomas L. Carpenter, Sr. was mentioned in the Brekid file as having at one time harbored Harry Campbell and other known holdup men from Oklahoma. It was also learned that Carpenter has a son, Thomas L. Carpenter, Jr. who is now incarcerated in the Kansas State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas. For this reason, the criminal records of both Thomas L. Carpenter, Sr. and Thomas L. Carpenter, Jr. were requested from the Bureau; however, no criminal record for Thomas L. Carpenter, Sr. was located.

The Criminal Record of Thomas L. Carpenter, Jr. is as follows:

Contributor of Fingerprints	Name and Number	Arrested or Received	Charge	Disposition
PD, Coffeyville, Kans.	Tommie Carpenter, #1132	9-24-34	P.D. - B.D. Investigation.	
SO, Independence, Kans.	Tommy Carpentier, # - - - -	9-27-34	poss. and transp. of liquor	60 days Co. Jail.
Bu. Field Div., Kansas City, Mo. # - - - - -	Thomas L. Carpenter	Inquiry 10-3-35		
St. Hwy. Patrol, Joplin, Mo.	Thomas L. Carpenter	10-5-35	bank robbery and B. & L.	Rel. to Kans. St. Patrol.
SP, Lansing, Kans.	Tommy Carpenter,	2-13-36	burglary 2nd degree.	5 - 10 yrs.

This case is entered in the Single Fingerprint Section of the Federal Bureau of Investigation under #K-14247.

These facts were discussed with the Bureau, and it was deemed advisable to instruct Special Agents C. O. Hurt and D. A. Bryce to proceed to Little Rock, Arkansas for the purpose of making a complete investigation and conduct a surveillance in the territory surrounding Berryville, Arkansas, this investigation and surveillance to be made under suitable pretext. Special Agents Hurt and Bryce proceeded to Berryville, Arkansas under the guise of fishermen and hunters to carry on this work.

At Berryville, Arkansas -

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents C. O. Hurt and D. A. Bryce upon instructions of Special Agent in Charge Myron E. Gurnea.

Agents proceeded to Berryville, Arkansas where contact was had with Wilford Walls, as previously arranged by Special Agent in Charge Gurnea. Mr. Walls and Agents spent the afternoon of April 5, 1938 in the country adjacent to the Tom Carpenter, Sr. farm, south of Berryville, where numerous caves were located, which Mr. Walls advised had been lived in at times by various individuals and would be good hideouts for fugitives. These caves were not searched at that time on account of darkness, but were located primarily for the purpose of searching them at a later date. Mr. Walls advised that no one has seen or heard of the person thought to have been Ted Cole, since March 25, 1938.

On the following morning, April 6, 1938, Agents contacted Tom Morris, Sheriff of Carroll County and Wilford Walls, who accompanied Agents to the mountains southwest of Berryville, where a search was made of numerous canyons and caves, without finding where anyone had been staying.

Sheriff Morris had one particular cave in mind which he stated was used about two years ago by some outlaws to hide out in; however, the Sheriff was unable to find this particular cave and advised that he knew a man by the name of Tom Jackson that resides in this particular part of the country, and he is absolutely certain that Jackson is reliable and can be depended on, due to the fact that Jackson has helped him in numerous cases before.

Sheriff Morris advised that Jackson is a typical mountaineer, and that he hunts during the summer months and traps during the winter; that Jackson knew the location of all caves in this particular section of the mountains. Agents went with Sheriff Morris to the cabin home of Tom Jackson where an interview was had with him, and he stated that he believed that he was the first person that told Sheriff Morris about the cave that the outlaws used about two years ago. Mr. Jackson agreed to guide Agents to this cave early the following morning, as it would take most of the day to inspect this cave due

to the fact that the cave is located in a mountainous section of the country and not near a road of any kind. Further, that the trip would have to be made on foot and take about two hours to examine the cave after it was found. Agents arranged with Mr. Jackson to meet him early on the following morning for the purpose of searching the particular cave that the Sheriff had mentioned and any other caves in this canyon.

On the way back to town, Sheriff Morris suggested to Agents that they drive by the Tom Carpenter home located on the south side of Osage Creek. Sheriff Morris drove Agents near enough to this house to point it out to them, and then continued on to town before night fall.

Later on, during the evening, at Eureka Springs, Arkansas, Agents were eating in Franks Cafe and overheard a waitress talking to a woman whom she called "Marie". Agents noticed that this woman referred to as Marie was dressed up in traveling clothes and appeared to be traveling. Agents overheard that woman say she had to catch a bus and after she left the restaurant, Agents asked the waitress about this woman, and she advised that this woman was known at Alpena, Arkansas as "Alpena Marie", and that she was on her way home to Alpena. Agents followed this woman to the bus station, where it was observed that she caught an east-bound bus and did not contact or talk to anyone during the time that she waited at the bus station for her bus.

It might be noted here that this particular woman is known as "Alpena Marie" and was formerly the wife of subject Theodore Cole.

On the morning of April 7, 1938, Agents met Tom Jackson as previously arranged and was guided by Jackson to all caves in this particular section of the country, which is known as the Newton Canyon country. Numerous caves, including the particular cave mentioned by Sheriff Morris were searched without finding anyone; however, there were signs that indicated that these caves had been frequented in the past, due to the fact that it can be seen where fires had been built, and some indication that people had been eating in these caves. Mr. Jackson explained, however, that due to the fact that this country is a fox hunter's paradise, it is very possible that some of the hunters have been using various caves as resting places and may have built fires and eaten their lunches at these caves.

It might be noted, that during the time this search was being conducted among these caves, that there was a hard rain in progress, and due to the fact that it had been raining for several hours prior to the time the search was made, it was believed by Agents that if anyone had been hiding in the mountains anywhere they would probably be in some of the caves in order to be in out of the rain.

It also should be noted that the largest cave searched by Agents, which is the particular cave that Sheriff Morris had in mind, has three large cavities which would permit anyone to enter either of them and be absolutely concealed from view; however, neither of the cavities run more than 50 feet back from the entrance to the cave, and each of them were thoroughly searched by Agents without finding any indication that anyone had been sleeping in this cave.

Mr. Jackson also advised Agents that early last fall, while coon hunting, he noticed Tom Carpenter in the vicinity of one of the large caves, known as the Newton Cave; that he was of the opinion at that time that Carpenter was making whisky in this cave and did not suspect Carpenter of harboring or assisting anyone at this cave; however, he later advised that he had visited this cave sometime after this incident and noticed that there is no sign of where anyone had been making whisky, and due to this fact he came to the conclusion that Carpenter had possibly been feeding some one at the cave.

Mr. Jackson further advised Agents that he remembers seeing Carpenter in this particular section of the country several times last fall; however, he does not believe that Carpenter observed him during any of these trips made by Carpenter. Mr. Jackson also advised Agents that Carpenter told him of an incident which occurred at his home several years ago in which "Pretty Boy" Floyd was in his home, and at that time a prohibition agent and other officers raided his home and talked to Floyd several minutes without knowing his identity. Mr. Jackson stated that Carpenter said Floyd could have killed all of the raiding party if he had desired to do so.

Mr. Jackson was unable to advise Agents of the particular time or the particular year that Floyd was at the Carpenter home, but stated that Floyd was brought to his father's home by Tom Carpenter, Jr., who is now serving time in the Kansas State Penitentiary. Mr. Jackson also advised Agents that Tom Carpenter, Sr. told him one time that there had been two men hiding in the vicinity of the caves, about two years ago, and there was some one who lived in the city of Berryville, Arkansas that took food to these two individuals and took care of them while they were hiding in the cave. Jackson further stated that he never heard who these two men were but did hear that there was several thousand dollars reward for each of them. Jackson also stated that he was unable to learn the identity of the party or parties at Berryville who were protecting these two men.

Mr. Jackson also stated that he is of the opinion that if anyone was in hiding in this particular section of the country, that they would be in contact with Tom Carpenter, Sr.; that Carpenter probably would act as an outside contact, due to the fact that Carpenter does not have a cafe of any kind on his farm, and anyone harbored or assisted by Carpenter would probably be hiding in the mountains where the above mentioned caves are located, which are about

two miles from the Carpenter home. It might also be noted that the above mentioned caves are located between the farms of informant Jackson and Tom Carpenter; that there is no one living in this particular canyon which has not been inhabited for the past several years. Mr. Jackson stated that he is quite sure there has been no one hiding in any of the caves in this canyon during the past year due to the fact that his hunting and trapping activities take him to practically every section of this canyon every few days; that if there has been anyone hiding there he would have noticed them or would have seen some one bringing them food.

One possible hideout in this particular canyon is an abandoned three-room house which was occupied a few years ago by a family named Newton. This house was searched by Agents, and there was no sign that anyone had used the house for the past several months. It might also be noted that the Newton house is the closest house near the above mentioned caves, and this house is about a mile from the closest cave. The Newton house cannot be reached in any way other than on foot. Also, the closest abandoned road from the Newton house is about one mile away.

Agents made a thorough search of the surrounding vicinity, near the caves, where numerous people were interviewed without ascertaining that any strangers had been frequenting this community within the past several months. Due to the fact that Agents were wearing old clothes and were dressed for this occasion, they did not disclose their identity or make any mention of the fact that they were searching for subjects.

During the entire interview with Tom Jackson, he stated that the largest of the caves searched was the one which he had been advised was being used by the party over a year ago and in which there had been concealed a bed. Jackson stated, however, that he did not see this bed but later located a rock windbrake which had been built by some one and used as a bed which was padded with leaves; that this windbrake is about one quarter of a mile west of the cave entrance. He did not however, learn the identity of the party who had built and used this bed.

Mr. Jackson advised Agents that he would be glad to cooperate with the Bureau in any way possible and stated that should he in the future notice any strangers staying in this particular section of the country, he would immediately notify the Sheriff, Tom Morris, who in turn could notify the Little Rock Field Office, which office will endeavor to learn the identity of these strangers.

Later during the afternoon, Agents examined the farm of Tom Carpenter, which consists of about sixty acres which lies south of Osage Creek. Inasmuch as Agents had previously been advised that there are no caves on the Carpenter farm, Agents, posing as fishermen, tramped over practically all of the Carpenter farm and did observe there were no caves on this farm.

During the time that a search was being made of this farm, Tom Carpenter, Sr. was observed by Agents to be building fence some quarter of a mile north of his home, and Agents returned to their car and came to the Carpenter home from another direction, driving into the yard for the purpose of making inquiries for Carpenter. It was observed that the house in which Carpenter lives is a small three-room house, both of the front and rear doors being open, and Agents could plainly see through this small house from all directions and observed that there was no one in the house at that time. It was also noted that Carpenter had only one bed in this house which is probably used by him and his wife.

Sheriff Tom Morris was again contacted and advised that Harvey Lyons, who is a candidate for County Assessor, had furnished him information that some person, thought to have been the same individual who had stopped at the Boyd home, had stayed one night with a Dr. McCurry at Green Forest, Arkansas.

At Green Forest, Arkansas -

Dr. D. K. McCurry was interviewed by Agents and he advised that he could not understand why this information had been given by anyone, stating, however, that recently a boy known to him only as "Connie" had visited one of his sons and had remained there for one night; that he also has a cousin who is at the present time collecting some old bills for him, who occasionally stops at his home. Dr. McCurry stated that possibly one of these two individuals was the party who had remained at his home, and someone had thought possibly that it was the same man who had stopped at the Boyd farm. However, Dr. McCurry did say that about the time that the boy by the name of "Connie" spent the night at his home, was during the time that the Ted Cole scare was in progress, west of Green Forest; that while he does not know much about this boy - "Connie", he does know that he resides west of Green Forest with his parents and described the boy as being about 18 years of age, five feet seven or eight inches tall and weighing about 140 pounds; that inasmuch as he (Dr. McCurry) is personally acquainted with Ted Cole, he is positive that this boy "Connie" does not resemble Cole in any way.

Dr. McCurry further advised that he is well acquainted with Marie Cole, having attended Marie's mother at the time of her birth and also attended Marie at the time of the birth of her son, and inasmuch as he formerly resided at Alpena, Arkansas, he was also well acquainted with Ted Cole. Dr. McCurry stated, however, that although he had seen Cole on numerous occasions prior to 1929, it was doubtful should he meet him on the street, that he would recognize him immediately. Dr. McCurry was questioned regarding the character and reputation of Frank Boyd and confidentially advised

Agents that Boyd's reputation in that community was very poor; that he was considered dishonest and very unreliable on any statement that he might make concerning anything, advising further that Boyd had been arrested several times, and had in the past worked as a deputy sheriff for Jack Walker at Berryville Arkansas, but that he as well as other reliable citizens in this community had no confidence whatsoever in Boyd. He stated in his opinion that Boyd probably might have been harboring someone and told the story about seeing Cole at his home in order to cover up for himself, should he ever be questioned concerning harboring of anyone.

W. E. Maxwell, who formerly resided on the adjoining farm of Frank Boyd, located approximately five miles southeast of Berryville, Arkansas, was interviewed and advised Agents that before sundown on the date that Boyd stated Cole visited his home, this same individual approached him at his house and requested to have permission to sleep in Maxwell's barn. Mr. Maxwell stated that he refused to let this party stay in the barn, advising him that he didn't want his barn to be burned down. He further advised, that he did, however, point out two vacant houses and one vacant barn to this party, advising him of the fact that they were all on his property, and that he was welcome to sleep in any of these latter buildings; that this individual then departed from his home and immediately proceeded to the home of Boyd. Mr. Maxwell gave as a description of this man, the following: Age about 22 years old, five foot, seven inches tall, weighing 165 pounds, round face, wearing a sweatshirt with dark trousers and some kind of an apron. Mr. Maxwell, at this time, was exhibited photographs of several individuals and advised that none of them resembled the party who had visited his home; however, he did pick out the photograph of Maurice Denning as being the best likeness of this party, stating definitely that the party calling at his place did resemble Denning in some ways, but that it could not possibly have been him. Mr. Maxwell at this time was shown the photograph of subject Ted Cole and asked if this could have been the party who had visited his home, and he stated definitely that it was not, inasmuch as the party referred to had a very round face. Mr. Maxwell also advised that his grand-son, Louis Lowry, was at the present time residing at the home of Frank Boyd and was present there the night the man thought to have been Cole had stayed at the Boyd home; that he (Maxwell) had heard that his grandson had made the statement that this man might have been Cole. Mr. Maxwell advised Agents, however, to question his grandson, not in the presence of Boyd, and that in this way the truth could probably be obtained from his grandson as to whether or not he thought this man to be Cole or whether it was some other individual. Mr. Maxwell further stated that Boyd was very unreliable and one of the biggest liars in that community; that no one ever put any faith in any statement he might make, stating that he (Maxwell) had also worked as a deputy sheriff and law enforcement officer for a number of years in this county and felt that he was observant enough to identify photographs of an individual whom he had talked to. He also stated that Boyd was at the present time making an effort to obtain a job as night watchman in Berryville, Arkansas, and thinks that possibly Boyd made up the story about Cole in order to boost the interest of the people in Berryville to the point

where they possibly would put him to work.

Louis Lowry was located between the farm homes of his Grandfather, W. E. Maxwell and Frank Boyd, at which time he was interviewed and advised that the party thought to have been Cole, came to the Boyd farm home about dark and requested to be permitted to spend the night in the Boyd barn, at which time Boyd advised him that he did not wish to have the barn burned down, whereupon this man stated that he did not smoke and did not have any matches; that Boyd advised this party to take a quilt to the barn, which was on the yard fence, to use for cover, and that he could sleep in the barn. Lowry stated that on the following morning he went to the barn and noticed this party in the barn loft, and that he talked to him for sometime and later walked with him to the house, advising that Boyd was standing inside the house and did not come out of the house during the conversation had between this stranger and Boyd at this time; that Boyd did, however, ask this stranger to stay and have breakfast, at which time the stranger advised Boyd that he was enroute to Memphis, Tennessee and wanted to get on his way as soon as possible; that at this time, this stranger asked the direction to the railroad track, and after being directed by Lowry, turned and walked south, over a hill, in the opposite direction of the railroad track; that after reaching the top of this hill, Boyd made the statement to him (Lowry) that - "That man looked a little like Ted Cole"; that Boyd at this time also made the remark - "and he is limping in his right leg, and that is the leg I shot Cole in, in 1929". Lowry stated that he and Boyd plowed the remainder of that day, and nothing more was said regarding this stranger resembling or being Ted Cole; that on the following morning, he and Boyd again were working in the field, but that on the following afternoon, Boyd went to Berryville and upon his return advised him (Lowry) that the stranger was in fact Ted Cole.

Lowry further stated that he has not, in fact, ever heard Boyd definitely state that this individual was Cole, although he did intimate this on several occasions. Lowry described this stranger as being five feet six inches in height, about 22 years old, weighing 160 to 165 pounds, heavy set, with round face, wearing a cap, sweatshirt, gray trousers and a dirty white nail apron, advising that his face and hands were very dirty with grease or coal soot. Lowry at this time was shown a number of photographs and requested to determine whether or not any of them was a photograph of the individual who had remained at the Boyd farm over night. Upon coming to the photograph of Ted Cole, Lowry stated "This looks like the man whose photograph was shown to me at the Sheriff's Office in Berryville". Upon being asked whether or not this was the same individual who was at the Boyd farm, Lowry stated that it was not. Upon being requested to state why he was so positive that it was not a photograph of the man, Lowry stated that the individual who had stopped at the Boyd farm had a round face, and that his nose did not turn up as in the photograph of Ted Cole.

Frank Boyd was interviewed at his home at length regarding the man who had made his appearance at his home and whom he had reported as being Ted Cole. After considerable questioning, Boyd furnished Agents with the following signed statement:

"Berryville, Ark.,
April 8, 1938 -

"Statement of Frank Boyd made to D. A. Bryce and C. O. Hurt, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"If I were called on to testify, I could say Ted Cole came to my home about dark, Monday evening March 21st or the 28th and asked me if he could sleep in the barn, and I told him I would rather he would sleep in the house, but he talked so much like a negro, I did not insist on him sleeping in the house, so I told him to take a quilt and go to the barn to sleep. I did not see this man again until about sunup the next day when he was hanging the quilt on the fence. I asked him to come in the house and have breakfast, and he said no, that he had to be going and turned and ran up the hill. When I talked to this man the next morning, he changed his voice and did not talk like a negro.

"There was no particular feature about this man that made me believe he was Cole except his general features are exactly like Cole looked the first time I ever saw him, and when he walked away and I noticed him limping, I was thoroughly convinced it was Cole. I am not afraid of Cole, and am not afraid he will come back to bother me; however, he did send me word through Tod Hunter, former Warden of the Arkansas State Penitentiary, that he intended to come back and kill me. At the time Cole was at my home recently he was wearing dark pants, gray sweat shirt and either a chauffeurs or a machinist cap and a nail apron. He appeared to be about 28 years old, 5 feet 6 inches tall and would weigh about 155 pounds and round face. The left side of the face seemed to be the blackest, as he had some black smeared on his face. After Cole left my house, I reported seeing him to Bob Hodgins, who operates Bobs Cafe at Berryville, about two or three hours after I saw Cole. I worked as an officer for several years in Carrol County but have not worked as an officer for four years on account of my health.

(Signed) Frank Boyd"

Witnesses:

C. O. Hurt, Special Agent, F.B.I., 224 Federal Bldg.,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

D. A. Bryce, Special Agent, F.B.I., 224 Federal Bldg.,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Following the interview with Frank Boyd, he was shown the photographs of the following individuals, who are known criminals:

~~Joseph Hanley~~
~~Irving Charles Chapman~~
Ralph Roe
Maurice Denning
Theodore Cole, Dallas, Tex. PD #13324 (1-7-35)
Joseph Paul Cretzer
~~Jacob Shapiro~~
~~Clarence Vernon Stevens~~
~~Charles Bird~~
~~Louis Buchalter~~
~~Arnold Thomas Kyle~~

At the time Boyd was shown the above mentioned photographs, he was specifically requested to segregate any photographs in this group of any parties he had ever seen who resembled these photographs. Boyd, however, passing through the group of photographs, did not identify the Dallas Police Department photograph of Theodore Cole and made the statement to Agents that he is quite sure he has never seen any of these individuals, stating that if he had seen any of them he is quite sure that he would have remembered it.

It should be also observed that after Boyd made the above signed statement he advised that he was unable to read same and requested Agents to read the statement to him. This statement was read to Boyd word for word, and Boyd stated that it is correct. However, when Boyd was requested to sign this statement he advised that he could not see well enough to write and would have to guess at writing his signature. Boyd further advised that since the loss of the sight in his right eye, he has been handicapped to such an extent that he had been unable to do much writing or reading since that time. This is believed to be true, due to the fact that during the time Boyd was observing the above mentioned photographs, Boyd on several occasions tried to read the typewritten names on these photographs and was unable to do so, and requested Agents to read the names of these photographs for him. It might also be noted that Agents observed Boyd could not distinguish the different facial characteristics of the numerous photographs exhibited to him. It will be noted in this regard that Boyd, while standing in the doorway talking to the stranger who was opposite the yard fence, would then have been approximately 60 feet from this individual, and it is not believed that Boyd could identify anyone at that distance.

In regard to the lead set out in the report of reference of Special Agent M. E. Gurnea, an effort was made to locate Will and Minnie Brown, father and mother of Floyd Brown, Alcatraz No. 302-AZ, with negative results.

At Garfield, Arkansas -

Mr. L. A. Wert, Postmaster and Miss Henrietta Legg, Assistant Postmaster, were interviewed, and after a thorough search of the records, advised that they have at no time had a Will or Minnie Brown receiving mail at this Post Office. Mr. Wert stated that he had been connected with the Post Office for the past four years and is quite sure that if either Will or Minnie Brown resided in this community he would know of same. He did, however, state that there was a Brown residing in the vicinity of Pea Ridge, Arkansas, which is located ten miles northwest of Garfield, and that possibly this Brown was Will Brown.

Agents therefore proceeded to Pea Ridge, Arkansas where Mrs. Edith Armstrong, Postmaster was interviewed, and she advised Agents that there is but one Brown residing in the vicinity of Pea Ridge and receiving mail at this Post Office, that being O. C. Brown, who has but one son, Reginald Brown, who is presently residing in Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Mr. Wert, Miss Legg and Mrs. Armstrong were shown photographs of Cole and Roe, but all these persons stated that they were quite sure they had not seen either of these individuals in this community.

Numerous inquiries were made at filling stations and at the homes of farmers along the highway in this vicinity, in an effort to locate Will and Minnie Brown, without Agents divulging their identity, but with negative results. During these inquiries no one was interviewed who could furnish any information regarding Will or Minnie Brown.

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May 16, 1938.

COORDIN

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 PRISONERS

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated April 21, 1938, advising that no further contact would be had with Woodford Hawk relative to that individual's contacting his brother, Henry Hawk, who is presently incarcerated in the Nebraska State Penitentiary for any information Henry Hawk may have at his disposal concerning Roe and Cole.

Inasmuch as the report of Special Agent J. L. Flood, dated at Omaha, Nebraska, February 25, 1938, reflects Henry Hawk had practically no contact with either Roe or Cole and is in no position to furnish information concerning these individuals, the Bureau does not desire that any further negotiations be had with Woodford Hawk for the purpose of making arrangements for him to proceed to Lincoln, Nebraska, to confer with his brother.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

1612 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
April 21, 1938

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated April 11, 1938, (76-2686) instructing that the necessary expenses be advanced to WOODFORD HAWK to make the trip to Lincoln, Nebraska, for the purpose of questioning his brother who is confined in the Nebraska State Penitentiary for information relative to the Subjects in this case.

Since the letter of March 30, 1938, addressed to the Bureau advising that WOODFORD HAWK offered to interview his brother, HENRY HAWK, in the Nebraska State Penitentiary, the report of Special Agent J. L. FLOOD dated Omaha, Nebraska, February 25, 1938, has been forwarded to the Kansas City office by the Omaha office. The attention of the Bureau is respectfully invited to page two of this report which sets forth the results of the interview with HENRY HAWK at the Nebraska State Penitentiary and which indicates that HAWK had practically no contact with either ROE or COLE and, therefore, would be unlikely to have any definite information concerning ROE and COLE at this time.

It is suggested that the Omaha Field Division may desire to inform the Bureau of the attitude of HENRY HAWK during the course of the interview at the Nebraska State Penitentiary and that thereafter the Bureau will desire to reconsider the desire to furnish expenses to WOODFORD HAWK for the purpose of his interviewing his brother.

Therefore, until further instructions are received from the Bureau in connection with this angle of the case, no further action will be taken or further negotiations had with WOODFORD HAWK at St. Joseph, Missouri.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge

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Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **76-50**

REPORT MADE AT HUNTINGTON, W.VA.	DATE WHEN MADE 4-23-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/17, 19, 20/1938	REPORT MADE BY FREDERICK G. TILLMAN
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:

ATHYLIN SKEENS, Barnabus, W.Va. admits associating with RICHARD R. HARMEL, who is probably WILLIAM P. GEMPP but denies acquaintance with Subjects and cannot identify their photographs as of persons known to her. GEMPP, if HARMEL, is wanted in Maryland for forgery. SKEENS QUESTIONED in connection with violation WSTA on 10-28-37 and may now be involved in Postal embezzlement.

- RUC -

REFERENCE:

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

DETAILS:

Special Agent R. L. MURPHY of the Richmond Field Division advised Special Agent ALBERT FRANZ, Huntington, by telephone, on April 16, 1938, that Inspector P. E. FOXWORTH of the Bureau informed him that the Commonwealth Attorney at Berryville, Virginia, telephoned that he had in custody WILLIAM P. GEMPP, FBI #191927, on a State charge.

GEMPP was said to be a former inmate of the United States Penitentiary at Alcatraz, a Conditional Release violator and the Subject in a National Motor Vehicle Theft Act violation in which Richmond is the Office of Origin. GEMPP was said to have stated that he was acquainted with the Subjects ROE and COLE at Washington, D.C. in January, 1938, he having met ROE in the Child's Restaurant situated in the 1400 block of

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Pennsylvania Avenue in company with PAULINE SKEENS, alleged to be the daughter of a minister at Logan, West Virginia. At this time ROE was said to have been using the alias of JACK MCCARTHY and to have purchased a late model black LaSalle sedan in December, 1937 at Michigan City, Indiana.

Some time in January, 1938, GEMPP was said to have departed from Washington, D. C. at 10:30 P.M. on the Chesapeake and Ohio Train, the "George Washington" for Staunton, Virginia. While on this train he met PAULINE SKEENS, left the train with her at Staunton and registered at the Beverly Hotel as Mr. and Mrs. RICHARD HARMEL. He also advised that he has subsequently met SKEEN several times.

GEMPP related that SKEEN had a girl friend employed at the Child's Restaurant in Washington; that she is a close friend of COLE and ROE and may therefore not speak of them. SKEEN was also said to have forged a check on a Westminster, Maryland bank and to have cashed it at Logan and therefore known to the Chief of Police at Logan and the District Attorney at Westminster.

A description of SKEEN varying but slightly from that of ATHYLIN SKEENS was also furnished.

On October 28, 1937, ATHYLIN SKEENS with aliases: ATHYLIN STAMPER, MRS. LUCIAN COPLEY, MRS. HELEN MERRILL and MRS. AIL MURRELL was interviewed in the case entitled: TEX REDNESS; MARY CLARK FAULKNER, Victim, ATHYLIN SKEENS, Victim, WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT, in which Huntington is the Office of Origin. There is set forth hereafter an abstract of the facts in that case which may be pertinent to this investigation.

Deputy Sheriff RICHARD HEROLD advised that ATHYLIN SKEENS was arrested on about October 20, 1937 upon the complaint of a local bank, namely, The First National Bank of Logan; that she attempted to pass a check in the sum of \$100 drawn by RICHARD HARMEL on the Farmers Bank of Westminster, Maryland, and made payable to MRS. HELEN HARMEL. Upon her arrest, it was determined that ATHYLIN SKEENS had a check book on this bank as well as a pass book, indicating that a large sum of money, exact amount not being recalled by Mr. HEROLD, was on deposit to the account of RICHARD R. HARMEL. Following her arrest, SKEENS stated that she was taken to Washington, D.C. by TEX REDNESS and a girl whom she called JANE McCLOUD. Acting on this information, Mr. HEROLD arrested MARY CLARK

FAULKNER, who was known by him to be the girl friend of TEX REDNESS, and upon placing her in jail, he questioned SKEENS as to whether or not she was JANE MC CLOUD and SKEENS identified her as the woman by that name.

A detective of the Baltimore, Maryland Police Department, appeared in Logan and questioned SKEENS relative to fictitious checks which were passed at Baltimore bearing the name of RICHARD R. HARMEL and requested the local officers to place REDNESS in custody should he appear in Logan.

On about October 30 REDNESS was placed in custody and the Baltimore police notified. Photographs were transmitted to this Police Department, and, following a request for process on which to hold REDNESS, they requested additional photographs with REDNESS wearing glasses, whereupon REDNESS was released by the Sheriff. It is Mr. HEROLD'S opinion that REDNESS was not identified at Baltimore as no further word was received from them regarding the probability of prosecution of this individual in Maryland.

ATHYLIN SKEENS was brought before a Justice of the Peace who held her for action of the next County Grand Jury, committing her to the Logan County Jail in default of \$1000 bond.

MARY CLARK FAULKNER and ATHYLIN SKEENS became involved in an altercation, whereupon both were confined in the Woman's Department, Logan County Jail and FAULKNER was given a ten day sentence for this offense. ATHYLIN SKEENS, when interviewed at the County Jail, advised that she became acquainted with TEX REDNESS about six years ago while she resided at Stirrat, West Virginia and was previously acquainted with him through visiting his cafe.

While SKEENS was at the home of her father-in-law, HENRY COOPLY, at Ceredo, West Virginia, she stated that REDNESS telephoned her from Huntington, advising that he wished to see her. REDNESS then called in his automobile and asked her if she wished to go to Washington, D.C., not stating what the purpose of the trip was. SKEENS related that she went with him just for the trip, after he explained that his girl, JANE MC CLOUD, would accompany them.

Upon their arrival at Washington, D.C., she related that REDNESS registered for all of them, using the name of R. HARMEL and wife, and HELEN SMITH as her name on about March 30, 1937. SKEENS stated that during this trip REDNESS made no advances toward her and made no suggestion that she enter into prostitution or other immoral relations with him; however, after staying at the Capitol Park Hotel one night, she quarreled with REDNESS as she informed an unknown person that she was with a gang who, in turn informed the police. A detective Murphy of No 3 Precinct Station,

Washington, D.C. was alleged to have talked to SKEENS.

Subsequently SKEENS moved to 921 New Hampshire Avenue where she resided four week; thence moving to 705 G Street, Southeast and 1112 L Street, Northwest, all Washington, D.C. During this time she secured employment at the West End Restaurant at 21st and Pennsylvania Avenue, owned by JIMMIE VALLANCE. On October 17, she advised, that she decided to come home, and while at Staunton, Virginia, REDNESS and FAULKNER got on the train and upon noticing her, gave her the check and the pass book, stating that the check was in payment for her silence concerning his transportation of her to Washington, D. C.

SKEENS stated that at this time REDNESS told her to take the pass book and to endorse the check, "MRS. RICHARD R. HARMEL" as it would then be much easier to cash it. It is observed that SKEENS stated that HARMEL had \$2300 with him on the trip to Washington as she assisted him in counting it on the train. In making this statement she alleges that the transportation was effected by rail; while previously in her story she states that REDNESS and FAULKNER took her to Washington in the automobile.

In view of the discrepancies in her statements, Mr. HEROLD feels that SKEENS has either invented the story concerning her transportation to Washington by REDNESS or is using his name to shield another for the purpose of avoiding prosecution on the bad check charge. It is highly probably that her story is an invention in view of the fact that the officials of the First National Bank at Logan, upon comparing the check to the girl's handwriting, are of the opinion that she wrote the check.

Prosecution was not entertained in the Logan County Courts and ATHYLIN SKEENS was subsequently released. No charge was filed against TEX REDNESS or MARY CLARK FAULKNER at Logan or in Maryland and the United States Attorney at Huntington, West Virginia declined prosecution of REDNESS or FAULKNER for violation of the provisions of the White Slave Traffic Act as the facts indicated the violation to be in the nature of a personal escape.

AT LOGAN, WEST VIRGINIA.

GEORGE FARMER, Jailer, advised that ATHYLIN SKEENS married EARL CORNELIUS, Postmaster at Stirrat, West Virginia, shortly after her

release from the County Jail and thereafter CORNELIUS commenced embezzling Postal funds resulting in his arrest on April 1, 1938, charged with the embezzlement of \$1,300.00 of such money. After his being placed in custody, SKEENS began to hustle in hotels, rarely residing with her parents at Cow Creek, Barnabus, West Virginia.

ATHYLIN SKEENS was located on April 19, 1938, upon her visiting her husband, and was questioned at the Logan County Jail. At this time she was defiant, persisted in crying and reiterated that the story which she related concerning her trip to Washington when questioned previously was true in every detail and that she could add nothing further. Photographs of the Subject RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE were exhibited to her and she denied being acquainted with them or having observed them at any time. In view of her attitude the interview was terminated and she was informed that she would be interviewed at her home on the following day, as it was felt that the lateness of the hour and the place where she was being questioned was in part the cause of her attitude.

About two hours later, SKEENS contacted the writer at the hotel and stated that she wished to tell the truth concerning her trip to Washington and association with one RICHARD R. HARMEL.

SKEENS related that about two days prior to her arrest at Logan on October-20, 1938, she departed from Washington, D.C. on the "George Washington" train enroute to Logan on a coach fare. TEX RED-NESS and MARY CLARK FAULKNER were on this train although they did not get on the train with her and no previous arrangement existed by which they were to travel together as they had quarrelled shortly before. When she was seated on the train, a man calling himself RICHARD R. HARMEL noted newspapers she was carrying and asked to see one. Using this as a means of becoming acquainted with her he sat with her and before arriving at Staunton, Virginia, had engaged her in conversation, informing her that he was going to Florida to stay with his father who had lived there for some time; that he had travelled all over the world and had made "big money."

When the train arrived at Staunton, which was his destination, he suggested that she get off the train with him as he had an appointment and that they would then catch a later train. HARMEL, who is evidently GEMPP, then stated he had an appointment with the manager of the Stonewall Jackson Hotel in Staunton and telephoned him in Skeens' presence. Immediately thereafter HARMEL left SKEENS and was gone for an hour. Upon his return he said that he and the Hotel Manager, SKEENS does not recall if his name was used, were "going places" and that they had made a "lot of money together".

HARMEL did not mention the means by which they made this money but believes it was through horse racing as HARMEL frequently mentioned being at the race tracks near Washington, D.C.

HARMEL, or GEMPP, upon determining that SKEENS could not take a train until the following day, suggested that they go to a hotel and registered at the Beverly as Mr. and Mrs. RICHARD R. HARMEL. HARMEL seemed to be acquainted with a number of people in Staunton, among them a waitress in the Beverly Hotel Coffee Shop, who is described as being about thirty-two years old, weight about two hundred pounds or more and having black hair. While at the hotel, HARMEL again talked about the races and of having made five hundred dollars in a "sly way."

SKEENS stated that she felt what she believes to be a small gun in HARMEL'S hip pocket and asked him what it was but he declined to show it to her or state that it was in fact a gun.

The next morning HARMEL stated that he was coming to Logan in a few days and gave her a check and pass book on the Farmers and Mechanics National Bank of Westminster, Maryland stating that she "could keep this to show he would come" and wrote her a check on that bank for one hundred dollars, telling her to present it to the bank at Logan and use it until he came to Logan. She states that this check was written at the Beverly Hotel in the presence of a chambermaid and in a room on the third or fourth floor. HARMEL then placed SKEENS on the train and she has not seen him since that time.

SKEENS vaguely recalls that HARMEL mentioned one COLE as a friend of his and that they "ran around together lots." She cannot recall if he mentioned ROE either by his true name or several aliases and is positive that HARMEL did not, at any time, use the name of GEMPP.

Although REDNESS and MARY CLARK FAULKNER were on the same train, they did not speak to HARMEL and apparently were not acquainted with him. SKEENS is positive that they noticed HARMEL as they smiled at her when they noticed him pressing his acquaintance. With reference to her previous story that REDNESS used the name of HARMEL and gave her the forged check for which she was arrested, SKEENS stated at this time that she was mad at REDNESS and FAULKNER and involved them for revenge. It appears, however, that they did accompany her to Washington as first stated.

The photographs of ROE and COLE were again exhibited to SKEENS AND she stated that to the best of her recollection she had not seen either of them either in Washington or during the period she was with HARMEL.

According to Deputy Sheriff RICHARD HERALD, LOGAN, SKEENS was at Logan and Stirrat, West Virginia, in January, 1938 and therefore GEMPP is in error in setting the date of his association with SKEENS in that month as such was without doubt shortly prior to October 20, 1937. SKEENS WAS Married, according to her statement, to EARL CORNELIUS on December 16, 1937, living in Logan about two weeks thereafter and thence moving to Stirrat so that he could continue his employment as Postmaster.

When again questioned concerning her friends and associates in Washington, SKEENS advised that such were as follows:-

THOMAS MATTHEWS, Residence Unknown but employed in a cafe at "7th and 8th and Pennsylvania Avenue" Washington.

MRS. WIGGS, landlady, 921 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington.

DETECTIVE - - - MURPHY, 7th or 8th and Pennsylvania Avenue.

ALL MURRELL, 921 New Hampshire Avenue, employed at the Vienna Restaurant, 21st and Pennsylvania Avenue as a cook.

SKEENS advised her parents that she was married to MURRELL and it is believed that she usually associated with him although Detective Murphy was said to have taken her to shows on occasions.

SKEENS denied having any girl friends in Washington or knowing any of the employees of any Child's restaurants but admitted having visited the restaurant situated in the 1400 block of Pennsylvania Avenue on one occasion.

Mr. HERALD stated that W. C. COAKLEY, a detective at Sykesville, Maryland, visited Logan upon receiving information that the check signed RICHARD R. HARMEL was presented at Logan and made considerable investigation concerning these checks, stating that a number had been passed in Baltimore and other places in Maryland. It appears that he was unable to connect ATHYLIN SKEENS or TEX REDNESS with those passed in Maryland. It appears now, from SKEENS' statements that the person passing these checks is WILLIAM P. GEMPP and if he is in fact HARMEL, there are several warrants outstanding against him in Maryland, the details of which should be known to Coakley and the Farmers and Mechanics National Bank at Westminster, Maryland.

The check which SKEENS attempted to pass was obtained from Mr. W. T. MITCHELL, the Cashier of the National Bank of Logan. SKEENS admits endorsing this check in Mr. MITCHELL'S presence but denies that she drew it. This check, together with samples of SKEEN'S handwriting, is being forwarded to the Richmond Field Division so that it may be used, if considered advisable, for comparison with the handwriting of GEMPP in order to establish whether or not he is the forger of these and such other similar checks which may be located, as such may be pertinent to his Conditional Release violation.

In the event that GEMPP is truthful in stating that SKEENS did associate with RALPH ROE, it may be well to cause this check to be compared with his handwriting if it is not identical to that of GEMPP of SKEENS.

It is suggested that this check be returned to the Huntington Field Division so that it may be given to Mr. MITCHELL, pursuant to his request.

The following descriptions were obtained from ATHYLIN SKEENS;

Name:	ALL MURRELL
Age:	About 25 yrs.
Height:	5' 9"
Weight:	140 lbs.
Build:	Slender
Hair:	Black
Marks:	None noticeable
Occupation:	Cook
Residence:	921 New Hampshire Ave., Washington, D.C.

Name:	RICHARD R. HARMEL
Age:	About 35 yrs.
Height:	6 feet
Weight:	200 pounds
Hair:	Black, thin on top
Build:	Fat - Protruding abdomen
Peculiarities:	Pug nose - wears glasses

SKEENS stated that none of her acquaintances in Washington possessed or drove a LaSalle Sedan.

ENCLOSURES FOR THE RICHMOND FIELD OFFICE: - One check drawn on the Farmers and Mechanics National Bank, Westminster, Md. by Richard R. Harmel. 5 specimens handwriting of Athylin Skeens.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE RICHMOND FIELD OFFICE at BERRYVILLE, VIRGINIA, will secure specimens of the handwriting of WILLIAM P. GEMPP for comparison with the check made payable to MRS. HELEN HARMEL and cause such comparison to be made by the Bureau if thought advisable.

Is requested to interview the manager of the Stonewall Jackson Hotel, Staunton, Virginia, concerning his knowledge of HARMEL, or GEMPP and similarly question the waitress at the Beverly Hotel, described herein.

THE WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE will locate ALL MURRELL (Possibly AL MURRELL) 921 New Hampshire Avenue and employed at the Vienna Restaurant, 21st and Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D. C., Detective MURPHY, THOMAS MATTHEWS, employed at a cafe at "7th and 8th" and Pennsylvania Avenue, MRS. WIGGS, 921 New Hampshire Avenue, JIMMIE VALLANCE, West End Restaurant, 21st and Pennsylvania Avenue, and question them concerning their association with, and knowledge of the activities of ATHYLIN SKEENS in an effort to locate ROE and COLE.

Will determine if persons resembling the Subjects have resided at 705 G. Street, and 1112 L Street, former residences of ATHYLIN SKEENS.

AT WESTMINSTER, MARYLAND, will contact the proper officers of the Farmers and Mechanics National Bank to determine the number of forgeries committed by RICHARD R. HARMEL.

AT SYKESVILLE, MARYLAND will interview Detective W. C. COAKLEY for such information as he may have pertinent to this matter.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

APRIL 22, 1938

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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Transmit the following message to:

SAC RICHMOND

THEODORE COLE WA, RALPH ROE WA, EFP. IMMEDIATELY SUBMIT REPORT
COVERING INFORMATION FURNISHED BY WILLIAM GEMPP.

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Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Baughman
Mr. Clegg
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

PEF:MC

April 22, 1938.

Time: 2:05 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

RE: COLE AND ROE

I talked to SAC Reynolds, Huntington, West Virginia, concerning the story told by William Gemp to the effect that he had been with Cole and Roe in Child's Restaurant in Washington in company with Pauline Skeen. Mr. Reynolds has had Agent Tillman talk to the Skeen woman, and while there have been some discrepancies in the information she gave, Mr. Reynolds believes it is substantially correct.

She claims not to know anyone by the name of Cole or Roe and cannot identify their photographs as anyone known to her. She does not know Gemp under that name; however, she did meet a man on the train by the name of Harmel, who, Mr. Reynolds states, undoubtedly is identical with Gemp. At Harmel's suggestion, she got off the train and spent a night with him in Staunton, Virginia. He gave her a check which was no good and which resulted in her arrest. She claims never to have worked at Child's Restaurant in Washington; never to have been in this restaurant with anyone other than one Al Murrel, 929 New Hampshire Avenue, Washington, D. C., who she claims is her boy friend. While in Washington, Pauline Skeen lived at 705 G Street, S. E.; 1112 L Street, N. W.; and also spent some time at her boy friend's at 929 New Hampshire Avenue.

Mr. Reynolds requested that a photograph of Gemp be forwarded for exhibition to Pauline Skeen to ascertain if he is identical with the man she knew as Harmel. He is submitting a report in this matter immediately. Her story in no way substantiates the claim of Gemp, with the exception of his claim that he met her on the train and his statement that they registered as Mr. and Mrs. Harmel in Staunton.

Respectfully,

P. E. Foxworth
P. E. FOXWORTH.

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May 3, 1938.

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

Mr. J. E. Clegg,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
2401 Sterick Building,
Memphis, Tennessee.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your communication of April 23, 1938, requesting authority to advance \$100 to Bryan Conway for information furnished in connection with the captioned case.

You are advised that the Bureau will authorize the advancement of a sum of money not to exceed \$100 to Conway for information furnished in connection with this case. However, it is believed that the money should not be paid to him in a lump sum, but rather he should be paid on a piecemeal basis.

Mr. Nathan
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Mr. Pennington
Mr. Schilder
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

It is suggested that Conway again be contacted and arrangements made with him to proceed to either Little Rock, Arkansas, or Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and contact Agents at either of those places. A close check should be kept on the activities of Conway after arrangements have been made with him to proceed to either Little Rock or Oklahoma City, inasmuch as he is known to be an unreliable individual.

The Bureau should be advised of all current developments in connection with this phase of this particular investigation.

Very truly yours,

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
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John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

P. M.

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United States Department of Justice**

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April 23, 1938

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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 PRISONER.

Dear Sir:

This will refer to the reports of Special Agents M. E. Gurnea, San Francisco, California, dated December 28, 1937, R. F. Whitely, Memphis, Tennessee, dated February 3, 1938, and W. A. Winter, Little Rock, Arkansas, dated April 13, 1938, all of which contain information concerning one Bryan Conway, a former inmate of the U. S. Penitentiary, Alcatraz Island, California. Since the submission of Special Agent Gurnea's report, extensive efforts have been made to locate Bryan Conway for interview regarding the possible whereabouts of the fugitive subjects.

In that regard, kindly be informed that Special Agent A. I. Means has located Bryan Conway at Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, and interviewed him regarding the fugitives, at which time Conway advised that during the last of December, 1937, he received a letter from a party, whose identity he refused to furnish, advising that information was contained therein that "the boys had made it", which, Conway informed, related to both of the captioned fugitives. Efforts were made to induce Conway to produce the letter in question, which he refused to do, advising, however, that it was from a former inmate of Alcatraz Island who, in turn, was a good friend of Conway's, as well as the fugitives. During the course of further interview, Conway advised that he was well respected among underworld characters and that within twenty-four hours, he could definitely establish whether the fugitives were dead or alive but that it would be necessary for him to contact certain parties, whose names he refused to disclose, who reside in Oklahoma near the Arkansas line approximately forty miles from Texarkana, Arkansas, and that if he were furnished with \$100 travel expenses, he would proceed to this place and obtain definite information therein, and that, if desired, a special agent of the Bureau might accompany him under pretext.

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He insisted, however, that his efforts be retained in the strictest confidence, as it might mean a matter of life or death,

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so far as he was concerned; that should he be successful in developing information as to the present whereabouts of the fugitives, that he would then "talk business" as to whether he would obtain information which might lead to their apprehension.

Special Agent Means has informed that when he first approached Conway on interview, that Conway was drinking but was not drunk, and when subsequently contacted the effects of his drinking were clearly visible, at which time he became quite boastful and would only smile to questions of interest propounded to him indicating that he had no intentions of disclosing any information at this time, but still claimed that he was in a position to develop information as to whether the fugitives were, in fact, dead or alive and, subsequently, information concerning their whereabouts.

Special Agent Means further informed that he made inquiries of Deputy Sheriff Claude McAfee of Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, who informed that Bryan Conway had recently received something over \$1,000 for an article appearing in a recent issue of the Saturday Evening Post based on Conway's life story and imprisonment in Alcatraz Island, which funds Conway had practically gone through and was now nearly broke; that he has found Conway's word to be reliable in that he would do whatever he promised.

Arrangements were made by Special Agent Means with Conway to contact him in the immediate future, should it be desired, through Bessie Crisson, operator of a beer joint near Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, and on the occasion of the above interview by Special Agent Means, Conway was located through one Virginia Conway of Lawrenceburg, Tennessee.

Under the circumstances, Bureau instructions are desired as to whether Conway should be furnished with funds and if, in fact, it is desired that Special Agents be assigned to accompany him on his proposed trip to Oklahoma. For the Bureau's information, Special Agent Means communicated this information during my absence from Memphis to Special Agent M. W. Meekins, who was informed from his conversations with Special Agent Means that Conway apparently is a boastful individual and possibly may not have information of value at this time, in view of the fact that he furnished no information or hints during the course of his interview by Special Agent Means indicating that he did, in fact, have information concerning the fugitives' whereabouts. Special Agent Means endeavored to obtain a statement from Bryan Conway as to when he would proceed to Oklahoma, if and when funds might be furnished to him but Conway was somewhat evasive on that item at the time and, accordingly, tentative arrangements were made to contact him in the immediate future should it be desired.

Air Mail Special Delivery
cc: Oklahoma City
Bureau San Francisco

Very truly yours,

J. E. Clegg
J. E. CLEGG
Special Agent in Charge
Per (M)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

Richmond FILE NO. **76-52**

REPORT MADE AT Richmond, Virginia	DATE WHEN MADE 4-23-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/16, 18, 19/38	REPORT MADE BY ROBERT L. MURPHY RLM:VG
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:

WILLIAM PHILLIP GEMPP, with aliases, FBI - 191927, now incarcerated Clarke County Jail, Berryville, Va., on State charge of false pretenses, furnished information to the effect that he met subject ROE in Washington, D. C. during January, 1938 and that ROE is friendly with one **PAULINE SKEEN**, alias **PAULINE SMITH**, originally from Logan, W. Va.; states believes SKEEN can locate subjects. Later information received from Commonwealth Attorney, Berryville, Va., indicates GEMPP attempted to smuggle note out of jail to one **ETHEL BATTEN** for purpose of having her send fictitious telegram. Also attempted to write letter to Director using disguised handwriting. Present indications are that GEMPP's story entirely false.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent M. E. Gurnea, San Francisco, Calif., December 28, 1937; Telegram from Bureau dated 4-22-38.

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DETAILS:

By telephone call from the Bureau on April 16, 1938, the Richmond Division was advised that EDWARD McC. WILLIAMS, Commonwealth Attorney, Berryville, Virginia, had communicated to the Bureau the information that WILLIAM PHILLIP GEMPP, in custody at Berryville, Virginia, had indicated that he was in possession of information concerning the whereabouts of RALPH ROE, with aliases, and THEODORE COLE, with aliases, who escaped from the U. S. Penitentiary at Alcatraz and that ROE and COLE probably were connected with the kidnapping of PETER LEVINE. The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent E. E. Bundy:

At BERRYVILLE, VIRGINIA:

EDWARD McC. WILLIAMS, Commonwealth Attorney, stated that he had considered all the circumstances before telephoning the Bureau, in order to determine whether or not the Bureau might be interested in interviewing GEMPP and that although GEMPP is in his opinion a faker and a malingerer, he concluded that there was just enough possibility of GEMPP's information being reliable that the Bureau should be advised thereof. Mr. WILLIAMS was assured that the Bureau is desirous of developing all possible leads in its major cases and that his cooperation in this matter was appreciated.

Mr. WILLIAMS then stated that GEMPP was arrested at Staunton, Virginia on about April 1, 1938, after he had been identified as the individual who in about November 1937 at Berryville, Virginia, obtained \$350.00 in cash upon his false pretence of being THOMAS FORTUNE RYAN III. GEMPP's scheme, which is similar to his modus operandi at Bedford, Virginia, Richmond, Va., and other places in Virginia and Maryland, was to approach real estate dealers in the pretended character of a known wealthy man for the purpose of negotiating the purchase of an estate, and then after concluding the negotiations to cash a check with these dealers or with their endorsement. At Berryville he had agreed to purchase for \$12,000.00 an estate owned by one of the banks, and his check for \$350.00 was cashed at this bank with the approval of the officers thereof.

Mr. WILLIAMS advised that detainers had been placed upon GEMPP to provide for his surrender to the Maryland State Police, and to the U. S. Marshal for the Western District of Virginia, upon conclusion of his custody at Berryville, but that he will be prosecuted at Berryville, resulting almost positively in a penitentiary sentence unless because of his mental condition he is held to be not criminally responsible. His case was expected to be disposed of during the week beginning April 18, 1938, in the event he enters a plea of guilty, but in the event of a trial the case will be postponed for some weeks. He was recently examined by Dr. DeJarnette, Superintendent of the State Hospital at Staunton, Va., but Dr. DeJarnette's conclusions are not known at the present time.

It is noted that GEMPP is wanted by the U. S. Bureau of Prisons as a conditional release violator and also that he is the subject of other investigations in the Richmond Division. He has a long criminal record in the Bureau's file under FBI-191927.

Mr. WILLIAMS further advised that during the time of his detention at Berryville, Virginia, precautions have been taken to prevent any escape by GEMPP inasmuch as he is known in the past to have escaped from custody. He stated that GEMPP is a criminal of great shrewdness, persuasive personality and a gifted conversationalist. During his present detention he has suggested bribes to the circuit judge and to Mr. WILLIAMS for lenient action in his case. He has induced symptoms of physical ailments and in connection with these has complained of serious disabilities, presumably for the purpose of being moved to a hospital where he will be more comfortable and possibly can arrange an escape.

At the time of interview of GEMPP by Mr. WILLIAMS and the writer, this prisoner pointed out a clot of blood running from his right ear down his neck and stated that he had been bleeding from the ear and that the top of his head felt as though it might blow off. However, during the conversation his concentration apparently was not affected and he made no further reference to this complaint nor appeared to be uncomfortable. It was learned later that the blood on his neck had flowed from a ruptured blood vessel in his ear but that the drum of the ear was intact.

GEMPP admitted that he had an axe to grind in this matter, and hoped that his cooperation would prove of some assistance to him in the disposition of the various charges against him. He apparently was not disposed to deny any of the allegations made against him and voluntarily suggested that he is wanted by the Government in connection with a stolen automobile. He stated, however, that he did not condone kidnaping by criminals and would be of any assistance possible in a kidnaping case providing he would not thereby place himself at a disadvantage with criminals. He talked freely about his confidence operations and apparently takes great pride in his successes, but frankly admires others who turn the tables on him.

According to GEMPP, at some time during the month of January, 1938, he was at Child's Restaurant on Pennsylvania Avenue between 14th and 15th Streets, Washington, D. C., when he ran across RALPH ROE, whom he knows under the alias JACK MCCARTHY, and who was a fellow inmate at the U. S. Penitentiary at Alcatraz. In company of ROE was a girl using the name of PAULINE SMITH whose true name is PAULINE SKEEN, though she is also known as HELEN, and who is the daughter of a minister living at Logan, West Virginia. Although COLE was not mentioned by name, it was GEMPP's understanding that a companion to whom ROE referred was COLE. This companion was said to have a girl-friend employed at this Child's Restaurant.

GEMPP stated there was a conversation between ROE, the girl PAULINE SMITH and himself about the escape of ROE and COLE from Alcatraz and that ROE advised that "DOC" BARKER and a companion of his at Alcatraz, at a considerable cost, had arranged the escape by having a speed boat approach Alcatraz at the time prearranged for the escape. This boat was said to be coming by way of Angel Island rather than from the direction of San Francisco, inasmuch as it would be presumed under these circumstances to be a Government boat. ROE and COLE, knowing about the plans for the escape, decided to break from the institution just a few minutes before the time arranged by BARKER and his confederate, and after doing so they were successful in contacting the speed boat and in leaving the vicinity by that means. This speed boat is said to have made several trips to Alcatraz in connection with the escape prior to the actual escape by ROE and COLE.

GEMPP further advised that during the conversation, ROE stated, "We are going to make a snatch" from which GEMPP concluded he meant that he and COLE were the persons referred to. ROE also said that the victim was not to be "Piccolo PETE", but "Piano PETE". After reading about the LEVINE kidnaping case and learning that the victim, PETER LEVINE, plays the piano, he concluded that ROE's remark referred to this victim and that ROE and COLE were the perpetrators of this kidnaping. ROE further stated that the purpose of the kidnaping was not to collect a ransom but to "show up" JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. GEMPP professed to know from his newspaper reading that the actual kidnapers of the LEVINE boy have not communicated any demands for money, which further confirms his opinion that ROE and COLE are the kidnapers. GEMPP predicted that PETER LEVINE would be returned unharmed.

At the time of the meeting at Washington, D. C., ROE was in possession of a new LaSalle sedan, color black, which he stated he had purchased from a legitimate dealer at Michigan City, Indiana, during the month of December, 1937.

GEMPP continued by stating that about 10:30 P.M. on this same date as he was at Union Station, Washington, D. C., for the purpose of catching a train to Staunton, Virginia, which he believed to be the George Washington, he observed ROE and PAULINE SMITH there and that ROE left PAULINE SMITH on the same train and said goodbye. On the trip to Staunton, Virginia, GEMPP stated he made a play for PAULINE and after getting her interested, persuaded her to get off the train at Staunton, Va., and spend the night with him at the Beverley Hotel, where he registered for them as Mr. and Mrs. RICHARD MARCEL. PAULINE later told him, however, that she and a male accomplice unknown to him, "rolled" him while they were still on the train for about \$90.00, though he did not miss this sum. From that time on, he stated he had associated with

PAULINE SMITH from time to time and she has apparently become much attached to him and would probably give him any information she has if she did not know that he wanted it for the purpose of aiding in the apprehension of ROE and COLE. GEMPP stated that he is positive that PAULINE SMITH has also associated right along with ROE and that she feels very clanny towards ROE and COLE and other criminals associated with them, and would not willingly furnish information which might be detrimental to them. GEMPP also stated that he believes PAULINE SMITH undoubtedly knows the details of the kidnaping from ROE and also is in communication with him.

