

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Oklahoma City**

S. A. FILE NO. **76-338**

REPORT MADE AT San Antonio, Tex.	DATE WHEN MADE August 19'38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/16/38	REPORT MADE BY C. P. Davis
TITLE RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

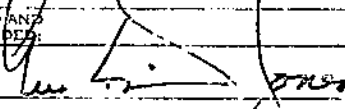
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

EARL A. FIELDS states JAMES ROE was a student of his at Commercial Aviation Field at Tulsa, Oklahoma, and at no time did he ever hear JAMES ROE mention flying to California and making an attempt to assist his brother in making an escape. States JAMES ROE is not capable of flying an airplane or a seaplane. R.U.C.

Reference: Report of Special Agent L. E. Kingman, Oklahoma City, Okla. dated 8/13/38.

DETAILS:

On the night of August 16, 1938, EARL A. FIELDS, Lieutenant in the 320th Observation Squadron, Brooks Field, Texas, O.R.C. at Brooks Field temporarily on maneuvers but who resides at Sapulpa, Okla., stated that when he owned a commercial flying field at Tulsa, Oklahoma, that JAMES ROE known to him as JIMMY ROE and a brother of RALPH ROE, was a student at his school; that JAMES ROE was a student at his school and completed approximately 15 hours flying time when JAMES ROE was arrested for counterfeit labels on illegal whiskey and was sentenced to 2 years imprisonment at Leavenworth Penitentiary; that he found JAMES ROE to be a pretty good boy and that after JAMES ROE was released from Leavenworth on parole that he at one time acted as best friend to him and assisted JAMES in securing the position he now holds with the International Supply Company. He stated that after RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE were reported to have made their escape from Alcatraz that he talked to JAMES ROE about RALPH ROE and that JAMES ROE stated that in his opinion RALPH ROE AND COLE never made the mainland and were drowned in this attempt and insofar as he, JAMES ROE, was concerned about RALPH that he hoped that RALPH had been drowned. MR. FIELDS stated further that in his opinion it was absurd to

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to suspect that JAMES ROE assisted or attempted to assist his brother RALPH ROE and COLE in their escape and insofar as JAMES ROE flying to California to assist his brother in his escape from Alcatraz, it was out of the question due to the fact that JAMES himself could not pilot an airplane or a seaplane, and due to the further fact that he knew JAMES' financial condition at the time of the escape was such that if he so desired to assist in this escape by having someone else fly an airplane or seaplane to aid the two subjects in the escape, it would have been out of question.

MR. FIELDS stated further that after JAMES ROE was released from the penitentiary he first went to Wink, Texas, and then to Hobbs, New Mexico. He stated further that knowing JAMES as he did, he did not feel that JAMES would turn his brother RALPH in to the Government, but he was positive that he would not aid or assist him or harbor him in any way as he had spoken quite often about RALPH being such a disgrace to the family. He stated that JAMES had told him that RALPH first went wrong when he began to run with an outlaw by the name of BIRDWELL, who was killed at Boley, Oklahoma, and with the RAY, PERRILL bunch in Oklahoma. He stated that JAMES' first wife's given name was RAY, but that her last name was not known to him; that his present wife, whose given name is WANDA, worked for a Jewish merchant at Hobbs, N.M.

MR. FIELDS stated that he was now in the automobile supply business at 10 N. Water Street, Sapulpa, Oklahoma, and that he would be glad at any time to cooperate with the Government in this matter and should he obtain any information of value to the Government that he would be glad to notify the Oklahoma Field Office.

Referred upon completion.

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 8/17/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/8/38	REPORT MADE BY DUANE L. TRAYNOR BW
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. W. GARRISON also known as **CHARLES W. GARRISON** located at Cathlamet, Washington, and is not the individual who drove a 1930 Buick coupe over the California-Oregon line.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent **LEO J. WALCOM**, Seattle, Washington dated 5/20/38.

DETAILS:

AT CATHLAMET, WASHINGTON:

Agent located **C. W. GARRISON**, also known as **CHARLES W. GARRISON**, at his small ranch on Puget Island located in the middle of the Columbia River. **MR. GARRISON** informed Agent that he has not owned a car since 1924 when he had a model T Ford. He stated that he has not been in Oregon for several years and when he was there the only place he lived was in Forest Grove, Oregon. He admitted that he had lived in Rochester, Washington but that he had left there in 1935. He stated that he has never been called **JACK** and that he had never lived in Pinehurst, Oregon.

Agent reviewed the report of Special Agent **H. A. KING**, Portland, Oregon dated 1/8/38 which is the report first setting out the lead to locate **GARRISON**. It is noted in that report that the lead is to locate and interview **C. A. GARRISON**, owner of a 1930 Buick Coupe, 1937 Oregon license 215-750, at Rochester, Washington. Somewhere along the line the names **C. A. GARRISON** and **C. W. GARRISON** have been

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confused. We are desirous of locating C. A. and not C. W. GARRISON. Therefore the lead in reference report to interview W. J. HOOD at Montesano, Washington and the lead in the report of Special Agent F. G. McGEARY, Portland, Oregon dated 7/13/38 to locate at Kalama CHARLES W. GARRISON is being disregarded.

Investigation was previously conducted at Rochester, Washington and C. A. GARRISON was unknown there.

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August 24, 1938

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Special Agent in Charge
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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

Dear Sir:

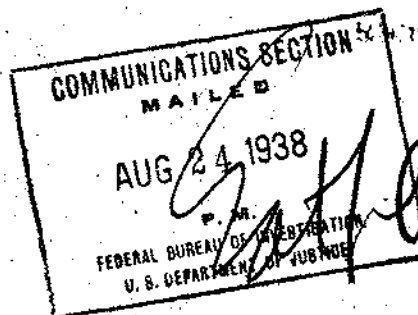
Reference is made to Bureau letter dated April 9, 1938, directed to Mr. J. Robillard, 4814 29th Avenue, Kenosha, Wisconsin, in which he was advised that an Agent from your Office would contact him in the near future. It is noted that your Office received copies of this letter.

To date no report has been received from your Office to indicate that the requested contact has been made, and it is requested that you give this matter attention in the near future.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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 _____
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Special Agent in Charge
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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

Dear Sir:

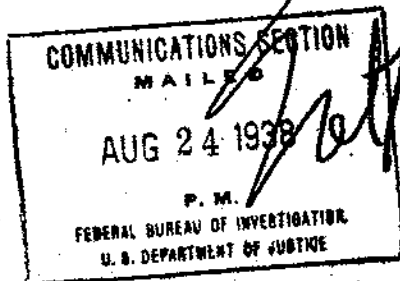
Reference is made to Bureau letter dated April 5,
1938, directed to Mr. Herman Ditlewits, 1920 North Napa Street,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, of which letter your office received
copies.

No report has been received at the Bureau to indicate
that the requested contact with Mr. Ditlewits has been made,
and it is requested that you afford this matter attention in
the near future.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mr. Nathan _____
Mr. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
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Miss Gandy _____



**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

August 28, 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:

Due to the reallocation of the State of Arizona from the jurisdiction of the Los Angeles office to the El Paso office, effective September 1st, 1938, the serials set out below are being forwarded to you for appropriate attention in your district. The Los Angeles office is also maintaining copies of the serials in order that it may complete the work in its district.

Entire original Phoenix file.

Report being dictated bringing up all leads on this case in the State of Arizona.

Very truly yours,

J. H. Hanson
J. H. HANSON,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc: Bureau

cc: **Oklahoma City**

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August 24, 1938

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Special Agent in Charge
San Francisco, California

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

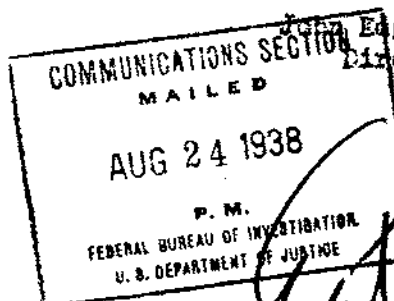
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated January 31, 1938, requesting an investigation to determine the identity of Mr. and Mrs. Viefer Glas (some letters missing) and family. This letter called attention to the fact that the Bureau desired that the investigation be conducted at the earliest possible moment. Your attention is also directed to Bureau letter dated April 2, 1938, which again called your attention to the fact that the requested investigation had not been conducted.

The Bureau file reflects that to date no report has been received from your Office to indicate that the Bureau's wishes in this matter have been complied with. It is desired therefore that investigation be made in this regard without further delay. There appears to be no reason why this investigation should be allowed to remain delinquent in your office for such an extended period of time.

Very truly yours,

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Nathan _____
Mr. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Crowl _____
Mr. Dawsey _____
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Miss Gandy _____



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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

1300 Liberty Trust Building,
Philadelphia, Penna.

August 26, 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 Bureau letter dated August 24, 1938 relative to the above entitled case in which this office was advised that the Bureau directed a letter dated April 5, 1938 to Mr. HERMAN DITLOWITZ, 1920 North Napa Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and that a copy of this letter was forwarded to this office requesting that Mr. DITLOWITZ be interviewed.

Please be advised that a search of the files does not indicate that a copy of this letter was forwarded to the Philadelphia Office. It is, therefore, requested that a copy be forwarded immediately so that the matter can be given attention.

Very truly yours,

A. B. Leckie

A.B. LECKIE,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

San Francisco, California
August 22, 1938.

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

Re: ROCOL

Dear Sir:

Reference is had to your letter of June 21, 1938 (Bureau file 76-2686) which refers to the memorandum prepared by Special Agent in Charge M. E. Gurnea concerning his observations as a result of having participated in the investigation of the escape of subjects from the United States Penitentiary at Alcatraz Island.

I have considered this matter very thoroughly, as has Special Agent A. E. Farland, who is well acquainted with conditions at Alcatraz Island, and I do not consider the suggestion of placing sound equipment in the shop at Alcatraz as practical inasmuch as electric machines are running in the shop all day long during the time that convicts are there, and the noise created by them would preclude listening equipment being of any value.

Unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau, no effort will be made to put into practice this suggestion made by Special Agent in Charge Gurnea.

Very truly yours,

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

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cc Oklahoma City

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

1300 Liberty Trust Bldg.,
Philadelphia, Penna.

August 27, 1938.

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

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

Dear Sir:

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Reference is made to my letter dated August 26, 1938 and also to Bureau letter dated August 24, 1938, which has reference to a letter forwarded to HERMAN DITLOWITZ, 1920 North Napa Street, Philadelphia.

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I have located a letter addressed to Mr. DITLOWITZ by the Bureau on April 8, 1938 but not April 5, 1938. This letter, however, was filed in the LENAP case.

According to our files this individual has written to the Bureau on several different occasions in the past, suggesting that he had information relative to various kidnaping cases and other important cases.

The Bureau was advised on March 2, 1938 that apparently DITLOWITZ was mentally incompetent and obviously a mental case. Therefore, unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau DITLOWITZ will not be reinterviewed by this office.

Very truly yours,

A.B. Leckie

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A.B. LECKIE,
Special Agent in Charge.

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THEODORE COLE. *Aliases, Ted Cole. Roy Jackson. Escaped Kidnaped. Reward: TRUE DETECTIVE, \$100. Age, 25; height, 5 feet, 7½ inches; weight, 135 pounds; eyes, blue; hair, brown. Two-inch scar corner right eye; small scar middle right cheek; eight-inch scar above left knee; 1½-inch scar under chin; scar corner right eye. Occupation, tailor. Escaped with Ralph Roe from Alcatraz 12-16-37. If located, wire J. Edgar Hoover, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D. C.*

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Dear Sir:

I think I know where
you can find Theodore Collier
escaped kidnaper from
Alcatraz island 12-16-37. He
fits the description perfect. He
says he is a molder he makes
doors for stores. He spoke
about spending most of his
life in prison. This life may
be worth looking into. I'll
leave that up to you. His
address is JESSE SINK IN K.S.
Jesse Sink

W 21 2nd. Av. N. W.
Washville, Tenn.

I forget what issue this picture

came out in. If it turns out
to be a hot tip don't mention
my name.

A.B. Tucker

Rt. 1. Box 221.

Woodlake, Calif.

A.S. and Back if you investigate.

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September 2, 1938

Mr. A. B. Tucker
Route 1, Box 221,
Woodlake, California

Dear Mr. Tucker:

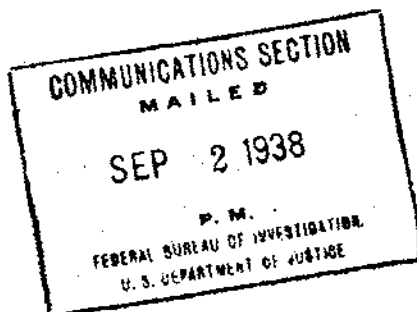
I wish to acknowledge receipt of your undated letter, postmarked at Woodlake, California, on August 26, 1938.

I wish to thank you for your interest in furnishing this information and would like to suggest that should you receive any further information concerning the individual mentioned in your letter or any information concerning the fugitive Theodore Cole, that you communicate with Mr. J. H. Hanson, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, 810 South Spring Building, Room 603, Los Angeles, California.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson _____
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **76-290**

REPORT MADE AT San Francisco, Calif.	DATE WHEN MADE 8/22/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/8/38 7/18, 21, 22, 24, 30; 7/6, 15, 22, 29, 30; 8/17/38	REPORT MADE BY K. P. PETTIJOHN - 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:

Report that Mrs. EVELYN MORGAN, 320 First St., Richmond, Calif., contacts subjects apparently groundless. E. F. BOVEE has returned to Grand Coulee, Wash. Additional investigation made of several reports that subjects were seen with negative results.

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REFERENCES:

Report of Special Agent Daniel Currie, Jr., Seattle, Wash., 1/7/38; report of Special Agent J. L. Thornton, San Francisco, Cal., 2/25/38; report of Special Agent C. H. Olson, San Francisco, Calif., 1/3/38; report of Special Agent C. G. Campbell, Seattle, Wash., 7/12/38; report of Special Agent R. P. Kramer, Los Angeles, Calif., 1/8/38.

DETAILS:

At Vallejo, California.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent F. R. Hammaek:

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Mr. BERT FOREMAN, Chief of Police at Vallejo, California, having informed Special Agent in Charge N.J.L. PIEPER that he had some information which he believed might be of value in instant case, and requesting that an Agent interview him for the details, Agent HAMMACK contacted Chief FOREMAN and he advised that one TED EDWARDS, 363 Woodrow Avenue, Vallejo, whom he considered reliable, advised him that he was driving home in his automobile on Thursday, February 17, 1938, and at about 8:30 P.M. saw a man walking along the Benicia Road; that Edwards, believing the man to be someone he knew, picked him up and then discovered that he was not the person anticipated; that he asked him where he lived and what his name was. The man then stated that he lived in the 300 block on Woodrow Avenue in Vallejo and that his name was IVAN KEENER. EDWARDS reported that KEENER appeared nervous and that as he conversed with him KEENER stated that he was wanted for stealing a radio and did not know what to do about it; that if he wanted to talk he could say plenty. KEENER stated that he had been working in CCC Camps in Wisconsin, Washington, and Oregon. He then proceeded to tell Mr. EDWARDS that one Mr. MORGAN, owner of the Topeka Hotel, First and McDonald Avenues, Richmond, is married to an aunt of "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD and that he was covering up for subjects COLE and ROE and was secretly sending out food to them.

Chief FOREMAN advised Agent HAMMACK that several attempts were made to locate KEENER on Woodrow Avenue in Vallejo but that the house at which he lived, if in fact he did, had never been located.

At Richmond, California.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents F. R. HAMMACK and R. E. LETHERT:

Agents LETHERT and HAMMACK under pretense of locating KEENER for the purpose of getting information on another matter, located M. L. MORGAN and his wife, EVELYN MORGAN, at 320 First Street in Richmond. The MORGANS formerly operated the Topeka Hotel at 90 McDonald Avenue in Richmond. MORGAN stated that during October or November, 1937, IVAN KEENER came to his place at 320 First Street and stated that he would act as handy man for him if MORGAN would give him his room and board; that as he, MORGAN, was engaged in reclaiming old buildings, renovating them and converting them into rooming houses, he agreed to let KEENER have his room and board for his services; that gradually due to KEENER'S work he came to repose considerable confidence in him, and finally allowed him to more or

less manage the Topeka rooms at 90 McDonald Avenue. MORGAN stated that while EVELYN MORGAN was in the hospital KEENER succeeded in stealing about \$500 worth of bed linen, furniture, a radio, etc., from the Topeka rooms and later when questioned about the matter claimed that MORGAN owed it to him for his services; that finally KEENER claimed that MORGAN and his wife had assaulted him and had them arrested; that, however, the charges against him and his wife were dismissed; that he last saw KEENER about the middle of February but that in March, 1938, he received a claim for compensation under Social Security Act. No. 348-01-6421 for IVAN KEENER from the Department of Employment for the State of California; that at that time KEENER was living at 349 East Queen Street, Inglewood, California.

MORGAN further stated that after KEENER left old letters were found which indicate that KEENER has a cousin CALVIN KEENER living at 2622 Partridge, Los Angeles, California, and that his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. WALTER KEENER, reside at Prairie City, Ill. MORGAN stated that from the way KEENER talked he feels that he is a little abnormal mentally, and Mrs. EVELYN MORGAN stated that from remarks passed by him she believes that KEENER is abnormal sexually.

The following description of KEENER was furnished by the MORGANS:

Age	27
Height	5' 10"
Weight	145 - 150
Hair	Dark brown
Eyes	Blue green
Teeth	Two front upper teeth on each side broken off and discolored
Forehead	High

Inspector HARRY DONNELLY of the Richmond Police Dept. was contacted and stated that he recalls KEENER very well; that KEENER was in some trouble with the MORGANS who accused him of stealing their property as outlined above; that, however, KEENER was never fingerprinted nor photographed by the Richmond Police Department, and he has no idea as to KEENER'S location at this time. He further stated that the reputation of the MORGANS is that of being "dead beats" and that while KEENER may have a queer turn of mind, the MORGANS are just as bad.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent W. G. THARP:

At Santa Rosa, California.

On June 24, 1938, Special Agent W. G. THARP contacted Mr. HARRY D. NORTON at the Standard Drug Company, 507 4th Street, at which time he advised that right after the first of the year or about ten days or two weeks after COLE and ROE escaped from Alcatraz, at about 8:30 P.M. he had observed two men talking on the street in front of his store; that shortly thereafter the shorter of the two came in, at which time he inquired regarding the location of a tailor shop at which he and his friend could have a suit repaired. NORTON advised that he observed immediately that there was something about this man which caused him to feel that he had seen him previously but that he was not certain about it at that time; that he advised this person, who was the shorter of the two men, that he did not know of any tailor shop that was open at just that time and that in view of this fact, he asked him if he had to have the suit repaired at once, whereupon he was advised that it was necessary.

Mr. NORTON stated that at this time the larger of the two men, whom he later identified as ROE, came in, at which time he said, "What's the matter with this fellow? Doesn't he know anything?" NORTON advised that he became quite nervous at this and that he told them that he would telephone JOHN PETERSON, an old Swede, who maintains the tailor shop next door to his drug store upstairs but that when he started for the telephone, the fellow identified as ROE advised that they had already been there, whereupon both of the men left in a great hurry.

Mr. NORTON advised that a few minutes after these parties had left his establishment, it dawned on him that he had seen their photographs in the San Francisco Examiner and that they were the convicts who had escaped from Alcatraz. He said that he did not immediately report this to the police inasmuch as on two or three occasions, he has reported petty offenses to them and that he felt that he might be making a nuisance of himself and that he discussed the matter with his wife and a day or two later he mentioned the incident to Sergeant LARRY WALKER of the Santa Rosa Police Department, who had more or less talked him out of the idea that it could have been ROE and COLE. He stated, however,

that he subsequently mentioned the matter to Mr. SCHINDLER, Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue of Santa Rosa, through whom the information was conveyed to this office.

Mr. NORTON was carefully questioned regarding his identification of these two persons. He described the first man who entered the store and whom he later identified as COLE as:

Height	5' 4"
Weight	130
Build	Chunky
Hair	Dark
Nose	Short, turned back
Dress	Gray trousers, dark sweater, bare-headed

He described the second person whom he later identified as ROE as:

Height	5' 10"
Build	Slender
Weight	150
Hair	Dark blond
Nationality	Scandinavian
Complexion	Light
Dress	Bare-headed, manner of dress not certain

Mr. NORTON examined several photographs exhibited to him by Agent, at which time he immediately identified the photographs of ROE and COLE as the two individuals who had been in his store. He stated that he was quite positive that they were the individuals.

It was observed that Mr. NORTON was apparently a high-class and intelligent type of business man. He was rather impressive without being talkative. In an effort to determine his reliability, Deputy Sheriff WILLIAM E. COOK of the Santa Rosa Sheriff's Office was questioned regarding Mr. NORTON, at which time Deputy Sheriff COOK advised that Mr. NORTON was absolutely reliable and that he could be depended upon in all circumstances.

Inquiry was also made of Mr. JOHN PETERSON, 509 4th Street, who maintains a tailor shop one floor above the Standard Drug Company, above referred to. Mr. PETERSON advised that he

has resided in Santa Rosa for 25 years and upon being carefully questioned, he further advised that he had no recollection whatsoever of anyone calling at his establishment to have any repairs made who could possibly fit the descriptions of subjects in instant case.

Mr. NORTON was requested to immediately notify the San Francisco Field Office in the event he again sees the individuals referred to above.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent J. R. McCULLOCH July 22, 1938, with reference to the report of Special Agent DANIEL CURRIE, Jr., dated at Seattle, Washington, 1/7/38:

At Grass Valley, California.

At the Grass Valley Post Office, it was learned from RONALD PASCAL, General Delivery Clerk, that E. F. BOVEE resided somewhere on Deer Creek near that town, where he was panning gold.

On Deer Creek numerous inquiries elicited the information that BOVEE had returned to the State of Washington.

RONALD PASCAL was again contacted at the Post Office, at which time he located a forwarding address of Grand Coulee, Washington, for BOVEE, dated June 25, 1938.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent H. K. JOHNSON with reference to the report of Special Agent J. E. THORNTON, San Francisco, 2/15/38, and report of Special Agent C. H. OLSON, San Francisco, 1/3/38:

At Stockton, California.

Reference is made to page 21, Report of Special Agent C. H. OLSON, San Francisco, dated 1/3/38, which reflects that a confidential informant of the Call-Bulletin at San Francisco had informed that "DUTCH" HILL, a gambler at Stockton, California, and one WONG, Chinese Mayor, at Stockton, had assisted subjects to escape from Alcatraz and that COLE was being secreted by Chinese at Stockton.

Special Agent H. K. JOHNSON contacted Detective Sergeant JOE HARBERT and Detective ELMER THORP, Stockton Police Department. Both are well acquainted with "DUTCH" HILL and "BILLY" WONG, influential Chinese leader and reputed Chinese mayor, and both detectives unhesitatingly scoffed at information involving HILL and WONG in instant case. While HILL has underworld contacts, both he and WONG are used as confidential informants of the Stockton Police Department. Both HARBERT and THORP suggested that the confidential informant had probably lost money in gambling at Stockton and therefore, since HILL and WONG have gambling establishments at Stockton, was trying to embarrass HILL and WONG.

HARBERT and THORP have reliably informed and assisted Agent in the past and their judgment is considered valuable. They both stated that they would make cautious inquiries and observations and inform the San Francisco Division of any positive information.

It is believed advisable to again contact E. T. GLEESON, City Editor, Call-Bulletin, for the name of the informant and any additional information since now the informant has had time to conduct any private investigation he has been making. If the informant were FRANK LEE, it would appear highly probable that he fabricated the information as a grudge since LEE has done so before. LEE is a known pervert who has lost money at San Francisco and Stockton and complained to authorities at Stockton.

It is believed inadvisable to contact either HILL or WONG at Stockton since they both would very probably give no information if they were involved.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent H. I. BOBBITT and Special Agent K. P. PETTIJOHN, the latter reporting:

At San Francisco, California.

Particular reference is made to the report of Special Agent C. G. CAMPBELL dated at Seattle, Washington, 7/12/38, in which a lead is set out for the San Francisco Field Division to contact Mrs. VIRGINIA LEVY, aunt of MARYON DARLING, at 44-A Woodward Street. Mrs. LEVY was interviewed at the above address and appeared to be a woman of about 55 years of age. She stated that she was a widow and had lived alone at this address for about 12 years with the exception of

about 14 months several years ago when her brother, EMIL TRAYSA, had lived with her. She stated that she was the aunt of MARYON DARLING and that when in San Francisco MARYON always visited with her, but never remained over night; that the last such visit was in April when MARYON was in San Francisco with the Al. G. Barnes Circus.

Mrs. LEVY stated that she had never known any of MARYON DARLING'S boy friends but that MARYON sometimes spoke to her about them. She could not recall ever having heard MARYON mention an individual named O'BRIEN and stated that none of MARYON'S boy friends had ever visited her house with MARYON. She was shown photographs of subjects ROE and COLE and stated that neither resembled anyone known to her; however, that the photograph of RALPH ROE seemed slightly familiar. She could not recall where she may have seen anyone who resembled RALPH ROE but stated that it must have been in the neighborhood. She stated positively that no one answering either the description of ROE or COLE had ever even so much as visited with her at the above address.

Agnets were allowed to look through Mrs. LEVY'S apartment and it would not appear, from the limited space she rents, that she could have anyone living with her. Her small apartment is very littered with books and articles, and it was noted that all the books pertained to religion. She seemed deeply religious and talked much regarding religion during the interview. She stated that if subjects had ever been in the neighborhood the man who lived across the street at 45 Broadway would probably have seen them inasmuch as he is on the street much of the time.

MIKE CULLER, 45 Broadway, was located standing in front of this address and when shown photographs of subjects ROE and COLE stated that they did not resemble anyone that he had seen in the neighborhood. Mr. CULLER speaks English with great difficulty and could hardly be understood. He stated that he did not know VIRGINIA LEVY other than by sight, but that he had never noticed any strangers, or anyone else going into her apartment. He stated that MIKE PRINCE, the watchman of the Airway Cleaners, 42 Woodward, also lived in the neighborhood, and as he was on 24 hour duty he would be familiar with any strangers in the neighborhood.

MIKE PRINCE was located at the Airway Cleaners and when shown photographs of subjects ROE and COLE he immediately recognized them as being the escapees from Alcatraz Island. He stated that he was quite positive he had never seen them in the neighborhood. He

was questioned relative to VIRGINIA LEVY and stated that he knew her real well; that she was an elderly and eccentric woman, but quite harmless. He stated that she lived alone and that he had never seen her have any visitors. Mr. PRINCE further stated that if any transients lived in that neighborhood, it would most likely be at the Armory Apartments, which are across the street from the Airway Cleaners at 37 Woodward. He advised that Mrs. ELIZABETH O'BRIEN, who runs the Armory Apartments, was a very reliable person and knew her tenants well.

Mrs. O'BRIEN was located and interviewed and upon being shown photographs of subjects ROE and COLE stated that she was quite positive that they had never been in her apartment house.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent J. R. McCULLOCH:

At Sacramento, California.

DAVE SILLIS, Rio Linde, California, who has furnished this office with many groundless leads in the past, while giving information relative to his latest MATINAP suspect, advised that he had recently met a man in Redding, California, whose name was believed to be BLACK. This man, who was allegedly from Oklahoma, informed SILLIS that he had heard that subjects ROE and COLE had successfully escaped from Alcatraz and the Bay, had gone to Fort Bragg, Cal., and then to Redding, where they had stayed a short time. They were said by BLACK to be now in the vicinity of Visalia, California, where relatives of ROE reside. COLE was said to be employing the name "SULLIVAN".

SILLIS, who was very vague in his information, did not know where BLACK had obtained his information or where he might now be located.

Leads are being set out in an endeavor to check the information furnished by DAVE SILLIS of Rio Linde, California.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent J. R. McCULLOCH:

At Auburn, California.

While Agent McCULLOCH was interviewing A. W. HINTON, E. Placer Street, in connection with another matter, Mr. HINTON stated that some months ago, shortly after the Alcatraz escape of ROE and COLE, and before the heavy snow was in the mountains, he had occasion to see two men in a cabin in a remote section of Nevada County, who, he was absolutely certain, were subjects, whose photographs he had lately seen. HINTON stated that the cabin was for several months inaccessible because of snow, and might still be. However, if Agent would return later he would guide Agent to this cabin. At the time of this interview he was recovering from an illness and stated that he could not possibly show Agent this cabin, and he refused to give a description of how it could be reached. He was very mysterious and declined to say how he had happened to see these men, and refused to give any other information than that set out above, saying simply that he would prefer to give no more information at that time but would "Tell all" if the men were apprehended. HINTON, an elderly man, was confined to his bed at the time of the interview. He was quite deaf, and the interview was difficult.

Sheriff ELMER GUM advised Agent McCULLOCH that he knew HINTON and that he believed the man to be mentally sound.

A review of the San Francisco Field Office file in this case reflects the following information not previously set forth in report form:

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent R. E. LETHERT:

At San Francisco, California.

At 12:30 P.M., 3/30/38, Captain BURNHAM of the United States Coast Guard, called this office to advise that they had just recovered the body of a man from the Bay who was dressed only in shorts and socks and it was believed he may be one of the subjects in instant case.

At the Coroner's Office, that afternoon, it was determined that this man was positively identified by CHARLES H. PARKER, 21 Park Hill Avenue, San Francisco, California, as DAVID DALE CRAIK, 25 years of age, whose home was at 1808 Octavia Street, San Francisco, California.

Although the body was partly eaten away and the features not discernible, the identification was made by a ring worn on the dead man's finger.

Mr. PAUL C. ~~GREEN~~ of the Coroner's Office, informed Agent that this man had fallen overboard from a vessel about four weeks ago.

On 3/28/38 Mr. JOHN JAMES ~~ROCHE~~, employed by the Northwestern Pacific Railway, as carpenter, residence 702 Vallejo Street, telephone Douglas 6945, came to the San Francisco Division Office, and furnished the following information:

That on March 26, 1938, as he was coming from Sausalito to San Francisco on the ferry boat "San Francisco", at 5 P.M., while lying on a settee, he overheard a conversation between a woman, whom he stated the man called EVELYN, and a man named MORRIS; that during the conversation EVELYN said to MORRIS: "How are TED and RALPH getting on?" MORRIS said "TED is O.K., but RALPH was not so hot." EVELYN said she didn't know what to think of COLE.

Mr. ROCHE further stated that this woman goes to Tiburon very often; that he has seen her there often lately; that when she arrives at Tiburon, a row boat comes to meet her from a launch, which is laying in the river, and that she is taken to the location of the cabin cruiser, and after she is taken aboard, the launch generally heads up the river toward Raton Pass; that he has noticed this launch off-shore on several occasions; that as a rule the row boat picks this woman up at the Northwestern slip.

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Mr. ROCHE described this launch or cabin cruiser as being one about thirty or thirty-five feet long, with a square back, wide hull, and brown super-structure. He was unable to give the name of the launch, or the number, stating that it was lying too far off shore to get this information; that upon arriving in San Francisco at the ferry slip, EVELYN and MORRIS were met by two men, who were driving a brand new, black-colored Chevrolet automobile, with no license plates. The car had a blue and white sticker on the right front windshield, and the right rear fender was dented.

The two men who were in the car waiting were sitting in the front seat, and upon EVELYN and MORRIS coming to the car, these two men got out, and went in the rear seat, and Morris drove the car off towards Broadway, when he lost track of them.

Mr. ROCHE describes the woman whom he states answered the name of EVELYN, as follows:

Age	About 23 or 25 years.
Height	5' 6 or 7"
Weight	120 to 125 lbs.
Hair	Dirty blonde.
Eyes	Blue.
Eyeglasses	Wore rimless glasses

Mr. ROCHE stated that EVELYN carried a purse with the initials "E.B." on same.

The man whom he calls MORRIS he described as follows:

Age	28 to 30 years
Height	5' 6 or 7"
Weight	160 or 165 lbs.
Hair	Light brown.
Eyes	Blue.
Complexion	Ruddy.
Build	Medium

The two men who picked EVELYN and MORRIS up at the Ferry, he described as follows:

No. 1	Age	About 30 years.
	Height	5' 6"
	Weight	170 lbs.
No. 2	Weight	About 150 lbs.
	Height	6'.
	Build	Slim.

Mr. ROCHE stated that in the event he had occasion to notice this woman again going to the launch, or getting in the row boat, he would immediately notify the San Francisco Division Office, and in the event he obtained any other information, he would also notify this office.

He was instructed to call the San Francisco Division Office in the event he obtained any information of value concerning this case.

The following investigation has been conducted relative to automobiles passing into the State of California from Oregon on either December 16th or December 17, 1937:

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent J. R. McCULLOCH:

At Clarksburg, California.

It was ascertained that MABEL H. HERINGER, to whom 1937 California license No. 1E303 was issued for a 1935 model Plymouth Coupe, is the wife of L. HERINGER, prominent rancher in that community.

At the L. HERINGER ranch near Clarksburg, Mr. HERINGER, upon being contacted by Agent McCULLOCH, advised that the automobile in question had been driven by his son, LESTER H. HERINGER to Corvallis, Oregon, where he had attended Oregon State College during the fall of 1937. Shortly before Christmas his son had returned to Clarksburg for the holidays, and no doubt crossed the Oregon line on one of the days in question. Mr. HERINGER stated that LESTER is presently attending the University of California at Davis, California.

At Davis, California.

LESTER HERINGER was located at 223 University Street, at which time he advised Agent McCULLOCH, as had his father, concerning his having entered California during the period in question. He stated that he had been living in Corvallis, Oregon, prior to returning to California and that he had been in Portland, Oregon, but once in his life, that being early in the fall of 1937 when he attended a football game in that city.

LESTER HERINGER was noted to be described as follows:

Age	20
Height	5' 8"
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown, curly
Weight	165
Teeth	Spaced
Occupation	Student

At Wheatland, California.

It was ascertained by Special Agent J. R. McCULLOCH from E. E. RODDON, Box D, that he had traded in his 1919 model Hudson touring, which bore 1937 California plates No. A-6864, early in the fall of 1937 to Hammon Bros. Garage in Wheatland.

At Hammon Bros. Garage, Agent McCULLOCH learned that the Hudson obtained from RODDON had been sold in approximately November to one ED MITCHENELLI who was said to be an auto wrecker in Roseville, California. Inquiry at the Hammon Bros. Garage elicited the information that so far as was known, the 1937 license plates were on the car when sold to MITCHENELLI.

At Roseville, California.

Agent McCULLOCH learned from R. K. BONNEY, auto wrecker, that ED MITCHENELLI had wrecked the car in question at MITCHENELLI'S farm near Lincoln, California.

At Lincoln, California.

ED MITCHENELLI, upon being located, advised Special Agent J. R. McCULLOCH that he could not recall whether or not the 1919 Hudson obtained by him in Wheatland had carried 1937 license plates at the time he bought it from Hammon Bros. as he had never driven the car but had towed it to his farm and wrecked it. A careful search was made of MITCHENELLI'S wrecking yard without the location of the license in question.

MITCHENELLI stated that he had sold most of the car as junk, including the frames to which the licenses would have been attached if still on the car, to R. Rosenberg, corner 17th and R. Streets, Sacramento, California.

MITCHENELLI had in his possession the certificates of registration for the car in question, which registration showed the car to have been issued 1937 California license No. A-6864. The records of the California Motor Vehicle Department had reflected the car to still be in RODDON'S possession as MITCHENELLI had not sent in the necessary papers to the Vehicle Department, he stating that he had not believed it necessary so long as he was junking the car.

At Sacramento, California.

A. GOLDBLATT, Buyer, at the R. ROSENBERG junk yard, 17th and R. Streets, advised that there was no possible way in which it could be ascertained whether or not license plates were attached to parts of old cars which were bought as junk by that concern, inasmuch as the dealings are on a cash basis and furthermore the junk is described in tons or pounds of whatever type of metal it might be, there being no reason to note the number of license plates which might be attached to some of the parts of old cars.

Mr. GOLDBLATT advised Agent McCULLOCH that metal purchased during December had been sold the Bethlehem Steel Company in San Francisco.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent T. F. WILSON:

Reference is made to the list of autos which entered California from Oregon on 12/15 and 16/37 as disclosed by the records of the border checking stations furnished to the San Francisco Office. Particular reference is made to a 1936 model Chevrolet Town Sedan, Motor No. 319123, Serial 6GA 12-13636, 1937 California license 2G-8481, registered to the Super Mold Corporation of California, 420 N. Sacramento St., Lodi, California, which car is reported to have entered California from Portland, Oregon, on 12/16/37 via the Redwood Highway with one passenger (apparently the driver).

At Lodi, California

On 4/8/38 Mr. MERLIN W. DRUQUER, Officer Manager, Super Mold Corporation of California, 420 North Sacramento Street, advised that one of their salesmen named AMIEL F. PROUTY had been the driver and only passenger in instant car on the date in question, when it was checked by the border station in connection with its entry in to California from Oregon. He went on to state that Mr. PROUTY'S home is in Oakland, California, and that the latter is a fully reliable person enjoying an excellent reputation both with their company and everywhere else so far as he knows; that Mr. PROUTY has been continuously in their employ since 1931 or 1932.

Interview with Mr. L. W. DARDEN, sales manager of said company, confirmed the information previously obtained from Mr. DRUQUER regarding Mr. PROUTY. He also stated he considers the latter one of the better salesmen of the company. His territory ex-

tends from Bakersfield, California, north to the Oregon line and includes that portion of Oregon as far north as Grants Pass, Medford and Klamath Falls; that at the time in question he was covering the same territory and would have had no occasion to go further north in the State of Oregon than the aforementioned three towns unless he had been specifically instructed to do so for a special purpose and the company's records covering that time do not indicate that he was given any such assignment, but instead reflect that he was working in Grants Pass, Oregon, on 12/15/37. Mr. DARDEN exhibited the company's records in this regard to Agent so that Agent himself might see that that had been the case.

Mr. PROUTY, who by chance happened to be at the Lodi office of the company at the time of Agent's inquiry, was himself interviewed.

He advised that his residence is 3875 Ruby Street, Oakland, California. With reference to his entry in California on the occasion in question, he advised he had been proceeding south to his home in Oakland after having been in the three towns of Klamath Falls, Medford and Grants Pass, Oregon, and working his territory in that section; that the day and night of 12/15/37 he had spent in Grants Pass, leaving there the following day for Eureka, California. He also stated that the last time he had been in Portland, Oregon, was in the early summer 1937, during either June or July, and that he had not then, or at any other time, purchased copies of either of the booklets in question.

While interviewing Mr. PROUTY it was observed that his description is dissimilar to that previously reported for the purchaser of the booklets involved.

In view of the information obtained by this interview Mr. PROUTY is being definitely eliminated as a suspect for said purchaser.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent T. FITZHUGH WILSON:

Reference is made to the list of automobiles entering California from the State of Oregon, on December 15 and 16, 1937, as disclosed by the records of the California Checking Stations, and furnished by Special Agent J. R. McCULLOCH of this office. Particular reference is made to a 1927 Studebaker Dictator Sedan, Motor

No. 59389, serial No. 1403438, 1937 California license No. 2G-5154, registered to BILL CLAMONS, Route 2, Box 320, care of W. M. FRAZER, Merced, California; as sole owner (CLAMONS' address on 11/9/37 was indicated to be Davis Camp, Brentwood, Contra Costa County, Calif.) which was checked at the Hornbrook, California, Station on December 16, 1937, and reported to be entering California with only one passenger.

At Brentwood, California.

Inquiry on January 28, 1938, of CHARLIE BARKLEY, Constable, 9th Township, Contra Costa County, disclosed that BILL CLEMONS (not CLAMONS) is an Oklahoman, who came to Brentwood about four or five years ago. Constable BARKLEY considers him to be one of the better class of Oklahomans, and to be fairly reliable. He indicated that he works as a general laborer locally. Further, that O. R. DAVIS, owner of DAVIS' Log Cabin Grocery and Auto Camp, where CLEMONS is reported to reside, is believed to be thoroughly reliable.

Mr. DAVIS stated that the CLEMONS family had been residing at his auto court for the past two or three years; that they were poor, hard-working, honest people, and he believed thoroughly reliable. There are three brothers, JOE, BERT and BILL. The former two, he stated, were married, but BILL is single. Further, that BILL is the one who owns the Studebaker Sedan mentioned earlier herein, and Mr. DAVIS recalled that sometime during the past fall BILL had driven his (own) mother and father, who also lived at the auto court at that time, up to some place in Oregon, to spend the winter with a relative of the CLEMONS' family there, BILL returning to Brentwood from said trip shortly before Christmas; that after his return he had stayed at the auto camp for a few days, and then had proceeded south somewhere in the vicinity of Merced, California, it is believed, where he was to obtain a job as a farm laborer.

Mr. DAVIS likewise indicated that although BILL CLEMONS was no longer at the auto camp, his brother, BERT, and the latter's family, were still residing there.

Mr. and Mrs. BERT CLEMONS advised that BILL'S present address is care of W. M. FRAZER, Route 2, Box 320, Merced, California. (This latter address is the same as that which was shown

for BILL CLAMONS by the records of the California State Division of Motor Vehicles, at Sacramento, at the time the ownership of instant car was transferred to him on 8/28/37, as indicated earlier herein.) BILL is employed at this place as a farm laborer.

BERT confirmed the fact that BILL was the one who had taken their parents, Mr. and Mrs. LEM and LUCY CLEMONS, in this car up to Oregon during the past fall. He advised that BILL had taken them there to spend the winter with their uncle, Mr. MARSENE BAUSMAN, Route 2, Box 518, Grants Pass, Oregon; that BILL and the parents had left Brentwood, California, 11/10/37; had gone direct, so BILL stated, to BAUSMAN'S farm at Grants Pass, Oregon, and that BILL had remained on the farm there until he came south again, which had been the Sunday immediately preceding Christmas, that is December 19, 1937.

Both Mr. and Mrs. BERT CLEMONS were reasonably certain BILL had not made a trip to the City of Portland while he was in the State of Oregon during this period, and furthermore, even if he had done so, he would hardly have had occasion to purchase any of the books in question, since he can read and write only with difficulty, his education having been limited to the third grade in grammar school.

Mrs. BERT CLEMONS exhibited a recent postcard they had received from BILL, and it was readily apparent the handwriting was that of an almost wholly illiterate person. Furthermore, the description of BILL CLEMONS was furnished by Mr. and Mrs. BERT CLEMONS, and it did not correspond to that reported for the purchaser of the booklets in question, hence BILL CLEMONS is being definitely eliminated as being identical with said purchaser, in view of the wholly negative character of the foregoing investigation, and no lead will be set out for the Los Angeles Office to have him interviewed.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent W. G. THARP:

At San Rafael, California.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. P. KRAMER, Los Angeles, California, 1/8/38, in which it was stated that the Los Angeles Examiner dated December 26, 1937, carried an article to the effect that Coast Guardsmen and Marine lookouts were watching for a 14-foot sailing skiff. It was determined that this skiff had

been reported stolen by Sheriff WALTER B. SELLMER of San Rafael, California, and it was presumed that this boat could have been used by subjects in making their escape from Alcatraz inasmuch as it was alleged to have been stolen from Sausalito, which is a short distance from Alcatraz Penitentiary.

On June 18, 1938, Agent THARP interviewed Sheriff WALTER B. SELLMER, Identification Officer H. PETER WOLFORD, and Undersheriff FRANK KELLY concerning the all points teletype which they had sent out regarding the theft of instant skiff. They stated that they were unable to recall the name of the party who had reported the loss of instant skiff to them. They conducted a careful search of their records and were unable to find any reference whatsoever to the report of the loss of instant boat. They advised that a further search would be conducted for the record regarding this loss, and on June 21st, they were again contacted by Agent THARP. They advised that they had sent out an all points teletype which stated in substance that a 14-foot skiff equipped for sailing, which boat was heavily built with a heavy center board, with 50 pounds of lead built in, the sternboard cut out V-shaped to accommodate an outboard motor, painted green on the bottom, white on the sides, with green decking, and with the front part of the boat decked over and covered with canvas; that it had a 4-foot gunwale, coaming aft from the deck, with sheets for two in the stern; that it was two years old and valued at \$100; that instant boat was stolen from its mooring in Sausalito sometime between Sunday, December 19, and Thursday, December 23, 1937. They advised, however, that they did not know the name of the owner of instant skiff. They indicated that they might possibly have received the stolen report from the Sausalito Police Department.

Agent interviewed Mr. TONY QUADORS, Chief of Police of Sausalito, California, on June 22, 1938, at which time he advised that he did not have any recollection concerning instant skiff; that to the best of his knowledge he had not reported it to the Sheriff's Office. He further advised, after checking his records, that he had no report covering the loss of a boat of this description. He stated that there were so many boats of this type in the harbor of Sausalito that it would be practically impossible to notice one missing unless it had been brought specifically to his attention. He promised, however, that he would make a careful check of the waterfront of Sausalito in order to make an identification of the owner of said boat, and in the event Agent would contact him at a later date he would furnish what information he had developed.

On July 29, 1938, Agent THARP again interviewed Chief QUADORS who stated he had been unable to develop any information concerning instant skiff. He stated he had contacted all of the yacht clubs, boat houses, fishermen and ferry operators in that locality with negative results. He suggested to Agent THARP that Mr. DICK LEWIS, proprietor of Madden Boat House, might be able to furnish information or make some helpful suggestion concerning the owner of instant skiff.

Agent THARP contacted Mr. LEWIS at the Madden Boat House in Sausalito, who advised that he did not believe that instant skiff could be traced inasmuch as it was not the type that would be registered. He suggested that he was perhaps in closer contact with the skiff owners in that locality than anyone else and that he had not heard of a boat of this description being lost.

At San Francisco, California.

Agent THARP also contacted Lieut. Commander R. S. PATCH, Chief of Staff, United States Customs Service, 201 Customs House, who is in charge of the United States Coast Guard and Marine Lookouts in the Bay Area. Mr. RILEY in his office checked the records of losses reported to the United States Coast Guard and advised that instant skiff had not been reported lost or stolen to them, although this is the general and usual procedure in this locality when a boat disappears.

Inasmuch as Agent THARP was unable to obtain any trace of instant skiff, no further investigation is being conducted along this line. Sheriff SELLMER and the Chief of Police at Sausalito advised that they would keep their eyes open for instant skiff and in the event they had any inquiries concerning same, they would contact the San Francisco Field Office.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS.

THE SEATTLE FIELD OFFICE.

At Grand Coulee, Washington, will locate and interview E. F. BOVZE, as requested in the report of Special Agent DANIEL CURRIE, Jr., dated at Seattle, Wash., 1/7/38. (See page 6 of this report.)

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD OFFICE

At 349 E. Queen Street, Inglewood, California, will locate IVAN KEENER and question him relative to his statements that Mrs. EVELYN MORGAN, 320 First Street, Richmond, California, was supposed to be a contact for subjects. (See pages 2 and 3 of this report.)

At Visalia, California, will conduct appropriate investigation to determine if subjects are in that vicinity as alleged by DAVE SILLS of Rio Linde, California. Will bear in mind that subjects have relatives in this vicinity and that subject COLE is supposedly using the name "SULLIVAN". (See page 9 of this report.)

THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD OFFICE

At San Francisco, California, will contact Mr. E. T. GLEESON, City Editor of the Call-Bulletin for additional information regarding the informant who reported that "DUTCH" HILL and one WONG of Stockton, California, had assisted in subjects' escape. Will also endeavor to learn the identity of the informant of Mr. GLEESON in order that this informant may be interviewed. (See page 21, report of Special Agent C. H. OLSON, dated at San Francisco, Cal. 1/3/38, and page 7 of this report.)

At Auburn, California, will contact A. W. HINTON, E. Placer Street, in an effort to locate and interview the two individuals he saw in the mountains near Auburn and whom he believes to be identical with subjects. (See page 10 of this report.)

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September 3, 1938

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Special Agent in Charge
San Francisco, California

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent K. P. Pettijohn, dated August 22, 1938, at San Francisco, California, the details of which reflect that on March 28, 1938, John James Roche appeared at the San Francisco Office and furnished information relative to a man by the name of Morris and a woman by the name of Evelyn whom he overheard discussing two individuals named Ted and Ralph whom he believed to be identical with the subjects in this case. It has been noted that the descriptions of Evelyn and Morris are strikingly similar to the descriptions of Evelyn Bert and Maurice Denning subjects in the case entitled MAURICE DENNING, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1254; EVELYN BERT, with aliases, FUGITIVE, SECURITY NATIONAL BANK, SUPERIOR, NEBRASKA - BANK ROBBERY; HARBORING. Therefore the Bureau desires that you immediately contact Mr. Roche and exhibit the photographs of Bert and Denning to him for the purpose of ascertaining whether the two individuals he observed on the ferry boat "San Francisco" on March 26, 1938, are identical with those fugitives. In the event Mr. Roche indicates that the photographs of Bert and Denning are likenesses of the individuals he observed on that ferry boat an immediate effort should be made to locate them in order to definitely determine whether they are in fact fugitives Denning and Bert.