GEMPP stated that PAULINE SMITH, under her true name of PAULINE SKEEN, could undoubtedly be located through the Chief of Police at Logan, West Virginia, or the State's Attorney at Westminster, Md., inasmuch as these two have been officially connected with a recent forgery of a check by this woman, who made use of the name RICHARD HARMEL and a check book taken from possession of GEMPP, and who passed the check at Logan, West Virginia on a bank located at Westminster, Maryland. GEMPP's description of PAULINE SMITH is as follows:

Name	PAULINE SMITH, alias Pauline Skeen
Age	19 years
Height	5'
Weight	105 lbs.
Build	Trim
Hair	Dark brown, bobbed
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Dark
Teeth	Even
Appearance	Good Good personality

At STAUNTON, VIRGINIA:

With the assistance of JOHN COLLIER, one of the managers of the Beverley Hotel, examination was made of registration records of the hotel for one by Mr. and Mrs. RICHARD HARMEL. These records are arranged alphabetically. The cards alphabetized under the letter "H" for the months of November, 1937 to February, 1938, inclusive, were examined and in addition all registrations for the month of January, 1938 were inspected, but no name similar to RICHARD HARMEL was located.

Examinations were also made of all registrations under the latter "H" for the months of December, 1937 to February, 1938, inclusive, at the Stonewall Jackson Hotel, but again with negative results.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent ROBERT L. MURPHY:

On the morning of April 18, 1938 Mr. EDWARD McC. WILLIAMS, Commonwealth's Attorney, Berryville, Virginia, telephonically communicated with the Richmond Division and advised Special Agent R. L. MURPHY that he had just discovered that GEMPP had recently ordered a box of candy which was carelessly allowed to get into his possession in the County Jail at Berryville. Mr. WILLIAMS stated that GEMPP had attempted to send this box of candy out addressed to ETHEL BATTEN, Mount Sidney, Va. and it had been intercepted and opened and the following note was found therein:

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Honey mine:

Go to a public phone booth in Charles Town today and send this message to whom it is addressed. There is no mistake in name and etc. This may mean my salvation honey and worth a chance. Send this message as night letter. Exactly as I have it.

W. P. *Gemp
1 Frazier St.
Staunton, Va.

Lease bungalow and have three rooms furnished. Install phone and place ad in paper agreed and give number. Have girl there or try and get Helen. Will phone you within five days from ad. This will let you out. No tricks. Will pay you upon arrival.

R. H. R.

Burn this up honey and don't let K. hear the call. Just pick up phone and ask for Western Union. Have plenty of change and it will be about 60 cents. Code to you will explain."

On reverse side appeared following:

" Mail this letter today at
Charles Town only.

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Love Gene. "

According to Mr. WILLIAMS it is his opinion that this note was written by GEMPP and is apparently in furtherance of his scheme to induce Bureau Agents who were checking his story to believe that he is actually connected with the subjects in some way or another.

Mr. WILLIAMS stated that GEMPP had also attempted to smuggle a letter out of the jail addressed to "Mr. J. E. HOOVER, FBI office, Washington, D. C." and when detected doing this, requested that the letter be mailed without being read. According to Mr. WILLIAMS this letter to the Director is apparently written in a feminine hand but it was his opinion that it had been written by GEMPP to further carry out his contention that he is actually in touch with the fugitives. According to Mr. WILLIAMS this letter purports to be written by PAULINE SKEEN. He advised that he would mail both of the letters, the one attempted to be smuggled out in the candy and the one addressed to the Director, to the Richmond Division as soon as possible. These letters have been received and the letter addressed to the Director is quoted as follows:

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April 17, 1938

Dear Sir:

This letter should of been written to you on January 16th but I happend to be in love with a man and could not tell.

I have been going with a man named Reynolds who escaped from a place they call the Rock. I meet this man in Washington on Dec. 29 at a party but did not know who it was until Jan. 16 and it was to late for me to back out after taken money and clothes from Jack. We were in the lobby of a hotel when he meet a man he introduced to me as Gean a con man. He told this Gean that some fellows on the Rock was plenty burned up because he tried to double cross them and a lawyer when he left the Rock. Gean and Jack had a long talk and we went to the Union Station with him where Gean left for Virginia after Jack gave him \$500. and promised to meet again in a few days. I did not see Gean any more until the last part of February when I meet him in Baltimore. Jack and his friends left me in Jan. to go to New York. He told me to stay in Washington and keep in touch with Gean if he wrote me to do so. Told me Geans phone number was Stanton 398J. Instead of phoning Jack sent me notes for me to mail Gean under the name of O'Dell at Gen. Del. Waynesboro, Va., and sometime to mail them Gen. Del. Harrisonburg, Va. under name of Anderson. Gean always reply to me under the name of Hilda Dorett at Gen. Del. at Washington. Gean would not do what Jack wanted him

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to do so they agreed to meet in D. C. On Friday March 11th I believe it was we all meet in D. C. and Jack told Gean he had the scouts runing around in circles. Gean told him he did not care to hear about it or to get mixed up in any mess like that. They had an argument and Gean would not do something even for \$5,000.00 that Jack wanted to give him. Jack told me to hell with Gean that we would pack up and go down to Va ourselves and look things over. Gean was driving a black Chev sedan I think Jack said it was a 1937 with Va tag 49608. We followed Gean from D. C. to Frederick Md and then we stopped at the New York Lunch in Charles Town for supper. Jack meet a man at the lunch room who he told me he new from some place but could not place. This man was making a long distance phone call to Pittsburg from the lunch room. Gean asked Jack how far he was going down and he said to Harrisonburg. I rode with Gean so far as a place I believe he called Strasburg. We stopped at a large lunch room on the corner across from the bank and got a coco Cola. Gean asked the man who run the place if he ever got the plates and the man told him he wrote but never heard. On our way down from Charles Town Gean asked me who all I knew were with Jack and how deep I was in with them. He told me he would tell me something and for me not to tell Jack. He told me to pull out while the pulling is good. Said he just had a hunch that I would be in more trouble then I could get out of.

When I got back in car with Jack he asked me what Gean had to say and he told me Gean would cross him in a minute if there was a reward. He would not say any more. When we stopped in Harrisonburg down near the post office and we pulled up in back of Gean, Gean was talking to a State Police about killing a dog. After the Police left Gean came back to our car and told Jack there was three hotels in town. Jack wanted to go to a good cabin instead. Something was wrong with somekind of points or something that all the wires go into. It would not start and Gean told Jack to go to a hotel. Jack would not go to a hotel. He told Gean to drive us down to the cabin. On the way down they made arrangements for Jack to drive Gean into Staunton and he could drive the car back to the cabin and then he would take the bus back to Harrisonburg and meet at a lunch room. Gean pointed out a cabin but it was closed. He told us the next one was okay but he just killed a dog and the man may remember the number. We took Gene home and he gave us his cards and permits on the car. We went back to a cabin near a radio station and registered as Mr. and Mrs. Gemys of Stanton. Jack had on a pair of tinted glasses. He asked the man if that was his dog he killed the other day. He told him know but he remembered it and it belonged up the road at the next cabins.

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We went to bed and about one hours time Jack woke me up and said lets get out. He said Jean was to friendly with the cop in Harrisonburg and he did not know what he would tell anyone. We went down near Stanton and went into a tourist home that had a garage to put the car in. Early the next morning Jack phoned Gean and asked him where he could meet him. We meet at the Bus station and Gean wanted to know if we had changed our plans. Jack told him yes that he wanted to rent a place in the country or on out of city. Gean told him to get in touch with Real Estate people. Jack did not want to do that and asked Gean to drive us around outside of city. There was a bungalow that Jack liked as he said they could back a trailor right into the basement. Gean then drove us over to Harrisonburg and he and Jack had a talk. They got someone to fix some kind of points on the car and Gean said good by to me and he went back to Stanton. We stayed in Harrisonburg all that day and that night we went back to Stanton to look at that house again. Jack asked the people next to it if it was for rent. They told him yes and who to see but instead of seeing the man he wrote Gean a letter about it.

On our way back to D. C. Jack told me he believed he could get Gean to rent the place for him if he showed him enough money. Jack called New York and told them about it and he went to N. Y. that night and came back Monday. He said he would drive over to Baltimore Sat Mar 19th and meet Gean when he came up to Ba.

He meet Gean and wanted him to go out to the west coast he said and get \$17000 from a lawyer in Frisco. Gean said he would do that. He also agreed to have the house rented and furnished but would take no part in anything else and the price of all including trip would be \$5000. Jack told him he wanted the house sometime in April and he would phone or wire him through me. Jack was going out of town and told me to go down my aunt's near Charles Town until he got in touch with me. The first I have heard of him since then was Friday and he sent me a message to phone or wire Gean. I had number called twice but no one answers Stanton 1684. So I am sending the wire today as I am leaving for some place else as Jack expects me to go to bungalow and cook and housekeep for several people.

I would come in to see you and explain all about me living with Jack but I did not know who he was. And they tell me that if I do say anything they will question me and lock me up and I would be afraid of runing into Jack again. The address he told me to send message is 1 Frasier St Stanton Va.

/s/ H D "

Both of these letters are being forwarded to the Bureau for handwriting examination to determine if GEMPP is the author of both.

X In addition to the above, Mr. WILLIAMS explained that the name "GEAN" appearing in the letters is one of GEMPP's aliases. He further stated that ETHEL BATTEN, Mount Sidney, Virginia, who was to receive the box of candy being smuggled out of jail by GEMPP, is alleged to be a niece of GEMPP. However, Mr. WILLIAMS believes that ETHEL BATTEN is actually an intimate feminine acquaintance of GEMPP and believes she is assisting him with the above letters in his attempt possibly to gain his release from jail. It was Mr. WILLIAMS' opinion after intercepting the messages mentioned above that in all probability GEMPP has no connection with either of the fugitives of this case but is merely faking the scheme in an attempt to gain sympathy for a release from jail. The Indianapolis Division was requested by telegram on the night of February 16, 1938 to conduct an investigation at Michigan City, Indiana in an attempt to trace the LaSalle Sedan which GEMPP claimed was in the possession of subject ROE at the time of his meeting in Washington, D. C., and which is alleged to have been purchased from a legitimate motor car dealer.

The facts related above received by Special Agent BUNDY from GEMPP were telephonically communicated by Special Agent MURPHY to Special Agent FRANZ of the Huntington Division with a request that an attempt be made to locate PAULINE SKEEN at Logan, W. Va. for the purpose of interviewing her in connection with this case in an attempt to verify or disprove GEMPP's story.

No additional undeveloped leads are being set out at this time in view of the fact that it is almost certain that GEMPP is merely faking, however, it is desired that the Huntington Division attempt to locate PAULINE SKEEN and question her concerning this matter.

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Los Angeles, California
April 20, 1938

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Special Agent in Charge
El Paso, Texas

Dear Sir:

Re: RALPH ROE with aliases, Fugitive,
I. O. 1472; THEODORN⁰ COLK with
aliases, FUGITIVE I. O. 1471
Escaped Federal Prisoner
L. A. File 76-362

I am transmitting herewith one copy of the report of Special Agent J. E. Thornton, San Francisco, California, April 2, 1938, together with an inclosure consisting of a photostated copy of a letter addressed to Warden James E. Johnston, initialed "R. E. M.", Postoffice Box 1351. It will be noted this report contains a lead for the Los Angeles office to cover at Hobbs, New Mexico, which is in your territory.

Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSON
Special Agent in Charge

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Oklahoma City**

FILE NO. **76-348**

REPORT MADE AT Oklahoma City	DATE WHEN MADE 4-21-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4-15-38	REPORT MADE BY L. E. Kingman
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:

O. E. BARBER, retired Peace Officer, SPAVINAW, OKLA., has no information relative to COLE or ROE. Wrote to warden at Alcatraz for picture merely out of curiosity and because he thought Subjects might visit Spavinaw Lake.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. E. THORNTON, SAN FRANCISCO, 4-2-38.

DETAILS:

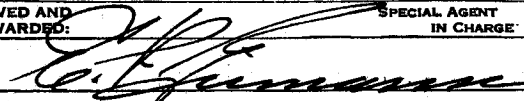
AT SPAVINAW, OKLAHOMA.

O. E. BARBER, age 69, was interviewed. He said he had formerly served as a Peace Officer in OKLAHOMA having been once a Deputy Sheriff of ROGERS COUNTY for about four years. He said that he did not know COLE or ROE but had read publicity concerning them and their escape from ALCATRAZ and noticed that they were former OKLAHOMANS and decided that if they were loose in the country, they would no doubt at some time visit Spavinaw Lake for fishing, etc. and to hide out. MR. BARBER is no longer an officer, is now on relief and seemed to be a garrulous old man and it is doubtful if he can be relied upon. He is being furnished with descriptive circulars.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
601 Richmond Trust Building,
Richmond, Virginia.

April 23, 1938

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

Attention: TECHNICAL LABORATORY

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

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith the following handwriting specimens:

- #1 - A note addressed "Honey Mine" written on one side of a piece of paper approximately 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 11" in size, bearing the notation on the reverse side "Mail this letter today at Charles Town only. Love Gene".
- #2 - An envelope addressed to "Mr. J. E. Hoover, FBI Office, Washington, D. C. - Special Delivery" containing three double sheets handwritten and signed "H.D."

For the information of the Technical Laboratory, specimen No. 1 was found in a box of candy by the Commonwealth's Attorney at Berryville, Virginia on April 18, 1938. This box of candy was being smuggled out of jail by one WILLIAM PHILLIP GEMPP, FBI #191927, and specimen No. 2 was likewise apparently written by GEMPP and he attempted to mail it without the local officers being aware of this fact. According to Mr. EDWARD McC. WILLIAMS, Commonwealth's Attorney, Berryville, Va., Specimen No. 1 is believed to be the normal handwriting of GEMPP and Specimen No. 2 is believed to be his disguised handwriting. GEMPP alleges that he has information concerning the whereabouts of fugitives ROE and COLE.

It is requested that Specimen No. 1 be compared with Specimen No. 2 and this Division be advised in the event it is the opinion of the examiners that they were written by the same person.

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Just || It is requested that a copy of your report be furnished
to the Oklahoma City and Huntington Field Divisions.

Very truly yours,

M. E. Gurnea
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M. E. GURNEA,
Special Agent in Charge.

RLM:VG
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Enclosures.

|| cc: Oklahoma City

REGISTERED MAIL

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Report

Case: RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; Number: 76-2686-362
THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUG., I.O. #1471;
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.

Specimens:

76-2686-362 Q 19 One envelope addressed to Mr. J. E. Hoover, FBI Office, Washington,
D. C., marked Special Delivery.
" Q 20 One sheet apparently enclosed in Q 19 beginning: "This letter should
" Q 21 One sheet apparently enclosed in Q 19 beginning: "something and for-
" Q 22 One sheet apparently enclosed in Q 19 beginning: "for rent. They--"

76-2686-362 K 3 One note beginning "Honey mine: Go to a --" purported to be in the
known handwriting of William Phillip Gemp, FBI #191927.
Examination requested by: Richmond

Date received: (Blocked 4-26-38) (Rec. 4-27-38 10:00 AM kr)

Examination requested: Document

Result of examination:

Examination by: Major #11

cc-Huntington
Oklahoma City

*No encl.
Known specimen not adequate
for comparison*

Q 19 thru 22 W Mr Washington.

K 3 - W turn Staunton

Q 19 thru 22 - Rockx

12 - pickx

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*W. H. H. S.
7 J. H.*

CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED

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NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT CABLE
NIGHT LETTER	LETTER
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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof,

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ESS:WB

OKLAHOMA CITY OKLAHOMA
APRIL 20, 1938

F. J. Blake,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1206 Tower Petroleum Building,
Dallas, Texas.

RALPH ROE FUGITIVE ETAL EFP. RECENT INFORMATION INDICATES HAZEL UNDERHILL RESIDING AT
OR IN VICINITY LEVELLAND TEXAS. HER SON MARVIN CONNORS RESIDING WITH HER EMPLOYED BY
OIL COMPANY THAT VICINITY, REPORTED SEVERELY INJURED IN EXPLOSION MARCH FOURTEENTH CONFINED
HOSPITAL LUBBOCK TEXAS. EXPEDITE DISCREET INVESTIGATION SECURING PRESENT ADDRESS HAZEL
UNDERHILL AND MARVIN CONNORS. LUBBOCK HOSPITAL PROBABLE SOURCE THROUGH WHICH CONNORS
EMPLOYER AND ADDRESS AVAILABLE.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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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 unrepeated message rate is charged in addition. Unless otherwise indicated on its face, THIS IS AN UNREPEATED MESSAGE AND PAID FOR AS SUCH, in consideration whereof it is agreed between the sender of the message and this Company as follows:

1. The Company shall not be liable for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the UN-REPEATED 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.

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4. No responsibility attaches to this Company concerning messages until they are accepted at one of its transmitting offices; and if a message is sent to such 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 case where the claim is not presented in writing within sixty days after message is filed with the Company for transmission.

6. It is agreed that prompt and correct transmission and delivery of this message shall be presumed in any action for recovery of tolls thereon; subject, however, to rebuttal by competent evidence.

7. Special terms governing the transmission of messages under the classes enumerated below shall apply to messages in each of such respective classes in addition to all foregoing terms.

8. NO EMPLOYEE OF THIS COMPANY IS AUTHORIZED TO VARY THE FOREGOING.

POSTAL TELEGRAPH-CABLE COMPANY

CLARENCE H. MACKAY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

A. H. GRISWOLD, EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT

CLASSES OF SERVICE

DOMESTIC MESSAGES

FAST TELEGRAMS. A full-rate expedited service.

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SPECIAL TERMS APPLYING TO DAY LETTERS. In further consideration of the reduced rate for this special "Day Letter" service, the following special terms in addition to those enumerated above are hereby agreed to:

(a) Day Letters may be forwarded by the Telegraph Company as a deferred service and the transmission and delivery of such Day Letter is, in all respects, subordinate to the priority of transmission and delivery of full rate telegrams.

(b) This Day Letter is received subject to the express understanding and agreement that the Company does not undertake that a Day Letter shall be delivered on the day of its date absolutely and at all events; but that the Company's obligation in this respect is subject to the condition that there shall remain sufficient time for the transmission and delivery of such Day Letter on the day of its date during regular office hours, subject to the priority of the transmission of full rate telegrams under the conditions named above.

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NIGHT LETTERS. Accepted up to 2:00 a. m. for delivery on the morning of the ensuing business day, at rates still lower than night message rates, as follows: The fast telegram rate for 10 words shall be charged for the transmission of 10

words or less, and one-fifth of such rate for 10 words shall be charged for additional 10 words or less.

SPECIAL TERMS APPLYING TO NIGHT LETTERS. In further consideration of 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 destination to the addressee, and the Company shall be deemed to have discharged its obligation in such cases with respect to delivery by mailing a Night Letter at destination, postage prepaid.

CABLE MESSAGES

FULL RATE MESSAGES receive regular and prompt service in their order of Code language permitted.

DEFERRED RATE MESSAGES at one-half of the full rate to follow full rate messages. Must be in plain language of country of origin, or of destination, or in French. Full particulars as to countries where this class of service is available will be furnished upon application to any Postal Telegraph office.

NIGHT CABLE LETTERS at reduced rates. Must be in plain language of country of origin, or of destination, or in French where transmitted by telegraph to destination. Subordinate to the priority of transmission of full and deferred rate messages. May be posted, when sender so directs, to countries where this service is not available, at tariffs to countries from which such messages are posted. Under latter circumstances, messages must contain complete mailing address including charges, posting instructions (i. e., Post Office, etc.). Minimum word basis of twenty-five words applies. Code address may be used except for messages delivered by post. Messages transmitted by night cable must carry indicator "NLT" required and charged for as one word. For further particulars apply at any Postal Telegraph office.

NO EMPLOYEE OF THIS COMPANY IS AUTHORIZED TO VARY THE FOREGOING.

April 23, 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:

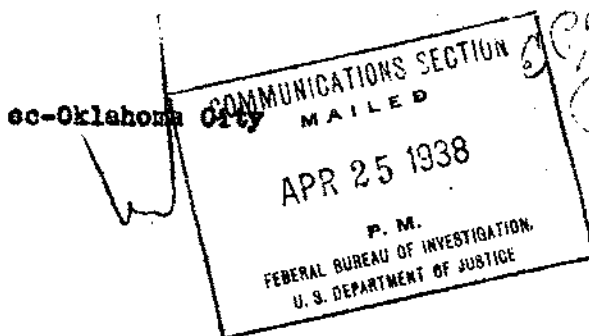
There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report
covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office
in connection with the above entitled matter and received in
the Bureau **March 14, 1938.**

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure:



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report

April 23, 1938.

Case: **Ralph Roe, with aliases, Fugitive,
I.O.1472; Theodore Cole, with aliases,
Fugitive, I.O.1471; Escaped Federal Prisoners.**

Number: 76-2686-276

Specimens: 76-2686-276 Q17 Envelope postmarked "Atlantic City, New Jersey,
February 17, 1938, 10 P. M."
" Q18 Accompanying handwritten letter beginning "I hope
you got***".

Examination requested by: San Francisco

Date received: March 14, 1938

Examination requested: Document

Result of examination:

Examination by: Conrad

Because of the limited quantity of writing available in the previously received script notes listed in earlier Laboratory Reports as specimens Q1, Q2, Q7 and Q18, it has not been possible to reach a conclusion as to whether the instant letter was written by the writer of any of the previous notes mentioned.

It has been concluded that the instant letter was not written by subject Roe, but there is not enough of the known writing of subject Theodore Cole available for comparison to permit a conclusion as to whether he wrote the instant letter.

1-Bureau
2-San Francisco
1-Oklahoma City
1-Laboratory

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **76-50**

REPORT MADE AT Seattle, Washington	DATE WHEN MADE 4/20/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/23, 4/5, and 15/38	REPORT MADE BY F. E. CHALKLEY
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:

No record of registration by C.A. Garrison of 1930 Buick Coupe, Motor No. 2589268 at Bureau of Licenses, Olympia, Wash. C.A. Garrison, Osborne, Wash. secured a driver's permit from Division Operator's Permits, Olympia, Wash. in 1935. This license has not been renewed. Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Johnson, 1937 Wash. license K-6717, Manson, Wash. did not purchase pamphlet in Portland, Ore. Robert J. Pounder, 1937 Wash. license K-203 bears good reputation Wenatchee, Wash. Did not purchase pamphlet in Portland, Oregon. Individual resembling Theodore Cole observed at 8318 and 8320 Rainier Avenue, but neighborhood inquiry failed to reveal individual residing in neighborhood.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent Daniel Currie, Jr., Seattle, Washington dated February 16, 1938.
Reports of Special Agent R. L. Moore, Seattle, Washington dated March 12, 1938 and Special Agent H. A. King, Portland, Oregon dated March 14, 1938.

DETAILS:

At the Bureau of Licenses, Division of Motor Vehicle Registration, a search for the registration of a 1930 Buick Coupe, motor #2589268 in the name of C. A. Garrison, and by motor number, was made. No record of any person with the name of Garrison registering the described Buick was found. A search by car motor number failed to disclose the registration of the vehicle by any person in the state

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of Washington.

At the Division of Operators' Permits, Bureau of Licenses, no 1937 operator's permit was issued to a C. A. Garrison, but a 1935 permit was issued to C. A. Garrison on October 11, 1935, who was described as 28 years of age, height 5' 10", weight 158 lbs. This permit reflects the residence of Garrison as Osborne, Washington. This permit was not renewed in 1937.

The above investigation was conducted by Special Agent Leo J. Walcom.

At Wenatchee, Washington:

Reporting Agent on April 5, 1938 interviewed Mr. Robert J. Pounder, 744 South Wenatchee Avenue, who stated that he had made a trip to Los Angeles, California in the early part of December, 1937, but that he did not go through Portland, Oregon, nor did he purchase any maps or pamphlets covering tides and currents in San Francisco Bay during his entire trip. Mr. Pounder informed Agent that he was an electrician and that he was in no manner interested in tides and currents of San Francisco Bay. He further advised Agent that he entered California at Dunsmuir.

Agent inquired of Chief of Police Carl Hanson and Mel Cowles, Identification Officer, Wenatchee, Washington Police Department of the character and reputation of Robert Pounder, and was informed that Mr. Pounder had an excellent reputation and that he had been in the electrical business in Wenatchee, Washington for approximately 15 years. Chief Hanson further stated that Mr. Pounder had never to his knowledge been arrested.

At Manson, Washington:

Agent interviewed Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Johnson, who own and operate a large apple orchard. Mr. Johnson related that he and Mrs. Johnson had for a number of years been in the habit of visiting California for a few months during the winter, and that they had about the 15th of December, 1937 driven from Manson, Washington to Los Angeles, California. However, Mr. Johnson stated that he had not on instant trip gone by the route through Portland, Oregon, and that he had entered California at Dunsmuir. Mr. Johnson, however, stated that he did on his return trip, come through Portland, Oregon but that neither he nor his wife purchased any pamphlet on the tides and currents in San Francisco Bay. Agent did not make any inquiry relative to Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Johnson's character, due to the fact that appropriate investigation along this line had been conducted previously by Special Agent Daniel Currie, Jr., and has been set out in referenced report.

At Seattle, Washington:

On February 17, 1938, Mr. Lewis Lester, 8320 Rainier Avenue, Apartment 7, Seattle, Washington, telephoned the Seattle Office and advised

Special Agent W. C. Ryan that about one half hour previous, he believed that he observed an individual who resembled Theodore Cole. Mr. Lester stated that he observed this individual in the drug store which is located in the same building below the apartment in which he resides; that the individual purchased a milk shake, and after drinking the same had departed from the vicinity in a 1930 or 1931 Chevrolet Roadster, but that he did not observe the license number of the car. Mr. Lester said that he had never seen the individual before and had not at the time seen a picture of Cole, but, however, when he returned to his apartment, he read a detective magazine, which contained Cole's picture, and it immediately occurred to him that the person he had seen resembled Cole.

Mr. Lester explained that the reason he had paid attention to the individual in the drug store was that this individual appeared to be nervous. Mr. Lester also stated that he noted that the individual seen by him had a scar on his face in the place described on the circular and that he also had an additional scar on his right eye which was not described on the circular.

On March 23, 1938, reporting Agent interviewed Mr. Lewis Lester at his home at 8320 Rainier Avenue, Apartment 7, at which time Mr. Lester stated that he had not seen the individual whom he thought resembled Theodore Cole since the time that he had reported the same to the Seattle Office. Agent advised Mr. Lester that should he see the same individual on a future occasion, that he should immediately contact the Seattle Office. This Mr. Lester promised to do and expressed his desire to cooperate with the Bureau.

Agent contacted Mrs. R. Housler, 8322 Rainier Avenue, who operates a grocery store at that place, and exhibited to her I. O. #1471 on Theodore Cole. Mrs. Housler stated that she had never seen anyone who resembled the photograph of Cole, but advised that should she see such a person in the neighborhood, that she would immediately notify the Seattle Field Office. Mrs. Housler advised that there was a young man by the name of I. C. Cole residing at the rear of her store, but that he did not resemble the photograph of Cole appearing on I. O. #1471. Agent interviewed Mr. Isaac C. Cole, who lives in the rear of the store at 8322 Rainier Avenue. Mr. Cole did not in any way resemble Theodore Cole, subject in the instant case, and he stated that to his knowledge Theodore Cole was not a member of his family. Mr. Cole advised that he had two brothers living at 822 Piny Branch Road; Ray M. Cole and Thomas C. Cole. Reporting Agent interviewed Ray M. Cole and Thomas C. Cole, but found that neither resembled Theodore Cole in any way, both being red-headed, and weighing about 200 pounds.

Agent contacted Mr. J. C. Weber, druggist, 8318 Rainier Avenue, Seattle, who stated that he had sold a man resembling Cole a milk shake and that after the man had left the soda fountain, that Lewis Lester, who at the time had been sitting at the soda fountain, had remarked that the man resembled Theodore Cole, whose picture appears in the Masters Detective Magazine. Weber stated that the man had a large

scar on his right cheek and that he had remarked that he had received said scar in an automobile accident and due to this injury he could only drink milk shakes. Mr. Weber also was shown I. O. #1471, and he stated that the man who had been in his store did somewhat resemble Theodore Cole. Agent advised Mr. Weber that should the individual appear again in his store that he should immediately notify the Seattle Office.

Agent inquired of Mr. R. S. Chase, barber, 8219 Rainier Avenue, if he had seen anything of a man in the neighborhood who resembled the picture of Theodore Cole as appearing on I. O. #1471. Mr. Chase said he had not, but that should he see such an individual in the neighborhood, that he would immediately notify the Seattle Office.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE SEATTLE OFFICE at Osborne, Washington, will ascertain whereabouts of C. A. Garrison, who, when located, should be interviewed to ascertain whether it was he who purchased the tide books, and operated the car for which search was made.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

FILE NO. 76-89

REPORT MADE AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE	DATE WHEN MADE 4-25-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/18, 22/38	REPORT MADE BY ALFRED I. MEANS MR
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 stated that for \$100 expense money he can obtain proof as to whether subjects are dead or alive. States he knows subjects are alive. Claims received letter late December from a fellow prisoner, stating "The boys made it". Will give no information as to whether he knew of plans to escape. J. P. CONWAY states BRYAN CONWAY has not discussed the escape of ROE and COLE with him. Denies corresponding with BRYAN while he (BRYAN) was confined in Alcatraz Penitentiary. Details furnished Bureau by letter for instructions asto paying CONWAY \$100 expense money.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent W. A. WINTER, Little Rock, Ark. dated 4-13-38.
Report of Special Agent M. E. GURNEA, San Francisco, dated 12-28-37.
Letter to Bureau dated 4-23-38.

DETAILS:

AT NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent W. E. HOPTON.

The Nashville, Tennessee city and telephone directories do not list the names of W. R. CONWAY or ANDREW CONWAY.

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		<div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">FUGITIVE</div> <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">STAT. SECT.</div> <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">RA</div> <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">JWC</div>

AT FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent W. E. HOPTON:

CHAPMAN ANDERSON, Postmaster, advised that LEE CONWAY, brother of BRYAN CONWAY, presently resides in Franklin. LEE CONWAY was out of the city and not available for interview on the day agent was in Franklin. Mr. ANDERSON stated that he had recently been advised by H. I. WARRELL of Lawrenceburg, Tennessee that BRYAN CONWAY is presently located at Columbia, Tennessee.

Prior to making further inquiries in an effort to locate and interview BRYAN CONWAY, this agent was advised by Acting Special Agent in Charge, M. W. MEEKINS, that he was interviewed by another agent in the Memphis Division.

AT LAWRENCEBURG, TENNESSEE

MR. J. P. CONWAY, uncle of BRYAN CONWAY, stated that BRYAN CONWAY came to his home in Leoma, Tennessee to live shortly after he was released from Alcatraz, and that he told BRYAN that he could live with him if he would behave himself, but that BRYAN immediately began to run around in bad company and drink, and as a result he had him move. During the period that BRYAN lived with him and no time since has he discussed the escape of RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE with him. MR. CONWAY further stated that he did not correspond with BRYAN after he was transferred from the Atlanta Penitentiary to Alcatraz. MR. CONWAY further stated that BRYAN could probably be located through JOHN PHILLIPS, OSCAR CROWDER, or JIM WARREN of Appleton, Tennessee.

It will be noted that MR. J. P. CONWAY bears a good reputation in Lawrenceburg, where he operates a grocery store.

BRYAN CONWAY was located by Agent and Deputy Sheriff CLAUDE McAFFEE at a local house of prostitution in Lawrenceburg, Tennessee. It was noted that CONWAY had been drinking but did not appear to be under the influence of whiskey. CONWAY was reluctant to give any information at first, stating that he had been sent to Alcatraz because he had refused to squeal on a friend of his. He stated, however, that in December, 1937, he had received a letter from a friend of his who was a former fellow prisoner and who also is a good friend of COLE and ROE. It was stated in the letter "That the boys had made it". That this person was in the position to know. CONWAY was questioned as to the identity of this person but he would give no more information than this person lived approximately forty miles from Texarkana, Arkansas in

Oklahoma. He at first stated that he could furnish proof within twenty-four hours as to whether subjects were dead or alive. He stated that for \$100 he would furnish this proof, intimating at the time that he could offer proof to the effect that subjects were alive. He further stated that an agent of the Bureau might accompany him after all identification has been removed.

CONWAY further stated that he had other information to the effect that subjects had made their escape but he would not divulge same. He stated that he was well trusted in the underworld due to his great sacrifice in not squealing on a murderer while in Atlanta, and that he was in possession of certain codes that would get him in any underworld circle he desired. CONWAY stated that if Agent desired him to obtain proof as to whether subjects were dead or alive that his name must be kept entirely out of everything and no one must know of the arrangement but agents of the Bureau. He further stated that if his offer is to be accepted it must be accepted immediately because he expects to leave the vicinity of Lawrenceburg in the next few days.

CONWAY was again contacted later in the day, at which time the effects of whiskey were clearly evident but he did not appear drunk. He took several drinks in the presence of agent and became drunk during the interview. He was questioned closely regarding all the previous statements he had made, there were no discrepancies in his story except that he stated that it would take him several days maybe to get the information that the Bureau desired. At this time he also made the positive statement that he knew subjects to be alive, but he denied having seen them himself. He also refused at this time to state who wrote him the letter in December that stated "The boys had made it". He stated that RALPH ROE and he had been good friends, having worked together, that he did not know COLE as well having worked with him only a short time in the kitchen.

CONWAY was questioned as to any information he might have regarding plans that might have been formulated to effect the escape. When questioned along these lines, he would only laugh and make no comments at all.

It will be noted that CONWAY was released from Alcatraz Penitentiary in November of 1937 and claims to be very close friends of the subjects in this case. It will also be noted that CONWAY collected somewhat over a thousand dollars for a story he had published in the Saturday Evening Post. This money has most all been spent by CONWAY and he is nearly broke.

On April 23, 1938, a letter was directed to the Bureau requesting instructions as to whether CONWAY should be furnished \$100 expense money.

CLAUDE McAFFEE, Chief Deputy Sheriff of Lawrence County, stated that he had known BRYAN CONWAY all of his life and that he had many dealings with him, and that if BRYAN said he would do a thing that it could be relied upon, and that BRYAN had this general reputation in Lawrence County.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

MEMPHIS DIVISION

At Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, will recontact BRYAN CONWAY through VIRGINIA CONWAY or through BESSIE GRISSOM, who runs a beer joint on the outskirts of Lawrenceburg, and obtain any information that he may have as to whether subjects are alive. It will be noted that CONWAY states that for \$100 he can furnish definite proof, intimating that he knows subjects to be alive. If this information is obtained through CONWAY, will then make arrangements with him to locate them. This lead will be held in abeyance pending instructions from the Bureau as to whether the \$100 should be paid to CONWAY.

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

PEF:MC

April 16, 1938.

Time: 9:48 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

RE: *Sheske* *Pauline Skeen*
OCOLE AND ROE

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SAC Reynolds called from Huntington stating that Mr. Murphy of the Richmond Office had contacted him concerning the Cole and Roe matter. Reynolds inquired if any investigation is being conducted in Washington, of the information furnished by Gemp.

I told him there was not as the only investigation suggested for Washington was to locate a girl at Child's Restaurant, the information being so general that it was felt he should first locate Pauline Skeen, who was alleged to be the woman knowing the whereabouts of Cole and Roe.

Reynolds stated this girl had been the victim in the White Slave Traffic Act case in which Ted Redness was the subject and that she was known to Special Agent Tillman. He further stated he thought she was in Logan, West Virginia and that he was having Agent Tillman interview her. From the information available, Mr. Reynolds stated the story told by Gemp would indicate that it was a fabrication; that however he would conduct the appropriate investigation concerning the Skeen girl, and in the event of any definite developments would notify the Bureau immediately.

Respectfully,

P. E. Foxworth
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Mr. D. C. Pemberton,
Big 4 Store,
Rock Springs, Wyoming.

Dear Mr. Pemberton:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 1, 1938, concerning Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole, two individuals whose apprehensions are desired by this Bureau.

The contents of your communication have been referred to Mr. R. D. Brown, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 722 Midland Savings Building, Denver, Colorado, who will have an Agent call upon you at the earliest possible opportunity. If in the meantime, you find it convenient, say I suggest that you personally call upon Mr. Brown and discuss this matter with him.

Your interest in forwarding information to this Bureau concerning Roe and Cole is sincerely appreciated.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc Denver (Enc copies of incoming letter)

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Will Ship Your Office One Old Tire Cover. P. Post.
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Yours Truly.

Big 4 Store.

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Washington, D. C.

April 27, 1938.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE.

Re: Ralph Roe, with aliases, Fugitive,
I. O. #1472; Theodore Cole, with
aliases, Fugitive, I. O. #1471;
Escaped Federal Prisoners.

As a result of their examination of specimens submitted by the San Francisco Field Division in connection with the above-entitled case and received in the laboratory March 14, 1938, Mr. Conrad, the #1 examiner, and Mr. Dingle, associate examiner, could reach no conclusion whether Theodore Cole wrote the questioned material because of the lack of enough known writing of this person to permit a conclusion to be drawn.

Mr. Major, associate examiner, concluded that the questioned material was not written by Theodore Cole.

Accordingly, the more conservative opinion of Mr. Conrad has been furnished the San Francisco Field Division.

E. P. Coffey
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.**

Miami FILE NO. 76-241

REPORT MADE AT Miami, Florida.	DATE WHEN MADE 4/21/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/6/38	REPORT MADE BY R. G. DANNER.
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 STEWART, former employee, 20th Century Bowling Alleys, Tampa, Florida, not identical with Subject **COLE**. STEWART came to Tampa in October, 1936, with alleged sister **MOLLIE O'KEEFE**.

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REFERENCE:

San Francisco Field Division letter dated April 1, 1938; Report of Special Agent M. E. GURNEA, dated at San Francisco, California, 12/28/37.

DETAILS:

AT TAMPA, FLORIDA:

RICHARD V. WAYNE, Comptroller, Tampa Gas Company, was contacted relative to the name in which the meter deposit was made at 715½ North A Street, the reported residence of **JAMES STEWART**, who, as stated in reference letter, was thought to be identical with Subject **COLE**. MR. WAYNE stated that a master meter had been put in which covered this residence, and that this meter was listed in the name of **JOHN P. THERN**. It is noted that the letter of reference states that STEWART, alias **COLE**, was rooming in a place run by a landlady named **THERN**. MR. WAYNE further stated that **THERN** had put in quarter meters in each apartment, and that he attended to these meters himself.

HENRY C. GIBBONS, Supervisor, Tampa Electric Company, was contacted relative to the person in whose name the electricity meter had been installed. He supplied substantially the same information as did MR. WAYNE, stating that the meter had been taken out in the name of **JOHN P. THERN**.

W. D. BUSH, Chief of Detectives, advised after searching his

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files, that his office had conducted some investigation relative to JAMES STEWART, who was possibly identical with the Subject of instant investigation. He furnished the writer with a copy of the report of the detective who had conducted the investigation, which reflected that on March 28, 1938, a complaint had been made by the Twentieth Century Bowling Alley, located at 1111 Grand Central Avenue, that one JAMES A. STEWART, age thirty-one, had been working at the alley since it opened; that on the above date he stole \$175.00 from the safe, and apparently left town. The report further reflected that a MR. HILL, who owned a lunch stand at 1109 Grand Central Avenue, had complained that STEWART had left town owing him \$35.00. This report further reflects that STEWART was associating with one DAVE MCCOLLIE, whose step-father named HAWKINS, works at the Sullivan Bowling Alley; that MCCOLLIE and his mother left for O'Brien County, Iowa; that STEWART did not accompany them to Iowa, but that he and his woman, one MOLLIE O'KEEFE, left town together. Chief BUSH was acquainted with the details of instant investigation, and advised that he knew the HAWKINS mentioned in the report; that he knew HAWKINS' step-son, DAVE MCCOLLIE, and knew positively that MCCOLLIE could not be identical with either Subject COLE or ROE. He advised that MCCOLLIE had been around Tampa for several years.

The writer, accompanied by Assistant Chief of Detectives, M. BEASLEY, contacted MRS. J. P. THERN, 717 North A Street. MRS. THERN advised that JAMES STEWART had rented an apartment from her located at 715 $\frac{1}{2}$ North A Street, around December 1, 1937; that he had left approximately one week ago owing her a week's rent. She stated that STEWART had been accompanied by his sister, and that they were supposed to be from New York City. After searching through her books MRS. THERN produced a rent receipt dated December 11, 1937, which she stated was made out in her handwriting, and represented receipt of rent from STEWART. She stated that STEWART and his alleged sister had roomed with a fellow named D. BARCLAY; that BARCLAY is still in Tampa, and that he works at the Twentieth Century Bowling Alley. She stated that BARCLAY is approximately twenty-two years of age, and seemed very nice and refined. She further advised that at the time STEWART left BARCLAY had informed her that he had given STEWART his share of the week's rent, and that STEWART had absconded with this money. MRS. THERN was shown photographs of ROE and COLE, but stated that while the photograph of COLE did somewhat resemble STEWART, they were not identical. As to BARCLAY, she stated that he bore no resemblance whatsoever to either Subject.

H. G. (JACK) BRACKER, proprietor and part owner, Twentieth Century Bowling Alley, advised after checking his records that JAMES STEWART had come to work at the bowling alley on October 11, 1937, and stated he recalled the day before the bowling alley was to open STEWART had come into the place and asked for work, stating that he was hungry and broke. BRACKER stated that he

had been favorably impressed with STEWART, and had given him employment; that he had allowed STEWART to room at his home; that shortly after STEWART had taken up residence with him he had brought a girl to the house who he had stated was his sister, MOLLIE O'KEEFE. He stated that STEWART had never explained their difference in name, and that it was obvious that she was not his sister.

BRACKER further advised that STEWART had been very satisfactory in his work, but that the girl had been a very bad influence on him, which had culminated in STEWART's having opened the safe and absconded with \$175.00, the property of the bowling alley. BRACKER stated that he was absolutely positive that STEWART had come to work on October 11, 1937; that BARCLAY had been employed at the bowling alley since November 1, 1937. BRACKER stated that he knew of BARCLAY prior to his becoming employed at the bowling alley; that BARCLAY had a number of friends in Tampa who had helped him in securing employment. BRACKER was shown photographs of both COLE and ROE, but stated that BARCLAY was positively not identical with either Subject; that he could personally vouch for BARCLAY having been in Tampa for at least six weeks prior to the escape of Subjects COLE and ROE, and that STEWART had been in Tampa for approximately two months prior to the escape of Subjects.

A description of STEWART as obtained from witnesses interviewed is as follows:

Age	31 years
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Hazle
Height	5' 6"
Weight	145 to 150
Build	Medium
Complexion	Fair

Inasmuch as all suspects of this investigation are definitely eliminated, because they were in Tampa prior to the Subjects' escape, no attempt is being made to locate STEWART for interview.

A review of the report of reference fails to reflect any investigation to be performed in the Miami Field Division relative to interviewing recent releases, visitors or correspondents at U. S. Penitentiary, Alcatraz Island, California. Hence, this case is being referred upon completion to the Division of Origin.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE DIVISION OF ORIGIN.

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NIGHT LETTER	SHIP RADIOGRAM

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

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WESTERN UNION MESSENGERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE DELIVERY OF NOTES AND PACKAGES.

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2. In any event the company shall not be liable for damages for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for the non-delivery, of any message, whether caused by the negligence of its servants or otherwise, beyond the sum of five thousand dollars, at which amount each message is deemed to be valued, unless a greater value is stated in writing by the sender thereof at the time the message is tendered for transmission, and unless the repeatable message rate is paid or agreed to be paid, and an additional charge equal to one-tenth of one percent of the amount by which such valuation shall exceed five thousand dollars.
3. The company is hereby made the agent of the sender, without liability, to forward this message over the lines of any other company when necessary to reach its destination.
4. Domestic messages and incoming cable messages will be delivered free within one-half mile of the company's office in towns of 5,000 population or less, and within one mile of such office in other cities or towns. Beyond these limits the company does not undertake to make delivery, but will, without liability, at the sender's request, as his agent and at his expense, endeavor to contract for him for such delivery at a reasonable price.
5. No responsibility attaches to this company concerning messages until the same are accepted at one of its transmitting offices; and if a message is sent to such office by one of the company's messengers, he acts for that purpose as the agent of the sender.
6. The company will not be liable for damages or statutory penalties in any case where the claim is not presented in writing within sixty days after the message is filed with the company for transmission.
7. It is agreed that in any action by the company to recover the tolls for any message or messages the prompt and correct transmission and delivery thereof shall be presumed, subject to rebuttal by competent evidence.
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A deferred day service at rates lower than the standard telegram rates as follows: One and one-half times the standard night letter rate for the transmission of 50 words or less and one-fifth of the initial rates for each additional 10 words or less.

SPECIAL TERMS APPLYING TO DAY LETTERS:

In further consideration of the reduced rate for this special Day Letter service, the following special terms in addition to those enumerated above are hereby agreed to:

A. Day Letters may be forwarded by the Telegraph Company as a deferred service and the transmission and delivery of such Day Letters is, in all respects, subordinate to the priority of transmission and delivery of regular telegrams.

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Accepted up to 2:00 A.M. for delivery on the morning of the ensuing business day, at rates still lower than standard night message rates, as follows: The standard telegram rate for 10 words shall be charged for the transmission of 50 words or less, and one-fifth of such standard telegram rate for 10 words shall be charged for each additional 10 words or less.

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In further consideration of the reduced rates for this special Night Letter service, the following special terms in addition to those enumerated above are hereby agreed to:

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A service to and from ships at sea, in all parts of the world. Plain language or code language may be used.

1612 Federal Reserve Bank,
Kansas City, Missouri,
April 27, 1938.

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Mr. Robert H. Hadsbeth,
Warden,
U. S. Penitentiary,
Leavenworth, Kansas.

Dear Sir:

It is kindly requested that you advise whether at the present time or in the immediate past there has been an inmate in your institution by the name of Bob Bridges, who is originally from Tulsa, Oklahoma.

At the present time, this office is not in possession of any descriptive data concerning Bridges, but if you are able to locate any record of him, it will be appreciated if you will furnish a descriptive photograph.

Very truly yours,

DNIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,
San Francisco, California.

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

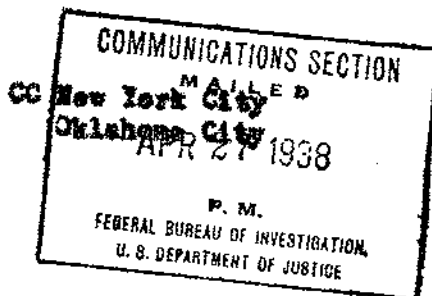
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to a letter from the San Francisco Office to the New York Office dated February 24, 1938, wherein reference is made to a postal card printed in red pencil which was received by Warden J. A. Johnston, of Alcatraz Prison.

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For your information, the handwriting on that card was compared with the known handwriting of Subjects Roe and Cole and the #1 Examiner concluded that the writing thereon was not that of Ralph Roe. However, he was unable to reach a conclusion as to whether the writing thereon was that of Theodore Cole. The two Associate Examiners concluded that the writing on that postal card was not the writing of either Ralph Roe or Theodore Cole.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.



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

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April 8, 1938.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN.

Re: Ralph Roe, with alias, Fugitive,
I. O. #1472; Theodore Cole, with
aliases, Fugitive, I. O. #1471;
Escaped Federal Prisoners.

The conclusions of the document examiners regarding a comparison of specimen Q16, a postal card addressed to "Warden Johnson, Alcatraz, San Francisco Bay, California", and postmarked "Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, January 5, 1938, 10 P. M.", with the handwriting of Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole, are set out below for the information of the Investigative Division.

Mr. Conrad, the #1 examiner, concluded that this postal card was not written by Ralph Roe but because of the limited amount of known writing of Theodore Cole he was unable to reach a conclusion whether or not this person wrote the questioned material.

Mr. Major and Mr. Dingle, associate examiners, reached the conclusion that the postal card above described was not written by either Ralph Roe or Theodore Cole.

No report on this examination is being furnished to the San Francisco Division, the information being furnished to the Investigative Division for such action as it may deem advisable from the investigative standpoint.

Respectfully,

E. P. Coffey

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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St. Louis FILE NO. 76-326

REPORT MADE AT St. Louis, Mo.	DATE WHEN MADE 4-27-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4-14, 15-38	REPORT MADE BY E. L. COCHRAN ELC:F
TITLE RALEIGH ROE with aliases - FUGITIVE I.O. 1472; THEODORE COLE with aliases - FUGITIVE I.O. 1471			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: No further information available relative to identity or whereabouts of suspects from MISS PEARL KIRKPATRICK 4136 North Broadway, St. Louis, Mo.; St. Louis Police Department; JOHN P. SANCHEZ 6843 Bradley St., St. Louis, Mo. or WILLIAM MAJOR KIRKPATRICK, St. Louis, Mo.

R. U. C.

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent E. L. Cochran, St. Louis, Mo. 4-7-38.

DETAILS: MISS PEARL KIRKPATRICK recontacted in her restaurant and residence 4136 North Broadway, St. Louis, Missouri, stated she had no further information to convey relative to the two possible suspects whom she had fed in her restaurant on the evening of March 22, 1938. She stated she had made inquiry among patrons of her restaurant but that no further data of any kind had been unearthed regarding the two men whom she thought resembled photographs of fugitives, as hereinbefore set out in report of reference.

WILLIAM MAJOR KIRKPATRICK, brother of MISS PEARL KIRKPATRICK and residing with her in the rear of the restaurant at 4136 North Broadway, St. Louis, could furnish no information stating he had paid no attention to the young men fed by his sister on the evening of March 22, 1938 and later believed by her to possibly be identical with fugitives.

JOHN P. SANCHEZ, 6843 Bradley St., St. Louis, Missouri, telephone Prospect 9164, identified himself as the chiropodist with a "hanging out place" in the daytime at the Funeral Flowers Service Company, 3601 Gravois Ave., St. Louis, Missouri and a former night watchman for the Frisco

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Railroad. Mr. SANCHEZ stated that on the evening of March 22, 1938 he had been in the restaurant operated by MISS KIRKPATRICK, 4138 North Broadway, St. Louis, Missouri and had noticed the two men later claimed by MISS KIRKPATRICK to be identical with fugitives as they entered the restaurant and asked her for a handout of food. He stated he paid no particular attention to the two men at the time but upon later being shown a picture of the fugitives as appeared on page 29 of the March 30, 1938 issue of the Official Detective Story Magazine, he had observed what he thought to be a resemblance between photographs of fugitives and the two men who had been fed by MISS KIRKPATRICK March 22, 1938.

SANCHEZ stated he had walked out of the restaurant while the two men were inside and had stood on the street being in that position when the two men emerged from the restaurant. He stated that he recalled they walked in the direction of the Rock Island Railroad Company tracks near First St., St. Louis, Missouri and that he presumed at the time they intended to hop a freight car out of town. SANCHEZ was unable to furnish any further information and stated that diligent inquiry on his part had failed to unearth any other data.

Assistant Chief of Detectives JERRY O'CONNELL, St. Louis Police Department, advised that Department could furnish no information concerning suspects.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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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 4-27-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4-14, 15-38	REPORT MADE BY E. L. COCHRAN ELC:F
TITLE RALPH ROSS with aliases - FUGITIVE I.O. 1472; WIRIOAKHE GOLL with aliases - FUGITIVE I.O. 1471			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA**FILE NO. **76-389**

REPORT MADE AT: Portland, Oregon	DATE WHEN MADE: 4/25/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 4/5,19/38	REPORT MADE BY: W. F. WOOD - FGD
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 Studebaker Sedan bearing Oregon license 196-773, which entered California from Oregon on 12/15 or 16/37, owned by HARRY A. STILES, salesman for Knight's Pickles Co., who claims to have no knowledge concerning the purchase of tidal or current charts of San Francisco Bay. F. D. WAGNER, Ashland, Oregon, ex-postmaster, travelled to Long Beach, Calif. 12/15/37, but made no inquiry concerning tides of San Francisco Bay. A. L. COGGIN, owner, California Oregon Box & Lumber Co., Ashland, travelled to San Francisco 12/19/37 in Ford Sedan carrying 1938 Oregon plates 300-313. COGGIN owns 1930 Pontiac still carrying 1937 Oregon plates 250-847 and temporary permit dated 1/19/38 for new plates, never on this car, which he states did not leave the State of Oregon in December, 1937.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent H. A. King, Portland, Oregon, 3/14/38.</p> <p>DETAILS: The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent W. B. O'MAHONEY:</p> <p>HARRY W. STILES, salesman for Knight's Pickles, was contacted at the Moore Hotel in Ontario, Oregon, on April 5, 1938, and advised he is the owner of a Studebaker Sedan, motor No. 8300, 1937 Oregon registration 196-773. This car was one of the cars checked as it entered California from Oregon on December 15th or 16th, 1937.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</p>			
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Mr. STILES advised that he left Portland shortly before December 15th, accompanied by his wife, and that he proceeded to California where he spent the Christmas holidays at Los Angeles. Mr. STILES denied any knowledge whatever concerning the purchase of any tidal or current charts of San Francisco Bay or the Pacific Ocean. Mr. STILES is described as follows:

Age	37
Height	5' 10"
Weight	155
Complexion	Fair to ruddy
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Light brown
Occupation	Salesman
Residence	States he has no permanent residence, wife travels with him continuously, may be reached through Knight Pickle Company.

The following investigation was conducted by reporting Agent:

AT ASHLAND, OREGON:

F. D. WAGNER, 47 Granite St., advised that he was formerly postmaster at Ashland for a period of twelve years. He advised that he left Ashland, for Long Beach, California December 15, 1937, where he remained until his return to Ashland on February 24, 1938.

Mr. WAGNER reported that he had planned this trip for some time and knowing that he would be out of the State of Oregon for some time, purchased his 1938 plates prior to his trip South. He advised he made this trip with Mrs. WAGNER, but that he never made inquiry concerning any tide tables in the San Francisco Bay area.

Following is a description of Mr. WAGNER from Agent's personal observation and interrogation:

Age	60
Height	5' 6"
Weight	145
Hair	Grey, partly bald
Eyes	Gray.

ARTHUR L. COGGIN, 139 Granite St., Ashland, owner of the California Oregon Box and Lumber Co., also located in Ashland, advised that he made a trip from Ashland to San Francisco, starting December 19, 1937, but that this trip was made in his Ford Sedan, 1935 model, which carries 1938 Oregon plates 300-313. Mrs. ARTHUR L. COGGIN, who was subsequently interviewed, recalled the trip to California before Christmas, 1937, in their Ford, but could not recall the exact date.

Mr. COGGIN stated he had a 1930 Pontiac and accompanied Agent to a garage where the same is stored. This Pontiac still carried 1937 plates 250-847, and examination of the fasteners on these plates indicated that they had not been recently removed. On the windshield of this Pontiac was a temporary permit which was numbered 62482, and dated January 19, 1938, showing that application was made for 1938 plates on this date. It would therefore appear that this Pontiac did not have 1938 plates on it prior to January 19, 1938.

Mr. COGGIN stated that he believes that he received the 1938 plates for this Pontiac, but that he never opened the package to notice the number of the new plates and did not know where the same were. An examination was made of the contents of the Pontiac, but the new 1938 plates reported to belong on this car were not located. It is believed that the actual date of issuance of the 1938 plates, 299-336, should be checked through the Secretary of State, Salem, Oregon, and if the same were prior to December 16, 1937, Mr. COGGIN should be recontacted and requested to search further for the plates.

Mr. ARTHUR L. COGGIN is described as follows from Agent's personal observation and interrogation:

Age	50
Height	5' 10"
Weight	200
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Residence	Ashland, Oregon

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE PORTLAND FIELD DIVISION: through the Secretary of State, Salem, Oregon, will ascertain the date of issuance of 1938 Oregon plates 299-336, for a 1930 Pontiac sedan, motor 682086. It is noted that temporary permit to drive this auto carried number 62482.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA**FILE NO. **76-389**

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DETAILS:

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United States Department of Justice
Room 300 Commercial Merchants National
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Peoria, Illinois
April 29, 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.

Dear Sir:

It is requested that the Peoria Field Office
be immediately furnished twenty five additional
Identification Orders on each of the two Subjects
in this case for assistance in the conducting of
investigation in this case. *SR*

Very truly yours,

B. F. Fitzsimons
B. F. FITZSIMONS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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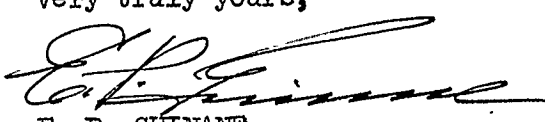
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Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: RALPH ROE with aliases -
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; Et Al.
Escaped Federal Prisoners.

Please refer to the report of Special Agent
RALPH T. HOOD dated at Oklahoma City April 28, 1938 re-
ferring to ~~confidential informant~~ J. R. ~~RICHARDSON~~.
This ~~confidential~~ informant is TOM ~~ANTONE~~, who was re-
ferred to in my letter to the Bureau concerning this
case on March 29, 1938.

Very truly yours,


E. P. GUINANE,
Special Agent in Charge

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Suite 1729, 111 Sutter,
San Francisco, California
April 29, 1938

Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to a letter to the Bureau from the
Kansas City Office dated March 29, 1938, requesting that information
be obtained at Alcatraz Island of the correspondents, et cetera, of
one BOB PRINGLE, an inmate of that institution.

The records of Alcatraz reflect that this individual is
an inmate there under the name of R. L. PRINGLE; that he was admitted
to this institution on July 6, 1937, having been sentenced on February
9, 1935 to ~~several~~ 15 years, from Houston, Texas, on a charge of Post
Office robbery and embezzlement. The records further reflect that
since he has been an inmate at Alcatraz he has had no visitors. His
correspondence record is as follows:

MRS. PRINGLE, wife, 309 Cooper Street and 214 Matagorda Street,
San Antonio, Texas
MRS. E. A. DANIELS, sister, 2614 Cedar Springs and 3204 Carlisle Street,
Dallas, Texas
JOHN PRINGLE, R. F. D. 2, Box 166, Houston, Texas
JUDGE KENNEDY, U. S. Court, Houston, Texas
GEORGE PRINGLE, father, Box 241, and Belle Knap Street, Fort Worth, Texas
GEO KILBO, friend, Headquarters Company, Texas Rangers, Austin, Texas
MRS. E. TERRY or TERRY, 309 Cooper Street and 1526 Hicks Avenue,
San Antonio, Texas
MRS. LEITE or LEE, sister, 1526 Hicks, San Antonio, Texas
E. M. BUSH or BUCK, friend, 225 Madison Street, Camden, Arkansas
CHARLES BRIMMON BOOTH, friend, 526 Ridge Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

Very truly yours,

ARY:MLA

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H. J. WINTERBURN, Special Agent in Charge
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REPORT MADE AT Oklahoma City	DATE WHEN MADE 4/28/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/18 & 25/38; 3/1-12, 16/38; 4/4, 8, 11, 13-16/27/38	REPORT MADE BY Ralph T. Hood mmk
TITLE RALEPH ROE with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

ROE and COLE reported in Okla. City by Mrs. LEONA K. GODDARD but information proved unfounded. About 4-1-38 HAZEL UNDERHILL was alleged to have large sum of money derived from sale of bonds allegedly stolen by ROE and WILBUR UNDERHILL, and claimed to have used forged signature of RALPH ROE to obtain bonds from RAYMOND ROE. HAZEL UNDERHILL reported presently residing Levelland, Texas where son, MARVIN CONNOR, was recently injured in oil well explosion. Confidential information received ROE is in vicinity of Rio Rico, Mexico with one LOUPE, a saloonkeeper and smuggler. Confidential information also received that ROE and COLE, with JAMES ROE, contacted HERBERT FARMER, Joplin, Missouri, shortly after escape and then proceeded to Fort Smith, Arkansas to make contact with former associate of RUSSELL COOPER, presently at Alcatraz, and that JAMES ROE was at San Francisco at the time of subjects' escape and assisted them. Efforts made to contact SEEDALL JOHNSON, reported to be in Kansas City, Missouri by informant "R", have been unsuccessful. GEORGE WERNER, Tulsa, has no information regarding subjects. EICHA CARPENTER, Tulsa, denies any knowledge of ROE and COLE.

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REFERENCE: Reports of Special Agents F. S. SMITH, Okla. City, 4-1-38 and 4-12-38; SAC E. P. GUINANE, Okla. City, 4-5-38; E. C. DORRIS, El Paso, 3-14-38; M. J. LYNCH, Kansas City, 3-9-38; H. W. KAGE, Dallas, 1-26-38; J. V. MURPHY, Okla. City, 2-21-38; letters to Bureau 3-15-38 and 4-16-38; and Bureau teletype 3-4-38.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent F. S. Smith and the writer on April 13th, 1938 at Oklahoma City.

Under recent date Operative in Charge John Osborn, United States Secret Service, Oklahoma City, communicated with the Oklahoma City Field Office and advised of the receipt by his office of a letter from Mrs. Leona K. Goddard, 1223 North Klein Street; that this woman had previously reported to his office alleged counterfeiting matters.

Information in this letter was to the effect that Theodore Cole and Ralph Roe, escapes, were in the vicinity of her home just prior to April 1st, 1938 in a car, and that she suspected them of having in mind the kidnaping of her daughter.

On April 13th, 1938 Special Agent Smith and the writer contacted Mrs. Goddard at her home and it was readily determined that she is mentally unbalanced. She reiterated her story as set out in the communication to Mr. Osborn, stating that on or about April 1st, 1938 she observed a Ford Coupe with solid wheels and painted black top, occupied by two men, parked near her home about 6:00 P.M.; that this car remained there a short time and later left; that repeatedly thereafter the car would stop near her home. She stated she did not know the occupants and had opportunity to observe only one of them; that he was the smaller of the two and was driving the car. She advised they appeared to be watching her little daughter as she came across from the park. Mrs. Goddard stated that the smaller man looked similar to one of the men who escaped from Alcatraz, stating she had read all about the escape of these individuals.

Mrs. Goddard rambled into a statement concerning the Silver and Black Shirts who had a big organization in Oklahoma and stated the Christian Church seemed to be the headquarters for this organization. She said she recently wrote Mr. J. Edgar Hoover a letter concerning the information she had.

The husband of Mrs. Goddard was subsequently contacted at his place of business, 1820 Classen Boulevard. He promptly stated that his wife had been confined in an institution and was suffering from a mental illness; that she had only recently returned from the Central State Hospital at Norman, Oklahoma and that whenever she read in the paper about something of this nature, she immediately imagined that she had come in contact with the same thing in her own life. He said there was no foundation for her opinion that she had seen Roe and Cole around her home.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent F. S. Smith:

On February 10, 1938 Joe Ghormley, a part Osage Indian of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, called at the Oklahoma City Office and advised SAC C. W. Stein that he had learned indirectly through Hazel Underhill, wife of deceased Wilbur Underhill, that Ed Davis, under death sentence for murder in connection with the killing of the Warden of the San Quentin Prison, would not be executed for two years due to his pending appeal, and that an attempt to liberate him would be made within that period, advising that Ed Davis' wife was then residing at Odessa, Texas.

Under date of March 10, 1938, Ghormley again appeared at the Oklahoma City Office and furnished information as follows: That he had been working with Hazel Underhill, whom he had known for years; that she is interested in obtaining possession of a large sum of bonds, which she claims she obtained from Wilbur Underhill and after his death turned over to Ralph Roe's brother, Raymond Roe, at Hays, Kansas; that this brother is supposed to be employed by an oil company and resides on the outskirts of Hays. Ghormley stated that Hazel Underhill had a scheme to aid Ed Davis in escaping from San Quentin Prison, and expects to use some of these bonds, if she can gain possession of them, in this connection. He said Hazel had sold her tavern at Tulsa, Oklahoma and gone to Monahans, Texas recently in the interest of making connection with Ralph Roe's friends, known to her, and for the purpose of getting in touch with Roe, if alive. He said Hazel Underhill had expressed the belief that Roe made a successful escape but she had never been able to get any information in proof of that fact. He said he received a letter from Hazel recently from Monahans, Texas, which letter was addressed to another party, and contained a few code words in same; that he understood these code words as he had an arrangement with Hazel in communicating to use the code. It was also arranged when the other party received a letter from her that he was to read it and the letter was then to be destroyed in the presence of the other individual; therefore, there is no possibility of getting possession of the letter and bringing it to the Oklahoma City Office, according to Ghormley. He stated Hazel advised she had not been able to obtain any information concerning Roe but she still believed he was out; that she had another connection she desired to contact and wanted Ghormley to come to her

at Monahans, and that she would use him in making this connection. He stated that as he recalled this connection was probably in Old Mexico or down about two hundred miles from Monahans, Texas.

Ghormley also stated that Hazel Underhill told him she was going to a town called Muleface or Whiteface, located in Texas, this being a new oil town.

Ghormley said he had been sick and broke and was depending upon rewards for a living. His suggestion was that if he were given sufficient money to pay his transportation expenses to make the connection with Hazel Underhill, he could probably determine some information of value. The writer was impressed from Ghormley's line of talk that he was endeavoring to obtain money from the Government and that his information was probably without foundation. This Agent suggested that Ghormley continue his correspondence with Hazel Underhill in the interest of securing concrete information of interest and to keep the Oklahoma City Office advised; that the Government would probably be interested in financing him to make connections if the information obtained would warrant same.

Under date of April 14, 1938 Ghormley again appeared at the Oklahoma City Office advising that his wife, at his suggestion, wrote Hazel Underhill a friendly letter and received a response therefrom, which he exhibited, the contents of which are hereafter set out. She mentioned the fact that her son, Marvin Connor, had an accident recently; that he was in an explosion on March 14th, was terribly burned and was brought home last week from the Lubbock Hospital and had to return to that hospital every day for treatment; that they expected to graft some skin on his throat; that he would have his job back as soon as he was able to work, or some other job with the same company at \$7.50 a day; that she did not have to worry about his job and the superintendent wanted to send him to Corpus Christi but that Marvin liked it out there and that his boss bought him a Ford coupe a week before his accident to enable him to stay at home instead of on the lease. She referred to "Jean and I" going out on the lease yesterday "Hunting" but a dust storm came up which made it impossible for them to hunt. Ghormley said that the Jean referred to is Jean Davis, the wife of Ed Davis, with whom she is associated, and that the hunting referred to was unquestionably going to make some connection with some underworld character.

She referred to her recent visit with Jean to Kaw City, Oklahoma and mentioned that "J.B. ducked out" when she called to see him. Informant stated that the J. B. referred to is J. B. Atkinson, an underworld character residing in the vicinity of Kaw City. She also referred to talking with Gussie, who, according to informant Ghormley, is Gussie Thompson, a wealthy Indian woman who resides in the vicinity of Kaw City. She concluded her letter by stating that she expected to remain where she was, where there was plenty of money, and would write again soon. The letter was signed "Hazel", postmarked at Levelland, Texas, April 11, 1938.

In the event the original letter above referred to from Hazel Underhill can not be retained in the files, a photostatic copy of same will be made for future reference.

Informant Ghormley stated that he has known J. B. Atkinson referred to in the letter of Hazel Underhill, for many years; that he is a tough underworld character and a moneymaker; that Atkinson has been intimately associated with Hazel Underhill and also Gussie Thompson; however, neither of these women knew the intimacy of the other with Atkinson; that Atkinson has been engaged in handling contraband liquor, narcotics and gold smuggled out of Old Mexico; that there is a Mexican, whom he called Loupe, who operates a saloon at a town called Rio Rico, Mexico, located just across the border from Texas into Old Mexico; that this town is approximately forty miles from Brownsville, Texas; that Loupe and Ralph Roe are good friends and Roe is in direct touch with Loupe and is in the vicinity of Rio Rico.

With respect to the above information concerning Roe being in the vicinity of Rio Rico, which is near Brownsville, Texas, attention is called to the report of SAC E. P. Guinane, Oklahoma City, April 5, 1938, which refers to information from a confidential informant concerning the conversation he had with an ex-convict, in which conversation the ex-convict stated he had seen Ted Cole at Brownsville, Texas recently.

Ghormley also said that J. B. Atkinson informed him that Loupe had protection through the Immigration Coast Guard Service, which enables him to deliver contraband and smuggled merchandise on the American side in Texas to his patrons.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent F. S. Smith, Oklahoma City, April 1, 1938, concerning information from Informant "Z", whose identity has been made known previously to the Bureau, relative to the escape of Roe and Cole. Reference is further had to the report of Special Agent F. S. Smith, Oklahoma City, April 12, 1938, concerning information from Dave McConnell, private investigator for the Governor of Oklahoma, with respect to his contact with Informant "Z"; further to long distance telephone call from Informant "Z" at Joplin, Missouri and the information he furnished then with respect to Roe and Cole making connection at Joplin, Missouri with Herbert Allen Farmer.

On April 14, 1938 Mr. Dave McConnell, investigator for the Governor of Oklahoma, advised the writer by telephone that Informant "Z" was at his home and requested the presence of Agent there for a conference with him. Agent met Informant "Z" at the home of Mr. McConnell and he gave the following information: He stated that he was thoroughly convinced that Roe and Cole were "on the ground"; that he had obtained information of this fact from two men whom he had seen and talked with since their escape, neither of whom would have any reason to lie to him. He stated his informants told him that Roe and Cole received assistance in the escape from Alcatraz; that an ex-convict, brother of Roe, was in San Francisco at the time of their escape and aided them; that they used an oil barrel or barrels and paddles, which they made; that both escapes took strenuous exercises for their arms for a long period prior to their escape, using an automobile casing cut in half for this exercise; that after their escape they met Roe's ex-convict brother, who had provided them transportation, and who later accompanied them or preceded them to Joplin, Missouri, where contact was made with Herbert Farmer, a former inmate of Alcatraz, convicted in connection with the Kansas City Massacre, and with another man, whose identity informant would not divulge, stating that Herbert Farmer told Roe and Cole that he had had plenty of trouble, nearly lost his life, had lost all of his money and had served a sentence in Alcatraz; that he was as "hot as a stove" and could not afford to get into further trouble on their account; that his heart was with them and he would like to aid them but could not get mixed up with them and would prefer they not linger around him. Informant "Z" stated that in his opinion Herbert Farmer did help subjects financially and probably knows their whereabouts.

Informant "Z" further stated that Roe and Cole stated at Joplin that they had to make connections at Fort Smith, Arkansas with a connection of Russell Cooper, one of the subjects in the case entitled DEWEY GILMORE, with aliases; Et Al; OKEMAH NATIONAL BANK, OKEMAH, OKLAHOMA; and who with other subjects broke jail at Muskogee, Oklahoma, at which time Chief of Detectives Ben Bolton was killed. Cooper was later given a life sentence, and was formerly a notorious underworld character in Fort Smith, Arkansas. Informant stated he obtained information concerning Herbert Farmer's connection with escapes in direct conversation with him at his home in Joplin and subsequently from the other informant, whose identity he did not divulge.

Informant also said there is one Mickey Carry, an underworld "big shot" character who operates a night club or dance hall on 7th Street opposite the power plant at Joplin; that Carry is in close touch with Herbert Farmer, who frequents his place, and has the pulse of everything that transpires in and around Joplin in the underworld and whose place is used as a connection for the underworld in that country; that in his opinion Carry knows all about Roe and Cole being at Joplin and probably their present whereabouts.

Informant "Z" also stated that after receiving the information of Cole and Roe being at Joplin, he went to Kansas City and there contacted a party, whose identity he did not disclose, with whom Roe is sure to make connections if he goes to Kansas City; that he arranged with this individual to bring Roe and Cole to him, informant, in the event they appeared at Kansas City, as he, informant, had a job which they could get in on and from which they could make "plenty of jack". Informant stated he had just returned from Fort Smith, Arkansas, where he went for the expressed purpose of making contact with a source of information; that the information he was receiving in that connection was on the square; that he would not hesitate to bet \$500.00 to five cents that they are both out and that he feels confident in the due course of time he will be able to obtain direct information as to their present whereabouts; that it is highly probable in his opinion they are lying low in some point in Arkansas in view of the fact they stated they were going there to make connections. He further stated that

his informants told him that it was the desire of Roe and Cole to keep secret the fact that they are alive and keep the Government under the impression that they were lost in making their escape, to give sufficient time for them to "cool off" and get themselves in a position where they could operate and make some money.

Reference is made to the report of SAC E. P. Guinane, Oklahoma City, April 5, 1938, and to the confidential informant referred to therein, whose identity has been made known previously to the Bureau, and with particular reference therein to information obtained from an ex-convict concerning this convict having seen Cole at Brownsville, Texas. On April 5, 1938 this Agent talked with this informant by long distance from Odessa, Texas, who informed that he had again talked with the ex-convict, while in a sober condition, who had advised him of seeing Cole at Brownsville; that he had changed his story slightly concerning the information he had previously furnished with respect to Cole being in an old automobile, stating that he, Cole, was driving a new Chevrolet coupe; however, he insisted that he had seen Cole at Brownsville as previously stated. Informant stated that he was skeptical of the information furnished by this underworld character due to the conflicting statements made by him.

On April 4, 1938 this Agent received a letter postmarked at Odessa, Texas from this informant detailing his meeting with this ex-convict in which he stated that while he was eating dinner he was approached by this ex-convict, whom he had known at McAlester State Prison, and who thinking that informant had just gotten out of McAlester proceeded to give him all the news; that in this conversation he remarked, "You can't guess who I saw," then stated that he saw Ted Cole at Brownsville, Texas; that he did not speak to him, thinking it would be the wrong thing to do. Informant stated that he personally knew that this ex-convict knew Ted Cole. This letter received from informant is being retained in the files for future information.

Reference is made to letter of SAC Guinane to the Director under date of April 11, 1938 concerning confidential informant being used in the interest of locating Hazel Underhill having returned to Oklahoma City on April 10, 1938 and stating that he had been unable to obtain any information to indicate the present whereabouts of Hazel Underhill. The above informant, who is being designated as J. R. Richardson, will be held in readiness at the Oklahoma City

Division to proceed in the interest of securing information from Hazel Underhill when she is definitely located.

Under date of April 8, 1936, in response to telegraphic inquiry made through the El Paso Office in the interest of locating Hazel Underhill, telegram was received from SAC Colvin stating that no additional information had been obtained to that set out in the report of Agent E. C. Dorris, El Paso, March 14, 1938.

It will be noted in the letter of Hazel Underhill furnished this office by Informant Ghormley, the contents of which have been set out previously in this report, that this letter was postmarked April 11, 1938 at Levelland, Texas and referred to her son, Marvin Connor, and his confinement and treatment in the hospital at Lubbock, Texas, Lubbock being only a short distance from Levelland, Texas. The Dallas Office has been requested to make further check at Levelland in the interest of securing the definite location of Hazel Underhill.

With reference to the report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, Oklahoma City, February 21, 1938, concerning information furnished by Informant "R", the following is submitted by Special Agent Ralph T. Hood covering the period from March 1 to 12, 1938:

On February 28, 1938 Special Agent F. S. Smith made contact with Informant "R", who advised that an oil field worker, a personal friend of hers, who is also a friend of the Johnson family, recently returned from Bakersfield, California and advised her the Johnson family had moved from Phoenix to Bakersfield and were residing on and one-half miles northwest of Bakersfield. She stated that she discreetly questioned this man, whose identity she appeared reluctant to divulge, concerning the escape of Roe and Cole in the interest of obtaining information relative to the possibility of the Johnsons' connections therewith; that this man's response was that he gathered from conversing with "Sleepy" and Lon Johnson that Roe and Cole had effected their escape; that he also advised her "Sleepy" and Lon appeared to be very busy and had been making repeated trips away from Bakersfield, and that they did not disclose to him the purpose of these trips.

Informant further stated that she was definitely leaving for Phoenix, Arizona on Monday, March 7, 1938, and expected to be in Phoenix for approximately two days; however, she said she would gladly extend her stay for an indefinite period and would go to

Bakersfield, California to contact the Johnson family, providing the Bureau would pay her transportation from Phoenix to Bakersfield and return. She was of the opinion that if the Johnson boys or their mother possessed any information relative to the escape they would not hesitate to furnish such information to her. She stated she personally doubted if Roe and Cole were successful in their escape and stated if they were successful she was sure that the Johnson boys assisted them in some manner and would harbor them on their release.

Chief of Police Jake Sims of Seminole informed Agent Smith that he had confidence in the reliability of the informant and knew that she was in close confidential contact with the Johnson family. He stated further that if Roe and Cole were successful in their escape, there would be no better place to look for them than around the Johnson home as the Johnsons would aid and protect these fugitives, as well as assist in any criminal activity.

The Bureau by letter dated March 1, 1938 was requested to authorize the advancing of necessary expenses to informant in order that she might contact the Johnsons at Bakersfield, California, and it was suggested that if such expenditure be authorized that informant be met by a Bureau Agent in Phoenix, Arizona in order that arrangements might be made for the necessary contact with her by the Los Angeles Division.

By teletype dated March 4, 1938 the Bureau authorized the expenditure for Informant "N" and further requested that arrangements be made with the Los Angeles Office to meet her in Phoenix and arrange her transportation and contact.

Confidential informant "N" as referred to in the above-mentioned teletype, as well as the letter to the Bureau under date of March 1, 1938, is identical with Informant "R", referred to in the report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, Oklahoma City, February 21, 1938, and her identity has been made known to the Bureau.

In accordance with Bureau authorization arrangements were made by Special Agent F. S. Smith to have this informant contact an Agent of the Bureau at Phoenix, Arizona, where arrangements were to be made to have her proceed to Bakersfield, California.

On March 11, 1938, Jake Sims, Chief of Police, Seminole, Oklahoma, called at this office and stated that informant had telephoned him on the night of March 9, 1938 from Dallas, Texas, at which time she stated she had made a contact with a party who informed her that Lon Johnson and Seedall, alias "Sleepy" Johnson were in Kansas City, Missouri and would be in Seminole, Oklahoma within a few days. She requested Sims to have someone meet her in Seminole as these individuals indicated they had someone with them in whom she thought the Bureau might be interested.

Agent F. S. Smith, in company with Chief Jake Sims, contacted informant at Seminole, Oklahoma, at which time she stated that while she was en route to San Antonio, as previously planned, she came in contact with a man named Beft Wiley, or Wylie who told her that he had been living with the Johnsons in California and that "Sleepy" and Lon Johnson were now in Kansas City and "Sleepy" Johnson wanted to see her but was afraid to come to Seminole to contact her because of an old warrant which was supposed to be outstanding against him on a charge of hijacking. Informant further stated that "Sleepy" Johnson sent word that he wanted her to telephone him at Kansas City, telephone No. 3-6481. She also informed Agent that Wiley was in company with a strange man, whom he did not introduce, and that he was en route to Arkansas. She asked Wiley if he had learned anything through the Johnson boys about the escape of subjects and he remarked "they are on the ground" but did not go into any detailed explanation for his answer.

Informant said she expected to telephone Kansas City on the night of March 12, 1938 in an effort to get in touch with the Johnsons, and arrangements were made whereby Jake Sims would be present when she placed this long distance telephone call. She stated further that she expected the Johnson boys to contact her at Seminole, Oklahoma in view of the information she had received from Wiley, and that she would keep in direct touch with Jake Sims, advising him if they appeared.

Agent Smith, as well as Chief of Police Sims, was doubtful as to the value of the information furnished by this informant inasmuch as she was unable to explain her reason for not going to San Antonio, Texas to fulfill her engagement as previously planned.

The above information was furnished telephonically to the Kansas City Division by Acting SAC L. E. Kingman, and Agent Kingman was advised there was no such telephone number as 3-8481 in Kansas City.

On March 12, 1938 the Bureau and the Los Angeles Division were instructed telegraphically to disregard previous information and instructions relative to the trip contemplated by this informant as she had returned to her home at Seminole, Oklahoma, and that the parties she expected to contact in Phoenix were presently in Kansas City.

No information has been received from this informant or Jake Sims, Chief of Police, Seminole, concerning the whereabouts of "Sleepy" and Lon Johnson.

Informant will be contacted in the immediate future for further information concerning the whereabouts of the Johnson boys and any information she has developed concerning the escape of subjects.

On February 18, 1938 Hugh Owen, Sheriff, Nowata, Oklahoma, advised Special Agent L. E. Kingman that one Herman Smith, an employee of the Oklahoma Tax Commission, stationed at Bartlesville, Oklahoma, had told him that he had recently seen a man who closely resembled the photographs of subject Cole. This man was driving a car near Bartlesville and was accompanied by a woman, name and description not furnished.

On March 15, 1938 Special Agent Ralph T. Hood made inquiry at the Oklahoma Tax Commission, Oklahoma City, and was advised that Smith was no longer employed there, but that he could probably be located at his residence, 1019 E. Otos Street, Ponca City, Oklahoma.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent J. V. Murphy:

George X Turner of Tulsa, Oklahoma called at the Oklahoma City Office on February 25, 1938 and stated that he has no information whatever concerning Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole. He

stated he also met Ralph Roe and Ted Cole while he, Turner, was confined in the U.S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, serving a sentence for violation of the Prohibition Act and he was released from that institution August, 1936.

Turner also stated that he became acquainted with Fay Roe, the wife of Jimmie Roe, and while he has nothing to substantiate his opinion he believes that if Ralph Roe was given any help to escape from Alcatraz that Fay Roe is of such character that she would be willing to assist him.

Turner stated he does not believe any ex-inmate of Alcatraz Island would assist Roe or Cole or offer them any aid in escaping from Alcatraz Island, even though they may have promised Roe and Cole they would assist them. He stated he does not believe any former inmate would remain in the vicinity of Alcatraz Island very long after he was discharged from that institution for the reason that the San Francisco Police Department or other Police Departments of adjacent cities would likely pick up the inmate should he remain in that vicinity very long after his discharge.

Turner stated that he talked to Jimmie Roe at Hobbs, N.M., where Jimmie Roe is now employed, a short while before Roe and Cole made their escape but at that time Jimmie Roe never mentioned anything to him about Ralph or Ted Cole intending to escape from Alcatraz Island. The only thing he said about Ralph was that he was sorry he had a long sentence to serve. Turner promised in the event his work took him through Hobbs, N.M., he would again call and visit awhile with Jimmie Roe and endeavor to ascertain if Jimmie Roe has any information concerning Ralph Roe or Ted Cole.

On February 18, 1938 mail cover was placed upon the mail of Louise Byrd Pruitt, 1220 C Street, Ardmore, Oklahoma, but same was not productive of any information of value.

With reference to the letter from the Kansas City Office to the Bureau dated March 29, 1938 relative to the arrangements to be made with Flint C. Brannon for him to obtain information concerning subjects from James Roe, brother of Ralph Roe, files of this case were reviewed concerning information as to James Roe and same was furnished to the Dallas Division by letter dated April 1, 1938.

The following investigation was conducted at Tulsa, Oklahoma on April 11, 1938 by Special Agent L. E. Kingman with reference to the request of SAC Gurnea, who was conducting investigation at Little Rock, Arkansas concerning Tom Carpenter, Jr., that Dicia Carpenter, wife of Gordon Carpenter, be interviewed.

It was ascertained that Gordon Carpenter and his wife, Dicia Carpenter, presently reside at 805 North Trenton Street, and that Gordon Carpenter is employed as a salesman for the Fritos Company.

Mrs. Carpenter was interviewed and she informed that she had never known Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole and was certain that her husband did not know them; that she was not acquainted with Hazel Underhill and knew nothing about her. She stated that the only underworld characters she had known were Harry Campbell, Glenn Leroy Wright and Tommy Carpenter, Jr., and that all of these men are presently serving sentences in some penitentiary.

Reference is made to letter from the Kansas City Division dated March 15, 1938 furnishing information relative to one Bob Parker, a former bootlegger, who operated the Schlitz Bar, 1220 East 15th Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and resides in a brown stucco colonial type bungalow on U.S. Route No. 33 outside of Tulsa, where his unlisted telephone number is 64605. Parker is alleged to have informed an informant of the Kansas City Division that James Roe passed through Tulsa, Oklahoma shortly before the escape of subjects, at which time he, Roe, had approximately \$1000. cash in his possession, as well as a new automobile, and that Roe cautioned Bob Parker not to mention his visit in Tulsa, Oklahoma. This informant further advised that Parker will furnish any information he possesses if properly advised that he will be placed in jail for withholding any information in the nature of harboring these escaped Federal prisoners.

Investigation concerning Parker has so far revealed his possible connections with the Roe family. Investigation will be conducted immediately at Tulsa to determine such connection, after which Parker will be interviewed.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent H. W. Kage, Dallas, Texas, January 26, 1938, wherein it is stated that Lawrence Brown and brother, Ted Theodore Brown, brothers of Floyd Brown, #302 AZ, Alcatraz, were employed at the Texas Electric Service Company, Wichita Falls, Texas, but that investigation there revealed their present whereabouts are unknown; also that Ted Theodore Brown had been discharged from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary.

In response to a request from this division Fred Hunt, Warden, Oklahoma State Reformatory, advised that Ted Brown was discharged on the expiration of his sentence on May 23, 1937. He furnished the following criminal record for Brown:

Ted Brown #9377 OSR, Granite, Oklahoma; received 11-19-32; robbery with firearms; term 10 years; discharged by expiration of sentence 5-23-37.

The above-mentioned report of Agent Kage further reveals that it was determined at the Texas Electric Service Company, Wichita Falls, Texas, that Lawrence and Ted Brown furnished an address of 1003 Seventeenth Street in Wichita Falls. This report fails to disclose that efforts were made to locate either of these parties at that address.

The report of Special Agent M. J. Lynch, Kansas City, dated March 9, 1938, reflects an interview with Mrs. E. C. (Bessie) Willett, 923 Delaware Street, Coffeyville, Kansas, but she was not questioned concerning the present whereabouts of her brothers, Lawrence and Ted Brown.

Information furnished by Joe Ghormley and confidential informant "Z" was furnished the Bureau by letter dated April 16, 1938.

Joe Ghormley was interviewed by the writer and Special Agent F. S. Smith on April 27, 1938 at the Oklahoma City Office, at which time he stated he had been unable to contact J. B. Atkinson as he did not have sufficient money to make the trip to Kaw City, Oklahoma for that purpose, and stated he had been unable to discover any information in Oklahoma City concerning the possible whereabouts of Roe and Cole. The writer furnished him with sufficient money for expenses in order that he might make a trip to Kaw City, Oklahoma to contact J. B. Atkinson and Ghormley will return to Oklahoma City as soon as he is able to make such contact. He said he would obtain full particulars from Atkinson as to Loupe, whom Roe is reported to be contacting at the present time. Ghormley requested that no investigation be conducted at the present time upon the information furnished by him as he felt it would hamper any contact he might make with J. B. Atkinson and he felt sure he would be able to develop some information through his contact.

In view of the fact that Joe Ghormley and informant "Z" each stated they would maintain their contacts in an effort to obtain information which would lead to the apprehension of Roe and Cole or would definitely determine whether they are alive; further, as they requested no information be sought or investigation be conducted at this time as they were afraid that any investigation might cause their identity to become known or might hamper them in obtaining further information and in view of the contemplated cooperation with these informants, investigation concerning their information is not being requested at this time but close contact will be maintained with the informants by this office. Copies of this report are being furnished to interested offices, however, for their information as subsequent investigation may be desired.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE KANSAS CITY DIVISION

At Coffeyville, Kansas will recontact Mrs. E. C. Willett, 923 Delaware Street, in an effort to ascertain the present whereabouts of her parents and brothers.

THE DALLAS FIELD DIVISION

At Wichita Falls, Texas will determine if Lawrence Brown and Ted Brown are presently residing at 1003 Seventeenth Street, in accordance with information contained in the report of Agent H. W. Kage, Dallas, 1-26-38. If located, will interview them for any information they may have pertaining to instant escape.

At Levelland, Texas will expedite the investigation requested by telegram dated April 20, 1938, verifying the address of Hazel Underhill.

THE OKLAHOMA CITY DIVISION

At Tulsa, Oklahoma will discreetly determine if Bob Parker, who operates the Schlitz Bar, 1220 East 15th Street, has any possible connection with the Roe family, and after determining same will interview Parker relative to information furnished to an informant of the Kansas City Division relative to his contact by James Roe at Tulsa shortly prior to the escape of subjects.

At Ponca City, Oklahoma will locate and interview Herman Smith, 1009 East Otis Street, for information regarding circumstances of seeing an individual near Bartlesville whom he thought to be Theodore Cole.

At Seminole, Oklahoma will interview Informant "R" for further information regarding the Johnson family and will contact Jake Sims for any information he may have obtained.

At Bartlesville, Oklahoma will maintain close contact with informant "Z" to determine if he is able to obtain any information concerning subjects' whereabouts or if they are alive.

At Oklahoma City will maintain contact with Joe Ghormley for information he may develop and for results of his contact of J. B. Atkinson in an endeavor to cause the apprehension of subjects.

PENDING

ADDENDUM:

When informant Joe Ghormley was interviewed at the Oklahoma City Office he furnished additional information to the effect that about April 1, 1938 he saw Hazel Underhill at Law City, Oklahoma, at which time she had a large sum of money derived from the sale of bonds allegedly stolen by subject Roe and Wilbur Underhill. At this time she was with Mrs. A. W. Davis and was proceeding to Texas. She informed Ghormley that she was forced to use a forged signature of Ralph Roe to obtain the bonds from Raymond Roe who had secreted them for a long time, and indicated that a sister of Ralph Roe, name not disclosed, was the person who forged subject Roe's signature. Ghormley, however, was of the opinion that the signature was not forged but was the true signature of Ralph Roe and that Hazel Underhill is in contact with him.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **76-81**

REPORT MADE AT Louisville, Kentucky	DATE WHEN MADE 4/30/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/18,19/38	REPORT MADE BY A. S. REEDER
TITLE RALPH ROYE, 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;">CLARENCE H. COOK, local police character and alleged paregoric addict, claims to have met Subjects on the night of 4/17/38 at the Paddock Night Club, where they confided in him and requested him to accompany them to Hammond, Ind., on the morning of 4/19/38 for the purpose of pulling a kidnaping of an unknown victim. Descriptions given by COOK contrary to actual kidnapers, and story has several defects. He claims Subjects using names TRUE WILSON and ARTHUR JACKSON. COOK has been arrested approximately 16 times by the Louisville Police Dept. and considered unreliable. Surveillance maintained at Seelbach Hotel to observe the two men who were to meet COOK with negative results. COOK claims among other things he was an associate of JOHN DILLINGER and other major criminals.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- RUC -</p> <p>Details: This investigation is predicated upon a telephone call received in this field division on the night of April 18, 1938, from MR. EARL R. VARK, guard at the Federal Building, Louisville, Kentucky, who advised that he desired an Agent to interview a man he was holding at the Federal Building, who had advised him that he had met recently Subjects ROE and COLE in Louisville.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>O. C. Dewey</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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Agent contacted MR. KIRK at the U. S. Marshal's office on the same evening, at which time he introduced the writer to MR. CLARENCE H. COOK. It was immediately noted that COOK was in a semi-stupor and first appeared to be under the influence of liquor. COOK advised that he lived at 1125 West Broadway and had a known criminal record, having been arrested on a few occasions for petty crimes; that he formerly had been convicted of desertions in the army and was sentenced to the U. S. Detention Barracks at Leavenworth, Kansas, a few years ago. He stated that his present occupation was an usher at Parkway Baseball Field, Louisville, Kentucky.

COOK stated that on the night of April 17, 1938, he had gone to the Paddock Night Club located at Sixth and Main Streets at an hour of approximately 9:00 P.M., where he secured a few drinks and was sitting by himself in a booth; that soon along came two strangers, who introduced themselves to be TRUE WILSON and ARTHUR JACKSON, and that they immediately "began to pick on him"; that after he had bought them a drink they had shown him their guns and told him that they wanted him to go with them to Hammond, Indiana, on the morning of April 19 for the purpose of kidnaping an unknown Victim in that town. He stated that he immediately became frightened and terrorized but did not leave them, and that they sat in his booth for quite a while and later picked up three girls; that they all went riding in a taxicab, the number of which he did not remember; that they toured around the city till approximately 3:00 A.M. He could not state where they had gone and denied that they had stopped at any other saloons, night clubs, or beer taverns, but that these men had continued to ride around in the taxicab. He could not remember what the fare was or anything else specific in connection with this ride, nor did he remember the names of any of the girls they had picked up or where they had been let out of the cab or the hour they had been let out.

COOK stated that while he was talking to these persons he asked them where they had come from and they told him they were from New York City, and he claimed that he believed them for the reason that they had eastern accents. He stated that after they had released him at approximately 3:00 A.M. at the Seelbach Hotel they advised him that they wanted to see him again at 10:00 P.M. on April 18, 1938, and would meet him at this hour on the mezzanine floor of the Seelbach Hotel. He states that he then left them and did not confide his knowledge to anyone and had stayed home the entire day, inasmuch as it had rained and he could not work at the baseball park, and he did not think much about it until he had appeared at the Federal Building at approximately 6:30 P.M. on April 18, 1938, and noticed the reward circulars and identification orders posted on the bulletin board; that while

looking these over he immediately identified the photograph of THEODORE COLE as that of the person using the name TRUE WILSON. He stated that he did not know at this time who ARTHUR JACKSON was and gave JACKSON'S description as being about twenty years of age; 5 feet 4 inches in height; weight 126 pounds; complexion ruddy; hair dishwater blond, wavy; teeth pearly white; very "kidlike" appearance. COOK continued that he was positive that TRUE WILSON was THEODORE COLE, but when asked to give a description of COLE he advised that he was a large man approximately 5 feet 11 inches in height, very dark complexion, and very dark hair. For that reason he had immediately picked out the picture of THEODORE COLE as being identical to that of TRUE WILSON. It is to be noted that this is a great discrepancy in the description given of COLE on the identification order #1471. When asked relative to scars and marks which he might have observed he advised that WILSON did not have any. It should be stated that Agent distinctly detected the odor of paregoric on COOK and openly accused him of being a "dopehead", which he denied, but he admitted that he had had a few drinks before he contacted MR. KIRK.

COOK endeavored to be very secretive when questioned as to specific statements made by these persons and kept repeating to Agent that "I have TRUE WILSON and ARTHUR JACKSON. Remember them." He talked in a thick tongued manner and advised Agent that he had no hope of getting any reward for the capture of these two individuals but stated that he was doing so to show his good citizenship and respect to the American flag. The entire story told by COOK is not being set forth herein, inasmuch as it is definitely proven that he is unreliable; that he was drunk at the time he was talking to Agent and made great boasts about being a known accomplice and associate of such men as PRETTY BOY FLOYD, JOHN DILLINGER, BABY FACE NELSON, and other nationally known criminals, but could not state to Agent where he had met any of these hoodlums or on what occasions he had been with them.

Agent advised COOK to appear on the mezzanine floor of the Seelbach Hotel at 10:00 P.M. and to endeavor to elicit further information from these two men as to whom they were going to kidnap, how much money was going to be involved, and other information he should have in his possession before going on such an escapade. He stated that he had entirely overlooked these details, and that he did not know whether these men even had an automobile in their possession to pull such a job. He stated that they had mentioned no "finger man", no hideout owners, nor any of the other associates which would be necessary to attempt such a crime. Upon conclusion COOK promised to aid Agent and stated that he would appear at the Seelbach Hotel at 10:00 P.M. and endeavor to make his contact with these two individuals in order

that Agent could observe them.

At the Louisville Police Department, Identification Unit, Agent ascertained that CLARENCE H. COOK, alias Clarence Ballard, Louisville PD #6934, was identical with this informant, and a total of sixteen arrests for various charges of drunk, petty larceny, disorderly conduct, vagrancy, storehouse breaking, were charged against him, and he was sentenced from Camp Knox, Kentucky, on July 24, 1920, to serve six months in the U. S. Detention Barracks at Leavenworth, Kansas, as #19451 for desertion. The only other jail time and penitentiary time served by COOK was eight months for a grand larceny charge which had been amended to petty larceny on November 11, 1937. His fingerprint classification is $\frac{1}{1} \frac{U}{A} 8$.

COOK is described as 5 feet $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches in height; weight 122 pounds; build slender; eyes blue; hair light brown; residence 1328 West Broadway, Louisville, Kentucky. It was to be noted that on these arrest sheets for various charges of disorderly conduct and petty larceny the officers making the arrests were DETECTIVES HAZEL and KNEISS, who are assigned to the Narcotics Squad of the Louisville Police Department but were unavailable for interview at the time.

Agent contacted DETECTIVE WILLIAM FORREY and JAMES DOTSON, who advised that they were familiar with COOK, having arrested him approximately a year ago while COOK was acting in the capacity of a male nurse on East Chestnut Street for a gang of hoodlums and "buzz-heads" who were "rolling" drunks; that they were using COOK as a male nurse to stay with the drunks and to keep them intoxicated in order to effect this crime. They advised that he is absolutely a known paregoric and dope fiend.

At the Seelbach Hotel Agent contacted house detective LAWLESS and night clerk W. H. McDONALD, who provided Agent with keys to a side room off the mezzanine floor, which commanded a view of the entire premises on the mezzanine. A surveillance was maintained by the writer and MR. LAWLESS from approximately 9:45 P.M. until 11:00 P.M., and neither COOK nor any of the persons described hereinbefore by COOK appeared at this hotel.

On consultation with Special Agent in Charge O. C. Dewey no further investigation was made in this case.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION
TO THE DIVISION OF ORIGIN.

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Kansas City, Missouri
May 2, 1938

MEMORANDUM TO ALL EMPLOYEES OF KANSAS CITY DIVISION:

RE: RALPH ROE, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I. O. 1472, ET AL
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER.

The Bureau has advised that in the future the code word
"ROCOL" should be used in lieu of the title in all Bureau
correspondence except reports in connection with this
case.

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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

FILE NO. **76-51**

REPORT MADE AT Peoria, Illinois	DATE WHEN MADE 5-2-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4-21, 22-38	REPORT MADE BY W. R. RAMSEY
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: CHARLES B. JACKSON, filling station operator, at Mohomet, Illinois, identified photos of Subjects as suspicious individuals stopping at his filling station on morning of March 11, 1938. JACKSON advises two strange men drove into his station about ten a.m., March 11, 1938, in a black Ford V-8 Coach with 1937 Texas license and requested one quart of oil but no gas. States they then came into office of station, asked for Illinois map, and each bought Coca Cola; that his suspicions were aroused because the strangers asked for dice to throw to see which would pay for the purchases and finally matched each other to see who would pay. Truck driver ROGER MAHER, who was also in the station at time, unable to positively identify either Subject although believes Cole was one of men. All law enforcement officers in vicinity advised and cooperation secured.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Bureau letter of April 8, 1938. (To Constable J. W. ROBERTS, Mohamet, Illinois, Bureau file #76-2682)</p> <p>COPIES DESTROYED 51 SEP 9 1966</p> <p>DETAILS: A copy of Bureau letter of reference recieved at the Peoria Field Office enclosed a copy of a letter forwarded to the Bureau from Constable J. W. ROBERTS of Champaign County, Illinois, located at Mohamet, Illinois, dated March 28, 1938, in which Constable ROBERTS</p>			
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makes the following statement:

"On Friday Mar, 11th, two men in a black colored V8 Ford coach, bearing Texas license plates, stoped in this town at the CHARLES JACKSON filling station for about twenty minutes which gave Mr. JACKSON time to make note of their features, also at the station was a Mr. ROGER MAHER of 217 S-Locust St., Champaign, Ill.

"After these two strangers had left Mr. JACKSON called me in and gave me an account of their actions and their description and said they left town going north on Rt. 47.

"Yesterday being Sunday, I picked up a magazine and saw the pictures of RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE: I immediately showed the pictures to Mr. JACKSON and he declared positively that they were the men that had been in his place on the above date.

"I then went to Champaign and contacted Mr. MAHER and he to_ declared that the man with the turned up nose was identical, but the other man had avoided his eye and for that reason he was not so positive about him.

"I questioned both Mr. JACKSON and Mr. MAHER in regard to the height and general description of each and in my opinion they talleyed, I then inquired of the license number and was informed that due to the mud oondition of the plates it could not be taken.

"I am encloseing the pictures I clipped from the magazine and am hoping this little bit of information may help in following the trail of these two men."

AT MOHAMED, ILLINOIS.

Agent interviewed Constable J. W. ROBERTS who advised that practically the entire information in his possession in connection with this matter was contained in his letter to the Bureau. He repeated the facts as related in that letter and then advised that CHARLES JACKSON had first furnished the information to him with reference to the allegedly suspicious men about two or three days after they had come into his station. He advised that CHARLES JACKSON had been held up at the point of a gun sometime ago at the filling station and that he had been particularly sus-

picious since that time. He stated that JACKSON had told him that an endeavor had been made to secure a Police Officer at the time the men had been in the station and that they had located Illinois State Police Officer PETE LINDSEY, but that he had understood that the men had just left when LINDSEY arrived and LINDSEY was unable to locate them.

Constable ROBERTS stated that on Sunday, March 27, 1938, he had been reading a copy of the "Official Detective Magazine" issued March 30th, and that he had noted in this magazine photographs of RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE; that he had noted that these men were from Oklahoma and that inasmuch as Texas and Oklahoma were close together, he had thought that possibly the men who had been in JACKSON's filling station driving the car with Texas license plates might have been the Subjects. He stated that it was for this reason that he had cut the pictures out and immediately taken them down to exhibit to JACKSON. He stated that in exhibiting the pictures to JACKSON he had asked JACKSON whether he had ever seen these two men before. He stated that JACKSON had immediately replied, "Why, Gosh, those are the two men that were in the filling station that day!" Constable ROBERTS stated that the photographs exhibited to JACKSON were the same as the front view photographs appearing on the Identification Orders issued for Subjects. Although ROBERTS states in his letter to the Bureau that JACKSON described the men as answering the description of subjects, at the time of this interview, Constable ROBERTS stated that JACKSON did not describe the two men other than to say that one was large and one was small, but that his identification had been made solely on the pictures.

Constable ROBERTS advised that he had been on the lookout for a car of the above description and instant Subjects, but had thus far seen or heard nothing further about the car.

CHARLES B. JACKSON, Standard Oil Filling Station, advised that on Friday morning, March 11, 1938, at about ten a.m., two strange men had driven into the filling station, coming from the east on U. S. Highway No. 150, in a Ford V-8 Coach or Sedan, which was black in color. He stated that the driver of the car, who was the smaller of the two men, parked the car by the gasoline pumps and asked for a quart of Polarine No. 20 oil. JACKSON stated that he asked for no gas nor for any other check on the car. JACKSON stated that the two men in the car then immediately got out and went into the filling station office where the smallest of the two men used the toilet adjoining. He stated that the other fellow stood with his back to the stove in the filling station office, and that the smallest fellow then came out of the toilet and asked for a map of Illinois. He stated that larger man then sat down in one of the chairs in the filling station and began to look over the Illinois map. He stated that they then had a bottle of Cocoa Cola and purchased a bar of O'Henry candy. He stated

that although these two young men looked at the map, he did not hear them make any comment about the route they were taking nor the route which they had come over, nor did they ask any questions with regard to the location of any places contained on the map. He stated that while drinking the Coca Colas one of the men asked him if he had a pair of dice, as they desired to throw dice to see who would pay for the quart of oil and the Coca Cola and candy purchases. He stated that upon advising them that he did not have any dice that they matched coins and the smaller fellow of the two lost and paid him forty cents in coins to cover the purchases made.

JACKSON stated that when these two men had first gone into the filling station office, the largest of the two had been carrying a small brown brief case which he judged to be about ten by fourteen inches in size. He stated that these men were in the station altogether between five and ten minutes. He stated that when they left to go out to their car after paying him, that he observed that they had left the brief case on the refrigerator in the filling station office which he kept cold drinks; that he had asked them if they were going to leave their brief case and they said, "No," that they "didn't want to forget that," and the smallest of the two men came back into the station and picked up the brief case. He stated that they then got into the Ford car, the smaller of the two men driving, and drove onto the highway and proceeded east in the same direction from which they had come. He stated that Route 47 takes off in a northerly direction from U. S. Highway number 150 about a quarter of a mile east of his filling station and that he looked down the highway after these two men but could not be certain that they had turned north on Highway 47.

JACKSON advised that he had first become suspicious of these men when they had walked into the filling station from their car with the brief case and that then when they asked him for dice to throw to determine who should pay for their purchases that he became more suspicious. He stated that during the time that these two men were in the filling station that ROGER MAHER, who drives a truck for the Big Boy Bottling Company of Champaign drove into the station and that he took his week's supply of Coca Cola into the filling station office and placed same in the refrigerator while the two men were in the station. He stated that then when MAHER went outside the station office to pick up the empty bottles near the station that he, JACKSON, went outside also and told MAHER that he was suspicious of the two men in the station and that he desired that he remain at the station a little longer until they had gone. JACKSON stated that MAHER had stayed for a few minutes outside the station, but had then driven off before the two men had left, with a view to getting an officer. He stated that MAHER had contacted PATE LINDSEY, an Illinois State Police Officer, residing about two blocks from the station and that LINDSEY had driven down to the station, but when LINDSEY had arrived the two men had already left.

JACKSON stated that he could not recall any names that had been used by either of the two strange men in addressing each other, nor did he recall that they had made any statements about their occupation or business, or travels. He stated that the conversation was merely casual and was not vulgar in any way. He stated that he observed no guns of any kind and that he observed no large amount of money on either one of these individuals, the smaller fellow, as stated above, having paid him in coins. JACKSON stated that he had seen no luggage of any kind in the Ford V-8 car driven by these men, nor had he seen any boxes or other packages contained in same, indicating that these men were traveling across country. He stated that neither one of the men had had a topcoat or overcoat on, but they had been dressed in business suits, and, he believed, hats, as hereinafter described. He stated that he did not know for sure that the car had been either a coach or sedan, but that he had had an opportunity to observe the license plates on the car and that they appeared to be old plates. He stated that he had observed the word "Texas" on the plates but had not taken the number as there had been some mud over the numbers. He stated that the plates, as he recalled, were cream colored figures on a dark background and that he believed that they were last year's Texas plates.

JACKSON stated that no other customers had driven into the station while the two men were there. He recalled that Constable ROBERTS had brought the photographs of two men to him later, which ROBERTS had exhibited, as related by ROBERTS, and that he had known immediately when he had seen these two photographs that they were the two men who had been in the station on the morning in question.

Asked for a description of the two men, JACKSON furnished the following:

Number 1 -- (Driver and the smallest.)

Age	25 to 30
Height	5 ft. 7 in.
Weight	150 to 155
Eyes	Dark.
Hair	Dark.
Build	Medium.
Scars or Marks	None noticed.

Number 2 -- (The larger man.)

Age	25 to 30
Height	5 ft. 9 in.

Weight	170 to 175
Eyes	Dark.
Hair	Dark.
Build	Well built, muscular.
Scars or Marks	None noticed.
Dress	Brown suit, Oxford, color ---, believes wearing felt hat, neither had gloves or overcoats, doesn't recall color of shirts or ties, but stated both had appearance of being well dressed.

Number 1 man.

Dress	Gray suit, brown oxfords, other dress similar to Number 2 man.
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JACKSON was questioned particularly with regard to any scars which he noted on the face of the smaller man, but he stated that the main thing he had noticed about the smaller man was his turned-up nose, and that during the time he was in the station, he had held his chin up very much the same as in the photograph shown to him.

Photographs showing the front and side views of ROE and COLE were exhibited to JACKSON and he picked out the photograph of COLE at once as being identical with the smaller of the two men who had come into the station. He picked out the photograph of RALPH ROE as being the larger of the two men, and stated that the front view in the photograph was exactly like the larger of the two men, but that the side view did not bear so much resemblance as the front view. He seemed positive, however, that COLE had been the man who had been in his station; he was also positive that ROE had been the man with COLE when visiting his station. It should be stated that JACKSON is five feet, nine inches tall, and his estimates with regard to the height of the two men were based upon their size as compared with him. It is noted that he places the height of the larger of the two men as being five feet, nine inches, as, he states, he was just about the same height as JACKSON, but later stated that he might have been just a little taller than he, JACKSON.

JACKSON stated that he had been held up at his filling station at the point of a gun some years ago, and that since that time he had been particularly suspicious of strangers and observant of their actions and that he felt certain that the two men who had been in his station were ROE and COLE. He stated that he had not seen this car nor these men since they had been in on the morning in question and admitted that his identification of them had been made when the pictures had been shown to him by ROBERTS some two weeks after these men had been in his station. JACKSON

stated that in the event he should again see the car or these two men, he would, of course, secure the license number and endeavor to notify this Bureau or the nearest law enforcement officer in order that the identify of these persons might be definitely ascertained.

IRVING "PETE" LINDSEY, Illinois State Police Officer, Mohamet, Illinois, advised that he resided about two blocks from JACKSON's filling station and that on a morning a little over a month ago, ROGER MAHER of the Big Boy Bottling Company had come to his place and told him of JACKSON's suspicions; that he had immediately gotten in his car and gone to JACKSON's filling station, but found out that the men had already left some three or four minutes before. He stated that he had cruised over the highways in the vicinity with a view to locating these individuals but without success. He advised that JACKSON had been suspicious of everyone ever since he had been held up about three years ago, and that he did not place much credence in JACKSON's suspicions. He said that JACKSON frequently had suspicions of this type and termed the present incident as another of JACKSON's "brainstorms." LINDSEY stated that he patrolled the area for some ten miles around Mohamet and that he would be on the lookout for the above car should it appear again. He stated that Lieutenant J. F. RYAN of Champaign, Illinois, was in charge of the Illinois State Police District covering the whole area within a distance of fifty or sixty miles around Champaign and that RYAN called all the patrolmen in the district together for a meeting every two weeks.

AT CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS.

ROGER MAHER, 201 North New Street, stated that he is a driver for the Big Boy Bottling Company, 217 South Locust Street, Champaign; that he makes regular trips into the country surrounding Champaign with cases of soft drinks; that CHARLES JACKSON of Mohamet is one of his customers and that he regularly calls at JACKSON's station on Friday mornings each week. He stated that on Friday morning, March 11, 1938, he had driven into JACKSON's station as usual and had made his usual delivery; that at the time had noticed a black Ford V8 Sedan or coach parked by the pumps at the station, and noticed that two men apparently from this car were in the filling station office, one seated and looking at a map and the other standing. He stated that he had paid no particular attention to these men until after he had made his delivery and gone around to the side of the station to pick up the empty bottles when JACKSON had come out and told him that he had better stick around "theremight be some fun". He stated that JACKSON then told him that he was suspicious of the actions of the two men in the station. MAHER stated that he did remain outside the station for a few minutes longer than usual and then drove on down the road and over to

PETE LINDSEY's house to tell him of the incident. He estimated the whole length of time he was at the filling station to be about seven or eight minutes.

MAHER said that to his best recollection the black Ford V 8 had no trunk on the back and that he saw no baggage or luggage in the car. He stated that he noted the license and that it was a Texas license bearing light numbers on a dark background, but he did not know whether it was last year's or this year's license. He stated he could not take the number because of the dirt on same. He stated that he believed the two men to be salesmen and had not been suspicious of them in any way. He stated that he had not had an opportunity to see these men again at close range after JACKSON told him of his suspicions, and that his whole knowledge of their description was obtained in the casual sight he had of them when making his delivery. From a group of pictures exhibited to MAHER, he picked out the photograph of THEODORE COLE as resembling the smaller of the two men he had seen in the station, and stated that he believed that this man had been COLE. Although hesitant with reference to picking out a photograph of the other man in the station, he finally picked out a photograph of RALPH ROE and stated that he believed the larger man had looked like the photograph of RALPH ROE, although he was not positive of this as he had not had an opportunity to see this man's face as well as the other man's. He stated that his only recollection of their dress was that both were wearing dark suits and he believed dark hats. He furnished the following descriptions of the two men:

Number 1 -- (Smaller man who was standing.)

Age	25 to 30 years.
Height	5 ft. 8 in.
Weight	160
Hair	Dark.
Eyes	Dark.
Build	Slender.
Scars	One eye seemed "cockeyed". Noticed no cut scars.
Eyeglasses	No glasses.

Number 2 -- (The larger man, sitting.)

Age	25 to 30 years.
Height	5 ft. 10 in.
Weight	170
Eyes	Dark.
Hair	Dark.
Scars	None.
Build	Medium heavy.
Eyeglasses	None.

In describing the eyes of the Number 1 man, MAHER pointed to the picture of COLE and said the slant of this man's eyes were similar to what he termed a slant in the eyes of the Number 1 man. MAHER stated that he had not seen these men either before or since, nor their car, and that should he do so in the future he would immediately advise this Bureau or the nearest law enforcement officer, in order that their identity might be definitely ascertained.

Lieutenant J. F. RYAN, Illinois State Police, 1409 South Neal, Champaign, Illinois, advised that the district which he commanded of the Illinois State Police ran from Indiana-Illinois State Line, west to Route 51, and from Route 119 to U. S. Highway Number 40. He stated that he had twenty men patrolling all roads in this district regularly and he promised his full cooperation in endeavoring to locate and determine the identity of the two men in the car mentioned hereinabove. The description of this car was furnished to him. He stated that he would bring this matter to the attention of all officers in his district at the regular district meeting which was to be on the day following this interview and if twenty additional Identification Orders of each subject were furnished him, he would place an Identification Order in the hand of each officer under him for their assistance in this matter. The Bureau is being requested to furnish twenty Identification Orders of each Subject for this purpose.

The cooperation of Sheriff C. ROTH of Champaign County, of Chief of Police WALTER FULTON of Urbana and of Chief of Police ROY ARCO of Champaign, Illinois, all of whom have Identification Orders on each Subject, was also secured, and they advised that they would be on the alert for a car containing two men of the Subject's description, in order that if these men are possibly ROE and COLE, they may be apprehended and in any case their identity be established.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE PEORIA FIELD OFFICE at Champaign, Illinois, will furnish to Lieutenant J. F. RYAN of the Illinois State Police, twenty additional copies of the Identification Orders on each Subject for his assistance in connection with this matter.

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1612 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,
Kansas City, Missouri
May 4th, 1938

A. C. Aderhold, Warden,
United States Penitentiary, Annex,
Port Leavenworth, Kansas.

Re: Bob Bridges

Attention: D. E. Winterburg,
Record Clerk.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of April 29, 1938 concerning Bob Bridges has been received. I have been unable to identify this with any record in our office. It is kindly requested that in the event an inquiry was made of you by letter concerning this man that you give me the file number appearing thereon, or if not, in the event some Agent made the inquiry, kindly furnish me with his name.

Thanking you for your assistance, I am

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

FILE NO. 76-282

REPORT MADE AT DALLAS, TEXAS	DATE WHEN MADE 5-1-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4-25, 26-38	REPORT MADE BY A. W. MILLER
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: On April 25, 1938, H. H. MANN, Postmaster, Levelland, Texas, advised that MARVIN CONNOR, HAZEL UNDERHILL, and others are receiving mail there together, and will try to locate their residence. HAZEL UNDERHILL lives next to Methodist Church at Levelland, Texas.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent E. C. DORRIS, El Paso, Texas, dated March 14, 1938.