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Nathan _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Crowl _____
Mr. Egan _____
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Mr. Glavin _____
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Mr. McIntire _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Miss Gandy _____

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

The attention of the San Francisco Office is directed to the fact that the period for which made of the reference report fails to reflect that certain investigation reported in that report was conducted on March 28 and 30, 1938, whereas the

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details of the report reflect that investigation was conducted on those dates. It is further noted that the report stated the investigation as conducted on those dates had not previously been set forth in report form. Inasmuch as it has occurred to the Bureau that possibly other investigation may have been conducted by the San Francisco Office in this case which has not yet been properly reported to the Bureau, it is desired that you cause a thorough review to be made of your file for the purpose of determining whether all investigation conducted by the San Francisco Office in this case has been properly reported to the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc-Oklahoma City

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Nathan _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Coffey _____
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REPORT MADE AT: Portland, Oregon	DATE WHEN MADE: 8-26-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 8-16-38	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: WILLIAM ERICKSON, Route 1, Box 28, Clatskanie, Oregon, owner of 1933 Chevrolet Sedan, 1938 license number 5971, states he and his wife crossed California-Oregon boundary on December 15, 1938 but denies any connection with instant escape. 1938 Oregon license plates number 299-336 issued January 22, 1938 to California-Oregon Box and Lumber Company, Ashland, Oregon, which was subsequent to date of escape of subjects and appears to be an incorrect license number obtained from some automobile passing through Oregon-California boundary on either December 15th or 16th, 1937.			
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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent W. F. Wood, Portland, Oregon dated April 25, 1938. Report of Special Agent F. G. McGeary, Portland, Oregon dated August 8, 1938.			
--- At Clatskanie, Oregon ---			
DETAILS: Agent interviewed MR. WILLIAM ERICKSON at his farm, Post Office address Route 1, Box 28, Clatskanie, Oregon. MR. ERICKSON advised Agent that he is the owner of 1933 Chevrolet Sedan which carries 1938 Oregon license plates number 5971. This car was sitting in the yard of MR. ERICKSON's farm at the time Agent interviewed him. He advised that he and his wife left Clatskanie, Oregon on December 14, 1937 and that night they stayed in Portland Oregon; that they left Portland, Oregon the morning of December 15th and			
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crossed into California sometime that afternoon, and that evening they stayed in Yreka, California and arrived in San Francisco on December 16th, 1938. MR. and MRS. WILLIAM ERICKSON informed Agent that they did not stop at the United States Hydrographic Bureau in Portland, Oregon and that they did not obtain any maps or tidal charts of San Francisco Bay at any time. MR. ERICKSON, his wife and two daughters live at the above mentioned address and he farms at that location.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent W. F. Wood, Portland, Oregon dated April 25, 1938, which on page 3, reflects that he interviewed MR. ARTHUR L. COGGIN concerning the ownership of 1938 license plates 299-336 for a 1930 Pontiac Sedan, motor number 682086. MR. COGGIN denied at that time that he had driven this particular car to California in December, 1937, but admitted that he had gone to California in his 1935 Model Ford Sedan, which carries 1938 Oregon license plates number 300-313. A letter was addressed to the office of the Secretary of State, Salem, Oregon by the Portland Field Office requesting information as to the date of issuance of a 1936 Oregon license plates number 299-336, which letter also advised that these license plates were supposed to have been issued for a 1930 Pontiac Sedan, motor number 682086. Subsequently, under date of June 29, 1938, the Secretary of State's office at Salem, Oregon advised the Portland Field Office by letter that there was no license plates with as high a number as 299-336 issued in the state of Oregon for the year 1936, but that their records indicated registration of a 1930 Pontiac Sedan, motor number 682086, under a 1938 license number 299-336, which was issued on January 22, 1938 in the name of the California-Oregon Box and Lumber Company, 139 Granite Street, Ashland, Oregon. The Certificate of Title number 427532 covering this automobile, was issued on February 14, 1930 in the name of the CALIFORNIA-OREGON BOX and LUMBER COMPANY, subject to a lien of \$603.00 dated February 10, 1930 in favor of the Commercial Finance Corporation, Medford, Oregon.

In view of the fact that 1938 Oregon license plates number 299-336 were actually issued to the California-Oregon Box and Lumber Company, of which MR. ARTHUR L. COGGIN is the owner, it appears that an error was made by the person making a record of this particular license number at the Oregon-California boundary when the automobile crossed into California and there is no way of ascertaining the correct license of the car which passed over the boundary at that time.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

* THE PORTLAND FIELD DIVISION: At The Dalles, 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 number 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.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

Milwaukee

FILE NO. 76-65

REPORT MADE AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN	DATE WHEN MADE 8/30/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/18;8/17/38	REPORT MADE BY N. J. ALAGA <div style="text-align: right;">NJA:RM</div>
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. J. ROBILLARD, 4814 29th AVENUE, KENOSHA, WISCONSIN, informed by letter that on 2/14/38, he observed a man in a restaurant at BARNETT, MISSOURI, who resembled RALPH ROE. Attempts to contact J. ROBILLARD at his KENOSHA address unsuccessful.

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REFERENCE:

Report of SPECIAL AGENT M. E. GURNEA, dated at SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, 12/28/37. BUREAU LETTER to MR. J. ROBILLARD, 4814 29th AVENUE, KENOSHA, WIS., dated 4/9/38 (Bureau file 76-2686).

DETAILS:

This investigation is predicated upon a letter dated March 19, 1938, addressed to the BUREAU and signed by J. ROBILLARD, 4814 29th AVENUE, KENOSHA, which letter has been forwarded by the BUREAU to the MILWAUKEE FIELD DIVISION. The letter advises that on February 14, the writer was having a flat tire fixed at BARNETT, MISSOURI. While work was being done on the tire, the writer went across the street to a restaurant at approximately 6:00 P.M. He observed a man who asked the proprietor or clerk at what time a bus would be leaving for Kansas City. The man was informed that there was no bus until morning and suggested that the man making the inquiry get a taxi to take him to a small town nearby where he could get a bus. A week or so later the writer advised that

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he was reading a detective magazine and noted a picture of RALPH ROE. Observing that ROE had a sister in KANSAS CITY, the writer subsequently decided that the man who was making the inquiries concerning the bus in the restaurant at BARNETT, MISSOURI, was either RALPH ROE or his double.

AT KENOSHA, WISCONSIN:

On June 16, 1938, Agent was informed at 4814 29th AVENUE, that J. ROBILLARD had left for a ten-day trip or two weeks in the south, but that he would return to the contacted address upon the completion of his trip. It was stated that MR. ROBILLARD is a traveling salesman and there was no way of ascertaining where he could be reached through his itinerary through the South.

On August 17, 1938, MRS. J. ROBILLARD, 4814 29th AVENUE, KENOSHA, informed that MR. ROBILLARD was travelling on a road trip through the South and would not return to his KENOSHA address until LABOR DAY.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE MILWAUKEE OFFICE will at KENOSHA, WISCONSIN, contact MR. J. ROBILLARD, 4814 29th AVENUE, concerning the contents of the letter dated March 19, 1938, addressed to the BUREAU. In order to be certain of contacting ROBILLARD, the interview should take place immediately after LABOR DAY.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Oklahoma City**

Cleveland FILE NO. **76-78**

REPORT MADE AT Cleveland, Ohio	DATE WHEN MADE 8/31/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/10,18/38	REPORT MADE BY Frank L. Grubbs FLG:RH
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: 30%;"> SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: </div> <div style="width: 65%;"> <p>Permanent and last known address of DWIGHT OTIS PUGH is Westville, Illinois.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- RUC -</p> </div> </div> <div style="margin-top: 20px;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 30%;"> REFERENCE: </div> <div style="width: 65%;"> <p>Report of Special Agent Francis J. Smith, Cincinnati, Ohio, dated 8/8/38.</p> </div> </div> <div style="margin-top: 20px;"> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 30%;"> DETAILS: </div> <div style="width: 65%;"> <p>JOSEPH L. BAKER, Contact Representative, Veterans Administration, Cleveland, Ohio, produced the claim file of DWIGHT OTIS PUGH, C-1,990,119, which revealed that the permanent and last known address of PUGH was Westville, Illinois. He also listed as his nearest relative JOHN WATSON, also of Westville, Illinois. The address of his mother was unknown, and his father is deceased.</p> <p>The file revealed that PUGH was admitted to the Veterans Administration Facility at Dwight, Illinois on October 12, 1936 and discharged December 29, 1936. On May 7, 1937 he was admitted to the Dayton State Hospital, Dayton, Ohio, and was on the same day transferred to the Lima State Hospital, Lima, Ohio. On September 2, 1937 he was released from the Lima State Hospital, the staff stating that they did not believe</p> </div> </div> </div> </div>			
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he was insane, and that he possessed a psychopathic personality. On March 2, 1938 he was re-admitted to the Dayton State Hospital, and his case was diagnosed as C.P.S., competent, which signifies Constitutional Psychopathic State, criminalism.

On April 5, 1938 he was transferred to the Veterans Administration Facility at Dayton, Ohio for domiciliary care, from which he was dropped the following day for a disciplinary reason.

For the information of the Peoria office, the following letter was received by warden J. A. JOHNSON at Alcatraz Penitentiary from DWIGHT OTIS 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. Pe. 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.

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"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?"

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THE PEORIA OFFICE

At Westville, Illinois:-

Will attempt to locate DWIGHT O. PUGH and interview him concerning the contents of the letter set out in this report. If unsuccessful in locating DWIGHT O. PUGH, will contact his cousin JOHN WATSON and ascertain from him the present 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.

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September 2, 1938

Special Agent in Charge
Memphis, Tennessee

Re: ROCOL

Dear Sir:

There are inclosed herewith copies of a letter received at the Bureau on August 30, 1938, from Mr. A.B. Tucker, Route 1, Box 221, Woodlake, California, together with a copy of the Bureau's reply thereto.

It is desired that your office make an appropriate investigation concerning the individual mentioned in Mr. Tucker's letter as being identical with fugitive Theodore Cole.

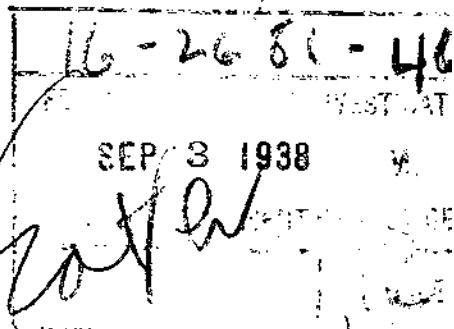
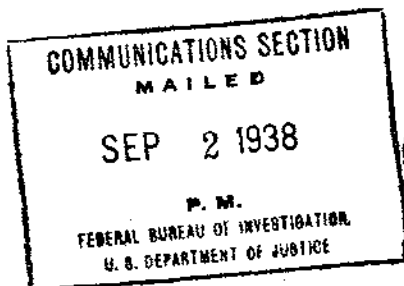
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Inclosure

cc Los Angeles (Copy of letter of reference and copy of Bureau's reply)

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Special Agent in Charge
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Re: RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. No. 1472;
THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. No. 1471;
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Ralph T. Hood, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated April 28, 1938, and to Bureau letter to the Oklahoma City office of the same date, relative to conducting investigation based upon information furnished by Informants "Z" and Joe Chormley. The Bureau desires to be advised what information concerning these fugitives has recently been received from Informants "Z" and Chormley and whether your office deems it advisable at this time to conduct an investigation based upon the information furnished by those individuals.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Ralph T. Hood, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated August 19, 1938, in the case entitled WILLIAM HARDING, with aliases, FUGITIVE, CONDITIONAL RELEASE VIOLATOR, the details of which reflect that Harding is in the custody of the Sheriff's Office at Okmulgee, Oklahoma, on a charge of horse theft. It is noted that Ted David Kay is an alias of William Harding and that Harding, under the name Ted David Kay, was a subject in the case entitled THEODORE COLE, with aliases; TED DAVID KAY, with aliases; JOHN WILBUR VOSS, with aliases; WALTER R. MABRY, with alias; SAMUEL FLOYD MABRY, with alias; CARROL MABRY; ROE FORD - ATTEMPT TO ASSIST FEDERAL PRISONERS TO ESCAPE - OKLAHOMA COUNTY JAIL, Oklahoma City origin (Oklahoma City File No. 62-549). Inasmuch as a review of the latter file indicates that subjects Theodore Cole and Ted David Kay (William Harding) were

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incarcerated in the Oklahoma City Jail at the same time and that an attempt was made to deliver those individuals, it would appear that Harding is undoubtedly acquainted with Theodore Cole. Therefore, the Bureau desires that you cause Harding to be interviewed at the earliest possible opportunity for any information he may be able to furnish concerning Theodore Cole and Ralph Roe.

The Bureau desires that the Oklahoma City office cause a complete and thorough review to be made of its file in the captioned case and thereafter prepare a summary report setting out, in alphabetical order, the names of all known associates and contacts of Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole, together with statements indicating when those individuals were interviewed and the results of the interviews with them. It is further desired that this report contain, in alphabetical order, the names of the informants which are now being used or have heretofore been used by the Bureau in this case, as well as a statement indicating the results produced by each informant. In those instances where the name of the informant is being kept confidential, the symbols by which those informants are designated in investigative reports should be used.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

FILE NO. 76-752

REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE 9/6/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/24/38	REPORT MADE BY F. T. McINTYRE, JR. FTM:ETA
TITLE RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUG. I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUG. I.O. #1471.			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Inquiry at Farmers & Mechanics National Bank, Westminster, Md., reflects that RICHARD R. HARMEL opened an account on Oct. 16, 1937 with a check drawn in that name in the amount of \$200., drawn on the Colonial Trust Company, Wilmington, Delaware, and payable to cash. Indicated several days thereafter, two checks on this Westminster bank cashed at Logan, West Va., possibly in amounts of \$10. and \$50., payable to a MISS HARMEL. Data as to these checks not in possession of bank, as same returned to Federal Reserve Bank, Richmond, Va., marked "No such account". Deputy Sheriff W. C. COAKLEY, with headquarters at Westminster, Md., not located for interview at this time. RICHARD R. HARMEL is identical with WILLIAM PHILLIP KEMP, with aliases, who was sentenced on May 2, 1938 to 6 years in the State Penitentiary at Richmond, Va.

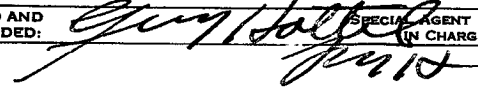
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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent Frederick G. Tillman, Huntington, West Va., dated April 23, 1938;
Report of Special Agent W. S. McKinley, Washington, D. C., dated July 27, 1938.

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DETAILS:

AT WESTMINSTER, MARYLAND

In the absence of bank officials, interview was had with MR. CHARLES P. GEIMAN, Paying and Receiving Teller of the Farmers & Mechanics National Bank.

MR. GEIMAN definitely recalled the person known as RICHARD R. HARMEL, and in this connection, he displayed to Agent a receipt to the bank signed by Officer J. J. CASSIDY of the Maryland State Police, Baltimore, Maryland, with reference to Check #101, dated October 16, 1937, on the Colonial Trust Company, Wilmington, Delaware, in the amount of \$200., signed by RICHARD R. HARMEL, and payable to the order of cash. This particular check, returned by the Delaware bank, is in the possession of State Police Officer CASSIDY.

Mr. GEIMAN recalled that HARMEL opened an account at the bank with the above described check on October 16, 1937. It was stated that the Farmers & Mechanics National Bank shortly thereafter communicated with the Colonial Trust Company, and ascertained that there was no such account for this individual. Several days later, two checks were received at the bank through regular channels, from the Federal Reserve Bank, Richmond, Virginia, both of which were drawn by RICHARD R. HARMEL on the Westminster bank, and were payable to a MISS HARMEL, it being indicated that the checks had been cashed by MISS HARMEL at a bank in Logan, West Virginia.

MR. GEIMAN advised in this connection, that his bank does not have possession of these checks, as the same were returned to the Federal Reserve Bank, at Richmond, Virginia, with the notation, "No such account", inasmuch as at the time of the arrival of these checks, information had previously been received from Delaware reflecting that there was no account for anyone by the name of HARMEL at that bank. MR. GEIMAN advised that it is his recollection that one of these two particular checks was in the amount of \$10., and he believed the other was in the sum of \$50. or possibly \$100.

AT SYKESVILLE, MARYLAND

MR. EDWARD GRIMES, clerk in the Post Office, advised

that Deputy Sheriff W. C. COAKLEY did not reside in that town but covered Sykesville from the county seat at Westminster, Maryland. It was stated that Deputy Sheriff COAKLEY resided at Oaklind Mills Road, about six miles from Sykesville. It was stated that in the event he could not be located at his home, he could possibly be reached through the Sheriff's Office at Westminster, Maryland.

An endeavor was made to locate Deputy Sheriff COAKLEY at his home on Oakland Mills Road, but no one was at home at the time. For possible future reference in locating this individual at his home, the same is reached by proceeding to Eldersburg, Maryland, and taking the Liberty Heights Road, proceeding toward Baltimore, and about three miles east of Eldersburg, turn left on the Oakland Mills Road, and Deputy Sheriff COAKLEY'S house is the sixth one on the left around a sharp bend in the road about one mile above the intersection.

For information purposes, it is to be stated that RICHARD R. HARMEL is identical with WILLIAM PHILLIP KEMP, with aliases, who is presently serving a sentence of six years in the State Penitentiary at Richmond, Virginia, KEMP being the subject of Washington Field Division file #26-4613, Richmond office of origin. KEMP has indulged in numerous fraudulent activities in the States of Virginia and Maryland, and it is indicated that the State of Maryland has filed eleven detainers against this individual.

Maryland State Police Officer J. J. CASSIDY has conducted intensive investigation with reference to the activities of this individual in Maryland, and Officer CASSIDY has in his possession all facts relating to the activities of HARMEL with respect to the checks cashed at Logan, West Virginia.

An endeavor was made to interview Officer CASSIDY at the headquarters of the State Police in Baltimore, but it was ascertained that Officer CASSIDY was out of town at that particular time.

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THE WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION

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At WASHINGTON, D. C., will interview JAMES ~~WASSILA~~

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 endeavor to locate and interview Deputy Sheriff W. C. COAKLEY, and in the event he cannot be located there, efforts should be made to interview him at his home on Oakland Mills Road. Deputy Sheriff COAKLEY should be questioned as to any information he may have pertaining to this matter.

At BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, will contact Maryland State Police Officer J. J. CASSIDY, and ascertain from him pertinent information as to his investigation concerning the checks drawn by KEMP under the name of RICHARD R. HARREL at the Farmers & Mechanics National Bank, Westminster, Maryland.

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F E D E R A L B U R E A U O F I N V E S T I G A T I O N

This Case Originated at: OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

K. C. File No. 76-471

Report Made at: KANSAS CITY	Date Made 9-7-38	Period 7-9; 8-17/ 19/20-38	Report Made by: Z. J. VANLANDINGHAM wk
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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:

MARIE COLE, wife of THEODORE COLE, is living at the Grand Hotel, Springfield, Missouri; however, Subjects have not contacted her at that place. Persons who have been corresponding with WANDA STUCKEY, paramour of JAMES ROE, interviewed but deny any information with regard to fugitives. DAN HARLESS has moved to Florida. CHARLES BOOTH has moved to Los Angeles. JUNIUS YATES, agent of the Alcohol Tax Unit, has no information regarding this case. JAMES ROE, brother of fugitive ROE, visited Kansas City Office on his vacation and advised he had no information relative to fugitives and believed both fugitives drowned in attempting to effect escape from Alcatraz. File reviewed for purpose of setting out leads for Kansas City Office.

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Report of Special Agent C. G. CAMPBELL, Seattle,
Washington, dated 7-12-38.

Letter from El Paso Office, dated May 31, 1938.

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DETAILS:

HARRY MCDONALD, Deputy U. S. Marshal, Kansas City, Missouri, advised Special Agent H. L. SCOTT that WALTER BEAVERS, a convict at the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, on mail fraud charges, indicated to him that he had some information regarding the RALPH ROE - THEODORE COLE escape. Mr. MCDONALD stated that apparently BEAVERS had urged some other convicts, who had returned to Leavenworth from Alcatraz, to discuss this matter. A lead is being set out to contact WALTER BEAVERS at the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas.

Chief of Detectives RUEL WOMMACK, Springfield, Missouri, advised the Kansas City Office, by telephone, that one of his officers had obtained information to the effect that the wife of either COLE or ROE was living at a second-rate hotel at Springfield, but that there was no indication that she was in contact with either of the escapees. Chief of Detectives WOMMACK stated he was watching the activities of this woman and would advise the Kansas City Office if anything of interest develops.

Special Agent R. F. NEWKIRK conducted investigation at Springfield, Missouri, with regard to the above mentioned information. Officer FRANK DEBAKER advised Agent NEWKIRK that he was assigned to a beat which includes the Grand Hotel, 220 North Campbell Street, Springfield, Missouri; that about the middle of May, 1938, he was sitting in a restaurant near the Grand Hotel and one of the witnesses had pointed out to him a blonde woman and had told him this woman was the wife of one COLE, an escapee from Alcatraz; that this woman had recently come to Springfield from Alpina, Arkansas, and that COLE had been reported seen in Alpina a short time ago. He further advised that this blonde woman was going by the name of MARIE WINN, and is staying at the Grand Hotel, and is frequently seen in the company of Mrs. PHOEBE YANCEY, who operates this hotel. DEBAKER stated this woman is accompanied by a boy about 12 years of age, and, as far as he knows, this woman does not work, but she is possibly practicing prostitution. DEBAKER stated he would endeavor to learn more concerning this woman, and would also keep close watch on the Grand Hotel for anyone resembling ROE or COLE.

Agent NEWKIRK subsequently contacted Officer DEBAKER for any further information. DEBAKER stated he had kept a close watch on the Grand Hotel, but had observed no one resembling either the photographs of ROE or COLE at this hotel. DEBAKER'S informant, the waitress in the restaurant, has recently gone to Alpina, Arkansas, and has promised DEBAKER she would endeavor to ascertain at that place some information as to ROE and COLE. DEBAKER stated that MARIE WINN, who was the wife of COLE, is still living at the Grand Hotel in Springfield, Missouri.

The teletype from the El Paso Office, dated January 21, 1938, advised of a mail tracing addressed to Mrs. JAMES ROE with return address

of L. MACMAHON, Room #207, Convention Hotel, 327 West 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri. A letter from the El Paso Office, dated May 31, 1938, contained information regarding the tracing of a letter addressed to Mrs. JAMES ROE, Hobbs, New Mexico, containing the return address of R. MCMAHON, Convention Hotel, Room #207, Kansas City, Missouri. In previous investigation regarding these tracings, an informant was developed at the Convention Hotel by the name of Mrs. J. H. NORTON, who is manager of this hotel. She advised that LILLIAN MACMAHON had been a close friend of WANDA STUCKEY, the paramour of JAMES ROE. No open contact was made with Miss MACMAHON at that time, as Mrs. NORTON did not think such advisable and agreed to communicate any information regarding this case to this office. However, it has been learned that Mrs. NORTON has recently died. The writer and Special Agent A. M. REILLY contacted Miss LILLIAN MACMAHON, Room #202, Convention Hotel. She advised that she had formerly resided in Room #207 of the Convention Hotel. She stated that she was well acquainted with one WANDA STUCKEY, who had previously lived at the Convention Hotel. Miss MACMAHON said that she had met JAMES ROE on one occasion and that was just after he was released from Leavenworth Penitentiary; that ROE had then come to Kansas City, Missouri, and remained for a couple of days, and had left, taking WANDA STUCKEY with him. Miss MACMAHON claims that she has written WANDA STUCKEY only one time and that was shortly after WANDA had left Kansas City; that she had addressed the letter to Wink, Texas. She denied that she knew that WANDA STUCKEY and JAMES ROE were living in Hobbs, New Mexico, and claimed that she had never corresponded with them at that place. She stated that she has never met RALPH ROE, nor has she ever met THEODORE COLE. She said she read of the escape of these two men from Alcatraz and wondered at the time if RALPH ROE was any relation to JAMES ROE. She stated that WANDA STUCKEY had written her one time but had not mentioned anything in regard to the escape of these prisoners. She stated she had no information which might be of assistance to this Bureau, but promised cooperation in case she learned of any information. She was advised that any information she gave, which resulted in the apprehension of these fugitives, would result in compensation to her. She was given the address and telephone number of the Kansas City Office. Miss MACMAHON further advised that she had recently learned from one TILLIE BURGARD, a manicurist at the barber shop of the Sexton Hotel, and who lives at the Drake Hotel, that WANDA STUCKEY was on her way to Kansas City, Missouri; that TILLIE BURGARD had told her she had recently received a card from WANDA, saying she would be in Kansas City approximately August 15, 1938.

It is noted in the letter from the El Paso Office to the Kansas City Office, dated February 8, 1938, that a letter was addressed to Mrs. JAMES ROE, Hobbs, New Mexico, with return address of the Sexton Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri. A letter, dated February 25, 1938, from the El Paso Office advised of a tracing of a letter addressed to Mrs. JAMES ROE, Hobbs, New Mexico, with the return address of The Drake, Room #118, Kansas City, Missouri.

The writer and Special Agent A. M. REILLY interviewed Miss IRENE "TILLIE" BURGARD, manicurist at the barber shop at the Sexton Hotel. She advised that she lived at the Drake Hotel; that she is a good friend of WANDA STUCKEY, and has written WANDA STUCKEY under the name of Mrs. JAMES ROE, Hobbs, New Mexico, on several occasions, giving her return address as both the Drake Hotel and the Sexton Hotel. Miss BURGARD stated that she knew JAMES ROE, brother of RALPH ROE, before JAMES ROE was sentenced to the Leavenworth Penitentiary. She said, however, that she had not seen JAMES ROE since he had been released from Leavenworth. She claims that she has never met RALPH ROE or THEODORE COLE; that she, however, had learned from the newspapers that these two persons had escaped from Alcatraz Penitentiary. She stated that in one letter which WANDA STUCKEY had written to her, WANDA had mentioned the fact that Agents of this Bureau had been contacting her and JAMES ROE; that they, however, did not know anything with regard to RALPH ROE and COLE and it was their opinion that these two fugitives had been drowned. Miss BURGARD said that she had recently received a card from WANDA STUCKEY, saying that she and JAMES ROE would be in Kansas City, Missouri, for a couple of days around August 15, 1938, and that they wanted to see her. Miss BURGARD advised that when WANDA STUCKEY and JAMES ROE appeared in Kansas City, she would immediately contact the writer. She further stated that if she obtained any information with regard to the fugitives in this case, she would be glad to cooperate by giving this information to the Bureau. She was advised that she would be compensated for any efforts made on her part, which resulted in the apprehension of ROE and COLE, if this information was turned over to this Bureau.

From a review of instant file, it is noted that one FLINT C. BRANNON, a recent release from the Leavenworth Penitentiary, was used as an informant in this case. It is further noted that BRANNON stated that one DAN HARLESS, 2529 Gillham Road, Kansas City, Missouri, is alleged to be a close friend of JAMES and RALPH ROE. Investigation by this office resulted in learning that HARLESS was reporting to the Probation Officer at Kansas City, Missouri. Agent contacted the Probation Officer at Kansas City, Missouri, and was advised that DAN HARLESS was transferred in June, 1938, to the supervision of JOSEPH Y. CHENEY, Post Office Box #1305, Tampa, Florida; that at the time HARLESS went to Florida, he gave his temporary address as 459 Northwest Sixth Street, Miami, Florida, telephone #2-7932. At that time, HARLESS stated he was playing in a band. A recent notation on the records of the Probation Officer in regard to this case states that HARLESS is permanently residing at Lakeland, Florida; that he has a cousin, ROY F. DODD, Route #2, Box #261, Lakeland, Florida. A lead is being set out for the Miami Office to interview HARLESS to ascertain any information he might have with regard to RALPH ROE.

A letter from the San Francisco Office to the Oklahoma City Office, with a copy designated for the Kansas City Office, dated April 29, 1938, sets out the correspondents of BOB PRINGLE, an inmate of Alcatraz Penitentiary. It has been alleged that PRINGLE was a good friend of ROE

and COLE. Included in this list of correspondents is one CHARLES BRENDON BOOTH, listed as a friend, with address of 526 Ridge Street, Kansas City, Missouri. From investigation, the writer learned that BOOTH, while in Kansas City, was manager of the Volunteers of America, located in the Ridge Building, telephone - Victor 5829. It was learned, however, that BOOTH had moved to California about six months ago and his present address is given as 420 Cotton Exchange Building, Los Angeles, California. The Los Angeles Office is being requested to interview BOOTH to determine if he has any knowledge with reference to the fugitives in this case.

The report of Special Agent W. L. LISTERMAN, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 12-28-37, on page 12, gives a list of visitors to JAMES ROE, while he was incarcerated in the Leavenworth Penitentiary. This list reflects that JUNIUS YATES and JAMES GAYLOR, both agents of the Alcohol Tax Unit, visited JAMES ROE at Leavenworth, Kansas, on June 16 and 17, 1936. Agent contacted Mr. JUNIUS YATES, Alcohol Tax Unit Agent, Kansas City, Missouri. Mr. YATES advised that he had no recollection of JAMES ROE and did not recall visiting him at Leavenworth Penitentiary in June of 1936. He stated that it was possible that he and Mr. GAYLOR visited ROE in an attempt to get some information from him, but that evidently their efforts were without success, inasmuch as he did not recall such interview. He advised that Mr. GAYLOR is at the present time traveling in Oklahoma; that his headquarters, however, were in Kansas City, Missouri, and that, as soon as Mr. GAYLOR returns, he would have him get in touch with the writer to determine whether he could recall the visit to JAMES ROE at the Leavenworth Penitentiary in June of 1936.

The letter from the El Paso Office to the Kansas City Office, dated April 6, 1938, was with regard to two mail tracings addressed to Mrs. JAMES ROE, with the return address of A. SHELFO, 629 Harrison Street, Kansas City, Missouri. Agent contacted Mr. and Mrs. ANTHONY SHELFO, 629 Harrison Street, and Mrs. SHELFO stated that she was a good friend of WANDA STUCKEY, who is now living with JAMES ROE. She advised that WANDA STUCKEY had previously resided with her at 629 Harrison Street and had received mail at that address. She stated that she and WANDA corresponded with each other frequently, and that she received a letter recently from WANDA stating that she was on her way to Kansas City, Missouri, and would visit her upon her arrival. Mrs. SHELFO stated that she had often heard WANDA speak of JAMES ROE, but that she had never met him. She further denied ever having met RALPH ROE or THEODORE COLE, but did state that she had read of the escape from Alcatraz of ROE and COLE. She stated that WANDA STUCKEY had never mentioned anything in her letters regarding this escape and that she had no information regarding these persons. She stated that she would not, under any circumstances, attempt to get any information from her friend regarding ROE and COLE and that she did not want to get mixed up in this matter for any consideration. She was advised of the harboring statute, and both she and Mr. SHELFO stated that, under no circumstances, would they harbor or assist these fugitives; that they had no reason to believe the fugitives

would ever contact them. Mrs. SHELFO promised that, when WANDA STUCKEY arrived in Kansas City, she would have her call the writer.

On August 20, 1938, WANDA STUCKEY telephoned the writer from the home of ANTHONY SHELFO and advised that she and JAMES ROE had just arrived in Kansas City, Missouri. She stated that she would have JAMES ROE come to the Kansas City Office, for purpose of interview.

JAMES ROE came to the Kansas City Office and stated that he was on his vacation for ten days; that he was going from Kansas City, Missouri, to Hays, Kansas, to visit his brother, RAYMOND ROE; that from there he intended to drive on a sight-seeing trip through Colorado, and that he was then going to Odessa, Texas. He stated he was still working for the same company, The International Supply Company; however, he had been transferred by this company from Hobbs, New Mexico, to Odessa, Texas; that his address now would be The International Supply Company, Box #1478, Odessa, Texas. JAMES ROE stated that his employers do not know he is an ex-convict or that he is a brother of RALPH ROE. He requested that this office not notify his employers and that, if contact is desired with him, that Agents come to the office and ask for him, without revealing their identity. ROE stated that he had no idea where his brother, RALPH ROE, is located; that he believes both RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE drowned in their attempt to escape from Alcatraz Prison; that he has no information or anything which might indicate that his brother is alive. JAMES ROE frankly stated that he did not know whether, if he ascertained any information, he would turn the same over to this Bureau, but he did state that he would do nothing to hinder the Bureau in its investigation. He was warned regarding the harboring statute and stated that, under no circumstances, would he harbor or assist RALPH ROE; that he had a good job at the present time and was making good and he intended to go straight; that he did not intend to do anything which would in any way jeopardize his job. He claimed that he and his brother, RALPH ROE, had never been closely associated since they were kids.

A review of the file in the Kansas City Office was made for the purpose of determining any leads which should be covered in this territory. In this connection, reference is here made to the report of Special Agent M. E. GURNEA, San Francisco, California, dated 12-28-37, on page 12 of which there is set out a list of prisoners at Leavenworth, Kansas, who had been transferred from Alcatraz and who it was desired be interviewed. Several of these prisoners have been interviewed and leads will be set out for the remainder to be interviewed.

The report of Special Agent W. L. LISTERMAN, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 12-28-37, reflects an interview with Mrs. RUBY DAVIS LAMBERSON ANKRUM, 214 East Seventh Street, Joplin, Missouri, who is a sister of VOLNEY DAVIS. The file reflects that Mrs. ANKRUM'S name was discovered in some of the effects of the fugitives in this case after their escape. In this report, it is noted that Mrs. ANKRUM denied knowing COLE and ROE and stated that she had had no contact with them. She gave the

name and address of her parents as Mr. and Mrs. R. E. DAVIS, Route #2, Neosho, Missouri. It is believed desirable for the parents of VOLNEY DAVIS to be interviewed in connection with this case.

The report of Special Agent D. R. MORLEY, Little Rock, Arkansas, dated 1-4-38, reflects an interview with one Mrs. MARIE COLE, wife of THEODORE COLE, at Alpena Pass, Arkansas. This report reflects that MARIE COLE is alleged to have been a prostitute at various times at Springfield and Joplin, Missouri, and at Pittsburg, Kansas. The report also reflects that MARIE COLE has a sister, Mrs. JOHN (NORINE) SCHULTZ, who resides at 204 East Seventh Street, Pittsburg, Kansas. The report of Special Agent J. V. MURPHY, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 12-17-37, gave as the former address of THEODORE COLE, Pittsburg, Kansas. However, subsequent investigation by this office revealed no one in that city who was acquainted with COLE or who knew him to have resided in Pittsburg, Kansas. A lead is being set out for the sister-in-law of COLE to be interviewed at Pittsburg, Kansas.

The report of Special Agent R. P. KRAMER, Los Angeles, California, dated 1-8-38, reflects that a mail cover was placed on the home of Mrs. VIOLET DAWSON, 6238 Gifford Avenue, Bell, California, who is a half-sister of Subject COLE. As a result of this mail cover, a tracing was received addressed to Mr. and Mrs. G. L. DAWSON, on December 28, 1937, with return address of C. L. MULLER, Liberal, Kansas. Mr. MULLER will be interviewed for any information he might have pertinent to this investigation.

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THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE at Los Angeles, California, will interview Mr. CHARLES BRENDON BOOTH, 420 Cotton Exchange Building. BOOTH is listed on the correspondence records of Alcatraz Penitentiary as being a friend of BOB PRINGLE. PRINGLE is alleged to have been a close friend of COLE and ROE at Alcatraz.

THE MIAMI OFFICE at Tampa, Florida, will contact Mr. JOSEPH Y. CHENEY, Post Office Box #1305, who is a Probation Officer and has supervision of DAN HARLESS. Will ascertain the address of DAN HARLESS and interview him, as it is alleged that HARLESS is a close friend of RALPH ROE.

THE EL PASO OFFICE will note the change of address of JAMES ROE from Hobbs, New Mexico, to Box #1478, Odessa, Texas.

* THE KANSAS CITY OFFICE at Leavenworth, Kansas, at the U. S. Penitentiary, 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. It is not necessary to check on AUBREY UNCEL, inasmuch as it has been learned that UNCEL is presently at Alcatraz and has been interviewed by the San Francisco Office. (Report of Special Agent C. G. CAMPBELL, Seattle, Washington, dated 7-12-38.)

* Will interview the following prisoners, in accordance with the lead set out in the report of Special Agent M. E. GURNEA, San Francisco, California, dated 12-28-37:

FRANK TESCIONA
JOE STEIN
SAM FLEISHER
J. W. WATTS
W. H. WIGGINS
J. H. SATTERFIELD
E. E. WILEY

Will interview WALTER BEAVERS relative to information furnished HARRY MCDONALD, Deputy U. S. Marshal, to the effect that he had information regarding the escape of fugitives in this case.

At Pittsburg, Kansas, will interview Mrs. JOHN (NORINE) SCHULTZ, 204 East Seventh Street, bearing in mind that Mrs. SCHULTZ is a sister-in-law of THEODORE COLE. It is also noted that COLE at one time is alleged to have lived in Pittsburg, Kansas, and that his wife, MARIE COLE, is alleged to have practiced prostitution in Pittsburg, Kansas.

At Liberal, Kansas, will interview C. L. LULLER for any information he might have regarding this case, it being noted that he was corresponding with Mr. and Mrs. G. L. DAWSON of Boll, California, in December of 1937. Mrs. DAWSON is a half-sister of fugitive COLE.

At Hays, Kansas, will continue to maintain contact with RAYMOND ROE, brother of RALPH ROE. RAYMOND ROE may be reached by telephone at Hays, Kansas, #155.

At Neosho, Missouri, will interview Mr. and Mrs. R. E. DAVIS, Route #2, the parents of VOLNEY DAVIS. It will be noted that VOLNEY DAVIS is presently at Alcatraz and, after the escape of the fugitives in this case, there was found in some of their effects the name and address of VOLNEY DAVIS' sister, who is living at Joplin, Missouri.

At Kansas City, Missouri, will interview Mr. JAMES GAYLOR of the Alcohol Tax Unit with reference to his visits to see JAMES ROE at the Leavenworth Penitentiary on June 16 and 17, 1936. He should be interviewed to determine if he has any information which might be of value to the investigation looking towards the apprehension of JAMES ROE'S brother, RALPH ROE.

At Springfield, Missouri, will continue contact with Officer FRANK DEBAKER, Police Department, who is watching MARIE WINN, the wife of Subject COLE. MARIE WINN is living at the Grand Hotel, Springfield, Missouri, and is alleged to be practicing prostitution.

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OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

L.A. FILE NO. 76-362

REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 9-7-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8-19, 21-38	REPORT MADE BY G. V. DIERST AB
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:

Car abandoned near Apache Junction, Arizona, reported by GEORGE S. THOMPSON as possibly being involved in instant case. Investigation failed to show any connection between abandoned car and instant case.

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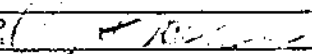
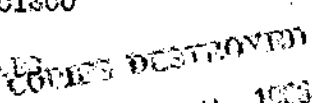
REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent J. W. THORNTON, San Francisco, 4-2-38.

DETAILS:

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent W. E. MILLER on August 19, 1938:

GEORGE S. THOMPSON, colored Spanish War Veteran who resides two miles west of Apache Junction on U. S. Highway 80, and who receives his mail at 37 South 2nd Street, Phoenix, was interviewed in the office of the Resident Agent, Room 4, Post Office Building, Phoenix, and stated that about ten days before he wrote to Warden JOHNSON at Alcatraz, and about four or five days after subjects' escape, a new black colored, Model A Ford roadster was abandoned at the edge of

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the highway in front of Thompson's home; that he first saw the car late Friday afternoon about 5:00 P.M. and thought someone had broken down and had gone to get help; that on the following Sunday he noted the car was still at the same place. He notified the Sheriff at Florence, Arizona, and Deputy Sheriff SAM WESTERMAN came out and examined the car and then had THOMPSON take the car to his home for safe keeping. The car remained at his place until the following Sunday when a Highway Patrolman came out from Mesa and got the car.

THOMPSON stated the car had a Wingfield supercharger head and two carburetors, one of which was a Wingfield; that the car had blown a cylinder gasket and all the oil was gone; that sometime later while THOMPSON was in the Ford Garage and Sales Room at Mesa, a man employed at that place was talking to Thompson about the car and stated that the parties driving this car had stopped at that garage one afternoon to get some work done, but did not want to wait.

THOMPSON further stated that the car had no license tags and had five wire wheels with big tires which were too big for the fender wells. In the car was found a sailor's suit and sailor's cap; two bathing suits; shirt or blouse of another sailor suit; about half of a paper sack of black beans (estimated at about 2½ pounds); five or six slices of bread; two pieces bacon rind about one inch wide and four or five inches long; one quart-can and one-pint can of black paint from Montgomery Ward & Company, and an old greasy brown or tan shirt, the paint and shirt being at Thompson's home at the present time.

THOMPSON further stated the car had an extra good battery; that the officers seemed unable to find any numbers on the car, but stated they had ways to bring out the numbers. THOMPSON questioned all parties in the immediate vicinity of the place where the car was abandoned, but found no one who knew anything about the car, except EDDIE DEHART who resides at the county line on Highway 80; DEHART advised he saw the car about 5:00 P.M. Friday, but saw no one around it at that time; that early Saturday morning, he saw a young fellow get out of the car and walk down the road as though he was a hitch-hiker who had slept there over night. In his inquiries, THOMPSON heard through some one that that party (name not recalled) had seen a gasoline can in the ditch a short distance from the place where the car was abandoned, but did not bother it as it was assumed the can belonged with the car.

Inquiry of HARRY COOPER, National Auto Theft Bureau, Phoenix, Arizona, disclosed he had no information concerning recovery of any car fitting description of the car mentioned by THOMPSON.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent G. V. DIERST on August 24, 1938:

Agent contacted W. W. COCHRAN, Deputy Sheriff at Florence, Arizona, who advised that he did not believe there was any connection between the abandonment of the car left on U. S. Highway 80, two miles west of Apache Junction, which was reported by GEORGE S. THOMPSON. He stated that previous dealings which the Sheriff's Office had with THOMPSON indicated that THOMPSON was a rather keen negro, but had the feeling of wanting to get into the limelight, and that at the time this car was abandoned, investigation was made by the Sheriff's Office and no connection was indicated between the abandonment of the car and the instant case.

Deputy Sheriff COCHRAN stated that shortly after the car was abandoned, the Highway Patrol recovered the car, and he did not know to whom it belonged.

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THE EL PASO FIELD DIVISION

AT PHOENIX, ARIZONA, will contact the State Highway Patrol to ascertain whether they have any record or information concerning the instant car. Will conduct the same investigation at the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office.

AT MESA, ARIZONA, will contact employees of the Ford Garage and Sales Room to ascertain whether they have any information concerning instant car.

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United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

September 9, 1938

Time - 11:55 A. M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: ROE AND COLE

SAC Fletcher called from Oklahoma City regarding developments in the above entitled case. Mr. Fletcher advised that an informant, J. B. Atkinson, had contacted him shortly after his arrival in Oklahoma City, and had informed Mr. Fletcher that he, Atkinson, was a friend of Hazel Underhill who he said is now living in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Mr. Fletcher stated that investigation has revealed that Atkinson had been living with a woman in Kaw City, Oklahoma; that, in order to get away from this woman, Atkinson requested the agents to take him to the Oklahoma City Office under pretext of holding him for investigation; that this request was, of course, denied; that Atkinson appeared at the Oklahoma City Office two or three days ago at which time he advised that he had been successful in leaving the woman at Kaw City, and was then on his way to Texas and Mexico. Mr. Fletcher advised that at the time of his last visit, Atkinson asked that he be advanced \$75 for the expenses of this trip, explaining to Mr. Fletcher that he planned to contact Hazel Underhill in Corpus Christi while he is there. Upon being advised by SAC Fletcher that authorization for the payment of this money would have to be secured from Washington, Atkinson indicated that he would not wait, and that he would use his own money. Mr. Fletcher did inform Atkinson, however, that the Bureau would be willing to pay a reasonable sum of money for information relative to the whereabouts of Roe and Cole.

Mr. Fletcher stated that, during his conversation with Atkinson, the latter mentioned that he intends to take a gun into Mexico and inquired as to what would happen if he is arrested with it in his possession. I was advised that SAC Fletcher made it clear to Atkinson that the Bureau would not protect him in the event he breaks the law. Mr. Fletcher stated that he fears Atkinson will get himself into trouble sometime during this trip, and he wanted the Bureau to be familiar with the circumstances in the event he does so.

I pointed out to SAC Fletcher that the Bureau will furnish no money to Atkinson to embark upon any "fishing expeditions", but that if he gets any valuable information from this informant the Bureau will authorize him to pay for it.

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SAC Fletcher further advised that Jake Sims telephoned him yesterday reporting that an informant of his named Ray Hall, nicknamed "Tangle Eyes", had recently made a trip to Texas to contact Hazel Underhill. It appears that Hall told Sims, who is the Chief of Police of Seminole,

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Oklahoma, that several months ago Hazel Underhill was supposed to have received an unsigned postal card postmarked at Englewood Station, Chicago, which stated that the writer would see her in a few days. Hall told Chief Sims that Hazel Underhill had indicated to him, Hall, that this message was in the handwriting of Roe, but he had never showed up.

Ray Hall has the idea that Herb Farmer now in Dallas, Texas, has more information regarding Roe and Cole than any other person. Mr. Fletcher stated that Chief Sims is going to bring Hall to the residence of Agent Frank Smith for an interview with the latter; and that Chief Sims' presence is necessary because of the fact that Hall will talk to Smith only through Sims.

I stated that since Hall wants an agent to accompany him to Dallas to talk with Herb Farmer, and in the event the information furnished to Agent Smith proves of value, SAC Fletcher is authorized to instruct Agent Smith to proceed to Dallas, notifying SAC Conroy when he enters the Dallas Division, but not disclosing the purpose of the trip.

Respectfully,



E. A. TAMM

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FILE NO.

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REPORT MADE AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON	DATE WHEN MADE 9/7/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/16, 22, 25/38	REPORT MADE BY DUANE L. TRAYNOR VCK
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: LEE G. CLINTON, former prison guard at Alcatraz, has no definite information on this case. JACK SIEMAN, Alcatraz 177-AZ, supposed to be in Vancouver, B.C.; attempt to locate him there being made. Seattle file reviewed for all outstanding leads in Seattle Division. Certain Washington cars passing through Oregon-California lines December 15 and 16, 1937 not yet checked. Copies of all reports should be furnished San Francisco Office.

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REFERENCES: Report of Special Agent M. E. GURNEA, San Francisco, dated 12/28/37. Portland letter to Seattle dated 12/23/37. Bureau telegram dated 12/23/37.

DETAILS: On July 19, 1938, the following memorandum was submitted by Special Agent (A) A. J. ZIMMERMAN:

"On or about the tenth of June 1938, writer visited the Federal Prison Camp, Fort Lewis, Washington, and while there on other official matters became acquainted with one LEE G. CLINTON, who stated that he had formerly been a guard at Alcatraz Prison, but that he had been transferred to the above mentioned camp subsequent to the escape of the above named prisoners.

"CLINTON made inquiry as to the whereabouts of certain of the agents with whom he had worked just prior to the escape and discussed the matter briefly. At one time, he mentioned that there was undoubtedly a leak at the prison, as it was thought that it was fool proof. However, when agent pressed him for detailed information concerning his conclusion, he stated that it was merely his belief, and that he did not have any definite proof of same. However, there is attached a

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letter which was addressed to the Seattle Field Office and which is submitted to you for any action that you deem necessary."

The letter referred to states that MR. CLINTON has some information that may be of value to this Bureau. Pursuant thereto, agent contacted MR. CLINTON at Tillicum, Washington and it was learned from him that the information which he had did not pertain to this case but to another case under investigation by the Seattle Office.

At Seattle, Washington.

Inspector J. H. ZUMWALT of the Immigration Division at Seattle informed agent that their files reflect that JACK SIEMAN was last supposed to be in Vancouver, B. C.; that in August, 1937, they had a letter from Detective PLUMMER of the Vancouver, B.C. Police Department asking for information of associates of SIEMAN, as they believed that SIEMAN and his associates were involved in robbing book makers in British Columbia. A letter is being written to the Police Department in British Columbia in order to ascertain if SIEMAN is there, and if so, he will be interviewed as a released prisoner from Alcatraz to see if he may have any knowledge pertaining to the plans that were formulated on the island relative to instant break.

A review of the Seattle file reflects that the owners of the following Washington license numbered cars which passed over the Oregon-California line on December 15 or 16, 1937, have not been located and interviewed. This list was obtained by checking over the list of cars which had been enclosed with the referenced Portland letter of December 23, 1937. On this list, other agents had marked certain license numbers as having been checked. Agent assumed that these were correct, and only checked to see that those numbers which were not marked checked on this list had not been investigated.

<u>Registered Owner & Address</u>	<u>Type of car</u>	<u>License Number</u>
-----	Lafayette Victory	'37 E-22746
-----	Chevrolet Truck	'37 # 31413
WALTER E. DATE c/o Piston Service, Yakima, Wn.	'33 Dodge Coupe	'37 E-14902
W. J. McLEAN 726 N. Clinton, Walla Walla, Wn.	'37 Packard Sedan	'38 O-1242
BRASSETT MOTOR COMPANY Yakima, Washington	'37 DeSoto Sedan	'38 E-17

<u>Registered Owner & Address</u>	<u>Type of car</u>	<u>License Number</u>
DON RADLEY 405 South 15th Avenue, Yakima, Wn.	'36 Chevrolet 2-door	'37 E-13945
LOUIS VIOLETTE Brownstown, Washington	'29 Chevrolet 2-door	'38 E-1979
H. P. MULLER Box 886, Yakima, Washington	'36 Chevrolet Coupe	'37 E-10634
H. E. HOVIS General Delivery, Wapato, Wn.	'28 Chrysler Coupe	'37 E-20638
HARVEY EHLERS Route 1, Zillah, Washington	'36 Chevrolet Coupe	'37 E-521

Information as to the names of these automobile owners and in some instances the type and make of car, was obtained from the Washington automobile license directory published by the Motor List Company, Inc. of Washington.