DETAILS:

AT LEVELLAND, TEXAS

MR. H. H. MANN, Postmaster, advised that HAZEL UNDERHILL was receiving her mail, General Delivery, at that Post Office; further, that MARVIN CONNOR, LOMA HUDSON, LAVENA (PHONETIC) HUDSON were also receiving mail together; that a little girl often comes for their mail, and calls for that of the above named persons.

MR. MANN stated that he did not know where they live, but would take every effort to find out as discreetly as possible.

On April 26, 1938, Agent contacted MR. MANN by telephone, at which time he advised that DOCTOR C. R. JOHNSTON was a very close friend of his; that he would ascertain from Dr. JOHNSTON the correct address of HAZEL UNDERHILL. This call to MR. MANN was subsequent to a wire received from the Dallas Office by the writer advising that MARVIN CONNOR was hurt in an explosion and was placed in a LUBBOCK HOSPITAL. At the Hospital it was ascertained that DR. JOHNSTON had moved

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MARVIN CONNOR from Levelland, Texas to the Lubbock, Texas Hospital.

On this same date MR. MANN telephonically advised the writer that he had obtained the information that the following people were living together in an apartment next door to the Methodist Church in Levelland, Texas, and all were receiving their mail together; further, that he had talked to the little girl, when she asked for the following mails: HAZEL HINDERHILL, HAZEL CONNOR, LAVONA HUDSON, JUANITA CONNOR, MARY CONNOR, GENE DAVIS, AND LOMA DAVIS. That the apartment is freshly painted white. MR. MANN stated that DR. JOHNSTON advised that he has seen these people riding around in a car, usually one or two girls and several boys. MR. MANN further stated that MRS. ELLIS could not be talked to; that this apartment was owned by MRS. ELLIS; that MARVIN CONNOR is presently employed by the Ingleswright-Fogelson Oil Drilling Company, near Levelland, Texas, with headquarters either in Midland, Texas, Dallas, Texas, or Ft. Worth, Texas.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

1612 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
May 3, 1938

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ROCOL

On April 20, 1938, Special Agent J. C. MERTZ of this office directed Postmaster IRMA J. COLLOPY at Turon, Kansas, to place a 30 day mail cover on all mail addressed to MR. or MRS. CLAUDE COCHRAN at that place.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley
DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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FILE NO. 76-85 MS

REPORT MADE AT Buffalo, N.Y.	DATE WHEN MADE 5/5/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/18, 26/38	REPORT MADE BY C. J. MARTIN
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:

PRENTICE ROMAINE, Attica Prison #T-4419 acquainted with subjects ROE and COLE, but denies any knowledge of plans of prison break.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent C. E. GRIMNEY, Buffalo, N.Y. 4/13/38.

DETAILS:

AT ATTICA, N.Y.

At the Attica State Prison, PRENTICE ROMAINE, #T-4419 was exhibited photographs of subjects COLE and ROE, at which time he stated he was acquainted with both of these individuals, having worked for a period of about eleven months with subject ROE in the Alcatraz Prison kitchen and having worked with subject COLE for a period of about one year in the Alcatraz prison mat shop.

Altho he was acquainted with the subjects, ROMAINE was not intimate with them, and he claims he never at any time heard any plans for a prison break by either COLE or ROE or anyone else and never knew that there was to be a break until after the same had occurred. There were not, to his knowledge, any rumors or any discretion as to any individuals in Alcatraz prison, who were definitely planning a break.

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OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

FILE NO. 76-471

REPORT MADE AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI	DATE WHEN MADE 5-3-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4-19-20-38	REPORT MADE BY J. C. MERTZ B
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: 150px;">WILLIAM B. COCHRAN, inmate, Kansas State Industrial Reformatory, claims ROE and COLE in contact with one TOM DAVIS, claims COLE seen at Turon, Kansas, about 3-14-38.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p style="margin-left: 100px;">C. A. BESTWICK, Superintendent of the Kansas State Industrial Reformatory at Hutchinson, Kansas, contacted the Kansas City office and advised that an inmate in his institution claimed to be in possession of information relating to the whereabouts of TED COLE and RALPH ROE.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- At Hutchinson, Kansas -</p> <p style="margin-left: 100px;">Superintendent C. A. BESTWICK referred Agent to Assistant Superintendent J. R. FUQUAY and, in the presence of FUQUAY, Agent interviewed WILLIAM B. COCHRAN, who was received at the Kansas State Industrial Reformatory to serve a 2 to 10 year sentence for burglary on 1-28-38. COCHRAN at first attempted to have FUQUAY leave the room and then attempted to make a bargain that the Bureau take him from the Kansas State Industrial Reformatory in order that he might "put the finger" on TED COLE. COCHRAN also mentioned that he is under a probationary sentence for violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act. COCHRAN'S proposition was flatly refused. He was advised that in the event there is a reward outstanding for the apprehension of ROE and COLE and</p>			
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his information results in their apprehension, he will receive the reward. He was further advised that the Bureau could make no recommendations in the termination or revocation of his probationary sentence received in Federal Court. COCHRAN thereafter stated that while awaiting trial on the burglary charge he was incarcerated in the Rice County Jail at Lyons, Kansas, in January, 1938. At that time one TOM DAVIS visited him at the jail and told him that he, DAVIS, had seen both ROE and COLE at Ponca City, Oklahoma, in November, 1937, and that he, DAVIS, was in touch with both of them. TOM DAVIS is a brother-in-law of CLAUDE COCHRAN. CLAUDE COCHRAN is a brother of WILLIAM B. COCHRAN and resides at Turon, Kansas, where he is employed as a roustabout by the Shell Oil Company. TOM DAVIS is described by WILLIAM B. COCHRAN as about 29 years, 5 feet 10 inches to 6 feet, 170 pounds, hair black, teeth one gold tooth upper front, peculiarities loud talker, left leg broken below knee, slight limp, occupation oil field roustabout and roughneck, criminal record known to have served time in Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma.

Since being received at the Kansas State Industrial Reformatory on 1-28-38 COCHRAN has been visited by his mother, ALLIE COCHRAN, who has told him that about the middle of March, 1938, TOM DAVIS called at the home of CLAUDE COCHRAN at Turon, Kansas, to see DAVIS' sister, MRS. CLAUDE COCHRAN. The only person at home at the time was MRS. ALLIE COCHRAN, who was visiting her son, CLAUDE COCHRAN. TOM DAVIS was accompanied by another man and they were driving a new black coupe. MRS. ALLIE COCHRAN recognized the other man as TED COLE. According to WILLIAM B. COCHRAN, his mother knows COLE, having become acquainted with him when WILLIAM B. COCHRAN and COLE served time together in the State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, in 1933. While at Turon, Kansas, the person identified by MRS. ALLIE COCHRAN as TED COLE did not engage her in conversation and kept his back turned to her as much as he could. At that time TOM DAVIS stated that he and his friend were looking for work in the oil fields; that if they could not find work they knew where there was "plenty of money to be had."

Several days later, about the first of April, 1938, MRS. CLAUDE COCHRAN is reported to have received a postcard from her brother, TOM DAVIS which had been mailed from some place in Illinois. According to WILLIAM B. COCHRAN, TOM DAVIS has a mother living at Pharoah, Oklahoma; that he at one time purchased an Oldsmobile from the Davis and Childs Motor Company at Great Bend, Kansas, and that he was formerly employed by the Spring Rose Drilling Company at Hutchinson, Kansas.

WILLIAM B. COCHRAN further stated that his mother, ALLIE COCHRAN, has been visiting CLAUDE COCHRAN at Turon, Kansas, but that she makes her permanent home with a daughter, MRS. HENRY W. (ALICE) WILLIAMS who lives in a leased house three miles west of Holdenville, Oklahoma, near

Crosby gasoline station.

The records of the Kansas State Industrial Reformatory show that WILLIAM B. COCHRAN has another sister, ALFREDA SCHLIESSENGER, of Claflin, Kansas. The records contain the following description of WILLIAM B. COCHRAN:

Name - WILLIAM B. COCHRAN, alias BILL COCHRAN
Age - 24 years (born 5-28-13)
Weight - 158 pounds
Height - 5 feet 8 3/4 inches
Eyes - brown
Hair - black
Build - medium
Complexion - dark
Nativity - Tahlequah, Oklahoma
Relatives - MRS. ALLIE COCHRAN, mother, Route #4, Holdenville, Oklahoma
 CLAUDE COCHRAN, brother, Turon, Kansas
 MRS. HENRY W. (ALICE) WILLIAMS, sister, Route #4, Holdenville, Oklahoma
 ALFREDA SCHLIESSENGER, sister, Claflin, Kansas
Father - deceased
Criminal record - FBI-629987

WILLIAM B. COCHRAN further stated that it is ^{his} opinion that RALPH ROE is being hid by his relatives in and around Ponca City, Oklahoma, and that TED COLE was traveling about the country in the company with TOM DAVIS. He believes that DAVIS and COLE will attempt to find work in the oil fields in Kansas and Oklahoma and in the event they are unable to find work that they will resort to robbery and burglary to furnish themselves with funds. COCHRAN could furnish no facts to support his opinion in this regard.

- At Turon, Kansas -

Postmaster IRMA J. COLLOPY was requested to place a 30 day mail cover on all mail directed to MR. or MRS. CLAUDE COCHRAN beginning on 4-20-38. The Bureau is being advised by letter of the placing of this mail cover. Postmaster COLLOPY advised that on 4-20-38 CLAUDE COCHRAN and his wife had left with CLAUDE COCHRAN'S mother to return her to Holdenville, Oklahoma. Before leaving Turon, Kansas, MRS. ALLIE COCHRAN left her forwarding address as Route #4, Holdenville, Oklahoma. The Postmaster stated that CLAUDE COCHRAN and his wife received little or no mail, but that MRS. ALLIE COCHRAN received "a lot" of mail while visiting in Turon, Kansas. Postmaster COLLOPY further stated that TOM DAVIS spent the winter of 1937-38 in Turon, Kansas, at the home of CLAUDE COCHRAN.

At the White Eagle filling station, E. G. WALKER, who is the

attendant and also acts as City Clerk, advised after consulting his records that on 3-14-38 a man drove into his filling station in a coupe, accompanied by TOM DAVIS. At the request of DAVIS, WALKER allowed this individual to have 6 gallons of gasoline and charged it on his books. The individual with DAVIS gave his name as E. M. COFER. The automobile carried 1937 Kansas license plates #33-5764. WALKER stated that neither DAVIS nor COFER has returned to Turon, Kansas, since 3-14-38. He volunteered to make inquiry of CLAUDE COCHRAN, ostensibly in connection with the payment for the 6 gallons of gasoline charged to E. M. COFER. WALKER was advised to communicate immediately with the resident Agent at Wichita, Kansas, or with the Kansas City office in the event DAVIS or COFER returned to Turon within the immediate future. WALKER will be shown photographs of TED COLE and RALPH ROE in an attempt to get one of them identified as the man with DAVIS at Turon, Kansas, on 3-14-38.

- At Wichita, Kansas -

Agent communicated with Chief of Police VANCE HOUDYSHELL at Great Bend, Kansas, by telephone. The Chief advised that 1937 Kansas license #33-5764 was issued to HENRY JOHANNING for a 1935 Chevrolet Coupe, motor #24-941554. This car was stolen at Great Bend, Kansas, during the early part of March, 1938, by ART WEBSTER, a local thief and another individual known as BILL. After stealing this automobile ART WEBSTER and BILL proceeded to Lyons, Kansas, where they robbed a jewelry store. The automobile has never been recovered but part of the loot from the jewelry store robbery at Lyons was recovered from a girl at Great Bend, Kansas, who was with ART WEBSTER and BILL subsequent to the robbery. The girl at Great Bend, Kansas, who saw BILL, will be shown photographs of ROE and COLE in an attempt to get one of them identified as the person known as BILL. Attention is directed to the fact that BILL may be TOM DAVIS and that the person giving the name E. M. COFER at Turon, Kansas, may be ART WEBSTER. Chief HOUDYSHELL further stated that E. M. COFER is the stepfather of ART WEBSTER and is an old man living in the salt marsh bottoms near Great Bend, Kansas. The Chief also stated that ART WEBSTER has served time in the Kansas State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD OFFICE at Holdenville, Oklahoma, will interview MRS. ALLIE COCHRAN, who resides with MR. and MRS. HENRY W. WILLIAMS about three miles west of Holdenville, concerning the visit of TOM DAVIS to the home of CLAUDE COCHRAN on or about 3-14-38, at which time he was accompanied by another individual whom MRS. COCHRAN advised was TED COLE. Photographs of ROE and COLE should be exhibited to MRS. COCHRAN in order to determine if she can identify one of them as the individual seen by her at Turon, Kansas.

KANSAS CITY FIELD OFFICE at Turon, Kansas, will exhibit photographs of ROE and COLE to E. G. WALKER to determine if he can identify one of them as the individual giving the name E. M. COFER at his filling station on 3-14-38.

At Great Bend, Kansas, through Chief of Police HOUDYSHELL, will contact the girl who was with ART WEBSTER and an individual known as BILL and will exhibit to her photographs of ROE and COLE to determine if she can identify one of them as the person known to her as BILL.

PENDING

Room 300 Commercial Merchants National Bank
and Trust Company Building
Peoria, Illinois
May 9, 1938

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 former Special
Agent W. R. RAMSEY, Peoria, dated May 2, 1938.

Please be advised that twenty Identification Orders
on each of the above named subjects have been furnished to
Lieutenant J. F. RYAN, of the Illinois State Police, at
Champaign, Illinois, for distribution to the officers assigned
to his district. Lieutenant RYAN has been requested to
notify this office by telephone, collect, in event he receives
any information as to the whereabouts of these individuals.

Inasmuch as there is no further investigative activity
in this district, this case is being referred upon completion
to the office of origin.

Very truly yours,

B. F. FITZSIMONS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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IDENTIFICATION
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DOMESTIC	CABLE
TELEGRAM	FULL RATE
DAY LETTER	DEFERRED
NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT LETTER
NIGHT LETTER	SHIP RADIOGRAM

Patrons should check class of service desired; otherwise message will be transmitted as a full-rate communication.

WESTERN UNION

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FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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

Memphis, Tennessee

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11:05 P.M. 5-9-38

E. P. GUINANE,
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,
US DEPT. OF JUSTICE,
FEDERAL BUILDING,
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA.

ROCOL. BRYAN CONWAY DEPARTED MEMPHIS, ROCK ISLAND RAILROAD
ELEVEN PM TONIGHT, WILL ARRIVE OKLAHOMA CITY TWELVEFORTY PM TENTH.

J. E. CLEGG.

cc Bureau

ALL MESSAGES TAKEN BY THIS COMPANY ARE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS:

To guard against mistakes or delays, the sender of a message should order it repeated, that is, telegraphed back to the originating office for comparison. For this, one-half the unrepeated message rate is charged in addition. Unless otherwise indicated on its face, this is an unrepeated message and paid for as such, in consideration whereof it is agreed between the sender of the message and this company as follows:

1. The company shall not be liable for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the unrepeated-message rate beyond the sum of five hundred dollars; nor for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the repeated-message rate beyond the sum of five thousand dollars, *unless specially valued*; nor in any case for delays arising from unavoidable interruption in the working of its lines; nor for errors in cipher or obscure messages.

2. In any event the company shall not be liable for damages for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for the non-delivery, of any message, whether caused by the negligence of its servants or otherwise, beyond the sum of five thousand dollars, at which amount each message is deemed to be valued, unless a greater value is stated in writing by the sender thereof at the time the message is tendered for transmission, and unless the repeated-message rate is paid or agreed to be paid, and an additional charge equal to one-tenth of one percent of the amount by which such valuation shall exceed five thousand dollars.

3. The company is hereby made the agent of the sender, without liability, to forward this message over the lines of any other company when necessary to reach its destination.

4. Domestic messages and incoming cable messages will be delivered free within one-half mile of the company's office in towns of 5,000 population or less, and within one mile of such office in other cities or towns. Beyond these limits the company does not undertake to make delivery, but will, without liability, at the sender's request, as his agent and at his expense, endeavor to contract for him for such delivery at a reasonable price.

5. No responsibility attaches to this company concerning messages until the same are accepted at one of its transmitting offices; and if a message is sent to such office by one of the company's messengers, he acts for that purpose as the agent of the sender.

6. The company will not be liable for damages or statutory penalties in any case where the claim is not presented in writing within sixty days after the message is filed with the company for transmission.

7. It is agreed that in any action by the company to recover the tolls for any message or messages the prompt and correct transmission and delivery thereof shall be presumed, subject to rebuttal by competent evidence.

8. Special terms governing the transmission of messages according to their classes, as enumerated below, shall apply to messages in each of such respective classes in addition to all the foregoing terms.

9. No employee of the company is authorized to vary the foregoing.

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY

INCORPORATED

R. B. WHITE, PRESIDENT

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A full-rate expedited service.

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Night Messages may at the option of the Telegraph Company be mailed at destination to the addressees, and the Company shall be deemed to have discharged its obligation in such cases with respect to delivery by mailing such night messages at destination, postage prepaid.

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A deferred day service at rates lower than the standard telegram rates as follows: One and one-half times the standard night letter rate for the transmission of 50 words or less and one-fifth of the initial rates for each additional 10 words or less.

SPECIAL TERMS APPLYING TO DAY LETTERS:

In further consideration of the reduced rate for this special Day Letter service, the following special terms in addition to those enumerated above are hereby agreed to:

A. Day Letters may be forwarded by the Telegraph Company as a deferred service and the transmission and delivery of such Day Letters is, in all respects, subordinate to the priority of transmission and delivery of regular telegrams.

B. This Day Letter is received subject to the express understanding and agreement that the Company does not undertake that a Day Letter shall be delivered on the day of its date absolutely, and at all events; but that the Company's obligation in this respect is subject to the condition that there shall remain sufficient time for the transmission and delivery of such Day Letter on the day of its date during regular office hours, subject to the priority of the transmission of regular telegrams under the conditions named above.

NIGHT LETTERS

Accepted up to 2:00 A.M. for delivery on the morning of the ensuing business day, at rates still lower than standard night message rates, as follows: The standard telegram rate for 10 words shall be charged for the transmission of 50 words or less, and one-fifth of such standard telegram rate for 10 words shall be charged for each additional 10 words or less.

SPECIAL TERMS APPLYING TO NIGHT LETTERS:

In further consideration of the reduced rates for this special Night Letter service, the following special terms in addition to those enumerated above are hereby agreed to:

Night Letters may at the option of the Telegraph Company be mailed at destination to the addressees, and the Company shall be deemed to have discharged its obligation in such cases with respect to delivery by mailing such Night Letters at destination, postage prepaid.

FULL RATE CABLES

An expedited service throughout. Code language permitted.

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Half-rate messages are subject to being deferred in favor of full rate messages for not exceeding 24 hours. Must be written in plain language.

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An overnight service for plain language communications, at one-third the full rate, or less. Minimum of 25 words charged for. Subject to delivery at the convenience of the Company within 24 hours.

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A service to and from ships at sea, in all parts of the world. Plain language or code language may be used.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Oklahoma City**

S. A. FILE NO. **76-338**

REPORT MADE AT San Antonio, Tex.	DATE WHEN MADE May 7 '38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/30/38	REPORT MADE BY J. C. White
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:

Mr. and Mrs. DOYLE WILLIAMS were out on a fishing trip, exact place unknown, at the time of Agent's visit to Freer, Texas, and their return to Freer was rather indefinite. P.

Reference: Report of Special Agent R. C. Coulter, Dallas, Texas, dated 1/28/38.

DETAILS: AT FREER, TEX.

Agent at Freer, Texas, ascertained that DOYLE WILLIAMS was employed by the Magnolia Petroleum Company; that he received his mail at P. O. Box 321 and that he lived a mile south of Freer on the Freer-Benavides Road.

Agent was unable to ascertain if DOYLE WILLIAMS' present wife's name is MARY DARBY WILLIAMS. It was ascertained from ROY RUSHING, who operates ROY'S MAN SHOP in Freer, Texas, and a brother-in-law of DOYLE WILLIAMS, having married WILLIAMS' sister, that DOYLE WILLIAMS was on a vacation and that he and his wife had gone on a fishing trip and their return to Freer, Texas, was rather indefinite. MR. RUSHING advised that he did not know if the present MRS. WILLIAMS was named MARY DARBY WILLIAMS, but he believed her first name was MARY; that she formerly operated a barber shop in Freer, Texas, and that she and DOYLE WILLIAMS had been married about three or four years.

Agent exhibited the photographs on Identification Orders #1471 and #1472 and the glazed photographs of both subjects to Chief of Police CARL PUGH and FRANK SMITH, the latter a filling station operator for the Humble Oil Company and who according to Chief PUGH is very reliable. MR. SMITH stated that he did not

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recall of ever having seen either one of these individuals in Freer, Tex. Chief PUGH, however, stated that he believed that he has seen someone that resembled subject RALPH ROE as when he received the Identification Order #1472 he thought he had seen that individual somewhere either in Freer, or vicinity.

Agent went to the home of DOYLE WILLIAMS but was unable to locate anyone there.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

San Antonio Office: At Freer, Tex. endeavor to locate and interview MRS. DOYLE WILLIAMS and ascertain if she is the former wife of ROY ROE and secure from her the information set out in reference report.

Pending.

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May 11, 1938.

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Special Agent in Charge
Richmond, Virginia

Re: Ralph Roe, with aliases, Fugitive,
I. O. #1472; Theodore Cole, with aliases,
Fugitive, I. O. #1471; Escaped Federal
Prisoners.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report
covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office
in connection with the above entitled matter and received in
the Bureau

April 26, 1938.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report

Case:

May 11, 1938

Number:

Ralph Roe, with aliases, Fugitive, I. O. #1472;
Theodore Cole, with aliases, Fugitive, I. O. #1471;
Escaped Federal Prisoners.

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Specimens: Q19. One envelope addressed to Mr. J. E. Hoover, FBI Office,
Washington, D. C., Special Delivery.
Q20. One sheet apparently enclosed in Q19 beginning "This letter should"
Q21. One sheet apparently enclosed in Q19 beginning "something and for"
Q22. One sheet apparently enclosed in Q19 beginning "for rent. They"
K3. One note beginning "Honey mine: Go to a" purported to be in the
known handwriting of William Phillip Gemp, #FBI-191927.

Examination requested by:

Richmond

Date received:

4/26/38

Examination requested:

Document

Result of examination:

Examination by:

Major *my*

No definite conclusion was reached whether William Phillip Gemp wrote the questioned specimens designated by Laboratory #76-2686-362 Q19 through Q22. The present known specimen of this individual is not entirely adequate for making such an examination as would warrant a definite opinion.

If a further comparison is desired, it is suggested that additional specimens be obtained from Gemp by having him prepare from dictation the wording which appears in the questioned letters on similar size paper. Some of such request specimens should be prepared by Gemp while writing with the hand other than that normally used by him inasmuch as the appearance of the questioned writing indicates that it may have been written with the hand other than that normally used by the writer.

The submitted evidence is being retained in the Laboratory.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
Post Office Box #1469
Little Rock, Arkansas
May 10, 1938

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

RE: ^O ROCOL

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated May 6, 1938 (76-2686), pertaining to a letter from this office dated March 4, 1938, addressed to the Oklahoma City office, relative to a cabin located near the intersection of Highways 10 and 33 in the State of Oklahoma, which is believed to be a hang-out for lawless characters and is alleged to be the property of two lawyers of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

No inquiry has been conducted by the Little Rock office concerning this hide-out and at the time the letter dated March 4, 1938 was written, investigation in the Little Rock Field Division was a matter of special assignment and it was contemplated that agents engaged in the investigation would make necessary inquiry concerning this cabin which is located in the State of Oklahoma.

A review of the file indicates that no inquiry was made concerning this cabin by agents on special assignment, and it is therefore respectfully requested that the Oklahoma City office, in whose division this cabin is located, make appropriate inquiry concerning same, having in mind the Bureau's instructions as contained in reference letter dated May 6, 1938.

Very truly yours,

H. B. Fletcher

H. B. FLETCHER
Special Agent In Charge.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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FILE NO.

76-86

REPORT MADE AT LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS	DATE WHEN MADE 5-10-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3-10, 5-10-38	REPORT MADE BY H. B. FLETCHER fw
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:

GRACE GOLDSTEIN, Hatterie Hotel, Hot Springs, Arkansas, advise fugitives unknown.

R. U. C.

REFERENCE:

Letter from San Francisco Field Division dated February 24, 1938.

DETAILS:

A complete review of the file of the Little Rock Field Division indicates that all outstanding investigation has been completed. A memorandum appears in the file dated March 17, 1938, prepared by Special Agent JOHN L. MADALA, who questioned GRACE GOLDSTEIN, concerning fugitives during the course of his interview with her on other matters. This memorandum reads as follows:

"This is to advise that the photographs of Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole were exhibited to Grace Goldstein on March 10, 1938, but she was unable to identify same as persons seen by her in Hot Springs, Arkansas. At this time the writer informed Grace Goldstein that subjects Theodore Cole and Ralph Roe were escaped Federal prisoners from the United States Penitentiary at Alcatraz Island, San Francisco, California, and should she receive any information regarding these individuals around Hot Springs, Arkansas, to immediately notify the Little Rock Field Office, which she promised to do."

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GRACE GOLDSTEIN undoubtedly is identical with GOLDIE, who operates the Batterie Hotel, a house of prostitution at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and is the individual indicated in reference letter.

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May 17, 1938.

Special Agent in Charge
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Re: ROOOL

Dear Sir:

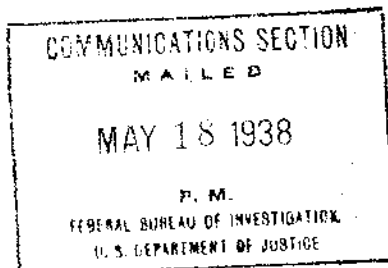
Reference is made to your communication dated May 10, 1938, relative to the arrangements made with Tom Antone to proceed to Levelland, Texas, for the purpose of contacting Hazel Underhill.

Inasmuch as Antone should be able to develop the information sought within a period of two or three weeks, it is the Bureau's desire that no further advancements be made to him if he does not produce positive results within a period of three weeks' time.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
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Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Re: ROCOL.

Dear Sir:

Confirming telephonic communication with the Oklahoma City Division on May 8, 1938 and telegram dated May 9, 1938, please be advised that on May 7, 1938 Special Agent A. C. HAYDEN, JR., brought BRIAN CONWAY from Lawrenceburg, Tennessee to Nashville, Tennessee and made arrangements with him to proceed to Oklahoma City at 11:30 P. M., May 7, 1938 where he was due to arrive at 10:00 P. M. Sunday night, May 8, 1938. CONWAY agreed with Agent HAYDEN to make this trip provided he was furnished with a round trip ticket and advanced \$10.00 cash and also given additional \$10.00 immediately upon arrival in Oklahoma City. He was then to produce results by definitely establishing to Agents of the Oklahoma City Office the fact as to whether the fugitives in this case were dead or alive, after which he would expect payment of the remainder of the money totaling \$100.00.

At approximately 5:00 P. M. on May 9, 1938 CONWAY appeared at the Memphis Office and stated that he had not gone to Oklahoma City as he had agreed but instead got drunk in Nashville on May 7, 1938. He advised that after he became sober he proceeded from Nashville en route toward Oklahoma City on May 9, 1938, using a portion of the round trip ticket which Agent HAYDEN had obtained by use of a Government Transportation Request. CONWAY stated that on approaching Memphis he realized that he had lost the address of the Oklahoma City Office and also that he was without funds and needed more money with which to purchase food and therefore he got off the train to contact the Memphis Office.

Special Agent C. O. PICKARD furnished CONWAY with 50¢ to purchase dinner on the night of May 9, 1938 and instructed him to appear at the Memphis Office at 10:00 P. M. whereupon he

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would be taken to the train by Agent PICKARD and given an additional \$4.50. CONWAY appeared promptly at 10:00 P. M. and was entirely sober, apparently having made up his mind to comply with the agreement he had made. He was advanced \$4.50 additional by Agent PICKARD and was taken to the railroad station and put on the Rock Island train for Oklahoma City which is to arrive in Oklahoma City at 12:30 P. M. today.

As explained in the telephone conversation with the Oklahoma City Office, the railroads at Memphis advise that the cost of a round trip ticket from Nashville, Tennessee to Oklahoma City, including Pullman accommodations, is approximately \$45.00; however, it was noted at the time CONWAY was put on the train in Memphis that he had only coach accommodations and undoubtedly the round trip fare will be less than \$45.00. In connection with the railroad fare, it is suggested that the Oklahoma City Office determine the exact amount from the railroad inasmuch as the railroads at Memphis were unable to give the exact amount; however, it should be borne in mind that the total expenditures to CONWAY by the Memphis Office has been \$15.00.

Very truly yours,

J. E. CLEGG,
Special Agent in Charge.

Air Mail - Special Delivery

cc. Bureau
Little Rock
San Francisco

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

POST OFFICE BOX 1276
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

MAY 10, 1938

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ROCOL

In accordance with Bureau letter of April 20, 1938, authorizing me to pay \$25.00 a week to confidential informant TOM ANTONI alias J. R. RICHARDSON for a period not to extend over two months, please be informed that on May 10, 1938, ANTONI called at this office and was informed by Special Agent F. S. SMITH and the writer that HAZEL UNDERHILL was in Levelland, Texas and that we desired him to go to Levelland and make contact discreetly with HAZEL UNDERHILL to determine whether Subjects ROE and COLE, or either of them, were contacting HAZEL, and to endeavor to obtain any information he could from HAZEL with reference to these Subjects.

ANTONI was given \$25.00 on May 10, 1938, and arrangements were made with him that he would communicate with this office by writing letters to FRANK SMITH at Post Office Box 1276.

Arrangements were also made that we would send not more than \$25.00 a week for a few weeks under his own name, T. C. ANTONI, in care of General Delivery, Lubbock, Texas. The money is to be sent by money order with a note enclosed written by one of the stenographers in the office, addressing him as "Uncle Tom", and the note will be signed MARY LOBAUGH, who is a niece of TOM ANTONI and who resides at Route 1, Box 410, Oklahoma City. This is being done so that ANTONI, if he finds it necessary, might inform HAZEL UNDERHILL that he is receiving a little money from his niece in Oklahoma City from time to time.

If ANTONI receives any information which has to be acted on immediately he will telephone this office, probably from Lubbock, Texas, which is about thirty miles from Levelland, Texas. ANTONI, when he contacts HAZEL, at Levelland, will endeavor to secure employment in the oil fields. It is understood that the

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Don't keep this fellow on the pay roll too long - It doesn't sound good to me. EOR 5/14/38

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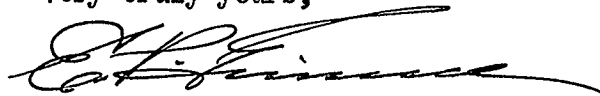
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brother of JEAN DAVIS, wife of ED DAVIS, is Superintendent of an oil company at Levelland, and that he is the one who is giving employment to MARVIN CONNOR, son of HAZEL UNDERHILL. It appears that JEAN DAVIS is living with HAZEL UNDERHILL.

ANTONE is to keep me informed of developments by letter.

Very truly yours,



E. P. GUINANE
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
POST OFFICE BOX 1276
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

MAY 11, 1938

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ROCOL

Please refer to Bureau letter of May 3, 1938, addressed to the Memphis office authorizing the payment of \$100.00 to BRYAN CONWAY to proceed to Little Rock or Oklahoma City to endeavor to secure information concerning Subjects in this case.

Special Agent C. O. PICKARD telephoned from Memphis, Tennessee on May 8, 1938, stating that CONWAY had left Nashville, Tennessee at 11:30 P.M. on May 7, 1938, and would arrive in Oklahoma City at 10 P.M. on May 8, 1938; that CONWAY had been given \$10.00 and railroad fare and that the sum of \$45.00 was to be paid CONWAY if he produced information. Agent PICKARD also stated that CONWAY was a heavy drinker and would have to be watched or he would get on a spree. Nothing was heard from CONWAY on May 8 or 9, 1938. On May 10, 1938, a wire was received from the Memphis office stating CONWAY had left Memphis at 11 P.M. on May 9, 1938, and would arrive in Oklahoma City at 12:40 P.M., May 10, 1938.

On the morning of May 10, 1938, Deputy Sheriff STANFIELD, of Booneville, Arkansas, telephoned me and stated that he had noticed a suspicious appearing person eating breakfast in a lunch room in Booneville and had picked this party up; that this party had informed him his name was BRYAN CONWAY and requested the Deputy Sheriff to telephone the Oklahoma City office of this Bureau for information concerning him. STANFIELD stated that CONWAY appeared to have been drinking a little but had not been doing anything else as far as he knew. I asked Deputy Sheriff STANFIELD whether he thought CONWAY might have been implicated in any criminal activity at all at Booneville as I did not know anything about CONWAY other than he wanted to come to Oklahoma City to see me about some matter. Deputy Sheriff STANFIELD stated that CONWAY was not wanted by them for anything and he did not believe he had been involved in any criminal activities but was merely picked up because he looked suspicious.

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STANFIELD also stated that CONWAY informed him he had served time in Alcatraz Prison. I informed STANFIELD that if he had any reason to hold CONWAY to go ahead and hold him and investigate him in any manner; that I could not nor could this Bureau vouch for any of his activities. STANFIELD stated that inasmuch as he had nothing on CONWAY he would release him and CONWAY had stated he was taking the 3:00 o'clock train on the afternoon of May 10, 1938, for Oklahoma City.

STANFIELD also stated he had picked up an individual about the same time as he had picked up CONWAY, who gave the name of EDWIN C. HILL and that HILL also told him he was an ex-convict, but that there was nothing to indicate he was connected with CONWAY in any way other than STANFIELD thought it was a coincidence that two exconvicts would be picked up about the same time in the same vicinity. I suggested to STANFIELD that he forward the fingerprints of HILL to our Bureau at Washington.

In accordance with Bureau letter of May 3, 1938, above referred to, this office, after CONWAY contacts us here, will keep a close check on his activities to determine whether there is any possibility of him securing any information inasmuch as he is known to be entirely unreliable.

Unless CONWAY produces results quickly I do not believe that the Bureau should have anything further to do with him if he is the type who immediately connects himself as an informant of this Bureau as soon as he is picked up by police.

Very truly yours,


E. P. GUINANE
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Special Agent in Charge
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Re: ROOOL

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated
May 11, 1938, relative to informant Bryan Conway.

Inasmuch as Conway is known to be un-
reliable, the Bureau desires that no further con-
tact be had with him in the event he fails to pro-
duce any information of value within the next two
or three weeks.

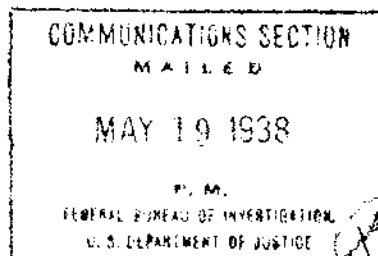
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
POST OFFICE BOX 1276
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

MAY 11, 1938

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ROCOL

Please refer to my letter of May 11, 1938, concerning BRYAN CONWAY, a confidential informant.

CONWAY appeared at the Oklahoma City Office on May 11, 1938, stating he had arrived in Oklahoma City about 10 P.M. on the previous night from Booneville, Arkansas. With reference to his being questioned by a Deputy Sheriff at Booneville, he stated that he had only told the Deputy that he was proceeding to the Oklahoma City Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and did not give him any further information; that after being questioned by the Deputy Sheriff he was allowed to proceed on the train from Booneville.

When CONWAY was first interviewed by me at the office he informed me right away he had gotten drunk and had spent all his money with the exception of a dollar or two and wanted to know whether he would get additional funds here. I told him that he would be furnished with some money here for necessary travel and asked him what his plans were with reference to contacting anyone here. He appeared to be very reticent about giving any information, but then said that he was going to Idabel, Oklahoma. He was then informed that he would be given a bus ticket to Idabel and return, and \$10.00 for expense money, and to return to this office when he had obtained the information he was endeavoring to get. CONWAY made it clear that he had not promised to get any information other than to determine whether Subjects were dead or alive. He indicated he would not give any further information than this.

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When Special Agent C. O. HURT was informed that CONWAY was proceeding to the vicinity of Idabel, Oklahoma, Agent HURT recalled that about the only one in that vicinity who had served time in Alcatraz was one AMON PIERCE with aliases, FBI-1094975. We have an active case on PIERCE captioned "AMON PIERCE,"

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with aliases: AMIN PIERCE, AMAN PIERCE - National Motor Vehicle Theft Act", in which case PIERCE was indicted by a Federal Grand Jury at Muskogee, Oklahoma on January 20, 1938, charged with interstate transportation of an automobile.

In further conversation with Agent HURT, at which time no name was mentioned to him, he informed Agent HURT that he was proceeding to Idabel to contact AMON PIERCE.

It was determined by Special Agent W. L. BUCHANAN, who was then in Muskogee, that PIERCE had been released on the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act charge on \$1000. bond on February 1, 1938, and the case was set for trial at Hugo, Oklahoma on June 8, 1938.

A round trip bus ticket to Idabel and return and \$10.00 in cash were furnished to CONWAY for the purpose of proceeding to Idabel. He was cautioned against getting drunk and promised that he would not drink any further and when he had contacted PIERCE would return to Oklahoma City and give me the information which he obtains. He asked when he would obtain the remainder of the \$100.00 promised him, and he was informed that he would be advised of this upon his return to Oklahoma City.

Special Agent C. O. HURT had previously interviewed AMON PIERCE, as reflected in the report of Special Agent J. V. MURPHY, Oklahoma City, February 3, 1938, in the ROCOL case. At that time PIERCE informed Agent HURT that he was not acquainted with RALPH ROE and that he knew THEODORE COLE only slightly. PIERCE at that time stated that he had no knowledge of anyone planning the escape of Subjects from Alcatraz and could not furnish any information concerning their escape.

Very truly yours,



E. P. GUINANE
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

FILE NO. 76-89

REPORT MADE AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE	DATE WHEN MADE 5/11/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/7/38	REPORT MADE BY A. C. HAYDEN, JR. ACC
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 departed Nashville, Tennessee 11:30 P. M. 5/7/38 via I & N and Rock Island for Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to ascertain whether subjects are dead or alive. Furnished round trip ticket value \$29.22, plus the sum of \$15.00 in cash by the Memphis office.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent Alfred I. Means, Memphis, 4/25/38.
Bureau letter dated 5/3/38.
Letter from Memphis to Oklahoma City 5/10/38.
Telegram " " " " " 5/9/38.

DETAILS:

AT LAWRENCEBURG, TENNESSEE:

The writer contacted Deputy Sheriffs CLAUDE MOAFFEE and B. C. NELSON and accompanied by them canvassed the houses of prostitution and bootleg "joints," which according to the Deputies were frequented by CONWAY, the informant.

CONWAY was located at a local beer parlor in Lawrenceburg and he accompanied the writer to the outskirts of town, where he was questioned at length concerning the allegations, as reflected in the report of reference to the effect he

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could ascertain whether or not the subjects were dead or alive. At the time of the interview, CONWAY was under the influence of whiskey but talked coherently and was emphatic in his assertion that he could ascertain definitely within 24 hours after his arrival in the vicinity about 40 miles from Texarkana, Arkansas in Oklahoma, whether or not the subjects were dead or alive.

CONWAY on being questioned refused to divulge the identity of the author of the letter mentioned in the report of reference and which letter contained the statement "That the boys had made it." CONWAY throughout the interview reiterated that he was possessed of information or could obtain information concerning the subjects but that it would take money, also relating that many parties had sought his services for radio interviews concerning his incarceration at Alcatraz but explaining that because he was so unreliable in that he was nearly always drunk he had not been able to capitalize on his incarceration except for the story of his in the Saturday Evening Post.

CONWAY consented to go to Oklahoma City and there meet agents and proceed to establish whether the subjects were dead or alive but refused to leave from Lawrenceburg, Tennessee because he was afraid that someone would find out the purpose of his mission and thus his life would be placed in jeopardy. CONWAY consented to accompany the writer to Nashville and there board a train for Oklahoma City and stipulated that he was to be paid \$10 and given a round trip ticket to Oklahoma City. It was also understood that he was to receive an additional \$10 on arriving in Oklahoma City and that the balance of the \$100 or \$100 less \$20, less the cost of the ticket or \$29.22 was not to be paid until he had established whether subjects were dead or alive. These terms being in accordance with the instructions as set forth in the Bureau letter of reference were assented to by the writer.

On reaching Nashville, the writer contacted Special Agent C. O. Pickard telephonically, who was at the time Acting Special Agent in Charge, and he was apprised of the above facts and arrangements and was requested to so advise the Oklahoma Field Division. It was further pointed out that CONWAY would take the 11:30 train on the Louisville and Nashville and would arrive in Memphis the following morning or Sunday May 8 about 6:50 and would depart from there about 8:30 A. M., arriving in Oklahoma City about 10 P. M. Sunday night. A description and the attire worn by the informant was also conveyed to Agent Pickard.

At 11 o'clock Saturday night, the writer met CONWAY at the Union Station, Nashville, Tennessee, purchased for him a round trip ticket to Oklahoma City, gave him the stipulated \$10, instructed him to

call the Memphis Field Division on Sunday and to also call the Oklahoma Field Division on arriving in that city and to advise where he could be located. CONWAY departed advising that he would carry out the instructions and expressing a desire to be cooperative.

On May 9, 1938 CONWAY appeared at the Memphis office and was furnished an additional sum of money totaling \$5 by Special Agent C. O. Pickard who put him on the train for Oklahoma City the same day, as reflected in the reference letter to the Oklahoma Division.

The Oklahoma City office was furnished the detail contained in this report by telephone on 5/8/38 and by reference telegram dated 5/9/38 and reference letter dated 5/10/38.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE OKLAHOMA CITY DIVISION AT OKLAHOMA CITY:

Will keep in touch with CONWAY for developments in case and after he has completed his job as per his agreement will pay him \$100 less the cost of ticket to Oklahoma City amounting to \$29.22 and less the sum of \$15.00, previously advanced to him by the Memphis office.

MEMPHIS DIVISION:

Will keep this case open pending further developments.

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POST OFFICE BOX 1278
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA
MAY 17, 1936

Special Agent in Charge
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

RE: ROOGL

With reference to the attached letter to the Bureau,
it is requested that your office make further investigation
at Alcatraz to determine whether there is any possibility
that Subjects might have obtained cork material or corks to
effect their escape.

Very truly yours,

E. P. GUINANE
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Oklahoma City, Oklahoma**FILE NO. **76-389**

REPORT MADE AT: Portland, Oregon	DATE WHEN MADE: 5-10-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 4-26-38	REPORT MADE BY: D. L. Treynor
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>D. M. DOBYNS, owner 1937 Dodge Sedan, Oregon 1937 license number 196-464, drove from Eugene, Oregon to Oakland, California about December 15, 1937 and left car there, going by train to Milwaukee, Wisconsin to attend a convention of Pabst Beer Company salesmen. No knowledge of Pacific Tidal or San Francisco Bay Current charts. S. E. MAHARRY, owner 1937 Chevrolet Coupe, with 1937 Oregon license number 284-843, states car was never out of Oregon during 1937 and can't account for license number being checked through the checking station. IMOGENE WILLIE SCHOMP in Philippine Islands. Her car driven by University of Oregon Students to San Francisco at the request of her husband about December 15th or 16th, 1937. Husband's name RALPH SCHOMP employed in San Francisco at present.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent H. A. King, Portland, Oregon dated March 14, 1938.</p> <p>DETAILS: --- At Eugene, Oregon ---</p> <p>Agent contacted MR. D. M. DOBYNS at the Eugene Hotel where he is convalescing from an operation. MR. DOBYNS stated he is the owner of 1937 Dodge Sedan having Oregon license number 196-464; that he is a salesman for the Pabst Beer Company. He stated he drove from Eugene, where he is now stationed, to Oakland, California about December 15, 1937. He was not accompanied by anyone and stated he left his car with</p> <p style="text-align: right;">DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</p>			
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friends in Oakland and took the train to Milwaukee, Wisconsin where he attended a convention held by the Pabst Brewing Company. He stated he had no knowledge whatsoever of any charts dealing with the tides of the Pacific Ocean or the currents therein or in the bay of San Francisco. MR. DOBYNS is described as follows:

Height	6' 1"
Weight	175 pounds
Hair	Gray
Eyes	Grayish blue
Eyeglasses	Wears horn rimmed glasses
Age	50
Build	Slender
Occupation	Beer salesman.

Agent located S. E. MAHARRY at the Twin Oaks Building Supply Company at 7th and High Streets. MR. MAHARRY acknowledged that he was the owner of 1937 Chevrolet Coupe bearing 1937 Oregon license plates 284-943. He states that he has worked every day for the Twin Oaks Building Supply Company in Eugene, and that his car is used by himself only to drive to and from work and states it has never been out of the state of Oregon during 1937. His statement that he was at work every day was verified by other employees of the lumber company. MR. MAHARRY was unable to account for the reason that his license number was checked through the California checking station on December 15th or 16th, 1937. MR. MAHARRY states that he has no knowledge whatsoever of any tidal or current charts of the Pacific Coast and San Francisco Bay. MR. MAHARRY is described as follows:

Height	5' 7"
Eyes	Blue
Eyeglasses	Wears horn rimmed glasses
Hair	Dark brown, graying at the temples
Weight	165 pounds
Build	Stocky
Age	43
Occupation	Truck driver
Peculiarities	Large lobe on ears, heavy brown eyebrows.

Through DENNIE J. KOUPAL, who offices in the First National Bank Building and who is in the real estate business informed that one EMOGENE WILLIE SCHOMP had occupied the address 1875 Kincaid Street, Eugene, Oregon, which was supposed to be the address of the owner of 1936 Ford Tudor Sedan, bearing Oregon 1937 license number 60-388.

ZOLLE VOLLE SCHOPP, one of the Directors of Educational activities at the University of Oregon, informed Agent that he is very well acquainted with RALPH SCHOPP and his wife, IMOGENE WILLIE SCHOPP; that at the present time IMOGENE WILLIE SCHOPP is visiting in the Philippine Islands and RALPH SCHOPP is living in San Francisco working for a neon sign manufacturing company at 1045 Mission Street and living at 1618 18th Avenue. He was formerly a Director of Educational activities at the University of Oregon, moving away from Eugene some time in the Spring of 1937, to take a trip to South America. He left his car in Eugene and when he returned from South America he returned only as far as San Francisco. MR. SCHOPP informed Agent that shortly before Christmas vacation he received a letter from RALPH SCHOPP asking him to drive SCHOPP's Tudor Ford to San Francisco during the Christmas holidays. MR. SCHOPP wrote RALPH SCHOPP that he was going to New York and could not drive the car to San Francisco. However, he knows that SCHOPP later got two University of Oregon students, who live in San Francisco to drive the car to San Francisco. ZOLLE VOLLE SCHOPP did not know the names of these students. No leads are being set out to interview SCHOPP at San Francisco, as Agent understands this investigation is merely to identify owners of these cars and learn the reason for their trip through the Oregon - California line during the period that subjects escaped from Alcatraz or prior thereto. It seems that this inquiry explains the reason for this car's trip to California.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE PORTLAND FIELD DIVISION: The following leads have not been covered in reference report or in subsequent reports:

* At Portland, Oregon will interview H. A. McCUNE, 221 S. W. Front Street, registered owner of 1934 DeSoto Sedan, motor #3E14492, 1938 Oregon license 128-252, which car is thought to be one which passed through the California checking station.

* Will interview A. R. ZELLER, 2826 N. Williams Avenue, Portland, registered owner of 1930 Pierce Arrow Sedan, motor number 300157, bearing 1938 Oregon license 154-752. In this connection the 1937 license 154-752, has been checked and determined not to have entered California.

* At Clatskanie, Oregon will interview G. H. THOMAS, Route 1, Box 28, owner of 1933 Chevrolet Sedan, motor number 3884171, 1938 Oregon license 5971.

* At The Dalles, Oregon will interview LAUREL JAMES, 1425 Fair Street, registered owner of 1929 Ford Coupe, motor number A-388964 or 388984, bearing 1937 Oregon license 235-140, and 1938 Oregon license 72-364.

* At Pendleton, Oregon, Riverside Route, will contact MR. ORAN HENRICKSEN for any assistance he might render in locating CHARLES W. GARRISON.

* Through the Secretary of State, Salem, Oregon, will ascertain the date of issuance of 1938 Oregon plates 299-336, for a 1930 Pontiac Sedan, motor number 682086. It is noted that temporary permit to drive this auto carried number 62482.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **OKLAHOMA CITY**

FILE NO. **76-614**

REPORT MADE AT CINCINNATI, OHIO.	DATE WHEN MADE 5-12-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4-22&29; 5-2&9-38.	REPORT MADE BY L. A. OBENSHAIN goc
TITLE RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O.#1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O.#1471.			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>Letter received by Warden at Alcatraz Penitentiary from one DWIGHT O. PUGH, Veterans Administration Hospital, Dayton, Ohio, contained information concerning the subjects in this case. DWIGHT O. PUGH left National Military Home at Dayton, Ohio, A.W.O.L. on 4-6-38. PUGH is subject of two Cincinnati cases and has been sentenced to both Atlanta and Leavenworth Penitentiaries. Present whereabouts of WILLIAM F. LEAMAN unknown to his brother.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p><u>Reference:</u></p> <p>Report of Special Agent FRANCIS J. SMITH, Cincinnati, 3-11-38; letter from San Francisco to Oklahoma City Field Office, 4-16-38; Bureau letter to Oklahoma City, 4-25-38.</p> <p><u>Details:</u></p> <p><u>AT DAYTON, OHIO.</u></p> <p>This investigation is based upon a letter from one DWIGHT O. PUGH, Ward #7, Veterans Hospital, Dayton, Ohio, and received by Warden J. A. JOHNSTON at Alcatraz Penitentiary, a copy of which letter has been forwarded to the Cincinnati office by the San Francisco office and is being quoted herewith:</p> </div> </div>			
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"Veterans Hospital
Dayton, Ohio
April 2, 1938

"For the Dept. of Justice
Dear Sir:

"As regards TED COLE and RALPH ROE who lammed from the Rock the following may be of interest:

I did time with them in Leavenworth. TED was doing half a century for a snatch, while RALPH was shaking 99 - due out in year 2001 on a national bank job.

"If you'd watch miss BILLIE BROWN, Sawpulpa, Oklahoma, you might find something. At present I can't recall her street address but can get it.

"Three cons in McAlister, Okla. Pen. could talk about him if they would: BOB BRIDGES of Tulsa, ERNIE JONES and MORGAN, the latter in on a car rap.

"I understood that FRANKIE LAKE, TERRY DRUGGAN, RALPH CAPONE, COLLETTI, SAM and JACK CUSAH and FRANK NITTI and HYMIE LEVINS were figuring something on JOHNSON'S hotel, Alcatraz. I believe the Rock is due for some hot fireworks - in a fog - and the cable to Oakland, and Lieut. NELSON.

"As soon as I am out of here and get back to Chi, if I learn anything of real value, I'll let you know.

"I've done enough time myself and do not crave anymore.

Yours truly,

DWIGHT O. PUGH, Ward 7
Vets Hospital

"BOB BRIDGES might be back in Leavenworth doing the short way parole on two years. What time in 1940 will my citizenship be restored?"

"It was ascertained at the National Military Home that DWIGHT PUGH was admitted to the Veterans Hospital on 3-2-38 from the Lima State Hospital, Lima, Ohio, and had been put in Ward #7, the mental ward at the hospital. A short time after being admitted to the hospital, PUGH was transferred to Company #6 at the Home and on 4-6-38, he left A.W.O.I. and his whereabouts at the time of this investigation were not known.

The veteran's file at the National Military Home reflects that his mother, IDA RYAN PUGH, lives on Rt. #1, Westville, Illinois; that he has a brother, ORVILLE PUGH, living at 5656 W. Race Ave., Chicago, Ill., that PUGH's wife, ETHEL PALMER PUGH, from whom he is separated, and his two children, live at Cardington, Ohio.

The files in the Cincinnati Office reflect that DWIGHT OTIS PUGH was the subject in Cincinnati File #76-254, entitled, "DWIGHT OTIS PUGH, w.a., ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER".

PUGH was sentenced in the U. S. District Court at East St. Louis, Ill., on 1-8-32, for violation of the N.M.V.T.A. to serve 3 years in the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas. This sentence was to be served upon the termination of a previous sentence in the U. S. Penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga.

Cincinnati file #62-494, entitled "Dwight Otis Pugh, Miscellaneous- forgery Appointment Certificate of U. S. Military Academy", reflects that PUGH was sentenced to 2 years and 6 months on 2-25-30 at the U. S. Penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga.

PUGH escaped from a Federal Road Camp at Fort Bragg, N.C., on 8-1-30.

The above files reflect that subject's wife, ETHEL PALMER PUGH, was most frequently contacted by PUGH after his escape and after his release from the Penitentiary.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent FRANCIS J. SMITH at CIRCLEVILLE, OHIO:

ROBERT LEAMAN, brother of WILLIAM F. LEAMAN, was interviewed at his farm located seven miles south of Circleville on Rural Route #1, and advised he had not heard from his brother since his departure from Columbus, Ohio, during the latter part of February, 1938. ROBERT LEAMAN was unable to give any information which might assist in locating his

brother WILLIAM. He advised he made inquiry at the Gulf Service Station, 276 W. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio, several days before and also at 33¹/₂ Starling Ave., in an effort to ascertain whether any of WILLIAM's friends and fellow workers had any information concerning his present location but that he was unable to learn anything of value.

Undeveloped Leads:

THE CINCINNATI OFFICE at Cardington, Ohio, will contact ETHEL PALMER PUGH, the wife of DWIGHT O. PUGH, in an effort to locate DWIGHT PUGH. If he is located at Cardington, he should be interviewed concerning the information he furnished in the letter set out in this report.

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Dear Sir:

RE: ROCOL.

Please refer to my letter of May 3, 1938, and my letters of May 11, 1938, as well as letter from the Memphis Office dated May 10, 1938 in connection with the efforts of BRYAN CONWAY of Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, to obtain information concerning this case.

As indicated in my letter of May 11, 1938, CONWAY was furnished a round trip bus ticket to go to Idabel, Oklahoma, for the purpose of contacting AMAN PIERCE, with aliases, and stated at that time that he would probably be back to Oklahoma City on May 13 or 14, 1938. CONWAY returned to Oklahoma City from Idabel on the night of May 16, 1938, and talked to the writer on the morning of May 17, 1938.

He stated he had contacted AMAN PIERCE and had been with him continuously at his place near Idabel until May 16, 1938; that it had taken him longer to get the information than he had anticipated but that he had gotten same. CONWAY at this point asked if he would get the balance of the \$100.00 promised him and said that he did not want to give the information unless he got the money. He was informed he would be given everything that had been promised him, and he then stated that PIERCE had told him that he, PIERCE, had received information from a source which CONWAY did not learn that ROE and COLE had arranged with someone on the outside, before their escape, to arrange for them a hideout in San Francisco after their escape and had money sent to this contact, who maintained the hideout, or sent in some manner to them, which Pierce did not definitely know so that this money would be available to them after their escape. PIERCE informed him that the money was sent to San Francisco by some one whom PIERCE did not know or whose name he did not learn, but whom PIERCE thought was a brother of RALPH ROE. He did not know the

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name of the brother. PIERCE further stated that he had received information that this money had not been called for or obtained by ROE or COLE, and that the money had been returned to the sender, which indicated to both PIERCE and CONWAY that "the boys had not made it". CONWAY stated that both he and PIERCE decided that if ROE and COLE had made good their escape that they would have immediately contacted the keeper of the hideout and would have obtained the money. CONWAY says that inasmuch as PIERCE's information is that they did not call for the money and that the money was returned, that the boys did not make good their escape but probably drowned.

CONWAY was questioned as to whether PIERCE had obtained any information as to the intended method of escape or the attempted means of escape. CONWAY said that the only information PIERCE had concerning this was that ROE and COLE were supposed to have obtained some kind of corks and made some sort of a device which would have enabled them to float. CONWAY said that PIERCE did not have any information as to where they obtained any corks and CONWAY said that he did not know where they could have obtained corks at Alcatraz.

In view of CONWAY's previous indication that he had reason to believe that ROE and COLE had escaped I asked him what was his belief now, and he stated that in view of the information obtained by PIERCE, which undoubtedly was correct, that he now believed the boys must have drowned.

When CONWAY returned from Idabel on May 16, 1938, he had every appearance of being on a prolonged drunk, and when interviewed by the writer on May 17, 1938, he was exceptionally nervous and had the appearance of just getting over the effects of heavy drinking. He, however, stated that he had just been taking a few drinks of Oklahoma moonshine each day while he was with PIERCE, but that he had not gotten drunk.

CONWAY, when he first contacted me here, impressed me as being absolutely unreliable and of being the type who could not obtain any information from any exconvicts, even assuming that the exconvicts had information to impart, as I believe any exconvicts would hesitate to ever give CONWAY any information. I fully expected that when he returned to Oklahoma City he would appear very secretive and would tell me that PIERCE had told him that ROE and COLE had been back to Oklahoma and had made good

their escape. The information that CONWAY did furnish me, as related above, therefore surprised me somewhat and it may possibly have some foundation. It is entirely different from the story that I expected CONWAY to give as I believe he is certainly a thorough liar.

The San Francisco Office is being requested to make further inquiry to determine whether there was any possibility of Subjects obtaining corks or cork material to make life preservers out of.

The following is a recap of the money furnished to CONWAY and the money used in transportation:

Cash furnished him by the Memphis Office	\$15.00
5-11-38, Cash given to him by the writer	10.00
5-11-38, Bus ticket to Idabel and return	8.83
Round trip coach ticket from Nashville to Oklahoma City and return	<u>29.30</u>
Total	\$ 63.13
5-17-38 Balance of cash given to CONWAY by the writer	<u>36.87</u>
Total	\$100.00

In view of the promise made to CONWAY the writer gave him \$37.00 in cash on May 17, 1938. He stated that he would return to his home at Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, and if he obtained any further information he would contact the Memphis Office.

I do not believe that any further arrangements should be made with CONWAY, either to furnish him any money or to furnish him transportation to any point as I still believe he is absolutely unreliable. I believe the only arrangements that should be made with him would be to promise him a certain sum if the Subjects are actually apprehended through information furnished by him.

Very truly yours,


E. F. GUINANE

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

EPG:os
cc - San Francisco
cc - Memphis

Suite 1729, 111 Sutter,
San Francisco, California
May 17, 1938

Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

RE: ROCOL

Mr. FRED REICHEL, Secretary to Warden J. A. JOHNSTON of the U. S. Penitentiary at Alcatraz has just transmitted to this office a copy of a post card received at that institution from P. B. KILPATRICK Fairfax, Oklahoma. The message on the card reads as follows:

"Dear Sir: I think if your men COLE and Pal aint dead you can get in touch close to Tulsa. I dont like mad dogs at large. Ive been trying to get in touch with a good shut mouth G M for some time. There's a hangout in Carbondale 10 M Tulsa. It was PRETTY BOYS FREMONT McCOLLUM WRIGHT and I think COLE. if you are intisted let me know as for my reffer Shaffer off pure Oil Co at (writing indistinct) Seminole was gun man for them about 5 y and dont lie I could take you to 3 or 4 places in less than 50 off here I dont want no publicity they are all Hot and Bad".

It is suggested that you contact Mr. KILPATRICK for any information he may have relative to subjects.

Very truly yours,

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

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cc Bureau ✓

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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S.A. FILE NO.

76-338

REPORT MADE AT San Antonio, Texas	DATE WHEN MADE May 20, 1938	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE May 19, 1938	REPORT MADE BY F. J. Lackey
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:

C. M. COX, 115 Goliad Street, claims he saw COLE on streets in San Antonio April 22, 1938, but did not realize it was COLE until he saw a picture in the Detectives magazine several days ago. COX has not seen this man since about April 25th and has no information as to present whereabouts. Description of man seen by COX at variance with known description of COLE. P.

DETAILS:

C. M. COX, 115 Goliad Street, San Antonio, Texas, called at the San Antonio office and stated that about 15 years ago he lived near the family of THEODORE COLE in Belvedere Gardens, Los Angeles, Cal. and that at that time COLE'S father or step-father was a railroad man; that they had only one child and he stated that the family was still living in Los Angeles so far as he knew and stated that to the best of his knowledge he had never seen THEODORE COLE even while a child.

The serials in the San Antonio file do not reflect that COLE'S family ever lived at Los Angeles and it was observed from COLE'S conversation that he had this family confused with some one else. He stated that during the Battle of Flowers parade at San Antonio on April 22nd, he had seen a man standing in the crowd at the corner of the Joske Building and that his attention was drawn to this man by the fact that the man was very obviously watching COLE and his wife. He described this man as follows:

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Age, 27
Height, 5 feet 7 inches
Weight, 165
Hair, black, short, combed back
Eyes, Noticeably black and large
Wore no hat
Complexion, Sallow

He states that a few days later he saw this man come out of the Black Cat Cafe and get into a dirty roadster with two other men, at which time this man appeared to observe COX very closely. He stated that he thought nothing further about the matter until three or four days ago when his son brought home an old detective story magazine in which he saw the picture of COLE and immediately connected it with the man he had seen in San Antonio.

He was shown pictures of COLE and ROE, together with several other pictures and picked the picture of COLE as that of the man seen by him in San Antonio. There is only one picture of COLE available in the San Antonio office and this is the same picture as that appearing in the Detective Story magazines. COX stated that he has not seen this man since about April 24th or 25th; did not get the license number of the car which he entered and knows nothing whatever of his associates or where he was living. He stated that he had never seen ROE and did not know of any one else who had seen this man in San Antonio, inasmuch as he had not called the attention of his wife to this man and she had not seen him due to the fact that she was watching the parade at the time.

It is noted that the description furnished by Cox is inconsistent with the description of Cole, especially as to weight, hair, and eyes. Due to these discrepancies and that fact that the information furnished by Cox is not capable of verification no further action is taken.

Pending.

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

FILE NO. **76-50**

REPORT MADE AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON	DATE WHEN MADE 5/20/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/28/38	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: **MRS. A. M. MEHLENBECK, Centralia, Wn., reports C. W. GARRISON was near Cathlamet, Wn., about a year ago and states she believes a judgment exists against GARRISON in Wahkiakum County. MRS. MEHLENBECK unable to state whether GARRISON owns a 1930 Buick car.**

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent R. L. MOORE, Seattle, Washington, 3/12/38.

DETAILS: At Centralia, Washington.

MRS. A. M. MEHLENBECK, 818 Marsh Street, informed agent that she believed C. W. GARRISON was presently working on an island in the Columbia River near Cathlamet, Washington. She stated he was working for an attorney at that place whose name she did not recall, and that she last heard of his being there about one year ago. She stated that GARRISON owed her money, and that she was unaware of whether or not he possessed a 1930 Buick Coupe. She had no information concerning W. J. HOOD, Montesano, Washington, who is reported to have a judgment against GARRISON. She stated she thought there was a judgment against GARRISON in Wahkiakum County.

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SEATTLE FIELD OFFICE

At Montesano, Washington, will contact W. J. HOOD for any assistance he may render in locating CHARLES W. GARRISON.

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At Cathlamet, Washington, will determine the whereabouts of C. W. GARRISON, who should then be interviewed concerning his purchase of tide tables at Portland, as related in the report of Special Agent H. A. KING, Portland, Oregon, dated January 8, 1938.

At the Wahkiakum County Court House, Cathlamet, will examine the records for a judgment against C. W. GARRISON, and in the event he cannot be located there, will ascertain from the holder of the judgment, any information he may have that may be of assistance in locating C. W. GARRISON.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA.

FILE NO. 76-259

REPORT MADE AT DALLAS, TEXAS.	DATE WHEN MADE 5-21-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/18, 19/38	REPORT MADE BY E. LEWIS NICHOLS.
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: LAWRENCE and TED BROWN no longer reside at 1003 Seventeenth Street, Wichita Falls, Texas. LAWRENCE BROWN now in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p><u>REFERENCE:</u> Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated April 28, 1938.</p> <p><u>DETAILS:</u> <u>AT WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS</u></p> <p>MRS. G. F. ROBERTSON, 1003 Seventeenth Street, advised that during the latter part of August, 1937, L. E. BROWN and his father moved from this address; that L. E. BROWN went to Oklahoma; that she did not know where his father moved to. She further stated that she did not know TED BROWN, as she merely moved in as the BROWNS were moving out.</p> <p>EVA INGHAM, Reliable Furniture and Transfer Company 318 Indiana Street, advised that LAWRENCE and TED BROWN and their father WILL BROWN left Wichita Falls early last Fall. She stated that the BROWNS owed several people around town and consequently left no forwarding address.</p> <p>CHARLES MEYERS, Superintendents Office, United States Post Office, stated that the last address they had on the BROWNS was 1003 Seventeenth Street and that they left no forwarding address when they moved.</p>			
<p>APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>E. L. Nichols</i></p> <p>COPIES OF THIS REPORT</p> <p>3- Bureau 2- Oklahoma City 2- San Francisco 2- Dallas.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">DFMc.</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</p> <p style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;">396</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MAY 28 1938</p>	

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JOHN W. THOMAS, Manager, Retail Merchant's Association, advised that their records reflect that LAWRENCE E. BROWN left Wichita Falls, Texas on September 3, 1937, and on October 7, 1937, they received a report that he was employed by a Utility Company in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; that they have no information relative to the whereabouts of TED BROWN, but that WILLIAM LEE BROWN, father of LAWRENCE and TED BROWN, is residing in Gladewater, Texas and can be located there at the Buick Company, #6 Main Street.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS.

THE OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD DIVISION

AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

Will attempt to locate LAWRENCE E. BROWN, probably employed by a Utility Company. If located, will obtain from him any information he may have pertaining to instant escape.

THE DALLAS FIELD DIVISION

AT GLADEWATER, TEXAS

Will obtain from WILLIAM LEE BROWN, Buick Company, #6 Main Street, any information he may have relative to the escape of Subjects ROE and COLE.

PENDING.

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

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P. O. Box 1276,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,
May 23, 1938.

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

RE: ^OROCOL

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter of May 6, 1938 (76-2686), making reference to letter of March 4, 1938 from the Little Rock Office to this Office relative to a cabin located near the intersection of Highways #10 and #30 in Arkansas which was believed to be a hangout of lawless characters and was alleged to be the property of two lawyers named ~~X~~Schwabe and John ~~X~~Scott of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Special Agent L. E. Kingman at Tulsa ascertained by discreet inquiry that George B. ~~X~~Schwabe is an attorney with offices at 1434 Hunt Building, Tulsa, residence 1547 North Denver, Tulsa. Mr. Schwabe is a prominent attorney and considered a man of excellent character and has the reputation of being of the highest type of citizen. His practice is mainly civil and he does not appear to be the type who would harbor criminals.

Most of the information concerning Schwabe was obtained from W. P. ~~X~~Smith, U. S. Commissioner in Tulsa, who owns property near the junction of Oklahoma Highways #10 and #33 close to the cabin described. Mr. Smith stated that Mr. Schwabe owned considerable land in that vicinity and that there were several farm houses and small cabins located on these lands; that 140 acres owned by Mr. Schwabe adjoin property owned by Judge Smith. He stated that Mr. Schwabe had been prominent in Republican politics and, at the time of the appointment of Franklin E. Kennamer as Federal Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma, that Schwabe was seriously considered for this position. Mr. Smith stated that on the lands owned by Mr. Schwabe he is developing an orchard of deciduous fruits, and that he has employed or has associated with him a man by the name of John C. ~~X~~Scott, who spends

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most of his time supervising the developing of these orchards. John C. Scott was formerly in the insurance business in Tulsa and bears a good reputation. He maintains his home in Tulsa at 1436 South Gary Place.

Care was taken not to divulge the real purpose of the inquiries.

Very truly yours,


E. P. GUINANE,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Little Rock

Post Office Box 1630
San Antonio, Texas
May 24, 1938

FJL/ML

Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

RALPH ROE, w.a. FUGITIVE; I.O. #1472
THEODORE COLE, w.a. " ; I.O. #1471
Escaped Federal Prisoners

Dear Sir:

There is attached hereto an original anonymous letter which was mailed at San Antonio, 12:30 P.M. May 23, 1938, in an envelope of the Goldman Hotel, Fort Smith, Ark. This letter reads as follows:

"Coming on a bus to Santone yesterday I heard a 'tell-it-all' girl say she had just come from Pawhuska, Okla. & that the one of the 2 recent Alcatraz escapes called 'Red' was being hidden in a cave on a creek in or near Okelate, Okla. (near Bartlesville).

"She said she was taken to see him by a cousin of this 'Red's' called 'Rexie' or 'Rocky.'

"Pass this on if you want for what its worth. I don't want to be mixed up in this sort of thing unless there's a reward forthcoming.

The Pathfinder"

Santone
May 23

This matter is forwarded to you for whatever value it may have.

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Very truly yours,

Gus T. Jones,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Bureau

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AIR MAIL

SPECIAL DELIVERY

May 25, 1938.

Special Agent in Charge
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Re: HOCOL

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to your telephonic request of
May 25, 1938, six copies of a photograph of Edward
Rowland, Alcatraz #154, are being transmitted here-
with.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
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Mr. Gurnea
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Mr. Jones
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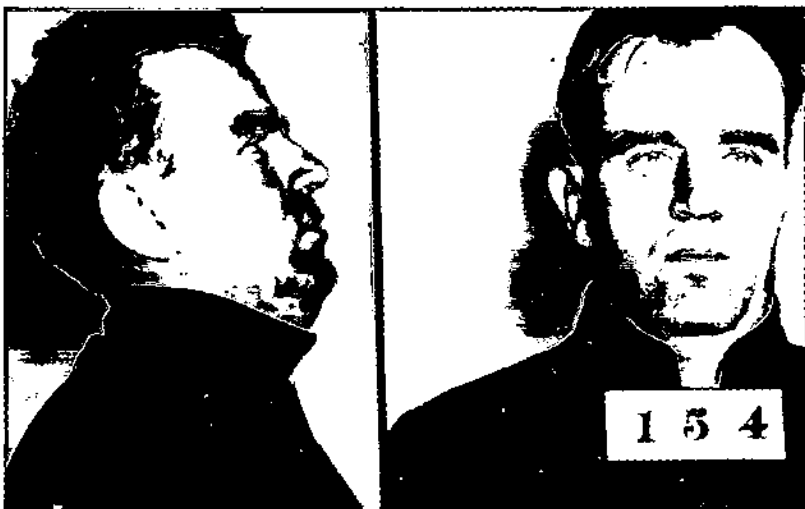
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June 25, 1938.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF PRISONS

With reference to your memorandum of May 25, 1938, in connection with the delay in calling to the attention of the San Francisco Office of the FBI the attempted escape from Alcatraz of prisoners who fatally wounded a guard at the penitentiary, I have noted your statement that the Warden was on the mainland at the time the attempted escape occurred and, consequently, the other officers of the institution had not notified you of the escape until the Warden returned. I have been advised, however, by the Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau's San Francisco Office that a formal press release was issued by Warden Johnston to the newspapers one hour before the facts in this situation were reported to the San Francisco Office of the Bureau.

With reference to the escape of Aoe and Cole from Alcatraz, the records of this Bureau indicate that the San Francisco Office of the Bureau initially received its information from newspaper reports concerning the escape and furnished this information to the Washington headquarters of the FBI. Upon receiving this information, Mr. Tamm of the Bureau made telephonic inquiry of your office as to whether an escape had occurred in an effort to confirm the newspaper reports which had been received.

Relative to your memorandum of May 31, 1938, concerning the death of inmate Herbert Otis Hayes of the Leavenworth Penitentiary on May 25, 1938, you are advised that the Kansas City Office of the Bureau is conducting investigation into the facts in this situation.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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JAMES V. BENNETT
DIRECTOR.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
BUREAU OF PRISONS
WASHINGTON

May 25, 1938.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR,
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,

Thank you for calling my attention to the delay with respect to calling the office of the Bureau of Investigation in San Francisco or the Washington headquarters of your Bureau when an escape or an attempted escape occurs in one of our institutions. I appreciate your suggestions and shall advise our Wardens as to the necessity for speedily contacting your local offices in an emergency of this kind.

The difficulty at Alcatraz during the most recent attempted escape was that at the time it occurred, the Warden was on the main land and the other officers of the institution did not notify me until he had returned. I understand that he also promptly notified your agent in San Francisco, who has been very helpfully cooperating with him in the investigation of the attempted escape and assisting in gathering up evidence to present to the Court for prosecution of those involved.

At the time Roe and Cole made their attempt to escape from Alcatraz, my recollection is that we notified Mr. Tamm of your Bureau as soon as we were advised of what had occurred. The information reached the newspapers through the broadcast which was made over the institutional radio system contemporaneously with the report of the occurrence to this Bureau and thence to your Washington headquarters.

I shall take steps, however, to clarify this whole matter with our Wardens.

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(s) JAMES V. BENNETT

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Re: Roe and Cole;
Escaped Federal Prisoners.

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SAC Guinane called from Oklahoma City regarding the above entitled case. I was advised that Mr. Guinane had received a phone call from Sheriff Floyd Randolph in Ardmore, Oklahoma. In this call the sheriff reported that an ex-convict informant had told him this morning that Ralph Roe came to Ardmore about two weeks ago with two other convicts, one from Detroit and one from Chicago. These latter two men are rather dark complected and appear to be Italians. Roe contacted the ex-convict, the name of whom the sheriff did not disclose, and Roe wanted to find out where Nellie Kime, who is the sister of Matt Kime who is now serving a life sentence in McAlester, could be located. Nellie Kime is not around Ardmore and Roe was unable to locate her. This informant knew where Nellie Kimes lives but he did not divulge the information. Quite a number of the underworld characters are aware of the residence of Nellie and it is believed that she is near Stewart, Oklahoma. Roe and the two convicts were around Ardmore until about 5:00 P.M. last night and were supposed to have left Ardmore for Oklahoma City or someplace around this vicinity. According to the sheriff's informant, Cole was drowned in the escape from Alcatraz. Roe is reported to be driving an unknown year make of a Ford V-8 Tudor, color grey, bearing Oklahoma tags. Sheriff Randolph is quite sure that his informant is telling the truth. The sheriff has not told anyone except Mr. Guinane and has promised to keep the matter quiet. There are several persons around Ada, Oklahoma whom Roe may try to contact; there is also a woman sweetheart of Roe who has a lot of money named Birdie Pruitt. Birdie lives in the vicinity of Ardmore and has a large ranch; it is known that she would both harbor and give money to Roe. SAC Guinane and Agents Bryce and Hurt will leave for Ardmore to obtain more information and make an investigation of any contacts that Roe may try to reach around Ardmore or Ada. Agent Carter was on his way to Ardmore, Oklahoma and was instructed by Mr. Guinane to contact the sheriff immediately. I was told that in the Oklahoma City indexes on page sixteen of the report of SAC Gurnea for December 28, 1937, one of the Alcatraz convicts who had been released is Edward Rowland, Alcatraz #154. Rowland is from Chicago and it has been reported that his true name is Edward John Gillies; there is nothing in the files concerning a convict from Detroit. Mr. Guinane asked if I would have the Identification Unit send several pictures of Edward Rowland. Mr. Guinane stated that he will take all the necessary weapons on the trip in case Roe is met. I told SAC Guinane that I would have the photographs sent by air-mail, special delivery tonight.

Respectfully,

P. E. FOXWORTH

Mr. Tolson...
 Mr. Nathan...
 Mr. Tamm...
 Mr. Clegg...
 Mr. Coffey...
 Mr. Dawsey...
 Mr. Egan...
 Mr. Foxworth...
 Mr. Glavin...
 Mr. Harbo...
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United States Department of Justice

POST OFFICE BOX 1276
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA
MAY 25, 1938

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ROCOL

Please refer to Bureau letter of May 17, 1938, concerning confidential informant TOM ANTONE and containing instructions that no further advancement should be made to him unless he produced results within a period of three weeks time.

In accordance with previous communications ANTONE proceeded to Odessa and Levelland, Texas and contacted HAZEL UNDERHILL, who told him she believed ROE and COLE had made their escape but indicated she had no information whatsoever and told ANTONE very strongly that she did not want to have any thieves contacting her or communicating with her in any manner in the future inasmuch as she intended marrying a respectable citizen near Levelland, Texas.

ANTONE stated that because of the attitude taken by HAZEL UNDERHILL he does not believe she will ever obtain any information or would impart any information to anyone.

No further money will be advanced to ANTONE in view of the information received.

The Dallas Office, in a separate report, is being requested to verify the information obtained on the possibility that HAZEL UNDERHILL might have been misleading the informant.

Very truly yours,

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REPORT MADE AT DALLAS, TEXAS	DATE WHEN MADE 5/26/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/20/38	REPORT MADE BY D. B. DAVISS
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:

Mr. EARL FIELDS has returned to Tulsa, Oklahoma, to make his home.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent J. V. MURPHY, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated December 29, 1937.

DETAILS:

AT FORT WORTH, TEXAS:


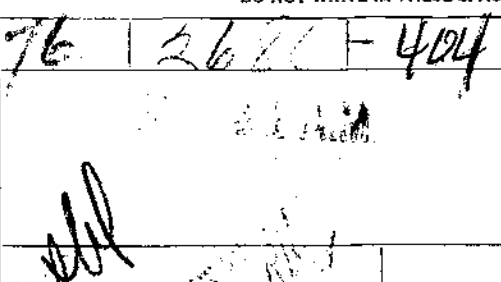
Miss MARY MARGARET HUMPHREYS, Secreatry in the office of Lofflan Brothers Drilling Contractors, 914 W. T. Waggoner Building, Fort Worth, Texas, advised that Mr. EARL FIELDS was no longer connected with the above concern; that he left Fort Worth for Tulsa, Oklahoma, on the afternoon of May 19, 1938, and could now be located at his residence, 818 South Atlanta, Tulsa, Oklahoma, or through the local airport in Tulsa.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE

At Tulsa, Oklahoma, will locate and interview EARL FIELDS through his residence, 818 South Atlanta Street, or through the local airport, for any information he may be able to furnish which may be of assistance in locating subjects. He should be questioned as to whether while JAMES ROE was associated with him in Tulsa, JAMES ROE ever mentioned to him the possibility of flying to California and freeing his brother from Alcatraz Island through the use of airplane or seaplane.

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Seattle, Washington

May 23, 1938

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

Dear Sir:

This is to advise the Bureau that it is contemplated that Special Agent FRED HALLFORD will proceed to the Province of British Columbia, Canada on or about May 26, 1938 to conduct investigation at various points in that Province in connection with the following cases:

"ALBERT LEONARD PEGRAM, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1404; LOUIS McCAUGHEY;
JOHN S. LABATT-VICTIM,
KIDNAPING."

"GORDON FANCETT, with aliases,
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT."

"JOHN EMERSON DIAMOND, FUGITIVE;
I.I.B. #56;
MAIL FRAUD."

"ROLPH MAURICE FORSYTH, with aliases,
(Deceased); GEORGE HENRY PARTRIDGE, with
aliases; ATTEMPTED BOMBING OF FOREIGN
VESSEL ON THE WATERS WITHIN JURISDICTION
OF UNITED STATES."

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

"WILLIS W. BENTLEY, C 1 400 250;
WAR RISK INSURANCE."

"MAURICE DENNING, with aliases, FUGITIVE,
I. O. #1254; THOMAS ROBERT LIMERICK, with
aliases, FUGITIVE; EVFLYN SWRT, with
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The Bureau has previously authorized investigation at Vancouver, B. C. in connection with the case entitled, "ANTHONY EVERARD MILLER, with alias, FUGITIVE, EMBEZZLEMENT OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY; DESERTER."

It is requested that I be telegraphically advised whether authority is granted for Special Agent HALLFORD to proceed to the Province of British Columbia, Canada for the purpose stated.

Very truly yours,

/s/ R. C. SURAN
R. C. SURAN
Special Agent in Charge

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **OKLAHOMA CITY**

O.C. FILE NO. **76-348**

REPORT MADE AT Oklahoma City, Okla.	DATE WHEN MADE 5-26-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5-25-38	REPORT MADE BY E. P. GUINANE, SAC OS
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:

Informant of Sheriff FLOYD RANDOLPH, Ardmore, Oklahoma, who had also been an informant of Special Agents HURT and BRYCE, of the Oklahoma City Office, advised Sheriff RANDOLPH that RALPH ROE and two other individuals, appearing to be Italians and probably from Chicago and Detroit, had contacted informant about May 8, 1938, and on May 24, 1938, at Ardmore, for the purpose of locating NELLIE KIME, an associate of gangsters and a sister of MATT KIME, who is serving a sentence in McAlester Penitentiary. Investigation so far indicates that the information furnished is probably untrue or that informant had been led to believe that an individual who might be BRUCE BRADY was RALPH ROE. Further check being made at Stewart and Ada, Oklahoma.

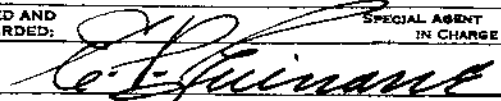
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REFERENCE:

Telegram to Bureau dated 5-25-38.

DETAILS:

On the morning of May 25, 1938, Sheriff FLOYD RANDOLPH, of Ardmore, Oklahoma, telephonically informed the writer that an exconvict informant of his, at Ardmore, had told him that RALPH ROE had been in the vicinity of Ardmore for the past two weeks in company with two other gangsters, who appeared to be Italians and were thought to be from Detroit and Chicago, and that ROE

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had left Ardmore with these men about 5 P.M. on May 24, 1938, supposedly for Oklahoma City or vicinity. The Sheriff stated his informant advised him that ROE and his two companions were traveling in a Ford V-8 Tudor, color gray, with, he believed, Oklahoma tags. The informant did not know the license number or the approximate year of the Ford.

The informant had advised the Sheriff that he had known RALPH ROE and that ROE contacted him for the purpose of locating NELLIE KIME, a known associate of gangsters and a sister of MATT KIME, who is serving a life term in McAlester Penitentiary. The Sheriff stated that ROE had told the informant that TED COLE had been drowned in the attempt to escape. The informant said that he knew the location of NELLIE KIME, which he believed was at Stewart, Oklahoma, with a party known as MOUNT POE.

The Sheriff stated that his informant was very reliable and he believed the information was absolutely correct. The Sheriff was advised that I would proceed with other Agents to Ardmore to contact him. Special Agent B. T. CARTER, who was enroute to Ardmore, was telephoned to contact the Sheriff immediately so as to be available until other Agents arrived in Ardmore.

A search of the separate index cards on this case in the Oklahoma City Office revealed that one EDWARD ROWLAND, Alcatraz Number 154, was from Chicago.

The above information was telephonically communicated to Mr. FOXWORTH, at the Bureau, and he was advised that the writer and Special Agents HURT and BRYCE were proceeding immediately to Ardmore. Mr. FOXWORTH was requested to forward a photograph of EDWARD ROWLAND, Alcatraz Number 154, to this office on the possibility that ROWLAND might be one of the associates of RALPH ROE.

The writer and Special Agents C. O. HURT and D. A. BRYCE proceeded immediately to Ardmore and contacted Sheriff RANDOLPH, who again related the above information with the exception of stating that ROE and his two companions were supposed to have contacted the informant about May 8, 1938, and then again on May 24, 1938, but that he did not know whether they had been in the vicinity of Ardmore during the intervening period. The Sheriff stated that his informant had made him promise not to disclose his name to any other officer or individual, and advised the Sheriff that he would not give any information if contacted by anyone else. The Sheriff at this point stated that he had asked the informant whether he could not contact the F.B.I., and mentioned particularly Special Agent C. O. HURT but the

informant urged the Sheriff not to communicate with the F.B.I. or with Agent HURT as he was afraid it would become known and he would suffer for it.

When the Sheriff mentioned this Special Agents HURT and BRYCE asked the Sheriff if his informant was not one JOE PATTON and the Sheriff indicated that it was. Agents HURT and BRYCE both know JOE PATTON, who lives in Ardmore, very well and have received considerable information from PATTON in the past, while they were with the Oklahoma City Police Department and while with the Bureau. They considered PATTON a reliable informant and a close associate of a number of gangsters who used his place as a place to stop in overnight but neither HURT nor BRYCE knew of any possible connection between PATTON and RALPH ROE or TED COLE. PATTON lives in the northeast section of Ardmore or what is known as a squatters' community. PATTON is broke practically all the time and lives on what little money he can get from police officers for information and from hoodlums who stop at his place for short periods.

It appeared desirable at this point for Agents to interview PATTON to determine whether he had in fact seen RALPH ROE as it appeared from the request he made to the Sheriff not to inform the F.B.I. that he was simply trying to impress the Sheriff with this information to gain some gratuity from the Sheriff but that he did not want to talk to Agents of the F.B.I. for fear it would be discovered that his story was untrue. This was particularly true inasmuch as PATTON had always given any information which came into his possession to Special Agent HURT freely. The Sheriff, however, stated that he had promised PATTON that he would not have any other persons contact him and in deference to the Sheriff no direct contact was made at this time. It was suggested, however, to the Sheriff, in order to test the truth of PATTON's story, that he exhibit several photographs of individuals to PATTON, including the photograph of RALPH ROE with the name of another person indicated on the back of the photograph, and ask PATTON whether any of the photographs exhibited were photographs of the other persons accompanying ROE.

The Sheriff did this and informed the writer and other Agents that PATTON had looked over the photographs carefully and when he came to the photograph of RALPH ROE he hesitated and then told the Sheriff that he believed the photograph of ROE closely resembled one of the individuals. The informant in this case told the Sheriff that ROE was now wearing a black mustache and that he had gained about twenty pounds since his escape from Alcatraz.

He also stated that ROE had informed him that he had paddled his way from the island on a log and that even in spite of the cold water he was wet with perspiration and almost exhausted when he reached the mainland near a gate. The informant had also told the Sheriff that RALPH ROE had two brothers, both of whom had served time in a penitentiary, and one of whom had been injured in an automobile accident at Ada, Oklahoma, at which time one of the brother's children had almost been killed.

It appeared from the information given that the informant might have been actually visited by three men, one of whom had told him he was RALPH ROE, but it appeared from the information that it might possibly be BRUCE BRADY, brother of BOB BRAWY, and who had recently been released from Leavenworth, who also had had an automobile accident at Ada, Oklahoma. A photograph of BRUCE BRADY was not available but is being obtained and will be exhibited to the informant to determine if the informant might have been actually visited by three individuals, one of whom might have been BRUCE BRADY.

The file in this case reveals, and it is well known to Agents, that one MARIE BLACKBURN, who works at a tavern in Ardmore, was a former sweetheart of RALPH ROE and it is known that RALPH ROE was very much enamoured of MARIE prior to his incarceration and it was thought that if RALPH ROE had been in the vicinity of Ardmore he would have contacted MARIE BLACKBURN. Special Agent HURT had previously interviewed MARIE BLACKBURN, who had promised to give any information which had come into her possession about ROE or COLE but Agent HURT felt that MARIE would not give any information truthfully concerning ROE. The Sheriff did not know MARIE BLACKBURN by this name but knew her by her maiden name of MARY BROWN and stated she was still working in the tavern at Ardmore and stated he had known MARY BROWN practically all her life and felt positive she would give him any information she possessed.

Sheriff RANDOLPH contacted MARIE BLACKBURN nee MARY BROWN, who advised him that she had known RALPH ROE quite well but that she did not care to know anything further concerning him and hoped he would never come near her again. She informed the Sheriff she would immediately advise him if she secured any information concerning ROE.

JIM LATHROP, Deputy Sheriff, at Ardmore, is well acquainted with MARIE BLACKBURN and he informed he has seen MARIE every two or three days during the past several months and feels positive that MARIE would tell him if ROE had been in the vicinity.

Arrangements were made with the Sheriff to make necessary arrangements with JOE PATTON to send a messenger to the Sheriff immediately if RALPH ROE or COLE, or the individuals who did contact him, again appeared at his place.

It is felt that within a few days it will be satisfactory for Agents to directly contact JOE PATTON without embarrassing the Sheriff in his promise to PATTON.

It might be stated here that Sheriff FLOYD RANDOLPH is a wealthy rancher in addition to being Sheriff and was formerly a world renowned rodeo performer. His wife, FLORENCE RANDOLPH, was world's champion cowgirl for several years and both RANDOLPH and his wife are very highly regarded citizens of Ardmore and Sheriff RANDOLPH is considered to be thoroughly honest and is exceedingly cooperative with the Bureau.

In order to definitely determine whether there is any foundation to the story told by PATTON to the Sheriff an investigation is being made at Ada, Oklahoma, to determine whether RALPH ROE or any individuals answering the description of the individuals as given by PATTON, has contacted NELLIE KIME or has contacted any of the POES living near Stewart and Ada, Oklahoma.

Reference wire was dispatched to the Bureau on return of Agents to Oklahoma City, advising that so far the investigation had resulted negatively as far as indicating that RALPH ROE had been at Ardmore.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD DIVISION at Stewart and Ada, Oklahoma, will make investigation to determine definitely whether NELLIE KIME has been contacted by ROE or the individuals as described by the informant JOE PATTON.

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REPORT MADE AT San Francisco, Calif.	DATE WHEN MADE 5-26-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/11,12/38	REPORT MADE BY T. FITZHUGH WILSON - FB
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;">This office received two anonymous letters indicating CHARLES BIRD, I.O. 1461 and subjects ROE and COLE possibly in Stockton, California. Resulting investigation wholly negative. Identity of author of letters ascertained and found to be local police character with poor reputation for veracity.</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin-left: 40px;"><u>P.</u></p> <p>DETAILS: <u>AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.</u></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Under date of May 9th and 11th, 1938, this office received two anonymous undated letters written in pencil, the handwriting of which was apparently identical and each was begun with the salutation "P.O. Box 2535." The envelope in which the first letter was received bore a Stockton, California postmark that appeared to be dated May 8, 1938 at 1.30 PM (the day of the month was largely illegible) while the second envelope had a similar postmark dated May 10, 1938, at 5.30 P.M.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">The gist of the first letter was that its author had recently been introduced to an individual named BIRD (first name BILL, WILLIAM or CHARLES) who she knew was an ex-convict from the State of Missouri or vicinity. Also mentioned therein were RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE with the inference that they were in Stockton or vicinity too.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">The author went on to state that she had the present address of the individual whom she knew as BIRD and also knew of a place where</p>			
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ROE and COLE allegedly visited about once a month; that she was endeavoring to obtain their exact address and ended her letter with the sentences "You'll hear more about this in a few days. That's all."

The second letter advised that the address of the individual named ~~EYRD~~ or BIRD was "2118 Myrtle Avenue" and that the place ROE and COLE allegedly frequented was 309 S. D. Street;" that she was introduced to them at this latter address about one and a half months before and had seen them there once since. In the body of this latter letter was also drawn a small crude map in which the author attempted to show the location of the houses at the two addresses in question.

Through inquiry of Superintendent of Mails, W. A. WANDS, San Francisco Post Office, it was ascertained that the occupant of Post Office Box 2535 is the Customs Agency Service, Bureau of Customs, Room 315, U. S. Customs House, San Francisco, California.

AT STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA.

Search of the current Stockton City Directory disclosed there is no street known as S. D. Street but there is a South D Street and that the listed occupant at Number 309 South D Street is R. C. LUPOLD.

Subsequent investigation, however, disclosed that this latter party no longer resided there. Said directory search also disclosed there is no such address as 2118 Myrtle Avenue.

Inquiry at the Stockton Post Office, through Postmaster CHARLES B. PHARSON confirmed the fact there is no such address as 2118 Myrtle Avenue, but from mail carrier HERBERT L. MEYER, the carrier presently covering the 2100 block of East Myrtle Avenue and the 300 block of South D Street, it was ascertained that a WILLIAM L. LYRD and a MARIAN and BETTY BLESER have been receiving mail at 2118 E. Weber Avenue since February 28, 1938; also that E. Weber Avenue is one block due north of East Myrtle Avenue and runs parallel with it. From additional information obtained from Carrier MEYER, it was apparent that the house referred to by the author of the aforementioned anonymous letters as being located at 2118 Myrtle Avenue, actually was the one located at 2118 East Weber Avenue, inasmuch as the latter fitted, in detail, the description of the house as furnished by the author of the anonymous letters.

Regarding the identity of the present occupants at 309 South D Street, Carrier MEYER could furnish no information although he stated he knew definitely that none of the LUPOLDS resided there and had not been for several months; that the present occupants received mail rather infrequently, hence he was unable to recall their names and search of the current day's mail disclosed he had none for that address.

Photographs of RALPH ROE, THEODORE COLE, CHARLES BIRD and BARBARA SILBER BIRD (the latter two are subjects in the case entitled "CHARLES BIRD, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1461; BARBARA SILBER BIRD, with aliases, FUGITIVE; ET AL; WEST 130th STREET BRANCH, LORAIN STREET BANK, Cleveland, Ohio; BUCKLEY ROAD BRANCH, CENTRAL NATIONAL BANK, Cleveland, Ohio; COVENTRY ROAD BRANCH, CENTRAL NATIONAL BANK, Cleveland Heights, Ohio. BANK ROBBERY; FEDERAL ESCAPE ACT" of which Cleveland is the office of origin, San Francisco File Number 92-160) were exhibited to Carrier MEYER with negative results, he indicating they were all unknown to him. Similar results were also obtained when they were displayed to General Delivery Clerk CLARENCE W. WALSH; check of the General Delivery records under the true names and known aliases of these four individuals was likewise negative.

It was ascertained that the Stockton Post Office has among its records, two change of address orders which had been submitted by the WILLIAM BYRD mentioned above, hence the handwriting on these (the handwriting on each appeared identical) was compared by agent with the signature of CHARLES BIRD as shown on I.O. 1461, with negative results.

Inquiry of MR. HUGH A. DAVIDSON, Assistant Superintendent of Mails, disclosed that the section embracing the general area in which 2118 E. Weber Avenue and 309 South D Street are located is known as the Fair Oaks Section; also that there is only one drug store, the Fair Oaks Pharmacy, 2153 E. Main Street in that whole section and its proprietor is LEO A. LUDDE a member of the Stockton City Council. MR. LUDDE likewise serves as clerk in charge of the post office substation for that section, said substation being located at his drug store and he is considered thoroughly reliable.

MR. LUDDE'S store is located only a short distance around the corner from the house at 309 South D Street so the possibility was considered that if any of the four individuals mentioned above were residing in the Fair Oaks Section and had ever had occasion to purchase any drug store items in that section, MR. LUDDE might be in a position to furnish some information concerning them. Accordingly, the photographs of these four individuals were displayed to MR. LUDDE, his wife, to a MR. BIANCHI, a clerk in MR. LUDDE'S store and to MR. BRADY WOODS, Manager, HAROLD FULLIAM, Clerk and MYRL MARFELCH, Checker, employees of a large Safeway Grocery Store on the corner of East Main and South D Streets.

MRS. LUDDE who allegedly spends as much time in the drug store as MR. LUDDE, stated that none of the four photographs were familiar to her. MR. LUDDE and the three Safeway employees indicated that the only one familiar to them was that of CHARLES BIRD whom they thought they had seen come in their respective stores to make a purchase at some time or other, while MR. BIANCHI stated none of them was familiar to him.

although the photograph of CHARLES BIRD resembled very closely a young man who lives in the neighborhood who is several years younger than the reported age of CHARLES BIRD, as indicated on I.O. 1461, and who, MR. BLANCHI knows definitely, is not identical with CHARLES BIRD since he has known said young man for a considerable portion of his life.

Both the aforementioned manager of the Safeway Store and also MR. LUDDE were furnished with the address and telephone number of the San Francisco Field Office and each agreed to promptly advise this office should they in the future, obtain any information concerning anyone closely resembling the photographs and descriptions of the four fugitives in question. All of those interviewed were also requested to hold in strictest confidence the fact that they had been contacted by agent which they agreed to do.

Preliminary investigation at 309 South D Street disclosed no one was at home at the time nor was anyone at home next door. A casual survey of the interior of the premises at 309 South D Street obtained by peering through the windows on all sides and a similar survey of the garage and yard in back of the house, disclosed nothing of a suspicious nature.

Investigation was next conducted at 2118 E. Weber Avenue and vicinity. Interview was had, at that address under pretext with the lady of the house who stated she was MRS. BYRD. She advised that MR. BYRD had gone fishing but was expected back some time later that same day. MRS. BYRD, herself, did not resemble the photograph nor reported description of BARBARA SIEBLER BIRD and nothing of a suspicious nature was observed in the house or in the yard and garage at its rear. No other grown people were seen about at the time although several small children ranging from a babe in arms up to approximately nine or ten years, were playing about the premises. Nevertheless, it was deemed advisable under the circumstances to maintain a surveillance of the house and premises until MR. BYRD had returned and could be either definitely eliminated through interview as not being identical with CHARLES BIRD or vice versa. In connection with the maintenance of such a surveillance, it was noted that on the opposite side of the street from 2118 E. Weber Avenue is situated a bulk plant of the Shell Oil Company.

Arrangements were accordingly made with MR. E. N. GOODWIN, the manager, for agent to sit in his private office and keep watch on the house and premises in question.

MR. GOODWIN'S private office not only afforded an excellent view of the latter, but also of the entire street in that block. This surveillance was maintained by agent from approximately 2.30 PM, May 12, 1938, until 7.15 PM of the same date, at which time MR. BYRD was observed to return home.

Interview was then had with MR. BYRD under pretext, at which time it was learned that he was from St. Louis, Missouri, is a tin-smith by trade and had been living at his present address for approximately two and a half months. He neither resembled the photograph nor description of CHARLES BIRD in question, hence was definitely eliminated as a suspect.

Regarding the identities of MARIAN and BETTY BIESER who also were listed on the change of address orders covering that address referred to herein, it definitely was established that they were two of the small children which had been observed earlier that same day playing about the premises at 2118 E. Weber Avenue and were children of MRS. BYRD by her first husband, a MR. BIESER. Prior to the interview with MR. BYRD it was thought that the name BIESER might have some connection with the name SIEBER inasmuch as they are both spelled the same except for the transition of the two letters "S" and "B".

After the completion of the investigation at 2118 E. Weber Avenue, investigation was again conducted regarding 309 South D Street.

Another survey of the latter premises, (it was now dark) disclosed that the house was then occupied and that there were several cars parked in front of and in its driveway at the side. At this point it was deemed advisable to secure some local assistance for whatever developments might occur. Accordingly, arrangements were made by telephone with Night Captain C. O. SMITH of the Stockton Police Department to have DETECTIVE SERGEANT JOE H. HARBERT and DETECTIVE ELMER THORPE meet the writer at a point near the premises at 309 South D Street from whence the writer was then observing the activities there. (Officers HARBERT and THORPE were known to the writer as being reliable and had on previous occasions assisted him in various official matters when local assistance had been used.)

Neither OFFICER HARBERT nor THORPE could furnish any information regarding the premises or occupants at 309 South D Street but the former indicated he knew a party in the neighborhood who would most likely divulge any information to him she might possess regarding same. This party, a MRS. PATSY PENNINGER (she was known to OFFICER HARBERT as PATSY DAVIDSON) of 2197 East Main Street, was interviewed by OFFICER HARBERT and the writer while OFFICER THORPE continued to observe the premises at 309 South D Street. It is to be noted that although the house at 2197 E. Main Street faces on the latter street, there is between its rear and the premises at 309 South D Street, only one other small house which fronts on the latter street.

Immediately upon contacting PATSY PENNINGER, she voluntarily began to furnish the same information regarding the premises at 309 South D Street and the alleged association of RALPH ROE and THEODORE OCLE there, as had been contained in the anonymous

letters which had been received by this office and mentioned earlier herein. She also, at the same time, related the same information relative to the WILLIAM BYRD and premises at 2118 E. Weber Avenue, investigation concerning which has been reported earlier herein, as had likewise been received in said anonymous letters. It was obvious that she was the author of those letters and on being asked whether or not she had furnished such information by letter to the Federal Bureau of Investigation at San Francisco, she admitted she had.

The writer's connection with the FBI was not disclosed to PATSY PENNINGER, as she had apparently assumed from the outset of the interview, due to his being with OFFICER HARBERT, that he was simply a new officer of the Stockton Police Department, hence she was never advised to the contrary, it being thought best under the circumstances, not to change her belief in that respect.

Her information regarding ROE and COLE was very sketchy, she simply advising that she had met them at 309 South D Street about one and a half months ago and had seen them there once since. When shown the photographs of ROE and COLE (said photographs did not bear their names) along with those of CHARLES and BARBARA SIEBER BIRD, she indicated that the latter two were unknown to her but that the other two were photographs of the men she had met at 309 South D Street as RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE as mentioned above.

When asked, however, which had been introduced to her as COLE and which as ROE, she selected COLE'S photograph as being the photograph of the person she had met as ROE and vice versa. She further advised she had no information as to their present whereabouts, but then later, during the same interview, stated the man whom she met as RALPH ROE and who is also known to her as "RAY" was, she thought, at 309 South D Street at the present time, but that she had no idea where the other individual might be or of any place where information concerning him might be obtained. She further stated she knew that some queer doings went on at 309 South D Street as there were strange men and women coming and going there at all hours of the night; that from the conversation she had heard, most of them were ex-convicts; seemed to be on the "lam"; that the regular residents at that address were a middle aged semi paralyzed man named JACK PHILIPS, and a younger man, whose identity she did not know, who apparently helped to take care of JACK PHILIPS.

It later developed that this latter individual was identical with the person known to her as "RAY" who had allegedly been introduced to her as RALPH ROE and whom she allegedly had seen there only once since.

In addition to the foregoing, she began to ramble on about how she possessed a lot of information concerning dope activities in Stockton and that she also knew who the head of a large dope ring is in Honolulu.

Although consideration was given at that point to the fact that she might not be entirely normal mentally and hence the reliability of her information rather questionable, nevertheless, since she had stated she would be glad to cooperate, and would take the writer over to 309 South D Street for the purpose of introducing him there as her brother who had just arrived in Stockton in order that this RAY individual might be personally observed, it was decided to take advantage of her offer in this regard. Her plan was for the writer to appear loosely dressed by discarding his coat, hat, vest, tie and sidearm. These were left in the possession of OFFICER HARBERT who was to remain concealed nearby with OFFICER THORPE pending developments.

PATSY PENNINGER and the writer proceeded to 309 South D Street, but instead of taking the writer inside the house as planned, she stopped on the stoop outside and called for the individual known as RAY to come out. This he did and it was immediately apparent in the faint light then available on the stoop that he bore a close facial resemblance to the photograph of COLE although he appeared to be taller than the reported height of COLE.

Opportunity was had to observe him for only a few minutes as PATSY PENNINGER was anxious that it appear that she and the writer, as her alleged brother, had simply stopped by for a brief instant so that he and RAY might be introduced and that they then would be off to meet some of the other neighbors.

After leaving 309 South D Street, OFFICERS HARBERT and THORPE and the writer continued to keep the premises under surveillance until it was thought a sufficient length of time had elapsed since the writer's visit there and then the house was approached for the purpose of taking RAY down to police headquarters for questioning and a further check on his identity. RAY was not fully dressed at the time so while he was dressing in the presence of OFFICER HARBERT, opportunity was taken by the writer to make a careful survey of the interior of the entire premises but nothing of a suspicious nature was noted.

At police headquarters it was determined by the writer through a comparison of RAY'S fingerprints with a photostatic copy of those of THEODORE COLE, that RAY definitely is not identical with the latter, his true name being RAYMOND HOLMES DEVINE and his former arrest number, Sheriff's Office, Stockton, California 8165. Repeated questioning of RAY failed to reveal any information pertinent to instant investigation and he also, when shown the photographs of ROE, COLE, CHARLES BIRD and BARBARA SIEBER BIRD, asked if the former two were not photographs of the Alcatraz Escapes. The latter two he stated were unknown to him.

He further indicated that he had not seen or knew of anyone who resembled any of the four photographs. At the conclusion of the interview, RAY was not held by the local police, but was permitted to return to 309 South D Street.

From Night Captain SMITH and OFFICERS HARBART and THORPE, it was learned that very little credence, if any, could ever be placed in information furnished by PATSY PENNINGER, alias PATSY DAVIDSON, due to the fact that in the past, she had been known to repeatedly furnish to their department, rather startling information which would have a sufficient element of truth in it to make it sound plausible, but which, upon investigation, had been found to be essentially false or to be totally unrelated to the matter to which it was supposed to pertain. They added that she was a local police character herself and in the past had been known to use dope; that it had been their experience she was inclined to conjure up wild tales regarding well known criminals and attempt to show a connection between them and some local circumstance or happening and that their department, after conducting many useless and negative investigations based upon information furnished by her, had come to the conclusion, as mentioned above, that no reliance whatsoever could be placed in information received from her.

In view of the experience had by the Stockton Police Department with this woman and also in view of the wholly negative character of this investigation, no further investigation will be conducted in relation to the information furnished to this office by her in the aforementioned anonymous letters.

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FILE NO. 76-78

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<p>REPORT MADE AT Cleveland</p>	<p>DATE WHEN MADE 5/31/38</p>	<p>PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/13, 31/38</p>	<p>REPORT MADE BY Robert H. Hicks</p>
<p>TITLE RALPH ROE, with aliases: Paul Sullivan, Jack Sullivan, J. O. Sullivan, Jack McCarty, Jack McCarthy, Raymond Roe, Raymond Rowe, J. H. Reynolds, Ralph Rowe - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases: Ted Cole, Theadore</p>			<p>CHARACTER OF CASE Escaped Federal Prisoners</p>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Cole, Ray Jackson, Roy Jackson - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1471</p> <p>MRS. HARRY CAMPBELL, Toledo, states never heard anything connection instant case; states visited husband in Alcatraz November and December 1936 and January and February 1937 but heard no rumors of contemplated escape; states she does not personally know either subject or anyone who knows them and states they have not contacted her. Mrs. ORVILLE M. LOCKE, West Toledo, Ohio, states has no knowledge instant matter; that none of her family has any contact with brother, A. W. DAVIS, released from Alcatraz 1/13/37.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-- R U C --</p> <p>REFERENCES: Report of Special Agent Myron E. Gurnea dated 12/28/37 at San Francisco, California; Report of Special Agent E. J. Dowd dated 4/13/38 at Cleveland, Ohio.</p> <p>DETAILS: AT TOLEDO, OHIO</p> <p>Mrs. HARRY CAMPBELL, whose mailing address is 750¹/₂ Tecumseh Street, Toledo, but who is living in a trailer near 2035 Franklin Avenue, upon interview said that she had no knowledge whatever concerning instant matter; that she visited her husband at Alcatraz in the months of November and December</p>			
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1936 and January and February 1937 and that she heard nothing whatever concerning a contemplated escape and has absolutely no information in connection with instant case. She said that she does not know the two subjects and could imagine no reason for them to contact her.

Mrs. ORVILLE M. LOCKE, who formerly lived with her sisters, Mrs. ETTA DAVIS, at 275 Dearborn Street, Toledo, Ohio, was located at 2531 Grantwood Drive, at which place she is living with her husband, her sister, Mrs. DAVIS, whose name is now Mrs. CONRAD STURMS, having moved to 748 7th Street, Port Arthur, Texas. (It is noted that this address is given for other relatives of A. W. DAVIS, on page 16 of Special Agent Gurnea's report of reference.

Mrs. LOCKE said that she had had nothing whatever to do with her brother, A. W. DAVIS, who was released from Alcatraz on March 14, 1937, and she stated that she has absolutely no information in instant matter and appeared quite indignant that she should be asked any questions concerning him. She said that her sister at Port Arthur she is very certain would have no information whatever.

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June 18, 1938.

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Special Agent in Charge
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Re: KOCOL

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of June 1, 1938, concerning Floyd Brown, an Alcatraz inmate who Special Agent Frank Smith believes will furnish information in connection with the captioned matter, in the event arrangements are made for his removal from Alcatraz.

It is the Bureau's opinion that it is not practicable at this time to endeavor to arrange for Brown's transfer from Alcatraz. However, the idea advanced by Special Agent Smith will be kept in mind and given further consideration in the future.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc San Francisco

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

RE: ROCOL

Dear Sir:

Special Agent FRANK SMITH has called to my attention that FLOYD BROWN, #302-AZ, FBI-458776, referred to on page eleven of the report of Special Agent in Charge H. E. GURNEA, San Francisco, dated December 28, 1937, was sentenced to Alcatraz as the result of investigation in Texas in which Agent SMITH participated.

The investigation in the case captioned "LEWIS CHIDDY, with aliases; et al; First National Bank, Saint Jo, Texas; Bank Robbery," particularly as reflected in the report of Special Agent E. J. DOWD, Dallas, dated February 3, 1935, reveals that a statement was obtained from Subject FLOYD STREET BROWN, wherein BROWN made a statement confessing this bank robbery. Agent SMITH informs me that prior to the time that BROWN gave this statement to Agent DOWD, BROWN refused to make any statements whatsoever until Agent SMITH talked to him for some time, finally getting him to confess, after which BROWN made the written statement. Agent SMITH feels that BROWN is just a "country boy," and that if BROWN knew anything whatsoever about the escape of ROE and COLE that he, Agent SMITH, would be able to obtain this information if he could interview BROWN somewhere out of the penitentiary.

Agent SMITH feels that it would be impossible to get any information from any of the prisoners if they were interviewed in Alcatraz, but feels that if it were possible to have BROWN transferred to Leavenworth and if arrangements could be made for Agent SMITH to accompany BROWN on the trip from Alcatraz to Leavenworth, he would be able to secure information from BROWN. Agent SMITH is of the opinion that BROWN would have had a good opportunity to learn of the plan of the escape inasmuch as he was employed in the blacksmith shop with Subject COLE. Agent SMITH sincerely feels that if he could have the opportunity of interviewing BROWN somewhere out of Alcatraz Prison that he could get him to talk.

It is realized that it would be difficult to arrange such a transfer from Alcatraz to Leavenworth for the above purpose, but this is being submitted to the Bureau for its consideration to determine if it might be possible to make some arrangements whereby Agent SMITH might

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interview BROWN under satisfactory circumstances. Agent SMITH does have considerable success in obtaining information from prisoners, and I feel that if some arrangement could be made that it would be worthwhile, as I am of the opinion that Agent SMITH could obtain information and BROWN might have valuable information because of the fact that he did work in the blacksmith shop with Subject COLE. As a matter of fact, several prisoners in Alcatraz could undoubtedly give considerable information if they were placed in a position whereby the other prisoners would not know that they had given information to a Bureau Agent.

Very truly yours,



E. P. GUINANE,
Special Agent in Charge.

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202 U. S. Courthouse
El Paso, Texas
May 31, 1938

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Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, MO.

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Re: ROCOL

Dear Sir:

In connection with investigation being conducted in this case, cover has been placed on the mail of JAMES ROE, Hobbs, New Mexico, brother of subject RALPH ROE.

This office has just received from the Postmaster at Hobbs, tracing of a letter postmarked May 25, 1938, at Kansas City, Missouri, addressed to MRS. JAMES ROE, Hobbs, N. M., containing the return address R. McMAHON, Convention Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri, Room 207.

It is suggested that your office conduct appropriate investigation to ascertain the identity of R. McMAHON and whether he has any information concerning the whereabouts of RALPH ROE.

The mail tracing referred to is being transmitted with copies of this letter to the Oklahoma City office.

Very truly yours,

R. J. UNTREINER
Special Agent in Charge.

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

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REPORT MADE AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.	DATE WHEN MADE 6/3/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/27/38	REPORT MADE BY C. O. HURT cgc
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. L. POE, Stuart, Okla., advised he knew RALPH ROE, but has not seen or heard of him since his escape; that JACKIE and NELLIE KIMES have been in Altus, Okla. for the past 6 weeks.

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Reference:

Report of Special Agent in Charge E. P. GUINANE, Oklahoma City, 5/26/38.

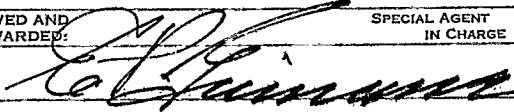
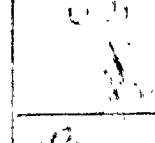
Details:

AT STUART, OKLAHOMA

Inasmuch as information was received by this office that subject RALPH ROE and two strangers had been seen in Ardmore, Oklahoma about May 8th and May 24, 1938, making inquiries as to the whereabouts of NELLIE KIMES, and due to the fact that NELLIE KIMES had been living with her uncle, MONT POE, Stuart, Oklahoma, Special Agent D. A. BRYCE and the writer interviewed CHARLES V. GILMORE, Postmaster, who advised that E. L. (MONT) POE resides ten miles southwest of Stuart, Oklahoma and receives his mail in Box 47, Rural Route 3.

MR. GILMORE advised that up until about six weeks ago, JACKIE and NELLIE KIMES received their mail at this address, but both had gone to Altus, Oklahoma and had left a forwarding address for their mail which is General Delivery, Altus, Oklahoma. He stated that JACKIE KIMES has been receiving mail under the name of JACKIE DEWITT,

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and NELLIE KIMES had been receiving mail under the name of NELLIE DURN.

THOMAS E. GEORGE, rural mail carrier for this route who delivers mail to the POE home, was interviewed and stated that the only close neighbor residing near MONT POE is a man by the name of L. E. ROMINE; that ROMINE is a fairly good citizen, but if talked to about POE, he would immediately notify POE of the conversation.

Therefore, Agents proceeded to the POE home, ten miles southwest of Stuart where an interview was had with E. L. POE who is now about eighty years old. POE stated that NELLIE and JACKIE KIMES had been living at his home for some time, but left about six weeks ago and went to Altus, Oklahoma, due to the fact that they wanted to be near some particular inmate who has been incarcerated in the Oklahoma State Reformatory at Granite, Oklahoma.

POE appeared to be very friendly and talked about numerous outlaws, during which time he mentioned the fact he knew RALPH ROE, but had not seen or heard from him since his escape from Alcatraz Penitentiary. POE was questioned as to what he would do in the event RALPH ROE should come to his home, and he stated he did not know what he would do inasmuch as he hated HARVE BALL, Sheriff of Hughes County, worse than any other man, but went ahead to say that he would not permit RALPH ROE or any other outlaw to ever come to his home, and faithfully promised to notify the Oklahoma City Office in the event he sees or hears anything at all about RALPH ROE.