The review of the file reflects that inquiry for C. A. GARRISON at Rochester, Washington, as shown in the report of Special Agent DUANE L. TRAYNOR dated at Seattle, Washington, August 17, 1938, was not made but that inquiry was made only for a C. W. GARRISON as reflected in the report of Special Agent LEO J. WALCOM, Seattle, Washington, dated February 12, 1938, being serial 39 of the Seattle file. A lead is therefore being set out for Rochester, Washington, to see if C. A. GARRISON can be located there.

The review of the file reflects that in referenced telegram the Seattle Office was requested to furnish copies of all reports to the San Francisco Office. This has not been done in all cases, and should be followed from now on.

The review of the file further reflects that 1937 license number U-629, registered to an Oldsmobile Sedan, had been transferred to a JACK ROBERTS who has never been located and interviewed.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

SEATTLE FIELD OFFICE

At Vancouver, B. C., will attempt to locate JACK SIEMAN and interview him as to any knowledge he may have of any plans made at Alcatraz Island while he was there for the escape of instant subjects. A letter has been written to Detective PLUMMER of the Vancouver Police Department in order to ascertain if he knows the exact whereabouts of SIEMAN, and this lead should not be covered until a reply has been received thereto.

At Yakima, Washington, will obtain at the County Courthouse the name of the registered owner of a Lafayette Victory Sedan bearing 1937 Washington license E-22746. This owner should be interviewed relative to the occupants of that car when it crossed the Oregon-California line either December 15 or 16, 1937, and they should be interrogated as to their possession of any tidal and current charts of San Francisco Bay and the Pacific Ocean, which they may have purchased in Oregon and taken through the California-Oregon line.

At Yakima, will interview the following people relative to any information they may have of the tidal and current charts of San Francisco Bay and the Pacific Ocean which were purchased in Portland and which may have been taken through the California-Oregon line December 15 or 16, 1937, as these individuals all had cars registered in their names which were supposed to have gone through the California-Oregon line December 15 or 16, 1937. Information should be developed from each of these individuals as to their general reputation and standing in their community and a description obtained.

WALTER E. TATE, c/o Piston Service, owner of 1933 Dodge bearing 1937 Washington license E-14902.

HASSETT MOTOR COMPANY, owner of 1937 DeSoto Sedan bearing 1938 Washington license E-17.

DON HADLEY, 405 South 15th Avenue, owner of 1936 Chevrolet 2-door bearing 1937 Washington license E-13945.

H. P. MULLER, Box 886, owner of 1936 Chevrolet Coupe bearing 1937 Washington license E-10634.

At Walla Walla, Washington, will interview MR. W. J. McLEAN, 726 N. Clinton, owner of 1937 Packard Sedan bearing 1938 Washington license O-1242, as requested in the lead set out to interview car owners in Yakima.

At Brownstown, Washington, will interview LOUIS VIOLETTE, owner of 1929 Chevrolet 2-door bearing 1938 Washington license E-1979, to ascertain the same information as requested to be ascertained from car owners in the lead set out for Yakima.

At Wapato, Washington, will interview H. E. HOVIS, General Delivery, the owner of a 1928 Chrysler Coupe bearing 1937 Washington license E-20638, and secure information as requested to be secured from automobile owners in the lead set out for Yakima.

At Zillah, Washington, will interview HARVEY EILERS, Route 1, the owner of a 1936 Chevrolet Coupe bearing 1937 Washington license E-521, and secure from him information as requested to be secured from automobile owners in the lead set out for Yakima.

At Olympia, Washington, at the Motor Vehicle Division, will ascertain the owner of a Chevrolet Truck bearing 1937 Washington license #31413. When this information is secured, a lead should be set out to interview this owner and obtain from him the same information as set out to be obtained from the automobile owners in Yakima.

At Osborne, Washington, will contact MRS. PEARL WILL to see if JACK ROBERTS, to whom they sold their Oldsmobile, has returned to Osborne, and if not, if she knows his present whereabouts. When located, he should be interviewed as requested in the lead set out for automobile owners at Yakima.

At Rochester, Washington, will conduct investigation to determine whether C. A. GARRISON is known in that vicinity. Information pertaining to his lead originally is to be found in serial 33 of the Seattle file.

The following leads are outstanding in the Seattle Field Division:

* At Dayton, Washington, will locate and interview MR. JOE ROSE in order to determine whether MR. ROSE made the inquiry and purchase of the tidal and current charts of San Francisco Bay and the Pacific Ocean. (See report of Special Agent DANIEL CURRIE, JR., Seattle, Washington, dated January 7, 1938, being serial 32 of the Seattle file.)

* At Yakima, Washington, will interview MR. SPAINHOUR COFFEY, who is presently living with his wife and father-in-law, a MR. NELSON, in the Hillcrest section of Yakima, for the purpose specified in referenced letter. (See report of Special Agent DANIEL CURRIE, JR., Seattle, Washington, dated January 7, 1938, being serial 32 in the Seattle file.)

* At Olympia, Washington, at the State Department of Licenses, Motor Vehicle Division, will ascertain to whom the 1937 Washington license D-729 was transferred subsequent to the purchase of the Overland car from one WILLIAM NOYEAR at Grand Coulee Dam in order that a lead for the transferee may be set out and appropriate interview had. (See report of Special Agent DANIEL CURRIE, JR., Seattle, Washington, dated January 7, 1938, being serial 32 in the Seattle file.)

* At Spokane, Washington, will make appropriate inquiry at 4111 North Lincoln for any information the occupants at that address might have relative to the present whereabouts of JOHN G. FAIRFAX so that he may be interviewed relative to his car going through the California-Oregon line either December 15 or 16, 1937. (See report of Special Agent J. E. THORNTON, San Francisco, California, dated January 17, 1938, being serial 35 in the Seattle file.)

* At Tacoma, Washington, will, on or about February 15, 1938, contact JAMES WALKER, 301 North Tacoma, Tacoma, Washington, to determine if he made any inquiry at the U. S. Lighthouse Service, Portland, Oregon, or purchased any pamphlets regarding tides and currents in San Francisco Bay. (See report of DANIEL CURRIE, JR., Seattle, Washington, dated January 21, 1938, being serial 36 in the Seattle file.)

* At Kamloops, British Columbia, Canada, will contact MR. D. O. VICARS, resident there, in order to determine if he had occasion to purchase at Portland, Oregon the pamphlets covering tides and currents in San Francisco Bay. In this connection, it will be noted that car bearing 1937 B. C. license 16830, issued to DESMOND ODLUM VICARS, Kamloops, B. C., was registered as entering Smith River, California December 16, 1937.

* At Keremeos, B.C., Canada, will contact MR. W. C. HONEYWELL, to determine similar information. 1937 B. C. license 42728, issued to WILLIAM C. HONEYWELL, Keremeos, B. C., is registered as entering Dunsmuir, California December 16, 1937. (See report of DANIEL CURRIE, JR., Seattle, Washington, dated February 16, 1938, being serial 42 in the Seattle file.)

* At Seattle, Washington, will interview RODGER HILLMAN, 3120 Fuhrman Avenue, who was employed on his boat the "Lona Lee", in an effort to ascertain if anyone employed on this vessel could possibly have been one of the escaped subjects. (See San Francisco letter dated February 24, 1938, being serial 46 of the Seattle file.)

* At Spokane, Washington, will interview WILLIAM LOYEAR at the Spokane Hotel, as set out for the Butte Office at Moscow, Idaho in referenced report. (See report of Special Agent E. SANDBERG, Butte, Montana, dated April 11, 1938, being serial 50 of the Seattle file and also see serial 36 of the Seattle file.)

* At Grand Coulee, Washington, will locate and interview E. F. BOVEE, as requested in the report of Special Agent DANIEL CURRIE, JR., dated at Seattle, Washington, January 7, 1938. (See report of Special Agent K. P. PETTIJOHN, San Francisco, California, dated August 22, 1938, being serial 63 of the Seattle file.)

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA
SEPTEMBER 9, 1938

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Nathan	✓
Mr. E. A. Tamm	✓
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Crowl	
Mr. Dawsey	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Foxworth	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Lester	
Mr. McIntire	
Mr. Nichols	
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Mr. Tracy	
Miss Gandy	

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: R O C O L

On September 4, 1938, J. B. ATKINSON called the Oklahoma City Division and requested that an Agent contact him on the morning of September 6, 1938, at Kaw, Oklahoma under the pretext of questioning him concerning some alleged violation.

On September 6, 1938, Agent HOOD attempted to locate ATKINSON without success. However, it was determined that ATKINSON had been acting as foreman on the ranch of GUSSIE THOMPSON, a widow, for about nine years and, according to rumors, they have been living together. ATKINSON had previously asked that he not be questioned concerning ROE and COLE in the presence of MRS. THOMPSON or any other person, and it was thought that it was for this reason he requested that he be contacted under the pretext of being investigated.

Agent HOOD finally located ATKINSON and MRS. THOMPSON together and, according to his request, they were advised that Agent desired to question ATKINSON concerning a violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act. Agent and ATKINSON drove to a side road near KAW where ATKINSON stated that he planned to leave for Corpus Christi, Texas immediately in order to contact HAZEL UNDERHILL as he had a definite appointment to meet her Monday, September 12, 1938. He also stated that he planned to go into Old Mexico near Monterrey in an effort to determine if ROE and COLE were in that vicinity, stating that he had received information that ROE and COLE had crossed the border near Monterrey. He also said that he had numerous contacts in the Rio Grande Valley near McAllen, Texas and Monterrey, Mexico and could definitely determine if they had been in that vicinity. He had also heard that Roe had contacted JEAN DAVIS, wife of ED DAVIS, presently an inmate at Alcatraz. He refused to divulge the source of his information but considered it reliable. He did not think that Subjects had been in contact with HAZEL UNDERHILL and was sure that she would give him any information she possessed, stating he thought he was her best friend. ATKINSON did not possess any further information than that furnished Agent FRANK SMITH.

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ATKINSON asked that the Bureau furnish him with \$75.00 to make this trip and when advised that it would require Bureau authority he stated that he would make the trip on his own money as he had to get to Corpus Christi immediately to keep his appointment with HAZEL UNDERHILL.

ATKINSON then stated that it would be necessary for Agent to act as if he, ATKINSON, had been arrested in order that he could get away from MRS. THOMPSON without arousing her suspicions during the two or three weeks he might be in Texas. Agent advised him that the Bureau would not be a party to such procedure after talking with Special Agent in Charge FLETCHER. ATKINSON said that he was sure that MRS. THOMPSON would not try to locate him and he could not think of any way in which he might be able to get away from MRS. THOMPSON. When Agent again refused to do as he desired, he stated that he would walk off or tell her that he wanted to get away on account of the alleged violation, as he planned to dissolve partnership agreements with MRS. THOMPSON. He stated that he would advise Agent if and when he left.

From the conversation with ATKINSON, it appeared as if he was merely wanting to get away from MRS. THOMPSON for a personal escapade and wished the Bureau to furnish him with money as well as a way of getting away from MRS. THOMPSON without arousing her suspicions as to the real reason for his departure. It will be noted that information received from JOE GHORMLEY indicates that ATKINSON formerly lived along the border where he was engaged in smuggling activities and it is possible that he contemplates some criminal activity while he is gone.

On September 8, 1938, ATKINSON called at this office where he was interviewed by HOOD and SMITH, at which time he stated that he merely walked off from MRS. THOMPSON without revealing his reasons. He stated that he would leave Oklahoma City by train on the afternoon of the 8th or 9th of September and would proceed to Corpus Christi where he expected contacting HAZEL UNDERHILL for information. He was requested to maintain contact with the San Antonio office but said that he did not desire to do this as he would rather keep Agents HOOD and SMITH advised of developments by letter. He then mentioned that he expected to go to McAllen, Texas and Monterrey, Mexico, stating that he expected to take a gun across the border and requested information if the Bureau would assist him if he should get into trouble. He was advised by both Agents SMITH and HOOD that the Bureau would not assist him if he engaged in any criminal

activity, however minor, and that if he did get into any trouble that he need not call upon the Bureau or any Agent for assistance. He then stated that he understood this and that he would not do anything of a criminal nature. It was also explained to him that he could not hope for any reimbursement from the Bureau unless he furnished the information that would lead to the apprehension of Subjects.

On September 8, 1938, JAKE SIMS, Chief of Police, Seminole, Oklahoma, called at the Oklahoma City Office, where he reported to Special Agents SMITH and HOOD concerning the activities of RAY "TANGLE-EYES" HALL, an informant who recently made a trip to Texas to contact HAZEL UNDERHILL. HALL is an informant of SIMS. SIMS stated that HALL told him that several months ago HAZEL UNDERHILL received an unsigned postcard, postmarked Englewood Station, Chicago, which stated that the writer would see her within a few days. HAZEL told HALL that this card was in the handwriting of ROE. However, she told HALL that no one had shown up and she had never heard from ROE. It is HALL's idea that HERB FARMER can furnish more information than any other person and that FARMER is presently in Dallas, Texas. SIMS thinks that HALL will contact FARMER and can get some information. SIMS will bring HALL to FRANK SMITH's home on Sunday, September 11, 1938, for interview. SIMS desires to go with HALL and an Agent, preferably AGENT SMITH, to Dallas to see FARMER. He stated that HALL would not report to any person other than SMITH or HOOD and then through SIMS.

According to SIMS, FARMER told HALL that BATES and KELLY arranged the escape and then made arrangements for ROE and COLE to cool off with their friends in Chicago until they could aid BATES and KELLY in their escape in the same manner.

Very truly yours,



H. B. FLETCHER
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

202 United States Court House
El Paso, Texas

September 12, 1938

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Postmaster
United States Post Office
Odessa, Texas

Dear Sir:

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this Bureau to locate Ralph Roe, with aliases, and Theodore Cole, with aliases, escaped Federal prisoners, wanted notices on whom I am attaching hereto, it is desired that the mail of James Roe, a brother of Ralph Roe, who is now receiving his mail at box 1478, Odessa, Texas, be watched.

It will be appreciated, therefore, if you will furnish this office with tracings of the addresses, return addresses, post marks, and other matter appearing on the outside of all mail received by James Roe through your post office.

Inasmuch as this is a very important case, it is requested that this cover be continued until further notice.

Very truly yours,

R. J. UNTRENER
Special Agent in Charge

RJH:ek
75-471
cc Bureau
San Francisco
Oklahoma City

Re: RALPH ROE, w.a., FUG. I.O. #1472; et al
Escaped Federal Prisoners

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United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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August 25, 1938.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN.

Re: Rocol

It is reported for the attention of the Investigative Unit that although two examiners reached a conclusion of non-identity, the third examiner reported that he was unable to reach any conclusion following a comparison of the specimen listed below and received in the laboratory on August 12, 1938 from the Butte Field Division:

76-2686-444 Q24. Hotel registration sheet of hotel in Victor, Idaho, bearing the signature "Delhs Oerms, Roseau, Minnesota", under date of December 22, 1937.

Mr. Miller, the #1 examiner, and Mr. Major, associate examiner, report that the handwriting on specimen Q24 is not identical with the known writing of Subject Ralph Roe, whose writing has previously been listed as specimen K1.

Mr. Conrad, additional associate examiner, reports that he is unable to reach a conclusion following this comparison because of the limited amount of writing present.

In accordance with existing instructions no report on this examination has been furnished directly to the field and the information is being referred to the Investigative Unit for its action and in order that it may submit such information to the field as may be considered desirable.

As requested, specimen Q24 is being returned to the Butte Field Division by separate letter.

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Respectfully,

E. P. Coffey.

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Special Agent in Charge
Butte, Montana

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 August 8, 1938, transmitting to the Technical Laboratory specimens of handwriting to be compared with the handwriting of fugitive Ralph Roe.

The specimen of handwriting transmitted by your office, being a hotel registration sheet of the hotel in Victor, Idaho, bearing the signature "Delia Gorme, Roseau, Minnesota," dated December 22, 1937, has been designated in the laboratory as Specimen Q24 in this case.

Two of the handwriting examiners upon comparing this handwriting specimen with the known handwriting of subject Ralph Roe reached the conclusion that Specimen Q24 was not identical with the known writing.

A third handwriting examiner was unable to reach a conclusion following his comparison because of the limited amount of writing present.

The above information is being furnished for your confidential use in conducting further investigation in this case and should not be furnished to any persons outside of the Bureau.

In accordance with your request, Specimen Q24 has been returned to your office under separate cover.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc Oklahoma

Mr. Tolson _____
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **76-313**

REPORT MADE AT Chicago, Ill.	DATE WHEN MADE 9-15-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8-23-38	REPORT MADE BY E. C. WENIG
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>EDWARD JOHN GILLIES, former inmate of Alcatraz Penitentiary, now residing in New Orleans, Louisiana. He can be contacted through his sister-in-law MRS. M. J. GILLIES, 3624 General Pershing Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">R.U.C.</p> <p>REFERENCE:</p> <p>Report of Special Agent EUGENE X. HUMPHREY, Indianapolis, Indiana, dated 8-17-38.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p>AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS</p> <p>At 3232 N. Karlov Avenue, J. B. GILLIES was contacted with reference to the whereabouts of EDWARD JOHN GILLIES, his brother, who as EDWARD ROWLAND No. 154-AZ was released from Alcatraz Penitentiary on April 1, 1937. The report of Special Agent M. E. GURNEA, San Francisco, California dated 12-28-37, sets out a lead for the purpose of having EDWARD JOHN GILLIES interviewed for any information he may have which pertains to the escape of the two subjects in this case. A copy of Agent GURNEA'S report was furnished each field office.</p> <p>J. B. GILLIES advised that approximately two weeks ago, he had received a postal card from his sister-in-law, MRS. M.J. GILLIES, 3624 General Pershing Street, New Orleans, Louisiana; that by this postal card MR. GILLIES was informed that EDWARD JOHN GILLIES</p>			
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was then in New Orleans working on a W.F.A. job, and living somewhere on Rampart Street.

Several unsuccessful attempts have been made to contact EDWARD JOHN GILLIES, and therefore the name of the writer, as well as the telephone number of this office, was given to MR. J. B. GILLIES with the request that in the event he received any further information that EDWARD JOHN GILLIES had departed from New Orleans that he immediately contact this office and so advise. MR. GILLIES stated further that the party sought for interview by this Bureau is a broken man because of the sentence which he served at Alcatraz Penitentiary, and therefore he requested that when an agent of this Bureau contacts EDWARD JOHN GILLIES that this contact be made in a discreet manner in order that his employer will not learn that EDWARD JOHN GILLIES served a sentence at Alcatraz Penitentiary.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

The NEW ORLEANS OFFICE

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

At 3624 General Pershing Street, will contact MRS. M. J. GILLIES for the purpose of ascertaining the whereabouts of EDWARD JOHN GILLIES in order that he may be interviewed in keeping with the report of Special Agent M. E. GURNEA, San Francisco, California, dated December 28, 1937.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

FILE NO.

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REPORT MADE AT Peoria, Illinois	DATE WHEN MADE 9-20-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9-6, 13-38	REPORT MADE BY J. H. NICHOLSON
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:

DWIGHT OTIS PUGH resided at home of JOHN WATSON from June 1, to September 1, 1938, leaving for parts unknown. Mother of PUGH, Mrs. IDA ALLEN, unable to suggest where PUGH has gone. Search for COLE and ROE at Oakwood, Illinois, negative.

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REFERENCE:

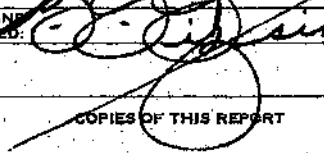
Report of Special Agent FRANK L. GRUBBS, Cleveland, 8-31-38.

DETAILS:

AT WESTVILLE, ILLINOIS

Miss EVELYN HOADOCK, Post Office Clerk, advised that she has no record of any DWIGHT OTIS PUGH residing in Westville, Illinois. She advised that JOHN WATSON resided on Rural Route #1, Westville, Illinois.

Upon inquiring at the home of JOHN WATSON, it was learned that he was out of town; however, it was learned that Mrs. IDA ALLEN, the mother of PUGH, was residing there temporarily. Mrs. ALLEN stated that her son, DWIGHT, was staying with her at the WATSON home from about June 1 to September 1, 1938, leaving on the latter date for parts unknown. She stated that her son is a wanderer and she does not know where he went, nor when he will return. She stated that there is not much likelihood of his writing to her or any of the relatives, as that has never been his custom. She stated that he goes off on unexplained trips alone for as many as five years at a time, and then shows up unexpectedly.

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After a lapse of a week's time, Agent again interviewed Mrs. ALLEN, this time at 914 North Collett Street, Danville, Illinois. She stated that she was staying there with a nephew, JOHN G. STEWART, but that she expected to leave that place in a short time to join her son, ORVILLE PUGH, when the latter finds employment in Chicago, Illinois. At the time of instant interview, she stated that she does not know where ORVILLE is living in Chicago, Illinois, as he had moved from his former residence and has not notified her where he may be reached.

She stated that when she returns to Chicago, she will write to JOHN WATSON, Westville, Illinois, and to JOHN G. STEWART, Danville, Illinois, advising them of her Chicago address.

Mrs. ALLEN could not suggest the name of any relative or friend with whom DWIGHT OTIS PUGH might correspond, but suggested that he will probably show up in a Veterans' Hospital somewhere in the United States before long.

It is being left to the discretion of the office of origin to consider placing a "stop notice" in the appropriate office of the Veterans' Administration so that it will be known if PUGH is confined at any Veterans' institution, in order that he may be interviewed there.

It is noted that on August 25, 1938, WILLIAM RYAN, United States Marshal, Danville, Illinois, advised reporting Agent that he learned from ROBERT MEADE, Deputy Sheriff of Vermilion County, that there were two or three strange men staying with a man named HALLIE COLE, in the country near Oakwood, Illinois, suggesting that, possibly, one of them may be THEODORE COLE, fugitive. Marshal RYAN had no cause to believe that COLE or ROE might be staying with HALLIE COLE, other than the identity of the surname "COLE".

Agent interviewed Deputy Sheriff ROBERT MEADE, who advised that he had learned from RICHARD SEYMOUR, Oakview, Illinois, that two strangers using the name of COLE were staying at the home of HALLIE COLE. MEADE had no further information, being unable to furnish descriptions or any other pertinent data.

AT OAKWOOD, ILLINOIS

Agent, accompanied by Constable IRA PETERS, of Oakwood, Illinois, interviewed RICHARD SEYMOUR and exhibited to him photographs of COLE and ROE. However, he could not identify them. He stated that the "strangers" about whom he had remarked casually are a couple of young men who look like HALLIE COLE; further, that he had paid them no

attention, and could not furnish any description of them, other than that they were young. He stated that, as far as he knows, the young men might be HALLIE COLE's sons.

Agent interviewed HALLIE COLE, Rural Route #1, who advised that he had no strangers associating with him. Agent exhibited to COLE photographs of COLE and ROE, and he stated that he has never seen anyone looking like either of the fugitives. He stated that he has two grown sons, aged 24 and 25, who might be referred to by SEYMOUR.

Constable PETERS verified the fact that COLE has two grown sons, and stated that HALLIE COLE is a person of excellent reputation, not the kind who would harbor criminals.

Review of the file in instant case reflects that neither COLE nor ROE has any relatives known to live in or near Oakwood, Illinois.

It appears that there is no basis for any suspicion that COLE and ROE are in or near Oakwood, Illinois; consequently, no further investigation was made.

- REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN -

EAT:JW

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

September 22, 1938

Time - 12:50 P. M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

Re: ROCOL

Agent R. T. Hood called me from Oklahoma City with reference to the letter from the Oklahoma City Office sent to the Bureau under date of September 18 which was in connection with the contact had with Chief of Police Jake Sims, of Seminole, Oklahoma, in regard to "Tangle Eyes" Hall. I was advised that Hall was again located late yesterday at Seminole where Hall advised as follows:

Hall stated that he is a very good friend of Ralph Roe, being a former cell-mate of his, and would not, under any circumstances, put the finger on Roe. However, Hall did ^{agree} to endeavor to determine definitely whether or not Roe and Cole made their escape from Alcatraz. Hall was of the opinion that these men are alive in this country; that he has no direct information; but that he talked to one Mickey ^{Carrie} who was advised by Herb Farmer that it was the latter's opinion that the escape was planned by Bailey and Bates and that Bates and Kelly arranged for these men a place of refuge where they could cool off.

Hall indicated that he believes the escape was successful, but stated that the one person who can furnish us with information as to whether they did in fact escape is Hazel Underhill. I pointed out that we have received similar information from other sources. Mr. Hood stated that Hall alleges he is a very good friend of Hazel Underhill and has helped her on number of occasions in the past; and that Hall is agreeable to contacting Hazel Underhill for the purpose of obtaining definite information that they did make good their escape.

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I was advised that the last definite information relative to the whereabouts of Hazel Underhill indicated that she was at Levelland, Texas; but that D. B. Atkinson, an individual who has been endeavoring to get on the informant payroll, came into the office with some very indefinite information which indicated that he had contacted Hazel Underhill at Corpus Christi, Texas. Mr. Hood was instructed to find out exactly where this woman is before permitting Hall to leave Seminole in an effort to contact her.

I was further advised that Informant Hall is a known outlaw, having had contacts with Roe and others, and that Hall refuses to work except through Chief Sims. I told Agent Hood that Chief Sims should not be permitted to accompany Hall and Agent Smith when they proceed to interview Hazel Underhill, due to the fact that the Bureau would be embarrassed in the event a major crime occurs in Seminole and the chief, not being there, explains that he was out of town doing some work for us. I suggested that, in view of Hall's attitude, Hall report directly to Chief Sims while down there or wait until he returns where he will be interviewed by an agent in Sims' presence. Mr. Hood said he would see that this is done as directed and will keep the Bureau advised.

E. TAMM

Central Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA
SEPTEMBER 21, 1938

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

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RE: R O C O L

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated September 2, 1938, (76-2686), expressing the desire that this office cause a complete and thorough review to be made of its file in this case, thereafter preparing a Summary Report.

Please be advised that Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD has been preparing a complete and thorough review of the file in this office and upon the completion of same will prepare a summary report as requested in your letter.

Very truly yours,

H. B. Fletcher
H. B. FLETCHER *RTH*
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA
SEPTEMBER 21, 1938

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: R O C O L

Reference is made to my letter dated September 9, 1938, regarding the activities of J. B. ATKINSON, who stated he was proceeding to Corpus Christi, Texas in an effort to contact HAZEL UNDERHILL for information concerning instant case.

On September 17, 1938, J. B. ATKINSON called at this office where he was interviewed by Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD. At that time ATKINSON stated that he had contacted HAZEL UNDERHILL but had been unable to obtain any definite information concerning Subjects, stating he did not have any opportunity to talk at length with her and was afraid to ask her any direct questions regarding instant case. However, he stated that during conversations had with HAZEL UNDERHILL she informed him that she and JEAN DAVIS, wife of ED DAVIS, presently an inmate at San Quentin, had been in contact with ROE and COLE but she did not furnish him any information as to where such contact was had. HAZEL UNDERHILL also advised ATKINSON that ROE had obtained and sold the bonds alleged to have been in the possession of his brother, RAYMOND ROE, in Kansas, but that ROE did not furnish her with any of the proceeds from this sale. She also advised ATKINSON that ROE and COLE had been jumped by the law in the East but she did not elucidate on this.

ATKINSON stated that in his opinion ROE and COLE made their escape from Alcatraz and are presently hiding somewhere in the East but he had no idea as to where they might be located.

ATKINSON further advised Agent HOOD that he did not proceed to Old Mexico in order to verify his information that ROE and COLE had crossed the border as the person he hoped to contact, but whose name he would not furnish, was not in that vicinity at this time.

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ATKINSON was very reticent concerning his contact with HAZEL UNDERHILL and he did not appear to desire to furnish any information concerning the same. He stated he was proceeding to Kaw, Oklahoma, but that he thought that if he had sufficient time to contact and hang around HAZEL UNDERHILL he would be able to obtain definite information from her regarding the present whereabouts of Subject.

He was questioned as to the manner in which he would do this, whereupon he stated that he could only hope to obtain information by being around HAZEL UNDERHILL with the expectation that she would talk freely. He stated he would never specifically ask her anything regarding ROE and COLE. He also stated that before he could do this it would be necessary for the Government to pay his expenses to Texas, as well as pay his expenses during the time he was in contact with her. However, he said that he would attempt to obtain a job, and if his job did not interfere with his associations with HAZEL UNDERHILL he would not expect further remuneration from this Bureau. He was very doubtful as to the amount of money required to meet his expenses in such a matter but finally stated he thought \$35.00 a week would be right.

During this interview, as in other interviews with ATKINSON, he did not appear to be wholly reliable. It is doubtful if the information furnished by him is true though it will be noted that he is alleged to be a very close confidant of HAZEL UNDERHILL. As noted in previous correspondence regarding ATKINSON, information has been obtained that he formerly engaged in smuggling activities on the Mexican border and from his conversation, as reported in reference letter, it appears that he would like to return to the Mexican border for personal reasons.

No further contact will be had with ATKINSON regarding his plan to associate with HAZEL UNDERHILL while being paid by the Bureau until advised by you.

Very truly yours,

H. B. Fletcher
H. B. FLETCHER psh
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

*Don't waste time
or money with
this punk.*
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*EW
9/26/38*

September 27, 1938

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AIR MAIL
SPECIAL DELIVERY

Special Agent in Charge
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Re: ROCOL

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of September 21, 1938, concerning informant J. B. Atkinson.

You are advised that the Bureau does not desire that Atkinson be advanced any further money to act in the capacity of an informant in this case. However, he should be informed that in the event he furnishes information to an Agent of this Bureau resulting in the apprehension of either Roe or Cole, he will be paid a suitable sum of money.

Very truly yours,
For the Director

Harold Nathan
Assistant Director

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Nathan _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Crowl _____
Mr. Egan _____
Mr. Foxworth _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Harbo _____
Mr. Lester _____
Mr. McIntire _____
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Mr. Tracy _____
Miss Gandy _____

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SEPTEMBER 23, 1938

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U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
224 FEDERAL BUILDING
OKLAHOMA CITY OKLAHOMA

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ROCOL AS YET UNABLE DETERMINE PRESENT WHEREABOUTS HAZEL UNDERHILL OF

ODESSA TEXAS WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TOMORROW AND ADVISE BY TOMORROW NIGHT

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POSTAL TELEGRAPH-CABLE COMPANY

TRANSMITS AND DELIVERS THE WITHIN MESSAGE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

To guard against mistakes or delays, the sender of a message should order it REPEATED; that is, telegraphed back to the originating office for comparison. For this, one-half the unrepeat message rate is charged in addition. Unless otherwise indicated on its face, THIS IS AN UNREPEATED MESSAGE AND PAID FOR AS SUCH, in consideration whereof it is agreed between the sender of the message and this Company as follows:

1. The Company shall not be liable for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the UNREPEATED MESSAGE rate, whether caused by the negligence of its servants or otherwise, beyond the sum of FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS; nor for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery of any message received for transmission at the REPEATED MESSAGE rate, beyond the sum of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS; nor for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the SPECIALLY VALUED MESSAGE rate, beyond the sum at which such message shall be valued, in writing, by the sender thereof when tendered for transmission and for which payment is made or agreed to be made of the amount of the repeated-message rate and an additional charge equal to one-tenth of one per cent of the amount by which such written valuation shall exceed five thousand dollars; nor in any case for delays arising from unavoidable interruption in the working of its lines, or for errors in cipher or obscure messages.

2. The Company is hereby made the agent of the sender, without liability, to forward this message over the lines of any other company or by any other means of communication when necessary to reach its destination.

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

4. No responsibility attaches to this Company concerning messages until the same are accepted at one of its transmitting offices; and if a message is sent to such office by one of the Company's messengers, he acts for that purpose as the agent of the sender.

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

6. It is agreed that prompt and correct transmission and delivery of this message shall be presumed in any action for recovery of tolls thereon; subject however, to rebuttal by competent evidence.

7. Special terms governing the transmission of messages under the classes of messages enumerated below shall apply to messages in each of such respective classes in addition to all foregoing terms.

8. NO EMPLOYEE OF THIS COMPANY IS AUTHORIZED TO VARY THE FOREGOING.

POSTAL TELEGRAPH-CABLE COMPANY

CLARENCE H. MACKAY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

A. H. GRISWOLD, EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT

CLASSES OF SERVICE

DOMESTIC MESSAGES

FAST TELEGRAMS. A full-rate expedited service.

DAY LETTERS. A deferred day service at rates lower than the fast telegram rate. One and one-half times the Night Letter rate for the transmission of 50 words or less, and one-fifth of the initial rate for each additional 10 words or less.

SPECIAL TERMS APPLYING TO DAY LETTERS. In further consideration of the reduced rate for this special "Day Letter" service, the following special terms in addition to those enumerated above are hereby agreed to:

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

(b) This Day Letter is received subject to the express understanding and agreement that the Company does not undertake that a Day Letter shall be delivered on the day of its date absolutely and at all events; but that the Company's obligation in this respect is subject to the condition that there shall remain sufficient time for the transmission and delivery of such Day Letter on the day of its date during regular office hours, subject to the priority of the transmission of full rate telegrams under the conditions named above.

NIGHT MESSAGES. Accepted up to 2.00 a. m. at reduced rates to be sent during the night and delivered not earlier than the morning of the ensuing business day. Night messages may at the option of the Telegraph Company be mailed at destination to the addressees, and the Company shall be deemed to have discharged its obligation in such cases with respect to delivery by mailing such Night Messages at destination, postage prepaid.

NIGHT LETTERS. Accepted up to 2.00 a. m. for delivery on the morning of the ensuing business day, at rates still lower than night message rates, as follows: The fast telegram rate for 40 words shall be charged for the transmission of 50 words or less, and one-fifth of such rate for 10 words shall be charged for each additional 10 words or less.

SPECIAL TERMS APPLYING TO NIGHT LETTERS. In further consideration of the reduced rate for this special "Night Letter" service, the following special terms in addition to those enumerated above are hereby agreed to:

(a) Night Letters may at the option of the Telegraph Company be mailed at destination to the addressees, and the Company shall be deemed to have discharged its obligation in such cases with respect to delivery by mailing such Night Letters at destination, postage prepaid.

CABLE MESSAGES

FULL RATE MESSAGES receive regular and prompt service in their order of filing. Code language permitted.

DEFERRED RATE MESSAGES at one-half of the full rate to follow full rate messages. Must be in plain language of country of origin; or of destination, or in French. Full particulars as to countries where this class of service is effective will be furnished upon application to any Postal Telegraph office.

NIGHT CABLE LETTERS at reduced rates. Must be in plain language of country of origin, or of destination, or in French where transmitted by telegraph to destination. Subordinated to the priority of transmission of full and deferred rate messages. May be posted, when sender so directs, to countries where this service is not available, at tariffs to countries from which such messages are posted. Under latter circumstances, messages must contain complete mailing address including chargeable posting instructions (i. e., "Per London," etc.). Minimum word basis of twenty to twenty-five words applied. Code addresses may be used except for messages delivered by post. Figures explained by text admitted. Indicator "NLT" required and charged for as one word. For further particulars apply to any Postal Telegraph office.

NO EMPLOYEE OF THIS COMPANY IS AUTHORIZED TO VARY THE FOREGOING.

CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED	
DOMESTIC	CABLE
TELEGRAM	FULL RATE
DAY LETTER	DEFERRED
NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT LETTER
NIGHT LETTER	SHIP RADIOGRAM

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

R. B. WHITE
PRESIDENT

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CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

J. C. WILLEVER
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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R. J. UNTREINER
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
202 U. S. COURT HOUSE
EL PASO, TEXAS

ROCOL DISCREETLY DETERMINE PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF HAZEL UNDERHILL
LAST ADDRESS ONE ELEVEN WEST OLIVE STREET, ODESSA, TEXAS, AS OF
JULY LAST. EXPEDITE.

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WESTERN UNION GIFT ORDERS ARE APPROPRIATE GIFTS FOR ALL OCCASIONS

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

To guard against mistakes or delays, the sender of a message should order it repeated, that is, telegraphed back to the originating office for comparison. For this, one-half the unrepeatable message rate is charged in addition. Unless otherwise indicated on its face, this is an unrepeatable message and paid for as such, in consideration whereof it is agreed between the sender of the message and this company as follows:

1. The company shall not be liable for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the unrepeatable message rate beyond the sum of five hundred dollars; nor for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the repeated-message rate beyond the sum of five thousand dollars, unless specially valued; nor in any case for delays arising from unavoidable interruption in the working of its lines; nor for errors in cipher or obscure messages.
2. In any event the company shall not be liable for damages for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for the non-delivery, of any message whether caused by the negligence of its servants or otherwise, beyond the sum of five thousand dollars, at which amount each message is deemed to be valued, unless a greater value is stated in writing by the sender thereof at the time the message is tendered for transmission, and unless the repeated-message rate is paid or agreed to be paid, and an additional charge equal to one-tenth of one percent of the amount by which such valuation shall exceed five thousand dollars.
3. The company is hereby made the agent of the sender, without liability, to forward this message over the lines of any other company when necessary to reach its destination.
4. Domestic messages and incoming cable messages will be delivered free within one-half mile of the company's office in towns of 5,000 population or less, and within one mile of such office in other cities or towns. Beyond these limits the company does not undertake to make delivery, but will, without liability, at the sender's request, as his agent and at his expense, endeavor to contract for him for such delivery at a reasonable price.
5. No responsibility attaches to this company concerning messages until the same are accepted at one of its transmitting offices; and if a message is sent to such office by one of the company's messengers, he acts for that purpose as the agent of the sender.
6. The company will not be liable for damages or statutory penalties in any case where the claim is not presented in writing within sixty days after the message is filed with the company for transmission.
7. It is agreed that in any action by the company to recover the tolls for any message or messages the prompt and correct transmission and delivery thereof shall be presumed, subject to rebuttal by competent evidence.
8. Special terms governing the transmission of messages according to their classes, as enumerated below, shall apply to messages in each of such respective classes in addition to all the foregoing terms.
9. No employee of the company is authorized to vary the foregoing.

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY
INCORPORATED
R. B. WHITE, PRESIDENT

CLASSES OF SERVICE

TELEGRAMS

A full-rate expedited service.

NIGHT MESSAGES

Accepted up to 2:00 A.M. at reduced rates to be sent during the night and delivered not earlier than the morning of the ensuing business day.

Night Messages may at the option of the Telegraph Company be mailed at destination to the addressees, and the Company shall be deemed to have discharged its obligation in such cases with respect to delivery by mailing such night messages at destination, postage prepaid.

DAY LETTERS

A deferred day service at rates lower than the standard telegram rates as follows: One and one-half times the standard night letter rate for the transmission of 50 words or less and one-fifth of the initial rates for each additional 10 words or less.

SPECIAL TERMS APPLYING TO DAY LETTERS:

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

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

B. This Day Letter is received subject to the express understanding and agreement that the Company does not undertake that a Day Letter shall be delivered on the day of its date absolutely, and at all events; but that the Company's obligation in this respect is subject to the condition that there shall remain sufficient time for the transmission and delivery of such Day Letter on the day of its date during regular office hours, subject to the priority of the transmission of regular telegrams under the conditions named above.

NIGHT LETTERS

Accepted up to 2:00 A.M. for delivery on the morning of the ensuing business day, at rates still lower than standard night message rates, as follows: The standard telegram rate for 10 words shall be charged for the transmission of 50 words or less, and one-fifth of such standard telegram rate for 10 words shall be charged for each additional 10 words or less.

SPECIAL TERMS APPLYING TO NIGHT LETTERS:

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

Night Letters may at the option of the Telegraph Company be mailed at destination to the addressees, and the Company shall be deemed to have discharged its obligation in such cases with respect to delivery by mailing such Night Letters at destination, postage prepaid.

FULL RATE CABLES

An expedited service throughout. Code language permitted.

DEFERRED HALF-RATE CABLES

Half-rate messages are subject to being deferred in favor of full rate messages for not exceeding 24 hours. Must be written in plain language.

CABLE NIGHT LETTERS

An overnight service for plain language communications, at one-third the full rate, or less. Minimum of 25 words charged for. Subject to delivery at the convenience of the Company within 24 hours.

SHIP RADIOGRAMS

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

CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED

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

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EL PASO, TEXAS, SEPT. 24, 1938

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by
H. B. FLETCHER
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U S DEPT OF JUSTICE
224 FEDERAL BLDG.
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

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ROCOL INVESTIGATION BY TEXAS HIGHWAY PATROL SHOWS HAZEL UNDERHILL AND ANOTHER GIRL STAYED AT ONE ELEVEN WEST OLIVE STREET ODESSA TEXAS FOR ONE WEEK DURING JULY. THEIR PRESENT WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN AT ODESSA AS WELL AS IDENTITY OTHER GIRL. WILL HAVE AGENT RECHECK AND IF FURTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE WILL ADVISE.

UNTREINER.

76-2686 -

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

FBI DALLAS TEXAS SEPTEMBER 28, 1938 3- PM KB

SACS OKLAHOMA CITY and EL PASO

ROCOL. REFERENCE REPORT A. W. MILLER, DALLAS, TEXAS, MAY
FIRST, NINETEEN THIRTY EIGHT. RECORDS POST OFFICE LEVELLAND,
TEXAS, REFLECT FORWARDING ADDRESS MAY NINTH, LAST, to ODESSA,
TEXAS, NO STREET ADDRESS SHOWN, FOR FOLLOWING, MARVIN CONNOR,
HAZEL CONNOR, JAUNITA CONNOR, JEAN DAVIS, EDWARD DAVIS, LOMA
DAVIS AND LAVONA HUDSON. DOCTOR C. R. JOHNSTON ADVISES LAVONA
HUDSON IS YOUNGEST DAUGHTER OF HAZEL CONNOR AND THAT JAUNITA
CONNOR IS SUPPOSED TO BE SISTER OF MARVIN CONNOR, ALTHOUGH HE
DOUBTS RELATIONSHIP. DOCTOR JOHNSTON FURTHER ADVISES THAT
O. C. HALES, FOREMAN FOR E. FOGELSSON. OIL WELL DRILLING COMPANY,
PRESENTLY LOCATED AT ODESSA, TEXAS, MOVED ABOVE NAMED PARTIES
FROM LEVELLAND, PRESUMABLY TO ODESSA. FURTHER THAT HALES
APPARENTLY HAS PERSONAL INTEREST IN THEM. HE HAS KEPT COMPANY
WITH JAUNITA CONNOR AND CAN GIVE INFORMATION REGARDING THEIR
PRESENT WHEREABOUTS, ALTHOUGH PROBABLY WOULD NOT KEEP IN
CONFIDENCE ANY INQUIRIES. MRS. ELLIS, APARTMENT OWNER,
LEVELLAND ADVISED SHE NEVER HEARD OF NAME OF HAZEL UNDERHILL
BUT WOMAN NAMED HAZEL CONNOR AND HER ASSOCIATES, NAMED ABOVE,
WERE MOVED BY O. C. HALES FROM LEVELLAND TO MONAHANS, TEXAS

Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

IN MAY AND THAT THEY HAVE NO RETURNED TO LEVELLAND SINCE.
SHE STATES MARVIN CONNOR WAS TO DO SOME WORK FOR HALES AT
MONAHANS. EL PASO SHOULD IMMEDIATELY DISCREETLY ASCERTAIN
THE WHEREABOUTS OF HAZEL UNDERHILL AND ADVISE OKLAHOMA CITY.

CONROY

END

ACK.

OKLAHOMA CITY

EL PASO

EEC-kb

cc-Bureau.

Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

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Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY

FILE NO. 76-95

REPORT MADE AT DENVER	DATE WHEN MADE 9-20-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9-7-38	REPORT MADE BY D. G. SPENCER
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TITLE

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

CHARACTER OF CASE

FUGITIVE FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Two unknown individuals stopped at Delta, Colo., about 8-15-38 under suspicious circumstances, thought by Mrs. T. J. REARDON to be THEODORE COLE and RALPH ROE, but upon being shown photographs of COLE and ROE, Mrs. REARDON stated they were not the same individuals.

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DETAILS:

On August 2, 1938, the United States Marshal at Denver, Colorado, requested the Denver Office to send photographs of THEODORE COLE and RALPH ROE to Sheriff RAY R. LOCKHART, and on the same date copies of the Identification Orders issued by the Bureau on these two fugitives were mailed to the Sheriff.

AT DELTA, COLORADO:

In the absence of Sheriff LOCKHART, who was in Denver on September 7, 1938, Undersheriff E. A. PITTSER was interviewed in regard to this matter and advised that about August 15, 1938, a man came to the home of Mrs. T. J. REARDON on Dodge Street near the corner of Fifth Avenue and asked to rent a room. The next night another man joined them and the only thing they told Mrs. REARDON was that one of them was from Los Angeles, California, and that the other was from San Francisco, California. Because of this fact, Mrs. REARDON became suspicious and telephoned the Sheriff's Office at 3:00 o'clock one Sunday morning, but when officers arrived at her house, the men had disappeared and were never again seen. Mrs. REARDON explained that they had brought no baggage and had cashed some checks which later proved to be good checks and had also paid their rent in full.

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W. L. Listerman SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Undersheriff PITTSER put out pickups on the men with all surrounding sheriffs, with negative results. He advised that upon receipt of the pictures of COLE and ROE, they were exhibited to Mrs. REARDON, who failed to identify them. He explained that she thought the men at her house might be the two fugitives from Alcatraz Prison as both were from California.

In addition, Mrs. REARDON was shown all photographs at the Sheriff's Office, including recent identification orders and wanted circulars of the Bureau, but could not identify the two men.

One of the men was supposed to have worked at the local canning factory, but LLOYD WILHELM, an official, could not identify him.

These men did not give any names to Mrs. REARDON, and their names are unknown to Undersheriff PITTSER. HE also advised that Mrs. REARDON was not capable of furnishing any descriptions of the men.

In conclusion, Undersheriff PITTSER stated they had definitely been eliminated as being identical with THEODORE COLE or RALPH ROE.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

202 United States Courthouse
El Paso, Texas
September 22, 1938

Mr. Frank J. Warner, Postmaster,
Las Vegas, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this Bureau, I am desirous of having a thirty day cover placed on all first class mail received by Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Noel, P. O. Box 615.

Tracings obtained from this mail cover should be forwarded to this office, making reference to file #76-282.

Your co-operation will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

R. J. Untreiner,
Special Agent in Charge.

RJU jcd
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RE: RALPH ROE, w.e., FUGITIVE IO 1472
et al; ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.

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202 United States Courthouse
El Paso, Texas
September 22, 1938

Mr. Frank J. Wagner, Postmaster,
Las Vegas, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this Bureau, I am desirous of having a thirty day cover placed on all first class mail received by Mrs. Sadie Dye, 521 Douglas Street, in your city.

Tracings obtained from this mail cover should be forwarded to this office, making reference to file #76-282.

Your co-operation will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

R. J. Untreiner,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Re: RALPH ROE, w.a., Fugitive, IO 1472;
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

September 24, 1938

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

Dear Sir:

RE: ROCOL.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent E. F. EMRICH, dated at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma September 24, 1938 in the above-entitled case.

Your attention is invited to the information contained in this report to the effect that one JACK "FATS" MILES, an ex-convict from Leavenworth Penitentiary, is presently engaged in smuggling in narcotics from old Mexico into the United States.

Through a Mr. GEORGE H. SMITH, formerly undersheriff at Fort Smith, Arkansas and presently engaged in certain undercover investigations at Tulsa, Oklahoma, it was learned that MILES had visited Tulsa, Oklahoma for the purpose of consummating a transaction with ORVILLE THOMAS, a known bootlegger in that city, and one CLARENCE SMITH who operates a tourist camp just west of Sand Springs, Oklahoma, whereby a large number of cans of morphine would be smuggled in from old Mexico and delivered to SMITH at his camp. It might be mentioned that SMITH is believed to handle approximately fifteen cans of morphine each week, and MILES was making an arrangement with him whereby he would deliver to him a large order of that narcotic in the near future. It was further learned through GEORGE H. SMITH that MILES allegedly is able to purchase these cans of morphine from old Mexico for approximately \$16.00 per can and that he receives delivery at a point about ten miles north of Roswell, New Mexico, this being the place that MILES uses as his headquarters for these activities.

As Mr. SMITH mentioned to this Agent that he has not very much confidence in Narcotic Agent HAROLD WHITELEY at Tulsa, Oklahoma or ROY BRIDGESS at Oklahoma City, he will not turn this information over to them or assist them in developing same, and he requested that he would prefer that this Division not take any action in referring the information to either of these Narcotic Agents. He stated, however, he would have absolutely no objection if this Bureau would turn over the substance of the information to Mr. ANSLINGER of the Narcotic Bureau in

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Washington, D. C., who, if he believes same of sufficient merit, would send another Agent to contact him. Mr. SMITH stated that he could be contacted at his residence, 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ West Brady, Tulsa, Oklahoma, or by telephoning him at Tulsa, phone 2-1046.

Very truly yours,

H. B. Fletcher
H. B. Fletcher, RSH
Special Agent in Charge.

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

FILE NO. **76-282**

REPORT MADE AT EL PASO, TEXAS	DATE WHEN MADE 9-22-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/19, 29, 30/38 9/1, 13/14/38	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:

Investigation Odessa and Midland, Texas, unproductive whereabouts COLE. Information received that MRS. CECIL NOEL, former wife of RALPH ROE, possibly was communicating with him through T. D. MOSS and MRS. SADIE DYE, Las Vegas, N.M. Mrs DYE denies acting as intermediary in receiving mail for MRS. NOEL. Investigation reflects that MOSS did not receive mail for MRS. NOEL. Covers placed on mail of Mr. and Mrs. CECIL NOEL and Mrs. SADIE DYE, at Las Vegas Post Office.