POE stated he had never met TERRY COLE and would not know him should he see him. The telephone number of the Oklahoma City Office was furnished POE and he promised to notify this office if he should see or hear anything about either COLE or ROE.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD

OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE

AT ALTUS, OKLAHOMA

Will try to locate NELLIE and JACKIE KIMES and question them relative to the three men appearing in Ardmore, Oklahoma May 8th and May 24th, inquiring for them, bearing in mind that one of these men was thought to have been subject RALPH ROE.

AT FAIRFAX, OKLAHOMA

- * Will contact P. B. KILPATRICK for any information he may have relative to subjects in accordance with the lead set out in letter from the San Francisco Office dated May 17, 1938.

- * AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

Will attempt to locate LAWRENCE E. BROWN, probably employed by a Utility Company. If located, will obtain from him any information he may have pertaining to instant escape.

AT TULSA, OKLAHOMA

- * Will locate and interview EARL FIELDS through his residence, 818 South Atlanta Street, or through the local airport, for any information he may be able to furnish which may be of assistance in locating subjects. He should be questioned as to whether while JAMES ROE was associated with him in Tulsa, JAMES ROE ever mentioned to him the possibility of flying to California and freeing his brother from Alcatraz Island through the use of airplane or seaplane.

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202 United States Courthouse

El Paso, Texas

June 8, 1938

Special Agent in Charge
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Re: RALPH ROE, w.a.,
Fugitive, I.O. 1472.
THEODORE COLE, w.a.,
Fugitive, I.O. 1471.

Dear Sir:

By reference to the report of Special Agent B. L. DAMRON, El Paso, Texas, dated June 8, 1938 it will be noted that Mr. and Mrs. CECIL NOEL are now camping at the site of an oil well drilling operation near Cherry Vale, New Mexico, which is accessible only during dry weather. In view of the information provided by Mrs. LELIA SHARTS, Mother of Mrs. NOEL, and the fact that Mr. and Mrs. CECIL NOEL are merely camping and have no established residence, please advise if it is desired that Mrs. NOEL be contacted personally.

Very truly yours,

R. J. Untreiner,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Suite 1729 - 111 Sutter Street,
San Francisco, California,
June 9, 1938.

Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Re: ROCOL.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of May 17, 1938,
relative to the above matter.

Warden J. A. JOHNSTON was interviewed at the U. S. Penitentiary, Alcatraz Island, relative to whether it would have been possible for Subjects ROE and COLE to obtain cork material or corks of any kind to aid them in their escape from that institution. Warden JOHNSON stated that it would have been impossible to obtain corks, as the only corks that are found in the penitentiary are the few used in the hospital and that he knew of no way that any could have been obtained, in fact, he stated that it would have been impossible.

Associate Warden E. J. MILLER was interviewed, and he stated practically the same thing as Warden JOHNSTON, that it is not the custom to allow any prisoner to have bottles or other containers in his cell and that he knew of no way that Subjects ROE and COLE could have obtained corks to aid them in their escape, as no corks are used as supplies in this prison.

Very truly yours,

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

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

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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: Records of Italian Line checked for all persons sailing aboard SS ROMA January 29, 1938 with negative results. One WILLIAM M. SULLIVAN listed as first class passenger checked, found to be prominent New Yorker.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent M. E. Gurnea, dated San Francisco, California, 12/28/37.
Letter from San Francisco, California Division dated February 24, 1938.

DETAILS: AT NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK

In connection with information set out in reference letter of February 24, 1938, Agent contacted MR. E. J. MOTTOLA of the Immigration Service, The Italian Line, 626-5th Avenue, New York City,

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At the request of Agent MR. MOTTOLA made a thorough check of all persons sailing aboard the SS ROMA on January 29, 1938, at which time the ROMA sailed on a Mediterranean cruise. This check included passengers of all classes, and all known aliases of both Fugitives ROE and COLE were checked against this list.

There appeared on this list one WILLIAM M. SULLIVAN and ARCHIE LUBETHIN. Investigation disclosed that their tickets had been arranged for by the WEINACHT TRAVEL BUREAU, 346 Lexington Avenue, who sold tickets to these passengers through MR. WILLIAM GRAY of that agency. MR. MOTTOLA stated to Agent that when tickets were purchased through travel agencies the officers of the Italian Steamship Line at no time saw the passengers; that the only employees of the company to see these passengers are members of the crew aboard the vessel which they sail. However, MR. MOTTOLA that MR. GRAY of the WEINACHT TRAVEL BUREAU would undoubtedly be able to furnish considerable information regarding SULLIVAN and LUBETHIN.

MR. MOTTOLA was also questioned regarding the possibility that the Fugitives may have been employed aboard the Roma prior to its sailing, but stated if they were Americans this would not be possible inasmuch as all the members of the crew on all Italian line ships were hired in Italy, but that occasionally an Italian citizen stranded in the United States and wishing to return to Italy would be hired for the return voyage in order that he might work his passage home, but that under no circumstances could an American be hired at any time.

MR. WILLIAM GRAY of the WEINACHT TRAVEL BUREAU, Room 406, 346 Lexington Avenue, was interviewed and stated that WILLIAM SULLIVAN was a prominent New York man, very well known to him, GRAY; that ARCHIE LUBETHIN was his confidential secretary; that he, GRAY, frequently arranged for trips abroad for SULLIVAN and that SULLIVAN was a man of middle age. MR. GRAY exhibited to Agent a clipping dated January 11, 1938 from the New York Daily News society columns, which clipping stated that MR. WILLIAM SULLIVAN, prominent New Yorker well known in music circles, was sailing on January 29 aboard the SS ROMA for a Mediterranean cruise.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE NEW YORK OFFICE, at New York City, will in accordance with the leads set out in the report of Special Agent M. E. Gurnea, San Francisco, California, dated 12/28/37, locate and interview MRS. SARAH BEST, 3425 Galeo Place, New York City, MR. BARNETT BEST, 3425 Galeo Place, New York City, ETTA BEST, 3425 Galeo Place, New York City and MICHAEL BEST, Cotton Club, New York City, New York, regarding ALBERT BEST, #107-AZ, released from the United States Penitentiary at Alcatraz January 27, 1937 and then taken into custody by an officer of the San Francisco Police Department, regarding any knowledge that they may have pertaining to plans which were formulated at Alcatraz Island relative to the escape of Subjects RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE.

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K.C. FILE NO. **76-471**

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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: Mrs. E. C. WILLETT, Coffeyville, Kansas, states present whereabouts brothers TED THEODORE and LAWRENCE BROWN not known to her; parents WILL I. and MINNIE BROWN residing with daughter, Mrs. T. J. (DESSIE) RILEY, R. R. #1, Fort Stockton, Texas. Sister, DOROTHY HARRELL, at 506 N. Michigan, Roswell, N. M.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 4-28-38.

DETAILS: AT COFFEYVILLE, KANSAS:

Mrs. E. C. (BESSIE) WILLETT, 923 Delaware, stated she does not know the present whereabouts of her brothers, TED THEODORE and LAWRENCE BROWN; that she saw LAWRENCE at her sister DESSIE's place in Texas last July but has not heard from him since.

Mrs. WILLETT said she received information that TED THEODORE BROWN was working as a driver on a truck line operating out of Duncan, Oklahoma, but could not recall where she had received this information but believed it was contained in a letter she recently received from her sister, DESSIE. She stated that her sister, Mrs. T. J. (DESSIE) RILEY did more corresponding and kept in closer touch with members of the family and should be able to furnish TED BROWN's address.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;">10 2 11 4/2</div> <div style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">JUN 9 1938</div>	
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Mrs. WILLETT stated she has written to her brother, FLOYD BROWN, who is presently confined at Alcatraz, but that he refuses to answer her letters. She said her sister, DOROTHY HARRELL, still resides at 506 North Michigan Avenue, Roswell, New Mexico.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The EL PASO FIELD DIVISION, at Fort Stockton, Texas, will interview WILL L. and MINNIE BROWN and Mrs. T. J. (DESSIE) RILEY for any information they may have regarding the present whereabouts of TED THEODORE and LAWRENCE BROWN.

The OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD DIVISION, at Duncan, Oklahoma, will make inquiry at local truck line companies to locate TED THEODORE BROWN and interview him for any information of value he may have regarding this case.

The Oklahoma City Office will hold this lead in abeyance until receipt of the investigative report from the El Paso Office covering the lead set out for that division.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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FILE NO. 76-313

<p>REPORT MADE AT Chicago, Illinois</p>	<p>DATE WHEN MADE 6/6/38</p>	<p>PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/5/38</p>	<p>REPORT MADE BY KENNETH LOGAN KL:BM</p>
<p>TITLE RALPH ROE with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471</p>			<p>CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</p>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: EDWARD JOHN GILLIES presently employed by the Superior Dairy Farm, Hobart, Indiana.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">R.U.C.</p> <p><u>REFERENCE:</u> Report of Special Agent P. C. MURRAY, New Orleans, Louisiana dated 1/26/38.</p> <p><u>DETAILS:</u> J. H. GILLIES, 232 Carlov Street, Chicago, brother of EDWARD JOHN GILLIES was interviewed at his home relative to contacting his brother, EDWARD. MR. GILLIES advised that his brother had lived with him at his home for several months during this year, however, for the past month he has been employed by the Superior Dairy Farm located at Hobart, Indiana and that he could be contacted at said farm any day of the week. MR. GILLIES requested that if his brother was contacted by an agent of this Bureau, that said contact should be made in a discreet manner inasmuch as his employers do not know that he was an ex-convict. He suggested that his brother be contacted sometime between the hours of 1:00 and 5:00 p.m., inasmuch as he has very little work to do on the farm at this particular time of day. He further stated that his brother was a broken man and not being a criminal at heart he was certain that he would give any information in his possession relative to the above case to an agent of this Bureau.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>UNDEVELOPED LEAD:</u></p> <p><u>INDIANAPOLIS OFFICE</u> <u>AT HOBART, INDIANA</u> Is requested to interview EDWARD JOHN GILLIES who can be contacted at the Superior Dairy Farm, Hobart, Indiana. In conducting this interview, the interviewing agent is requested to contact MR. GILLIES in such a manner that his employers will not know that he is being contacted by an officer.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN.</u></p>			
<p>APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i></p>		<p>SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</p>	
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA.**

EP FILE NO. **76-282**

REPORT MADE AT EL PASO, TEXAS	DATE WHEN MADE 6-8-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6-6-38	REPORT MADE BY B. L. DAMRON
TITLE RAIPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472. THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Mr. and Mrs. CECIL NOEL now camping at oil drilling operation site near Cherry Vale, New Mexico. Road impassable on date of investigation due to rain.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. V. MURPHY, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated December 22, 1937.

DETAILS: At Las Vegas, New Mexico.

At the Post Office it was ascertained that CECIL NOEL was associated with CHARLES D. MYERS in drilling an oil well near Cherry Vale, New Mexico but his residence address was unknown as all mail was received through a Post Office box.

Mrs. CHARLES D. MEYERS, 814 5th. Street, advised that Mr. and Mrs. CECIL NOEL are camping at the site of oil drilling operations near Cherry Vale, New Mexico and have no established residence. She stated that the well was being drilled near Cherry Vale which thirty three miles east of Las Vegas and that the NOELS had had no visitors to her knowledge. Due to the fact that it was raining at the time of this investigation and the road to Cherry Vale is a dirt road, no effort was made to personally interview Mrs. NOEL.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
601 Richmond Trust Building,
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA.

June 11, 1938

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

Re: RALPH ROE, w.a.s., FUG., I.O. #1472;
THEODORE COLE, w.a.s., FUG., I.O. #1471.
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent C. A. KINCAID, Richmond, Virginia, dated June 11, 1938, in the above captioned case, in which mention is made of tracings of the signature of Mr. and Mrs. J. SULLIVAN, New York, N. Y., believed possibly identical with subject ROE.

It is requested that the Technical Laboratory compare the enclosed tracings with the known handwriting of subject ROE for the purpose of ascertaining if same is identical with this fugitive's handwriting. In the event the original registration sheets reflecting the above referred to signatures is desired by the Bureau, or photographic copies thereof desired, effort will be made to secure same in the immediate future.

Very truly yours,

M. E. Gurnea
M. E. GURNEA, Rlm
Special Agent in Charge.

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POST OFFICE BOX 1276
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA
JUNE 18, 1938

Special Agent in Charge
El Paso, Texas

Dear Sir:

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

With reference to your letter dated June 8, 1938,
please be advised that it is requested that Mrs. CECIL NOEL
be interviewed for any information she may possess concerning
former friends and contacts of RALPH ROE and JACK LLOYD, and
for any other information she might possess which might assist
in the location of RALPH ROE.

Very truly yours,

E. P. GUINANE
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Richmond FILE NO. **76-52**

REPORT MADE AT <p style="text-align: center;">Richmond, Virginia</p>	DATE WHEN MADE <p style="text-align: center;">6-11-38</p>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <p style="text-align: center;">5/21, 6/2/38</p>	REPORT MADE BY <p style="text-align: center;">C. A. KINCAID CAK:VG</p>
TITLE <p>RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O.#1471.</p>			CHARACTER OF CASE <p style="text-align: center;">ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</p>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="margin-left: 150px;">Photographs of subjects ROE and COLE exhibited to University of Virginia officials, Charlottesville, Va., in effort to establish presence of subject ROE at above institution during March, 1938, with negative results. Tracings of handwriting and name of Mr. and Mrs. J. SULLIVAN, New York, N. Y., secured and forwarded Technical Laboratory for comparison.</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">P.</p> <p>REFERENCE:</p> <p style="margin-left: 150px;">Report of Special Agent F. J. DONAGHUE, Pittsburgh, Pa., April 6, 1938; Report of Special Agent ROBERT L. MURPHY, Richmond, Virginia, April 23, 1938; Letter to Director dated April 23, 1938; Report of Special Agent FREDERICK G. TILLMAN, Huntington, W. Va., April 23, 1938; Bureau letter dated May 11, 1938.</p>			
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DETAILS:

At BEDFORD, VIRGINIA:

WILLIAM PHILLIP GEMPP, presently under sentence at the Virginia State Penitentiary, Richmond, Virginia, for a period of six years following conviction on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses in Clarke County, Virginia, was interviewed at the Bedford County Jail where he is awaiting trial on a similar charge at Bedford, Va. for the purpose of securing handwriting specimens of GEMPP for comparison with the handwriting contained in the two letters mentioned in reference report of Special Agent ROBERT L. MURPHY, Richmond, Virginia, dated April 23, 1938, which letters have been forwarded to the Technical Laboratory for comparison with the known handwriting of GEMPP in an effort to establish whether or not this individual had written the same, but no definite conclusion has been obtained and request was made that additional handwriting specimens be secured. Upon questioning GEMPP admitted to the writer that he was the author of these letters and that he had had a trusty at the County Jail at Winchester, Virginia write the letters for the purpose of misleading law enforcement officers at Winchester, Virginia, who had given too much publicity to the fact that he was reported to be acquainted with subjects ROE and COLE and that the purpose for which he wrote the letters was to hush the matter at that time inasmuch as he did not desire local publicity to be given this fact at Winchester, but desired arrangements to be made for him to contact a representative of this Bureau. The purpose as above stated by GEMPP was not clear inasmuch as no indication was observed by the contents of the letters which might bring about the desired effect as he stated it.

Inasmuch as GEMPP admitted being the author of the two letters, referred to specimens of his handwriting were not obtained and no further examination of these letters is being requested of the Technical Laboratory by the Richmond Field Division. It is believed through questioning and interview with GEMPP that his whole plan is a fake and that due to the shrewdness and cleverness of this individual his sole purpose is to cause this Bureau unnecessary expense and time in running down leads which he obviously necessitates through his fabrications. It is to be noted that leads developed so far predicated upon his story have failed to show any indication that he was connected with subjects ROE and COLE or any identification of the photographs of these individuals at the places at which ROE is alleged to have been present.

During the course of questioning GEMPP, he stated substantially the same information as contained in the report of reference of Special Agent ROBERT L. MURPHY and further advised that ROE as JACK O' McCARTHY, by which name he claims to have known subject ROE, had registered at the Pure Village Cottages outside of Harrisonburg, Virginia

around March or April of this year, at which time he was associated with JACK MCCARTHY.

At CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA:

Miss EVELYN PROFFITT in the office of the Dean of the University of Virginia, in the absence of Dean LEWIS, was interviewed for any information concerning individuals resembling subjects ROE and COLE, who were reported to have possibly been on the campus in the University of Virginia. Miss PROFFITT was exhibited a photograph of the fugitives in this case as well as the descriptions, which she was unable to identify as anyone seen by her answering to the descriptions of anyone against whom complaints might have been made at the University. Miss PROFFITT referred the writer to Mr. STUART F. HEAD, who is in charge of the Student Police at the University and who would probably have any report of a complaint concerning anyone resembling the subjects on the grounds of the University.

STUART F. HEAD was interviewed and exhibited photographs of subjects ROE and COLE, together with their descriptions, but stated to the writer that no one to his knowledge answering these descriptions had been seen around the University during March or April of this year, nor has any reports concerning anyone of similar description come to his attention. The names of these fugitives, together with their aliases, were left with Mr. HEAD, at which time he advised that he would make inquiries in the vicinity of the University concerning these individuals and if productive of any results would communicate with the Richmond Field Division.

Miss VIRGINIA E. MORAN, Registrar of the University, was exhibited photographs of subjects ROE and COLE, together with their descriptions, which photographs were exhibited also to the other employees in the office of the Registrar, at which time she checked her registration records in the name of subject ROE and all aliases, but advised that no one of that description or character was known to her and had not registered at this institution. Miss MORAN studied the handwriting of subject ROE for the purpose of determining if same might be familiar to her and compared same with handwriting of one of the students who had caused the University considerable trouble of a disciplinary nature around December of last year, but it was noted that same was not similar to the handwriting of the fugitive ROE.

A check was made at the Post Office at University and Charlottesville, Virginia, at which time photographs of the fugitives were exhibited to the employees at the above offices with negative results.

At MOUNT CRAWFORD, VIRGINIA:

Pursuant to the information supplied by GEMPP, the writer while enroute to Harrisonburg, Virginia stopped at the Pure Village Cottages, at which place GEMPP stated that McCARTHY had registered around March or April, 1938 and checked the records of this tourist camp in the name of subject with his aliases, at which time it was found that on April 7th and 8th, 1938 the registration book contained the signature of Mr. and Mrs. J. SULLIVAN, New York, N. Y. Inasmuch as JACK SULLIVAN is an alias of subject ROE, tracings were obtained of these two signatures and are being forwarded to the Technical Laboratory with the request that same be compared with the known handwriting of subject ROE for possible identification purposes. It was not possible to secure the original registration sheets from the proprietor, Mr. JESSE ANDERSON, inasmuch as he advised that by State law he is required to preserve same for a period of at least three months. However, in the event the Technical Laboratory desires the original registration sheets or photographic copies of the signatures above mentioned, effort will be made to secure same in the future. Photographs of subjects ROE and COLE were exhibited to JESSE ANDERSON, Mrs. ANDERSON, and waitresses in the cafe at the Pure Village Cottages without effecting identification. Together with the signature appearing on the registration sheets of Mr. and Mrs. J. SULLIVAN, of New York, there was an additional signature of Miss ATHIN ROSE of New York City on the date of April 7, 1938, in whose party there were some four individuals. It is believed that this ATHIN ROSE might possibly be identical with ATHYLIN SKELSENS of whom mention is made in the statements of GEMPP as set forth in the report of reference of Special Agent ROBERT L. MURPHY.

On May 11, 1938 the Technical Laboratory advised that no definite conclusion had been reached as to whether or not WILLIAM PHILLIP GEMPP wrote the questioned specimens previously forwarded to the Technical Laboratory by the Richmond Field Division; that the known specimens of this individual were not adequate for making such examination as would warrant a definite opinion. Inasmuch as subject GEMPP has admitted to the Agent that he wrote the questioned specimens concerned in this examination, no additional specimens were secured from GEMPP and no further request if being made of the Technical Laboratory in connection therewith.

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FILE NO. **76-259**

REPORT MADE AT DALLAS, TEXAS	DATE WHEN MADE 6-13-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6-10-38	REPORT MADE BY CLARENCE W. DECKER
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: WILLIAM LEE BROWN not found in Gladewater, Texas.			
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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent E. LEWIS NICHOLS, Dallas, Texas, dated 5-21-38.			
DETAILS:			
<u>AT GLADEWATER, TEXAS:</u>			
K. J. PRESTON, Postmaster, Gladewater, Texas, advised that WILLIAM LEE BROWN was unknown to the post office. He advised that there was not a Buick Company in Gladewater and that there was no such address as #6 Main Street in Gladewater.			
CARL BRUCE, Chief of Police, Gladewater, Texas, advised that he did not know WILLIAM LEE BROWN and did not know of any Buick Company in that vicinity.			
Inquiry was made at the McKaig Chevrolet Company on Main street in Gladewater, but BROWN was unknown there. The writer was advised that there was not a Buick Company located on Main street in any of the surrounding towns.			
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Special Agent in Charge
San Francisco, California

Re: ROCOL

Dear Sir:

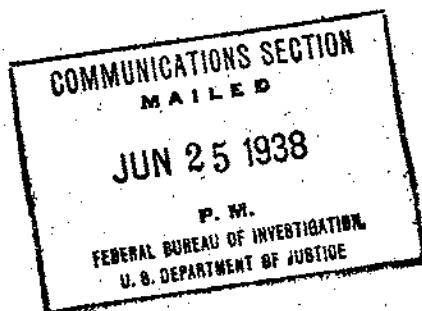
Transmitted herewith are copies of a communication received at the Bureau from R. L. Pringle, #405, United States Penitentiary, Alcatraz, California, under date of June 12, 1938.

The Bureau desires that you cause Pringle to be interviewed concerning the information appearing in the attached letter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

I am a prisoner here at Alcatraz. I have been here since July 6-1937 was transferred from Leavenworth Kansas. I was tried and convicted February 9-1935 at Houston Tex with two other men one a mail man the other a farmer at Wharton Tex I received fifteen years and the mail man five years and the other man three years for robbery and embezzlement. I want to report about my self and another man I met at Leavenworth. I met this man there. I had met him before I went to Leavenworth. He was a whisky man when I met him some years ago then when I got to Leavenworth he was there and we became quit friends. So as time went on he started to talk to me about making some money.

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so as any one is interested in making money so I ask him what it was so he said Kidnaping and I tell him he must be crazy that they have been catching all of them but he says yes but he has a plan that will work so I told him it was out for me for I had just got started one my fifteen years so I told him to get some one else but he keeps telling me that he could do the job with one man and would give any thing to have me for a partner and the man is sincere about it to but since I have not hear I don't know his plan he is a middle aged man and he will be through with his time this year. I have been wanting to talk to some one about the case for some time but seems like would be hard for me hear to talk to a agent for I want to do my time the best way with out these prisoners seeing

to much I know there is some bad
men hear and such crimes are the
worst in the world and a man that
has such crimes in his head as the
man I am talking about should be
dead or in prison. I am sincere in
what I am telling and would like to
do of some help. as I have a good wife
and two children, fifteen and sixteen
years old and I would be glad to help
them and I am sure I can render
the department of justice a great help
I would risk my life for my family
if I can help them. I have seen all I
ever care of prisons and prisoners that
don't want to go straight, I will tell
what I have heard from a prisoner hear
that tell me about the two that
left hear if they are not dead which
I hope so far they are to mad-murders
this man hear was pretty close to to
Ralph Roe. and he told me that Ralph

Told him if he ever got out he was
 or would kidnap some one and keep
 the party till they paid of the ransom
 and then they would keep the party till
 they got the money changed again this
 was told to me by a man that was
 close to him. I dont know whether I
 could get any information from
 Harold rock in Texas or not and I
 dont think he will tell any thing to
 any law. but they have some weakness
 all of them that Texas is a hard place
 to do time and I know if he ever gets
 out I believe he can get in touch with
 Ralph. they were good friends and last
 I can find out they have done some
 stealing to gether. so I will sign of
 hear. I want give that mans name
 for he knows where my family lives
 and I will be glad to talk to one of
 the agents anytime if I can R L Bringle
 for any use truly- #405

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

BUTTE FILE NO. 76-107

REPORT MADE AT BUTTE, MONTANA.	DATE WHEN MADE 6/14/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/27/38	REPORT MADE BY WALTER T. GRAY
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:

Post Office Inspector **ROLFE J. PAQUIN**, Billings, Mont., advised he arrived in Oakland on vacation trip on day of escape; that he made no inquiries at the U. S. Lighthouse Service, Portland, Oregon, and purchased no pamphlets re tides and currents at Portland, or elsewhere.

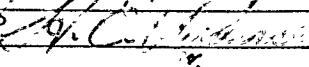
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Reference: Report of Special Agent Daniel Currie, Jr., Seattle, Washington, 1/21/38.

Details:

AT BILLINGS, MONTANA:

Post Office Inspector **ROLFE J. PAQUIN**, Billings, Montana, advised that while on a vacation trip last December he drove through Portland, Oregon, without stopping and on to Salem, Oregon. He advised he made no inquiries anywhere regarding tides and currents in San Francisco Bay or elsewhere, and that he purchased no pamphlet regarding such information for any locality. He recalled that he arrived in Oakland on the evening of the escape in a soupy fog and put up at the first hotel sign he saw.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

*The BUTTE FIELD DIVISION at Wesier, Idaho, will conduct investigation at the home of RALPH SKEEN, Route 3, in accordance with the lead set out in the report of Special Agent R. L. JOHNSON, dated at Omaha, Nebraska, January 6, 1938.

*At Victor, Idaho, will interview Mrs. BLANCHE W. SCOTT for any information she may have with reference to this case. (See letter from Bureau to Mrs. SCOTT, dated March 22, 1938.)

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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L. A. FILE NO. 76-362

REPORT MADE AT Los Angeles, Calif.	DATE WHEN MADE 6-10-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/3, 25, 30/ 4, 14, 16, 20, 27, 30 & 5-13-38	REPORT MADE BY R. N. FRANKE HG
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:

Los Angeles newspapers carried story that Subjects perpetrated holdup and murder which is entirely erroneous. As result of Subjects photographs appearing in Los Angeles papers, several citizens made reports they saw Subjects, which were checked out with negative results. Guy T. Greenswight, formerly of Shawnee, Oklahoma, who knew Subject Roe at time Wilbur Underhill was killed, states that he has seen Roe in Los Angeles on several occasions. However, Greenswight not believed reliable.

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REFERENCE:

Telegram from Los Angeles to Bureau dated 2-24-38; letter from Los Angeles to Bureau 2-26-38; letter from Los Angeles to San Francisco, 2-24-38; letter from Bureau to Los Angeles 3-2-38 (76-2686).

DETAILS:

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA:

Reference letter dated 2-26-38 contains detailed information regarding a newspaper article appearing in the Los Angeles Examiner to the effect that Subjects had perpetrated a stick-up at the Burp Hollow Cafe, 107 North Western Avenue, Los Angeles, on the evening of February 22, 1938, during which time the proprietor was killed. Details regarding this article appeared in this letter and at that time latent fingerprints

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were also forwarded to the Bureau to be compared with those of Subjects. The Bureau advised by letter dated March 2, 1938, that two of the latent impressions forwarded to the Bureau were of the same finger and were classified and searched through the Bureau's single finger-print file without effecting an identification; that a copy of one of the latent prints has been placed in the unidentified section of that file for future reference; also that all the latent prints were compared with Subjects' without effecting an identification.

Los Angeles letter to San Francisco office dated 2-24-38 contains detailed information regarding a body that was found on the beach near San Diego, California, and details concerning this matter were forwarded to the San Francisco Field Division with the request that the photographs of the teeth of this unidentified body be checked against charts containing information regarding the teeth of Subjects in instant case.

In instant file also is a memorandum dated 3-13-38 submitted by Special Agent H. A. Smith, which is as follows:

"A letter was received from W. A. Snare, Superintendent of Bureau of Identification, Bakersfield, California, Sheriff's Office, on 2-28-38 relative to the Kyle-Cretzer case, Bank Robbery, wherein it was also stated that he believed he had information regarding TED COLE and RALPH ROE. Mr. Snare asked that the matter be kept strictly confidential.

"Telephonically, Mr. Snare stated that his information had come from Deputy Sheriff GALLARDI, of McFarland, California, and upon telephonic conversation with D. S. GALLARDI, he advised that his information had come from J. E. Delanty, a farmer near McFarland, who advised that Cole and Roe had been living on his farm, but that they had gone to Lancaster, California, and he would advise when they returned.

"Further that there were seven brothers in the Cole family, and that BOB COLE, a cousin of Subject COLE, who is wanted in Texas, was either in McFarland, or doing 30 days in Texas. It was reported that the COLES had a mountain cabin in Woodlake, where all the brothers lived; that TED COLE has a brother named JACK COLE, who is with him in McFarland, and this JACK COLE is an escape from Sugarland, Texas, a convict farm out of Coolidge, Texas, on a murder rap.

"The information from D. S. GALLARDI was very indefinite, and does not seem to be in conformity with the information in the file, as it is known that COLE does not have 7 brothers. However, this is submitted, as it is believed D. S. GALLARDI should be contacted through D. S. SNARE, when next in Bakersfield and McFarland, California."

MR. McCLORE, who was previously contacted and promised to watch the home of Subject COLE's sister, MRS. DAWSON, in Bell, California, telephoned the writer on 3-3-38 stating that the day previous an old man about 45 or 50 years old, visited the DAWSON family, at which time he was driving a grayish colored Pontiac Sedan, bearing the State of Washington license plates No. A-105925. However, he did not know whether the plates were 1937 or 1938, but stated emphatically that this man did not resemble Subjects in any way. No lead is being set out to check this information unless the office of origin so requests.

As results of newspaper items that appeared in the Los Angeles papers on or about March 24, 1938, relative to Subjects' being in the vicinity of Illinois, and which articles contained photographs of Subjects, BERNARD SILVESTEIN, 6626 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, telephonically advised that he was sure Subject ROE had been in his store buying clothes. Personal interview with him disclosed that the description of the man he had in mind did not tally in any way with that of ROE and upon being shown glossy photographs of Subjects, SILVESTEIN was more positive that the man he saw was not identical with either of the Subjects.

Detective NIPPERT of the University Division of the Los Angeles Police Department telephonically advised the Los Angeles Field Division that J. R. JOHNSON of 446 West 46th Street, advised that he thought he saw Subject COLE driving a 1928 Chevrolet Coupe, bearing 1938 California license No. 58-N-722, at 47th and Broadway; that JOHNSON subsequently saw COLE's photograph in the Los Angeles papers and, therefore, made the report, on 3-25-38. This license is issued to FRANK MOHAWK, 337 West Vernon Avenue, Los Angeles, and subsequent interviews with MISS A. HARRIS, 4375 South Broadway; MRS. L. HASSEY, 337 West Vernon, employes of the Western Auto Wash, Ninth and Western, and with MRS. FRANK MOHAWK, 236 East 62nd Street, all disclosed that FRANK MOHAWK has been continuously driving the above-mentioned car and is not identical with Subject COLE at all although he does bear a slight resemblance.

The above-mentioned persons who were interviewed advised that MOHAWK has been residing in Los Angeles for a number of years and inquiry from his wife disclosed that they are married and have a child. The reason MOHAWK was not personally interviewed is that he and his wife are having marital trouble and MOHAWK could not be located inasmuch as he also quit his place of employment at the Western Auto Wash. In view of the fact that witnesses all positively stated that MOHAWK is not COLE it has not been deemed advisable to locate MOHAWK and interview him.

On 3-25-38 FRED J. RUHNKE, 1043 Bryan Street, Los Angeles, California, came to the Los Angeles Field Division and stated that after seeing Subjects' photographs in the Los Angeles papers for March 24, 1938, he believed COLE frequented the Piccadilly Cafe, 1244 West Pico Street, and also ANDY's Cafe, 1314 West Pico Street. He was shown glossy photographs in the Los Angeles Field Division and stated he was quite sure the man he saw in these restaurants off and on during the past several months might be COLE.

At the Piccadilly Cafe, MR. W. A. KALER, proprietor, and PHYLLIS EBERT were shown photographs of Subjects, but were unable to identify them. KALER stated that KENNETH DRUCKER, a special officer, is on duty from five P. M., to 2:00 A. M., and KALER was furnished with three identification orders for Subjects and promised to be on the lookout for them or anyone resembling Subjects.

At ANDY's Cafe, FRANK SHARP, bartender, ERVIN F. ANDON and TOM J. FOULAS were shown Subjects' photographs, but were unable to make any identifications. However, FOULAS, who appeared rather ignorant, stated COLE's photograph looked familiar. They were furnished with identification orders on Subjects and also promised to be on the alert for any customers who they thought might resemble Subjects.

TED WISE, 750 West Fourth Street, Apartment No. 6, Los Angeles, California, a bookie, advised the writer on 4-14-38 that several weeks ago he met a woman in one of the bookie's stores who drew his attention because she mentioned a slang word which indicates authentic among the criminals; that the night before he saw this woman at Seventh and Broadway with a man, and after thinking the matter over, he thought that the man might have been either of the Subjects in this case. However, when shown glossy photographs, he stated emphatically that this man he saw was not either of the Subjects. WISE gave the writer the impression that he might want to become an informant for the Los Angeles Field Division and used this story as a means of introducing himself, and the writer is bearing this in mind, will contact him later in regard to general matters.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent Daniel Currie, Jr., at Bakersfield, California, under date of April 14, 1938:

Deputy Sheriff DON BRINK of the Mojave Sub-station, Kern County, California, while being contacted on another case, inquired if the Bureau were looking for anyone with a small scar near the left lip. He stated that his inquiry was predicated on the following incident:

On March 12, 1938, accompanied by Constable HAMILTON of Mojave, California, he was returning to California when they stopped at about 11:30 PM at a place which he believes was called the Pastime Bar at Mina, Nevada. Upon entering the bar a person was sitting in a chair to the left of the door and this party, although keeping his head down, paid particular attention to the Sheriff and Constable. Sheriff BRINK stated that he was a man of small build and he believed generally met the description of one of the prisoners that had escaped from Alcatraz. The Sheriff further related that he and the Constable both noticed that this party was watching them as they observed his actions in the mirror over the bar and they both commented on the fact.

Upon being shown the picture of Subject COLE, Deputy Sheriff BRINK stated he thought the fellow looked very good to him inasmuch as he was about the same size and build as Subject and further he had a small scar which started on the edge of the lower lip curving down and upward in half-moon fashion.

Sheriff BRINK was unable to provide further information relative to the suspect other than to say that he was dressed at the time in an olive drab shirt, dark coat, brown khaki pants and a light brown well-worn hat.

At the time about six other individuals were playing poker in the Pastime but they were not observed by the Sheriff nor did he note anyone who appeared to be with this suspect. A picture of Subject ROE was exhibited in this connection.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent Daniel Currie, Jr., under dates of April 16, 26 and 27, 1938:

W. O. SNARE, Superintendent, Bureau of Identification, Kern County, Bakersfield, California, which Bureau has records covering arrests by both the Bakersfield Police Department and the Kern County Sheriff's Office after a check of his records advised that they disclosed nothing concerning the arrest of SELELL JOHNSON, former associate of ROE, who as set forth in the report of Special Agent

J. V. MURPHY, Oklahoma City, February 21, 1938, had indicated that he contemplated assisting ROE in escaping. It was MR. SNARE's suggestion that possibly JOHNSON had been arrested for drunkenness and had not been photographed or fingerprinted.

DICK COFFRIN, Atwater, California, who as set forth in the report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, Oklahoma City, February 3, 1938, was arrested with ROE and one EARLEST TAYLOR at Clayton, Oklahoma, on October 4, 1934, advised upon interview that he had spent time in Leavenworth on a liquor violation and while there had become acquainted with LLOYD. He further related that LLOYD and Subject ROE came by on the 4th of October, 1934 or as he stated, on the morning they were arrested and wanted him to go hunting. COFFRIN stated that that was the first time he had seen LLOYD since his release from Leavenworth and it was the first time that he had ever seen ROE. He advised that for that reason he could not be of assistance in suggesting possible contacts of either ROE or of COLE, whom he stated he had never met.

COFFRIN is presently employed in a box factory at Atwater, California, and he was advised at the time of the interview of the outstanding process against the Subjects and also of the Harboring Act.

W. A. SNARE, Superintendent of the Kern County Bureau of Identification, called Special Agent H. A. SMITH in connection with another investigation and advised at the time that he had some confidential information pertaining to the instant case. This information had been received from Deputy Sheriff J. E. DELANTY at MacFarland, who in turn had received same from an informant who stated that the Subjects had been living on his farm but had left for Lancaster, California. This informant further advised the Deputy Sheriff, according to MR. SNARE, that there were seven brothers in the COLE family and that they had a mountain cabin in Woodlake where they all lived.

Deputy Sheriff Delanty upon being contacted at the Kern County Sheriff's Office, stated that originally he had thought that the information he had received from the informant concerning instant case was reliable but that he had since felt that the present information was unfounded. He related, however, that the informant with whom he would arrange an interview, directed his attention to one BILLY FRANCIS COLE, an ex-convict, who is still in MacFarland, to IVAN COLE alias JACKSON, RAYBURN and to BOB COLE, the latter two having been returned to Texas around March 8, 1933, the former as an escaped prisoner and the latter for jail-breaking and robbery. It was the informant's opinion that these were of the same family as Subject. The deputy sheriff advised that at the time he arrested the two COLES that were returned to Texas, they both claimed to him that they did not know the Subject.

Note: (It appears that the correct name of the Deputy Sheriff at MacFarland is J. E. DELANTY, rather than GALLARDI, as originally advised by MR. SNARE, and reflected in Agent Smith's memorandum quoted hereinbefore, and that in all probability GALLARDI is the original informant).

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA:

Captain H. E. WALKER and LIEUTENANT A. F. BARRY, Santa Monica Harbor Patrol, telephone Santa Monica 26131, Station 6, telephonically advised the Los Angeles Field Division on 4-20-38 that they had information relative to Subject ROE and accordingly the writer interviewed them, at which time they stated that CURLY BOWMAN, a fisherman who operates a hamburger place on Ocean Front, Santa Monica, California, told them that he was walking along the street with a mechanic who bumped into two fellows and talked to them for a few minutes; that shortly afterwards this mechanic stated that those were the two fellows "who escaped from Alcatraz", and that he, the mechanic, did not want to be seen in their presence.

MR. BOWMAN, whose right name is ELLSWORTH BOWMAN and who lives at 1624 Ocean Front, was interviewed by the writer at the office of the above officers, at which time he gave a similar story and stated that this incident occurred a week or so prior thereto. BOWMAN was shown photographs of Subjects, but he was unable to identify them as being these two individuals. He also did not know the name of the mechanic, but stated efforts would be made by him to obtain his correct name or address. It might be stated that the writer was advised that BOWMAN formerly studied law and likes to exaggerate stories when telling them and he gave the writer the same impression as he went into such minute detail. Finally, on April 30, 1938, the writer was telephonically advised by Lieutenant BARRY that MR. BOWMAN had located and had again talked to the mechanic who furnished additional data to the effect that these two individuals were ROE and COLE and that they were believed to be around Santa Monica, California. The writer again went to the Santa Monica Harbor Patrol Office, where BOWMAN was again interviewed and again furnished a detailed outline of his conversation with BOWMAN, the same, however, not being set out inasmuch as the mechanic was subsequently located and interrogated.

It might be stated at this time that there were many discrepancies in the story given by BOWMAN and by the mechanic, indicating that BOWMAN fabricated a lot. At this time MR. BOWMAN stated that the mechanic was out in a boat and BOWMAN, by looking through a set of binoculars, found him sitting on a boat. However, when BOWMAN was told

that the writer desired to personally interview the mechanic, he tried to insist that he could handle the matter more thoroughly himself and could obtain additional details from the mechanic. However, in view of the reputation of BOWMAN, the writer told him that it would be necessary to interview the mechanic and, accordingly, when he came ashore he was taken to the Santa Monica Harbor Patrol office, where he stated his name was GUY T. GREENSWRIGHT and that he lives at 5937 Loveland St., Bell Gardens, California.

GREENSWRIGHT was interrogated briefly by the writer in the presence of Lieutenant BARRY and Police Officer VARGOE, which interview is not being set out inasmuch as MR. GREENSWRIGHT was requested to accompany Agent to the Los Angeles Field Division for a detailed interview. However, the above officers were told to keep this information in the strictest confidence, which they promised to do.

MR. GREENSWRIGHT advised that during 1933 and 1934 he operated the Kickapoo Garage, 911 North Kickapoo Street, Shawnee, Oklahoma; that a fellow named EUTCH operated a filling station next to his garage; that in the early part of 1934 he recalled that a 1931 Chevrolet Four-door Sedan, brown color, stopped at the filling station operated by a man named KANSAS, which is about seventy-five feet from his garage; that there were two men in the car who he later learned were RALPH ROE and WILEY UNDERHILL; that his starter stopped and he was requested to give them a push; however, the same failed to start the car; that subsequently, for three or four months, up until the time UNDERHILL was shot, both ROE and UNDERHILL would come in the garage off and on to have repairs done and to get oil and gas; that they gave the impression of being oil workers working on a rig; that on one occasion ROE and UNDERHILL were driving a 1934 Ford Sedan, grey color, on which car he relined the brakes; that on another occasion they had a 1933 Chevrolet Sedan, red color, on which he had to straighten an axle and the body; that on another occasion they had a Dodge Coupe; that once in a while a Jewish-looking individual, about 32 or 33 years old; about 5'8½" tall; slender build and weighing not over 140 lbs., would come to the garage with ROE and UNDERHILL; that occasionally ROE and UNDERHILL would have two women with them and it is his impression that one of the women was UNDERHILL's wife; that he recognized ROE's girl as being a former beauty parlor operator who worked in a shop on Broadway at Seminole, and he stated this girl was killed subsequently, at the time UNDERHILL was killed.

GREENSWRIGHT further stated that on one occasion they came to the garage with a Chevrolet 1½-ton truck and wanted a wrench put on the truck and that after several days of bargaining he was unable to get one for them, but he learned they subsequently got one elsewhere

and learned through gossip that this truck was supposed to have been purchased from the PRINCE CHEVROLET COMPANY in Ada, Oklahoma; that he also learned through gossip that this truck was supposed to have been used in the attempted bank robbery at Harrah, Oklahoma, at which place the bandits were supposed to have pulled the safe out from the bank and then abandoned it because it broke the wooden sidewalks.

GREENSWEIGHT stated that on the morning previous to the day UNDERHILL was shot, ROE and UNDERHILL came to his garage about five A. M., driving a 1931 Chevrolet, at which time they had two flat tires fixed and the carburetor adjusted and also ordered eight gallons of gasoline; that ROE then told him to deliver the car to 606 West Dewey Street, Shawnee, Oklahoma, which he did about ten A. M.; that upon going to this home he observed ROE and UNDERHILL and the two women in the kitchen; that he also observed at this time that this home was located next to that of Senator SMALLEY; that the following morning he learned there had been shooting at the above address and then learned that UNDERHILL had been shot and that ROE had been arrested as ROE was only wounded. GREENSWEIGHT stated that up to this time he did not know the true identity of these individuals and that although he knew of the one man being named RALPH ROE he did not know the name at that time of the other man, who was UNDERHILL, as UNDERHILL was a quiet individual.

GREENSWEIGHT stated he then moved to Fitstown, Oklahoma, about twenty miles south of Ada, where he and G LEN GORAM opened a filling station and that ROE stopped in and got gas one day and that several days later the bank at Sulphur, Oklahoma, was robbed and he observed in the papers that ROE was arrested for this.

GREENSWEIGHT stated he came to California in 1935 and naturally heard over the radio and read in the papers that RALPH ROE escaped from Alcatraz; that about three or four months ago, a very short time after Christmas, possibly about January 15, 1938, GREENSWEIGHT stated he was walking east on Wilshire Boulevard in Los Angeles and then turned north on Figueroa and that as he walked past the garage located on the northeast corner of Figueroa and Wilshire, a coupe, possibly a 1936 Plymouth, drove out and the driver stopped and said, "Hello Guy", at which time he, GREENSWEIGHT, observed the man to be RALPH ROE and that there was another man with him; that several times thereafter he observed ROE driving a car on the streets of Los Angeles, but he was unable to recall what definite places, as he stated that he naturally saw them at stop sign intersections; that about a month and a half ago he saw ROE on the corner of Broadway and Second Streets in Santa Monica, at which time ROE was driving a 1937 Plymouth Sedan, light tan color; that ROE was driving west on Second, and when he saw

GUY, he stopped his car and asked, "What are you doing down here?", to which GREENSWEIGHT stated he replied, "Working in a garage", and he then kept going; that at this time another man was in the car with ROE; and that about two weeks previous to this interview he stated he also thought he saw ROE and another man at the Ocean Park Fier, but did not talk to him. GREENSWEIGHT stated he did not know who the other individual was and when shown photographs, positively identified the photograph of ROE, Oklahoma No. 15589, which he stated is a very good picture of ROE, but stated the Alcatraz photographs are not so good. However, he was unable to identify COLE as being the other individual as he stated he did not pay much attention to him. He also identified a photograph of UNDERHILL which appears in Serial 178 of Los Angeles file No. 62-964, as being the individual he knew in Shawnee, Oklahoma. He also identified the picture of PRETTY BOY FLOYD and stated he remembered of seeing him in Shawnee, Oklahoma, off and on, especially one time when he drove his car down the street, which he thought came out of the garage located on East Broadway. He also stated that CAPTAIN HICKS of the Shawnee Police Department knows about his fixing cars for UNDERHILL and ROE, but stated that otherwise no other officers have ever talked to him. However, he specifically denied knowing that UNDERHILL was an escape and that these men were bank robbers until after the shooting occurred in Shawnee.

GREENSWEIGHT further stated that around September or October, 1937, while he was employed in the garage located at 619 South Flower Street, Los Angeles, a young girl about 23 or 24 years old; about 5'4" tall, who weighed about 115 lbs., and had black hair and dark eyes, came into the garage and rented a car, which he thought was a black 1936 Ford Sedan; that he did not wait on her, but immediately recognized her as being a girl friend of RALPH ROE, as he stated he used to see this girl and RALPH ROE dance together at the Bluebird Dancehall on Main Street and at CHRISTNEY's Dancehall, Main and Beard Streets, Shawnee, Oklahoma; that he believed this woman had the car two or three days, as after it was returned he had to give it the one-thousand-mile inspection. He further stated that he believed MR. MCGOBEN rented the car to this woman whose name is unknown to him.

During the above interview Special Agent in Charge J. H. Hanson also interrogated GREENSWEIGHT and it is believed that GREENSWEIGHT is somewhat of a fabricator. However, he specifically denied making up a story to the effect that he had seen ROE just in order to build himself up before CURLY BOWMAN, and further admitted that he never told BOWMAN that he had seen COLE with ROE, as he stated he does not know TED COLE.

GREENSWEIGHT further stated that the reason he had not reported this information to any authorities was that he knows the dangerous character of these men and naturally did not want to be instrumental in causing their apprehension. He was advised of the fugitive status of these subjects and the Federal Harboring Statute and promised his cooperation in that if he saw them he would endeavor to obtain their

license number and report the same to the Los Angeles Field Division.

MR. RALPH E. DIXON, 2659 Queen Street, Los Angeles, telephonically advised the Los Angeles Field Division on several occasions that he had information pertaining to Subjects. However, when he called it was believed he was drunk and accordingly the writer interviewed him, and it was observed he was partially intoxicated at that time. He stated that these two individuals were hanging around the Silver Slipper Night Club at Riverside Drive and Firtle St., and that they were carrying .45 automatics. DIXON stated that he formerly worked in the Engineer's Division, U. S. Treasury, but is on a pension due to a paralyzed arm.

At the Silver Slipper Night Club, ADAM KOZLIAK, proprietor and EARL MUSTIN, 2390 Allesandro, advised that Subjects' photograph did not look familiar and that no one has been around their club carrying firearms. They volunteered the information, however, that a drunk named DIXON was talking around that several hoodlums were there. However, they stated he is entirely unreliable and merely called either the police or some office in order to put on a show before other people who were standing at the bar.

The writer afterwards returned to the home of MR. DIXON and instructed him to refrain from making such calls as he previously did and he stated that he did not know for sure whether these individuals he had seen around there were Subjects or not.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

SALT LAKE CITY OFFICE at Mina, Nevada, will conduct appropriate investigation at the Pastime Bar in order to ascertain if the party observed in the bar on March 12, 1938, is identical with Subject COLE; will also contact law enforcement agencies in the vicinity to determine if a person meeting the description of suspect is known to them.

LOS ANGELES OFFICE at MacFarland, California, will contact Deputy Sheriff DELANTY and through him interview his informant for such information as he has concerning the COLE family and the Subjects.

LOS ANGELES OFFICE at Los Angeles, California, at 619 South Flower St., will conduct appropriate inquiry in an effort to ascertain the identity of the woman who rented a car and who is supposed to be a girl friend of Subject ROE.

At Los Angeles, at the garage located on the northeast corner of Wilshire and Figueroa, will conduct appropriate investigation in an effort to ascertain whether Subject ROE might have rented cars from that garage as mentioned above.

The Los Angeles office will complete the remaining investigation pending in this territory.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: ROCOL

On April 16, 1938, information was received by the Richmond field division that William Phillip Gemp, then in the custody of the local authorities at Berryville, Virginia, desired to furnish a Bureau Agent with data concerning Ralph Roe. When interviewed Gemp stated that in January, 1938, he observed Roe, together with Pauline Smith, in Childs Restaurant, 15th and Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwest, Washington, D. C., and on that occasion he conversed with Roe, the latter having told him of the details of his escape from Alcatraz and that he and Theodore Cole were then en route to New York City to commit a kidnaping. Gemp stated that in all probability Roe and Cole were responsible for the disappearance of Peter Levine.

Pauline Smith, whose true name is Athlyn Skeen, was located at Logan, West Virginia, and when interviewed denied acquaintance with Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole and was unable to identify their photographs as being likenesses of the individuals known to her. This woman admitted knowing Gemp as Richard Harmel and furnished information concerning her association with him in Washington, D. C., which was borne out by investigation. Gemp stated that Roe told him "Doc" Barker and a companion, at a considerable cost, had arranged to effect their escape from Alcatraz by having a speedboat approach the island at the time prearranged for the escape, the boat to approach from the direction of Angel Island so as to appear to be a Government boat. Roe and Cole, knowing of the plans for the escape, decided to break from the institution a few minutes prior to the time arranged to make a break by Barker and his confederate and by so doing were able to contact the speedboat and thereby effect their escape.

On April 18, 1938, the local authorities at Berryville intercepted a note prepared by Gemp and intended for Ethel Batten, an alleged relative of Gemp. The note instructed Batten to go to Charles Town, West Virginia and direct a telegram to Gemp, instructing him to lease a bungalow and place an ad in the paper so that he could be contacted by a fictitious person "R.H.R." The Berryville authorities also caught Gemp trying to mail a letter addressed to "Mr. J. E. Hoover, FBI Office, Washington, D.C.," which purported to furnish information relative to the escape of Roe and Cole from Alcatraz. The letter was signed "H.D." and was written in the first person feminine in an effort to make it appear as though it was prepared by a woman.

In view of the above circumstances, it is obvious that Gemp was falsifying relative to having seen Ralph Roe in Washington, D. C., or having any information concerning the subject of this investigation. The Bureau files reflect that William Phillip Gemp is a notorious liar and no credence can be given to information furnished by him.

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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
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>RUTH CRAWFORD, Seminole, Okla. and J. B. WILKINSON, Webb City, Okla., interviewed and no additional information obtained. Subjects reported to have been in Picher, Okla. during May, 1938. San Antonio Division received anonymous letter 5/23/38 advising that TED COLE might be hidden in cave near Ochelata, Okla. COLE reported to have been seen at Perry, Okla. during Jan., 1938 by HERMAN H. SMITH.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-P-</p> <p>REFERENCE:</p> <p>Report of Special Agent C. O. HURT, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 6/5/38. Letter to Bureau 3/15/38. Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 4/28/38.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p>Reference letter to the Bureau sets out an interview of Special Agent FRANK S. SMITH with Mrs. RUTH CRAWFORD, informant at Seminole, Oklahoma, and in connection therewith Mrs. CRAWFORD was interviewed by the writer at her residence, 518 1/2 N. 2nd Street, Seminole, Oklahoma.</p> <p>Mrs. CRAWFORD stated that she had not heard any more from "SLEEPY" and LON JOHNSON, but she had heard, through her husband W. C. CRAWFORD, Courtland, California, that LAWRENCE JOHNSON, a brother to LON and "SLEEPY" had killed a man in California. She exhibited a postcard dated June 2, 1938 and mailed at Courtland, California, which was signed W. C. CRAWFORD, and advised that he was leaving for Idaho and would write to her as soon as he was settled. She stated that as soon as her husband is settled in Idaho he would probably write her a letter explaining in detail the trouble</p>			
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LAWRENCE JOHNSON was in and where it happened in California. However, she believed the killing must have happened near Courtland, California or her husband would not have known about it.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent FRANK S. SMITH:

Based upon telephonic advice from JOE GORMLEY, Webb City, Oklahoma, to the effect that he had material information in connection with this case, Special Agent FRANK S. SMITH proceeded to Webb City, Oklahoma, where GORMLEY advised that he had received his information from one J. B. ATKINSON. Agent, accompanied by JOE GORMLEY contacted J. B. ATKINSON, who operates a large wheat farm in the vicinity of Webb City. ATKINSON appeared to know the writer, and expressed confidence in his information being treated in the proper manner. He stated that he had never snitched, and that was not his racket; that he did not wish to be uncovered as an informant. He stated that he had no direct information as to whether ROE and COLE are dead or alive, but that he did have good connections with the underworld, and stood a good chance of ascertaining information relative to them. He stated that ENZEL UNDERHILL is a close friend of his, and she would likely know something of these two escapes. He stated that if ROE and COLE are alive, they are most likely to be in Old Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas or New Mexico. Agent worked patiently with ATKINSON in an endeavor to extract some definite information from him, but was unable to do so. He made the statement that if he were given enough expense money he would make a trip to New Mexico and surrounding country and he was sure he would be able to learn something about COLE and ROE. The writer reached the conclusion that ATKINSON is a very unreliable individual, and only wanted to chisel a substantial amount of expense money from the Government.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent E. F. BIRCH:

While at Picher, Oklahoma this Agent was advised by Deputy Sheriff JOE HOBSON, Ottawa County Sheriff's Office, that a certain man in Picher claimed to have information to the effect that the fugitives had been in Picher a short time ago.

Accordingly, this Agent, accompanied by Deputy Sheriff HOBSON, interviewed Mr. KENNETH RAY, who runs the Todd Undertaking Parlor, Picher, Oklahoma. Mr. RAY advised that his informant in this matter was a Mr. RED PHELPS, who operates a garage in Picher, but he requested that at present this Agent not contact PHELPS, as he will endeavor to get all the information from him. He informed that about three or four weeks ago PHELPS had pointed out to him a 1937 Chevrolet Sedan parked near the Cole Auto Wrecking Yard, advising him that this car belonged to ROE and COLE, who had dropped in town on the way to Chicago, Illinois. While RAY did not remember the license number, he noted it was a Kansas plate. According to his informant, they had been staying in Kansas City, Missouri for a time, and intended to put up in Chicago for three or four weeks. Thereafter ROE and COLE expected to come back to Picher for a few days on the way to Mexico. He mentioned that LEONARD COLE, who operates the Auto Wrecking Yard is a cousin to Fugitive COLE, and that another cousin lived in Joplin, Missouri, about one block west and three or four blocks north of the Tri-State loading dock in that town. These fugitives are supposed to have visited this cousin also. According to his informant, RAY advised that there is no doubt as to their having safely gotten out. Mr. RAY indicated that PHELPS would undoubtedly deny this if contacted, and he suggested that if he continued in his contacts with PHELPS, he might be able to give more definite information.

Deputy Sheriff HOBSON advised that he does not place too much credence in this story, although he knows that PHELPS is well acquainted with both fugitives, for PHELPS is known as a snitch for one JOE ANDERSON, a private detective, who would undoubtedly be furnished with same by PHELPS if it were the truth. He indicated further that PHELPS does not bear a good reputation, and is presently attempting

to get some information as to a bombing from RAY who is suspected of being implicated therein. In view of this informant's relationship, HOBSON stated that he would make casual inquiries of PHELPS as to his knowledge of these fugitives and their present whereabouts without making any reference to the information furnished by RAY.

With respect to the Cole Auto Wrecking Yard mentioned above, it is located at the outskirts of Picher, and the owner, LEONARD COLE, is known to have been associating with automobile thieves such as ROBERT SWEET, who visited him just prior to his arrest. In view of the above, a direct interview with LEONARD COLE would seem futile. It was further learned that the immediate neighbors of this person are also very unreliable, and could not be depended upon in a matter of this nature.

Both Mr. KENNETH RAY and Deputy Sheriff HOBSON were given the telephone number of the Oklahoma City Division, as well as the telephone number of this Agent at Tulsa, and they indicated that should anything definite be developed, this Bureau would be promptly advised.

This matter will be held in abeyance for a period of time, so as to give these parties an opportunity to develop this information through their informants. In the event this is not productive, an appropriate direct investigation will be conducted at Picher in an effort to check the veracity of this information.