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REFERENCE: Letter from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 8-9-38.

DETAILS: The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent R. H. HALLERBERG:

AT ODESSA, TEXAS

MRS. FAIRY E. THOMASON advised Agent that she is the person who wrote the letter to the Bureau in which it was stated that a person resembling COLE was seen in Odessa.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>R. J. [Signature]</i> COPIES OF THIS REPORT 3-Bureau 2-Oklahoma City 2-San Francisco 2-Dallas 2-El Paso	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES 76-2686-484 SEP 27 1938 COPIES DESTROYED 51 SEP 9 1966 FUG. SLIP STAT. SECT.	
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The exact date could not be remembered by MRS. THOMASON, however, she thought it was on or about August 5, 1938. Having purchased a True Detective Magazine only a few days previous, she noticed the "Line Up" section which shows COLE'S picture and gives his description. She stated that she saw a person who fit the description given, and paid particular attention to the scars and facial characteristics. This person was seen loafing around the streets in Odessa and a few days later, when Mrs. THOMASON desired to make a closer observation of this person, she could not locate him.

On or about August 11, 1938, Mrs. THOMASON was in Midland, Texas, on business and while passing the Scharbauer Hotel in Midland, she saw this same person watching the construction work being done on the new First National Bank Building, which is adjoining the Scharbauer Hotel. At this time she endeavored to get close to him in order to see the scars more plainly and as she did so, this person noticed her close observation and left the scene very hurriedly. This was the last time the person resembling COLE was seen by MRS. THOMASON. She stated that this person was dressed in a light colored shirt, dark trousers, light colored dress hat, and brown shoes and socks. He was also wearing a white gauze bandage over his right eye which in the opinion of Mrs. THOMASON looked like he had an infection and was having it treated by a physician.

Mrs. THOMASON was interviewed again on 8-29-38 at which time she stated that she had not seen or heard anymore about the person resembling COLE. She was requested to notify the Sheriff's Office immediately if this person is seen again in Odessa and she stated that she would do this. The Sheriff's Office was notified concerning what MRS. THOMASON said and Sheriff REEDER WEEKS stated that, in the event he receives any information concerning this person, he would investigate the matter promptly, and notify the El Paso Office.

JAMES ROE, presently employed by the International Supply Company, stated that on 8-21-38 he was in Hayes, Kansas, and visited his brother RAY, at which time the subject of RALPH'S escape was discussed. JAMES ROE stated that neither he nor RAY have had any information concerning RALPH since the report came out that he escaped. He did not know whether the escape was successful or not stating that he doubted very much that RALPH would get in touch with any of his relatives in the event he was successful in escaping because there was nothing that they could do from him except possibly send him some money and JAMES did not think RALPH would get money that way if he needed any.

When asked whether he would co-operate with the Bureau in the event any information was received regarding RALPH, JAMES stated that he did not wish to say one way or the other because he did not know how he would feel in the event he did hear from his brother, and that he doubted very much that he would say anything about it.

JAMES ROE, requested in the event further interviews are held with him, that the Agent will contact him while he is alone. This for the reason that he is trying to go "straight" and any mention of his past record to any of his fellow employees will result in his losing his present position which is bookkeeper for the above concern. This request was also made by JOHN PRICE, clerk at the Wink, Texas, office of the International Supply Company, who got him the present job.

AT MIDLAND, TEXAS

Agent interviewed the following doctors with negative results:

DR. WILLIAM M. SMITH, Thomas Bldg.,
DR. JOHN B. THOMAS, Thomas Bldg.,
DR. JAMES M. DEVEREUX, Thomas Bldg.,
DR. JAMES H. CHAPPLE, Petroleum Bldg.,
DR. L. WALDO LEGGETT, Petroleum Bldg.,
DR. ANDREW J. COOPER, First National Bank Bldg.

In the absence of DR. MORGAN, Agent interviewed Miss ELIZABETH WOLCOTT, nurse, who stated that she had never seen anyone resembling COLE in the Doctor's office. DR. W. E. RYAN was also out of town and Miss ETHEL LONG, nurse, stated that no one resembling COLE had been treated by DR. RYAN for any illness whatsoever.

DR. TOM C. BOBO, Petroleum Bldg., stated that he remembered seeing a person wearing a white gauze bandage over his right eye, and to the best of his recollection this party was watching the work being done around the new First National Bank Building on or about 8-25-38. He stated, however, that he would not care to say that the person he saw resembled COLE in any way. DR. BOBO referred Agent to DR. W. C. WHITEHOUSE who stated that the only injury he had treated on anyone who resembled somewhat subject COLE was a young man by the name of H. L. LINER who hurt his back while working on the construction of the new National Bank Building. This case was handled by him on 6-14-38. DR. WHITEHOUSE further stated that in his opinion nothing was wrong with LINER, who later went to DR. ANDREW J. COOPER for treatment. It is to be noted that DR. COOPER stated that no one resembling COLE had been treated by him in the past six months, which was as far back as he could remember.

Inquiry made at the R. F. BALL CONSTRUCTION CO., temporary office located beside the new First National Bank Building, resulted in W. H. SOUTHWELL, foreman, searching his records concerning HOWARD LEE LINER. SOUTHWELL remembered LINER and stated that C. J. J. JACKSON, waterboy, was well acquainted with LINER and could give

LINER'S present location. JACKSON was sent by SOUTHWELL to locate LINER and Agent observed and questioned LINER who can be definitely eliminated as he does not resemble COLE, having no scars whatsoever on his face or leg, and having brown eyes whereas COLE has blue eyes and a noticeable scar beside the right eye.

JOHN L. CREIG, timekeeper, and TED SLOAN, assistant timekeeper for the R. F. Ball Construction Company were requested to be on the lookout for anyone resembling COLE, particularly if that party was wearing a bandage over his right eye, and they stated that they would notify Sheriff A. C. FRANCIS at once if seen. Sheriff FRANCIS stated that he would investigate any calls he received regarding the sight of any person resembling COLE and that he would notify the El Paso Office immediately.

IRA PRATT, Senior Interviewer, and GORDON MONDAY, clerk, Texas State Employment Service stated that they had not seen anyone resembling COLE come into their office applying for a job. PRATT stated that it is the custom for all companies to eventually have their employees registered at the above office and in the event anyone resembling COLE appears there, the Sheriff will be notified at once.

It is to be noted that a photograph of COLE was shown to all persons interviewed and none stated definitely that they had seen anyone who strongly resembled COLE.

AT WINK, TEXAS

JOHN PRICE, clerk, International Supply Company stated that he had not heard JAMES ROE say anything about his brother RALPH. PRICE has never heard whether the escape was successful or not. He doubted in his own mind very much that it was successful. He stated that JAMES ROE was recommended by him for the position of bookkeeper with his company, and due to trouble having been caused by fellow employees who knew about JAMES' past record, JAMES had been transferred from Hobbs, N.M. to Odessa, Texas.

This phase of the investigation is based upon a telegram received by this office from Chief of Police JOHN WOOTTEN, Las Vegas, N.M. on 9-12-38, advising he had a good lead on escapes from Alcatraz. Telephonic inquiry was made at the Las Vegas Police Department by Special Agent in Charge R. J. UNTREINER, in the absence of Chief WOOTTEN, no information was available as to the nature of the information that WOOTTEN possessed.

AT LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO

Agent interviewed Chief of Police JOHN WOOTTEN who advised that he had recently received information from RAYMOND WILLARD, operator of the Casino Saloon in Las Vegas that a dressmaker named SADIE DYE had "popped off", while at the Casino; that she was passing letters between letters

between MRS. CECIL NOEL of Cherryvale, New Mexico and RALPH ROE. Note should be made of the fact that MRS. NOEL was recently interviewed by the writer at Cherryvale, New Mexico, at which time she indicated that she had not corresponded with RALPH ROE since his incarceration at Alcatraz and had no information that he was successful in his attempted escape from that penitentiary. WOOTTEN further advised that a man who formerly operated the Varsity confectionery in Las Vegas was supposed to have been the intermediary for correspondence, between RALPH ROE and MRS. NOEL, prior to MRS. DYE being used.

Agent and Police Chief WOOTTEN interviewed RAYMOND WILLARD, Casino Saloon, who advised that "TOMMIE" THOMPSON formerly was employed by a MR. MOSS, who operated the Varsity Confectionery at Las Vegas, N.M. until three or four months ago. THOMPSON is quite a heavy drinker and on more than one occasion, when intoxicated, he had informed MRS. VELMA McCLEOD, wife of the operator of The Chief Filling Station, that MRS. CECIL NOEL had been receiving mail at the Post Office box of MR. MOSS of the Varsity Confectionery, but had later become suspicious of MRS. MOSS and had then begun receiving mail through MRS. SADIE DYE, a dress-maker. Mrs. McCLEOD stated that "TOMMIE" indicated that MRS. NOEL possibly was in communication with RALPH ROE or THEODORE COLE, it being known at Las Vegas that she was the former wife of one of these convicts. MRS. McCLEOD stated that she understood from "TOMMIE" that MRS. NOEL gained MRS. DYE'S good will by having nine or ten dresses made by MRS. DYE. Photographs of COLE and ROE were exhibited to MRS. McCLEOD, but she was unable to identify either photograph as being the likeness of any person she had ever seen. Chief WOOTTEN stated that he has Identification Orders on both COLE and ROE but he had not seen anyone answering their descriptions in Las Vegas.

CARL DEUTSCHMAN, Optic Publishing Co., who handles the rental of 521 Douglas St., where Mrs. DYE resides, advised that Mrs. DYE had been residing at that address for several months. Mr. DEUTSCHMAN stated that he was of the opinion that Mrs. DYE was entirely responsible and trustworthy.

Mrs. SADIE DYE, 2nd. Floor, 521 Douglas St., was interviewed by Agent and Chief of Police WOOTTEN. She stated that she formerly lived in Oklahoma City, Okla., and came to Las Vegas early this year on a visit and later decided to settle in this city. She was shown photographs of COLE and ROE and she stated that she had never seen either of these men. She stated that she was only casually acquainted with Mrs. CECIL NOEL and had never received any correspondence for this woman. She stated that she was fairly well acquainted with Mr. and Mrs. MOSS, when they operated the Varsity Confectionery, which was located immediately across the street from Mrs. DYE'S residence. She was at the Varsity Confectionery one day and was introduced to MRS. NOEL, who stated that she then had some dress material in her car. Mrs. NOEL

came to Mrs. DYE'S place and had a fitting and Mrs. NOEL stated that she had nine or ten other dresses she intended Mrs. DYE to make. Mrs. DYE stated that MRS. NOEL came back during the week for another fitting and obtained the finished dress later the same week. These were the only occasion that Mrs. DYE saw Mrs. NOEL, who did not return to have the other dresses made. Mrs. DYE stated that she knew nothing of Mrs. NOEL'S personal history and again emphasized that she was never received any mail for MRS. NOEL and had never been approached by MRS. NOEL to do so. Mrs. DYE stated that "TOMMIE" THOMPSON, who formerly worked for MRS. MOSS was now operating a pool hall at Gate City, New Mexico. She believed that "TOMMIE" would provide any information he might have in instant matter. Mrs. DYE was informed of the fugitive status of COLE and ROE and that they were wanted by the Federal Government.

Agent was informed by Chief of Police WOOTTEN that PAT O'MALLEY, of the Charles O'Malley Electrical Store was well acquainted with Mr. and Mrs. CECIL NOEL and also was entirely reliable. He stated that MOSS left Las Vegas about three months ago, owing numerous bills, but that O'Malley might know where MOSS was presently located.

PAT O'MALLEY, Charles O'Malley Electrical Store, was interviewed and stated that he was acquainted with Mr. and Mrs. T. D. MOSS and with Mr. and Mrs. CECIL NOEL, but had no information of any mail that Mrs. NOEL had been receiving through MRS. MOSS or MRS. DYE, the dressmaker. He stated that he had never had seen anyone similar to the photographs of COLE and ROE, which photographs were shown to O'MALLEY. He stated that he did not know the present whereabouts of T. D. MOSS, but suggested that PAUL WELTY, driver for the A-Leaf Bakery be contacted for information concerning MOSS.

PAUL WELTY, A-Leaf Bakery, was interviewed in the presence of Police Chief WOOTTEN and he stated that he had no information that MRS. NOEL ever received any correspondence through Mr. or Mrs. NOEL or MRS. SADIE DYE. He was shown photographs of COLE and ROE, which he was unable to identify as any persons he had ever seen. He stated that he believed that MOSS returned to Pampa, Texas, when he and his wife left Las Vegas and indicated that probably MOSS could be located through a brother who lives at 341 East or West Ferguson St., Pampa, Texas.

Through FRANK J. WERNER, Postmaster at Las Vegas, a thirty day cover on all first class mail, addressed Mr. or Mrs. CECIL NOEL, at Post Office Box 613 was placed. T. D. MOSS and wife left a forwarding address from Box 929 to 628 1/2 Russell St. Pampa, Texas, on 5-18-38.

MR. WESNER advised, however, that the mail which had been forwarded to MOSS at Pampa, had been returned.

During Agent's inquiry he was advised by the different persons interviewed, that "TOMMIE" THOMPSON was a rather harmless drunkard, who probably would provide any information he might possess concerning instant matter.

WALTER KOLBE, mail carrier, who delivers mail to Mrs. SADIE DYE and to the address formerly occupied by the Varsity Confectionery, stated that Mr. and Mrs. MOSS did not receive any mail at their confectionery when they were in Las Vegas, as they used their post office box. He could not recall that Mrs. CECIL NOEL ever received mail at Mrs. DYE'S residence. He had a hazy recollection of having delivered a piece of mail for Mrs. NOEL in the past two months but could not recall the circumstances or address where he had delivered the letter.

AT GATE CITY, NEW MEXICO

O. M. "TOMMIE" THOMPSON, manager of the only pool hall in town stated that he was acquainted with T. D. MOSS at Pampa, Texas, prior to their coming to Las Vegas, N.M.; that he managed the Varsity Confectionery on a commission basis, while MOSS sold candy on the road. THOMPSON stated that he received practically no money from MOSS during the three months he worked for him and finally became disgusted and quit in the latter part of May, 1938. He stated that MOSS married a sister of MRS. CECIL NOEL, but these two women were not particularly friendly; that he was able to get along with Mrs. NOEL, but decided that this woman was a rather fast person, who liked men. He stated that she would come into the confectionery in the afternoon, even when she and her husband were living in Las Vegas and would bring in her mail and read it in one of the booths. She purchased a box of letter paper, which she kept at the confectionery and would write letters at the confectionery. THOMPSON stated that during March, 1938, MOSS made a trip to Pampa, Texas, and on his return, he told THOMPSON that MRS. NOEL was the former wife of one of the convicts who was reported to have escaped out of Alcatraz. THOMPSON attempted to ascertain, from whom MRS. NOEL was receiving and also tried to see, on different occasions, to whom she was addressing letters, but never got an opportunity to see them. The thought came to him that possibly she was corresponding with her former husband, but he had no definite information, other than that noted above. He recalled that MRS. NOEL was quite friendly with Mrs. VELMA McCLEOD for awhile. One day when Mrs. NOEL was writing a letter in one of the booths of the confectionery, he saw Mrs. McCLEOD pass the store. Knowing that Mrs. NOEL always was anxious to see Mrs. McCLEOD, he mentioned to Mrs. NOEL that MRS. McCLEOD had just passed and asked her if she wanted him to call to her, but she indicated that she did not want to see Mrs. McCLEOD at that time.

THOMPSON stated a few things like the above aroused his suspicion that MRS. NOEL was corresponding with her former husband. He stated he was absolutely certain that MRS. NOEL was not receiving mail through the Post Office box of Mr. and Mrs. MOSS, as he had a key to the box and generally received the mail from the Post Office, as MOSS was generally on the road.

When asked whether he had any information that Mrs. SADIE DYE had ever acted as an intermediary in receiving mail for Mrs. NOEL, THOMPSON stated that he had no information in this regard. He then volunteered the information that he probably knew how this story arose, as he was in Mrs. DYE'S company one time, when she mentioned that she received mail for some married women in Las Vegas, who were carrying on affairs with men, unknown to their husbands. There was no indication, however, that Mrs. DYE ever received mail for Mrs. NOEL. THOMPSON recalled that he was present when Mrs. DYE was introduced to Mrs. NOEL, this being at the Varsity Confectionery. He recalled that MRS. NOEL had mentioned that she was having a hard time getting her dresses made by the seamstress she was then using and she mentioned to Mrs. DYE that she had about nine or ten dresses she intended having made. THOMPSON stated that he left Las Vegas about a week after Mrs. NOEL met Mrs. DYE, but expressed the opinion that he did not think that these women were not especially friendly and were acquainted only in a business way.

THOMPSON stated that Mrs. NOEL was close mouthed and had never intimated that she was the former wife of RALPH ROE. He stated that he was not in Las Vegas, when Mr. and Mrs. MOSS left and cannot state where they might be presently located. Photographs of COLE and ROE were shown to THOMPSON, but he was unable to identify same as any persons he had ever seen around Las Vegas or in the company of Mrs. NOEL. THOMPSON was provided the address and telephone number of the El Paso Office and he stated he would immediately communicate with that office should he obtain any information concerning subjects.

In view of the statement made by Mrs. SADIE DYE to O. M. THOMPSON that she acts as an intermediary in correspondence between certain Las Vegas women and their men friends, a cover is being placed upon all mail received by her.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE DALLAS FIELD DIVISION

AT PAMPA, TEXAS. - Will locate and interview Mr. and Mrs. T. D. MOSS, though Mr. MOSS' brother, who is reported to reside at 341 East or West Ferguson. These people should be questioned for any information they might have relative to Mrs. CECIL NOEL corresponding with her former husband, RALPH ROE.

THE EL PASO FIELD DIVISION

AT LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO = Will report the results of the covers on the mail of Mr. and Mrs. CECIL NOEL, P.O. Box 613 and Mrs. SADIE DYE, 521 Douglas St., Las Vegas.

* AT PHOENIX, ARIZONA = Will contact the State Highway Patrol to ascertain whether they have any record or information concerning car mentioned in report of G. V. DIERST, Los Angeles, dated 9-7-38. Will conduct the same investigation at the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office.

* AT MESA, ARIZONA = Will contact employees of the Ford Garage and sales room to ascertain whether they have any information concerning above mentioned car.

PENDING

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76-2686-483

October 4, 1938

Honorable H. J. Anslinger
Commissioner
Bureau of Narcotics
Treasury Department
Washington, D. C.

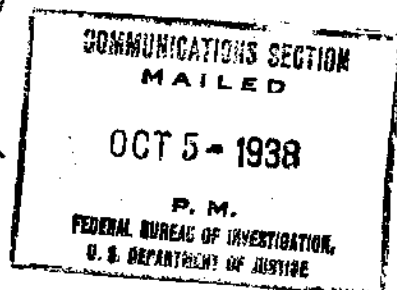
Dear Mr. Anslinger:

During the course of an official investigation being conducted by this Bureau at Tulsa, Oklahoma, George H. Smith, formerly undersheriff at Fort Smith, Arkansas, who at the present time is employed as a private investigator at Tulsa, Oklahoma, was contacted by a Special Agent of this Bureau. At that time Mr. Smith advised that an individual known by the name of Jack "Tate" Miles, was engaged in trafficking morphine from the Republic of Mexico into the United States. According to Mr. Smith, the morphine is delivered to Miles at his headquarters about ten miles north of Roswell, New Mexico, at a price of \$16.00 per can. Mr. Smith advised he has not furnished this information to your representatives at either Tulsa or Oklahoma City. However, he stated he had no objection to the above information concerning Miles being made available to you. George H. Smith presently resides at 15 1/2 West Brady, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and his telephone number is 2-1046.

The above information is being furnished to you for whatever action you deem advisable.

Sincerely yours,
For the Director

Harold Nathan
Assistant Director



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **76-348**

REPORT MADE AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.	DATE WHEN MADE 9/24/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/17,18,19/38	REPORT MADE BY E. F. EMRICH <div style="text-align: right;">cgc</div>
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:

JACK BREEDLOVE, an ex-convict and fellow prisoner with fugitive **COLE** at Oklahoma State Penitentiary, advised Tulsa Police Dept. he saw fugitive **COLE** in a car with **ORVILLE THOMAS**, a known bootlegger in that city. Investigation through an informant developed that the man with **THOMAS** was one **JACK "FAT" SMILES**, a boyhood chum of fugitive **COLE**, who is presently alleged to be engaged in narcotic activities around Roswell, N. M.

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Reference:

Bureau letter dated September 2, 1938.

Details:

On September 16, 1938, Chief of Detectives **BURG HUGHES** of the Tulsa Police Department, Tulsa, Oklahoma, exhibited to this Agent a confidential report submitted to him by Officer **LEO GRAINGER** of his department. It was noted in this report that an informant of this officer had alleged he saw fugitive **COLE** in an automobile being driven by one **ORVILLE THOMAS**, a known bootlegger in that vicinity.

Accordingly this Agent contacted Officer **LEO GRAINGER** of the Tulsa Police Department who advised that on the night previous one **JACK BREEDLOVE**, an ex-convict who is now going straight, had contacted him and advised that on the afternoon previous he had seen a man seated in a car driven by **ORVILLE THOMAS** whom he immediately recognized as fugitive **COLE**. He indicated that the car was pulling out of an alley near the home of **FRANK McMILLAN**, a Tulsa Police Officer, who was formerly

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on the Narcotic Squad in that city and who resided at 612 West Third Street. GRAINGER mentioned that BREEDLOVE was well acquainted with ORVILLE THOMAS and stopped and talked to him for a few minutes during which time the man whom he recognized as COLE pulled his hat down over his eyes and kept looking in the other direction. According to GRAINGER, BREEDLOVE made no effort to speak to the man whom he believed was COLE, but claimed to have known him very well in view of the fact that they served time together in McAlester Penitentiary. Officer GRAINGER mentioned that BREEDLOVE felt positive of his identification in this respect. He advised that the car in which THOMAS and this individual were riding was a late model Pontiac Coupe, bearing what BREEDLOVE believed to be 1938 Oklahoma commercial tags, the license number of which was 798-987, which number was believed to be incorrect as the commercial tag numbers in this state do not reach such a high figure. BREEDLOVE advised GRAINGER that the car upon pulling out of the alley headed west on Third Street.

Officer GRAINGER further advised that he had heard numerous rumors to the effect that COLE was in that vicinity and was supposed to be associated with the dope racket, but to date, he had received no rumors which were sufficiently definite to enable any checking. He mentioned that ORVILLE THOMAS who has always associated with the criminal element in town is believed by him to be presently mixed up in handling dope in that city. It was his opinion that the car in heading west on Third Street was going to the tourist camp operated by one CLARENCE SMITH just beyond Sand Springs, Oklahoma, stating that this tourist camp bears a very bad reputation and in the past has been the known stopping place of such criminals as KARPIS and BARKER. Officer GRAINGER advised that he has an informant whom he will place in CLARENCE SMITH'S tourist camp for the purpose of definitely determining whether or not ORVILLE THOMAS and this individual have made any contact there and will thereupon advise this Bureau.

On the following day this Agent recontacted Officer GRAINGER, at which time he stated that his informant had gone to SMITH'S tourist camp and substantially verified his hunch that ORVILLE THOMAS and his companion, who was identified as COLE, had been visiting there. He informed that the informant while at the tourist camp had seen ORVILLE THOMAS drive up in a Pontiac Coupe with Texas license, the number of which he could not obtain, and THOMAS was at the time accompanied by a man named JACK "FATS" MILES, an ex-convict and close boyhood friend of fugitive COLE. It was learned through this informant that the purpose for their visit was to consummate a transaction concerning the obtaining of two hundred cans of morphine which were to be brought in from old Mexico. Officer GRAINGER advised that his informant referred to herein was acquainted with this Agent and had requested that this Agent personally contact him with regard to the matter.

Upon contacting Officer GRAINGER'S informant it was learned that he is Mr. GEORGE H. SMITH, former undersheriff from Fort Smith, Arkansas, who is presently working in Tulsa in connection with some undercover work and had been previously contacted by this Agent in regard to the HAMILTON and WALTERS case. SMITH indicated at the time that upon receiving the information from Officer GRAINGER he had proceeded to the tourist camp of CLARENCE SMITH and engaged him in conversation with regard to a certain ex-convict from Arizona whom he knew to be well acquainted with SMITH. During the course of this conversation he saw a late model Chevrolet or Pontiac Coupe drive up and recognized ORVILLE THOMAS to be seated in this car. At the outset, the driver of the car greatly resembled fugitive COLE with the exception that his hair appeared a bit lighter and his face a little heavier. Through subsequent conversation with SMITH, it was developed that this man was actually JACK "FATS" MILES, an ex-convict and boyhood friend of fugitive COLE. According to the information he received from SMITH, "FATS" MILES has been staying in and around Texas and New Mexico and is engaged in smuggling narcotics into this country from old Mexico.

He stated that while he could not get a good look at the car, he noticed that it bore Texas plates rather than commercial tags as BREEDLOVE had previously stated. According to SMITH, MILES is undoubtedly the man who was seen several days before in the car with THOMAS and who was identified by BREEDLOVE as being fugitive COLE. SMITH mentioned that from his personal knowledge of MILES, he knows he has served a term in Leavenworth Penitentiary on a liquor charge and feels that in view of his boyhood acquaintance with fugitive COLE, he would make an excellent contact for the latter should he have effected his escape from Alcatraz. He stated that if COLE were presently in contact with MILES and associated with him in smuggling narcotics from old Mexico, fugitive COLE would undoubtedly be handling the old Mexico angle.

At the time of this conversation SMITH advised this Agent that he had a friend who was very close to both ORVILLE THOMAS and "FATS" MILES and he felt positive that through him he could indirectly obtain information as to whether fugitive COLE was presently associated with MILES in his narcotic activities. Accordingly SMITH subsequently advised this Agent that through this source he had determined that "FATS" MILES has not been contacted by COLE nor does he have any information as to whether fugitive COLE was successful in effecting his escape from Alcatraz. It was further learned that MILES is presently making his headquarters for his narcotic activities in the vicinity of Roswell, New Mexico.

In view of the above information, no further action is being taken in regard to this possible identification of COLE in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Copies of this report are, however, being forwarded to the El Paso Division for its information and with the request that appropriate investigation be conducted to determine whether fugitive COLE might be in contact with MILES in and around Roswell, New Mexico.

For the information of the El Paso Division, the following description of JACK "FATS" MILES, Tulsa PD No. 4066, is being set forth hereinafter:

Name	JACK MILES
Age	35 (Born 7-20-'04 at Mountpellier, Indiana)
Height	5' 7"
Weight	150 lb.
Build	Medium
Hair	Med. Chestnut
Complexion	Medium
Residence	Lucerne Apts., Tulsa, Okla.
Occupation	Tool worker
Scars	Cut scar center of chin; Cut scar right temple
Arrest Number	Tulsa, Okla. PD #4066
Photograph	In Oklahoma City file

A copy of MILES' photograph is likewise being forwarded herewith to the El Paso Division.

Appropriate inquiry made pursuant to the request of the Bureau in reference letter has developed that WILLIAM HARDING was committed to the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma on September 12, 1938 and an appropriate lead is being set forth hereinafter to have him interviewed.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

EL PASO OFFICE

AT ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO

Will conduct appropriate investigation to determine whether JACK "FATS" MILES is known in that vicinity, and if so, whether fugitive COLE might be in contact with him at that point.

OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE

AT McALESTER, OKLAHOMA

Will interview WILLIAM HARDING in accordance with the Bureau request in reference letter.

ENCLOSURE: TO EL PASO OFFICE: Photograph of JACK "FATS" MILES.

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FILE NO. 76-89

REPORT MADE AT Memphis, Tennessee	DATE WHEN MADE 9-24-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9-10-38	REPORT MADE BY C. O. PICKARD	TMH
TITLE RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1471.			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

JESSE SINKS, 1121 Second Avenue, N., Nashville, Tennessee not identical to COLE.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau letter dated 9-2-38 (76-2686)

DETAILED:

AT NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE:

Enclosed with reference letter was a copy of a letter from one A. B. TUCKER, Route 1, Box 221, Woodlake, California, advising that one JESSE SINKS, 1121 2nd Avenue, N., Nashville, was believed by him to be identical with COLE.

Accompanied by Deputy U. S. Marshal GLENN NELSON, Agent called at the above address and determined definitely, from fingerprint examination, that SINKS is not identical to COLE. Although SINKS bears some resemblance to COLE about the mouth it was also noted that he is over six feet tall, whereas COLE is 5' 7½".

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

FILE NO. **76-78**

REPORT MADE AT CLEVELAND, OHIO	DATE WHEN MADE 9/27/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/10,12,21/38	REPORT MADE BY M. J. LYNCH <div style="text-align: right;">MJL:MC</div>
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:

Deputy Sheriff JAMES O'LEARY of Toledo, Ohio, states he saw man resembling photograph of fugitive ROE at Charlie's Playground, a saloon in Toledo, Ohio. O'LEARY advises man resembling ROE known to "JOE THE BEEF," a bartender at Charlie's Playground. CHARLES HAMAKER, proprietor, and STEVE WILKE, bartender, cannot identify photograph of ROE as being anyone known to them. Investigation proves "JOE THE BEEF" involved in automobile accident and has not worked since July 1, 1938.

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DETAILS:

AT TOLEDO, OHIO.

This investigation is predicated upon information received from Deputy Sheriff JAMES O'LEARY of the Sheriff's Office, Toledo, Ohio. O'LEARY informed Agent Eugene J. Coble of this office that he desired to see a smooth finished photograph of RALPH ROE, stating that he had someone in mind who resembled the photograph on the Wanted Notice, but that he desired to see a better photograph.

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A smooth finished photograph of fugitive ROE was shown to Deputy Sheriff O'LEARY by the writer, at which time he stated that it resembled closely a man whom he had seen in a saloon at Bancroft and Cherry Streets, Toledo, Ohio. O'LEARY stated that this saloon is operated by CHARLES HAMAKER and is known as Charlie's Playground. O'LEARY, continuing, stated that he often stops in there for drinks and that on about the 20th of August, 1938, he was there when he noticed a person who was a stranger to him and that when he turned around to look at him, this stranger also was turning around to look at him, O'LEARY, and that this aroused his suspicion.

He stated that the bartender on duty at that time was known to him only as "JOE THE BEEF," and that this stranger, whom O'LEARY claims to resemble ROE, appeared to be friendly with the bartender. O'LEARY stated that he has been in Charlie's Playground several times since but that he has never noticed this person whom he thought to be identical with ROE.

O'LEARY described this man, whom he thought to resemble the photograph of ROE, as follows:

Height	6'
Weight	180 - 190 lbs.
Hair	Dark Brown
Face	Full
Age	33 - 38
Eyes	Gray
Dress	Gray tweed suit - gray hat

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Upon further questioning of O'LEARY, it was learned that he had been drinking that day but he emphatically stated that he was not in a drunken condition and was passing this information on to this Bureau for whatever action this office desired to take.

STEVE WILKE, bartender at Charlie's Playground, was interviewed, at which time agent desired to

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know the whereabouts of "JOE THE BEEF." WILKE stated that "JOE THE BEEF" had been involved in an automobile accident around the latter part of June 1938 and that as a result of this accident, "JOE THE BEEF" has a stiff leg and has not been able to tend bar since. WILKE stated that he knows that "JOE THE BEEF" has not tended bar since July 1st, inasmuch as he was hired at that time to take the place of "JOE THE BEEF."

The photograph of RALPH ROE was shown to WILKE, at which time he stated that he did not know anyone who resembled the photograph of ROE, and that he is positive he knows no one who frequents Charlie's Playground who does resemble the photograph.

WILKE was advised of the fugitive status of ROE, at which time he stated that should he notice anyone who resembled ROE, he would immediately communicate with the writer.

CHARLES HAMAKER, proprietor of Charlie's Playground, was contacted, at which time he viewed the photograph of ROE but he could not identify it as being any person he knew or any person who frequented his tavern. HAMAKER was advised of the Harboring Statute and the process outstanding for fugitive ROE, as well as fugitive COLE, at which time he stated that should he see any person resembling the photograph of ROE, he would communicate with the writer, the home telephone number of whom was left for his information and convenience.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
September 24, 1938

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

Dear Sir:

Re: ROCOL.

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In confirmation of Acting Special Agent in Charge RALPH T. HOOD's conversation with Mr. E. A. TAMM on September 22, 1938, and with reference to letter of Special Agent in Charge H. B. FLETCHER, of the same date, concerning informant [redacted] on September 19, 1938 Special Agent FRANK S. SMITH, by prearrangement, made contact with [redacted] at Seminole, Oklahoma through JAKE SIMS, Chief of Police. [redacted] very frankly advised Agent SMITH that he had been a close friend and associate of RALPH ROE for many years, and was a cellmate of his at McAlester State Penitentiary; that of his own knowledge he does not know that ROE and COLE successfully made their escape from Alcatraz; that on account of his friendship for and confidence in JAKE SIMS he would gladly use his best efforts in aiding the Bureau in establishing that fact, but that was as far as he would go; that if he should ascertain the whereabouts of ROE, he would not under any circumstances, for reward or otherwise, "finger" him to anyone. He stated that it was his personal opinion that ROE and COLE escaped and are alive; that while COLE is brainless and dangerous, ROE is of an entirely different type; that he is conservative and has plenty of common sense and in his opinion under no circumstances would ROE have jumped into the Pacific Ocean without what he considered better than a fifty-fifty chance to make it.

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[redacted] was noticeably reluctant to discuss information or sources thereof that he may possess, and is the type of outlaw you can not press. He knows HERB "DEAFY" FARMER, he stated, but has never discussed ROE with him, but did talk with one MICKEY CAREY, who took over and is operating the night club formerly owned by FARMER on Seventh Street, Joplin, Missouri, and that he gathered from CAREY's conversation that the boys, ROE and COLE, made it; that he was of the opinion CAREY had obtained his information from FARMER, who had served time in Alcatraz; that FARMER's theory was that BAILEY and BATES, the kidnapers of URSCHEL, promoted the escape of ROE and COLE; that they were either afraid or did not have the opportunity to use the "out" provided, and that ROE and COLE agreed to make the attempt and were promised, if they were successful, that they would be taken care of and protected until they "cooled off".

[redacted] stated further he had talked with two former inmates of Alcatraz at Leavenworth Prison, while confined there; that both stated it was the consensus of all inmates at Alcatraz that the boys made their

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[] stated that a certain party, withholding the identity, received a postcard some time after ROE's escape from Chicago making inquiry as to the location of HAZEL UNDERHILL, indicating they were anxious to locate her; that it was thought the card was from ROE. [] said he felt it would be useless for him to approach FARMER, now operating a liquor store near Dallas, Texas, due to his limited acquaintance with FARMER, and with no grounds for an approach; that he personally knows there is a very close relationship existing between ROE and HAZEL UNDERHILL; that HAZEL UNDERHILL should have more information concerning ROE than any other living person, and that if she has, he, [] can get it; that he has had dealings with HAZEL for many years and has helped her on numerous occasions; that she has always confided in him and he positively knows she would have no hesitancy in divulging to him any information she may have concerning ROE, or anyone else; that she knows [] friendship for ROE.

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[] agreed that he would drive his own automobile and accompany this Agent, provided JAKE SIMS would go, to Odessa, Texas, where HAZEL UNDERHILL is supposed to be located, and make contact with her; that he realized the Government would want concrete proof that ROE is alive and not merely the word of someone to that effect; that he would get this proof from HAZEL if she had it. [] only request was that he be protected from a leak, and that his personal expense and that of his car on this trip be taken care of. He stated that in his opinion it would be best for him to drive his personal car so that he would have a conveyance with which to contact HAZEL. He suggested that HAZEL UNDERHILL's location be definitely obtained before making this trip, and that this Agent and SIMS would remain undercover at any given point while he made the contact with HAZEL, which he thought would only require a few hours. He agreed to make this trip any day after Sunday, September 25th. He very clearly indicated he desired JAKE SIMS to make the trip, and SIMS stated he would individually arrange with the parole officer at Muskogee, a friend of his, who has supervision of [] for [] to accompany him on this trip. SIMS later advised this Agent that he had phoned the parole officer at Muskogee, who stated he would wire for authority for [] to accompany SIMS.

Efforts are being made by the El Paso Division to definitely ascertain HAZEL UNDERHILL's whereabouts. As soon as her address is determined, Agent SMITH will communicate with [] regarding your b7D

suggestion and desires that he make the trip alone, not accompanied by SIMS.

However, you will please note that all arrangements with [] have been made through SIMS, and [] has expressed a willingness to assist in this matter only because of the suggestion of SIMS. It is highly improbable that he would make this trip unless accompanied by SIMS, in whom he has explicit confidence. You will be advised immediately as to the results of further conference with HALL in this matter.

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Special Agent W. L. BUCHANAN of this Division Office was approached by JOHN ED. FRANKLIN, U. S. Probation Officer for the Eastern District of Oklahoma, at Muskogee, and Mr. FRANKLIN advised he had received a telephone call from JAKE SIMS, Chief of Police at Seminole, requesting that RAY "TANGLE EYES" [], who was presently living at Seminole and is on probation, reporting monthly to Mr. FRANKLIN, accompany him, SIMS, to Odessa, Texas for two or three days. Mr. FRANKLIN advised that it was the policy of the Parole Board not to grant any parolee permission to leave the state to do any undercover work, or be associated with any persons with a criminal record, and that he was going to communicate with the Parole Board at Washington, D. C. and ask that this permission be granted inasmuch as [] was not going to do any undercover work or put anyone on the spot for the officers.

The following day Mr. FRANKLIN advised that he had received a telegram from the Acting Parole Officer advising that he could grant [] permission to leave the district provided he did no undercover work. Mr. FRANKLIN informed Agent BUCHANAN that he was going to notify [] by letter that he would grant him permission to leave the state of Oklahoma for a period of three or four days to accompany Chief SIMS to Odessa, Texas.

Very truly yours,

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H. B. Fletcher
H. B. FLETCHER R J H
Special Agent in Charge.

cc San Francisco
El Paso

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HOLD FURTHER INVESTIGATION IN ABEYANCE PENDING RESULTS OF
INVESTIGATION AT CORPUS CHRISTI AND REFUGIO, TEXAS.

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

REPORT MADE AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI	DATE WHEN MADE 9-26-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9-22/24-38	REPORT MADE BY H. L. SCOTT
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:

Various inmates at U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas interviewed, but no information of interest secured. Unable to establish identity of JACK O'BRIEN referred to in report of Special Agent C. G. CAMPBELL, Seattle, 7-12-38. The pictures of two former inmates secured which might possibly be the O'BRIEN in question.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent Z. J. VANLANDINGHAM, Kansas City, 9-7-38.

DETAILS: AT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS.

At the U. S. Penitentiary, WILLIAM BEAVERS, inmate No. 51008 stated that he did not have any information other than rumors which he had heard among the inmates who had talked of the escape in his presence. He advised, of course, there was nothing definite to this and the only thing that came to his mind, he said, was that there might be some connection between the escape and HERMAN ALLEN FARMER who was released from Alcatraz and now resided at Joplin, Missouri. He said it was his idea that it might be well to check up on FARMER as he heard his name mentioned in the general conversation, and that of someone in Oklahoma, but he did not know who it was. The file reflects that FARMER has previously been contacted and interviewed.

The following inmates who had previously been transferred from Alcatraz to the Leavenworth Penitentiary, were interviewed. It will be noted that all of these inmates were transferred a considerable length

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of time previous to the escape in question.

FRANK TESCIONA
JOE STEIN
SAM FLEISHER
J. W. WATTS
W. H. WIGGINS
J. H. SATTERFIELD
E. E. WILEY

Each of those interviewed advised that they had no information concerning any plan that ROE and COLE had to escape from Alcatraz and although interviewed at length, no information of value to this investigation could be secured from any of them.

CARL ZARTER, in charge of the records of the institution, endeavored to identify from records and his recollection and knowledge of prisoners, anyone who would answer to or could be identified as JACK O'BRIEN, referred to in the report of Special Agent C. G. CAMPBELL, Seattle, Washington, dated 7-12-38. While it is extremely doubtful if JOHN O'BRIEN, former inmate No. 46886, or JAMES EDWARD O'BRIEN, former inmate No. 40410 could be the JACK O'BRIEN in question, the picture, with description data of each of these individuals was secured and is being attached to the Seattle office copies of this report. No attempt will be made to locate either of these individuals for the purpose of interview, but their pictures are being forwarded to the Seattle office in order, if desired, they may be exhibited to MARYON DARLING for identification purposes. The records of the penitentiary would indicate the possibility that each of these individuals is in prison, JOHN O'BRIEN probably being in the State Prison at Joliet, Illinois, and JAMES EDWARD O'BRIEN probably being in the State Reformatory at Mansfield, Ohio. This is not definitely known.

ENCLOSURES: To SEATTLE OFFICE, photograph of JOHN O'BRIEN and photograph of JAMES EDWARD O'BRIEN.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The KANSAS CITY OFFICE will follow out the yet undeveloped leads as reflected in the report of Special Agent Z. J. VANLANDINGHAM, Kansas City, 9-7-38.

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San Francisco, California
September 27, 1938.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Warden J. A. Johnston,
United States Penitentiary,
Alcatraz Island, California.

Re: ROCOL

Dear Warden Johnston:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 26, 1938, forwarding a communication received from John Roe Mace at Troutdale, Oregon, expressing his desire to secure descriptions and photographs of the missing prisoners, Theodore Cole and Ralph Roe.

This matter will receive appropriate attention, and as you requested, the letter from Mr. Mace is being returned to you herewith.

Very truly yours,

N.J.L. PIEPER
Special Agent in Charge

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San Francisco, California
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Special Agent in Charge,
Portland, Oregon.

Re: ROCOL

Dear Sir:

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A copy of a letter received by the Warden
at Alcatraz from JOHN ROE MACE at Troutdale, Oregon,
is being forwarded herewith.

It will be noted that Mr. MACE can be
found in care of ART BURNS, and that he believes he
has encountered one of the subjects in this case. It
is suggested that an Agent interview Mr. MACE at
Troutdale, Oregon.

Very truly yours,

N.J.L. PIEPER
Special Agent in Charge

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Troutdale, Oregon,
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Warden of Alcatraz,
Alcatraz Island.

Dear Sir:

You have probably received many crank letters and tips concerning escaped convicts. This letter is in regards to two convicts who escaped from the island. I would appreciate it very much if you could supply me with the descriptions and if possible a photograph of the two. I have reasons to believe I have encountered one of them. And would like to obtain a full description before attempting further identification. One I am referring to talks with a slight lisp at time. I would be most grateful to you if you could do this.

Respectfully yours

/s/

JOHN ROE MACE
Troutdale, Oregon
c/o Art Burns

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Dr. O. W. CAROUSE, Sulphur, Okla., states last heard from JACK O'BRIEN some months ago, at which time O'BRIEN hired him for money from the state of Washington. BILL MATTHEW, Davis, Okla., states reared O'BRIEN as child but has no information regarding his present whereabouts. Investigation made at Ardmore, Okla. to locate JESS DARR, but with negative results. Rumor that THEODORE COLE was seen in Tulsa, Okla. last winter investigated but believed unfounded.

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REFERENCE: Reports of Special Agents F. S. SMITH, Okla. City, 3-5-38, and C. G. CAMPBELL, Seattle, 7-12-38.

DETAILS:

This is a joint report of investigation conducted by Special Agent W. LEE HANCOCK and reporting agent.

The following investigation was made by Special Agent HANCOCK:

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Dr. O. W. SPROUSE was located at Sulphur, Oklahoma, and he advised the boy, who was referred to as JACK O'BRIEN, was reared by one BILL WARREN of Davis, Oklahoma. He was of the opinion that O'BRIEN was not a relative of the WARREN family, but had merely been taken out of sympathy. He advised the boy became sick in 1920, and had come to him for hospitalization; that he treated the youth, and kept him, treating him as a son for almost a year. He advised that O'BRIEN was struck with the spirit of the wanderlust; that he had run away two or three times that year, and he had always made the proper arrangements to have him returned. He stated that the last time he had seen O'BRIEN was in the forepart of 1937, when he arrived in Sulphur, Oklahoma traveling with a woman who he claimed was his wife. This the doctor doubted to be a fact. He described O'BRIEN as being strictly a dumb-bell. He advised that at the time he was in the grade school at Sulphur his marks averaged about 25 to 30 per cent. He stated that two or three months ago he received a wire from O'BRIEN from the State of Washington. He could not remember the exact town. At that time O'BRIEN asked him for \$50.00. He stated he did not answer the wire. Dr. SPROUSE stated that O'BRIEN would possibly wire him again for money in the near future. The doctor stated he had sent him money on one or two occasions, but the past three or four requests had been turned down. He agreed to cooperate with the Bureau in the location of O'BRIEN, whom he referred to as ALVIN TIGNOR, and this is probably his correct name. Dr. SPROUSE was furnished with the address and telephone number of the Oklahoma City Office, and was requested to furnish this office with any information he received concerning O'BRIEN.

BILL WARREN was contacted at Davis, Oklahoma and he stated he had reared O'BRIEN from the time he was about five years old. He stated that O'BRIEN's mother had died and his father was a worthless individual whose location was not known; that he had reared him out of sympathy. He advised that the boy's correct name is ALVIN TIGNOR, and they call him "HUCK". He advised that his wife received a Mother's Day card from O'BRIEN, and that they get a letter on rare occasions. He does not receive demands for money from O'BRIEN, and this is probably due to the fact that he is a man of very moderate means, and is presently employed by the W.P.A. He said he desired to cooperate with the Bureau in the location of O'BRIEN for the purpose of interview, and stated he would call the Oklahoma City office if he received any information. The telephone number of the Oklahoma City office was accordingly given to him.

At Ardmore, Oklahoma inquiry was made at the Sheriff's office, Police Department and Post Office, and the current city and telephone directories were searched for the purpose of locating one JESS DARR, but same met with negative results.

The following investigation was conducted by reporting agent:

At Tulsa, Oklahoma.

In connection with the case of JOE McCANN, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.I.B. #70; MARGARET JONES, with aliases - Victim, White Slave Traffic Act, Okla. City file 31-3249, Agent had occasion to interview a Mr. J. M. SOOTER, fireman employed at the West Tulsa Fire Station, 1217 West 12th Street. Several days later, on September 13, 1938, Mr. SOOTER contacted Agent at the office in the Federal Building in Tulsa by telephone and advised he had some information which might prove interesting to the Bureau. Mr. SOOTER would not elaborate further over the telephone but stated that the subject of his conversation pertained to a man whom the Bureau was very anxious to apprehend. Accordingly, Mr. SOOTER was contacted personally by Agent, at which time he gave the following information:

He stated that he is acquainted with two sisters by the name of Mrs. D. E. HENDRICKS and Miss ADELINE DUNN, both of whom live at 1414 West 18th Street. He stated that several days ago, during a conversation with Mrs. HENDRICKS, the latter told him of an incident that had happened last winter, upon which occasion her sister, ADELINE, employed as a manicurist in a local barber shop, had come home in a very nervous condition and had told her she believed she had seen TED COLE at the barber shop that afternoon. Mr. SOOTER advised that Mrs. HENDRICKS had mentioned this incident to him in a casual conversation but that due to the fact of the notoriety surrounding COLE's escape from Alcatraz, he, SOOTER, had been interested and had questioned Mrs. HENDRICKS further. He stated that according to Mrs. HENDRICKS ADELINE had come in that night and advised her that she, ADELINE, had that afternoon been manicuring the nails of one PERRY COLLINS, who was employed at the Ideal Barber Shop as a barber, where ADELINE also worked; that a man had come in the shop, who apparently knew COLLINS, and COLLINS had immediately gotten up to give him a shave; that after the man had left the barber shop COLLINS had returned to the table to have his manicure completed, but seemed in a very nervous condition and quite upset, and finally told ADELINE that the man he had just

shaved was ⁰TED COLE, and for her to keep quiet about the incident. Mr. SOOTER stated he had never talked to ADELINE concerning this matter, but that he regarded her as a reliable girl, who would probably remember the facts as they had come to her, and he suggested that ADELINE be contacted in order to determine whether there was any truth in the matter. He further advised that he was merely passing this information along to Agent inasmuch as he felt it would be interesting to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He requested, however, that his name not be mentioned as being the source of information.

Mrs. D. E. HENDRICKS was accordingly interviewed at her home, 1414 West 18th Street, at which time she gave substantially the same information as had SOOTER. Mrs. HENDRICKS could not definitely place the time last winter ADELINE had informed her of the incident but stated that she believed it was probably during cold weather, February or March. She further advised that she had no further information other than what her sister had told her at that time, and that it had been so long ago she would not be positive as to exactly what her sister had said. She advised that her sister ADELINE is presently employed as a manicurist at the Scott Barber Shop, 607 South Main Street. She requested, however, that ADELINE not be contacted at the shop, but suggested that Agent return and interview her at her home that evening.

Accompanied by Special Agent E. F. EMRICH, Agent returned the same evening, at which time Miss ADELINE DUNN was interviewed and gave the following information. She stated that during the winter of 1938 or early spring she was employed as manicurist at the Ideal Barber Shop at No. 3 East 3rd Street, and one of the barbers at the shop was a man by the name of PERRY COLLINS, with whom she became more or less well acquainted. She recalled that one afternoon while she was giving COLLINS a manicure, he had looked up suddenly as a man had entered the shop, and immediately COLLINS had seemed to be upset; that COLLINS had gotten up and waited on the customer, giving him a shave, and the two had apparently been acquainted with each other. After the customer had left the shop COLLINS returned to her manicure table but still seemed to be in a very nervous state of mind. Upon his return to the table COLLINS had said something to the effect that the man he had just waited on was TED COLE, who had some months before escaped from Alcatraz, and COLLINS had advised her to keep her mouth shut concerning it. Miss DUNN further advised that she had never seen the customer return to the shop since that time, nor had she discussed the matter further with PERRY COLLINS; that, however, since there had been a great deal of notoriety about that time over the escape of COLE from Alcatraz, it made her extremely nervous to think that the man had actually been in the shop that day, and she

recalled that she had mentioned the incident to her sister, Mrs. D. E. HENDRICKS, with whom she lived, upon her going home that evening. Miss DUNN described the customer as being a man about 5' 5 or 6" in height, and weighing about 150 pounds. She stated that she had merely glanced up at the time he came into the shop that day and had taken no particular notice of him during the time he was getting his shave. However, she stated that the thing she recalled most about the man was that his hair was almost white, and that even his eyebrows and eyelashes were extremely light in color. She said he appeared to be about 40 years old. She stated she doubted if she would recognize the man again if she saw him unless it would be because of his white hair and eyelashes.

A number of photographs of the Bureau's fugitives, among whom were photographs of RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE, were exhibited to Miss DUNN, but she failed to identify any of them as resembling the man she saw come into the barber shop.

At the Ideal Barber Shop, 3 East Third Street, Agent made discreet inquiries regarding PERRY COLLINS. It was learned that COLLINS is employed as a barber there but was on his vacation, although he was expected to be back the following morning. Accordingly, on the following morning Agent contacted COLLINS at the Ideal Barber Shop, at which time COLLINS accompanied Agent to the office of the resident agent in the Federal Building in Tulsa, where he was interviewed, at which interview Special Agent E. F. EHRICH was also present. COLLINS stated that he had been employed as barber at the Ideal Barber Shop for some time, and after some recollection he recalled the incident concerning which ADELINE DUNN had been previously interviewed. COLLINS placed the time at about the latter part of February or March, 1938, and stated that a man, known to him as "WHITEY" BURNETT, alias "Three Fingered Whitey", whom he knew as an ex-convict, had come into the shop in order to get a shave and that as BURNETT had left the shop someone had remarked that he resembled TED COLE. COLLINS advised that he had never known TED COLE and as far as he knew had never seen COLE, but that at that particular time there had been a great deal of notoriety concerning COLE's escape from Alcatraz. He stated that he could not remember whether it was one of the employees of the shop or one of the patrons who had made the remark concerning BURNETT's resemblance to COLE. COLLINS accounted for his nervousness on that occasion by saying that he, himself, had formerly done time at Leavenworth Penitentiary from 1929 to 1932, having been sent up on a whiskey charge, and that it was at Leavenworth that he became acquainted with "WHITEY" BURNETT; that since his release from Leavenworth he, COLLINS, had been attempting to earn an honest living and had made every effort

to keep his former prison record a thing of the past and unknown to his friends and customers; that naturally when BURNETT entered the shop he became fearful that he would say something which might make known his, COLLINS', prison sentence.

COLLINS denied that he had ever told ADELINE DUNN that the man he had just shaved was TED COLE; that he may have remarked to her that someone in the shop thought there was a resemblance between BURNETT and COLE. He stated that undoubtedly Miss DUNN had misconstrued his remarks as being an assertion on his part that the individual had been TED COLE. However, COLLINS stated that he could positively say that the man had not been COLE inasmuch as BURNETT was well known to him and that he, COLLINS, had never seen COLE in his life. He further stated that he had no knowledge as to the present whereabouts of BURNETT.

It should be stated that COLLINS gave the impression of telling the absolute truth about the matter, and that discreet inquiries made at the Ideal Barber Shop subsequent thereto have indicated that COLLINS is well thought of and has a great many gentlemen customers. It was further ascertained that COLLINS' former prison sentence is generally unknown among his acquaintances and fellow-workers.

COLLINS is described as follows:

Name	PERRY COLLINS
Age	About 32
Height	6'
Weight	195 lbs.
Hair	Black
Eyes	Dark
Address	3 East Third Street, Tulsa, Okla.
Occupation	Barber
Criminal Record	Admits three year sentence, Leavenworth Penitentiary, on whiskey charge, 1929.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

FILE NO. 76-241

REPORT MADE AT Miami, Florida	DATE WHEN MADE 9/30/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/21/38	REPORT MADE BY R. E. SMITH
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="text-align: center;">DAN HARLESS, former inmate of Leavenworth Federal Penitentiary, denies being acquainted with either JAMES or RALPH ROE.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RUC.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent Z. J. VANLANDINGHAM, Kansas City, 9/7/38.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p>It was ascertained through the office of the United States Probation Officer at Tampa, Florida, that DAN HARLESS is now reporting to that office and his present address is Route 2, Box 258-A, Lakeland, Florida.</p> <p>DAN HARLESS was located at his home, Route 2, Box 258-A, Lakeland, Florida, at which time he advised that he is the individual who was formerly in Leavenworth Penitentiary where he served a term as a result of his conviction on a charge of extortion. He stated this was his only criminal offense, and prior to his incarceration at Leavenworth he served a term in the United States Navy during which he received a head injury necessitating the removal of part of his skull, and at the present time he receives a pension from the Government because of this disability.</p>			
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He stated that what he did was wrong, however, now that it is all over he knows he was not mentally right when he committed the crime. That during the period he was in Leavenworth he attempted to be a good prisoner, to learn something, and make things as agreeable as possible, realizing he was not a criminal at heart. That he made the acquaintance of very few of the inmates at Leavenworth.

He advised he does not recall any individuals by the name of RALPH or JAMES/ROE, and certainly such individuals were not among his acquaintances or good friends. He stated that while he was in Leavenworth he played ball with some of the boys and there was a pitcher by the name of ROE, however, he is not certain of this, and if this were so, he merely knew this individual casually.

It appeared from the interview with HARLESS that he is making an honest effort to rehabilitate himself, and that he would have told the truth if he were an actual acquaintance of RALPH or JAMES ROE.

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This Case Originated At: OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

File No: 76-290

Report made at	Date Made	Period	Report made by
San Francisco, Calif.	9/29/38	2/4, 21; 5/21; 8/25, 30, 31; 9/13, 14, 16, 22, 23/38	L. H. RICHMOND MJD
Title RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1471.			Character of Case ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.

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Synopsis of Facts: Various automobile owners whose cars passed through California checking stations at Oregon line Dec. 15 and 16 contacted and no indication any owner purchased San Francisco Bay tidal charts. No VIEFER or VIESER CLAS located in San Francisco. JOHN ROCHE states he overheard MAURICE DENNING and EVELYN BERT talking about ROE and COLE, but investigation fails to corroborate his statement. R. S. PRINGLE, Alcatraz inmate, furnished information concerning current rumors in Alcatraz concerning escape. Guard JOHN F. ROWAN transferred to Terminal Island, San Pedro, Calif. Work assignments of ROE and COLE during incarceration obtained. No record of JACK O'BRIEN or SPROUSE at Alcatraz. Inmate AUBREY UNCEL does not know O'BRIEN. Results of all investigative activity in this district have been reported.

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Reference: Report of Special Agent H. A. KING, Portland, 1/8/38;
Letter from Oklahoma City office dated 1/17/38;
Report of Special Agent J. E. THORNTON, San Francisco, 1/12/38;
Bureau letter dated 1/31/38; (76-2686)
Report of Special Agent J. V. MURPHY, Oklahoma City, 2/3/38;

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Report of Special Agent C. F. LANMAN, New York
City, 8/18/38;
Report of Special Agent K. P. PETTIJOHN, San
Francisco, 8/22/38;
Bureau letter dated 9/3/38.

Details: AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

With reference to Bureau letter dated January 31, 1938, concerning VIESER CLAS (some letters missing) additional investigation was conducted by Special Agent L. H. RICHMOND. It is noted that previous investigation has been performed in an effort to locate someone bearing a name similar to VIESER CLAS living in the vicinity of 230 $\frac{1}{2}$ Duncan Street, San Francisco. Results of this investigation are contained in the report of Special Agent J. E. THORNTON, San Francisco, dated January 12, 1938. Subsequent to the submission of this report, the Bureau advised in its letter of January 31, 1938, that it was highly probable that another digit appeared in front of the 230 $\frac{1}{2}$ Duncan Street.

A check of the city maps and directories indicated that Duncan Street continued from the 100 block through the 1200 block and, therefore, it would be possible to have a number of 1230 $\frac{1}{2}$.

In this connection, Agent proceeded to that portion of Duncan Street which should be the 1200 block, and it was ascertained that this portion of the street is nothing more than a narrow dirt road proceeding over Twin Peaks, the mountainous portion of the city of San Francisco, upon which there are no houses. The last numbered house is in the 900 block. Inquiries were made at all houses located in the 800 and 900 blocks, and no one had heard of any individual named VIESER or VIEFER CLAS or any similar name. All persons interviewed advised that there is no continuation of Duncan Street.

Inquiry was made of the Postman who carries mail on Duncan Street in this vicinity, as well as the adjoining streets, and he likewise was unable to furnish any information indicating the presence of VIESER CLAS in that neighborhood. He also said that there was no continuation or any possibility of any number appearing on Duncan Street which would be higher than 900.

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated September 3, 1938, which states that the descriptions of the individuals furnished by JOHN JAMES ROCHE, whom he allegedly heard talking about "RALPH" and "TED",

bear a close resemblance to the descriptions of MAURICE DENNING and EVELYN BERT, MAURICE DENNING being the fugitive and subject of I. O. #1254 and wanted in connection with the robbery of the Security National Bank of Superior, Nebraska.

AT SAN RAFAEL, CALIFORNIA.

In accordance with the instructions contained in Bureau letter dated September 3, 1938, reporting Agent contacted JOHN JAMES ROCHE at the carpenter shop of the North Western Pacific Railroad, located in the 100 block on B Street, San Rafael, where he is employed. Upon being shown the pictures of MAURICE DENNING and EVELYN BERT, ROCHE said that he believes these were the individuals he overheard talking about TED and RALPH on a ferry boat running between San Francisco and Sausalito, Calif., on March 26, 1938. ROCHE was again closely questioned concerning the activities of these individuals and advised that during March, 1938, he was residing at 702 Vallejo Street, San Francisco, and was doing repair work on a pier owned by the North Western Pacific Railroad Company at Tiburon, Calif; that it was necessary for him to commute to his work daily and that he regularly left San Francisco on the Sausalito ferry at 6:45 A. M. Upon arriving at Sausalito, he would board a Pacific Greyhound bus at 7:18 A. M. and proceed to Tiburon on the bus, the distance from Sausalito to Tiburon being approximately ten miles. He would get off the bus at the foot of the pier on which he was working and all the other passengers for Tiburon would alight at the same place. He said that nearly every day during the month of March he noted a woman passenger on the ferry boat and also on the bus, who left the bus at Tiburon and immediately upon arrival, she would proceed to the end of the pier and wave a handkerchief, which would signal a cabin cruiser some distance off shore. This cabin cruiser would proceed to a point approximately 200 yards from the end of the pier, where it would cut off its motor and send a dory into shore; that this woman would get in the dory and be rowed to the cabin cruiser. Upon her getting into the cabin cruiser, it would then proceed into Racoon Straits and northward into an arm of San Francisco Bay.

ROCHE said that this woman bore a strong resemblance to the photograph of EVELYN BERT. He said that occasionally the woman would return on the same bus from Tiburon to Sausalito and board the same ferry from Sausalito to San Francisco in the afternoon. He said that this bus left Tiburon at 3:37 P. M. and made connections with the ferry at Sausalito at approximately 4:15 P. M. He stated that it was on the return trip on March 26, 1938, that he overheard the conversations between the woman he identifies as EVELYN BERT and the man he identifies as MAURICE DENNING. He said that on three or four occasions the man accompanied the woman on the return trip but that he never did see the man accompany her from San Francisco to Tiburon.

At the time this information was originally furnished to the San Francisco office by ROCHE, he was asked to determine, if possible, the name and number of the cabin cruiser. When asked if he ever did ascertain this, he said that the cabin cruiser never came close enough to shore to make out the name or number and, therefore, he was unable to get that information. ROCHE said that his work terminated at that particular point approximately one week after he had notified the San Francisco office of the above occurrences and that he has not been to Tiburon since that time. ROCHE was certain that he could identify the boat if he should again see it.

AT TIBURON, CALIFORNIA.

ROCHE accompanied Agent to the vicinity of Tiburon, where all cabin cruisers anchored in that vicinity were inspected, and ROCHE said that none of these boats was identical with the boat he had in mind. He said that the boat which was used in the transportation of this woman had a white hull, with no stripings of any kind, that the upper structure was brown and was built clear to the point of the bow, there being no forward deck on the boat at all. The rear end of the boat, he said, was square. At the time ROCHE and Agent were observing the boats in the vicinity of Tiburon, it was noted that there were approximately 100 cabin cruisers anchored in the vicinity of the Corinthian Yacht Club, which almost immediately adjoins the North Western Pacific pier.

In an effort to verify the statements of ROCHE, investigation was conducted by the reporting Agent in the vicinity of Sausalito and Tiburon. A check was made of the Pacific Greyhound Bus records, and it was ascertained that the drivers on the 7:18 A. M. run from Sausalito to Tiburon during the month of March, 1938, were ROY BOWMAN and ROBERT STEDMAN.

ROY BOWMAN, upon interview, advised that his address is Tiburon, California, and that he has been a driver for the Pacific Greyhound Company for a number of years. He said that during March, 1938, he was driving the 7:18 A. M. run from Sausalito to Tiburon on Wednesday and Thursday of each week. He stated that the passengers on this trip are mostly employees of the North Western Pacific Railroad Company who are proceeding to Tiburon to work in the shops which are located at that point and that he knows most of them by their first names. He said that it would be an unusual occasion when a woman would board this particular bus and he believes that he would certainly have noticed an unaccompanied woman making this trip. He was shown the picture of EVELYN BERT and said that he was certain he had never seen this woman and was more certain that this woman had never ridden on the 7:18 A. M. run. He recalled ROCHE, the carpenter, as having been a passenger almost daily for a month during the spring of 1938.

ROBERT STEDMAN, Tiburon, California, also a driver for the

Pacific Greyhound Company, was interviewed, and he said that he has been driving the 7:18 A. M. run for over a year, and that he makes this trip five days a week, driving every day except Wednesday and Thursday. He said that he is well acquainted with all of the passengers who usually ride this bus, inasmuch as they are employees of the North Western Pacific and are daily commuters to San Francisco. He said that the bus is always full and, therefore, it is necessary for him to keep close check on the passengers, looking for available space, and that he, therefore, observes all of the passengers each day. He said that it is unusual for any women to be on this bus and he certainly would have noticed any woman who rode on this trip for several days. He was shown the picture of EVELYN BERT and said that he had never seen the woman and was especially certain that she had never ridden on the 7:18 A. M. bus which he was driving.

ROY STEDMAN also advised that each time he takes the 7:18 run in the morning, he also drives the bus on its return from Tiburon to Sausalito at 3:37 P. M. and that he is certain that EVELYN BERT has never been a passenger on the return trip at any time when he was driving the bus.

At the shops of the North Western Pacific Railroad Company, inquiry was made for the commuters who arrive in Tiburon on the 7:18 A. M. bus from Sausalito, and several of these employees were interviewed and shown pictures of EVELYN BERT and MAURICE DENNING. They were unable to identify these photographs as anyone who had ever been a passenger on that bus or as being photographs of any persons they knew.

JOSEPH BABEC, 630 Geary Street, San Francisco, who is a machinist's helper in the shops of the North Western Pacific Railroad Company, said that he has been riding this bus for six years and that it is only on rare occasions that a woman makes this trip. He said that the only women who regularly make the trip were employed as school teachers in Tiburon during the school year of 1937-1938 and that neither one of them at all resembled EVELYN BERT. He stated that these women were not regular passengers. BABEC said that he would have noticed the destination of any strange woman on the bus, because it would be unusual, and that if she had proceeded out on the pier, he would have watched her to see what she was going to do. He said that he never did see a woman alight from the bus and walk out on the pier.

General inquiry was made in Tiburon and among those interviewed was R. L. HOOPER, who is manager of a saloon located on the bay shore, immediately overlooking the place where the cabin cruiser was supposed to have been anchored prior to the time the signal was given and from which saloon it would be possible to view the boat approaching the pier. MR. HOOPER said that he ordinarily opens his establishment at 7:15 A. M., which is 25 minutes prior to the arrival of the Sausalito bus.

He said that he is certain that he would have looked out the window to observe any motor boat which was traveling in the bay at that time of the morning. He said that he did not recall any boat having been anchored in the bay in that vicinity or any boat which proceeded to the vicinity of the pier to pick up a passenger.

MRS. CHARLES C. CHAPMAN, wife of the Postmaster at Tiburon, whose general store contains the post office in the rear, which overlooks the bay, was interviewed. She said that at 7:35 A. M., the arrival time for the bus at Tiburon, she is always working in front of the rear window sorting mail and is in a position to observe any boat traffic in the bay. She said it is unusual for any motor boat to be moving at that time of day and that she certainly would have noticed a boat approaching the pier and her curiosity would have caused her to watch the movements of such a boat. She said that she has not seen, in her many years on the bay, any cabin cruiser which picked up a passenger in the vicinity of the pier.

MR. EDWARD DUNN, Steward at the Corinthian Yacht Club, was interviewed, and he said that during March, 1938, he was not employed as steward at the yacht club but was living in Tiburon. He had a room in a house which overlooked the bay. He said that he was unemployed at that time and usually arose at approximately 7 o'clock and looked over the bay for a half hour or so before he dressed. He said that he would have noticed a boat lying in the bay and would have paid particular attention if this boat had picked up a passenger in the vicinity of the North Western Pacific pier. He said that any such activity over an extended period of time would have caused all sorts of gossip in the small town of Tiburon, and it would have been entirely impossible for such activity to have gone unnoticed. DUNN stated that the steward at the yacht club during March is presently residing in San Francisco, where he is reported to be ill. His present address is unknown to DUNN.

In view of the above investigation it appears that JOHN ROCHE has probably furnished imaginary information. It is noted that when ROCHE was interviewed about this matter, he produced a notebook in which the descriptions as previously furnished to this office were written in red pencil. He was unable of his own recollection to furnish the descriptions of the individuals he had previously reported. He said that he had written down these descriptions in his notebook at the time he overheard the conversation previously referred to between these individuals. It is believed possible that ROCHE might have copied the descriptions or have taken similar descriptions from a wanted circular or from a detective magazine concerning DENNING and BERT.

It is also noted that the information furnished by ROCHE was to the effect that the initials "E.B." appeared on the woman's pocketbook. It is believed highly improbable that EVELYN BERT, knowing that she is a fugitive, would carry a pocketbook bearing her initials.

ROCHE stated that during the week beginning September 19, 1938, he will be working on the pier at Sausalito and be in a position to observe the incoming and outgoing ferry boats. He said that if he noticed the woman believed to be EVELYN BERT or the man he believed to be MAURICE DENNING riding as passengers on any of these ferry boats, he would immediately communicate with the San Francisco office by telephone. In the event it is desired to communicate with ROCHE at a later date, his present address is 103 B Street, San Rafael, California.

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent A. E. FARLAND at Alcatraz Island. Reference is made to Bureau letter dated June 25, 1938, with which was transmitted a copy of a letter addressed to Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., and written by R. S. PRINGLE, inmate #405. Upon interview, PRINGLE said that while confined in the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, he met a convict named WEEKS, who was serving a sentence on a liquor charge from Brownsville, Texas; that he became friendly with WEEKS and WEEKS asked PRINGLE if he did not desire to make some money upon his release from the penitentiary. PRINGLE informed him that he had just started a 15 year sentence and desired to go straight when he had served his time. According to PRINGLE, the conversation with WEEKS ran to kidnaping but WEEKS mentioned no names and if WEEKS did contemplate a kidnaping upon his release, which was then scheduled for sometime early in 1937, PRINGLE had no information concerning the intended victim or WEEKS' proposed accomplices.

PRINGLE said that he knew an individual named HARDROCK in San Antonio, Texas, who might be able to furnish information concerning ROE in the event PRINGLE contacted him. PRINGLE said that he felt he could locate ROE in the event he were on the outside. Agent FARLAND is of the opinion that PRINGLE is merely trying to effect some sort of a permanent or temporary release and that PRINGLE has no information of value concerning where ROE might be found, if he is alive.

Later during the interview PRINGLE informed Agent FARLAND that the only knowledge he had of ROE and COLE since their escape was obtained from prison gossip and grapevine. This information was to the effect that both ROE and COLE at the time of their escape had one 3-gallon sealed can which was to act as a live preserver. PRINGLE said that more of the convicts intended to go at the time of the escape but believed that there had been a rumble to the warden's office and were afraid to leave. PRINGLE said that a convict by the name of VOSS was spotting or acting as a lookout for ROE and COLE. PRINGLE also has heard that COLE had \$5000 planted some place on the outside and that he would be able to get this money and lie low for a considerable period of time if he effected his escape. PRINGLE said that the last group of convicts who arrived in Alcatraz had spread the word around that ROE and COLE had made their es-

cape good, and when asked upon what this information was based, he said that these convicts had said that ROE and COLE had been spotted in St. Louis, Mo., and that their fingerprints had been obtained from a hideout there and positively identified. It is noted that at one time ROE and COLE were reported as having been in St. Louis and investigation was conducted by the St. Louis and Peoria offices in this connection without establishing the presence of ROE and COLE in that city.

PRINGLE was pressed for further information, particularly relative to the letter stating that he wanted to talk to someone about one escape case, but he was unable to furnish anything concrete.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent C. F. LANMAN, New York City, dated August 18, 1938. Agent FARLAND rechecked the records at Alcatraz Penitentiary and found that the correspondence records maintained indicated that the address for MRS. SARAH BEST, MR. BARNETT BEST, AND ETTA BEST was shown as 2435 Galileo Place, New York City; however, the envelopes contained in the actual correspondence records were searched, and it was found that a clerical error had been made in copying this address as indicated on a letter to inmate ALBERT BEST and bearing the return of MRS. S. BEST, which return address was shown as 3425 Gates Place, Bronx, New York City, Apartment 3K.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. V. MURPHY, Oklahoma City, dated February 3, 1938, which contains a lead to interview a guard named ROWAN at Alcatraz Penitentiary. It was ascertained by Agent FARLAND that this guard's full name is JOHN FRANCIS ROWAN and that he has been transferred from Alcatraz to Terminal Island, San Pedro, Calif. A lead is being set out for the Los Angeles office to interview ROWAN.

In accordance with the request contained in letter from the Oklahoma City office dated January 17, 1938, which requested that the dates upon which ROE and COLE were assigned to duty in the blacksmith and mat shops be obtained, a check of the records of Alcatraz Penitentiary revealed that COLE was assigned to the blacksmith shop on August 8, 1937. His prior assignment was on the labor crew, to which he was assigned on April 6, 1937. There are no other notations concerning his work assignments. As to ROE it was found that he was assigned to the mat shop on April 16, 1937, and previously had been assigned to the kitchen detail on July 27, 1936. There were no other notations showing work assignments for ROE.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent C. G. CAMPBELL, Seattle, dated July 12, 1938, relative to which Agent FARLAND ascertained through record clerk WALTER DORINGTON, Alcatraz Penitentiary, that no one named JACK O'BRIEN, with the alias of SPROUSE, had ever been assigned to the prison at Alcatraz. This name was entirely unfamiliar to

MR. DORINGTON.

AUBREY UNCEL, inmate #265, Alcatraz Penitentiary, was interviewed by Agent FARLAND, and UNCEL said that he had never heard of JACK O'BRIEN and had never heard of any individual named SPROUSE. He does not know, nor has he ever heard of any individual named MARYON DARLING. UNCEL said that he does not write to anyone, and a check of his correspondence records shows that he has not written a letter since his confinement to Alcatraz on October 26, 1935.

The following investigation was performed by Special Agent J. R. McCULLOCH on February 4, 1938:

AT GRASS VALLEY, CALIFORNIA.

At the Partridge Hotel Apartments, 205 Auburn St., it was ascertained from E. R. LANNING that he is the owner of 1937 model Buick sedan, 1937 California license #7D8387, and that in such automobile he and his wife had taken a pleasure trip early in December. They had visited friends in Weiser, Idaho, for several days, staying at the J. W. BECKHAM home in Weiser on the night of December 14, 1937. On December 15th they had started to Grass Valley, Calif., and had travelled through Burns, Bend, and Klamath Falls, Oregon, crossing the state line on the same day and spending the night of Dec. 15 at Weed, Calif., at the Log Cabin Hotel. LANNING stated that he and his wife had not been near Portland on this trip and knew nothing concerning the purchase of any booklet on tides at that city.

LANNING is described as follows:

Age	38
Height	6'
Build	Medium heavy
Hair	Blond
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Ruddy
Marital status	Married
Occupation	Mechanic. Golden Center Mine
Residence	Grass Valley, Calif., formerly San Bruno, Calif., and Weiser, Idaho.

Former Chief of Police JOHN FONTZ of Grass Valley advised that he knows LANNING to be a man of integrity and character.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent J. R. McCULLOCH on February 21, 1938:

AT SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA.

At Box 5777, Route #1, MRS. W. R. MOODY advised that her son, JACK MOODY, had late in December, 1937, driven the 1934 Ford Tudor, license #1A9113, belonging to his father, W. R. MOODY, to Portland, Oreg., returning to Sacramento after a few days in Portland.

JACK MOODY was located at the Tronsdale Realty Company, 1016 J Street, at which time he advised that for the past four years he has been employed in Portland by the Pacific Manifolding and Book Company. He had visited his parents in Sacramento early in December, 1937, and had then returned to Portland in his father's car. He had left Portland on what he recalled as being December 15, 1937, accompanied by one MERWIN SMITH, a boy named BREUNER and BREUNER'S girl friend, the latter three intending to visit in San Francisco during the holidays. He stated that on what he recalled as December 16, 1937, they had crossed the state line and had been checked at the Hornbrook, Calif., checking station. He advised that he had made no purchases of any booklet on tides, in Portland, and that as far as he knew, neither had any of the occupants of his car. He stated that all these people were young, being in their twenties, and that they resided in Portland, BREUNER'S father operating a service station on Burnside Street for a GEORGE THOMSON who operates a parking lot and service station at Park and Stark Streets in Portland.

JACK MOODY was noted to be about 27 years of age, 5'8" tall, weighing 140 pounds, with brown eyes and black hair.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent T. FITZHUGH WILSON:

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

At about 9:15 A. M., May 20, 1938, a telephone call was received from Chief of Police QUINN'S office, San Francisco Police Department, to the effect that a body had been seen floating in the bay near Pier 28.

Agent was promptly sent to investigate same and upon arrival at the pier learned that the body had been taken to the city morgue. An examination of the body at the morgue, together with Inspector LOUIS MEYER, of the Missing Persons Bureau, San Francisco Police Department, and the deputies coroner who were present, disclosed definitely that said body was not identical with either ROE or COLE. In the records of the San Francisco Police Department, this body for the present is being referred to as JOHN DOE Number 28.

Inspector MEYER stated they expected to photograph the body and also to fingerprint same, in the event the fingers could be restored to such extent as to permit fingerprinting. It was his estimation that the body had not been in the water more than four or five days. The means

by which this body was definitely eliminated as not being identical with ROE or COLE was through an examination of its teeth in comparison with the dental charts of said fugitives.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent T. G. SPENCER on August 30, 1938:

A newspaper article appearing in the San Francisco Chronicle on or about July 7, 1938, indicated that JOHN GOOLDY, 2623 Mission St., San Francisco, had seen subjects on December 16, 1937, somewhere on the road between Redding and Dunsmuir, Calif., while he, JOHN, and his father, CHARLES W. GOOLDY, were enroute from San Francisco to Weed, Calif., and that upon seeing the story of the escape of subjects in the newspapers on December 17, 1937, he went immediately to the Justice of the Peace at Weed, and that to this date no investigation had been made of the matter.

AT WEED, CALIFORNIA.

Judge J. P. BRADLEY, Justice of the Peace, stated he recalled CHARLES GOOLDY and his son, JOHN, coming to his office about two weeks after the escape of subjects and reporting they had seen ROE and COLE the night of December 16, 1937 on highway 99 between Redding and Dunsmuir, Calif., and that they had attempted to run them, the GOOLDYS, off the highway. BRADLEY further stated that CHARLES GOOLDY stated he saw ROE and COLE the morning of December 16, 1937, landing in a small boat at Oakland, Calif. BRADLEY stated the GOOLDYS were unable to give a description of the men, nor could they give the make or license number of the car that attempted to run them off the road. BRADLEY further stated that he did not even make a memo of the incident as he believed the GOOLDYS' story to be a "romantic tale".

BRADLEY stated that CHARLES GOOLDY was presently living in a trailer just outside of town; that he did a few odd painting jobs around Weed and that he had the reputation of being a little "crazy", especially on the subject of the Alcatraz escape.

CHARLES GOOLDY was located just east of Weed at the edge of town and related to Agent an incoherent story of having seen ROE and COLE in a speed boat pass under the bow of the ferry on which he and his son were crossing from San Francisco to Oakland, and later seeing this speed boat land near Oakland. He further stated he was positive this incident occurred on the morning of December 16, 1937, and further that on the same night he and his son were almost forced off the road by these same men on highway 99 between Redding and Dunsmuir, Calif.

GOOLDY was unable to give any description of the men he believed to be ROE and COLE or a description of the automobile which allegedly attempted to run him off the highway or to furnish the license number of the car. He stated that his son, JOHN, was "somewhere in San Francisco"

but that he was positive he could not add anything to the facts already related. No effort was made to contact JOHN GOOLDY.

AT DORRIS, CALIFORNIA.

ARCHIE SMITH, whose address is c/o GEORGE DORAN, was contacted by Special Agent T. G. SPENCER on August 25, 1938, and he stated that he is presently employed as a timber cutter and loader at the Associated Box Company, Dorris, Calif. SMITH further stated that he came to the Associated Box Company in August of 1934 and has his own cabin at the Company's camp and pays the Associated Box Company a yearly lease fee for the ground and has lived in this cabin from August, 1934, to the present time and is employed by the Associated Box Company during the cutting season.

SMITH stated that he was the owner of a 1929 Chevrolet coupe in 1937, having purchased same from FRED HOWARD in the ~~spring~~ of 1937. SMITH further stated that he was familiar with the Tidal Current charts of San Francisco Bay, as he was a former fireman on the "Rose City", a passenger steamer out of Portland to San Francisco; that he had never purchased a copy of these charts and further stated that the last time he was in Portland was in 1925. SMITH stated that he went to Dorris, Calif., once every week during the winter of 1937, his purpose being to get his unemployment insurance money from the California State Employment Service; that in returning to the camp from Dorris he passed through the quarantine station just outside of Dorris.

GEORGE DORAN, Supt. of the Associated Box Company Camp, stated that he had known SMITH since the latter was employed with the company and further stated that SMITH was never away from the camp for more than a day and a night at a time and that on these occasions SMITH and his partner usually went into town and got drunk. DORAN stated that, except for SMITH'S occasional sprees, he, SMITH, was reliable, truthful, honest, and a good workman. DORAN further stated that it would not be possible for SMITH to be away from camp long enough, to make a trip to Portland without DORAN'S knowing it.

AT DUNSMUIR, CALIFORNIA.

At the California State Employment Service, HOWARD WAY, Clerk, produced the record card of ARCHIE SMITH, timberfaller, Associated Box Company Camp, Dorris, Calif., which disclosed an entry dated December 16, 1937, at Dorris, Calif., noting interview of SMITH by a representative of that service on that date. WAY stated that during 1937 a representative of the California State Employment Service went to Dorris once each week; that he could not tell who the representative was but that SMITH was interviewed by a representative on December 16, 1937.

A description of SMITH obtained from Agent's personal observation and interview with him, follows:

Name	ARCHIE SMITH
Age	51 (born 11/8/1886, Newport, Oregon)
Height	5'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Weight	155
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black, straight
Build	Medium slender
Color	White
Nose	Slightly upturned, large nostrils
Race	American

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

On September 23, 1938, Warden J. A. JOHNSTON, Alcatraz Penitentiary, communicated by telephone with the San Francisco office and stated that on that date he had received a letter from JOHN ROE PLACE, Troutdale, Oregon, c/o ART BURNS, which letter indicated that he believed he had encountered ROE and COLE and desired Warden JOHNSTON to send him photographs and descriptions of these individuals. Warden JOHNSON stated that he would forward this letter to the San Francisco office.

A request for investigation at Troutdale, Oregon, will be made to the Portland office.

In accordance with the instructions contained in Bureau letter dated September 3, 1938, a review of the file in the San Francisco office has been made, and the results of all investigative activity conducted prior to this time in the San Francisco district have now been reported.

Reference is made to the letter addressed to the San Francisco Field Office by SHERIFF E. L. WILLIAMS, Ukiah, California, dated August 4, 1938, in which he advised that it had been reported to his office by HAROLD CHANEY of the Big Oaks Camp, Ukiah that a man he believed to be subject COLE was working as a dish washer at the Eel River Cafe in Garberville, California.

AT UKIAH, CALIFORNIA.

On September 13, 1938, the following investigation was conducted by Special Agent W. G. THARP:

UNDERSHERIFF B. G. BROADDUS advised that his office had no further information concerning suspect and that HAROLD CHANEY, who had furnished him with this information originally, had left town about two weeks ago, without advising what his address would be. BROADDUS indicated, however, that so far as he knew, this suspect was probably still at Garberville where he was alleged to be employed.

AT GARBERVILLE, CALIFORNIA.

On September 14, 1938, Special Agent THARP interviewed MISS STELLA THOMAS, Assistant Postmaster to whom photographs of subjects in this case were exhibited. She stated that she is on duty at the post office window at Garberville at all times, but to her knowledge, she has no recollection of having seen either of subjects in this case. She stated that the Eel River Cafe was operated by MR. AND MRS. J. A. VANDERVOORT, both of whom were very respectable people.

At the Eel River Cafe, Agent THARP contacted MR. J. A. VANDERVOORT to whom photographs of subjects in this case were exhibited particularly the photograph of subject COLE. VANDERVOORT advised that he had only one employee who had not been with him for a period of a year or more and who might possibly be the man to whom agent had reference. He stated that this party was EDMOND A. BRIGGS who, he understood, came from Marshfield, Oregon.

Agent observed BRIGGS at work in the cafe during the course of his interview with MR. VANDERVOORT, at which time it was observed that he did not resemble COLE except that he had rather large openings in his nostrils which somewhat resembled the photograph of COLE which was widely published in the West Coast newspapers.

Agent openly interviewed EDMOND A. BRIGGS who advised that his home is at Marshfield, Oregon; that he is married and that his wife WILMA LOWE BRIGGS resides at Marshfield, Oregon. He stated that he was

born at New Meadows, Idaho on October 5, 1910; that he had been employed in said cafe since June 24, 1938, having previously resided at Eureka, California.

He stated that his father, WARREN I. BRIGGS, resides at Marshfield, Oregon and that the whereabouts of his mother, MRS. JESSIE HENKINS, is unknown. He also advised that he has a brother, DONALD T. BRIGGS with the Manning Coffee Company in San Francisco, California.

The following description of BRIGGS was obtained by observation and interrogation:

Age	28 (born Oct. 5, 1910)
Height	6 feet
Weight	162
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Medium
Build	Slender
Mustache	Small
Service record	U. S. NAVY as EMOND A. BRIGGS enlisted July 8, 1928, at Marshfield, Oregon - discharged October 15, 1931.
Criminal record	San Francisco Police Department - vagrancy - in 1931 - advised was fingerprinted here.

In view of the appearance of suspect BRIGGS and the fact that he is six feet tall, it was not believed that he was identical with subject COLE, in view of which fact no further investigation was conducted and no further leads are being set out with reference thereto.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

LOS ANGELES OFFICE

AT SAN PEDRO, CALIF., at Terminal Island, will interview Guard JOHN FRANCIS ROWAN, who was formerly assigned to Alcatraz Penitentiary. For the information of the Los Angeles office, Junior Officer WALTER F. PETERSON has advised that ROWAN at the time he was employed at Alcatraz had the confidence of the convicts. ROWAN should be interviewed for any information which he might have concerning the escape of ROE and COLE.

NEW YORK CITY OFFICE

AT NEW YORK CITY, will carry out the leads set forth in the report of Special Agent M. S. GURNEA, dated December 28, 1937, at San Francisco, it being noted that the correct address for MRS. SARAH BEST, BARNETT BEST, and ETTA BEST is 3425 Gates Place, Bronx, Apt., #3K.

PORTLAND OFFICE

AT TROUTDALE, OREGON, will interview JOHN ROE MACE, c/o ART BURNS, and secure from him any information he possesses concerning ROE and COLE. It is noted that MACE forwarded a letter to Warden JOHNSTON, requesting the descriptions and photographs of ROE and COLE.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

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Birmingham, Alabama,
September 29, 1938.

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

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

ATTENTION IDENTIFICATION UNIT.

Dear Sir:

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It is requested that a search of the indices be made for one HUBERT SMITH, alias James B. Hall, who was thought to have been convicted at Montgomery, Alabama, for the theft of Government Property some time, approximately, in 1924, and who is thought to have served time in possibly San Quentin or Alcatraz Penitentiaries.

The following is a description of HUBERT SMITH, alias James B. Hall, which was furnished by his sister and is very vague:

Name	HUBERT SMITH, alias James B. Hall
Nationality	American
Race	White
Age	34 (born about 6-3-04)
Height	5 ft. 9 in.
Weight	Unknown
Hair	Black
Complexion	Dark
Eyes	Blue

In the event that this search is successful, it is requested that his fingerprints be compared with those of JOHN F. BENDER, FBI #221311. It is also requested that the Oklahoma City Office, who is origin in this case, and the San Francisco Office be furnished with copies of this report.

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Very truly yours,

E. A. Soucy
E. A. SOUCY, *was*
Special Agent in Charge

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Recol Hazel Underhill now residing Refugio, Texas, with O. C. Hales who is Field Superintendent Morgan Oil Company. Her daughter Onetta Lavona Hudson age thirteen enrolled in Junior High School there. Reside in cottage just north of school no street or number. Hazel receiving mail General Delivery care O. C. Hales under names Hazel Hudson and Hazel Connor. Hales wife employed stenographer Starrett Casing Pulling Company office near Post Office Refugio

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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-1613885, which number should be quoted in future correspondence including any dispositions submitted.

Re: RALPH ROE, was., Fugitive, I.O. #1472
THEODORE COLE, was., Fugitive, I.O. #1471
Escaped Federal Prisoners
76-589

J. E. Hoover

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, Director.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
SO, Los Angeles Calif.	Hubert Smith #173875	9-15-32	388a P.C. and poss. still - M.A. poss.	9-16-32, bond - all cases
The following is the description of this individual as appearing on prt. #173875: Sex, male; age, 28 yrs.; weight, 174 lbs.; height, 5 ft. 10 inches; birthplace, Oklahoma; occupation, battery man; hair, brown; eyes, hazel.				
CC-Bu. Field Div., Birmingham, Ala.	The above individual is possibly identical with HUBERT SMITH, subject of your letter dated September 29, 1938.			
CC-Bu. Field Div., Okla. City, Okla.	Please be advised that John F. Bender, #FBI-221311, is not identical with the above subject.			
CC-Bu. Field Div., San Francisco Calif.	In compliance with your request the Bureau Field Divisions at Oklahoma City, Okla. and San Francisco, Calif., are being furnished with copies of the above criminal record.			
CC-Bu.				
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For completion of our records, please supply dispositions to this Bureau in any of the foregoing cases where they do not appear.

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ROCOL. CONDUCT VERY DISCREET INQUIRIES TO DETERMINE PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF HAZEL UNDERHILL WITH ALIASES, HAZEL CONNER, HAZEL HUDSON, WHO ALLEGEDLY RESIDES IN CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS WHERE DAUGHTER, LAVONA HUDSON, IS IN SCHOOL. SHE MAY RESIDE WITH MARVIN CONNER, SON, OR JUANITA CONNER, DAUGHTER, ALLEGED TO HAVE RECENTLY MARRIED O. C. HALES, WHO RESIDED FOURTEEN NAUGHT NINE NORTH MESQUITE STREET, CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS ON JULY TWENTY EIGHTH LAST BUT WHO WAS MOVED TO REFUGIO, TEXAS RUNNING A PULLING OUTFIT OF HIS OWN. A LETTER WAS WRITTEN TO HIM ON AUGUST TWENTY FIFTH LAST BY S. D. MAXWELL, SECRETARY OF E. FOGELSON, SECOND NATIONAL BANK, HOUSTON OR SAN ANTONIO, AT REFUGIO, TEXAS. MARVIN CONNER ALLEGED ALSO TO BE WORKING NOW FOR HALES AT REFUGIO AND UNDERHILL WILL PROBABLY BE WITH HIM. ADVISE IMMEDIATELY OF RESULTS AS INFORMANT DESIRES TO CONTACT HER.

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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

FBI DALLAS, TEXAS 9-29-38 9: AM KB

SAC OKLAHOMA CITY

ROCOL. C. H. ANDERSON, FOREMAN, E. FOGELSSON OIL WELL
DRILLING COMPANY AND FORMER SUBORDINATE OF O. C. HALES
WHO TOOK HALES PLACE WHEN INGLEWRIGHT SOLD OUT HIS INTEREST
IN THE INGLEWRIGHT FOGELSSON OIL DRILLING COMPANY, AT WHICH
TIME HALES WAS DISCHARGED, NOW LOCATED AT WHITEFACE, TEXAS,
WAS INTERVIEWED AND ASSISTED IN THE INVESTIGATION. HE
ADVISES THAT LOMA AND JEAN DAVIS ARE THE SAME INDIVIDUAL.
SHE WAS WIFE OF ED DAVIS, NOTORIOUS SOUTHWEST OUTLAW.
SHE IS A SISTER OF O. C. HALES. HALES LEFT LEVELLAND,
TEXAS, WITH PARTIES MENTIONED IN MY TELETYPE MESSAGE OF YESTERDAY
AFTER HIS DISCHARGE AS FOREMAN FOR FOGELSSON COMPANY.
HALES AT THAT TIME INDICATED THAT HE WAS GOING TO RUN
A PULLING OUTFIT OF HIS OWN. ANDERSON YESTERDAY TELEPHONED
MAN IN CHARGE OF FOGELSSON OPERATIONS AT ODESSA AND RECEIVED
INFORMATION THAT MARVIN CONNOR HAD NOT WORKED THERE SINCE
ON
HALES WAS DISCHARGED, JULY TWENTY EIGHTH, LAST, ANDERSON,
AT WHITEFACE, TEXAS, RECEIVED A LETTER FROM O. C. HALES.

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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

FOURTEEN NAUGHT NINE NORTH MESQUITE STREET, CORPUS CHRISTI,
TEXAS. THE LETTER WAS IN JAUNITA CONNORS HANDWRITING.

IT STATED THAT HALES WAS MOVING TO REFUGIO, TEXAS, WHERE
HE PROBABLY IS RUNNING AN OUTFIT OF HIS OWN AT PRESENT.

ABOUT AUGUST TWENTY FIFTH, LAST, ANDERSON RECEIVED A
COPY OF A LETTER FROM S. D. MAXWELL, SECRETARY OF E.

FOGELSSON, SECOND NATIONAL BANK BUILDING, HOUSTON OR

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS. THIS LETTER WAS WRITTEN TO HALES

AT REFUGIO, TEXAS, WHERE MARVIN CONNOR PROBABLY WORKING
IS

FOR HIM. HAZEL CONNOR/PROBABLY WITH THEM THERE. O. C.

HALES HAS A BROTHER C. P. HALES WHO OPERATES A GASOLINE

FILLING STATION AT PENWELL, TEXAS, NEXT TO THE WELL CAFE.

C. P. HALES PROBABLY CANNOT BE APPROACHED BY BUREAU AGENTS

IN CONFIDENCE. LATEST INFORMATION REFLECTS THAT MARVIN

CONNOR WORKED AT PENWELL, TEXAS, RATHER THAN MONAHANS,

TEXAS, AFTER HIS DEPARTURE FROM LEVELLAND. NO LEADS

ARE BEING SET FORTH FOR EL PASO OR SAN ANTONIO BY THIS

OFFICE IN VIEW OF YOUR INSTRUCTIONS YESTERDAY TO EL PASO

THAT YOU WOULD ADVISE THEM LATER WHETHER THEY SHOULD

INTERVIEW O. C. HALES. ADVISE WHETHER FURTHER INQUIRES

SHOULD BE CONDUCTED BY DALLAS DIVISION.

END.

CONROY

ACK. cc-Bureau

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

FILE NO. **76-539 SB.**

REPORT MADE AT Birmingham, Alabama.	DATE WHEN MADE 9-30-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9-15-38	REPORT MADE BY H. O. HAWKINS.						
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: Sister of HUBERT SMITH does not believe he ever used the name of JOHN F. BENDER. His known alias to her was James B. Hall. Sister claims to have corresponded with him at Represa, Calif. Bureau being requested to compare prints and ascertain if HUBERT SMITH and JOHN F. BENDER are identical.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RUC</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent M. E. GURNEA, San Francisco, 12-28-37; report of Special Agent R. E. JOSEPH, Birmingham, 8-10-38.</p> <p>DETAILS: <u>AT KINSTON, ALABAMA:</u></p> <p>Mrs. ALMA THOMPSON was interviewed and advised that she had a brother, HUBERT SMITH, who used to be connected with the flying field at Montgomery, Ala., and that some time in 1924 he got into some kind of trouble and was sent to the penitentiary. Mrs. THOMPSON advised that she never knew what penitentiary he was incarcerated in but that she sent his mail to Represa, Calif., and that she was of the opinion that he was released in 1935, at which time her brother corresponded with her from Alma, California, where he was using the name of James B. Hall; and advised that he was employed as a clerk in the Alma Hotel. Mrs. THOMPSON stated that she had not seen her brother in 15 years but that she had corresponded with him during that time. Mrs. THOMPSON advised that the last letter she received from her brother was on July 18, 1936, and that he, at that time, was still employed at the Alma Hotel, Alma, California. The following is a description of HUBERT SMITH, alias James B. Hall, as furnished by Mrs. THOMPSON to the best of her memory:</p> <table style="width: 100%; margin-top: 10px;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Name</td> <td>HUBERT SMITH, wa, James B. Hall.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nationality</td> <td>American</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Race</td> <td>White</td> </tr> </table>				Name	HUBERT SMITH, wa, James B. Hall.	Nationality	American	Race	White
Name	HUBERT SMITH, wa, James B. Hall.								
Nationality	American								
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>E. A. Loney</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE							
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Age	34 (born about 6-3-04)
Height	5 ft. 9 in.
Weight	Unknown
Hair	Black
Complexion	Dark
Eyes	Blue

Mrs. ALMA THOMPSON advised that she was sure that her brother had never used the name of JOHN F. BENDER; but that he changed his name to James B. Hall some years ago in an effort to keep from paying alimony to his wife.

A request is being forwarded to the Identification Unit of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D. C., to compare the fingerprints of JOHN F. BENDER, listed on page 22 of reference report of Special Agent M. E. GURNEA, San Francisco, 12-28-37, BENDER'S FBI #221311, to ascertain if he is identical with HUBERT SMITH, alias James B. Hall.

Handwriting specimen in the form of a letter addressed to Mrs. W. C. THOMPSON (ALMA THOMPSON), postmarked Represa, Calif., November 14, 1933, from HUBERT SMITH, alias James B. Hall, which was obtained from Mrs. THOMPSON, is being forwarded to the Oklahoma City Division (Office of Origin) for whatever purpose it may serve if the Identification Unit is unsuccessful in locating HUBERT SMITH'S fingerprints. However, it is believed that a more successful identification can be made through the fingerprints than by the handwriting as requested in the report of Special Agent R. E. JOSEPH.

ENCLOSURE: To Oklahoma City Field Division:

Letter addressed to Mrs. W. C. THOMPSON, Bellewood, Ala., postmarked Represa, Calif., November 14, 1933, signed HUBERT.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION at Alma, Calif., Santa Clara County, will endeavor to locate HUBERT SMITH, alias James B. Hall, whose last known address was the Alma Hotel, and interview him regarding his being identical with JOHN F. BENDER, and for any information he might have concerning the escape of and present whereabouts of subjects.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

FILE NO. 76-259

REPORT MADE AT Dallas, Texas	DATE WHEN MADE 10/4/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/23-26-28/38	REPORT MADE BY F. S. DUNN
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:

Police Departments of Longview, Kilgore, and Gladewater, also the Sheriff's Department of Longview, notified of the possible presence of Subjects in their community. No information to this effect in their possession.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent L. E. KINGMAN, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated August 6, 1938; letter from the Bureau (76-2686) to the Dallas Office dated August 25, 1938.

DETAILS:

Investigation of this matter was conducted by the writer at Longview, Gladewater, and Kilgore, Texas, which lie in a triangular shape approximately 12 miles apart in the heart of the East Texas Oil fields.

The information contained in the reference report was supplied the Police Departments at the above towns and their attention directed to the Identification Orders issued by the Bureau, copies of which are in possession of these Departments and placed on display on their respective bulletin boards. Arrangements were made with them to obtain any information available concerning these FUGITIVES and notify the Dallas Office.

The Sheriff's Office at Longview, Texas, for the County in which the above cities are located, was likewise notified of the possible presence of the FUGITIVES in their vicinity, and the entire Sheriff's Office will cooperate in securing any information available concerning the presence of these FUGITIVES in the County, in which event the Dallas Office will be notified.