Under date of May 24, 1938 the San Antonio Field Division advised an anonymous letter had been received, mailed at San Antonio, 12:30 P.M., May 23, 1938, in an envelope of the Goldman Hotel, Fort Smith, Arkansas, which reads as follows:

"Coming on a bus to Santone yesterday I heard a 'tell-it-all' girl say she had just come from Pawhuska, Okla. & that the one of the 2 recent Alcatraz escapes called 'Ted' was being hidden in a cave on a creek in or near Ochelata, Okla. (near Bartlesville).

She said she was taken to see him by a cousin of this 'Ted's' called 'Roxie' or 'Roxy.'

Pass this on if you want for what its worth. I don't want to be mixed up in this sort of thing unless there's a reward forthcoming.

The Pathfinder"

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent C. L. GREEN at Ponca City, Oklahoma.

Mr. HERMAN H. SMITH, 1019 E. Otoe Street, was located at Smith's Auto Camp, three miles south of Ponca City on U. S. Highway #77. Mr. SMITH had previously told Mr. HUGH OWEN, Sheriff of Nowata, Oklahoma, that he had seen a man he thought was Subject COLE.

Upon interview, Mr. SMITH stated that in January of this year he was employed as a collector for the Oklahoma State Tax Commission, and was working in Perry, Oklahoma during that month with Mr. PAUL DAVENPORT, another collector. He stated that one morning about 9:00 A.M. he was walking from his hotel to the Post Office in Perry, and saw the man whom he believes is COLE walking along the sidewalk accompanied by a woman. He stated that he noticed this individual particularly because he appeared to be watching Mr. SMITH rather closely after SMITH had first glanced at him. Mr. SMITH described this woman as being about the same height as the man, five feet, seven inches, and wearing a green dress and brown coat, noticing nothing else about her appearance.

Mr. SMITH stated that on the following morning after seeing this couple on the street he and PAUL DAVENPORT were in the Post Office at Perry, and while DAVENPORT was sending some mail at the window, he, SMITH, glanced over the bulletin board where wanted notices are posted; that he saw the F. B. I. Identification Order on THEODORE COLE, and noticed that it resembled the individual seen by him the day before; that while standing in the Post Office lobby waiting for DAVENPORT, this same man entered the lobby, walked to a point near the wanted notices, and then walked hurriedly out the north (or side) door after having come in the front (or west) door; that this individual transacted no business in the

Post Office, not approaching any of the windows or mail drops, but appeared to have entered for no reason other than looking at the wanted notices. Mr. SMITH stated that he watched this individual rather closely, noting the resemblance, and believed that this scrutiny was observed by the latter, which was one cause for his hasty exit.

Mr. SMITH said that about the time this man started out of the Post Office, Mr. DAVENPORT rejoined him, and Mr. SMITH requested DAVENPORT to note the resemblance; that after a quick glance at the I. O., DAVENPORT hurried out directly behind the unknown person, but when SMITH and DAVENPORT got outside of the building this man had disappeared. Mr. SMITH stated that he was so convinced that this individual was COLE that he searched almost continuously until 1:00 o'clock that night in all of the "dives" in Perry and vicinity, but found no trace of the individual, and has not seen him since. He stated that this person was dressed in a cheap brown suit, cheap brown cowboy boots, and was wearing a medium sized white western hat with a black edged brim and black band. He stated that all of these clothes appeared to be new, but were all of a very cheap quality. Mr. SMITH was shown a photograph of COLE, and he stated he believed it was the man he had seen; that the general appearance was the same, and he noticed particularly the very tilted nose which gave the nostrils the appearance of going straight into the face. He described this individual as follows:

Age	25
Height	5', 7"
Weight	-
Build	Medium slender
Nose	Bug

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD DIVISION

Will make suitable investigation near Ochelata, Oklahoma to determine if there is a cave in this vicinity in which TED COLE might be hiding.

On or after July 1, 1938, will contact KENNETH RAY and Deputy Sheriff HOBSON at Picher, Oklahoma, to ascertain if they have secured any additional information in connection with this case.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

FILE NO. 76-348

REPORT MADE AT OKLA. CITY, OKLA.	DATE WHEN MADE 6/18/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6/14, 15/38	REPORT MADE BY D. A. BRYCE	MS
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:

ERNEST TAYLOR reported deceased. Whereabouts of Mrs. CORBIT LYONS (not LANE) unknown. ROE, with JACK LLOYD, arrested at home of Mrs. CORBIT LYONS in 1934. No additional information obtained from KENNETH RAY and Deputy Sheriff HOBSON relative to COLE being at Picher, Okla., and it is not believed that COLE has been there recently.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent J. V. MURPHY, Oklahoma City, 2/3/38. Report of Special Agent C. O. HURT, Oklahoma City, 6/17/38.

DETAILS:

At Antlers, Oklahoma.

Mr. W. S. BARROW, Deputy Sheriff, was interviewed, and advised that in 1934 at the time JACK LLOYD and RALPH ROE were apprehended by himself and other officers, they were captured at the home of Mrs. CORBIT LYONS. He stated that Mrs. LYONS was formerly Mrs. ERNEST TAYLOR. BARROW advised that he was also personally acquainted with TED COLE, but had not seen COLE or ROE since ROE was apprehended by him. Mr. BARROW advised that Mrs. LYONS, since the capture of ROE, had informed him that her former husband, ERNEST TAYLOR, who is an ex-convict from a penitentiary unknown to BARROW, had either died or had been killed, he could not recall which. Mr. BARROW stated that Mrs. LYONS, to his knowledge, has had seven husbands, whose names he could not recall;

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that they had all been sentenced to the penitentiary at the time they were residing with Mrs. LYONS. He stated that due to the character of this individual she had been ordered to leave Pushmataha County, and with her husband, CORBIT LYONS, had departed six or eight months ago, leaving no forwarding address, and her present address is unknown. Mr. BUREAU is of the opinion, however, that Mr. and Mrs. LYONS are presently residing either in Texas or New Mexico, and stated that if he should obtain any information regarding their present whereabouts, he will notify the Oklahoma City Division.

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

This agent recontacted the informant, KERETH RAY, at Picher, Oklahoma on June 14, 1938, at which time he advised that he has been able to ascertain no more definite information other than that these fugitives were supposed to have passed through Picher two Sundays ago en route to Mexico. He informed that RED FERRIS had told him he got this information directly from Mr. COLL. Mr. RAY promised to keep in touch with FERRIS, and advise this Division of any additional information developed.

Mr. SAM SEXTON, Night Chief of the Police Department, Picher, Oklahoma, was contacted with regard to this matter, and he indicated that he had always found old LEONARD COLL to be fairly reliable, for which reason he felt that a direct inquiry of him could safely be made, and he believed COLL would tell the truth. He indicated that although he had talked to COLL on a number of occasions he had never been told that this fugitive COLL was related to him.

In the company of Night Chief SEXTON, this Agent thereupon interviewed LEONARD COLL at the Picher Trucking Yard, making inquiries of him generally with regard to this fugitive. Mr. COLL advised that fugitive COLL is no relative of his whatsoever, and he has never seen him. He further indicated that he remembered seeing in the papers about his arrest and also his subsequent escape, but further than that he knew nothing about the man. In questioning him about his family, he indicated he was born in Webb City, Missouri, and that he had but one brother, who was likewise born there, and is presently living in that city.

An effort was made to locate RED PHILIPS while in Picher, but same was unsuccessful.

Deputy Sheriff JOE HOBSON was contacted at Miami, Oklahoma, and he advised that he had spoken to RED PHILIPS about this matter, and found there was absolutely nothing to it. PHILIPS had advised him he had never known either of these fugitives nor did he have any idea they were related to LEONARD COLE. He further stated that he had made these statements to RAY, but the whole story was purely fictitious, and used merely to get RAY'S confidence in an effort to obtain certain information from him for the local authorities on another matter. Deputy HOBSON indicated that he had placed little credence in the matter from the beginning, as he knew that PHILIPS, should he ever receive any such information relative to these fugitives, would immediately get in touch with the authorities on the possibility he could get some reward.

In view of the above information, further investigative action in the premises is unwarranted, and same is being considered as closed.

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SEL:MC

June 21, 1938

76-2685

Special Agent in Charge
San Francisco, California

Re: ROCCOL

Dear Sir:

Please refer to Bureau letter of February 9, 1938, transmitting copies of a memorandum prepared 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 United States Penitentiary at Alcatraz, and advise the Bureau if you consider the time practical to conduct the investigation suggested by Mr. Gurnea.

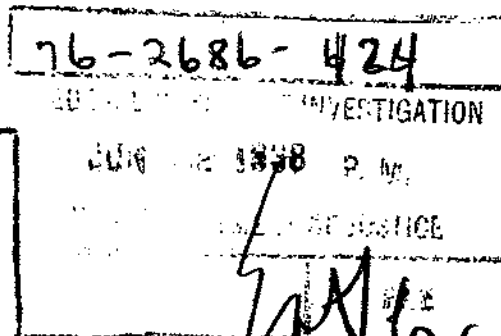
This matter should be given your immediate attention.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tamm.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Coffey.....
Mr. Crowl.....
Mr. Dawsey.....
Mr. Egan.....
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Mr. McIntire.....
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Mr. Tracy.....
Miss Gandy.....

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June 22, 1938

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Special Agent in Charge
Richmond, Virginia

Re: Ralph Roe, with aliases,
Fugitive, I. O. #1472;
Theodore Cole, with aliases,
Fugitive, I. O. #1471.
Escaped Federal Prisoners.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Bureau June 13, 1938.

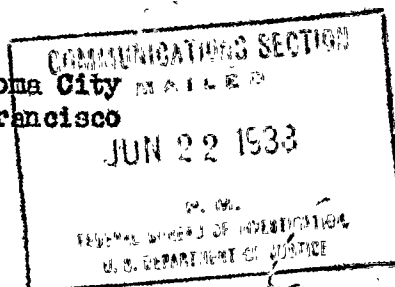
Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure:

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San Francisco



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Laboratory Report

Case;

June 22, 1938

Number: 76-2686-415

Ralph Roe, with aliases, Fugitive, I. O. #1472;
Theodore Cole, with aliases, Fugitive, I. O. #1471.
Escaped Federal Prisoners
Specimens:

Q23. Sheet of thin white paper containing tracings of the signature
"Mr. and Mrs. J. Sullivan, New York, New York".

Examination requested by: Richmond

Date received: 6-13-38

Examination requested: Document

Result of examination:

Examination by:

Dingle

Based on a comparison of the known handwriting of Ralph Roe designated as specimen K1 with tracing designated as specimen Q23, the conclusion has been reached that Ralph Roe did not write the questioned writing.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

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

June 30, 1938.

Mr. Emil L. Mueller,
Postmaster,
Clatskanie, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

Re: ⁰ROOCL

Thank you for your letter of June 20th
furnishing this office with the address of R. H.
THOMAS, care of W. E. HAND. We have recently
learned that we do not need to contact MR. THOMAS
and so any further surveillance of the mails by you
in this matter is not necessary.

We greatly appreciate your cooperation in
this matter.

Very truly yours,

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cc-Bureau ✓

J. D. SWENSON,
Special Agent in Charge.

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K.C. FILE NO. 76-471

REPORT MADE AT Kansas City	DATE WHEN MADE 6-27-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6-21-38	REPORT MADE BY J. C. MERTZ SN
TITLE RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1472; O THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1471.			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Neither ROE nor COLE were with TOM DAVIS
at Turon, Kansas, on March 14, 1938.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. C. MERTZ, Kansas City, 5-3-38.

DETAILS: AT TURON, KANSAS:

Photographs of ROE and COLE were exhibited to E. G. WALKER at the White Eagle Filling Station. Mr. WALKER stated that the man with TOM DAVIS in his filling station on March 14, 1938, who gave the name E. M. COFER, might possibly have been RALPH ROE, but that he could not make an identification from the photographs exhibited because the man giving the name of E. M. COFER did not get out of the car while in the filling station, and that he did not get a good look at this man. Mr. WALKER stated that the man with DAVIS somewhat resembled the Leavenworth Penitentiary photograph #46153 of RALPH ROE, but that the man did not look anything like the Oklahoma City #15589 photograph of RALPH ROE. Mr. WALKER advised that TOM DAVIS and his friend have not returned to Turon, Kansas, since March 14, 1938.

AT GREAT BEND, KANSAS:

The facts of the incident reported to the writer by BILL COCHRAN were furnished to Chief of Police V. H. HOUDYSHELL, who stated that undoubtedly the man with TOM DAVIS at Turon, Kansas, on March 14, 1938,

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was ART WEBSTER, and that the man known as BILL, who was with WEBSTER at Great Bend, Kansas, a short time before, was TOM DAVIS. According to Chief HOUDYSHELL, the 1935 Chevrolet Coupe, Motor #M4-341554, believed to have been stolen by WEBSTER and DAVIS at Great Bend, Kansas, in March, 1938, has never been recovered. No trace of the car has ever been found other than the fact that it was seen at Turon, Kansas, on March 14, 1938, and there is no evidence at this time to indicate that the car has been transported out of the State of Kansas in violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

Accompanied by Police Officer BERT TRUEX of the Great Bend Police Department, Agent interviewed Mrs. MARGARET KNUP HORINE, who was in company with ART WEBSTER and the person known as BILL at Great Bend, Kansas, on about March 12, 1938. Mrs. HORINE stated definitely that the person known as BILL was not identical with the photographs of ROE and COLE.

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OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

FILE NO. 76-259

REPORT MADE AT Dallas, Texas	DATE WHEN MADE 6/27/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6/20/38	REPORT MADE BY H. T. ARTERBERRY
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:

FLINT C. BRANNON, Texarkana, Texas, could supply no information with reference to instant case.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent H. T. ARTERBERRY, Dallas, Texas, dated April 20, 1938.

DETAILS:

AT TEXARKANA, TEXAS:

FLINT C. BRANNON stated that he had received no additional information since last interviewed by the writer in Dallas, Texas, on April 18, 1938, when he advised of his trip to Hobbs, New Mexico. He stated that he was presently employed in a second-hand furniture store on Broad Street, Texarkana, Texas; that he had no additional funds on which to travel over the United States looking for Subject ROE, and that unless the Government saw fit to supply him with additional funds, he could be of no further service in this matter.

In view of this information it is deemed useless to contact **FLINT C. BRANNON** of Texarkana, Texas, again, since it appears to be obvious that he has no information or contacts of value to instant investigation.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

LRP:JHR United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

July 7, 1938.

Time-12:45 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Roe and Cole.

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Nathan	
Mr. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Crowl	
Mr. Dawsey	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Foxworth	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Harbo	
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Mr. McIntire	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Tracy	
Miss Gandy	

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I called SAC Pieper at San Francisco regarding a news flash which came into the Bureau reading, "San Francisco—Police today received a report that Theodore Cole and Ralph Roe who escaped from Alcatraz Federal Prison in San Francisco Bay were seen near Weed, California." SAC Pieper advised me that the two subjects were seen the night after the escape back in December, and that this is what the news flash pertains to. Mr. Pieper stated that two boys were driving in that part of the country the night after the escape. When they came into town, they saw a car containing some men. The youths looked at them and when they came to the next town and saw the papers, they claimed the men they saw in the car resembled Roe and Cole. These boys went to the local justice of the peace and so far the Bureau Office has not been able to ascertain what steps were taken by that authority. These same boys happened to be in the police station last night talking about this incident. A reporter was nearby and heard the story, thus giving rise to the news flash. SAC Pieper told me that the story will be checked as a matter of routine, for it appears that there is no foundation to the story. I was told that the boy's story was given quite a bit of publicity in the San Francisco papers. SAC Pieper stated that in order to check this story, an agent would have to travel about four hundred miles. An agent will begin a road trip on Monday and will check the matter when he arrives in that locale. SAC Pieper pointed out that Roe and Cole could have hardly reached the spot where the boys claim they saw them in so short a time after their escape from Alcatraz.

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Respectfully,

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L. R. PENNINGTON.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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FILE

P. O. Box 709
Portland, Oregon

June 25, 1938

Special Agent in Charge
Seattle, Washington

Dear Sir:

Re: ROGEL

Sergeant NICHOLS of the Oregon State Police reported to Special Agent H. A. KEND today that an acquaintance of his, FRED KELLY, Garden Home, Oregon, had some information regarding this case. KELLY was interviewed by Agent KEND at the office of the Oregon State Police and related as follows:

That he was in Seattle last Wednesday night, June 22, 1938, and about midnight was in the Music Hall, a beer parlor believed to be located on 4th Avenue near Pike in Seattle, or possibly on Pike near 4th. He stated that he had a glass or two of beer; that sitting at a table near him were two men whom he thinks might be ROGEL and COLE, for the following reasons. He states that these two men conversed with one of the waitresses or hostesses, a blond girl named MARION. He stated that this MARION, whom he, KELLY, later conversed with, claims to be a former circus performer; that he heard one of the men say to MARION that they had "been up here (Seattle) about two months. Pretty soon we can go home." That they indicated that they were leaving Seattle for the south within a short time.

KELLY relates that later in conversing with him MARION asked about the Alcatraz escape and whether the people in Oregon thought that the two convicts had actually escaped or had drowned in the attempt. MARION stated that she was in the show business in Hastings and knew both of them at that time and place. KELLY stated that neither of the men left while he was in the Music Hall; that they did not converse with anyone else to his knowledge, and that he can furnish no further information. He was shown a number of photographs and picked out the photograph of RALPH ROGEL, Oklahoma City, 15589, as resembling one of the two men. He stated that one of the differences which he could see was that the man in the Music Hall had his hair "slicked" down. The other individual he described as lighter in weight than the man whom he thinks might be ROGEL.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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REPORT MADE AT EL PASO, Texas.	DATE WHEN MADE 7-5-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6-27-38	REPORT MADE BY D.P.Sullivan jfn
TITLE RALPH ROE with aliases - FUGITIVE - IO 1472; THEODORE COLE with aliases - FUGITIVE - IO 1471			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: ~~TED~~ **THEODORE BROWN** located at Ft. Stockton, Texas, interviewed and advised that he is casually acquainted with **RALPH ROE** and **THEODORE COLE**, but has obtained no information indicating these men were successful in their attempted escape; states does not know of any intimate friends or associates of these men. **MR. & MRS. T.J. RILEY** and **MRS. WILL L. BROWN**, mother of **FLOYD BROWN**, also interviewed but state they are not acquainted with either **ROE** or **COLE** and have no information concerning these men.

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REFERENCE: - Report of Special Agent **E.M. KRIEGER**, Kansas City, Mo., dated June 5, 1938.

DETAILS: **AT FORT STOCKTON, Texas:-**

Agent made inquiry at the local post office where he was advised by one of the Post Office Clerks that **MR. & MRS. T.J. RILEY** were residing about four miles north of Ft. Stockton. Accompanied by Post Office Clerk **BOBO**, Agent was directed to the home of **MR. & MRS. T.J. RILEY**, which is located on the Monahans-Fort Stockton road, about four miles north of Ft. Stockton. At this time **MR. T.J. RILEY** and his wife **DESSIE** were interviewed and they stated that they had not received any information of value to this investigation since the last interview by Special Agent **E.C. DORRIS**, of this office. They were again shown photographs of **THEODORE COLE** and **RALPH ROE** which, they stated, they could not identify as of any persons they had ever seen. **MRS. RILEY** stated that she had received some letters from her brother **FLOYD BROWN**, inmate of the U.S. Penitentiary, Alcatraz Island, San Francisco, Calif., since last interviewed, but that he did not mention anything concerning **COLE** or **ROE** in these letters. At this point **MR. & MRS. RILEY** stated that all the letters received from **FLOYD BROWN** bore the censorship mark of the Penitentiary. At this time **MR.**

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and MRS. RILEY stated that there is little likelihood of the subjects contacting them, for the reasons that they were not acquainted with them and that there was little possibility of them knowing of their present address as they were living at Saragosa, Texas, at the time of their alleged escape from Alcatraz.

MR. & MRS. RILEY were questioned about TED THEODORE BROWN, brother of FLOYD BROWN, and they advised that TED THEODORE BROWN was presently residing with them on the farm. TED THEODORE BROWN was also interviewed at this time and he stated that he had served five years of a ten year sentence in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary and was released about one year ago. He stated that he and his family formerly lived at Duncan, Okla., for about three years prior to the time that he was sentenced to the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, from the time he was about seventeen to twenty years of age. Upon questioning he stated that he was casually acquainted with RALPH ROE, but that he was never intimately acquainted with this man. He stated that he did not know any person with whom ROE either associated or was friendly with, or any persons that ROE might possibly contact. He stated that he was in Duncan, Okla., for a couple of months early this year, but that during this time he heard no mention made by anyone of having seen or heard from ROE or COLE since their attempted escape from Alcatraz. He advised that he is not sufficiently well acquainted with ROE to expect that this man would try to contact him, but expressed the opinion that he did not believe that either of these men had escaped, for the reason that they undoubtedly would have engaged in some crime since that time. He also advised that he had heard of THEODORE COLE, inasmuch as this man had served a sentence in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, but that he knew nothing about this man and had no idea with whom he was acquainted. At this time TED THEODORE BROWN was questioned as to whether he would advise the El Paso Office in the event that he obtained any information indicating that COLE or ROE was successful in the attempted escape, but he was reluctant to state that he would do so. He indicated that the "prison code" would not permit him to turn in somebody in trouble. He advised, however, that he was not "working" at this time and there was little likelihood that he would receive any information from either of these men, either directly or indirectly.

MRS. WILL L. BROWN, also presently residing with MR. & MRS. RILEY, was also questioned at this time, but advised that upon seeing the photographs of THEODORE COLE and RALPH ROE that she had never seen these men and had no information concerning them. She advised that her husband had left the farm sometime ago; that she did not know his present whereabouts; that her son LAWRENCE BROWN, brother of FLOYD BROWN, was an oil worker and was working in the oil fields, probably somewhere in Oklahoma; that she did not know his present address and could not advise where or how he could be reached. TED THEODORE BROWN advised at this time that he is fairly certain that his brother LAWRENCE is not acquainted with either ROE or COLE; and that there is little, if any, possibility that either of these men would contact his brother or that his brother LAWRENCE would have any information concerning them.

During the interviews, MR. T.J. RILEY advised that he had brought TED THEODORE BROWN to the farm to give him work and to keep him out of trouble. MR. RILEY appeared to be sincere in his statement that he would immediately advise the El Paso Office in the event that he received any information from any source concerning ROE or COLE. The address of the El Paso Office was left with MR. RILEY.

Inasmuch as all of the above persons interviewed indicated that they had no information concerning COLE or ROE HAVING BEEN SUCCESSFUL in their attempted escape, and inasmuch as none of the BROWN family is sufficiently well acquainted with either

COLE or ROE that they would be contacted by these men, it is believed that there is little reason to suspect that COLE or ROE would attempt to contact LAWRENCE BROWN, or MR. WILL L. BROWN, the present whereabouts of both being unknown.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

EL PASO OFFICE - *At Cherry Vale, N.M. - Will interview MRS. CECIL NOEL for information she may possess concerning former friends and contacts of RALPH ROE and JACK LLOYD, and any other information she may have.

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

FILE NO. **76-244.**

REPORT MADE AT Salt Lake City, Utah.	DATE WHEN MADE 7-5-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6-24-38	REPORT MADE BY HOWARD S. HOOVER - G.J.
TITLE RALPH ROE with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1471.			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER.
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Deputy Sheriff and Proprietor of Pastime Bar, both of Mina, Nevada, state photo of COLE strongly resembles unknown individual seen in Mina, early in March 1938; unable to furnish any information as to this individual's true identity or present whereabouts.</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin-left: 100px;">HUC.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent R.N. PRANKE, Los Angeles, 6-10-38.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin-left: 100px;">AT MINA, NEVADA.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Agent interviewed JOHN BRADY, proprietor of the Pastime Bar, who advised that for the past six months or more he has been working at the Bar from approximately 5 PM until closing time which varies from 3AM to 8AM, and that he was on duty on March 12, 1938. Agent exhibited to MR. BRADY the photographs of COLE and ROE and asked if he remembered seeing an individual resembling either of these persons in the Pastime Bar along in March of this year. MR. BRADY stated that he vaguely remembered seeing a person who resembled the side view of the photograph of THEODORE COLE; that as he recalls this person came into the Pastime Bar one evening and stayed there most of the night and he believes he was still in town during the next day. BRADY advised that this person was very quiet, had nothing to say, and that he did not mix with anyone else in the Bar and apparently had no companion; that he was wearing a brown zipper jacket, and believed that he was wearing gray checkered trousers.</p>			
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MR. BRADY stated that he did not recall ever hearing this individual's name and doubts if it was mentioned because he apparently knew no one who was in the Bar on that night. BRADY stated however, that Deputy Sheriff MARTY VIDOVIICH, who more or less makes the Pastime Bar his headquarters, might possibly recall this person.

Deputy Sheriff VIDOVIICH, upon interview, advised that he recalled talking to Sheriff BEINK and Constable HAMILTON of Bakersfield, California, on the night in question, and further recalls an individual who was sitting in a chair by the door and who apparently was nervous about whoever came into the Bar. VIDOVIICH stated that he recalled seeing this person for the first time getting off of a freight train from Reno, Nevada, about 3 AM in the morning; that this person was alone and had no bedroll or luggage. VIDOVIICH stated that as he recalls this person was wearing a brown jacket, gray or checkered trousers, and a brown felt hat. VIDOVIICH distinctly recalls that as he was talking with Deputy Sheriff BEINK and Constable HAMILTON, he had turned away from the Bar in such a manner as to display his badge and had observed this person staring at him very near the doorway and thought at the time that he acted a little queerly. VIDOVIICH was shown the photographs of COLE and POE and he identified the front view of COLE as strongly resembling this individual, although he did not recall that this person had a small scar on his lip. VIDOVIICH stated that this person stayed in Mina the balance of that night, the following day and the next night, and left early in the morning of the second day. VIDOVIICH stated that he did not see him leave, and that he did not know where he might have gone; that he did not catch his name or talk to him to determine his name, and is positive that he did not stay any place in Mina other than in the Pastime Bar. VIDOVIICH suggested that inasmuch as he is positive this person came in on the freight train, he undoubtedly left town by the same method of transportation.

It should be stated that Mina, Nevada, is a very small town of approximately 100 people, most of whom are engaged in mining in the near vicinity. VIDOVIICH stated he is positive he has not seen this person in Mina since this one occasion, and is positive that he would recognize him if he returned to that locality.

In view of the fact that no information was obtained which would indicate where this individual might be located, and as there appears to be no further investigation to be conducted in this Field Division at the present time, this case is being

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
July 7, 1938

Re: Cole and Roe
Escapes from Alcatraz.

Mr. Pennington advises SAC Pieper stated that two boys told a police officer casually at Weeds California (several hundred miles from San Francisco); that they had seen two men resembling Cole and Roe the night after the escape. Mr. Pieper stated they could not possibly have gotten that far.

Mr. Pieper states it is an attempt of a newspaper reporter to build a story. The article is appearing in one newspaper in San Francisco. No agent has been sent to Weeds as yet.

Mr. Pennington is submitting a full memo

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FILE NO. 76-95

REPORT MADE AT DENVER, COLORADO	DATE WHEN MADE 7-10-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6-6 & 7-6-38	REPORT MADE BY A. R. GERE RO
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:

Subjects are believed by D. C. PEMBERTON, to have been seen by him at Rock Springs, Wyo., on April 1 or 2, 1938, driving a 1938 Dodge Sedan with Illinois license plates, number of which was not obtained. Informant PEMBERTON believed to be suffering from "A Defective Complex".

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent M. E. GURNEA, San Francisco, 12/28/37.
Letter from the Bureau dated 4/26/38 directed to D. C. PEMBERTON, Rock Springs, Wyo.

DETAILS:

At Rock Springs, Wyoming:

DAVID C. PEMBERTON, age 50, proprietor of a second-hand store, known as the Big 4 Store, K Street, Rock Springs, Wyoming, stated that about April 1 or 2, 1938, two men came to his store driving a 1938 Dodge Sedan, bearing Illinois license plates, the number of which he was unable to obtain. He stated they purchased a small tarpaulin and that one of the men handled a tire cover, which he delivered to Special Agent A. R. GERE for examination for fingerprints. He advised this tire cover was in his second-hand store and is certain that one of the men handled it. He stated that the next day he received his April issue of two detective magazines and recognized the photograph of Subjects as bearing quite strong likenesses of the two men who had visited his store the day previously.

Mr. PEMBERTON was equally positive that a piano teacher at Rock Springs is identical with CLARENCE E. MAHAFFEY, a fugitive wanted by the Bureau,

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but investigation by Special Agent GERE developed that the piano teacher in question is one REX McCAMACH, age 43, who resides with his mother at 607 North Front Street, Rock Springs, Wyoming, and previously resided at Superior, Wyoming, having formerly lived at New York City and does not resemble the photograph of MAHAFFEY.

Special Agent GERE, after conversing with Mr. PEMBERTON, at some length, gained the impression that PEMBERTON has a decided "Detective Complex," and he is reported to be the type of individual who is continually turning in false information to law enforcement officers. He is believed to be serious in his endeavors along this line, but very unreliable.

Special Agent A. R. GERE, was given the tire cover above-mentioned, by Mr. PEMBERTON, and same was taken to the Denver Office and processed for fingerprints by Special Agent in Charge R. D. BROWN. Several blotched fingerprint impressions were brought out, which were of no value for classifying and identifying purposes.

Because of the reported unreliability of Mr. PEMBERTON's frequent identification of criminals, and because of his inability to furnish any further information concerning the persons referred to by him, no further investigation is being conducted, unless otherwise instructed by the Bureau.

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

FILE NO. **76-282**

REPORT MADE AT EL PASO, TEXAS.	DATE WHEN MADE 7-11-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7-2-38.	REPORT MADE BY D. P. SULLIVAN jed
TITLE RAIPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1471.			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Writer of letter to Warden at Alcatraz Penitentiary, containing information possible referring to COLE and ROE, ascertained to be R. R. MANTOOTH, Hobbs, New Mexico. MANTOOTH describes how person, from whom he obtained information, can be located at Loop, Texas.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. E. THORNTON, San Francisco, California, dated 4-2-38.

DETAILS: For the information of interested offices it may be stated that the San Francisco Office forwarded to the El Paso Office a photostat copy of the following letter, signed "R. R. M.", care P.O. Box 1351, Hobbs, New Mexico:

Hobbs, N.M.
Jan 6, 1938

Warden James A. Johnston,

I am sending you some clipings that I got out of a Denver paper yesterday.

As I was coming from Lubbock Texas Dec 27, 1937

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I caught a ride with a man that told me about being at a filling station about seeing two men in a car that were from California and he said they made the trip from there to the filling station in 17 hours and they wanted to know how far it was to some town in Okla. he said they had a machine gun and two cartridge belts fully loaded all around and two pistols in the car and one of these guys had a gun on at the time he said they got gass and some cheese and crackers and one of the men pulled a quiet a roll of money out of his pocket to pay for the goods and it was a \$5.00 bill that was passed, he said they were well dressed and seemed to be a little nervous, and one of the guys rubbed a place on the left fender where it had been scared and said they like to have got us.

The guy that I rode with told me his name but I cant think of it now but I may think of his name later I believe he did describe the men to me it seems to me he said one of them was about 5 ft or 6 or 8 inches tall and the other was a little taller than the other and their weight was about 160 or more but I dont recollect just the weight and for complexion he never mentioned to me. Well that is all that I know I will ask you to keep my name secret please

/s/ R. R. M.

c/o P.O. Box 1351

P.S. for I dont no gangsters guning after me

AT HOBBS, NEW MEXICO

At the Hobbs Post Office Agent interviewed Assistant Postmaster SAM GRAY and CLERK LYLE GHOLSON and they advised that J. H. and BERNICE BUNCH, ROBERT and LENA KYIE received mail at P.X. Box 1351. Agent was advised that a MR. and MRS. KYIE lived at a designated place on South 4th. St. and Agent thereupon interviewed MR. and MRS. J. H. KYIE at their residence and they advised that R. R. MANTCOOTH, who is identical with the writer of the above letter, was their son-in-law and lived just west of the Skelly Oil Co. wholesale tank and a little north of the Hobbs-Seminole road in Hobbs.

MR. R. R. MANTCOOTH was located at his residence and he repeated the information contained in the above quoted letter and could not add anything to same. He said that he received the information on December 27, 1937, as he was returning to Hobbs, New Mexico from Lubbock, Texas. He said he obtained a ride at Lubbock, Texas, with a young man who was driving a flat body truck, dark in color and about 2 ton capacity. He described the man driving the truck as

being between 20 and 25 years and MANTOOTH believes the man may have been named JONES but recalls that this young man was in business with his father in the junk business and was interested in buying old iron at Lubbock, their residence. At the time MANTOOTH was on the truck, it was carrying a load of bag coal, which the young man deliver to the first store on the right side of the highway as one enters Loop, Texas, coming from Seagraves, Texas. MANTOOTH stated that this store is probably the only place in Loop, handling coal and he stated that there is an open coal bin immediately adjacent to the store.

MANTOOTH was questioned at some length but had no further information, he stating that he thought that the matter was sufficiently important to transmit to the authorities.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE DALLAS FIELD DIVISION - at Loop, Texas, will, from the description given by R. R. MANTOOTH, locate the store mentioned above for the purpose of there learning the identity of the young man who delivered a load of coal to the store on or about December 27, 1937, in order that this individual may be interviewed for any information bearing on the whereabouts of RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE.

*THE EL PASO FIELD DIVISION - at Cherry Vale, New Mexico, will interview MRS. CECIL NOEL for information she may posses concerning former friends and contacts of RALPH ROE and JACK LLOYD and any other information she may have.

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REPORT MADE AT: Portland, Oregon	DATE WHEN MADE: 7-13-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 6-13, 22-38 4-12-38	REPORT MADE BY: F. G. McGeary
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:

CHRIS C. KNUDSON located and interviewed at Nyssa, Oregon and states he did not purchase tidal charts in Portland, Oregon. Denied connection with instant escape. ORAL HENRICKSEN, Pendleton, Oregon states he does not know present whereabouts of CHARLES W. GARRISON. G. H. THOMAS not located at Clatskanie, Oregon but records reflect Chevrolet Sedan, M #3884171 formerly reported registered to him is registered to W. ERICKSON, Clatskanie, Oregon. Investigation reflects JOE EZZELL, Aurora, Oregon, LEE C. BETTINGER, Hillsboro, Ore. and A. R. ZELLER, Portland, Oregon, also D. W. LONGACRE, Brookings, Ore. have no connection with instant escape.

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REFERENCE:

Letter from Denver Office dated May 30, 1938;
Report of Special Agent R. L. MOORE, Seattle, Washington, dated 3-12-38;
Report of Special Agent D. L. TRAYNOR, Portland, Oregon, dated 5-10-38.
Report of Special Agent H. A. King, Portland, Oregon, dated 3-14-38.

DETAILS:

AT NYSSA, OREGON:

On June 13, 1938, Mr. CHRIS C. KNUDSON was located and interviewed where he presently resides on a farm with his wife. He stated that he and his wife drove from Longview, Washington to San Jose, California on December 15, 16, 17, 1937. He stated that they left Longview, Wn. in his 1937 Chevrolet Coupe which presently bears Washington license for the year 1938 No. E 21129 on December 15, 1937 and on that night stopped in Marshfield, Oregon. He stated that they came through Portland, Oregon but did not stop there and he nor his

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wife purchased any tidal charts of San Francisco Bay. He further advised that they continued south during the day of December 16, and stopped for the night before they reached San Francisco, the following day, which was December 17. They continued through San Francisco and had lunch at San Jose, California. Mr. KNUDSON stated that he believes that they went through San Francisco either the same day or the day following the escape of subjects from Alcatraz. Neither Mr. KNUDSON nor his wife were able to state in what town they stopped over night in California the night of December 16, 1937. Mr. KNUDSON and his wife stated that they were on a trip at that time and were trying to find a location where they might settle down to farming. They stated that they did not spend any time in San Francisco when they arrived there but continued on to San Jose, California where they lunched.

The following is a description of CHRIS C. KNUDSON:

Age	45
Height	6'4"
Weight	214
Complexion	Dark
Hair	Dark brown
Eyes	Blue
Scars and marks	Birth mark under chin

At Pendleton, Oregon:

Agent ascertained through Chief of Police CHARLES E. LEMONS that Mr. ORAN HENRICKSEN is the proprietor of the United Dairies Farm about 4 miles north of Pendleton, Oregon. Agent subsequently interviewed Mr. HENRICKSEN on June 22, 1938 who advised that he sold a piece of property to CHARLES W. GARRISON about 6 or 7 years ago, but that he has no idea whatever where GARRISON may be located at the present time. Mr. HENRICKSEN advised that he had recently been in the vicinity of Galvin, Washington, where the farm is located which was sold to GARRISON but that he did not hear anything mentioned as to GARRISON's present whereabouts. He stated however, that he did not make any inquiry about GARRISON at that time because he did not know that his whereabouts wanted to be determined. He advised that 2 or 3 years ago he heard that GARRISON was living at KALAM, Washington and that GARRISON may have been working in a mill or factory there at that time.

Mr. HENRICKSEN was unable to provide any further information which might lead to the location of GARRISON.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent D. L. Traynor:

AT CLATSKANIE, OREGON:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent H. A. King, Portland, Oregon, dated March 14, 1938 in which a lead is set out at Clatskanie, Oregon to interview G. H. THOMAS, Route 1, Box 28, owner of a 1933 Chevrolet Sedan, motor Number 3884171, 1938 license 5971. This box is listed in the name of ERICKSON, and ADELA ERICKSON informed Agent that she knew of no one by the name of G. H. THOMAS, nor did any of her relatives. Agent rechecked the license records for 1938 and it was found that license number 5971 for 1938 was issued to W. ERICKSON, Route 2, Box 28, Clatskanie, Oregon on a 1933 Chevrolet, Motor Number the same as above.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent H. A. King:

JOE EZZELL who resides about 5 miles south of Aurora, Oregon, advised Agent King upon interview that he is possessed of a 1931 Ford Sedan, Motor No. A 4377411; that he and his family went to the State of California early the morning of December 15; that he did not go to Portland before leaving for California and knew absolutely nothing about any charts of any kind. EZZELL in no way answered the description of the unknown party who purchased the tidal current charts.

It was ascertained that a Studebaker Sedan bearing 1937 Oregon license 190224 had passed through one of the checking stations and that this studebaker is presently owned by LEE C. BETTINGER who operates a Tualatin Valley winery at Hillsboro, Oregon. BETTINGER was interviewed by Special Agent H. A. King on April 12, 1938 and advised that his father and wife went to California before Christmas of 1937; that he was certain they did not go by way of Portland. Agent interviewed Mrs. BETTINGER who advised that she had accompanied Mr. BETTINGER's father to California shortly before Christmas but that they did not stop in Portland and did not buy any charts of any kind.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent H. A. King, Portland, Oregon, dated March 14, 1938.

Agent H. A. King interviewed A. R. ZELLER, 2826 N. Williams Avenue, Portland, Oregon, owner of 1930 Pierce Arrow Sedan Motor No. 300157 bearing 1938 Oregon license 154-752. Mr. ZELLER is an undertaker and advised that he went to California shortly prior to Christmas 1937 but did not purchase any charts of any kind and knew nothing about this matter.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent W. F. WOOD at Brookings, Oregon:

Reference is made to a telephone call of Night Clerk Fred Dupuis, concerning one D. W. LONGACRE, driving a 1935 Plymouth automobile (PJ 23823)

carrying Nebraska license 64-85. Longacre's forwarding address was Brookings, Oregon and is reported to have left for Vale, Oregon. It was desired to reinterview him and ascertain if he could have been in Portland, Oregon, on December 15, 1936 and purchased a book on tides in San Francisco Bay.

MRS. GOLDIE V. SMITH, Postmistress, Brookings, Oregon, reported that Longacre left Brookings, this last time, about one week before the date of her letter to our office. It was ascertained Longacre was not now in Brookings and is presently in Sand Point, Idaho.

MRS. D. W. LONGACRE who is living with her parents J. W. Mosier, Brookings, Oregon, advised that her husband, Daniel W. Longacre, came to Brookings about December 12, 1937. She advised that her husband came from Eastern Oregon by way of Medford, Oregon, and did not travel through Portland. She also reported that her husband stopped at the home of one of his relatives, one night prior to his arrival in Brookings. The name of this relative was T. E. SMITH, 39 N. Orange Street, Medford.

MRS. LONGACRE's parents advised that they were on a visit away from Brookings until December 17, 1937.

THEODORE H. SMITH, 39 North Orange Street, Medford, Oregon, who is about 80 years of age verified the fact that his nephew D. W. LONGACRE visited him one night sometime before Christmas 1937. MR. SMITH could not recall the exact date nor could he state that the visit occurred before December 15, 1937. Inquiry was also made of Mr. Smith's housekeeper with negative results.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE SEATTLE OFFICE:

AT CENTRALIA, WASHINGTON:

* Will contact MRS. A. M. MEHLERBECK, 818 Marsh Street, for any information she might have as to the present whereabouts of CHARLES W. GARRISON.

* AT MONTESANO, WASHINGTON:

Will contact Mr. W. J. HOOD for any assistance he might render in locating CHARLES W. GARRISON.

(The above undeveloped leads are set out in the report of Special Agent R. L. Moore, Seattle, Washington, dated 3-12-38)

AT KALAMA, WASHINGTON:

In the event the Seattle Office is unsuccessful in locating CHARLES W. GARRISON through Mrs. A. M. MEHLERBECK or W. J. HOOD, will conduct appropriate investigation in an effort to locate CHARLES W. GARRISON in that city.

THE PORTLAND OFFICE:

AT PORTLAND, OREGON:

* Will interview H. A. McCUNE, 221 S. W. Front Street, registered owner of 1934 DeSoto Sedan, motor #SE14492, 1938 Oregon license 128-252, which car is thought to be one which passed through the California checking station.

AT THE DALLES, OREGON:

* Will interview LAUREL JAMES, 1425 Fair Street, registered owner of 1929 Ford Coupe, Motor No. A-388964 or 388984, bearing 1937 Oregon license 225-140, and 1938 Oregon license 72-864.

AT SALEM, OREGON:

* Through the Secretary of State, will ascertain the date of issuance of 1938 Oregon plates 299-336, for a 1930 Pontiac Sedan, Motor No. 682086. It is noted that temporary permit to drive this auto carried No. 62482.

AT CLATSKANIE, OREGON:

Will interview W. ERICKSON, mentioned in this report, Route 2, Box 28, it being noted that license number 5971 for 1938 was issued to this individual on a 1933 Chevrolet, Motor No. 3884171, keeping in mind that Agent found a family by the name of ERICKSON on Route 1, Box 28.

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OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

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REPORT MADE AT Seattle, Washington	DATE WHEN MADE 7/12/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6/28, 29; 7/1/38	REPORT MADE BY C. G. CAMPBELL
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:

MARYON JEANETTE DARLING admits discussing subjects' escape with FRED KELLY, Portland, Oregon, and WILLIAM W. BREEDLOVE, a sailor in the U.S.N., and furnishing BREEDLOVE with a San Francisco address where subjects are alleged to be living. DARLING maintains this information to be fabrication on her part based upon her interest in this case, which is prompted by her association with one JACK O'BRIEN, alias SPROUSE, a former circus employee and reported ex-convict. O'BRIEN, whose present whereabouts are unknown, is alleged by DARLING to be a close associate of subjects and to have seen them during the last circus engagement of AL G. BARNES Circus at San Francisco, California. DARLING faintly recalls two men referred to by KELLY as possible subjects but disclaims knowledge of their identity.

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REFERENCE:

Portland letter to Seattle dated June 25, 1938.

DETAILS:

At Seattle, Washington:

The witness referred to in referenced letter by informant FRED KELLY as "MARION" was located at Lyons' Music Hall, 1409 First Avenue, through Mr. M. M. LYONS, proprietor, who advised that one MARYON DARLING, a former circus employee from California, had been referred to him by a

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booking agency about two weeks previous to this interview for possible employment as a waitress and entertainer; that he employed her as a waitress, in which capacity she is presently working. LYONS stated that she is a peculiar type of individual and not a very good waitress; that she is inclined to carry on too much conversation with customers, some of which is grossly exaggerated, and that it is his intention to discharge her at an early date.

Lyons' Music Hall is a large beer tavern and dance hall frequented by several hundreds daily, most of whom are sailors and waterfront employees. For this reason LYONS would not attempt to make an identification of subjects' photographs as patrons. He continued that the waitresses talked to the customers while serving drinks but he doubts if MARYON DARLING would recall the two individuals mentioned by KELLY.

MARYON JEANETTE DARLING, 22 years of age, was interviewed by Special Agents J. G. FELLNER and the writer at Lyons' Music Hall, Seattle. She stated that she is from Los Angeles, California, at which place she lived with her mother, JEANETTE DARLING, 1711 West 23rd. During the circus season of 1936 she traveled as a performer with the AL G. BARNES Circus, which has permanent headquarters at Baldwin Park, California, a Los Angeles suburb. In 1937 she traveled with the stage show troop, returning to the circus at the outset of the 1938 season. Upon reaching Seattle May 29, 1938 she resigned her position with the circus and took up her present employment, residing at Room 15, Sturgis Apartments, 510 Ninth Avenue, Seattle, Washington. Upon being advised of agent's identity, she immediately expressed her desire to become an agent of this Bureau and made inquiry as to the qualifications necessary.

She also advised that she was intensely interested in the escape of subjects ROE and COLE due to the fact that same had received considerable publicity in Southern California, and further due to certain information she had obtained from one JACK O'BRIEN.

She recalled meeting informant FRED KELLY and related that he had been a customer at the Music Hall on the night of June 21 or 22 last and she became acquainted with him while serving beer at his table. Throughout the evening he persisted in asking to take her home at closing time (1 A.M.), to which she finally agreed. KELLY was accompanied by a blond, curly-headed man with dimples, who was introduced to Miss DARLING by KELLY merely as a student of the University of Washington. At the time of this interview Miss DARLING was unable to recall talking with the two men occupying the table next to KELLY; however, subsequently she did remember having some conversation with these individuals, one of whom had a bandaged thumb and hand. This phase of this investigation is being dealt with below.

She continued that KELLY remained at the Music Hall until closing time, and that she left with him and his companion, going to the Club

Maynard, a Seattle Chinatown night club, and to a bootleg establishment, after which they took her home. During this period KELLY represented himself to be an Oregon State Police officer and offered to exhibit to MISS DARLING his badge and gun which he claimed were in the back of his car. She advised that she did not request to see the badge and gun, and that KELLY did not show them to her. During the ride she made inquiry of KELLY whether it is the general opinion in Oregon that subjects drowned in their escape from Alcatraz. She maintains this discussion took place after leaving the Music Hall and had no connection with the two men at the table next to KELLY; that she had done or said nothing which might cause KELLY to believe these men to be the subjects; that if he so believed it was his own opinion.

When pressed as to her interest in this particular case, she reluctantly told agents that a few months ago she became acquainted with JACK O'BRIEN, alias SPROUSE, in Los Angeles, California, who had been employed by the AL G. BARNES Circus as an usher during the 1938 season. She stated that she and O'BRIEN were very close friends, and that upon O'BRIEN's discharge from the circus at Tacoma, Washington late in May, 1938, she resigned her position with the circus at Seattle, Washington on May 29, 1938, meeting O'BRIEN in this city. The reason for O'BRIEN's discharge was his reckless, drunken, and careless actions, which eventually led to a fight between him and one of the circus officials. His immediate superior was head usher DON COOK.

O'BRIEN is alleged by DARLING to be an ex-convict and three-time loser, and even though now only 22 years of age, is alleged to have served time in a reformatory, name unknown, the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, and Alcatraz Island, San Francisco, California. One of these penitentiary sentences was for auto theft, and another for an armed robbery of a filling station perpetrated by O'BRIEN and ROE and COLE at Dallas, Texas. DARLING related that after this robbery subjects and O'BRIEN went to a roadhouse, presumably located near Dallas, Texas, in company with some woman, name unknown to DARLING, and this woman notified the officers that O'BRIEN and subjects were there. A raid resulted in which COLE and ROE escaped, but O'BRIEN was shot in the leg and captured. DARLING states O'BRIEN now has a lead shot in one ear and a bullet in one ankle.

She states that O'BRIEN is usually a morose individual but is given to sudden fits of anger, and on several occasions while in Seattle had written several telegrams on the spur of the moment to his parents or step-father, degree of relationship unknown to DARLING, asking for money. One of these telegrams was written by DARLING, and to the best of her recollection was addressed to one DR. SPROUSE, initials unknown, 318 Lancaster Street, at either Sulphur, Oklahoma or Dallas, Texas. DARLING explained that DR. SPROUSE is supposed to be the father or step-father of JACK O'BRIEN and is connected or owns a hospital in Dallas, Texas or

Sulphur, Oklahoma. MISS DARLING doubts that any of these telegrams were ever sent by O'BRIEN, although he did obtain the money for their transmittal from her. She continued that O'BRIEN once mentioned he had a brother, first name unknown to her, who is employed by some Ford automobile agency in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. She continued that she last saw O'BRIEN in Seattle, Washington on June 10, 1938, on which date he suddenly disappeared after pawning some of her clothes in a Seattle pawn shop.

Shortly before his disappearance DARLING observed O'BRIEN writing a letter to one AUBREY UNCEL or UNSSELL, an Oklahoma or Texas criminal who is now, according to DARLING, in Alcatraz or Leavenworth Penitentiary. This letter, she continued, was destroyed by O'BRIEN and not mailed. It is reporting agent's recollection that such an individual, also known as RED UNCEL, is a well known automobile thief in the vicinity of Oklahoma City and has been arrested by the Oklahoma City police. This man is well known to Special Agent C. O. HURT of the Oklahoma City Office and to L. J. HILBERT and R. S. WORTHY, Oklahoma City Police Detectives.

DARLING stated that after leaving San Francisco with the AL G. BARNES Circus, O'BRIEN informed her that he had contacted both COLE and ROE while in that city, and that they were living right under the noses of the police there. She maintained, however, that O'BRIEN did not divulge any further information as to subjects' whereabouts, but did state they effected their escape with the assistance of a friend whose identity is unknown, who met them in a boat.

O'BRIEN is described as follows:

Name	JACK O'BRIEN, alias SPROUSE
Age	22
Height	6'
Weight	170 lbs.
Build	Well developed
Dress	Blue denim pants, blue shirt, and dark blazer
Cr. Record	Claims to be an ex-convict from Leavenworth and Alcatraz Penitentiaries
Scars	Arms tattooed, no description of designs available
Fingerprints	- Claims to have joined the U. S. Navy, and when fingerprints reached Washington, D. C. criminal record found resulted in discharge from the Navy
Relatives	DR. SPROUSE, initials unknown, 318 Lancaster, Sulphur, Okla. or Dallas, Tex., relationship father or step-father. Brother - name unknown, Ford automobile salesman, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Miss DARLING was directly questioned at this time as to whether she had discussed the escape of subjects with any employees or other customers of Lyons' Music Hall or persons other than FRED KELLY, at which time she replied she had such discussions at one time several months ago in San Diego, California with a United States Navy sailor who was unknown to her, but that she had not discussed this subject with anyone in Seattle, Washington other than KELLY. She later repudiated this statement, as will be noted below.

Records of the General Delivery Section in the Seattle Post Office were checked for a forwarding address of JACK O'BRIEN, alias SPROUSE, with negative results.

Records of the Western Union Telegraph Company were checked for a money order received by O'BRIEN under this name or under the name of SPROUSE, with negative results. Agent was advised at the main office of the Western Union that it is practically impossible to trace any telegram sent from Seattle by O'BRIEN unless the office address at which this telegram was filed is known. There being 17 such offices in the city of Seattle, this check was not undertaken.

The following information was received by Special Agent W. C. RYAN:

Colonel W. A. WORTON, Flag Marine Officer, Admiral's Staff, U. S. S. IDAHO, Bremerton, Washington, telephoned the Seattle Office on June 28, 1938, advising that he had received information from an enlisted man in the Marines concerning subjects COLE and ROE; that the enlisted man in question had become mixed up with a woman who claimed acquaintance with COLE and ROE and told the enlisted man that they were alive and living at 44-A Woodward Street or Avenue, San Francisco, California.

Colonel WORTON pointed out that the enlisted man said that the woman was intoxicated at the time she furnished the information, and that they were not certain that they could locate her for further information. He, WORTON, did say that he would see to it that the enlisted man made every effort to locate the woman if an agent would contact him at the Bremerton Navy Yard.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent F. L. WELCH in response to the above information:

Agent contacted Colonel W. A. WORTON, Flag Marine Officer, Admiral's Staff, U. S. S. IDAHO, Bremerton, Washington. He stated that he had received information from Commander RAMSEY of the U. S. S. SARATOGA that WILLIAM WALTER BREEDLOVE, one of the sailors on the U. S. S. SARATOGA, had reported to him certain information concerning escaped Federal prisoners from Alcatraz Island. Colonel WORTON could furnish no information in addition to that which he furnished Special Agent W. C. RYAN, and he suggested

that agent first contact Commander RAMSEY on the U. S. S. SARATOGA for any additional information he might have.

Commander RAMSEY informed agent that WILLIAM WALTER BREEDLOVE was a fireman, third class, on the U. S. S. SARATOGA, and that BREEDLOVE impressed him as being a very sincere and honest boy. Commander RAMSEY stated that BREEDLOVE told him about being in a cafe on First Avenue in Seattle, Washington, where he met a girl, whose identity he did not know and who appeared to be very nervous at the time. This girl was supposed to have told BREEDLOVE that she had met an ex-convict who told her that RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE, escaped prisoners from Alcatraz, were presently residing at 44-A Woodward Street or Avenue, San Francisco. BREEDLOVE also told Commander RAMSEY that he did not learn this girl's name and did not know where she could be located at the present time.

Commander RAMSEY then called WILLIAM BREEDLOVE to his office on the U. S. S. SARATOGA, and agent immediately recognized him as a boy he had known at Laramie, Wyoming approximately ten years before. BREEDLOVE then informed Commander RAMSEY and agent that he had lied to Commander RAMSEY previously by stating he did not know this girl's identity, and that he had done this solely to protect the girl in the event any investigation was conducted upon the information he furnished. He stated the girl who gave him this information was MARYON DARLING, a red headed waitress in Lyons' Music Hall, located on First Avenue, Seattle, Washington.

BREEDLOVE stated that MARYON DARLING told him RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE were friends of an ex-convict she had met who was associated with the AL G. BARNES Circus, and that this friend, whose name was unknown to him, was supposed to have told her that these escaped prisoners were presently living at 44-A Woodward Street or Avenue, San Francisco, California. BREEDLOVE did not have any additional information, but he believed that if MARYON DARLING was interviewed she would tell where she had obtained the information concerning ROE and COLE.

It is noted that MARYON DARLING, upon later interview by Special Agent C. G. CAMPBELL and this agent, admitted making up the address 44-A Woodward Place, San Francisco, California, and stated she was merely kidding WILLIAM BREEDLOVE when she told him that her ex-convict friend had said that these subjects were living at that address. It is noted that she admitted that this was the address of VIRGINIA LEVY, an aunt, and she stated that the correct address for this aunt was 44-A Woodward Street, San Francisco, California.

On the morning of June 29, 1938 reporting agent, accompanied by Special Agent F. L. WELCH, again interviewed Miss DARLING at her apartment, at which time she was again questioned as to whether she had discussed subjects' escape with anyone in Seattle, Washington other than KELLY, to which she replied she had not. Agents then advised her that they were in

a position to produce an individual with whom she had discussed this case, and that it was their belief she was fabricating her story. MISS DARLING then admitted that she had lied to reporting agent and Agent FELLNER when previously interviewed, and that she had discussed subjects' escape with one BILLY BREEDLOVE, a sailor in the United States Navy, presently in Seattle, Washington. She was unable to account for her prevarications and was advised by agents that inasmuch as they had caught her in several lies, it was reasonable to believe she had fabricated her entire story regarding O'BRIEN and his contact with subjects ROE and COLE. She emphatically maintains that her story as to O'BRIEN and his statements to her relative to his contact with subjects are the truth and that she believes O'BRIEN can possibly be located at Sulphur, Oklahoma or Dallas, Texas, or can be located through the head office of the Al G. Barnes Circus, Baldwin Park, California.

The photographs of subjects ROE and COLE were exhibited to her for possible identification as the two individuals mentioned by FRED KELLY, with negative results.

Upon further questioning her in this regard, she advised she had some faint recollection of having served beer to two men at Lyons' Music Hall on the same evening that FRED KELLY was a customer at that place, and that one of these individuals had a bandaged thumb and hand; that she had not seen these men since and doubts very much whether she would be able to identify them if again observed.

When interrogated as to her conversation with them, as reported by KELLY, she advised that she may have had some conversation as to her returning home in the near future, inasmuch as it was her intention to leave Seattle for Los Angeles as soon as she had earned enough money for bus fare. She does not recall any statements by these men that they had "been up here (Seattle) about two months. Pretty soon we can go home."

It is noted in letter of reference that KELLY advises DARLING stated she was acquainted with subjects ROE and COLE in the state of Montana while engaged in the show business in that state. DARLING advises that this is not so, and that she is not acquainted with subjects except through her interest in their escape and through O'BRIEN.