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I.O. 1471 and 1472.

Inspector Tracy:

Your attention is invited to report of Agent Wolfe, dated August 8, 1938, wherein the period for which made is shown to be August 4, 1938, with investigation at Victor, Idaho. Agent Wolfe's Daily Report shows that he was in Pocatello, Idaho, the entire day of August 4, 1938, working on rough drafts from 9:00 to 5:30, making one contact only, on a new case, and interviewed Maghby, of the Indian office, from 5:30 to 7:00 P.M. The period for which made is evidently in error, as Agent Wolfe's voucher likewise fails to disclose any travel on that day from his headquarters city.

SAC Banister:

This matter will be brought to Agent Wolfe's attention.

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Inspection, Butte Office,
September 26, 1938.
Inspector S. J. Tracy.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Dallas, Texas

October 3, 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:

Please furnish the Dallas Field Office with
12 prints each of the smooth finished photographs of each
of the above mentioned fugitives, RALPH ROE, and THEODORE
COLE.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy

E. E. CONROY, *a.t.d.*
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge
Dallas, Texas

Re: RALPH ROE, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I. O. No. 1472;
THEODORE COLE, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I. O. No. 1471;
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated
October 3, 1938, requesting copies of photographs
of the fugitives in this case.

In accordance with your request, there
are transmitted herewith twelve copies of a
smooth finished photograph of Ralph Roe, and
twelve copies of a smooth finished photograph of
Theodore Cole.

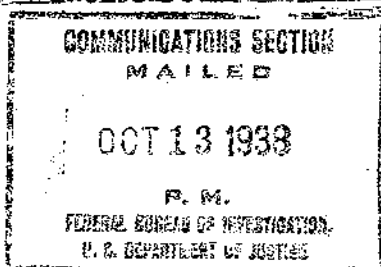
Very truly yours
For the Director

Harold Nathan
Assistant Director

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Nathan _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Crowl _____
Mr. Egan _____

Mr. Foxworth _____
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLA. CITY

76-348

FILE NO.

REPORT MADE AT OKLA. CITY	DATE WHEN MADE 10/5/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/21/38	REPORT MADE BY MARVIN B. PASH
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 Stuart, Okla. discloses that JACKIE and NELLIE KIMES have moved to Sasakwa, Okla.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent MARVIN B. PASH, Okla. City, 7/28/38.

DETAILS: At Stuart, Oklahoma.

Postmaster W. L. GILMORE stated that JACKIE and NELLIE KIMES had moved to Sasakwa, Oklahoma, and he had been forwarding their mail to that place in care of General Delivery.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD OFFICE

At Sasakwa, Oklahoma, will interview NELLIE and JACKIE KIMES, who are receiving their mail through General Delivery, and question them relative to three men appearing in Ardmore, Oklahoma May 8th and 24th, 1938 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, OKLAHOMA**

FILE NO. **76-282**

REPORT MADE AT EL PASO, TEXAS	DATE WHEN MADE 10/4/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/24, 26, 27/38	REPORT MADE BY R. H. HALLERBERG	ALL
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:

Inquiry at Odessa, Texas, and Hobbs, New Mexico, resulted in negative information as to exact location of **HAZEL UNDERHILL**. One **HAZEL CONNER** left forwarding address Refugio, Texas. **UNDERHILL** last seen in Odessa, Texas, about three months ago, present whereabouts unknown. Mail cover placed on mail **JAMES ROE**, Box 1478, Odessa, Texas.

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Reference: Report of Special Agent Z. J. Vanlandingham, Kansas City, Mo., dated September 7, 1938;
Report of Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, El Paso, Texas, dated September 22, 1938;
Telegrams from Oklahoma City Office, September 22, 1938, and September 29, 1938.

Details:

AT PECOS, TEXAS:

Reference telegram from the Oklahoma City Office requested that the present whereabouts of **HAZEL UNDERHILL**, last address 111 West Olive Street, Odessa, Texas, as of last July, be expeditiously and discreetly ascertained.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>R. J. [Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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In the absence of an agent near Odessa, Texas, the assistance of Captain EUGENE WELLS, F.B.I., National Police Academy graduate, who is in charge of the Texas Highway Patrol covering Odessa, Texas, was secured.

He reported his investigation shows that HAZEL UNDERHILL and another girl stayed at the above address in Odessa for a week in July, 1938, but that their whereabouts are now unknown, and that the identity of the other girl is unknown.

Captain WELLS stated that he had made inquiry at 111 West Olive Street, Odessa, Texas, where he was informed that a person described as a "red head" and a "brunette" had occupied a cabin for approximately one week during July, subsequent to which they moved to an unknown destination.

AT ODESSA, TEXAS:

MRS. C. MCENTYRE, Service Representative, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, searched her records under UNDERHILL and CONNOR with negative results.

JAMES T. SMITH, Assistant Postmaster, checked the forwarding records at the Post Office, which showed that on August 22, 1938, a MRS. H. T. CLAYTON, 2346 South Quanah St., West Tulsa, Oklahoma, requested that a money order mailed to HAZEL CONNER, General Delivery, Odessa, Texas, be forwarded to her at General Delivery, Refugio, Texas. Also mentioned in the letter was one LAVONA CONNER, who was thought to be with HAZEL CONNER. Inquiry made at the General Delivery window resulted in negative information as to anyone who remembered giving mail for HAZEL CONNER or HAZEL UNDERHILL.

MRS. VIRGIE GIBSON, Gibson Cottages, informed Agent that two girls, one dark complexioned, the other a "tough looking red-head", had rented one of her cottages for one week about the second week in July, 1938. Her attention was drawn to these girls because of the fact that they remained out practically all evening and had different, unknown men visit them at all hours of the night. The girls did not register when they rented the cabin, and MRS. GIBSON only knew that one was called HAZEL (the dark complexioned one) and the other MARGARET. She never heard the last names of these two girls. Nothing was known as to what kind of work they did while they were in Odessa, Texas. The day they left, which date was not exactly known, but guessed to be about the 10th or 15th of July, 1938, MRS. GIBSON went down to the cottage to clean it up, and outside of the door she found, and later destroyed, a card addressed to MARGARET, sent by CHARLIE BRANNON,

Hobbs, New Mexico, on which was written something to the effect that BRANNON would be seeing them in Hobbs, New Mexico soon. This information was remembered by MRS. GIBSON, however, the last name of the addressee appearing on the card was forgotten. It is to be noted that, as mentioned above, no mail was remembered by the clerks at the Post Office to have been sent to a CONNOR or UNDERHILL, care of General Delivery. BRANNON was known to be a carpenter by MRS. GIBSON, and he stayed at her cottages for several weeks, having dated MARGARET while he was there.

MRS. ESTELLE KIMBALL, Gibson Cottages, who occupies a trailer-house, stated that the girls had informed her that they came to Odessa, Texas from East Texas. MRS. KIMBALL could not remember the description of the dark complexioned girl, however, the following description was given of the "red-headed girl":-

Name:	MARGARET (last name unknown)
Age:	35 years
Height:	5'2"
Weight:	130 lbs.
Eyes:	Thought to be blue.
Hair:	Reddish blond.
Complexion:	Fair
Build:	Stocky.

The above described girl and CHARLIE BRANNON were friends while they were at the camp. MRS. KIMBALL verified the statements of MRS. GIBSON as regards the late hours kept by the girls, and also their company. No further information concerning the two was known to MRS. KIMBALL.

DICK CHAPMAN, Police Department, stated that he knew both HAZEL CONNOR and MARVIN CONNOR, personally, and that the last time he saw them was about three months ago. He did not remember where it was, but stated that it might have been Monahans, because that is where he knew them. The HAZEL CONNOR referred to by CHAPMAN is not identical to the wife of BOB CONNOR, former operator of the LaFonda Club at Odessa, Texas. It will be noted later that a person answering the same description as that of HAZEL CONNOR was being treated by a DR. McKISSICK, DDS., under the pretense of being the wife of BOB CONNOR.

LELAND F. PARKER, Investigator, Texas State Employment Service, checked his records for UNDERHILL, CONNOR and CONNER, with negative results.

DR. JAMES T. McKISSICK, D.D.S., stated that he was treating a woman who left him under the impression that she was BOB CONNOR'S wife, but that she left about three months ago, before he had completed the work on her teeth.

He described her as:

Name:	HAZEL CONNOR
Age:	30 to 35 years
Weight:	125 lbs.
Height:	5 feet.
Hair:	Red
Eyes:	Gray
Build:	Short and stocky
Complexion:	Fair
Color:	White
Sex:	Female
Dress:	Generally in black.
Nationality:	Possibly part French.

Inquiry was made at the Sheriff's office of FISCHER POLLARD, regarding MARVIN CONNOR, however, due to the lack of complete cooperation of that agency, no mention was made of HAZEL UNDERHILL or HAZEL CONNOR. No information was given concerning MARVIN CONNOR.

AT HOBBS, NEW MEXICO:

SAM GRAY, Postmaster, searched his records and made inquiry among the Postal employees concerning HAZEL UNDERHILL and HAZEL CONNOR, with negative results.

CONNIE CONNOR, New Mexico State Highway Patrolman, and Sam Young, Chief of Police, gave negative information regarding UNDERHILL.

Accompanied by CONNIE CONNOR, Agent eventually located CHARLES BRANNAN through LOWNIE ELAM, Elam Lumber Company, who stated that BRANNAN formerly worked as a lath man through his company. ELAM stated that he knew BRANNAN only a short time and could not give any information regarding his character and family life, except that BRANNAN is married and has a child.

CHARLES BRANNAN informed Agent that he was in Odessa, Texas, for about three months, having gone there shortly after school left out in June, 1938 at which time he started working on the High School in Odessa, Texas, as a lath man. About the first of July his daughter became very ill and had to be taken to the Northwest Hospital in Amarillo, Texas, which resulted in his leaving Odessa, Texas frequently, in order to visit his daughter in the hospital. He admitted living in the Gibson Cottages at the time the above mentioned girls lived there, however, he positively denied any personal association or acquaintance with them. The only incident which he remembered in connection with the two girls was that one night an intoxicated person, thought to be an elderly man, drove up in an automobile and began annoying

the occupants of the Cottages with inquiries regarding the location of "MARGARET". He remembered the owner of the Cottages waking him and requesting him to be ready for an emergency in the event any trouble was had with the man. BRANNAN was informed of the fact that a card was found outside of the girls' cabin, but he insisted that he did not send the card, adding that he was not in Hobbs, New Mexico, around July 15, 1938. He returned to Hobbs, New Mexico about August 15, 1938, which fact was substantiated from the records of the Retail Merchants Association, PAUL S. BROWN, Manager, checking the records. When asked about having had dates with "MARGARET", he insisted that he knew no one by that name or by the name of HAZEL, while living at the Cottages. He also stated that he had to work hard and save his money so that his daughter, age eighteen, could receive hospitalization, and furthermore, his reputation would substantiate the fact that he did "not run around with other women". No one could be found in Hobbs, New Mexico, who could give any information regarding his reputation, except that he was a hard worker.

Reference telegrams from the Oklahoma City Office, dated September 29, 1938, instructed that investigation to locate HAZEL UNDERWOOD be discontinued.

Reference report of Special Agent Z. J. VANLANDINGHAM, Kansas City, September 7, 1938, sets out a lead for the El Paso Office to note the change of address of JAMES ROE from Hobbs, New Mexico, to Box 1478, Odessa, Texas.

This new address was noted and, by letter of September 12, 1938, the Postmaster at Odessa was requested to place a mail cover on the mail of that address until further notice. Addresses and mail tracings received as a result are being forwarded to the Oklahoma City office by letter.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE EL PASO OFFICE:

*AT ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO

Will conduct appropriate investigation to determine whether JACK "FATS" MILES is known in that vicinity, and if so, whether fugitive COLE might be in contact with him at that point.

*AT LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO

Will report the results of the covers on the mail of Mr. and Mrs. CECIL NOEL, P. O. Box 613, and Mrs. SADIE DYE, 521 Douglas St., Las Vegas.

*AT PHOENIX, ARIZ.

Will contact the State Highway Patrol to ascertain whether they have any record or information concerning car mentioned in report of G. V. DIERST, Los Angeles, dated 9-7-38. Will conduct the same investigation at the

Maricopa County Sheriff's Office.

*AT MESA, ARIZONA

Will contact employees of the Ford Garage and sales room to ascertain whether they have any information concerning above mentioned car.

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

FILE NO. **76-50**

REPORT MADE AT Seattle, Washington	DATE WHEN MADE 10-4-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9-14, 15, 20-22-1938	REPORT MADE BY DUANE L. TRAYNOR	MEM
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: JAMES WALKER admits taking a six weeks' pleasure trip to California beginning about December 16, 1937. He is head of the Walker Construction Company, Tacoma, Washington. The oil screw LONA LEE purchased by RODGER HILLMAN, Seattle, Washington, in San Francisco. He states he was in a hurry to leave there so that he could be in Seattle by Christmas. HILLMAN and two others aboard. Knows nothing of instant escape or subjects. C. A. GARRISON not known around Rochester, Washington. JACK SIEMAN now living Castle Hotel, Vancouver, B. C.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent DUANE L. TRAYNOR, Seattle, Washington, dated September 7, 1938.</p> <p>San Francisco letter dated February 24, 1938.</p> <p>Report of Special Agent DANIEL CURRIE, JR., Seattle, Washington, dated January 21, 1938.</p> <p>DETAILS: <u>At Tacoma, Washington</u></p> <p>Agent contacted MR. JAMES WALKER at his place of business at 4540 South Adams Street. He advised that in December of 1937, around the 16th of the month, he and his wife started a six week trip to California in his Chrysler Sedan bearing 1938 Washington license #B-5,467.</p>				
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		
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He does not know anything about the purchasing of tidal and current charts of San Francisco Bay and Pacific Ocean and states that he went through Portland, Oregon, at 8:00 o'clock in the morning, not stopping at any place in Portland. He advised that he had been in the road construction business in Tacoma since 1923 and that he is the owner of the Walker Construction Company.

From Agent's personal observation, WALKER is described as follows:

Height	5' 10"
Eyes	Blue grey
Hair	Sandy
Age	35
Weight	165

At Seattle, Washington

Agent attempted to contact MR. RODGER HILLMAN at his home at 3720 Fuhrman Avenue but he was not at home at the time Agent called. At Agent's request his wife had him call at the Seattle Field Office where he was interviewed. He advised that he purchased the oil screw LONA LEE in San Francisco in December of 1937. He purchased this boat through a broker named GEORGE PITT. The boat formerly belonged to a MISS SATERFIELD and he believed that the boat was seized by the Government and sold at a Marshal's sale. He admitted that he was in a hurry to leave San Francisco and San Francisco Bay, the reason for this hurry being that he wanted to be in Seattle with his family for Christmas. He stated that when he left San Francisco there was some doubt in his mind whether he would be able to be in Seattle and he planned to stop at Astoria and take a bus to Seattle if he could not be there in time by going by boat. He stated that the boat arrived in Seattle on December 24.

This boat was purchased by him to be used in the fishing business. When he found that it would be impossible for him to use the boat in that business and still live in Seattle he sold the boat. He advised that also on this boat there were two others besides himself forming the crew. One individual was named HEDRICKS, who is a licensed engineer and used to live in Seattle. He thinks that HEDRICKS at the present time is in Alaska. The other individual he knew as "SHORTY" and believes that his last name was NELSON but he is not sure of this. He does not know anything about SHORTY'S whereabouts at the present time. He was also unable to furnish HEDRICK'S first name.

He stated that the only moving of the ship while it was in San Francisco Bay was from the Madden Shipyards at Sausalito to the Shell Oil Company and back. He stated that while in California he and the members of his crew lived at the best hotel in Sausalito, the name of which he does not remember. He saw nothing of the escapees and knows nothing about their escape.

It is noted that MR. HILLMAN is at the present time in the used car business in Seattle. He does not have a lot of his own but locates used cars and sells them to used car dealers.

He stated that he had previously been approached by some Government official in connection with this trip in that they thought he might have something to do with taking oil from San Francisco and smuggling it somewhere else. It would seem, therefore, that the Customs Officials in San Francisco have been unduly alarmed over the departure of the LONA LEE from San Francisco and have reported it to two or three different sources so that its departure might be investigated. However, it is being left to the discretion of the San Francisco Field Office as to whether a further check of the story as told by MR. HILLMAN should be made. If this check is desired the San Francisco Office should obtain the shipping articles of the LONA LEE and secure the names of the crew members so that they may be located and interviewed.

At Rochester, Washington.

MR. PEYTON B. HOOVER, Postmaster, advised that he knew no one by the name of C. A. GARRISON; that there was no one living in that community so far as he knew by the name of C. A. or JACK GARRISON; however, he would make inquiry of the Rural Route carrier to see if it was possible that this individual lived on a rural route there. The Seattle Field Office later received a card from MR. HOOVER in which he stated that GARRISON was not known to the rural route carrier. A lead is therefore being set out to the Portland Field Office to again check at Ashland, Oregon, to determine the whereabouts of C. A. GARRISON.

The Seattle Field Office is in receipt of a letter from Chief Constable W. W. FOSTER of Vancouver, B. C., in which he advises that JACK SIEMAN, formerly Alcatraz #177A2, is now living at the Castle Hotel in Vancouver, B. C. and is believed making his living as a professional gambler.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE PORTLAND FIELD OFFICE

At Ashland, Oregon, will again make inquiry for C. A. GARRISON who had a 1938 Buick Coupe bearing Oregon license plates 215-750 registered to him care of Pinehurst, Ashland, Oregon. This car is supposed to have crossed the Oregon, California line either December 15 or 16, 1937. Inquiry is to be made of MR. GARRISON whether he is the individual who purchased tidal or current charts of the Pacific Ocean or San Francisco Bay in Portland just prior to instant escape. If no information can be developed at this point a lead should be set out to ascertain if the 1930

✓ Buick car bearing motor #2599268, was registered in either Oregon or Washington in 1938 so that GARRISON may be located and interviewed.

THE SEATTLE FIELD OFFICE

- * At Vancouver, B. C., will attempt to locate JACK SIEMAN and interview him as to any knowledge he may have of any plans made at Alcatraz Island while he was there for the escape of instant subjects. SIEMAN is located at the Castle Hotel according to information received.
- * At Yakima, Washington, will obtain at the County Courthouse the name of the registered owner of a Lafayette Victory Sedan bearing 1937 Washington license E-22746. This owner should be interviewed relative to the occupants of that car when it crossed the Oregon-California line either December 15 or 16, 1937, and they should be interrogated as to their possession of any tidal and current charts of San Francisco Bay and the Pacific Ocean, which they may have purchased in Oregon and taken through the California-Oregon line.

At Yakima, will interview the following people relative to any information they may have of the tidal and current charts of San Francisco Bay and the Pacific Ocean which were purchased in Portland and which may have been taken through the California-Oregon line December 15 or 16, 1937, as these individuals all had cars registered in their names which were supposed to have gone through the California-Oregon line December 15 or 16, 1937. Information should be developed from each of these individuals as to their general reputation and standing in their community and a description obtained.

WALTER E. TATE, c/o Piston Service, owner of 1933 Dodge bearing 1937 Washington license E-14902.

✓ HASSETT MOTOR COMPANY, owner of 1937 DeSoto Sedan bearing 1938 Washington license E-17.

✓ DON HADLEY, 405 South 15th Avenue, owner of 1936 Chevrolet 2-door bearing 1937 Washington license E-13945.

✓ H. P. MULLER, Box 886, owner of 1936 Chevrolet Coupe bearing 1937 Washington license E-10634.

- * At Walla Walla, Washington, will interview MR. W. J. McLEAN, 726 N. Clinton, owner of 1937 Packard Sedan bearing 1938 Washington license O-1242, as requested in the lead set out to interview car owners in Yakima.

- * At Brownstown, Washington, will interview LOUIS VIOLETTE, owner of 1929 Chevrolet 2-door bearing 1938 Washington license E-1979, to ascertain the same information as requested to be ascertained from car owners in the lead set out for Yakima.
- * At Wapato, Washington, will interview H. E. HOVIS, General Delivery, the owner of a 1928 Chrysler Coupe bearing 1937 Washington license E-20638, and secure information as requested to be secured from automobile owners in the lead set out for Yakima.
- * At Zillah, Washington, will interview HARVEY EILERS, Route 1, the owner of a 1936 Chevrolet Coupe bearing 1937 Washington license E-521, and secure from him information as requested to be secured from automobile owners in the lead set out for Yakima.
- * At Olympia, Washington, at the Motor Vehicle Division, will ascertain the owner of a Chevrolet Truck bearing 1937 Washington license #31413. When this information is secured, a lead should be set out to interview this owner and obtain from him the same information as set out to be obtained from the automobile owners in Yakima.
- * At Osborne, Washington, will contact MRS. PEARL WILL to see if JACK ROBERTS, to whom they sold their Oldsmobile, has returned to Osborne, and if not, if she knows his present whereabouts. When located, he should be interviewed as requested in the lead set out for automobile owners at Yakima.
- * At Dayton, Washington, will locate and interview MR. JOE ROSE in order to determine whether MR. ROSE made the inquiry and purchase of the tidal and current charts of San Francisco Bay and the Pacific Ocean. (See report of Special Agent DANIEL CURRIE, JR., Seattle, Washington, dated January 7, 1938, being serial 32 of the Seattle file.)
- * At Yakima, Washington, will interview MR. SPAINHOUR COFFY, who is presently living with his wife and father-in-law, a MR. NELSON, in the Hillcrest Section of Yakima, for the purpose specified in Portland letter to Seattle dated 12/23/37. (See report of Special Agent DANIEL CURRIE, JR., Seattle, Washington, dated January 7, 1938, being serial 32 in the Seattle file.)
- * At Olympia, Washington, at the State Department of Licenses, Motor Vehicle Division, will ascertain to whom the 1937 Washington license D-729 was transferred subsequent to the purchase of the Overland car from one WILLIAM LOYER at Grand

Coulee Dam in order that a lead for the transferee may be set out and appropriate interview had. (See report of Special Agent DANIEL CURRIE, JR., Seattle, Washington, dated January 7, 1938, being serial 32 in the Seattle file.)

* At Spokane, Washington, will make appropriate inquiry at 4111 North Lincoln for any information the occupants at that address might have relative to the present whereabouts of JOHN G. FAIRFAX, so that he may be interviewed relative to his car going through the California - Oregon line either December 15 or 16, 1937. (See report of Special Agent J. E. THORNTON, San Francisco, California, dated January 17, 1938, being serial 35 in the Seattle file.)

* At Kamloops, British Columbia, will contact MR. D. O. VICARS, resident there, in order to determine if he had occasion to purchase at Portland, Oregon, the pamphlets covering tides and currents in San Francisco Bay. In this connection, it will be noted that car bearing 1937 B. C. license 16830, issued to DESMOND ODLUM VICARS, Kamloops, B. C., was registered as entering Smith River, California December 16, 1937.

* At Keremeos, B. C., Canada, will contact MR. W. C. HONEYWELL, to determine similar information. 1937 B. C. license 42728, issued to WILLIAM C. HONEYWELL, Keremeos, B. C., is registered as entering Dunsmuir, California, December 16, 1937. (See report of DANIEL CURRIE, JR., Seattle, Washington, dated February 16, 1938, being serial 42 in the Seattle file.)

* At Spokane, Washington, will interview WILLIAM LOYEAR at the Spokane Hotel, as set out for the Butte Office at Moscow, Idaho in reference report of Special Agent M. E. GURNEA, San Francisco, dated December 28, 1937. (See report of Special Agent E. SANDBERG, Butte, Montana, dated April 11, 1938, being serial 50 of the Seattle file and also see serial 36 of the Seattle file.)

* At Grand Coulee, Washington, will locate and interview E. F. BOVEE, as requested in the report of Special Agent DANIEL CURRIE, JR., dated at Seattle, Washington, January 7, 1938. (See report of Special Agent K. P. PETTIJOHN, San Francisco, California, dated August 22, 1938, being serial 63 of the Seattle file.)

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BEN M. VANHOOK. SALESMAN FOR THE PENNICK SYRUP COMPANY OF CARTHAGE
MISSOURI. VANHOOK LATER COMPLAINED TO POLICE THAT FRESH MRS
COLE RELEASED HIM OF MONEY AND GAVE INFORMATION ALLEGEDLY OBTAINED FROM
HER THAT SHE IS IN TOUCH WITH HUSBAND. MRS COLE ALLEGEDLY STATED
SHE SAW HUSBAND AT PITTSBURGH KANSAS ABOUT FIVE WEEKS AGO AND
EXPECTS CHECK FROM HIM WITHIN NEXT TEN DAYS, AFTER WHICH SHE
WILL JOIN HIM. KANSAS CITY REQUESTED DISCREETLY INTERVIEW BEN
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Transmit the following message to: SAC
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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 Bureau letter dated August 25,
1938, suggesting certain investigation to be conducted in
this case at Longview, Texas.

Inasmuch as a review of the file fails to disclose
that investigation at Longview has been conducted, it is sug-
gested that this matter be placed in line for immediate atten-
tion.

Very truly yours,
For the Director

Harold Nathan
Assistant Director

cc-Oklahoma City

Mr. Tolson	_____
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October 11, 1938

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In re: Information given by George H.
Smith, Tulsa, Okla. relative to
Jack "Fats" Miles

Mr. Harold Nathan,
Assistant Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of your letter dated
October 4, 1938, giving information obtained by one of your
investigators from one George H. Smith, formerly undersheriff
at Ft. Smith, Arkansas, regarding the above named individual,
who is alleged to be engaged in the narcotic traffic.

Very truly yours,

Will S. Wood

Will S. Wood,
Acting Commissioner of Narcotics.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

P. O. Box 1630,
San Antonio, Texas,
October 9, 1938.

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

Re: RALPH ROE W.A. - FUGITIVE I.O. #1472
THEODORE COLE W.A. - FUGITIVE I.O. #1471
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

Dear Sir:

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This is to advise you that a thirty day mail cover was placed on all of the first class mail received by HAZEL UNDERHILL under that name and her known aliases HAZEL CONNOR and HAZEL HUDSON, this cover being placed on September 30, 1938 with the Postmistress at Refugio, Texas.

Very truly yours,

Gus T. Jones
GUS T. JONES,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Washington, D. C.
October 12, 1938.

Time-10:09 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES

Re: Roe and Cole;
Escaped Federal Prisoners.

While talking with SAC Fletcher at Oklahoma City, I was told that Mr. Hood and Mr. Smith contacted informant Clarence Neal on Monday and made arrangements for him to contact Herb Farmer. \$25 was given him for expense money.

Mr. Fletcher advised that Neal has definitely stated that he has good information to the effect that Roe and Cole have been in contact with Farmer, who holds the key to the whole situation.

I was told that Neal has never given any information which could be verified and the purpose of the present trip is to give the Bureau such information. Neal wired the Oklahoma City Office yesterday afternoon that Farmer was not at Joplin but was at Salt Lake City; that Farmer would be in Joplin today, where he would contact him.

SAC Fletcher said that he would phone Mr. Guinane and have him make a discreet inquiry at Joplin so see if Farmer is there. Mr. Fletcher said that his previous information was that Farmer was operating a liquor house near Dallas, Texas. Therefore, Neal's information should be checked to ascertain if he is giving the Bureau "the run around".

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El Paso, Texas.

October 4, 1938.

for
Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Sir:

Re: ROGOL

As a result of indefinite mail cover placed upon the mail of JAMES ROE, at Odessa, Texas, W.T. ANDERSON, the Postmaster, by letter of September 23, 1938, furnished information to this office that the following mail had been received at his address:

For Mrs. James Roe -
From 2845 Taylor, #5, Detroit, Mich.,
Postmarked Detroit 9-14-38 - 12:30 p.m.

Mailed in Odessa, Tex., 9-16-38 - 6 p.m.
By Bert and Edna
To Mr. and Mrs. J. Roe

For Mr. James Roe, from First National
Bank, Midland, Tex., 9-17-38 - 6 p.m.

Mrs. James Roe, c/o International Supply Co.,
mailed in Hobbs, N.M., 9-18-38, 12 M. - no return
address.

James Roe - from Box 2171, Tulsa, Okla. 9-20-38.

It will be noted that no tracings were made of the above mail. Immediately an Agent contacted the Postmaster and instructed him in the manner of making tracings. Subsequently, several mail tracings were received which are being transmitted herewith for your attention.

Very truly yours,

R.J. Untreiner,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - San Francisco.
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Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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RE: ROCOL.

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for your information is a mail tracing received from the Postmaster at Odessa, Texas, as the result of a mail cover on the mail of JAMES ROE, brother of Subject ROE at this place.

The Postmaster at Las Vegas, by letter dated October 7, 1938, stated that MRS. SADIE DYE, 521 Douglas Avenue, Las Vegas, New Mexico, received a letter on that date from 908 East 15th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, which was typewritten.

Very truly yours,

R. J. Untreiner,
Special Agent in Charge.

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H. B. Fletcher
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
224 Federal Building
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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

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REPORT MADE AT San Antonio, Texas.	DATE WHEN MADE 10/9/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/30/38 & 10/1/38	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:

HAZEL UNDERHILL now residing at Refugio, Texas with O. C. HALES, who is field superintendent of the Morgan Oil Company. Her daughter, ONETTA LAVANA HUDSON, age 13, enrolled in junior high school there. Resides at cottage just north of the school. No street or name, number. HAZEL receiving mail at general delivery c/o O. C. HALES under the names of HAZEL HUDSON and HAZEL CONNOR. HALES' wife employed as secretary at Starrett Cashing Pulling Company, office near the Postoffice at Refugio, Texas. Thirty day mail cover placed on the mail of HAZEL UNDERHILL.

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REFERENCE: Teletype from Oklahoma City Field Office dated September 29, 1938.

DETAILS:

It was ascertained at Corpus Christi, Texas that O. C. HALES and his wife did reside at 1409 North Mesquite Street and that just prior to their leaving Corpus Christi they were visited by a middle aged woman supposed to have been the mother of HALES' wife. They advised on leaving that they were going to Fort Worth, Texas. There was no forwarding order given at Corpus Christi on their mail.

It was ascertained from GORDON L. LEWIS, Secretary of the Retail Merchants Association, Corpus Christi, Texas, that their first record on O. C. HALES was in 1936 when it was ascertained that he came to Corpus Christi, Texas from Conroe, Texas; that he was last employed by the Merick Drilling Company

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of Tyler, Texas; that he purchased a DeSoto Coupe from the Jack O'Brien Motor Company; that this DeSoto was repossessed in February, 1938.

LEWIS further stated that his records reflect that HALES was a rough-neck employed in the oil fields at Corpus Christi and that his wife's name was GENEVIEVE. The records further reflect that HALES was formerly employed by the Pan-American Production Company and in 1936 was employed by the Humble Oil and Refining Company at Conroe, Texas.

Agent contacted Mr. F. O. HAUG, mail carrier, who delivers mail to 1409 North Mesquite Street and he recalls delivering mail to O. C. HALES and his wife at this address but does not recall delivering any mail to HAZEL UNDERHILL under her correct name or any of her known aliases. Mr. HAUG stated that he believed that when HALES left the Mesquite Street address drove a practically new Buick Coupe bearing a Texas license; that the HALES had left about two months prior to agent's inquiry, leaving no forwarding address, and that he had returned several letters to the senders and does not recall where these letters came from.

The Corpus Christi School records were checked and agent failed to ascertain that LAVANA HUDSON had entered any of the schools at Corpus Christi, Texas.

Agent checked the marriage records at Corpus Christi, Texas from 1930 and failed to find any records where a marriage license was issued to O. C. HALES and JUANITA CONNOR.

Agent contacted Miss LENA BOWLEY, Clerk in charge of the Refugio, Texas Postoffice, in the absence of Postmistress Mrs. BILLIE W. SORREY, and Miss BOWLEY advised that Mr. and Mrs. O. C. HALES were receiving mail through that Postoffice and had been for the past month and a half. Also that HAZEL HUDSON and HAZEL CONNOR were receiving all their mail c/o O. C. HALES; that Mrs. HALES was employed as a Secretary by the Starrett Cashing Pulling Company, who offices were near the Postoffice.

Miss BOWLEY further advised that a Western Union telegram was delivered to the HALES for a Mrs. GLADYS STRIPLING or STRICKLING and that there was a registered letter for a Mrs. G. E. STRICKLEY from the GMAC, El Paso, Texas; however, this last letter came in the c/o of O. F. HALES but those calling for the mail of O. C. HALES claimed that it should have been c/o O. C. HALES instead.

Agent ascertained from the records of the Refugio public schools that they had enrolled one ONETTA LAVANA HUDSON, age 13, born July 18, 1925, parent SAM OTIS HUDSON, occupation oil field worker;

that she was in the 7th grade; affiliated with the Methodist Church. Upon inquiry of R. L. MCCORD, principal of the school, as to where this child resided in Refugio, the young lady assistant advised that they resided about two blocks north of the Junior High School; that there were not any names on the street or any numbers on the houses, but that they lived on one of the four little houses on the right hand side of the street going north.

Agent called at the Western Union Telegraph Company and they advised that that office did not keep any copies of incoming messages nor did they have any record as to where MRS. GLADYS STRICKLING or STRICKLING lived in Refugio, as they delivered the telegram to her through General Delivery, Post Office.

A thirty day mail cover was placed on all first class mail received by HAZEL UNDERHILL under the names of HAZEL HUDSON and HAZEL CONNOR with MISS LENA BOWLEY, Clerk in charge of the Refugio, Texas, Post Office.

The Oklahoma City Field office was advised as to the location of HAZEL UNDERHILL at Refugio, Texas, by wire.

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202 U. S. COURTHOUSE
EL PASO, TEXAS
Oct. 11, 1938

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Special Agent in Charge
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

RE: ROCOL

Transmitted herewith for your information are two mail tracings received this morning from the Postmaster at Odessa, Texas, as the result of a mail cover placed on the mail of James Roe, brother of subject Roe, at that place.

One letter, addressed to Mr. and Mrs. James W. Roe, Odessa, Texas, c/o International Supply, was mailed from Hays, Kansas. The other letter, addressed to Mrs. James Roe, Box 1478, Odessa, Texas, c/o International Supply Company, bore a return address "Hotel Drake, R. 118, 1018 Locust Street, Kansas City, Missouri."

Very truly yours,

R. J. Untreiner,
Special Agent in Charge.

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

FILE NO. **76-50**

REPORT MADE AT Seattle, Washington	DATE WHEN MADE 10-10-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10/3,4/1938	REPORT MADE BY R. C. EBERSTEIN
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 at Spokane, Washington that WILLIAM H. LOYEAR now located at Grand Coulee, Washington. LOYEAR sold Overland car bearing Washington 1937 license number D729 to ROSS WOOD at Grand Coulee, Washington about August 1, 1937. WOOD sold same short time later to unknown man who resided at San Francisco, California. Overland bore serial number 934488.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent E. SANDBERG, dated at Butte, Montana 4-11-38.

DETAILS:

At the Spokane Post Office, it was ascertained that WILLIAM H. LOYEAR called for mail at the General Delivery section in April, 1938, but did not leave a forwarding address. Clerk CARL WEBER stated that he remembered LOYEAR and that he was in the automobile business.

Mr. WALTER JENSEN, Spokane Credit Bureau was contacted and advised that his records contained information as to LOYEAR, who had apparently left Spokane about April 1, 1938, went to Grand Coulee, then to Wenatchee and possibly back to Grand Coulee. He advised that record showed that LOYEAR was formerly a Hudson dealer at Grand Coulee. Mr. C. A. HUGHEFF, office manager of the Transport Motor Company at Spokane, Hudson wholesale dealers advised that Mr. LOYEAR is at present in the automobile business at Grand Coulee, Washington.

Agent contacted State Patrolman MARK ANTONCICH at Mason City, Washington by telephone. He later called Agent and advised that he had interviewed WILLIAM LOYEAR, who could not produce his records regarding the sale of the

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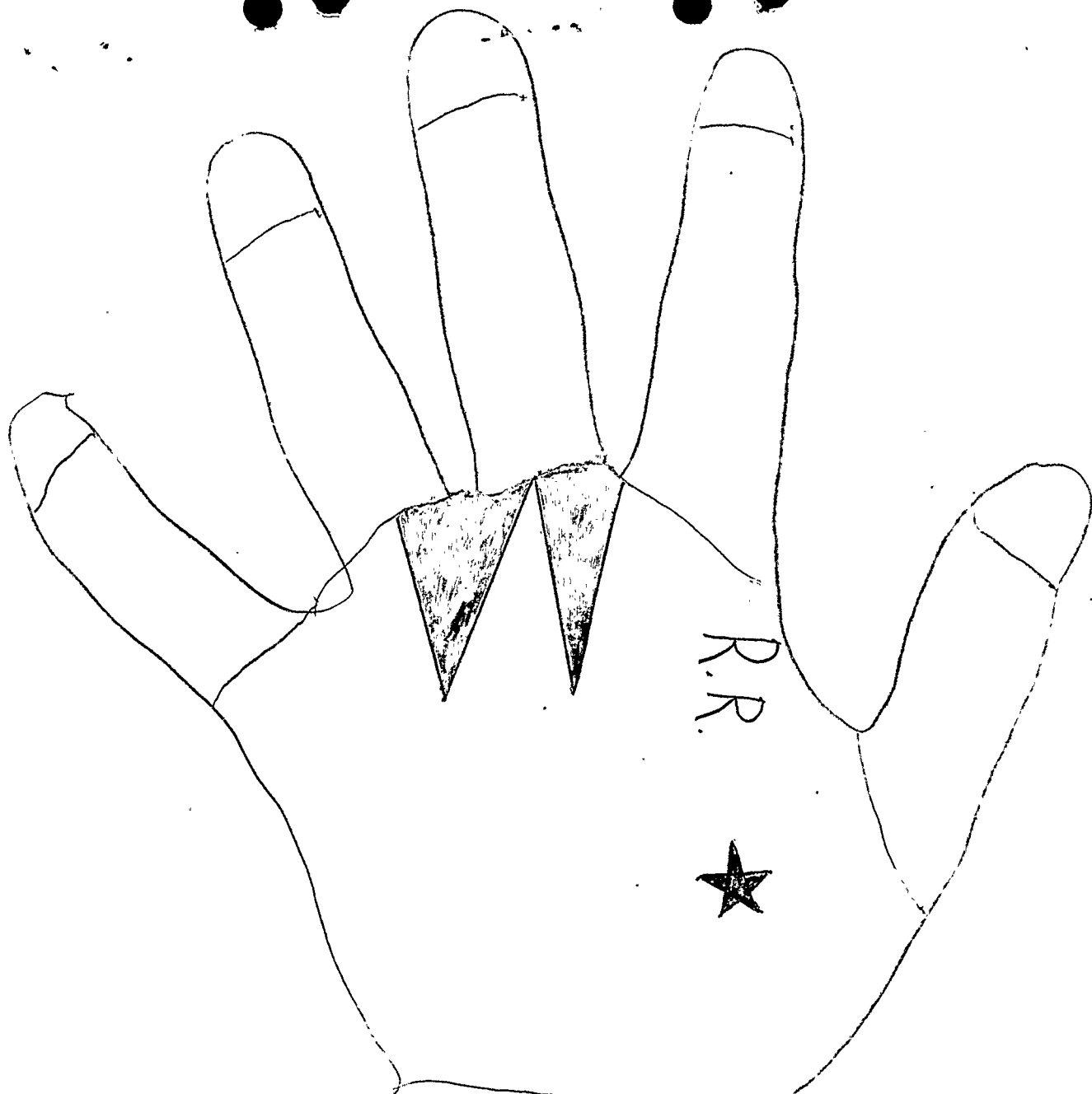
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old Overland car. That LOHAR remembered the sale of the car in question which was about August 1, 1937, and the car was sold to a man named ROSS WOOD, who was employed at the Grand Coulee Dam. The car in question was about a 1925 model and almost fit for junk. Patrolman ANTONCICH stated that he had located ROSS WOOD, who stated that he had sold the Overland to a man from San Francisco who came to Coulee Dam to look for work; but he could not remember his name. That so far as he could recollect, this man who bought the Overland started back for California with it, but he doubted if he could make San Francisco with the car because of the mechanical condition of the car. That the car still had the dealer's plate for 1937, Washington D723 at the time that ROSS sold it to the man from California. ROSS informed Patrolman ANTONCICH that he had obtained some parts for this car from a wrecking company at Grand Coulee, and by investigation there it was learned that the Overland bore serial number 934488.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

The SAN FRANCISCO FIELD OFFICE is requested to determine if possible, name and address of man who purchased the Overland sedan, bearing serial number 934488, which may have been registered in California by the unknown owner either in 1937 or 1938 and interview him to determine if he purchased the tide charts at Portland, Oregon.

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Tues. 11th Oct. 38
Grand Rapids, Mich.

To John Edgar Hoover

Dear Sir:

I find it ever so hard to write you, something in this life thats incomplete, imperfect, and unfinished, Edgar the best teacher is time, the best preacher is the heart, the best book is the world, and the best friend is God. In the school of life there are many branches, with many knowledge, but the only thing that amounts to anything after all is the secret of making friends with our luck, I want this faith With you that at no time will you give out the information or from what source it came from, or will you ever release my name to be printed in any newspaper, or my trade as a barber. Please do not fail me for this request. Now if I am not putting you to a to much expense, I would like to have you send me a postal card picture of Theodore Cole. I'd much rather talk to you Edgar in person but I haven't the price to come to you for my fare. You Edgar is the one to judge this letter.

I'll give you this illustration on Theodore Cole whom what I believe now was him. I have shaved this man this spring, one Friday afternoon, tall slender, about 5-10, light hair, thin face, scar on lower lip, small scar on the right cheek, his lip was heart shape, not much to shave, weight about 140 lb. If I could only see you in person. You would understand me better. Do not be afraid, his looks is locked in my memory for keeps. I am willing to put my life on this that I Miklos Kovats did shake hands with Ralph Roe also. May my spiritual trouble be over soon. You have the power to give and to take.

Gods love and peace be with thee,

/s/ Miklos Kovats
311 West Lenord St.
Grand Rapids, Mich.

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Tues. 11th. Oct-38-

Grand Rapids Mich.

To John Edgar Hoover.

Dear Sir,

I find it ever, so hard to write you.
Something in this life, thats incomplete,
imperfect, and unfinished, Edgar The best
teacher is time, the best preacher is the heart,
The best book is the world, And the best friend
is God, In the school of life there are many
branches, with many knowledge, But the
only thing that amounts to anything after all
is the secrete of making friends with
our luck, I want this faith with you
that at no time, will you give out the information
Or from what source it came from, Or will
you ever release my name to be printed in
any newes paper, or my trade as a barber.
Please do not fail me for this request.
Now if I am not putting you, to a to much
expense, I would like to have you send me
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Gods love and
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MIKLOS X KOVATS

Miklos Kovats
311 West Seneca St
Grand Rapids.
Mich.

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Special Agent in Charge
Detroit, Michigan

Re: THEODORE COLE, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I. O. No. 1471;
RALPH ROE, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I. O. No. 1472;
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith copies of
a letter dated October 11, 1938, received at the
Bureau from Mr. Miklos Kovats, 311 West Lenord
Street, Grand Rapids, Michigan, together with copies
of the Bureau's reply thereto.

It is desired that you have an Agent in-
terview Mr. Kovats in the near future to determine
whether he has information as to the location of
Theodore Cole and Ralph Roe.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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October 18, 1938

Mr. Miklos Kovats
311 West Lenord Street
Grand Rapids, Michigan

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RALPH ROE, with aliases,
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Dear Mr. Kovats:

I am in receipt of your letter dated October 11, 1938, in which you state that you have information concerning individuals who you believe are identical with Theodore Cole and Ralph Roe, two fugitives whose apprehensions are desired by this Bureau.

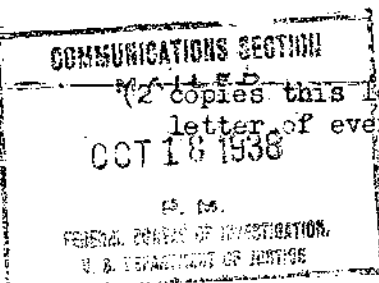
Please be advised that I have instructed Mr. J. S. Bugas, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, 911 Federal Building, Detroit, Michigan, to have an Agent from his office contact you in the near future to discuss this matter with you and to secure such information as you may have.

I wish to thank you for your courtesy in communicating with me.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson _____
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

BUTTE FILE NO. 76-107

REPORT MADE AT BUTTE, MONTANA.	DATE WHEN MADE 10/13/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/28/38	REPORT MADE BY V. J. WOLFE	MAC
TITLE RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER	
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<p>References:</p> <p>Report of Special Agent V. J. Wolfe, Butte, Montana, 8/8/38. Bureau letter dated 9/14/38.</p>				
<p>Details:</p> <p><u>AT BUTTE, MONTANA</u></p> <p>Reference letter from the Bureau dated September 14, 1938, sets forth a report from the Bureau's Technical Laboratory advising that the handwriting specimen appearing on hotel registration sheet from the hotel in Victor, Idaho, has not been identified as being the handwriting of RALPH ROE, by two handwriting examiners. A third handwriting examiner was unable to reach a conclusion following his</p>				
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comparison because of the limited amount of writing present.

The hotel registration sheet is being forwarded under separate cover to Mrs. BLANCHE SCOTT, Victor, Idaho.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent WALTER T. GRAY, Butte, Montana, dated June 14, 1938, wherein an undeveloped lead is set out for the Butte Field Division to conduct investigation at the home of RALPH SKEEN, Route 3, Weiser, Idaho. This lead was for the purpose of interviewing D. W. LONGACRE. Reference is made to the report of Special Agent in Charge H. E. ANDERSEN, Butte, Montana, dated January 13, 1938, particularly to Page 6 thereof, wherein it is stated that information had been received from Sheriff FRANK KENNEDY at Weiser, Idaho, on September 21, 1937, to the effect that D. W. LONGACRE had left Weiser, Idaho, and had requested his mail to be forwarded to him at Brookings, Oregon. A teletype was forwarded from the Butte Field Division to the Portland Office on December 31, 1937, requesting investigation of LONGACRE at Brookings, Oregon.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

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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 10-14-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10-4-38	REPORT MADE BY R. F. NEWKIRK	mc
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:

MARIE COLE, wife of **THEODORE COLE**, at Springfield, Missouri on 9-29/30-38, but has now returned to Alpine, Arkansas.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent Z. J. VANLANDINGHAM, Kansas City, dated 9-7-38.

DETAILS:

AT SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI:

Officer **FRANK DEBAKER**, police department, Springfield, Missouri, advised that since last interview with the writer, he had learned that **MARIE COLE** had returned to Alpine, Arkansas. Mr. **DEBAKER** advised that his informant in this case was one **W. T. HARRIS**, who operated a restaurant at the bus terminal just North of the Grand Hotel, Springfield, Missouri.

W. T. HARRIS was interviewed at the above-mentioned bus station, and advised that **MARIE COLE**, generally known as **Alpine MARIE** is well-known to him and that he had formerly been acquainted with her when he resided at Harrison, Arkansas. **HARRIS** stated that **MARIE COLE**, to the best of his recollection, has always been a prostitute, and works at various times at Alpine and Harrison, Arkansas, and Springfield and Joplin, Missouri. **HARRIS** stated that **MARIE COLE** had been in his restaurant on 9-29/30-38 and that she had at this time told him that she was going to stay in Springfield for a day or two and then return to Alpine, Arkansas. Mr. **HARRIS** stated that he

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did not know where MARIE COLE stayed when she was in Springfield, Missouri and also that he was not acquainted with THEODORE COLE, husband of MARIE COLE. The photograph of THEODORE COLE was exhibited to Mr. HARRIS and he stated that insofar as he could recall, he had never seen this man. Mr. HARRIS advised that his niece, CARMEL HARRIS, who also worked in this restaurant, was well acquainted with MARIE COLE and could possibly furnish information concerning her.

CARMEL HARRIS was interviewed at the restaurant and advised that she has known MARIE COLE for a number of years and had gone to grade school with her. Miss HARRIS stated that she was never on particularly intimate terms with MARIE COLE, inasmuch as MARIE was a prostitute and she did not want to have anything to do with anyone of that character, but that whenever MARIE COLE was in Springfield, she usually ate at this restaurant. Miss HARRIS stated that MARIE COLE had never mentioned THEODORE COLE to her and that she had not questioned her concerning him, but that MARIE had at one time mentioned to her the fact that she had been married when she was sixteen years of age. Miss HARRIS stated that MARIE COLE talked freely to her and that the next time MARIE was in the restaurant, she would casually inquire of her as to THEODORE COLE and advise the writer as to any information she might obtain. The photograph of THEODORE COLE was exhibited to Miss HARRIS, who advised that this person was unfamiliar to her.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION at Springfield, Missouri, will keep in contact with CARMEL HARRIS for any information she may be able to ascertain from MARIE COLE.

* At Pittsburg, Kansas, will interview Mrs. JOHN (NORINE) SCHULTZ, 204 East Seventh Street, bearing in mind that Mrs. SCHULTZ is a sister-in-law of THEODORE COLE. It is also noted that COLE at one time is alleged to have lived in Pittsburg, Kansas, and that his wife, MARIE COLE, is alleged to have practiced prostitution in Pittsburg, Kansas.

* At Liberal, Kansas, will interview C. L. LULLER

for any information he might have regarding this case, it being noted that he was corresponding with Mr. and Mrs. G. L. DAWSON of Bell, California, in December of 1937. Mrs. DAWSON is a half-sister of fugitive COLE.