At the Ritz Hotel, Seattle, Washington, where O'BRIEN and DARLING resided from June 5, 1938 to June 22, 1938 as MR. and MRS. JACK O'BRIEN, occupying Room 604, Mr. J. RIPOLI, owner, advised O'BRIEN left no forwarding address on his departure and that they had registered as MR. and MRS. JACK O'BRIEN, Box 42, Route 1, Yelm, Washington. MR. RIPOLI furnished substantially the same description of O'BRIEN as above set out. In this connection, it may be stated that it has been ascertained from MARYON DARLING that Box 42, Route 1, Yelm, Washington, is the address of her grandparents.

Although it was very evident MARYON DARLING is a melodramatic individual, with a detective complex, and appears more or less infatuated with a police officer in any capacity, it is believed that investigation to locate O'BRIEN and check the information furnished herein should be undertaken in view of the major importance of this case. Consequently leads looking toward the location of O'BRIEN are being set out hereafter.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD OFFICE:

At Sulphur, Oklahoma will attempt to locate JACK O'BRIEN through one DR. SPROUSE, 318 Lancaster Street, and if located will interview him relative to his statements to MARYON DARLING concerning the whereabouts of subjects COLE and ROE. It will be noted that it is not definitely known whether SPROUSE is the father or step-father of O'BRIEN, nor whether 318 Lancaster Street is an address in Sulphur, Oklahoma or Dallas, Texas. DR. SPROUSE is reported to be connected with some hospital in either of these two cities.

Will endeavor to locate AUBREY UNCEL, alias RED UNCEL, and through him ascertain the true identity and whereabouts of O'BRIEN.

THE KANSAS CITY FIELD OFFICE:

At the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, will attempt to identify JACK O'BRIEN as a former convict in that institution with a view to locating him for interview relative to his statement to MARYON DARLING that he has been in contact with subjects since their escape from Alcatraz.

Attention is invited to the fact that AUBREY UNCEL may presently be serving a sentence in this penitentiary, and if found to be there he should be interviewed to ascertain the true identity of O'BRIEN, his whereabouts, and possible connections with subjects COLE and ROE.

THE DALLAS FIELD OFFICE:

At Dallas, Texas will conduct such investigation as set forth in the lead for the Oklahoma City Office at Sulphur, Oklahoma.

THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD OFFICE:

At the United States Penitentiary, Alcatraz Island, will conduct such investigation as is set forth in the leads for the Kansas City Office at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas.

At 44-A Woodward Street, San Francisco, California, will conduct investigation to determine if VIRGINIA LEVY, aunt of MARYON DARLING, actually lives at this address. If she does not, will then conduct appropriate investigation to determine whether or not subjects ROE and COLE have possibly resided there.

P E N D I N G

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July 28, 1938

75-2616-436
Mr. P. E. Thomason
c/o Mr. P. E. Keith
Odessa, Texas

Dear Mr. Thomason:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 19, 1938, furnishing information relative to an individual believed to be identical with Theodore Cole.

Please be advised that I have referred the contents of your communication to Mr. R. J. Untreiner, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, 202 U. S. Court House Building, El Paso, Texas, who will have an Agent call upon you at the earliest possible opportunity. If, in the meantime, you find it convenient, let me suggest that you communicate directly with Mr. Untreiner and discuss this matter with him.

I want to assure you that I deeply appreciate the spirit which prompted you to make this information available to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

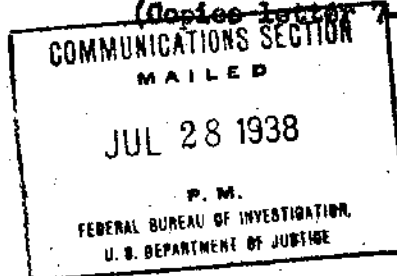
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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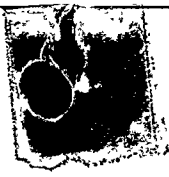
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J. Edgar Hoover
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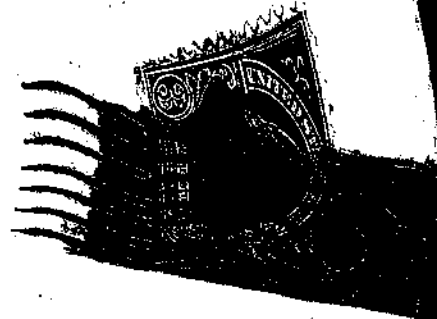
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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REPORT MADE AT: San Antonio, Texas	DATE WHEN MADE: 7/23/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 7/6/38	REPORT MADE BY: C. R. DAVIS
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. DOYLE WILLIAMS, Freer, Texas, states Subject RALPH ROE unknown to her. Admits corresponding with ROY ROE while he was serving term in Texas Penitentiary. Never married to ROY ROE.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent J. C. WHITE, San Antonio, Texas, dated May 7, 1938. Report of Special Agent R. C. COULTER, Dallas, Texas, dated January 28, 1938.

DETAILS:

At Freer, Texas:

Mrs. DOYLE WILLIAMS located at her home about two miles north-east of Freer, Texas, stated that she first met ROY ROE at Borger, Texas, where she was following the barber trade; that she kept company with him there, but was never married to him; that when he was convicted at Amarillo, Texas, in 1930, she corresponded with him while he was confined in the Texas Penitentiary; that while ROY ROE was doing this rap he sent her a letter and told her that in corresponding with her to show that she was his wife or else he would not receive the letters. Mrs. WILLIAMS stated that she did this and when ROY ROE got into trouble again at LaGrange, Texas, in 1934, she went to LaGrange, Texas, and it was agreed between them that she would correspond with him as being his wife, and that she did; that she had quit corresponding with him, and that she did not know his whereabouts since he was released from the Texas Penitentiary. She further stated that she did not ever meet any member of ROY ROE's family, and that he had never told her about his family, further than to state that he was from Kansas City, Missouri, and that his father owned a line of drug stores.

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Mrs. WILLIAMS stated that her maiden name was MARY DARBY and that when she knew ROY ROE at Borger, Texas, he had a boy friend by name of ALLEN NEWBERRY, who is now deceased; that he was also a friend of PETE and CAROLINE NEWBERRY at Borger, and that ROY also had friends by name of Mr. and Mrs. TOM MARTIN, who conduct a beauty shop at Borger, Texas.

She advised that after she quit corresponding with ROY that an ex-convict by name of DAVID DALLAS came to her at Borger, and delivered to her a message from ROY, who wanted her to again correspond with him, but that she never did write ROY again.

Mrs. WILLIAMS stated that she did not know anything about Subject ROE in this case and if she did she certainly would tell the Government as she had no interest in Subject nor ROY ROE, as she was now married and that she and her husband did not want to have anything to do with these criminals. She stated that she did not care for ROY ROE to ever learn of her present whereabouts as she did not want him to write to her or ever come around her again. Agent did not disclose to Mrs. WILLIAMS that ROY ROE was now confined in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary.

Mrs. WILLIAMS' brother-in-law, ROY RUSHING, stated that if he should ever obtain any information that would be beneficial to the Government he would immediately notify the San Antonio Field Division.

Mr. and Mrs. DOYLE WILLIAMS both stated that they were at all times glad to assist the Government in causing the apprehension of Subject ROE in this case, and should they receive any information as to his whereabouts they would immediately notify the San Antonio Field Division.

Due to the fact that BRYAN CONWAY has been located and interviewed the lead to locate him at Houston, Texas, has been discontinued.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD

THE DALLAS FIELD DIVISION: At Borger, Texas, will interview Mr. and Mrs. PETE NEWBERRY and Mr. and Mrs. TOM MARTIN for any information they may have of Subject RALPH ROE.

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Mrs. Ed B. Harris
Route #4
Harrison, Arkansas

Re: ROCOL

Dear Mrs. Harris:

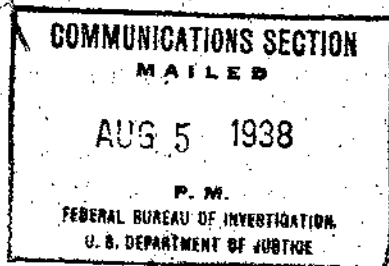
I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 25, 1938, furnishing information relative to the whereabouts of the wife of Theodore Cole.

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DIVISION
Please be advised the contents of your communication have been furnished to Mr. H. B. Fletcher, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, 500 Rector Building, Little Rock, Arkansas, who will have an Agent call upon you at the earliest possible opportunity for the purpose of discussing this matter with you. If in the meantime you secure any information concerning either Theodore Cole or Ralph Roe, it is urgently suggested that you immediately communicate with Mr. Fletcher at the above address.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc-Little Rock (with copies of incoming letter)
Oklahoma City " " " " "



Mrs. Ed B. Harne

TO B. HARRIS

Harmon, Ark.

July 25-38

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

FILE NO. **76-348**

REPORT MADE AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.	DATE WHEN MADE 7/23/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7/9/38	REPORT MADE BY L. E. KINGMAN cgc
TITLE RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; TATOJORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

BOB PARKER, well known Tulsa, Okla. bootlegger, states that JIMMIE ROE, brother of subject ROE, came through Tulsa when he was released from Leavenworth Penitentiary some time before the escape of subjects enroute to Texas or Hobbs, F. H. to secure employment, and that the money he had in his possession was veteran's bonus money received while an inmate at Leavenworth.

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Reference:

Letter from Kansas City Office dated March 15, 1938.

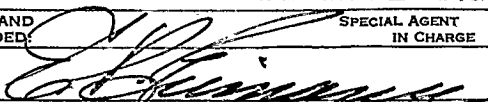
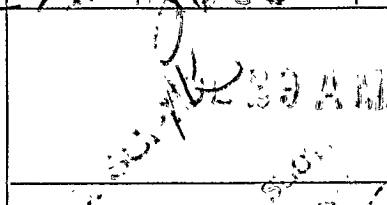
Details:

AT TULSA, OKLAHOMA

Agent contacted BOB PARKER who is a well known Tulsa bootlegger. He operates the Parks Pharmacy at 1008 South Elgin and has also an interest in the Schlitz Bar at 1220 East 15th Street. He has been in the liquor business for several years, but information which he furnishes is considered dependable.

BOB PARKER stated that he had never known TED COLE or RALPH ROE, but that he had known JIMMIE ROE for several years, becoming acquainted with him first in Kansas City several years ago and that JIMMIE ROE worked for him hauling liquor at Tulsa for about two and one-half years prior to being arrested and convicted at Wichita, Kansas on the sentence which he served at Leavenworth.

BOB PARKER stated that on the occasion of JIMMIE ROE'S visit

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to Tulsa, he, BOB PARKER, was out of town and that JIMMIE contacted his brother, RAY PARKER, and that when JIMMIE ROE came through Tulsa he had just been released from Leavenworth and had purchased an automobile. He had considerable money in his possession and explained that he obtained his veteran's bonus money which had been on deposit until he finished his term at Leavenworth.

RAY PARKER was also contacted and confirmed this information, stating that JIMMIE ROE only stopped in Tulsa a short time; that he was driving what appeared to be a nearly new second-hand Chevrolet Sedan. RAY PARKER stated that JIMMIE ROE was accompanied by a blonde woman and a black dog and stated that he was going to Texas or Hobbs, New Mexico to take a job which he had already negotiated for and that he was going to stay in Tulsa only a short time because he was on conditional release and was afraid if he stayed around Tulsa and did any partying that he would be picked up and returned to the penitentiary.

Both of the PARKERS stated that they could not recall just when this trip of JIMMIE ROE took place, but it was sometime before the escape of RALPH ROE and TED COLE from Alcatraz. They both stated that they had never seen nor heard from JIMMIE ROE since that time except that they had heard indirectly that he was working steadily at Hobbs, New Mexico.

BOB PARKER stated that he was not particularly friendly with JIMMIE ROE at this time, because just prior to his being apprehended, JIMMIE ROE had taken a load of liquor from Tulsa up into Kansas and later claimed that this liquor was hi-jacked from him and BOB PARKER stated that he strongly suspected JIMMIE ROE disposed of this liquor and was really indebted to him in the amount of five or six hundred dollars.

BOB PARKER stated that he had never heard anything through underworld channels that would indicate that RALPH ROE and TED COLE were alive since their escape, but that if he secured any information of any value regarding these two escapes, he would immediately contact the writer.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY

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76-348

REPORT MADE AT OKLAHOMA CITY	DATE WHEN MADE 7/26/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7/14/38	REPORT MADE BY MARVIN B. PASH rmb
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 at Altus, Okla. discloses JACKIE and NELLIE KIMES have returned to Stuart, Oklahoma.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent C. O. HURT, Okla. City, 6/3/38.

DETAILS:

At Altus, Oklahoma.

Sheriff H. T. KIDELL advised the writer that he had arrested both JACKIE and NELLIE KIMES, who had been practicing prostitution in and about Altus for a period of about six weeks preceding Agent's visit there, and that he had given them both twenty-four hours to leave town.

Agent, accompanied by Deputy Sheriff O. R. JONES, visited various houses of prostitution that were acquainted with both girls and all stated that it was their information that both JACKIE and NELLIE KIMES had returned to Stuart, Oklahoma.

Investigation at the post office disclosed that both girls had received mail at General Delivery, Altus, but had left

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no forwarding address from Altus.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE

At Stuart, Oklahoma will interview NELLIE and JACKIE KIMES at the home of MONT POE, and question them relative to three men appearing in Ardmore, Oklahoma May 8th and 24th, inquiring for them, bearing in mind that one of these men was thought to have been subject ROE.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY

FILE NO. 76-752

REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE 7-27-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7-12 to 16-38	REPORT MADE BY W. S. MORTINLEY NSM:EB
TITLE RALEIGH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Persons who associated with **HELEN SKIDENS** at Washington, D. C., during the summer of 1937, have not seen her since the fall of 1937, and have seen no one resembling photographs of instant fugitives.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent T. W. DANELEY, dated at Washington, D. C., February 18, 1938, and report of Special Agent FREDERICK G. TILMAN, dated at Huntington, West Virginia, April 23, 1938.

DETAILS:

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

ALBERT MURRELL, who lives at 915 20th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., and who works as a kitchen hand at the Vienna Restaurant, 2122 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., advised the writer that about the middle of June, 1937, he met a girl at **BILL PLAUCHER'S** lunch room at 2121 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., whom he knew only as **HELEN SKIDENS**. She stated that she was from Logan, West Virginia, and had just arrived in town. **HELEN** was with a man named **HENRY BRUNER**, and a woman whose name was not recalled. **MURRELL** stated that he has never heard the man referred to as **REX TREDWELL** or **ARIEL** and has never heard the woman referred to as **MARY FAULNER**. He stated that **BRUNER** and the woman stayed at the Grand Hotel, 606 F St., N.W., Washington, D.C., for two or three weeks and then disappeared.

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MURRELL stated that he had a room over BILL BLAUGHER'S lunch room when he first met HELEN and that she spent her first two nights there with him; that she spent the next ten days or so at the Grand Hotel, presumably with HENRY BRUNER. From then until July 12, 1937, MURRELL and HELEN occupied an apartment together at 2111 H Street, N.W. They were married in Washington on July 12, 1937, and occupied an apartment together at 2115 I Street, N.W. from July 12 until July 19, 1937. From July 19 until approximately August 12, 1937, they lived together at 921 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W.

MURRELL stated that after he and HELEN had been married for a time he found a certificate in her possession indicating that she had been previously married in West Virginia to one LUCIAN COFFEY. MURRELL stated that HELEN was unable to produce anything to indicate that she had secured a divorce and that he consequently suspects that she is still married to COFFEY. Continuing, he stated that he and HELEN separated after he discovered that she was having an affair with a local taxi driver, name not recalled. From August 12 until approximately August 17, 1937, HELEN lived alone in a rooming house at 23rd and K N.W. From approximately August 17, 1937 until approximately August 24, 1937, she lived with a local steamfitter, name not recalled, at 705 G Street, S.E., Washington, D.C.

About August 24, 1937, MURRELL became reconciled with HELEN and desired to give her another chance. They occupied an apartment together at 2309 Washington Circle, N.W., Washington, D.C., from August 24 to August 26, 1937, and then HELEN left him. MURRELL saw her about town occasionally during the following month, but had little or nothing to do with her. About the last of September, 1937, one MORLEY LEWIS FLOCK of Silver Spring, Maryland, contacted MURRELL and disclosed that he and HELEN had been married at Arlington County, Virginia, on August 26, 1937, and stated that he did not discover that HELEN had been previously married until some time subsequent to the ceremony.

About the first of October, 1937, HELEN contacted MURRELL and stated that she had just received word that her mother was dead and asked him to give her sufficient money to pay her way home. He stated that HELEN was unable to produce a letter or telegram to support her story and he refused to give her the money because it was apparent that she was lying. He has never seen her since. Shortly before Christmas he received a letter from her postmarked Stirrat.

He feels certain that she has not returned to Washington since her disappearance last fall.

MURRELL stated that HELEN did not frequent Child's Restaurant while in Washington and as far as he knows she did not have a friend employed there as a waitress. MURRELL stated that HELEN worked as a waitress at BILL PLAUGHER'S restaurant for about one week during the latter part of June, 1937, and as a waitress at the West End Restaurant at 2134 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D. C., from about July 19th until about August 19, 1937.

MURRELL was shown the photographs of fugitives ROE and COLE, but stated that he had seen no one resembling either. He also stated that he had never heard HELEN make reference to anyone who could have been either ROE or COLE.

Inquiry at the Capitol Park Hotel, Washington, D. C., disclosed that it has no record of registrations on or about March 30, 1937, by either R. HARMEL and wife or by HELEN SMITH.

Inquiry at PLAUGHER'S lunch room, 2121 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., has confirmed information furnished by MURRELL with reference to HELEN'S employment at that place and has disclosed that she has not been seen about Washington since her disappearance last fall. No one there has seen anyone resembling the photographs of fugitives.

Inquiry at the West End Restaurant, 2134 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D. C., disclosed that it recently changed hands and that nothing is known concerning HELEN MURRELL.

JIMMY VALANOS, Broadway Restaurant, 1504 7th Street, N.W., Washington, D. C., stated that he was interested in the operation of the West End Restaurant, Washington, D. C., last summer, and confirmed the information that HELEN MURRELL was employed there as indicated by ALBERT MURRELL. VALANOS stated that he has neither seen nor heard of HELEN MURRELL since last summer and has never seen anyone resembling photographs of instant fugitives.

Inquiry at the lunch rooms and restaurants located within a two block radius of "7th and 8th" and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.,

Washington, D. C., located no one who knew a THOMAS MATTHEWS. Inquiry of ALBERT MURRELL and other local restaurant employees also failed to locate anyone who knew or had ever heard of THOMAS MATTHEWS.

Inquiry at the Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C., disclosed that it does not now have a detective by the name of MURRAY and furthermore, had none during the past year.

MRS. ANGELE GARET, 2111 H St., N.W.; MRS. MARY WILIS, 2115 I St., N.W.; MRS. GEORGE KLAMANTIK, 2309 Washington Circle, and MRS. MAE PICKETT, 1112 L Street, N.W., Washington, D. C., all advised the writer that they have been renting rooms at their respective addresses for over two years but have no recollection of a MR. and MRS. ALBERT MURRELL. They also stated that they have not seen anyone resembling photographs of instant fugitives.

MRS. LILY WIKLUND, 921 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., confirmed the fact that MR. and MRS. AL MURRELL rented quarters at her place for approximately three weeks during the summer of 1937. She stated that she has not seen MRS. MURRELL since her departure and has seen no one resembling the photographs of subjects.

MR. ARTHUR L. GOULDSBY, 705 G Street, S.E., stated that he rented a room to a MR. and MRS. E. O. BUCKLE during the latter part of August, 1937; that MR. BUCKLE stated that he was a steamfitter and that it is now presumed that MRS. BUCKLE is the HELEN MURRELL about whom Agent was inquiring; that MRS. BUCKLE left after staying about one week and that MR. BUCKLE left a few days later. MR. GOULDSBY stated that he is certain he has not seen MR. and MRS. BUCKLE since their departure and has seen no one resembling the photographs of subjects.

MORLEY LEWIS FLOCK, who works for the Potomac Electric Power Company and resides with his parents at Chevy Chase, Maryland, advised Agent that he and HELEN SKEELNS were married in Arlington County, Virginia, on August 26, 1937, and that HELEN lived with him

at his parents' home for approximately three weeks following their marriage. FYOCK stated that after a time he became suspicious of HELEN and conducted an inquiry which developed that she and one ALBERT MURRELL had been married at Washington, D. C. on July 12, 1937, and that she had not since been divorced. MR. FYOCK stated that he immediately consulted his uncle, who is an attorney at law and a Member of Congress from Maryland, and that his uncle advised him to discontinue all relations with HELEN and expressed his opinion that it would not be necessary for him to secure a divorce in that the marriage was ineffective and not binding. FYOCK stated that he offered at this time to provide for HELEN'S transportation to her home at Logan, West Virginia, but that she declined to accept the offer and had nothing further to do with him; that he has not seen HELEN since September, 1937, and has never seen anyone resembling photographs of the fugitives. FYOCK has since been married and is now living with his present wife at the home of his parents in Chevy Chase, Maryland.

MRS. L. J. SHEPHERD, 1612 G Street, S.E., stated that JAMES VASSILA has moved since she was last contacted by Special Agent T. W. DANSEY, and that she does not know his present address. She, however, stated that JAMES VASSILA will doubtless communicate with her during the next few weeks and that she will then make arrangements to have him contact this office.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

At Washington, D. C., will interview JAMES VASSILA when he contacts this office. If VASSILA fails to call within a reasonable time, a follow up contact should be had with MRS. L. J. SHEPHERD of 1612 G Street, S.E., in an effort to contact him.

- * At Westminster, Maryland, will contact the proper officials of the Farmers and Mechanics National Bank to determine the number of forgeries committed by RICHARD R. HARRIS.
- * At Sykesville, Maryland, will interview Detective W. C. COAKLEY for such information as he may have pertinent to this matter.

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OKLAHOMA CITY

FILE NO. 76-614

REPORT MADE AT Cincinnati	DATE WHEN MADE 8-8-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8-4-38	REPORT MADE BY FRANCIS J. SMITH - ACR
TITLE RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, IO #1472 THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, IO #1471			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Mrs. ETHEL PALMER has not seen or heard of her husband, DWIGHT O. PUGH since the first part of May, 1938. Present whereabouts unknown to her. Veterans Bureau, Cleveland, Ohio can furnish PUGH'S address.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent L. A. OBENSHAIN, Cincinnati dated 5-12-38.

DETAILS:

AT ASHLEY, OHIO

Mrs. ETHEL PALMER, Route #1 advised she is the wife of DWIGHT PUGH and that neither she nor her children have seen him since the early part of May, 1938. PUGH called at Ashley, Ohio after his release from the National Military Home, Dayton, Ohio and remained about half an hour. He stated he was enroute to Chicago. Mrs. PALMER stated she received a letter from him several weeks later postmarked Circleville, Ohio in which he stated he was going to Westernville, Ill. and that he could be reached at the home of WILLIAM WRIGHT of that city. She further stated she has endeavored to get in contact with him at that address but has been unable to do so.

Mrs. PALMER continuing stated that she wrote to the Veterans Bureau at Cleveland, Ohio concerning the whereabouts of her husband and they acknowledged her communications and stated that they knew her husband's address but could not furnish same to any person. They also stated that if she would address a letter to him in care of the Veterans Bureau at Cleveland, they would forward same to him.

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Mrs. PALMER stated that her husband has been suffering from a mental disease for the past nine years and that during this time she has only seen him on three or four occasions. She also stated that he deserted from the army and then assumed the name of ROBERT PALMER. This was the name he was using at the time of his marriage to Mrs. PALMER at Marion, Ohio in 1920. She further advised that since her husband left home nine years ago that he has been incarcerated in at least two penitentiaries.

For the information of the Cleveland office, the following letter was received by Warden J. A. JOHNSTON at Alcatraz Penitentiary from DWIGHT O. PUGH, Veterans Hospital, Dayton, Ohio.

"Veterans Hospital
Dayton, Ohio
April 2, 1938

"For the Dept. of Justice
Dear Sir:

"As regards TED COLE and RALPH ROE who lammed from the rock the following may be of interest:

I did time with them in Leavenworth. TED was doing half a century for a snatch, while RALPH was shaking 99 - due out in year 2001 on a national bank job.

"If you'd watch miss BILLIE BROWN, Sawpulpa, Oklahoma, you might find something. At present I can't recall her street address but you can get it.

"Three cons in McAlister, Okla. Pen. could talk about him if they would: BOB BRIDGES of Tulsa, ERNIE JONES and ~~W~~ MORGAN, the latter in on a car rap.

"I understood that FRANKIE LAKE, TERRY DRUGGAN, RALPH CAPONE, COLLETTI, SAM and JACK CUSAH and FRANK NITTI and HYMIE LEVINS were figuring something on JOHNSON'S hotel, Alcatraz. I believe the Rock is due for some hot fireworks - in a fog - and the cable to Oakland, and Lieut. NELSON.

"As soon as I am out of here and get back to Chi, if I learn anything of real value, I'll let you know.

"I've done enough time myself and do not crave anymore.

Yours truly

DWIGHT O. PUGH, Ward 7
Vets. Hospital

"BOB BRIDGES might be back in Leavenworth doing the short way parole on two years. What time in 1940 will my citizenship be restored? "

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE CLEVELAND FIELD OFFICE will ascertain from the Veterans' Bureau the address of DWIGHT O. PUGH and set out the appropriate lead to have him interviewed concerning the contents of the letter set out in this report.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

RPK:MP

August 25, 1938

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Special Agent in Charge
Dallas, Texas

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

Dear Sir:

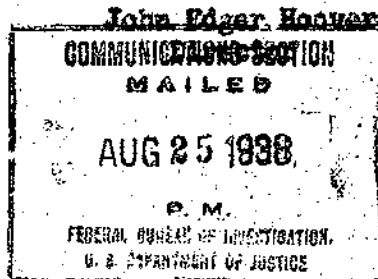
Reference is made to the report of Special Agent
L. E. Kingman, dated at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on August 6,
1938, of which report your office received copies.

It is noted that the Dallas Office was not requested
in this report to conduct investigation at Longview, Texas,
to determine whether the fugitives may be in that vicinity;
however, it is desired that efforts be made to obtain informa-
tion relative to the fugitives at Longview, Texas, and in this
connection it is requested that contact be had with the local
officers in that city and that, if possible, arrangements be
made with them to obtain any information available concerning
the fugitives in this case. It is particularly desired that
arrangements be made with these officers to be on the alert for
the subjects should they make an appearance in that vicinity.

Very truly yours,

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Nathan _____
Mr. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Crowl _____
Mr. Dawsey _____
Mr. Egan _____
Mr. Foxworth _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Harbo _____
Mr. Lester _____
Mr. McIntire _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Miss Gandy _____

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FILE NO.

76-348

REPORT MADE AT OKLAHOMA CITY	DATE WHEN MADE 8-6-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7-26-38	REPORT MADE BY L. E. KINGMAN nmb
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:

There is no cave that could be used as hide-out for subjects or anyone at Ochelata, Okla.
 * Informant "Z" at Bartlesville, Okla. stated he recently had vague information to effect ROE and COLE had been in the vicinity of Longview, Tex.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent C. O. HURT, Okla. City, 6-17-38, and report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Okla. City, 4-28-38.

DETAILS:

At Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

Agent contacted JIM ENGLE, Undersheriff, who resides at Ochelata, Oklahoma, and he stated he had resided in that vicinity for twenty-eight years. Without divulging the fact that anonymous information had been received that these two subjects might be hiding out around Ochelata, ENGLE was asked if he knew of any cave in the vicinity of Ochelata that would serve as a hiding place for fugitives sought. He stated that he knew of no such place, and if there were such a place, he would know about it.

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JIM KNISLEY, Deputy Sheriff, stated that he was familiar with

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all the terrain surrounding Ochelata, and that he knew of no cave or dugout, or anything of a similar nature, that could be used as a hiding place.

Informant "Z", whose name has heretofore been furnished the Bureau, was contacted and stated, upon being advised by Agent that he was seeking information from him at the request of Special Agent FRANK S. SMITH, that he had had no definite information since last talking with Agent SMITH; that in the early part of July, however, a liquor runner by the name of ROY G. WILLIAMS came to informant's place and stated that he, WILLIAMS, had recently been around Longview, Texas, and that while there he had been informed that ROE and COLE were in that vicinity; that if he, WILLIAMS, had so desired he could have seen and talked with these fugitives, but that he did not care to mix up with them and he made no effort to see them. Informant "Z" stated that he had no idea as to whether this information was authentic. He said that WILLIAMS had been killed in an auto accident on July 10, 1938 near Tonkawa, Oklahoma, and that WILLIAMS did not divulge the identity of his informant at Longview. He stated that WILLIAMS claimed that these fugitives had made a little money since effecting their escape and that they were keeping quiet and successfully evading arrest. Informant "Z" is very ill at the present time with heart trouble.

Informant "Z" was also questioned as to the possibility of a cave that could be used as a hideout near Ochelata, as informant "Z" lives within a few miles of Ochelata. He stated that he knew of no such hideout and that he was sure if there were such a cave in that vicinity, he would know about it through his underworld connections.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The DALLAS OFFICE is not being requested to make any specific investigation at Longview based on this information; however, if the Dallas office is in possession of any other information to the effect that these fugitives may be in that vicinity, or may have been in the vicinity of Longview, it is suggested that this information be borne in mind when making any investigation.

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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
August 9, 1938

Special Agent in Charge,
El Paso, Texas.

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 Bureau letter of July 28, 1938 addressed to Mr. F. E. THOMASON, c/o Mr. F. E. KEITH, Odessa, Texas, advising him that your office would have an Agent call upon him with reference to information transmitted in his letter of July 19, 1938 to the effect that a man he believes to be THEODORE COLE is at Odessa.

In this connection, attention is directed to previous reports in this case which reflect that HAZEL UNDERHILL, who was very closely associated with RALPH ROE, was residing in Odessa, Texas. It is thought that if ROE and COLE are alive, they will some time or other contact HAZEL UNDERHILL, and for this reason it is requested that the information supplied by THOMASON be given very careful consideration.

Very truly yours,

S. P. GUINANE,
Special Agent in Charge.

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August 25, 1938.

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Special Agent in Charge
Butte, Montana

Re: ROCOL.

Dear Sir:

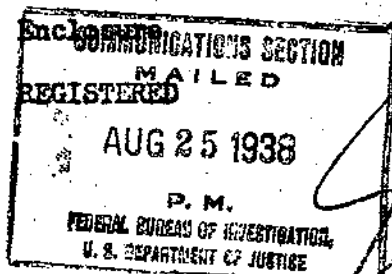
Reference is made to your letter of August 8, 1938, transmitting for examination a hotel registration sheet of a hotel in Victor, Idaho, which registration sheet has been identified in the laboratory as specimen 76-2686-444 Q24.

A report on the handwriting examination of this specimen will be submitted separately.

The evidence submitted for examination is being returned herewith in accordance with your request, photographic copies having been retained for the completion of the laboratory's file.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

P. O. BOX 306
BUTTE, MONTANA
AUGUST 8, 1938

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

ATTENTION: TECHNICAL LABORATORY

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Re: ROCOL

Dear Sir:

There is being forwarded herewith a hotel registration sheet containing the registration of an individual believed to be RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1472. The registration is marked with an "X" under December 22, 1937. It is kindly requested that this signature be compared with the known handwriting of RALPH ROE for the purpose of determining whether or not the registration is that of ROE'S.

The hotel registration sheet has been furnished this office by MRS. BLANCHE W. SCOTT, Victor, Idaho, and it is kindly requested that it be returned to this office when it has served its purpose in order that it may be returned to MRS. SCOTT.

Very truly yours,

H. E. Andersen

H. E. ANDERSEN
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Oklahoma City
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Laboratory Report

Case: **ROCOL**

Number: **76-2886-444**

Specimens:

76-2886-444 Q 24 Hotel registration sheet of hotel in Victor, Idaho bearing the signature "Delms Oerm, Rosseau Minn., under date of 12/22/37.

Examination requested by: **Butte**

Date received: **6/12/38 (recorded 6/13/38 mtg 11:00 A. M.)**

Examination requested: **Document**

Result of examination:

No ident

JP Examination by: **Major AE**

CC-Oklahoma City

Upon completion of examination the sheet should be returned to the Butte Field Division.

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BUTTE FILE NO. **76-107**

REPORT MADE AT BUTTE, MONTANA	DATE WHEN MADE 8-8-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8-4-38	REPORT MADE BY V. J. WOLFE
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. BLANCH W. SCOTT identified photograph of Subject ROE as individual who stayed over-night at her hotel December 22, 1937. Registration obtained and being forwarded to Bureau.
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Reference:

Report of Special Agent W. T. Gray,
Butte, Montana, 6-14-38.

DETAILS:

AT VICTOR, IDAHO

MRS. BLANCHE W. SCOTT, on being shown the picture of RALPH ROE identified it as being that of an individual who stayed one night at her hotel on December 22, 1937. MRS. SCOTT stated that the individual came to the hotel in the early evening and asked for something to eat; she gave him food and furnished him with a room. He signed the register, but the writing was too indistinct to tell what name was written. Early the next morning MRS. SCOTT saw this individual come into the hotel from the outside, ate his breakfast and left town; he said he was going to the Jackson, Wyoming, country looking for work. While this individual was eating his breakfast another individual came in and sat beside him and had a cup of coffee; MRS. SCOTT stated that at

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the time she didn't think much about this, but later felt that possibly this other individual was a companion.

MRS. SCOTT advised that the man she believes was ROE was wearing a long army overcoat and cap; he was wearing cheap canvas gloves, and never, at any time, took the glove off of one hand. MRS. SCOTT does not recall which hand he kept the glove on, but she feels that it was the left hand and bases this opinion on the fact that the description of ROE, as later seen by her in the magazine, stated that he had tattoos on the left hand. MRS. SCOTT stated that the individual had a scar over one eye, and after closely scrutinizing Agent's picture of ROE, felt positive that ROE was the man who came to her hotel.

This man, before he left, stated he had not slept on the bed, and MRS. SCOTT stated she found that the bed had not been disturbed; she stated it was possible that he had either slept on the floor or had been somewhere else during the night.

Agent was furnished the hotel registration sheet showing the registration and MRS. SCOTT asked that it be returned to her when it had served its purpose. MRS. SCOTT stated that when the man registered he took quite some time writing his name.

MRS. SCOTT stated that she has never seen this individual around Victor, and she has never heard of anyone else having seen him or having had anything to do with him.

MRS. SCOTT, on checking the calendar, advised that the day this man came into her hotel was the day on which the freight came in, it only comes on certain days of the week, and it is quite possible that he came to town on the freight.

The hotel registration sheet is being forwarded to the Bureau Technical Laboratory for the purpose of handwriting comparison. The signature in question is marked with an "X" under date of December 22, 1937.

The reference report carries a lead for the Butte Field Division at Weiser, Idaho, to conduct investigation at the home of RALPH SKEEN, Route 3, in accordance with the lead set out in the report of Special Agent R. L. JOHNSON, dated at Omaha, Nebraska, January 6, 1938. An examination of the file reveals that it was determined through the Sheriff at Weiser, Idaho, that D. W. LONGACRES, the individual who it was desired to locate

through SKEN, had left Weiser and gave his forwarding address as Brookings, Oregon. Teletype was forwarded to the Portland Division on December 31, 1937, requesting that appropriate investigation be made with reference to LONGACRE at Brookings, Oregon.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD

THE BUTTE OFFICE

AT BUTTE, MONTANA

Will report results of examination of handwriting of suspect named by MRS. BLANCHE W. SCOTT.

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OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA.

FILE NO. 76-539 BNS

REPORT MADE AT Birmingham, Alabama.	DATE WHEN MADE 8-10-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7-29-38	REPORT MADE BY ROBERT E. JOSEPH
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 Prichard and Mobile, Alabama, discloses JOHN F. BENDER, former Alcatraz inmate, probably identical with HUBERT SMITH, formerly of Mobile, Alabama.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Sp. Agt. M. E. GURNEA, San Francisco, 12-28-37;
Report of Sp. Agt. H. H. McKEE, Birmingham, 3-30-38.

DETAILS:

AT PRICHARD, ALABAMA.

ROBERT LINDSEY, colored, 151 North Holmes Street, advised that Mrs. G. SMITH did not reside at that address at the present time, and had not lived there for the past year and a half. He stated that a Reverend GARFIELD SMITH, a negro preacher, and his wife had lived there previously but now resided on Hickaman's Heights in Prichard, Alabama.

Agent interviewed GARFIELD SMITH at his home on Hickaman's Heights and advised that he and his wife had resided in Prichard for the past 14 years and that while his wife was not at home he knew that neither he nor his wife had ever corresponded with anyone in Alcatraz Prison as they knew no one there. His wife is named LENA.

It was ascertained by Agent that a SMITH family was reported living at 19 Railroad Street, Prichard, and Agent upon interview there ascertained from LEROY SMITH, age 17, that his father had served a sentence of 15 years at Alcatraz growing out of some "irregularity with a Government airplane". This boy said that his father was named HUBERT SMITH and that his mother was named THOMA SMITH, but that his mother had died on March 2, 1938; that he had not seen his father in years but that his mother had re-

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ceived letters from him from time to time. LeROY SMITH was unable to recall the name of JOHN F. BENDER as one of his father's aliases but stated that he had not corresponded with him while he was in prison and that he did know that he used several different names. LeROY SMITH stated that his sister, Mrs. GRACE SMITH, had just married and was now Mrs. LEE KORNBERG and that she and her husband who is a musician were now on their honeymoon in California and that their present address was care of general delivery, San Francisco, California. The date of their return to Alabama, if ever, was most uncertain. LeROY SMITH further advised that he had a grandmother named Mrs. GEORGIA SMITH, who now resides at Scott and Dauphin Streets, Mobile, who might have information of value in the matter and this boy agreed to accompany Agent to her.

GEORGIE SMITH, Scott and Dauphin Streets, Mobile, Alabama, was interviewed and advised that she had never corresponded with HUBERT SMITH while he was in prison; that she did not know a JOHN F. BENDER and while she admitted that HUBERT SMITH had been sentenced to prison for 15 years for the theft of Government property, she pretended not to believe that these persons were identical. Under the steady questioning of Agent and her grandson, LeROY SMITH, she did admit that HUBERT SMITH had joined both the Army and Navy at different times under different names and that he had been "kicked out" of both; that he had been given transportation back to Mobile sometime ago but that he never returned to Mobile, Alabama. She advised that the last time she had heard from him he was in California. GEORGIE SMITH advised that she had never written him in Alcatraz. She stated that HUBERT SMITH corresponded with his wife, THELMA SMITH, in Mobile, from time to time but that THELMA had died in Mobile on March 2, 1938. It was intimated that she was about 35 years of age and that she probably died from some venereal disease. GEORGIE SMITH stated that she had never heard of a LAURA SMITH nor anyone at 511 North Joachim Street, whom she knew. She stated that ALMA THOMPSON, wife of CLIFFORD THOMPSON, is an aunt of LeROY SMITH and that this woman resides with her husband near Kinston, Alabama, 2 or 3 miles out of Kinston between Kinston and Lowery, Alabama, and that this woman probably has information of value to the matter and probably some of the letters written by HUBERT SMITH to his wife THELMA SMITH from Alcatraz.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE BIRMINGHAM DIVISION, at Kinston, Alabama, will locate and interview ALMA THOMPSON, wife of CLIFFORD THOMPSON, for such information as she may have as to JOHN F. BENDER and HUBERT SMITH being identical and for the present whereabouts of HUBERT SMITH; will also endeavor to secure samples of HUBERT SMITH'S handwriting for comparison by the Technical Laboratory with samples of JOHN F. BENDER'S handwriting.

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

FILE NO. **76-282**

REPORT MADE AT EL PASO, TEXAS	DATE WHEN MADE 8-8-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8-4-38	REPORT MADE BY D. P. SULLIVAN jcd
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. CECIL NOEL, Cherry Vale, N.M., states she has not seen or heard from RALPH ROE since her former husband, JACK LLOYD, was arrested for the robbery of the Farmers National Bank at Sulphur, Oklahoma, in 1934, and has not heard from LLOYD for more than three years. Has no information indicating that ROE was successful in his escape. States ROE was infatuated with HAZEL UNDERHILL and was friendly with "SLIM" BAILEY, now an inmate at Leavenworth.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent B. L. DAMRON, El Paso, Texas, dated 6-8-38.

DETAILS: AT CHERRY VALE, NEW MEXICO

Agent interviewed MRS. CECIL (INEZ) NOEL, who is residing with her husband on a farm house, adjacent to a wild-cat oil well, which her husband is now drilling. She

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stated that she married CECIL NOEL about three years ago and has not had much contact with her former friends and acquaintances since her marriage. She stated that, while she was married to JACK LLOYD, he spent half of his time in jail; that she was employed at the Empire Cafe at Ardmore, Oklahoma during the summer of 1934 and she was introduced to RALPH ROE by someone at the cafe, but she is unable to remember who made the introduction. MRS. NOEL stated that a short while later her former husband, JACK LLOYD, brought ROE to her house; that MATTIE FINE happened to be present and she introduced MATTIE to RALPH ROE. After that ROE KEPT company with MATTIE FINE from time to time. MRS. NOEL appeared to have difficulty in remembering dates and she stated that she believed that it was during the summer of 1934 that the above took place.

MRS. NOEL stated that a short while after meeting ROE she visited her mother at Mannsville, Okla., and while she was away, ROE and JACK LLOYD were arrested at Bonham, Texas, and charged with a violation of the NMVTA; that ROE and LLOYD were both released on bond and that it is her recollection that both were arrested shortly thereafter for the robbery of the bank at Sulphur, Okla., before they could be brought to trial on the NMVTA charge. She stated that she visited her husband, while he was awaiting trial at the jail at Muskogee, Oklahoma; that she believes that he was convicted in January, 1935, and was immediately taken to Leavenworth. She stated that she had not corresponded with JACK LLOYD since his incarceration at Alcatraz and that she learned recently that it was a short while ago that LLOYD first learned that she married CECIL NOEL, although she has been married three years.

MRS. NOEL stated that she did not now know many friends or acquaintances of RALPH ROE but she could state that ROE was infatuated with HAZEL UNDERHILL. Upon further questioning, she advised that ROE was friendly with a man called "SLIM" BAILEY, who was given a seven or nine year sentence in U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, as a result of some robbery; that BAILEY was convicted around the time that LLOYD and ROE were convicted or shortly thereafter. MRS. NOEL was questioned at length, but she maintained that she knew of no other persons who ROE might contact. She stated that she has visited her home in Oklahoma since the attempted escape of ROE and COLE but she has not heard anything that would point to the fact that these men were "out". MRS. NOEL was told that COLE and ROE were wanted by the Government as escaped Federal prisoners and she was requested to advise the El Paso Field Division in the event that she obtained any information concerning them. She stated that there was little likelihood that COLE or ROE would contact her as she was not acquainted with COLE and ROE did not know her whereabouts.

MR. CECIL NOEL was present during the above interview with his wife. MR. NOEL appears to be an industrious, clean living man. He holds a somewhat responsible position in supervising the drilling of an oil well. He advised Agent that he had no sympathy with criminals, such as ROE and COLE, and would have no qualms in "turning them in" to the Federal Government. MR. NOEL stated that the only information that he has concerning these men is that which he obtained from reading newspapers at the time of their attempted escape.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Oklahoma City, Oklahoma**File No. **76-389**

REPORT MADE AT: Portland, Oregon	DATE WHEN MADE: 8-8-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 8-3-38	REPORT MADE BY: F. G. McGeary
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:

LAUREL JAMES who has resided at The Dalles, Oregon is presently employed in the fishing industry in Alaska and his present address is unknown. He is expected to return to the States probably in September or October 1938 at which time he should be interviewed.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent F. G. McGeary, Portland, Oregon, dated 7-13-38.

DETAILS:

At THE DALLES, OREGON:

Agent interviewed Mrs. AUDREY GABRIEL who resides at 1425 Fair Street, who advised that she is a sister of LAUREL JAMES who is 31 years of age. She stated that LAUREL JAMES is now in the vicinity of Bristol Bay in Alaska where he is engaged in fishing this summer and she does not know his address. She stated that she expects him to return to the United States probably sometime in September or October 1938 and when he does return she expects him to get in touch with her. Agent left the address of the Portland

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Field Office with Mrs. GABRIEL and requested that she advise LAUREL JAMES to communicate with the Portland Field Office upon his return from Alaska.

Mrs. GABRIEL stated that prior to April 26, 1938 which was the date LAUREL JAMES went to Alaska, he lived at Roseburg, Oregon and received his mail in care of general delivery in that city. She stated that she does not know what his address was at that time but he has relatives there who are Mrs. KRUSE and sister who resides on Route 1, Roseburg, Oregon, and ROYCE JAMES a brother who resides at Roseburg, Oregon and who is employed by the W.P.A. Mrs. GABRIEL stated that LAUREL JAMES played in an orchestra at the broadcasting station in Roseburg, Oregon prior to the time he left for Alaska. Mrs. GABRIEL stated that she did not know whether LAUREL JAMES had gone to California from Oregon during December 1937 but advised that he is the owner of a 1929 Ford Coupe automobile.

Mrs. GABRIEL stated that she would have LAUREL JAMES communicate with the Portland Field Office upon his return from Alaska.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE PORTLAND OFFICE:

AT THE DALLIES, OREGON:

Will keep in contact with Mrs. GABRIEL in order that LAUREL JAMES can be located upon his return to the United States From Alaska. It is expected that he will return probably in September or October 1938.

* Will interview LAUREL JAMES, 1425 Fair Street, registered owner of 1929 Ford Coupe, Motor No. A-388964 or 388984, bearing 1937 Oregon license 225-140, and 1938 Oregon license 72-864.

AT PORTLAND, OREGON:

* Will interview H. A. McCUNE, 221 S. W. Front Street, registered owner of 1934 DeSoto Sedan, motor #SE14492, 1938 Oregon license 128-252, which car is thought to be one which passed through the California checking station.

AT SALEM, OREGON:

* Through the Secretary of State, will ascertain the date of issuance of 1938 Oregon plates 299-336, for a 1930 Pontiac Sedan, Motor No. 682086. It is noted that temporary permit to drive this auto carried No. 62482.

* AT CLATSKANIE, OREGON:

Will interview W. ERICKSON, mentioned in this report, Route 2, Box 28, it being noted that license number 5971 for 1938 was issued to this individual on a 1933 Chevrolet, Motor No. 3884171, keeping in mind that Agent found a family by the name of ERICKSON on Route 1, Box 28.

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FILE NO. **76-52**

REPORT MADE AT Richmond, Virginia	DATE WHEN MADE 8/12/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7/19, 20/38	REPORT MADE BY G. P. FREESE, JR. CPB:GS
TITLE RALEIGH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1471.			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Photograph of subject COLE identified as being that of an individual seen on C. & O. Railroad Company ferry approximately three months ago on one of said ferry's 2:20 P.M. Norfolk to Newport News, Va. trips.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent F. J. DONAGHUE, Pittsburgh, Pa., dated 4/6/38.
Report of Special Agent FREDERICK G. TILLMAN, Huntington, W. Va., dated 4/23/38.

DETAILS:

AT NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

Mr. R. B. LAMLER, Chief Clerk to the General Agent, Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company, advised Agent that the Steamer "Virginia" is the only ferry operated by his company plying between Norfolk, Virginia and Newport News, Virginia, at which latter place it makes connection with a train operated by said railway company which passes through Richmond, Virginia, where connection is made with a Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad Company train which goes to Washington, D. C. This ferry leaves Norfolk, Virginia, each day at 9 A.M., 2:20 P.M., and 7 P.M. for Newport News, Virginia. The 2:20 P.M. ferry is undoubtedly that which is referred to by Mr. and Mrs. E. W. WOODS in reference report of Special Agent F. J. DONAGHUE, Pittsburgh, Pa., dated April 6, 1938.

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Agent exhibited photographs of subjects to Mr. S. D. WOOD, Joint Agent for the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Company and the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, who advised that he was the ticket agent on duty on March 6, 1938. He, however, could make no identification from said photographs, stating that he did not recall having sold any tickets to anyone resembling either of the subjects of said photographs.

Agent ascertained that the following named officers were on duty on the Steamer "Virginia" on the occasion of its Norfolk to Newport News 2:20 P.M. run on March 6, 1938:

Captain C. B. KNIGHT,
DORSEY E. WHITE, First Officer,
R. H. FOX, Second Officer,
WILLIS M. SEAWELL, Purser, and
CHARLES M. LLOYD, Assistant Purser,

and exhibited to them photographs of subjects.

Captain KNIGHT advised that the photograph of subject COLE looked familiar to him, but he was unable to state when, where or under what conditions he might have seen the subject of said photograph.

Messrs. WHITE, SEAWELL and LLOYD could make no identification from said photographs.

Mr. FOX upon examining said photographs first stated that the photograph of RALPH ROE looked familiar to him, and after further study of these photographs stated that he was quite positive that the photograph of ROE was that of an individual whom he had seen on board the Steamer "Virginia" on one of its Norfolk to Newport News runs; that he recalls having seen such individual standing on the lower or freight aft deck talking to another man. He paid little attention to these individuals, however. He saw them only on that one occasion during the trip and only for a few moments. He described the individual whom he identified as subject ROE as being about 5' 10" in height and weighing about 160 - 165 pounds, possibly having dark hair. He could give no more detailed description of this individual and does not recall the appearance of the second individual at all, and, therefore, cannot attempt to make a photographic identification or to give a description of him. Mr. FOX states that he saw these individuals on the 2:20 P.M. Norfolk to Newport News trip about three months ago, exact date unknown.

Mr. S. D. WOOD, the ticket agent, was again interviewed and upon referring to his records advised Agent that the following tickets had been sold on March 6, 1938:

- 1 to Washington, D. C.
- 77 to Newport News, Va.
- 9- 1/2 fares to Newport News, Va.
- 4 to Lee Hall, Va.
- 18 to Williamsburg, Va.
- 1 round trip fare to Williamsburg, Va.
- 44 to Richmond, Va.
- 3 to Charlottesville, Va.
- 1 to Louisville, Ky.

Agent discussed the results of the above investigation with the Special Agent in Charge, who stated that in view of the doubtful value of such an identification as that made by Mr. R. H. FOX after a lapse of as long a period as three months he did not deem it logical or expedient to conduct further investigation and that for the same reason he does not deem it practical or logical to exhibit photographs of subjects to the personnel of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Company at its Newport News, Virginia terminus as requested in the lead set out in reference report of Special Agent F. J. DONAGHUE, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, dated April 6, 1938.

Reference report of Special Agent FREDERICK G. TILLMAN, Huntington, West Virginia, dated April 23, 1938, sets out leads to secure specimens of the handwriting of WILLIAM P. GEMPP for comparison by the Bureau's Technical Laboratory with the check made payable to HELEN HARMEL, referred to in reference report of Special Agent TILLMAN, and to conduct investigation at the Stonewall Jackson and the Beverly Hotels at Staunton, Virginia for information concerning GEMPP. In view, however, of the fact that investigation already conducted has disclosed that GEMPP's story concerning his connections with subjects are undoubtedly fabrications the above requested investigation is not being conducted.

The above referred to check, which was forwarded to this division by the Huntington Division, is being returned herewith to the Huntington Division in order that it may be returned to Mr. W. T. MITCHELL, Cashier of the National Bank of Logan, Logan, West Virginia, from whom this check was obtained.

ENCLOSURE: HUNTINGTON OFFICE - Check drawn on the Farmers and Merchants National Bank, Westminster, Maryland, on October 18, 1937 by RICHARD R. HARMEL in the amount of \$100.00 and payable to Mrs. HELEN HARMEL.

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

POST OFFICE BOX 1276
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA
AUGUST 11, 1938

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ROCOL

On August 9, 1938, JAKE SIMS, Chief of Police at Seminole, Oklahoma, called at this office in company with CLINT MIERS, Superintendent of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation.

Chief SIMS stated that RAY HALL, who in the past had been an excellent informant of his, was recently released from Leavenworth Penitentiary and had returned to Seminole, and that HALL told him that if he could go to Odessa, Texas and contact HAZEL UNDERHILL he was positive that he could get any information HAZEL UNDERHILL had concerning Subjects ROE and COLE.

Chief SIMS stated that he knows HALL is very close to HAZEL UNDERHILL and he felt if anyone could secure information concerning ROE and COLE it would be RAY HALL; that he believed it would be certainly worth while to let HALL go down to Odessa, Texas for the purpose of contacting HAZEL UNDERHILL.

Inasmuch as it is known that JAKE SIMS does come into a great deal of good information concerning criminals, and also in view of the fact that it would appear RAY HALL was in a position to get information, I furnished JAKE SIMS with \$25.00 for the purpose of defraying the expenses of HALL to Odessa and return to Seminole.

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I did this without prior Bureau authorization in view of the fact SIMS had made a special trip to Oklahoma City for this purpose and even though this particular trip of HALL'S does not result in obtaining definite information I believe that the

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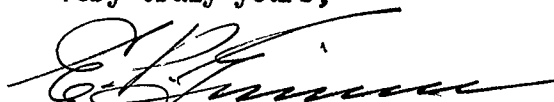
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fact of giving JAKE SIMS the money for HALL will bring
returns in other ways.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'E. P. Guinane', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

E. P. GUINANE

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Mr. E. P. Guinane
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
224 Federal Building
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Re: ROCOL

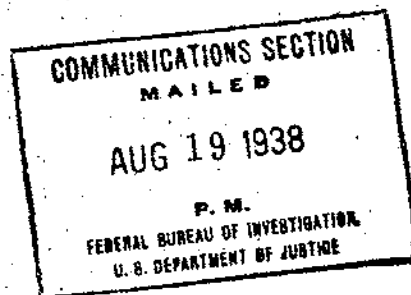
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated August 11, 1938, relative to the payment of \$25.00 to Jake Sims, Chief of Police at Seminole, Oklahoma, to be paid by him to Ray Hall, who has agreed to act as a confidential informant in this case.

This is to advise that the Bureau approves the payment of the sum mentioned for the purpose specified.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director



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OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

FILE NO. 76-348

REPORT MADE AT OKLA. CITY, OKLA.	DATE WHEN MADE 8/13/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/10/38	REPORT MADE BY L. E. KINGMAN MS
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:

EARL FIELDS presently at San Antonio, Texas taking summer training with Army Air Corps.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent D. B. DAVISS, Dallas, 5/26/38.

DETAILS:

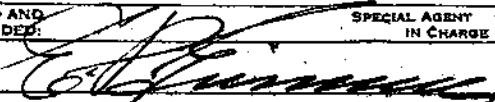

At Tulsa, Oklahoma.

It was learned by inquiry at the residence of **EARL FIELDS**, 818 South Atlanta Street, that he is presently taking summer training, presumably as a Reserve Officer in the United States Army Air Corps at San Antonio, and would be there approximately two weeks.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS: **THE SAN ANTONIO OFFICE**

Will expedite contacting **EARL FIELDS** for any information he can furnish that might be of aid in locating subjects. He should be questioned relative to his association with **JAMES ROE**, brother of **RALPH ROE**, and as to whether **JAMES ROE** ever discussed with **FIELDS** the possibility of flying to California and freeing his brother from Alcatraz by means of an airplane or seaplane.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
El Paso, Texas.**

August 13, 1938

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

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

Reference is made to the RUC report of Special Agent
D. P. SULLIVAN, dated at El Paso, Texas, August 8, 1938.

Inasmuch as this office has an undeveloped lead at
Odessa, Texas, it is requested that the Bureau and the offices
receiving copies of this report change the status of this report
to pending.

Very truly yours,

R. J. Untreiner
R. J. Untreiner,
Special Agent in Charge

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cc - Oklahoma City
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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:

Efforts to locate MR. BEST, 3425 Galeo Place, NYC, unsatisfactory. No such street recorded in any New York City directories. Efforts to locate MICHAEL BEST, Cotton Club, unsuccessful. MICHAEL BEST not seen at the Cotton Club for past 9 months, whereabouts unknown.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent C. F. Lanman, dated at New York City, 6/3/38.

DETAILS:

A thorough check was made of all telephone, city and street directories of Greater New York in an effort to locate Galeo Place, which was set forth in report of Special Agent M. E. Gurnea, dated at San Francisco, California, December 28, 1937, as being the place where MRS. SARAH BEST, MR. BARNETT BEST and ETTA BEST resided. This search failed to reflect that there was any such street in New York City as Galeo Place. The San Francisco Office is requested to again check records to determine whether this address is correct. Search of the directories also failed to reflect the names of SARAH BEST, BARNETT BEST or ETTA BEST.

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At the Cotton Club, 48th Street and Broadway, it was found that this club is closed for the Summer. However, the door man of the club was contacted and stated that MICHAEL BEST was known to him. He advised that at one time he was former part owner in the old Cotton Club before it moved from Harlem to 48th Street and Broadway. He stated that MICHAEL BEST had not been seen around the club for approximately nine months.

Agent left his name and telephone number with the door man who advised that if MICHAEL BEST did show up, he would have him get in touch with agent.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE, will check the records at the United States Penitentiary at Alcatraz to ascertain whether or not the address of 3425 Galeo Place, New York is correct.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION

At Chicago, Illinois

Will recontact Mr. J. H. GILLIES, 232 Carlov Street, brother of EDWARD JOHN GILLIES, and ascertain from him the present address of his brother EDWARD JOHN GILLIES, so that GILLIES may be interviewed in keeping with the report of Special Agent MYRON E. GURNEA, San Francisco, California, December 28, 1937.

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