* At Hays, Kansas, will continue to maintain contact with RAYMOND ROE, brother of RALPH ROE. RAYMOND ROE may be reached by telephone at Hays, Kansas, #155.

* At Neosho, Missouri, will interview Mr. and Mrs. R. E. DAVIS, Route #2, the parents of VOLNEY DAVIS. It will be noted that VOLNEY DAVIS is presently at Alcatraz and, after the escape of the fugitives in this case, there was found in some of their effects the name and address of VOLNEY DAVIS' sister, who is living at Joplin, Missouri.

* At Kansas City, Missouri, will interview Mr. JAMES GAYLOR of the Alcohol Tax Unit with reference to his visits to see JAMES ROE at the Leavenworth Penitentiary on June 16 and 17, 1936. He should be interviewed to determine if he has any information which might be of value to the investigation looking towards the apprehension of JAMES ROE'S brother, RALPH ROE.

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

L. A. FILE NO. **76-362-**

REPORT MADE AT Los Angeles, Calif.	DATE WHEN MADE 10-12-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/15, 17, 19, 22, 23, 25, 26; 9/1, 12, 13, 15/38	REPORT MADE BY R. H. Simons RS
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="text-align: center;">* GEORGE S. THOMPSON, colored Spanish War Veteran who wrote letter to Alcatraz reporting abandoned car, interviewed with negative results. MRS. FRED COLE, Woodlake, Calif., unable to add to previous information, and investigation in vicinity of her home negative. File reviewed and Los Angeles leads brought up to date.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 30%;"> <p>35</p> <p>REFERENCE:</p> <p>Report of Special Agent R. N. Pranke, Los Angeles, Calif., dated June 10, 1938, and Report of Special Agent Z. J. Vanlandingham, Kansas City, Mo., dated September 7, 1938. (All other references will be mentioned in the paragraphs to which they pertain for the sake of clarity.)</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> </div> <div style="width: 65%;"> <p>The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent W. E. Miller at Phoenix, Arizona, with reference to report of Special Agent J.E. Thornton, San Francisco, California, dated April 2, 1938:-</p> </div> </div>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>J. H. Hanson</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE <i>0937</i>	
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GEORGE S. THOMPSON, colored Spanish War Veteran, who resides two miles west of Apache Junction on U. S. Highway 80, and who receives his mail at 37 South Second Street, Phoenix, Arizona, was interviewed in the office of the Resident Agent, Room 4, Post Office Building, Phoenix, and stated that about ten days before he wrote to Warden JOHNSTON at Alcatraz, and about four or five days after subjects' escape, a new black-colored model A Ford Roadster was abandoned at the edge of the highway in front of THOMPSON'S home; that he first saw the car late Friday afternoon about 5:00 o'clock and thought someone had broken down and had gone to get help; that on the following Sunday he noted the car was still at the same place. He notified the Sheriff at Florence, Arizona, and Deputy Sheriff SAM WESTERMAN came out and examined the car and then had THOMPSON take the car to his home for safe keeping. The car remained at his place until the following Sunday, when a highway patrolman came out from Mesa and got the car.

THOMPSON stated that the car had a Winfield Super-Charger head and two carburetors, one of which was a Winfield; that the car had blown a cylinder gasket and all the oil was gone; that some time later, while THOMPSON was in the Ford Garage & Sales Room at Mes, Arizona, a man employed at that place was talking to him about the car and stated that the parties driving this car had stopped at that garage one afternoon to get some work done but did not want to wait.

THOMPSON further stated that the car had no license tags and had five wire wheels with big tires which were too big for the fender wells. In the car was found a sailor's suit and sailor's cap, two bathing suits, shirt or blouse of another sailor suit, about half of a paper sack of black beans (estimated at about two and one-half pounds), five or six slices of bread, two pieces of bacon rind about one inch wide and four or five inches long, one quart can and one pint can of black paint from Montgomery Ward & Company, and an old greasy brown or tan shirt, the paint and shirt being at THOMPSON'S home at the present time.

THOMPSON further stated that the car had an extra good battery; that the officers seemed unable to find any numbers on the car but stated they had ways to bring out the numbers. THOMPSON questioned all parties in the immediate vicinity of the place where the car was abandoned but found no one who knew anything about the car, except EDDIE DEHART, who resides at the county line on Highway 80. DEHART advised that he saw the car at about 5:00 P. M., Friday, but saw no one around it at that time; that early Saturday morning he saw a young fellow get out of the car and walk down the road as though he was a hitchhiker who had slept there overnight. In his inquiries, THOMPSON heard through someone that that party (name not recalled) had seen a gasoline can in the ditch a short distance from the place where the car was abandoned but did not bother it as it was assumed the can belonged with the car.

Inquiry of HARRY HOOPER, National Automobile Theft Bureau, Phoenix, disclosed he had no information concerning the recovery of any car fitting the description of the car mentioned by THOMPSON.

Reference is made to letter from the Oklahoma City Division dated February 15, 1938 (L. A. Serial 125), wherein it is noted that JAMES HUGH BUTCHER, Alcatraz #287, who was given a conditional release on October 9, 1936, had a note in his possession reading as follows: "JESS HILL, Lakewood, Calif., c/o TED COLE'S mother."

The file reflects no investigation conducted with regard to JESS HILL, although a FLOYD HILL was mentioned in report of Special Agent A. D. Horn, Los Angeles, dated February 12, 1938. A lead is being set out to recontact MR. & MRS. FRED COLE at Lakewood, California, in this regard. They previously had been questioned regarding BUTCHER, but up to December 31, 1937, he had not contacted them. With reference to Los Angeles letter to Kansas City dated December 31, 1937, BUTCHER was later interviewed by agents of the Bureau.

Reference is made to the investigation regarding SEEDELL "SLEEPY" JOHNSON, who, it was reported by informant "N" of the Oklahoma City Division, was going to Bakersfield, California, from Seminole, Oklahoma, to help ROE escape. JOHNSON was a former associate of WILBUR UNDERHILL and RALPH ROE. It was later reported that JOHNSON went to Waddell, Arizona, but investigation to locate him there was negative.

In the report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, Oklahoma City, dated February 21, 1938 (L. A. Serial 135), the informant stated that SEEDELL JOHNSON had been in Los Angeles, California, and that he had been in jail in Bakersfield, California, but that he expected to go to Phoenix, Arizona, where his mother and brother, LON JOHNSON, were residing. The report states that WILBUR UNDERHILL was harbored and protected at the home of "SLEEPY" and LON JOHNSON, and at the home of their mother, MRS. JOHNSON, who was at that time residing near Oklahoma City. It was reported that "SLEEPY" JOHNSON visited the house in which UNDERHILL and ROE were secreted just a short time before their apprehension. The following description of SEEDELL JOHNSON was obtained:-

Name	SEEDELL "SLEEPY" JOHNSON
Age	29 (1938)
Height	6 feet
Weight	139 lbs.
Hair	Medium brown
Eyes	Hazel
Complexion	Medium
Scars and marks	Scar at extreme right forehead in hair; Irregular burn scar at elbow, front.
Oklahoma City PD	#15565.

The file did not reflect that a criminal record on this individual has ever been obtained from the Bureau, and same is being requested by the Los Angeles office.

Reference is made to Oklahoma City letter to the Bureau dated March 1, 1938, wherein informant "N" stated that an oil field worker, a personal friend of hers, had recently returned from Bakersfield, California, and advised her that the JOHNSON family was residing one and one-half miles northwest of Bakersfield. This oil field worker is reported to have stated that from conversation with the JOHNSONS he believed ROE and COLE were still in circulation. She advised that her informant had indicated that the JOHNSON boys were very busy and were making repeated trips from Bakersfield but that they did not disclose to him the purpose of these trips or the racket in which they were engaged. It was the intention of the informant to come to Bakersfield to help locate the JOHNSON family, but later developments made this impossible. Later information from the Oklahoma City office, as reflected in Oklahoma City letter to the Bureau dated March 15, 1938 (L. A. Serial 146), indicated that this informant "N" was probably not reliable and that she now had information that the JOHNSON boys were in Kansas City and would be in Seminole, Oklahoma, in a few days. Further information has not been received. However, in view of the information regarding the JOHNSON boys and their association with RALPH ROE and other criminals, it is believed desirable to endeavor to locate them at Bakersfield, California, if possible.

Reference is made to report of Special Agent C. O. Hurt, Oklahoma City, dated June 17, 1938 (L. A. Serial 163), which shows an additional contact with the informant, who apparently was MRS. RUTH CRAWFORD. She advised that she had not had any more information from "SLEEPY" or LON JOHNSON, but that she had heard from her husband, W. C. CRAWFORD, Courtland, California, that LAWRENCE JOHNSON, a brother of LON and "SLEEPY" JOHNSON, had killed a man in California. She advised that her husband, however, had departed from Courtland. Courtland is in Sacramento County in the San Francisco Division territory.

Attention is called to reference report of Special Agent R. N. Pranke, Los Angeles, dated June 10, 1938 (L. A. Serial 162), which indicates that the police records at Bakersfield, California, were checked for any arrest concerning SEDELL JOHNSON, with negative results. It was believed possible that JOHNSON was arrested for drunkenness and therefore not fingerprinted.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent W. E. Listerman, Kansas City, dated January 24, 1938 (L. A. Serial 119), wherein is set out a correspondence list of ROSS W. MOORE, U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, #39319, who had served time at Alcatraz with the subjects in this case, and who finally was transferred to Leavenworth and released from there on November 21, 1937, and furnished transportation to Los Angeles, California. His correspondence list indicates the following relatives and other correspondents:-

MRS. ESTHER MOORE, wife, 2407 Meadowvale Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

CORLEY HEARD, friend, 928 Grand Vista, Los Angeles, California.

MRS. GOLDMAN, friend, 145 North Broadway, Los Angeles, California.

The file reflected that RUTH ESTHER MOORE, wife of ROSS W. MOORE, formerly gave her address as 2103 L Street, Bakersfield, California, but that address apparently is a Negro house of prostitution. MOORE is described as follows:-

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

Reference is made to report of Special Agent Carl J. Martin, Buffalo, New York, dated February 9, 1938 (L. A. Serial 122), wherein it is stated that a confidential informant of a police officer in Buffalo had advised him that persons who were believed to have been related to subject THEODORE COLE formerly resided in Buffalo, and moved to 1240 Havenhurst, Hollywood, California. The names of these parties were furnished as EDWARD and BENJAMIN PISTELL or PITTESEL, and were supposed to be father and son. The post office records in Buffalo reflected a forwarding address for VIOLA PISTELL, dated November 9, 1935, indicating a change of address to 1240 Havenhurst, Hollywood, California.

A lead is being set out to determine whether these individuals are related to TED COLE. A lead is also being set out to reinterview WILLIAM B. McCLURE, Bell Auto Top Shop, 6234 Gifford, Bell, California, who is situated next door to COLE'S half-sister, MISS VIOLA DAWSON, 6238 Gifford Avenue, Bell.

Reference is made to letter from the Oklahoma City Division dated January 17, 1938 (Serial 114), regarding CHARLES C. HAMBLIN. The name of this individual was mentioned in connection with the checking of the automobiles going through the California Border Checking Station about the date of the instant escape. Investigation in North Dakota reflected that HAMBLIN is presently

receiving mail at 5568 East Cage (Gage) Street, Bell, California, care of MR. GEORGE CONEVEST. The office of origin suggested that in view of the fact that COLE'S half sister also resides in Bell, California, investigation should be conducted to ascertain if there is any possible connection.

In the same letter is mentioned ANDREW SAMPSON and LORRAINE HOLLAND who also drove through the California Border Checking Station about the date of the escape. In report of Special Agent R. P. Kramer, Los Angeles, dated January 8, 1938 (Serial 101), on page 9, it is stated that SAMPSON could be reached at 7000 Sherman Way, Bell, California. The office of origin also requested investigation for this reason.

Reference is also made to the above mentioned report of Special Agent Kramer wherein, on page 2, the Postmaster at Woodlake, California, EDITH DAY, stated that she suspected that MRS. FRED COLE was dispatching her mail from some other point, inasmuch as she had deposited no mail in the Woodlake Post Office. In view of this, when MRS. COLE is interviewed she should be questioned in this regard, as she may have an alternate mailing address.

Leads are being set out to generally reinterview ESTHER COLE, the mother of TED COLE, and FRED COLE, the stepfather of TED COLE but no blood relation. In this connection, they should be questioned regarding JIM and RUTH BARKER of Childress, Texas, as TED COLE sent JIM BARKER money while BARKER was incarcerated in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, and BARKER in turn harbored COLE after his escape from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary in 1934. BARKER is reported to be a relative of COLE.

Reference is made to report of Special Agent R. N. Pranke, Los Angeles, dated December 22, 1937 (Serial 24), wherein on page 2 it is reported that a prostitute by the name of MARIE BLACKWELL, who was then residing at Winslow, Arizona, corresponded with RALPH ROE while he was incarcerated at Muskogee, Oklahoma. Subsequent investigation failed to locate this individual, and the Bureau is being requested to search its criminal indexes, in view of the occupation of the woman, for any possible trace of her in order that she may be interviewed with regard to ROE.

Reference is made to report of Special Agent R. P. Kramer, Los Angeles, dated December 27, 1937 (Serial 64), wherein on page 22 is set out an interview with MRS. JAMES (FAE) ROE, who is a sister-in-law of RALPH ROE, having married JAMES ROE from whom she presently is separated. She resides at 58 St. Joseph Street, Arcadia, California, and a mail cover has been maintained on her address. She received a postcard on August 10, 1938, from Palos, Texas, signed CATHERINE, reading: "Almost got lit in Villa Acuna. Ha Ha. Had lots of fun. Plenty hot though. Love, CATHERINE. P.S. Guess we'll see BLACKIE next week." Another postcard dated August 13, 1938, postmarked Colorado Springs, Colorado, reads as

follows: "Awful tired but have seen it all, even Villa Acuna Mex. Enjoyed our stay in Carlsbad. Stayed in Pueblo Colo last nite. On our way for Okla & Ark to-morrow", signed "CATHERINE."

A letter was also received by MRS. FAE ROE from MRS. C. P. KERENISY (?), 312 Jamestowne (?), Tulsa, Oklahoma. However, it is pointed out that FAE ROE claims she had seen RALPH ROE only on one occasion, and that she disliked him.

Reference is made to report of Special Agent M. E. Gurnea, San Francisco, dated December 28, 1937 (Serial 81), wherein a lead is set out for the Los Angeles office to check the arrest of RALPH ROE at Pomona, California, on April 28, 1923. The file reflects that this has not been done; therefore, a lead is being set out herein.

Reference is made to report of Special Agent H. A. King, Portland, dated January 8, 1938 (Serial 109), wherein a lead is set out for the Los Angeles office to interview E. D. DANIELSON, 6419 Tenth Street, Los Angeles, owner of 1938 Ford Coupe bearing 1938 Oregon license 50035. This investigation is in connection with the cars passing through the California Border Checking Station at about the time of the instant escape. A lead is being set out herein to interview this party, inasmuch as the file does not reflect that same has been done.

Reference is made to report of Special Agent Daniel Currie, Jr., Seattle, dated January 7, 1938 (Serial 110), setting out leads for the Los Angeles office to conduct investigation with regard to DR. REGINALD FISHLEIGH and MR. WELLS WINN; also to contact HAROLD KRAIGER, 4946 Sullivan Drive, Los Angeles; at Long Beach, California, to interview WILLIAM TERGONING through HUGH M. THOMPSON, 1023 East First Street; at San Diego, California, to interview HARRY T. REDICK, 4476 Oregon Street; and at San Pedro, California, to contact FRANK BARCOTT, JR., 325 West 15th Street. These leads were all set out to contact these individuals to determine whether they were the individuals purchasing the tides booklet at Portland, Oregon, just prior to the date of instant escape.

Reference is made to report of Special Agent Daniel Currie, Jr., Seattle, dated January 21, 1938 (Serial 116). Leads are there set out to interview ADELAIDE PICKLES and FRED J. WOODS at Pasadena, California; MRS. ROBERT C. PHILLIPSON at La Jolla, California; VICTOR L. OVERTON at Long Beach, California; and ROBERT E. BOGGS at Los Angeles. These contacts are also in regard to the tides charts purchased at Portland, Oregon.

Attention is called to the letter from the San Francisco Division dated January 6, 1938, wherein are listed the license numbers of automobiles which entered California from Oregon on December 15 and 16, 1937, and the individuals to whom these licenses are registered in the Los Angeles Division. A lead is being set out to contact these individuals for purposes of making inquiry regarding the purchase of tides charts at Portland, Oregon.

Reference is made to report of Special Agent R. P. Kramer, Los Angeles, dated January 8, 1938, which contains undeveloped leads for the Los Angeles Division. The leads which have not been covered in this report are being set out herein.

Reference is made to page 21 of the above report of Agent Kramer regarding JOE ROBERTS, Douglas Airplane Plant, Santa Monica, California, who was a correspondent of JOSEPH W. ROE, U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas. Investigation at the Douglas Aircraft Corporation, Santa Monica, failed to locate this individual.

CHARLES BRENDON BOOTH was interviewed at the offices of the Volunteers of America, 420 Cotton Exchange Building, Los Angeles, California. He advised that the name of BOB PRINGLE merely recalled a name or "case" which he handled while in Kansas City. He was unable to recall any other details but advised that if PRINGLE was incarcerated in Leavenworth Penitentiary he probably was paroled to the Volunteers of America, and the Kansas City files of that organization would reveal further information. He was unable to add anything further to the above. The Kansas City Division is being requested to check these records.

Reference is made to report of Special Agent K. P. Pettijohn, San Francisco, dated August 22, 1938, concerning information furnished by one DAVE SILLS, Rio Linde, California, to the effect that subjects ROE and COLE presently were in the vicinity of Visalia, California. The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent Daniel Currie, Jr., at Visalia, California, on September 13, 1938:-

Sheriff S. B. SHERMAN, Tulare County Sheriff's Office, Visalia, upon being contacted, advised that he had seen no one in the vicinity who resembled subjects, nor could he recall having heard any rumor regarding the subjects.

Accompanied by Sheriff SHERMAN, MR. J. G. YORK of Woodlake, California, a neighbor of MRS. FRED COLE, mother of subject COLE, was interviewed, at which time MR. YORK stated he had seen nothing whatsoever indicating that fugitives were residing at the COLE ranch. At this time MR. YORK stated he was quite positive that both subjects had been drowned.

MR. YORK promised that he would immediately notify the Los Angeles Field Division in the event he saw anyone around the COLE residence who he thought in any way resembled either of the subjects, whose photographs were exhibited to him.

MRS. FRED COLE, Woodlake, California, upon interview, stated that she had nothing whatsoever to add to information previously furnished, and that she still remains of the opinion that her son, subject COLE, is dead.

MRS. COLE stated that in her correspondence with other members of the family, the name of the subject is never mentioned, and she would not, therefore, have any idea as to their opinions.

Postmaster NATHAN LEVY, Visalia Post Office, exhibited photographs of subjects to General Delivery Clerks and other employees in the Post Office, subsequent to which time he advised that in the opinion of his employees neither of the subjects had been in the vicinity of Visalia. Postmaster LEVY advised at this time that his clerks were particularly interested in the Identification Orders sent out by this Bureau, and it is his thought that they would readily identify anyone who resembled the subjects.

Constable R. R. ABBOTT, Visalia, California, and Officer JACK BROWN of the Visalia Police Department, stated that they had not seen or heard anything which would indicate that subjects were in the vicinity of Visalia.

Constable G. E. TRULL of Lindsay, California, was interviewed at the Tulare County Court House, Visalia, at which time he stated that he had worked with Bureau agents in connection with a plant maintained on the home of MRS. MORRIS, an aunt of subject COLE, and that by virtue of that fact he was not only familiar with their descriptions but also their contacts in Tulare County. Constable TRULL stated that he had seen MRS. MORRIS on frequent occasions, both at her home and down town in Lindsay, and at no time had he received any indication that she was in contact with subject COLE. Furthermore, Constable TRULL pointed out that one [redacted] MRS. MORRIS, was an informant who was keeping very close watch of the parties contacting MRS. MORRIS, and this informant had recently advised him that he had noted nothing suspicious.

The following investigation was conducted at McFarland, California, under date of September 15, 1938, by Special Agent Daniel Currie, Jr.:-

Deputy Sheriff J. E. DELANEY advised that the informant aforementioned in the report of Special Agent R. N. Pranke, Los Angeles, dated June 10, 1938, who had recently stated to him that he had information concerning subjects in this case, also subjects' families, had not yet returned to McFarland, California, but that it was expected he would be in McFarland within the next thirty days.

On September 1st, 1938, W. A. ADAMS, Acting Captain, Fire Department, 1715 West Florence Avenue, telephoned the Los Angeles Division and advised SAC HANSON that he had some information concerning Fugitives RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE.

He was interviewed by Special Agent A. D. HORN and advised that he resides at 525 West 118th St., telephone Pleasant 7053; that his home is in an isolated and thinly populated district; that on August 16, 1938, the date he recalls as it was the day his father died, he got up around 6:30 A. M., and he and his family saw a car parked across the street; that this car was a 1937 brown Oldsmobile Sedan bearing Michigan license, number of which he took down and believes he has in his house somewhere, but to date has been unable to find it; that his wife and daughter, age 19 years, also saw the car and the three of them suspected that the car possibly had been stolen and abandoned there. He advised that after breakfast at about 7:30 A. M., he went over to the car and saw a man lying in the front seat sleeping; that he yelled at the man, but he did not move; that he went around to the other side and knocked on the window; that the man woke up and immediately put his right hand beneath his coat as if he were going to draw a gun; that he, ADAMS, asked the man if he were sick and he rolled the window glass down and asked him what he said; that he, ADAMS, repeated his question, to which the man answered, "No" and then asked what time it was; that during the conversation that followed the man advised he had just arrived in town the night before, had gone to see some friends who could not accommodate him, and then drove out there to sleep the balance of the night; that he had just come from Cleveland, Ohio, and times were pretty tough there; that ADAMS asked him how he came to come out to California and the man replied he had heard a lot about Yosemite; that he talked about having driven across the desert. ADAMS stated that the car was very dusty and the man was apparently badly in need of sleep; that the man said he came through Daggett and San Bernardino, California, and asked the way to Tia Juana, Mexico; that the man took deep breaths and remarked several times that it was sure fine to get out in the wide open spaces. ADAMS stated that as he walked around the car he noticed the license plates were scratched and marred considerably close to the screws with which they were fastened on. He stated that on this date he was reading the Official Detective Story Magazine dated March 30, 1938, and saw the photograph of RALPH ROE, which he immediately recognized. He advised that he is as positive in the identification of the photograph of RALPH ROE and this man who was asleep in the above described car as he can be. He stated that the man looked just like the photograph appearing in the magazine and on I. O. No. 1472, which was exhibited to him by Agent, but thinner. He stated that he looks more like the I. O. photograph than he looks like the photograph of Oklahoma Police Department No. 15589, also exhibited to him by Agent.

ADAMS stated that this man was alone and had a small black rectangular suitcase on the back seat; that after the above conversation he, ADAMS, started walking back to the house and the man drove away, going south on Figueroa Street.

ADAMS stated he would telephone the Los Angeles Division and advise the license number on the car if he can possibly find same.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE KANSAS CITY DIVISION:

AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, at the offices of the Volunteers of America, Ridge Building, will check the records pertaining to BOB PRINGLE in line with the information in reference report of Special Agent Vanlandingham.

THE LOS ANGELES DIVISION:

AT LAKEWOOD, CALIFORNIA, will reinterview MR. & MRS. FRED COLE, mother and stepfather of TED COLE, regarding JESS HILL, also mentioning RUTH and JIM BARKER of Childress, Texas, who are mentioned in this report on Page 6. Will also interview them generally in regard to any contact they may have had from TED COLE. MRS. COLE should be vigorously interviewed in regard to any alternate mailing address she may have in view of the information set out above received from the Postmaster to the effect that MRS. COLE had been depositing no mail there.

AT BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA, will endeavor to develop additional information regarding SEDELL "SLEEPY" JOHNSON, who is reported to be residing with his mother and brother, LON JOHNSON, one and a half miles northwest of Bakersfield.

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, will conduct investigation in regard to ROSS W. MOORE, whose wife's address was 2407 Meadowvale, Los Angeles. Other correspondents are set out on Page 5 of this report. MOORE was an inmate at Alcatraz at the same time as ROE and COLE.

AT LOS ANGELES, will locate EDWARD and BENJAMIN PISTELL, 1240 Havenhurst, Hollywood, to ascertain if they are related to TED COLE. See Page 5 of this report.

AT LOS ANGELES, will interview E. D. DANIELSON, 6419 Tenth Street, and question him with regard to the purchase of any tide charts at Portland.

Will conduct investigation in the Los Angeles district regarding the cars listed in letter from the San Francisco Division dated January 6, 1938 (Serial 99), in regard to the purchase of any tide charts.

AT BELL, CALIFORNIA, will interview WILLIAM B. McCLURE, Bell Auto Top Shop, 6234 Gifford, for any observations he may have made of the residence of VIOLA DAWSON, half sister of TED COLE. Will reinterview VIOLA DAWSON, 6238 Gifford Avenue, for any information she may have received regarding TED COLE.

AT BELL, will conduct investigation regarding CHARLES C. HAMBLIN, 5568 East Cage (Gage) Street, Bell, for any connection between him and TED COLE'S sister. See Page 5 of this report.

Will determine whether ANDREW SAMPSON and LORRAINE HOLLAND have any connection with TED COLE'S half sister. See Page 6 of this report.

AT LOS ANGELES, will determine whether PAUL STULGES, 413 East Seventh Street, is identical with subject COLE.

Reference is made to report of Special Agent Daniel Currie, Jr., Seattle, dated January 7, 1938, requesting investigation with regard to the purchase of tide charts, in which the following leads are set forth:-

* AT LOS ANGELES, will contact HAROLD KRAIGER, 4946 Sullivan Drive, in order to ascertain pertinent information.

* AT LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA, will interview WILLIAM TERGONING through HUGH M. THOMPSON, 1023 East First Street.

* AT SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, will interview HARRY T. REDICK, 4476 Oregon Street.

* AT SAN PEDRO, CALIFORNIA, will contact FRANK BARCOTT, JR., 325 West 15th Street.

Reference is made to report of Special Agent R. P. Kramer, Los Angeles, dated January 8, 1938, in which the following leads appear:-

* AT POMONA, CALIFORNIA, will investigate the arrest of subject ROE in that city on April 28, 1923, for any information they may have which will be of assistance in locating this subject, as requested in report of Special Agent M. E. Gurnea, San Francisco, dated December 28, 1937.

* AT DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA, will conduct investigation to determine the identity of OBA WISER, and ascertain information as to the possibility of this person having purchased Department of Commerce charts in Portland, Oregon. This is requested in report of Special Agent Daniel Currie, Jr., Seattle, dated December 29, 1937.

* AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, will contact the Yellow Cab Company with a view of ascertaining the identity of A. J. MCCABE who resided at the Camlin Hotel, Seattle, Wash., from December 2 to 13, 1937, and ascertain whether MR. McCABE was the individual who purchased the Department of Commerce charts.

* AT LOS ANGELES, will locate and interview DR. W. REGINALD FISHLEIGH, reported to be visiting with D. J. DANIELS, Los Angeles Osteopathic College, and endeavor to determine whether DR. FISHLEIGH purchased the tide and current booklets previously mentioned.

* AT LOS ANGELES, will also contact MR. WELLS GWINN, 5883 Herman Avenue, with reference to the tide and current booklets.

* AT LOS ANGELES, will locate FRANK H. PORTER through the Federal Probation office, Los Angeles, and obtain full information in his possession that may be of value in the instant investigation.

* With reference to the report of Special Agent M. E. Gurnea, San Francisco, dated December 28, 1937; requesting interviews with the visitors and correspondents of prisoners at Alcatraz Island, will interview the following persons located in the Los Angeles district:-

MISS VOIYA COSSACK, 243 S. Corondelet, Los Angeles, sister of LOBE L. COSSACK, #313-AZ;

MR. R. H. COSSACK, 1137 Magnolia Blvd., North Hollywood, California, father of LOBE L. COSSACK;

MRS. DIXIE MARTINET and PETER MARTINET, 822 East 104th St., Los Angeles, sister and brother-in-law of ARTHUR H. YOUNGBERG, #195-AZ;

MRS. RUTH KERN, 5957 Benner Street, Los Angeles, sister of HENRY YOUNG, #244-AZ.

* AT SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, will interview MRS. E. J. LITTLEWOOD, 3909 Cleveland Street, twin sister of HUBERT A. GRINDLE, #111-AZ, and also obtain from MRS. LITTLEWOOD the whereabouts of ALBERT A. HILL, brother of HUBERT A. GRINDLE, and arrange for an interview with HILL.

Reference is made to report of Special Agent R. N. Pranke, Los Angeles, dated June 10, 1938, which sets forth the following leads:-

* AT LOS ANGELES, at 619 South Flower Street, 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.

Reference is made to report of Special Agent Daniel Currie, Jr., Seattle, dated January 21, 1938, in which the following leads appear:-

* AT PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, will endeavor to locate ADELAIDE PICKELS. The family is now supposed to be staying at a trailer camp at that point. However, it perhaps will be quicker to contact their [redacted] who is enrolled in a [redacted] as to their exact whereabouts. MRS. PICKELS should be interviewed concerning the purchase of the pamphlets on tides and currents in San Francisco Bay, and also as to the inquiry of theirs at the U. S. Lighthouse Service, Portland, Oregon.

* AT PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, will interview FRED J. WOOD, who can be contacted at 756 Morengo Avenue, South, in order to ascertain if he made any inquiries at the U. S. Lighthouse Service, Portland, or purchased the pamphlets regarding tides and currents in San Francisco Bay.

* AT LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA, will interview VICTOR L. OVERTON, 1424 East Cherry Street, in order to ascertain if he made any inquiries at the U. S. Lighthouse Service or purchased pamphlets on the tides and currents in San Francisco Bay.

* AT LOS ANGELES, will interview ROBERT B. BOGGS, 130 West 58th Street, in order to ascertain if he made any inquiries at the U. S. Lighthouse Service, Portland, or purchased the pamphlets regarding the tides and currents in San Francisco Bay.

* AT SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, at the time the lead set out to interview MRS. HARRY T. REDICK, 4476 Oregon Street, is covered, will inquire as to the registration in his name of 1937 Washington license M9756 and 1938 Washington license J2531, in order to determine if both of these registrations could have been listed by the California State Checking Stations.

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Reference is made to report of Special Agent L. H. Richmond, San Francisco, dated September 29, 1938, in which the following lead is set forth:-

* AT SAN PEDRO, CALIFORNIA, at Terminal Island, will interview Guard JOHN FRANCIS ROWAN, who formerly was assigned to Alcatraz Penitentiary. For the information of the Los Angeles office, Junior Officer WALTER F. PETERSON has advised that ROWAN at the time he was employed at Alcatraz had the confidence of the convicts. ROWAN should be interviewed for any information which he might have concerning the escape of ROE and COLE.

PENDING.

Chicago, Illinois

October 17, 1938.

Special Agent in Charge
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

There is being enclosed herewith a letter and envelope bearing the postmark "San Luis Obispo, Calif." dated August 24, 1938, 1:30 p.m. addressed to "Special Agent Frankie Federal Bureau Investigation Los Angeles Calif." and in the lower left-hand corner of the envelope is written "Postmaster will please direct".

This letter was finally delivered to Special Agent R. N. FRANKIE of this office and it was written by TED WISE, 1412 Essex, San Luis Obispo, and contains information relative to a bank robbery in Texas. The original letter and envelope are being transmitted herewith to the Los Angeles Office while a copy of same is being forwarded to the Bureau. It is the recollection of R. N. FRANKIE that TED WISE was interviewed during the spring of 1938 in connection with the BALPH ROE and TED COLE case and at that time Agent FRANKIE believes that he obtained an address for this individual which was somewhere in Los Angeles. Said address will undoubtedly be in a report in the above case.

It is suggested that an Agent interview TED WISE at San Luis Obispo and endeavor to get more information relative to this bank robbery.

Very truly yours,

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D. M. LADD
Special Agent in Charge

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"1412 Essex
San Luis Obispo

Dear Mr. Frankie:-

Once before I offered to help you & your outfit but it didn't pan out. Do you remember meeting an ex gambling house runner regarding a Richard Roe, one morning at 11 o'clock in front of a coffee shop in the Bodury Arcade. The meeting was futile but we did get casually acquainted and I did like you personally so I am writing this knowing that you will regard it as confidential.

Tonite I saw an F.B.I. Bulletin regarding a bank stickup in Texas. It had a series of three sets of "mugs" like this



Old NG Perfect Old

One of the six pictures is perfect & the man you want is in L.A. living there & either playing or booking horses. Only the one picture is of any use -- the front face taken in 36 is a speaking likeness. If you use it & check on the books & gambling you can't miss.

I'm sorry I can't tell you more definitely but I know he was in L. A. over a period of months and I know his mug ties in with the gambling set up.

I wish I could have tied him down closer but I can't off hand.

Good luck,
(signed)

Ted Wise

Please destroy

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA
OCTOBER 17, 1938

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: R O C O L

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent
F. S. SMITH, Oklahoma City, October 15, 1938.

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Please be advised that the Oklahoma City file in
this matter is being made the subject of a comprehensive
review and check for the purpose of bringing up all outstanding
leads and no effort was made to set up all outstanding un-
developed leads in this report.

Very truly yours,

H B Fletcher
H. B. FLETCHER
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
OCTOBER 16, 1938

Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

RE: R O C O L

Dear Sir:

Confirming my telegram of October 12, 1938, in response to telephonic inquiry of Special Agent FRANK SMITH, you are informed that Sergeant KAHLER of the Missouri Highway Patrol, stationed at Joplin, Missouri, informed me, by telephone, that HERB FARMER, to his knowledge, has been in and around Joplin for some time and has not been absent from Joplin for more than two or three days. KAHLER stated that FARMER had recently been arrested on a gambling charge, and had appeared in Court in Neosho, Missouri, on October 11, 1938.

KAHLER states that FARMER lives a short distance south of Joplin and spends most of his time gambling in and near Joplin.

Very truly yours,

E. P. GUINANE,
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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202 U. S. COURTHOUSE
EL PASO, TEXAS
OCT. 14, 1938

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Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

RE: ROCOT.

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for your information is a mail tracing received from the Postmaster at Odessa, Texas, as a result of a mail cover placed on the mail of James Roe, brother of subject Roe at that place.

This tracing shows a return address in the left-hand upper corner, of "Box 298, Wink, Texas", and the letter was postmarked "Wink, Texas, Oct. 12, 6-P.M., 1938".

Very truly yours,

R. J. Untreiner,
Special Agent in Charge.

RJU:ALL

cc - San Francisco
cc - Bureau.

76-2686
OCT 15 1938
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Dallas, Texas

October 18, 1938

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: RCOL

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter (76-2686)
dated October 10, 1938.

Please be advised that the investigation requested
in the Bureau letter was set out in the report of Special Agent
F. S. DUNN, Dallas, Texas, dated October 4, 1938.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy
E. E. CONROY
Special Agent in Charge

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

FILE NO. **76-348**

REPORT MADE AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.	DATE WHEN MADE 10/15/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/27 & 10/3, 5, 6 & 10/38	REPORT MADE BY F. S. SMITH <div style="text-align: right;">cgc</div>
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:

Rumors of subject COLE'S being at Stroud, Okla. recently unfounded. Informant "Z" sent to Joplin, Mo. 10/11/38 to recontact sources of information. Investigation failed to substantiate reports of HAZEL UNDERHILL'S being at Seminole 9-28-38 with ex-husband CONNORS. Informant 13 will contact HAZEL UNDERHILL at Refugio, Texas at earliest practicable time. Chief of Police, Seminole, Okla., reports unauthenticated information ROE at bootlegging joint vicinity of Oklahoma City in touch with one PIERSON about three months ago.

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Reference:

Letters to Bureau dated 9/21/38 and 9/24/38; Bureau letter dated 9/27/38; Teletype from Dallas 9/28/38; Telegram from El Paso dated 9/23/38; Telegram from San Antonio dated 10/1/38.

Details:

On September 26, 1938, Acting Special Agent in Charge RALPH T. HOOD received a telephone call from informant [redacted] advising he had received a letter containing information considered of interest in instant case and requesting that an Agent contact him.

On September 27, 1938, Special Agents F. S. SMITH and W. H. HOFFMAN contacted [redacted] He informed that when he was recently on an errand at Corpus Christi, Texas where he met HAZEL UNDERHILL, he left a message with a party, name and location withheld, to be conveyed to another party whose identity he did not divulge concerning ROE and COLE.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">76-7686-515</div> <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">OCT 22 1938</div> <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">OCT 26 AM</div> <div style="font-size: 0.8em;">EUG. SUAIK</div> <div style="font-size: 0.8em;">HABCO</div>
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[] presented the letter which he stated was in response to the message above referred to, which letter is hereinafter set out:

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"Sorry I didn't get your word before I left here. Got your word O. K. that you left here. At this time you couldn't make no deal on cattle in Mexico. But in three or four weeks the prices will be better. The folks have been in Arkansas and Illinois for the past two or three weeks. You should be able to find out about those places from the people you know. You know where the farm is in the valley. I am going back to Mexico in a day or two. Would like to talk to you, could tell you more about the places than I can write. The weather is pretty hot here at this time [] looking to hear from you or see you soon."

Yours truly
Fred

[] stated that his interpretation of the above letter is that ROE and COLE were absent from that country when he was there and had been gone for two or three weeks; that they had been in Illinois and Arkansas and would be back in three or four weeks and that the farm mentioned was an isolated place where UNDERHILL, ROE, et al stayed and received protection while UNDERHILL (deceased) was avoiding the law; that the reference to the weather being hot indicated the law was giving the writer trouble.

Both the writer and Agent HOFFMAN questioned [] fully in an endeavor to have him divulge some information of a definite nature. However, he remained evasive and noncommittal on all issues and impressed both Agents that his line of endeavor is a premeditated scheme to "chisel" them and obtain a liberal donation for his expenses from the Government.

Reference Bureau letter dated September 27, 1938, however, advised that the Bureau did not desire that [] be furnished any further money to act as an informant in this case, but that he should be informed in the event he furnished information to an Agent of this Bureau resulting in the apprehension of either ROE or COLE, he would be paid a sum of money.

On October 6, 1938, the writer and Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD contacted [] at his home in [] at which time he stated he did not possess any further information concerning ROE and COLE other than that previously furnished. He was advised that the Bureau could not furnish him any money to make a trip to Texas at this time to contact HAZEL UNDERHILL, but that should he furnish any information to an Agent

of this Bureau resulting in the apprehension of either ROE or COLE, he would be paid a suitable amount of money. [redacted] informed Agents that he planned to leave [redacted] in the immediate future as he was breaking his partnership arrangements with Mrs. GUSSIE THOMPSON and he expected to proceed to southern Texas in an effort to obtain employment. He further informed Agents that if he proceeded to Texas, he would attempt to discover some information concerning the whereabouts of ROE and COLE and should he obtain same, would immediately communicate with the writer or Agent HOOD. However, he intimated that unless he was furnished some money by the Bureau that he would make no effort to obtain such information.

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Referring to letter of reference dated September 24, 1938 to the Bureau with particular reference to informant mentioned therein, that informant will hereafter be referred to as informant No. 13 for reference purposes.

After contact with confidential informant, as reflected in a letter from this office to the Bureau dated September 24, 1938, who hereinafter will be referred to as informant No. 13 concerning an attempt by this informant to contact HAZEL UNDERHILL in an effort to obtain information, the Dallas and El Paso Divisions were requested to check at Levelland and Odessa, Texas in an effort to obtain the definite whereabouts of HAZEL UNDERHILL. By teletype dated September 28, 1938, the Dallas Office advised that HAZEL UNDERHILL could possibly be located at Refugio, Texas. This information was furnished to the San Antonio Office who advised by telegram dated October 1, 1938 that HAZEL UNDERHILL was residing at Refugio, Texas with O. C. HALES, Field Superintendent, Morgan Oil Company, where [redacted]

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[redacted] HAZEL UNDERHILL was reported to reside in a cottage just north of the school and to be receiving mail General Delivery, Refugio, Texas.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD and the writer:

AT SEMINOLE, OKLAHOMA

On October 3, 1938, these Agents were advised through Chief of Police JAKE SIMS that he had received information to the effect that HAZEL UNDERHILL had recently been and was probably then at Seminole, Oklahoma; that her ex-husband, CONNORS, lives in Seminole at the home of a man named JOE HENDERSON; that informant 13 had received information from a man who stated that his wife saw HAZEL UNDERHILL at the home of JOE HENDERSON on September 28, 1938.

JAKE SIMS stated that he, on receiving this information, visited the premises of the HENDERSON home under a proper pretext and did not observe either HAZEL UNDERHILL or CONNORS on the premises; that he did observe a 1936 Buick Sedan, bearing 1938 Oklahoma license 527-217. He advised that he had checked the records of the Motor Vehicle Division concerning this automobile and discovered same registered to C. A. MOBLEY, Kaw City, Oklahoma.

Contact was made with Informant 13 who confirmed statements of Chief SIMS. He further advised that he was talking with a friend, an oil field worker, who claimed that both he and his wife personally know HAZEL UNDERHILL; that this friend voluntarily told him that his wife saw HAZEL UNDERHILL at the home of JOE HENDERSON, at which place CONNORS, her ex-husband, resides, stating that she personally knows HAZEL UNDERHILL and that there was no question as to her being there on September 28, 1938.

At the suggestion of these Agents, Informant 13 promised to recontact his source of information with respect to HAZEL UNDERHILL'S being in that vicinity. He later reported that he did recontact this oil field worker who again reiterated his previous statement concerning his wife's seeing HAZEL UNDERHILL; that he subsequently talked to this informant's wife who reiterated her previous statement that she had seen HAZEL UNDERHILL on September 28th at the home of JOE HENDERSON.

Informant 13 stated that he visited and talked with JOE HENDERSON at his home, but did not observe anyone else on the premises; that HENDERSON mentioned that CONNORS was away. Informant 13 stated that he told HENDERSON that he was very anxious to get in touch with HAZEL UNDERHILL as he had some important information for her; that HENDERSON stated that he did not know the address of HAZEL UNDERHILL, but that CONNORS had received a letter from his young daughter about a month ago in which she told him they were moving and for him not to reply until he received another letter.

Informant 13 stated that he is reasonably sure that in the event HAZEL appeared again at JOE HENDERSON'S that she would receive the information that he desired to talk with her and she would unquestionably get in touch with him. Informant 13 stated that it would not be advisable for him to drop in on HAZEL UNDERHILL at her present address without being prepared to tell her how he ascertained it; that before making a trip to see her, he would endeavor through his various sources of information to obtain such information so that he would be prepared to meet her without creating suspicion, stating that he was ready to

make a trip to see her as soon as he had accomplished this.

JAKE SIMS, Chief of Police, Seminole, Oklahoma, further advised that the wife of Informant 13 from whom he is separated confidentially informed him, SIM'S, wife that a man named PIERSON operates a bootlegging resort on 23d Street, approximately twenty miles east of Oklahoma City; that some time about three months ago, a bootlegger came to PIERSON'S place to make a delivery of whiskey about midnight and that PIERSON was engaged in conversation with a man sitting in an automobile; that after PIERSON finished his conversation with this man in the car, the man drove away; that PIERSON then approached the bootlegger and remarked, "You couldn't guess in a thousand years who I was talking to," stating that the man he was talking to was the most wanted man in the United States, that it was RALPH ROE.

SIMS stated that he knows PIERSON and had previously handled him for violation of the law, and it was possible that PIERSON would talk with him in this connection and that he would make it his business to contact PIERSON at the earliest possible time and endeavor to obtain some information in connection with this report.

On October 4, 1938, Chief of Police JAKE SIMS appeared at the Oklahoma City Office accompanied by Mr. E. F. BOYDSTON and conferred with Agents SMITH and HOOD, advising them that Mr. BOYDSTON had some material information concerning COLE. Mr. BOYDSTON is a contractor and rig builder with general offices at Seminole, Oklahoma and is reputed to be a reputable citizen. Mr. BOYDSTON stated that his company contracts rig building for the Wilcox Oil Company who control the leases in the vicinity of Stroud, Oklahoma situated near the Sac-Fox Indian Agency; that the WILCOX company holds a lease on property which is owned by Mrs. LUCK SAYLOR, which property is under a farming lease to REBEL CORNETT, a brother-in-law of subject COLE. Mr. BOYDSTON stated that some dispute recently arose between employees of the Wilcox Company and CORNETT with respect to damages in running a line into his property which resulted in CORNETT'S having knocked one of the employees in the head with a hammer on September 27, 1938.

Mr. BOYDSTON stated that he was in the field office of the Wilcox Company on that date and heard a discussion between Mr. BALLEW, the field clerk, and a roustabout working for the Wilcox Company, in which the roustabout mentioned TED COLE'S being at the home of CORNETT;

that he heard Mr. BALLEW remark, "I thought he was drowned," to which the roustabout answered, "Drowned hell, he is alive and has either been over there or is over there at CORNETT'S."

On October 5, 1938, Special Agent HOOD and the writer, accompanied by Mr. BOYDSTON, proceeded to the Wilcox lease headquarters situated near the farm occupied by CORNETT, the brother-in-law of COLE. There they conferred with Mr. C. J. BALLEW, office clerk, who was introduced by Mr. BOYDSTON. Mr. BALLEW stated that he recalled having a conversation with a roustabout by the name of PAUL CURRY who is employed by the Wilcox Company; that he did not recall CURRY'S having stated that he had seen COLE, but did infer from his conversation that COLE had been in that vicinity. He stated that CURRY was a responsible citizen and that he felt he would tell the truth.

Subsequently contact was made with PAUL CURRY found employed on the Wilcox lease. Mr. CURRY stated that he lives at Stroud, Oklahoma and has been in that vicinity for many years and is personally acquainted with TED COLE, CORNETT and CORNETT'S wife who is a sister of COLE, and all of the other relatives of COLE who reside in that country; that he frequently visited at the home of CORNETT and had been there several times since COLE'S escape; that on each occasion he has discussed COLE with CORNETT and his wife, both of whom are not very communicative in that respect. He stated that Mrs. CORNETT on one occasion told him that CORNETT would not permit COLE to come on the place; that he questioned Mrs. CORNETT with respect to COLE'S escape and asked her if she really thought that he made it; that while she was reluctant to answer this question definitely, she finally stated that she thought he did. He stated that he had never been able to obtain any definite information in regard to COLE'S having been in that vicinity since his escape.

PAUL CURRY promised his full cooperation stating he would frequent the home of CORNETT and other relatives of COLE and would endeavor to lead them out concerning COLE and that on receipt of any information received, he would communicate same to the Oklahoma City Division office. He was furnished Special Agent in Charge FLETCHER'S name and address, Division location, Post Office box and telephone number.

Agents made contact with FRANK RILEY, farm boss for the WILCOX Company, who stated that he was told by PARD PHILLIPS, an employee of the Wilcox Company some time last spring that he, PHILLIPS,

in company with a woman, visited a bootlegging joint operated one-half mile north of that farm, and there they saw a stranger whom the woman recognized as TED COLE. Through RILEY, contact was made with PARD PHILLIPS who stated he and Mrs. TOM MASSEY sometime last spring went into a place one-half mile north of the CORNETT farm operated by a man named BAXTER. There they observed a man tall and slender whom Mrs. MASSEY stated she recognized as TED COLE; that she had lived in that section and was acquainted with him. PHILLIPS stated that Mrs. MASSEY is a sister of the wife of ABB HOLLAND who is also an employee of the Wilcox Company and that she resided at Drumright, Oklahoma.

Contact was made with ABB HOLLAND who stated that he recalled the incident of Mrs. MASSEY'S seeing a man at BAXTER'S place whom she stated was COLE. HOLLAND stated that she could be located through her husband, TOM MASSEY, an employee of the Nuway Grocery Company, Drumright, Oklahoma.

At Drumright, Oklahoma, Agents SMITH and HOOD located and interviewed Mrs. MASSEY who was first approached in a very cautious and discreet manner concerning acquaintances in and knowledge of the vicinity of Stroud, Oklahoma. She did not appear to be familiar with the names of COLE'S relatives or their location, and appeared never to have heard of TED COLE or his escapades. When confronted with the information received from PHILLIPS, she admitted knowing PHILLIPS and having been with him at her sister's home, but emphatically denied having been to BAXTER'S place or having seen a stranger or to having told anyone that she saw TED COLE, stating that she did not know COLE and would have had no reason for making any such statement.

On October 5, 1938, Agents HOOD and SMITH conferred with Mr. VAN SICKLE, Chief of Police, at Stroud, Oklahoma who has been very cooperative with this Bureau in connection with this case. Mr. VAN SICKLE stated that he has been in constant touch with several sources of information in the vicinity of COLE'S relatives' homes; that he has been unable to obtain any information to indicate that COLE has either been in that vicinity or they have received any information concerning him; that he feels certain in the event he does come there that he will receive the information immediately. He stated that he has several informants who are in constant touch with and observing the CORNETT home whom he considers reliable, and through whom he feels that he will eventually obtain information of anything that may develop there.

AT BARTLESVILLE, OKLAHOMA

On October 5, 1938, Special Agents HOOD and SMITH made contact with Informant "Z" whose identity has previously been furnished to the Bureau. This informant stated that he has received no information since he was previously interviewed and expressed as his belief that subjects COLE and ROE made good their escape from Alcatraz. He stated that while he has no definite proof of this fact and has not seen either of them, from information he has previously obtained and furnished these Agents that he feels certain that they made their escape.

He agreed to proceed to Joplin, Missouri and again contact sources of information there in an effort to obtain something of interest. On October 10, 1938, Agents SMITH and HOOD again contacted this informant and he was furnished the necessary funds and stated that he would proceed to Joplin, Missouri and would communicate with the Oklahoma City Office from that point on October 11, 1938. He stated that he would probably remain there two or three days in the interest of making desired contacts. He stated that it was his information that ~~HERB~~ FARMER had recently left Joplin, Missouri and gone away in the interest of making some quick money and was expected to return with probably fifteen or twenty thousand dollars. Informant suggested the probability that FARMER was going away to make money with ROE and COLE. He stated further that he had heard through the underworld source at Joplin that ROE and COLE had made some money since their escape.

With reference to Informant Z's promising to go to Joplin, Missouri in the interest of recontacting sources of information, on October 12th the following telegram was received from him:

"HAVE TALKED TO M C NOTHING DEFINITE H JUST GOT IN FROM
SALT LAKE WILL TALK TO HIM TOMORROW AND WILL WIRE YOU MY
FINDINGS"

The initials M C referred to in the above telegram have reference unquestionably to ~~MICKY~~ CAREY whom informant Z mentioned as a source of information. The letter H no doubt has reference to ~~HERB~~ FARMER.

In view of previous information that ~~HERB~~ FARMER was operating a liquor store at Dallas, Texas, and in view of the information in the telegram that he had just gotten in from Salt Lake City, some doubt arose as to the fair dealings of Informant Z. Therefore, authority was

requested from the Bureau by telephone on October 12, 1938 to check through the Kansas City Office to determine if HERB FARMER was actually at Joplin as stated by informant. Under date of October 12, 1938, the Kansas City Office was telephonically requested to check at Joplin to determine the present whereabouts of FARMER. On that date, the Kansas City Office advised by telegram that HERB FARMER was then in Joplin and had been there right along; that he had appeared in court October 11, 1938 at Neosho, Missouri on a gambling charge.

Subsequently on October 12th the following telegram was received from Informant "Z", Joplin, Missouri:

"NOTHING IMPORTANT AT THIS TIME WILL LEAVE FOR HOME TONIGHT"

On October 12, 1938, Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD received a telephone call from informant [redacted] advising that he was leaving for West Texas and was going to Refugio, Texas where he would remain for several days, promising Agent HOOD to advise him in the event he obtained any information of interest concerning ROE and COLE.

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AT [redacted]

Agent contacted Mr. JACK KNEEDLER who advised that he had known C. A. MOBLEY for about five years during which time MOBLEY had been employed as a pumper by the Carter Oil Company. He stated that MOBLEY enjoyed a good reputation in that vicinity, was a married man with a family and he had never known MOBLEY to associate with anyone with a poor reputation nor to have been in any trouble. He stated that MOBLEY was driving a new Buick automobile and that a few months before the Carter Oil Company shut down all operations in that vicinity and transferred MOBLEY to Route 3, Seminole, Oklahoma. He verified this address by checking the records of his office. KNEEDLER stated further that he also knew J. B. [redacted] but he did not think there was any relation or association between [redacted] and MOBLEY.

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OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE

AT SEMINOLE, OKLAHOMA

Will keep in touch with JAKE SIMS, Chief of Police, and Informant 13 for such information as they may receive and after a reasonable period of time, if no further information is obtained by Informant 13 as to information he desires with reference to the location of HAZEL UNDERHILL, arrangements will then be made with him to contact her pursuant to Bureau authority.

AT BARTLESVILLE, OKLAHOMA

Will continue contact with Informant "Z" in the interest of receiving such information as he may have developed at Joplin, Missouri on his recent trip, and promote his further cooperation in securing information in this connection.

PENDING.

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
500 Rector Office Building
Little Rock, Arkansas
October 19, 1938

76-86

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:

This is to advise that Miss MARY C. PORTER, Post-
mistress at Alpena, Arkansas placed a 30-day cover on the
mail of Mr. FRED WHITAKER, Mr. FRANK WHITAKER and MARIE COLE,
beginning October 12, 1938.

Very truly yours,

H. E. Andersen

H. E. ANDERSEN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Oklahoma City

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October 21, 1938

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Special Agent in Charge
Little Rock, Arkansas

Re: RUCOL

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated August 5, 1938, addressed to Mrs. Ed B. Harris, Route No. 4, Harrison, Arkansas, advising that an Agent from your office would contact her at the earliest possible opportunity. Copies of that letter were furnished to your office.

In view of the delinquent status of this matter, it is requested that you arrange for an Agent to contact Mrs. Harris in the near future.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Nathan _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Crowl _____
Mr. Egan _____
Mr. Foxworth _____
Mr. Glavin _____
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Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Tracy _____
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Special Agent in Charge
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Re: ROCOL

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of
Special Agent E. F. Barich, dated at Oklahoma
City on September 24, 1938, which contains a
lead for your office to interview William
Harding at McAlester, Oklahoma, in accordance
with a request contained in Bureau letter dated
September 2, 1938.

It is requested that you afford this
matter attention at the earliest possible time.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Miss Gandy

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Newark, New Jersey

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October 22, 1938

Special Agent in Charge
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Re: R O C O L

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of October 18, 1938 wherein you advise that your files fail to reflect a copy of the report of Special Agent L. W. ARMS, Newark, New Jersey, dated January 28, 1938.

There is being enclosed herewith a copy of the said report.

Very truly yours,

A. P. KITCHIN
Special Agent in Charge

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cc- Bureau

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OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA
OCTOBER 18, 1938

Special Agent in Charge
Newark, N. J.

Dear Sir:

RE: R O C O L

Your attention is called to the report of Special Agent C. D. SULLIVAN, dated at Boston, February 9, 1938, in which the report of Special Agent L. W. ARMS, Newark, dated January 28, 1938, is set forth as a reference.

Please be advised that a review of the files in this office fails to disclose that copies of the report of Agent ARMS have been received.

Very truly yours,

H. B. FLETCHER
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc - Bureau ✓

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202 U. S. COURTHOUSE
EL PASO, TEXAS
Oct. 25, 1938.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

RE: ROCOL.

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a mail tracing received from the Postmaster at Odessa, Texas, as a result of a mail cover placed on the mail of JAMES ROE, brother of subject ROE, at that place.

This tracing shows a return address in the left-hand upper corner, of "Mrs. A. Shelfo, 829 Harrison, K. C. Mo." and the letter was postmarked "Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 19, 5:30 P.M."

Very truly yours,

R. J. Untreiner,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - Bureau ✓
cc - San Francisco.

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202 U. S. COURTHOUSE
EL PASO, TEXAS
OCT. 19, 1938.

Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

RE: ROCOL.

Dear Sir:

As a result of mail cover placed upon the mail of James Roe, Box 1478, Odessa, Texas, and Frank Roe, Box 1422, Odessa, Texas, the following tracings were obtained and are being forwarded herewith to your office:

"For James Roe, Box 1478, Odessa, Texas, from First National Bank, Midland, Texas, postmarked Midland, Texas, Oct. 1, 1938, 6:00 P.M."

"For Mrs. James Roe, Box 1478, Odessa, Texas, bearing no return address, postmarked Wink, Texas, dated October 17, 1938, 6:00 P.M."

"For Mr. Frank Roe, Odessa, Texas, Box 1422, from Dublin, Texas, Box 333, postmarked Dublin, Texas, Oct. 16, 1938, 6:30 P.M."

Very truly yours,

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R. J. Untreiner,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - San Francisco.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

FILE NO. 76-290

REPORT MADE AT San Francisco, Cal.	DATE WHEN MADE 10/20/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10/6/38	REPORT MADE BY L. D. WINE - MR
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: 30%;"> <p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p><i>9</i> <i>X</i> <i>69</i> <i>15</i> <i>7</i> <i>6</i></p> </div> <div style="width: 65%;"> <p>Mrs. M. T. PETTYJOHN left Watsonville, Cal., 6/22/38, leaving forwarding address Post Office Box 172, Monterey, Cal. Investigation at Monterey, Cal., Post Office discloses that RUTH HOWARD, which is apparently an alias of Mrs. M. T. PETTYJOHN, left a forwarding address of 851 Ocean Ave., Monterey, Cal., which is a house of prostitution.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> </div> </div>			
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 30%;"> <p>REFERENCE:</p> </div> <div style="width: 65%;"> <p>Report of Special Agent TOM E. NEAL, Dallas, Texas, February 2, 1938.</p> </div> </div>			
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 30%;"> <p>DETAILS:</p> </div> <div style="width: 65%;"> <p><u>At Watsonville, California.</u></p> <p>HARRY BRIDGEWATER, Postmaster at Watsonville, examined the records of this Post Office which disclosed that Mrs. M. T. PETTYJOHN had been receiving mail at that Post Office and on 6/22/38 had requested that her mail be sent to her c/o RUTH HOWARD, Post Office box 172, Monterey, Cal.</p> </div> </div>			
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At Monterey, California.

KENNETH BROWN, Assistant Postmaster at Monterey, stated that their records show that Mrs. M. T. PETTYJOHN, Mrs. RUTH NORTON and RUTH HOWARD, all of whom are believed to be identical, are receiving mail at Box 172, Monterey, California. Mr. KENNETH BROWN stated that he did not have any forwarding address for Mrs. M. T. PETTYJOHN but knew that she called occasionally at the Monterey Post Office; that she appeared to be a sporting type of woman, was driving a new gray Buick Sedan. He stated that he knew her by sight; that she was 5' 5", blonde, about 30 years old, had gold teeth, and was well dressed.

Examination of the contents of Box 172 disclosed a package from Mrs. BAILY HARDY, Route 2, San Saba, Texas, addressed to RUTH HOWARD. Mr. BROWN stated that the next time RUTH HOWARD, who was apparently Mrs. M. T. PETTYJOHN, called for mail he would endeavor to obtain her local address.

Examination of the application for this box shows that it is in the name of RUTH NORTON, beauty parlor operator, Pajaro Beauty Parlor, Appleton Hotel, Watsonville, California, which was apparently her former address. Since Mrs. M. T. PETTYJOHN is reported to be a beauty parlor operator by profession, Agent contacted by telephone all of the beauty parlors in Monterey, California, inquiring for Mrs. PETTYJOHN, RUTH HOWARD and RUTH NORTON, with negative results.

On October 11, 1938, Assistant Postmaster KENNETH BROWN advised the San Francisco Office by letter that he had obtained the address of RUTH HOWARD, which is 851 Ocean Avenue, Monterey; that this is the address of a house of prostitution in that city.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS.

THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE.

At Monterey, California, will locate RUTH HOWARD, 851 Ocean Avenue, as requested in report of Special Agent M. E. GURNEA, San Francisco, California, dated December 28, 1937.

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202 U. S. COURTHOUSE
EL PASO, TEXAS
Oct. 22, 1938.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

RE: RUCOL.

Dear Sir:

As a result of the mail cover being placed on the
mail of MRS. SADIE DYE, 521 Douglas Street, Las Vegas,
New Mexico, the following mail tracing was obtained, and
is being forwarded to your office:

For: "Mrs. Sadie Dye,
521 Douglas,
Las Vegas, New Mexico"

From: "908 E. 15th
Oklahoma City, Okla."

Very truly yours,

R. J. Untreiner,
Special Agent in Charge.

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

FILE NO. **76-290**

REPORT MADE AT San Francisco, Calif.	DATE WHEN MADE 10/19/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/23,30;10/1, 18/38	REPORT MADE BY J. R. McCULLOCH MJD
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: Auburn, Calif., advises he saw Subject ROE in Grass Valley, Calif., in early spring and was told he was living at the Zeibright Mine near Nevada City, Calif. Mine officials and employees when contacted selected ROE'S photograph as likeness of man there for short period during winter. Name, associates or whereabouts unknown. Investigation at Grass Valley and Nevada City negative, although ROE'S photograph identified as that of man seen in that vicinity. WARREN H. MADELEY, Berkeley, Calif., may have information of value. HUBERT SMITH alias JAMES B. HALL or JOHN F. RENDER unknown to Post Office officials, Alma, Calif. No Alma Hotel at Alma, Calif.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>Reference: Bureau letter to WARREN H. MADELEY, Newcastle, Calif., 3/10/38 (76-2686) Report of Special Agent K. P. PETTIJOHN, San Francisco, 8/22/38 Report of Special Agent H. O. HAWKINS, Birmingham, 9/30/38.</p> <p>Details: <u>AT AUBURN, CALIFORNIA</u></p> <p> was reinterviewed at his home on </p>			
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[redacted] in order that the individuals previously referred to by him in report of reference might be located and interviewed as suspects in this case. [redacted] as when previously interviewed, was ill and confined to bed. As at the time of his first interview by Agent, [redacted] was rather mysterious about his information and stated that when he was well, he would gladly show Agent where he believed subjects to have been but that until that time he did not wish to give any additional information.

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It was pointed out to [redacted] that as he is apparently ill most of the time, there is a possibility that he would never be able to guide Agent to the alleged hideout of subjects and it was believed advisable that he give Agent any information he might have to obviate the possibility of this perhaps valuable information being lost forever in the event anything should happen to [redacted]

After some persuasion, [redacted] advised as follows: He stated that although he did not recall the exact date during what he believed to have been probably during the latter part of January, 1938, he had been standing on the street in Grass Valley, California, talking with a miner whose name he claimed not to now recall. He advised that during this conversation an individual was seen to pass along the opposite side of the street and the man with whom he was talking had remarked to [redacted] "that man over there is RALPH ROE, the Alcatraz escape". This man had further advised that ROE was living in a settlement of houses adjoining the Zeibright Mine in Bear Valley not far from Nevada City, Calif. It was [redacted] impression that his informant had known ROE years before and that he was certain of ROE'S identity and further had seen him since his escape on some occasion earlier than the one when he pointed the supposed ROE out to [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he had had occasion prior to that time to examine photographs of ROE and COLE in local newspapers and that he was positive that the man seen by him was, in fact, Subject ROE. He advised that on a still later date a few weeks after this time when he had first seen the man whom he believes to be ROE, he had again been in Grass Valley and had seen this same man; that he had at that time even closer scrutinized the man and that he is certain he is identical with Subject ROE.

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[redacted] advised that he had never seen anyone whom he believed to be Subject COLE and that if he had previously caused Agent to receive the impression that COLE was with the man whom he believed to be ROE, it was simply because he, [redacted] had perhaps assumed that the two men were together.

[redacted] advised that the second time he had seen the suspect in Grass Valley that individual had had a motorcycle in his possession, make and license number unknown. He could give no exact description of his suspect, other than to say that he looked identical with the photograph

of Subject ROE, especially the profile view. He advised that on the second occasion he had seen this man in Grass Valley, he had been wearing a new, brown zipper jacket.

AT THE ZEIBRIGHT MINE.

At the Zeibright Mine near Nevada City on the highway between that town and Emigrant Gap in Bear Valley, B. G. KITCHING, timekeeper and bookkeeper, upon being interviewed, advised that he had held that position at the mine since the fall of 1937 and that during that time no one had been employed there whom he believed to in any way resemble Subjects ROE or COLE, whose photographs were displayed to him. He stated that although there are approximately 150 men employed in that mine, that as timekeeper he has occasion to at least have a speaking acquaintance with all employees and that he is certain if either subject had been employed at the mine, he would recall them from their photographs.

KITCHING advised, however, that if either of the men had been at the mine "rustling", that is seeking work, they might have been at the mine a day or two and not have contacted him, although LEWIS M. SABAN, mine foreman; HERBERT JOHNSON, shift boss, or ARTHUR SWANSON, superintendent of the mine, might possibly have been contacted by these men and he, KITCHING, not have known of it.

ARTHUR SWANSON, superintendent of the Zeibright Mine, was interviewed, at which time he was given photographs of Subjects ROE and COLE and CLAUD POWERS, I. O. #1379, to examine. He stated that he was certain neither POWERS nor COLE had been in that vicinity but that the photograph of ROE looked strangely familiar to him. He stated he could not remember whether this individual had asked him for work, whether he had seen him at the mine, or elsewhere, but that he felt reasonably sure that he had, in fact, seen this man someplace.

LEWIS M. SABAN, mine foreman, who was questioned and was mentioned by both KITCHING and SWANSON as having a very good memory, was also shown the three photographs above mentioned. He definitely eliminated the photographs of POWERS and COLE but stated that he was practically certain that an individual who, if not ROE, certainly resembled him very much had been at the mine sometime during the winter of 1937-38. He advised that he could not remember this man's having worked at the mine, he could not remember the man's name or anything about him but stated that he felt sure he had seen him and that in all probability the man had appeared at the mine, asked for work, been unable to obtain same and had gone on his way.

GEORGE GRIFFITH, mine electrician, and HOMER WHEAL, both separately examined the three photographs above mentioned and both selected

the photograph of ROE as an individual whom they felt sure they had seen somewhere. They were both certain that he had not worked at the mine but they seemed to feel that they had perhaps seen him in that vicinity.

Near the mine is a small settlement of 8 or 10 shacks, in which some of the married miners live with their families. It was in this settlement, according to [redacted] informant, that ROE was supposed to have lived.

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WILLIAM BELISLE, miner named by SWANSON and KITCHING as a reliable individual living in that settlement, upon examination of the photographs, stated that none of the three men appeared familiar to him. When asked specifically as to ROE, he stated he felt certain he had never seen that man; furthermore, he was certain no one resembling him had lived or visited in any of the shacks near the mine. BELISLE felt sure that if anyone had stayed there for any length of time at all, he would have known of it.

HAROLD HUTCHINSON, who operates the recreation hall at the mine, was also shown the photographs in question. From these three photographs he too selected the picture of ROE as being vaguely familiar to him but he could not state where he had seen this man.

HERBERT JOHNSON, shift boss, was also interviewed. JOHNSON stated that he was certain that none of the three men appearing in the photographs had ever worked for him and that he had never seen any of them at the mine or elsewhere.

All individuals at the mine interviewed, as set out hereinabove, were questioned concerning any of the men working there who had owned or operated motorcycles. It was learned that two or three of the men owned motorcycles but that they had been at the mine for a considerable length of time and that none of them in any way resembled Subjects ROE or COLE and that they were entirely above suspicion.

LEWIS SABAN, upon reinterview, was unable to recall anything additional after considerable thought on the matter, other than that he seemed to have some recollection of a "rustler" having been once brought to the mine by a Ford salesman from Grass Valley, Calif., name of this salesman unknown, and that it was his recollection that possibly this salesman had brought the man whom he believed to resemble ROE so very much to the mine.

SABAN, SWANSON and KITCHING all stated that they would make appropriate inquiry from time to time and endeavor to recall where they had seen the individual believed by them to possibly be Subject ROE. An

examination of the employment cards of all men at the Zeibright Mine for the last several years was carefully made by SWANSON, KITCHING and SABAN in Agent's presence. The individual for whom each card was issued was recalled by one of the three men, none of these miners being possibly identical with Subject ROE. SWANSON advised that he was certain that ROE, had he been at the mine at all, could not possibly have been there during the months of February and March, during which time the mine was snowed in and no one came in or out; consequently, everyone became rather well acquainted. He further advised that for the last few months the Murchie Mine at Nevada City had been handling the employment of miners at the Zeibright Mine, both mines being owned by the same company, and it was possible that FRED SCHECKT, head timekeeper at the Murchie Mine, might possibly recall ROE had he appeared there for work. Agent was assured that the San Francisco office would be immediately notified should any information of value be gained from any source.

AT NEVADA CITY, CALIFORNIA

FRED SCHECKT, head timekeeper, Murchie Mine, upon being shown the three photographs previously mentioned, selected the photograph of Subject ROE as being someone once seen by him. As had all the individuals at the Zeibright Mine who had partially identified ROE'S photograph and as had [redacted] informant, SCHECKT stated that the profile view of ROE was the one which seemed to "click" in his mind as being a likeness of someone once seen by him. SCHECKT checked all timesheets for the Murchie and Zeibright Mines from December, 1937, until the spring of 1938 and was unable to find any man for whom he could not account and eliminate as being Subject ROE.

At the Nevada City Post Office LLOYD HISCOX, general delivery clerk, upon being displayed the three photographs, also selected the photograph of Subject ROE as being someone he had once seen, he too selecting the profile view, as had everyone else interviewed. He was very vague and did not believe this man had ever called at that Post Office for mail but simply felt he had once seen him someplace.

Chief of Police W. G. ROBSON; Nevada County Sheriff CARL TOBIASSEN; and Deputies Sheriff BILL WOOD and CARL LARSON were contacted and the photographs were displayed to them, without any identification being made.

AT GRASS VALLEY, CALIFORNIA

The photographs were also displayed to Chief of Police BEN JENKINS and Officer WILLIAM SPROUL of the Grass Valley Police Department, and to General Delivery Clerk RONALD PASCAL, without identification.

At the Helbach Motor Company, Grass Valley Ford dealer, inquiry was made concerning any salesman who had taken a trip to the Zeibright Mine during the winter or early spring of 1938. Numerous salesmen there were interviewed, but none of them stated they had been at that mine since prior to the winter of 1937-38, inasmuch as the mine officials had stated they did not wish salesmen to appear there. The three photographs previously mentioned were displayed to each of these salesmen, and the photograph of only ROE was partially identified by one of them.

The thought having occurred that perhaps this partial identification was made by the men previously mentioned herein due to their having seen ROE'S photograph previously at some time, they were asked whether it might be they were making the identification from having seen the photograph and so believed that they had, in fact, seen the man at one time. However, the response from these men was that such was not the case; that they had no recollection of having seen ROE'S photograph, other than perhaps having glanced at it in the newspapers and at the same time they had seen COLE'S picture and the photograph of COLE displayed to them by Agent did not cause them to feel that they had seen anyone in that vicinity resembling him.

AT AUBURN, CALIFORNIA

[redacted] was again interviewed in an attempt to gain from him the name of the individual with whom he had been in conversation in Grass Valley and who pointed out to him the individual believed to be ROE. [redacted] stated at that time that his informant had simply been a miner with whom he had happened to be talking on the street; that although he had known the individual's name, he could, allegedly, not now recall it but would attempt to do so and if he were unable to do so, at the next time he was able to be up and about, he would go to Grass Valley and make inquiry in an attempt to learn this person's identity in order that this person might be appropriately interviewed by Agent. It was suggested to [redacted] That Agent accompany him to Grass Valley at the time of his inquiry. [redacted] stated that upon his gaining sufficient health to go, he would notify Agent in the event he [redacted] did not previously learn his informant's name and that in the event he did recall the identity of his informant, he would immediately notify the San Francisco office.

AT NEWCASTLE, CALIFORNIA

With reference to letter of reference, MRS. W. MADELEY was contacted at her ranch near Newcastle, at which time she advised that her son, WARREN H. MADELEY, was not then at home, he being in Berkeley, California, attending the University. She stated that she recalled his

having written the Bureau concerning instant case and that he had written after he had been on a skiing expedition in the vicinity of Soda Springs, Calif., reportedly having come across something which caused him to believe that it might have some connection with the instant case. MRS. MADELEY stated that she has since become convinced that her son's information was of no value and that she did not desire that he be interviewed. She stated that although at the time she had felt this information was of value, she had since forgotten just what it was. It was readily seen that MRS. MADELEY did not wish her son to be interviewed and did not wish to give his address in Berkeley in order that he might be contacted, she stating that it would be a waste of time for him to be seen and that she did not wish the "bother" to be taken.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent LOUIS D. WINE, with reference to the lead in the reference report of Special Agent HAWKINS:

AT ALMA, CALIFORNIA

MRS. BESSIE WHEELER, Postmaster, stated that there are no hotels in that locality, which consists of a Post Office, general store and several small cottages; that she has lived there for many years and that there is no Alma Hotel located there and, in fact, no hotel whatever in that community. She stated that she knows practically everyone receiving mail there; that there are about 200, including the patrons of the post office boxes at that Post Office. She stated that she has no recollection or record of HUBERT SMITH, JAMES B. HALL or JOHN F. BENDER. She stated that during the current summer there were a large number of transients and laborers employed on a highway project running through this small community; that these men received their mail at general delivery. She stated that during the year 1936 this man may have been at one of the mountain resorts during the tourist season, but she is positive there is no Alma Hotel operating in that vicinity at the present time.

Similar inquiries were made of GEORGE OSMER, Assistant Postmaster, with negative results.

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SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE

AT BERKELEY, CALIF., through the University of California Registrar's office, will ascertain the address of WARREN H. MADELEY, student from Newcastle, Calif., in order that he may be interviewed concerning any information he may have, he having written the Bureau that he had information of possible value on 3/2/38.

AT AUBURN, CALIF., will re-contact [redacted]
[redacted] to ascertain from him whether he has recalled or learned
the identity of the individual who is supposed to have told him that
a certain individual seen in Grass Valley was Subject ROE.

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QT/1c (Routing slips filed in jacket #FBI-742495)

Bu. File # 76-200-521

October 22, 1938

Special Agent in Charge
Los Angeles, California

Re: ROCOL.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your communication dated October 12, 1938, I am transmitting herewith the criminal record of **SEYMOUR JOHNSON**, #15585, Police Department, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, as reflected by the fingerprint files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

There are also attached hereto, the criminal records of one **Dawn W. Blackwell**, alias **Marie Blackwell**, our #FBI-1125321, and one **Marie Blackwell**, our #FBI-1620341, one of whom may be identical with the **MARIE BLACKWELL** mentioned in your letter.

In compliance with your request the Bureau Field Division at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma is being furnished copies of the above-mentioned criminal records.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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 _____

Enclosures

CC- Bureau Field Division
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

OCT 22 1938

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

[Handwritten signature]

United States Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

October 22, 1933

The following is a transcript of the complete record appearing in the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning number FBI-742485, which number should be quoted in future correspondence including any dispositions submitted.



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, Director.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
SO, Okla. City Okla.	Seedell Johnson, alias, "Sleepy" Johnson, #--	12-30-33	inv.	rel. to Fed. Auth.
PO, Okla. City Okla.	Seedell Johnson, alias, "Sleepy" Johnson, #15565	1-1-34	Federal inv.	turned over to Okla. Co.
SO, Okla. City Okla.	Seedell Johnson, alias, "Sleepy" Johnson, #2285	11-30-34	drunk	
*	Seedell Johnson, #--, SO, Okla. City, Okla., 1-3-34, harboring			
*	a criminal; rel. by Order of Court 7-6-34 (USM).			
	#15565, PO, Okla. City, Okla., 7-6-34, 6 mos. susp. (harboring			
	and concealing Albur Underhill for whom warrant of arrest had			
	been issued (per inf. rec. 7-31-34, Bu. Field Div., Okla. City,			
	Okla., File #62-28315).			

*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.

United States Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

October 21, 1938

The following is a transcript of the complete record appearing in the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning number FBI-1185321, which number should be quoted in future correspondence including any dispositions submitted.



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, Director.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Co.D.of I., Court House, Newark, N.J.	Dawn M. Blackwell #A-6646	5-31-32	vag. - D.C.	
PD, Hornell, N.Y.	Isabelle May Ketchum, alias Isabel Ketchum, #1034	6-30-36	intox.	guilty - fined \$25 and 6 mos. prob.
PD, Hornell, N.Y.	Isabelle Mae Ketchum, aliases: Isabelle Arwino, Dawn Blackwell, Marie Blackwell, Isabel Mae Ketchum, #1034	2-7-37	adultery	guilty - Westfield St. Farm not exceeding 3 yrs.
Co.Jail, Bath, N.Y.	Isabel Ketchum #48	2-8-37	viol. Sec. 101 and 100 P.L.	
Co.Jail, Bath, N.Y.	Isabel Ketchum, alias Isabel Ketchum, #651	7-3-38	viol. parole warrant	suit. to Bedford Hills St. Farm, N.Y.
Westfield St.Farm, Bedford Hills, N.Y.	Isabel Ketchum, aliases: Isabel Irwin, Marie Blackwell, Isabel Beasley, Isabel Ketchum, FBI-6273	2-11-37	100 P.L.	inlet., 2-11-38 paroled - 7-6-38 ret'd. as a parole violator
*	Isabelle Ketchum, Newark, N.J., 1929, runaway from home; ret'd. home.			
*	Isabelle Ketchum, Binghamton, N.Y., 1930, runaway from home; 2 yrs. N.Y. Training School.			

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

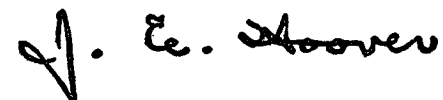
For completion of our records, please supply dispositions to this Bureau in any of the foregoing cases where they do not appear.

United States Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

October 21, 1938

The following is a transcript of the complete record appearing in the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning number FBI 162031, which number should be quoted in future correspondence including any dispositions submitted.



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, Director.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
MO, Kansas City, Kans.	Marie Blackwell 93768	8-21-28	shoplifting	to State

*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.

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Los Angeles, California

October 12, 1938

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

Re: ROCOL

Dear Sir:

Kindly furnish the known criminal record of the following:

Name (inc. aliases)	City, Police Arrest, or Other Number.	Approximate date Fin- gerprints forwarded Federal Bureau of In- vestigation.	Fingerprint Classifica- tion.
SEEDELL JOHNSON, alias "SLEEPY".	Oklahoma City P. D. #15565.	-	-
MARIE BLACKWELL	(Known prostitute at Winslow and Phoenix, Arizona. No further information known.)		

Please furnish copy of any record to the Oklahoma City
Division.

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Very truly yours,

J. H. HANSON
Special Agent in Charge,

RHS:RS
cc Oklahoma City

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~~76-2686522~~ November 15, 1938

76-2686522

Special Agent in Charge
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Re: ROGOL

Dear Sir:

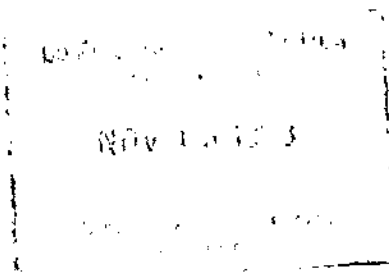
Reference is made to your letter dated October 25, 1938, requesting advice from the Bureau as to whether it is desired to continue investigation relative to automobiles entering California on December 15 and 16, 1937. It is noted in your letter that these dates are designated as December 15 and 16, 1938. However, such dates are obviously in error.

You are advised that the Bureau is of the opinion that further investigation along this line should be discontinued at this time. Should later investigation in this case indicate the desirability of further investigation to eliminate the individuals who entered California on the dates given, such investigation should, of course, be made.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Nathan
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
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Mr. Nichols
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy



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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA
OCTOBER 25, 1938

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: R O C O L

Your attention is called to the extensive investigation conducted in connection with this case to determine the identity of the unknown individual who made inquiry at the Lighthouse Service Office, Portland, Oregon on December 15, 1938, relative to the time of tides in San Francisco Bay. He plainly indicated by his actions that he was not a nautical man as he asked for information as to how to read the tables. A review of this file reveals that there are numerous automobiles which entered California through the checking stations at Dunsmuir, Crescent City and Hilt, California between 6:00 P.M., December 15, 1938, and 9:00 A.M., December 16, 1938, which have not been eliminated.

Advice is desired as to whether the Bureau considers it logical and proper to conduct additional investigation and continue present investigation in an effort to eliminate each of the automobiles entering California on the dates set forth above.

Very truly yours,

H. B. Fletcher

H. B. FLETCHER
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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REPORT MADE AT Dallas, Texas	DATE WHEN MADE 10/25/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/28-29/38 & 10/3-8-11/38	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.
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>Postmaster, Levelland, Texas, furnished forwarding addresses of HAZEL CONNOR, MARVIN CONNOR, JUANITA CONNOR, JEAN DAVIS, EDWARD DAVIS, LOMA DAVIS, LAVANA HUDSON. Dr. C. R. JOHNSTON advised O. C. HALES, oil company foreman, left Levelland, Texas, with HAZEL CONNOR. C. M. ANDERSON, production foreman for E. E. Fogelson Company, Whiteface, Texas, advised he believed MARVIN CONNOR was discharged by company. CHARLES McConal, Loop, Texas, advised name of company delivering coal in December, 1937. No information obtained at Pampa, Texas, from Mr. and Mrs. TOM MARTIN.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-P-</p> <p>REFERENCE:</p> <p>Report of Special Agent C. R. DAVIS, San Antonio, Texas, dated July 23, 1938; report of Special Agent D. P. SULLIVAN, El Paso, Texas, dated July 11, 1938.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p>The following investigation at Levelland and Whiteface, Texas, was predicated upon a telephone call received by Special Agent in Charge E. E. CONROY on September 27, 1938, from the Oklahoma City Office, requesting investigation concerning the present whereabouts of HAZEL UNDERHILL:</p> <p>Mr. H. H. MANN, Postmaster at Levelland, Texas, was contacted on September 28, 1938, and he furnished the forwarding addresses of the following persons from Levelland, Texas, to Odessa, Texas, the forwarding date being May 9, 1938: MARVIN CONNOR, HAZEL CONNOR, JUANITA CONNOR, JEAN DAVIS, EDWARD DAVIS, LOMA DAVIS, and LAVANA HUDSON. Mr. Mann advised that he</p>			
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had not received any inquiries concerning the mail of the above parties since they gave him their forwarding addresses; that, so far as he knows, they are in Odessa, Texas.

Dr. C. R. JOHNSTON at Levelland, Texas, was contacted and he advised that he is the doctor who treated MARVIN CONNOR in March last; that he believed the CONNOR and the DAVIS families moved to Odessa, Texas. He stated that they were very good friends to O. C. HALES, production foreman of E. E. Fogelson Company; that HALES showed a personal interest in MARVIN CONNOR. Dr. JOHNSTON advised that he believes HALES left Levelland with the CONNOR family for Odessa, Texas; that it was apparently JUANITA CONNOR whom HALES was interested in; that JUANITA CONNOR is a very beautiful girl. Dr. JOHNSTON further advised that at the time MARVIN CONNOR was hurt, there were some telegrams sent to some of the relatives of the CONNORS and he believes HALES sent them, or at least paid for them.

Dr. JOHNSTON stated that in an effort to locate the CONNOR family and assist the Government, in any manner, he would ascertain which nurse was a sweetheart of MARVIN CONNOR; that MARVIN CONNOR became friendly with this nurse while he was in the hospital at Lubbock, Texas, as a result of his injury. Dr. JOHNSTON stated that he was personally acquainted with most of the nurses in Lubbock, and that he believes he can find out which one was a friend to CONNOR, and through her, ascertain the whereabouts of HAZEL CONNOR. A franked envelope was left with Dr. JOHNSTON for the purpose of advising the Dallas Office, in the event he secures any information.

At the Western Union in Levelland, Texas, Mrs. HILL was contacted, and she advised that she was forbidden to give out such information; that Agent would have to contact the supervisor at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, for the authority to see any wires in that office. Mrs. HILL was requested to ascertain if she had copies of any wires sent by any of the above named parties, and if so, Agent would then obtain the necessary permission to examine same. While Mrs. HILL was looking through all the wires sent during the Month of March, 1938, the writer could easily see the places to which the wires were directed and the signatures of the senders. It was noted that none were sent in the name of CONNOR, DAVIS, or UNDERHILL, or signed by any of the above persons or by HALES. Mrs. HILL was thanked and advised that authority would not be necessary.

Mr. ELLIS, operator of the apartment in which the CONNORS lived in Levelland, Texas, advised that when the CONNORS left Levelland, Texas, in May, 1938, they told her that they were moving to Monahans, Texas; that O. C. HALES, a sweetheart of JUANITA CONNOR, moved them in a pickup truck and a large automobile. He advised that they were people of the common class; that the CONNOR and the DAVIS families lived in the same apartment. Mrs. ELLIS advised that [redacted] of HAZEL CONNOR; that HAZEL CONNOR'S last husband was named HUDSON; that Mrs. DAVIS had two children, and that

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Mrs. CONNOR had three children,

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Mr. L. L. DRUMHELLER, Station Agent, and Western Union operator at Whiteface, Texas, was contacted. He advised that he knew the CONNOR and the DAVIS families when they lived in Whiteface, Texas. Mr. DRUMHELLER examined all wires sent during the Month of March, 1938, and found only one mentioning the DAVIS or the CONNOR NAME. This was a wire addressed to JEAN DAVIS or EDNA FIELDS at Whiteface, Texas, dated April 18, 1938. Instant wire read as follows:

"CHARLIE R. BYRD IN COOK HOSPITAL AT MONAHANS
NOT EXPECTED TO LIVE", signed LUKE RUSSELL.

Mr. DRUMHELLER advised that this was the only wire sent or received by any of the above mentioned persons, as he was personally acquainted with them all.

Agent was introduced to Mr. C. M. ANDERSON, present production foreman for E. E. Fogelson Company at Whiteface, Texas, who, upon interview, advised that he was given the job formerly held by O. C. HALES; that HALES was believed to have been fired for some unknown reason and was last known to be in Refugio, Texas. His reason for knowing that O. C. HALES was in Refugio, Texas, on or about August 25 is that he received a copy of a letter directed to O. C. HALES at Refugio, Texas, from the Fogelson Company office, 1409, Second National Bank Building, Houston, Texas; that the letter was signed by S. D. MAXWELL, the person in charge of that company's office at Houston, Texas; that S. D. MAXWELL is a personal friend of O. C. HALES, and if contacted, will have to be interviewed under pretext. ANDERSON stated that he has talked to MAXWELL and is confident he would not give any information as to the whereabouts of O. C. HALES if it was thought the information would injure HALES in any way. Mr. ANDERSON stated that O. C. HALES and JUANITA CONNOR were sweethearts and lived together; that HAZEL CONNOR lived with them; that he believes HALES is afraid of JUANITA and her mother.

Mr. ANDERSON stated that he is almost positive that HALES now lives in Refugio, Texas, and is living with JUANITA CONNOR and HAZEL CONNOR. He based his reason for thinking so on a letter received by him from O. C. HALES in the handwriting of JUANITA CONNOR and signed by O. C. HALES, postmarked Corpus Christi, Texas, stating that he was moving to Refugio, Texas, to operate a pulling unit of his own. ANDERSON telephonically communicated with his office at Odessa, Texas, and later advised the writer that MARVIN CONNOR was not working in Odessa, Texas, or for the E. E. Fogelson Company; that he was let out at the same time O. C. HALES was discharged; that he thought MARVIN CONNOR was with a Medicine Show, and that HAZEL and JUANITA CONNOR were with O. C. HALES at Refugio, Texas.

Mr. ANDERSON further stated that MARVIN CONNOR was working at Penwell, Texas, and not at Odessa, Texas. Penwell is about 12 miles west of Odessa, Texas; that O. C. HALES has a brother operating a Shell Filling Station at Penwell, Texas, named C. P. HALES; that this

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brother is a rather nice person, but ANDERSON does not know if he would furnish any information concerning the whereabouts of O. C. HALES. ANDERSON advised that the Shell Station operated by C. P. HALES is next door to the Well Cafe; that this Station was formerly operated by Kerns Gafford.

Mr. ANDERSON further advised that he is well acquainted with the CONNOR and the DAVIS families; that he did not want to have anything to do with them, and requested that his name not be mentioned to anyone in conducting any investigation in this matter concerning the above information or the following.

ANDERSON stated that JEAN DAVIS is the sister of ED DAVIS, who, he believes, was electrocuted for the murder of the warden in the Memorial Day massacre in the San Quentin Prison in California several years ago; that JEAN DAVIS is the sister of O. C. HALES, and he is sure that the writer is aware as to the identity of HAZEL CONNOR; further, that the above circumstances are not known to very many people.

Mr. ANDERSON stated that he would conduct an investigation and, if possible, ascertain the exact location of HALES and the CONNORS and advise the Dallas Office. A franked envelope was left with Mr. ANDERSON for this purpose.

Mr. CHARLES McCONAL, store proprietor, Loop, Texas, was contacted on September 29, 1938, and he advised that he did not know the name of the boy driving the truck which delivered a load of coal to him in December, 1937. Mr. McCONAL furnished the writer the address of the Dawson Coal Company, Lubbock, Texas, from whom he buys his coal.

At the Dawson Coal Company, Lubbock, Texas, Mr. B. L. WILLIAMS was interviewed, and he stated that TRUMAN JONES, an ex-employee of that company, was the driver of the truck which delivered a load of coal to Mr. McCONAL at Loop, Texas, in December, 1937; that JONES has since left the employ of that company and his present whereabouts are unknown to them. He advised that they have attempted to contact JONES several times subsequent to his departure from Lubbock to straighten out some accounts with various merchants in the vicinity of Lubbock, Texas.

When questioned relative to the statement made by JONES to Mr. R. R. MANTOOTH, mentioned in reference report of Special Agent D. P. SULLIVAN, WILLIAMS advised that he had received this information from JONES, and he related the following story:

While TRUMAN JONES was in Idalou, Texas, at the filling station of Mr. F. C. DAY, two men drove into the station in a new model Chevrolet sedan loaded with guns, and they were apparently excited and attracted the attention of the station attendants and caused the story to get out that they were probably escaped prisoners from some penitentiary in California. Mr. WILLIAMS stated that during the

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drive from Lubbock, Texas, to Loop, Texas, he merely told Mr. MANTOOTH about what JONES had told him; that Mr. MANTOOTH must have misunderstood him if he said that he, WILLIAMS, had noticed the two men in the filling station at Idalou, Texas.

At Idalou, Texas, on October 8, 1938, Mr. F. C. DAY and his family were contacted, and they advised that they remembered two men driving into the filling station and buying some gasoline and that while there they bought some cheese and crackers and drank soda-water. ~~While there~~. While there one of the men stated to their young [redacted] that he would like to kidnap her; that it was purely a joke and they kidded her the entire time they were there. Mrs. F. C. DAY advised that she was present on that date and waited on the two men. The only thing she noticed about these men was that they were rather in a hurry to get through eating and leave, as they stated they were driving to Oklahoma City. Mrs. DAY stated that this was about a week subsequent to the time that RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE supposedly escaped from Alcatraz Prison near San Francisco, California. Mrs. DAY and her [redacted] were both present at the filling station the day the two men arrived there. They were shown the pictures of ROE and COLE, and both immediately stated they were not identical with the men who were at the filling station. Further, they stated that these men did not in any way resemble the Subjects in this case. They advised that if they were shown pictures of the two men who came to the filling station, they could immediately identify them. BETTY JO DAY stated that the dark complexioned one had a mustache. Mrs. DAY advised that one did have a mustache and that the mustache was at least three months old.

Mrs. F. C. DAY and her [redacted] both advised that no one else was present at the filling station during the time the two men in question were there; that she is acquainted with the drivers of the Dawson Coal Company in Lubbock, Texas, and that she is positive neither WILLIAMS nor JONES was present during the time the two men were at the station. When asked how JONES could have obtained the information and conveyed such information to Mr. R. R. MANTOOTH, Mrs. DAY advised that the boys must have overheard their conversation about the two men being in the filling station, because during that time there was quite a discussion around the filling stations and cafes about the escape of the Subjects in this case from Alcatraz.

Mr. and Mrs. TOM MARTIN at Borger, Texas, were interviewed on October 11, 1938, at their barber shop, 228-A North Main Street, and both advised that they had not seen or heard of RALPH ROE in eight years. They stated that the last time they saw him was in 1930, at which time he kept company with a lady barber of Mrs. MARTIN by the name of MARY DARBY. Mrs. MARTIN advised that RALPH ROE was very friendly with MARY DARBY and was constantly in her company, even while she was on duty in the barber shop. Mrs. MARTIN stated that MARY DARBY is presently married and lives in Freer, Texas. Mr. TOM MARTIN advised that he barely remembers RALPH ROE but remembers his keeping company with MARY DARBY, a barber of his wife's, in Borger, Texas, in 1930.

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Mr. and Mrs. MARTIN advised that PETE NEWBERRY and his wife do not live in Borger, Texas at this time. They now live somewhere in California. Mrs. MARTIN advised that PETE NEWBERRY is her brother-in-law, and that she will attempt to obtain from his mother his correct address and will furnish same to the local Chief of Police, W. H. BATES, Borger, who will in turn furnish it to the Dallas Office.

Neither Mr. nor Mrs. MARTIN was aware that the RALPH ROE known to them in Borger, Texas, in 1930, was the same person who escaped from Alcatraz. In discussing RALPH ROE, Mrs. MARTIN advised that she was willing to assist in any way possible in the location of RALPH ROE, as she did not care for him, because he was of the outlaw type. Noticing that Mrs. MARTIN had a dislike for RALPH ROE, Agent advised her that ROE is the person who escaped from Alcatraz, and she immediately advised that she would direct a letter to her sister, through her mother, and obtain the correct address of PETE NEWBERRY, in order that he might be interviewed for any knowledge of the whereabouts of the Subjects in this case.

A letter was received by the Dallas Office on October 17, 1938, from W. H. BATES, Chief of Police, Borger, Texas, advising that Mrs. TOM MARTIN had furnished the present correct address of PETE NEWBERRY, which is 215 East Arbutus Street, Compton, California.

The photograph of RALPH ROE was exhibited to Mr. and Mrs. MARTIN, who immediately stated that this photograph was identical with the RALPH ROY ROE whom they knew in Borger, Texas, in 1930; that he was known to them as BLACKIE ROE.

ENCLOSURE: TO THE LOS ANGELES DIVISION - Copy of report of Special Agent C. R. DAVIS, San Antonio, Texas, dated July 23, 1938.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

At Compton, California, at 215 East Arbutus Street,
will contact Mr. and Mrs. PETE NEWBERRY for any information they may have of Subject RALPH ROE.

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<p>REPORT MADE AT Peoria, Illinois</p>	<p>DATE WHEN MADE 10-26-38</p>	<p>PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10-4-38</p>	<p>REPORT MADE BY J. H. NICHOLSON</p> <p style="text-align: right;">KG</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>

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[redacted] informant, claims he overheard COLE, ROE and one RUSSELL KENNITH DOWNING, I.O. #1452, while in Leavenworth Penitentiary, planning escape of COLE and ROE from Alcatraz to which COLE and ROE were under transfer orders. Claims one BOB BRIDGES, writing to him from McAlester, Oklahoma, Penitentiary, in 1936, told of BILLIE BROWN, Sapulpa, Oklahoma, having bonds stolen by RALPH ROE.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent J. H. NICHOLSON, Peoria, Illinois, dated 9-20-38.

DETAILS:

AT DANVILLE, ILLINOIS:

[redacted] voluntarily contacted Agent, inquiring as to why Agent wanted to see him. Upon being asked to explain in more detail what information he had relative to Fugitives COLE and ROE, also RUSSELL KENNITH DOWNING, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1452, Conditional Release Violator, he advised as follows: That he served time in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, with COLE, ROE, DOWNING, and one BOB BRIDGES, the last named individual being a former resident of Tulsa, Oklahoma. He stated that, after COLE and ROE had been notified that they were to be transferred to Alcatraz, he overheard them planning to make an escape from Alcatraz, further that RUSSELL DOWNING was present when that conversation took place. He was unable to furnish any details of the alleged

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conversation among COLE, ROE, and DOWNING.

[] further stated that, in December, 1936, while he was in the Veterans' Hospital at Dwight, Illinois, he had a letter from BOB BRIDGES who was then in the Oklahoma Penitentiary at McAlester; that, in the letter, BRIDGES told him that one BILLIE BROWN, a girl, residing in the 100 block of South Fourth Street, Sapulpa, Oklahoma, had been the former sweetheart of RALPH ROE, and that BROWN had in her possession considerable property, including some bonds, which had been stolen by RALPH ROE and given to BILLIE BROWN for safekeeping. According to [], BRIDGES requested [] to go to Sapulpa, Oklahoma, find a "Fence" for BILLIE BROWN and help her dispose of ROE'S stolen goods. He stated that he did not comply with BRIDGES' request and he has not heard from the latter since.

He further stated that, when he and BRIDGES were in Leavenworth Penitentiary together, BRIDGES showed him a picture of BILLIE BROWN and from that picture he furnished what he considered to be a description of BILLIE BROWN, as follows:

Age	About 25
Height	Short and heavy set.
Complexion	Light.

Agent questioned [] relative to the information he had furnished United States Marshal WILLIAM RYAN at Danville, Illinois, about a month previously. [] said he couldn't remember anything about that and guessed that there could not have been anything to it.

It is noted that, at the time Agent interviewed [] he hinted on several occasions that he was quite hungry and Agent inferred that he might have deliberately made up a false story for the purpose of obtaining petty funds from a Government Agent.

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THE OKLAHOMA FIELD OFFICE, at Sapulpa, Oklahoma, will attempt to locate BILLIE BROWN, supposedly staying in the 100 block of South Fourth Street, Sapulpa, Oklahoma, and question her relative to her knowledge of the activities of Fugitives COLE and ROE, also with reference to her possession of any property once stolen by either COLE or ROE.

At McAlester, Oklahoma, will ascertain if BOB BRIDGES is still at McAlester Penitentiary, questioning him about COLE and ROE, also about the alleged possession by BILLIE BROWN of stolen goods formerly held by RALPH ROE.

It is suggested that the records of the McAlester Penitentiary be checked to determine if BILLIE BROWN has either visited or written to BOB BRIDGES.

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REPORT MADE AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI	DATE WHEN MADE 10-26-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10-3-5-10-11-38	REPORT MADE BY E. M. KRIEGER 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>NORA SCHULTZ, Pittsburg, Kansas, sister-in-law of COLE, advises MARIE COLE recently made remark she believed COLE contacted friends at Branson, Missouri, and Berryville, Arkansas, recently. R. E. DAVIS and family now residing Bristow, Oklahoma. [redacted] Carthage, Missouri, advises MARIE COLE while in his bedroom in a drunken condition on 10-5-38 told him she was in touch with her husband at Pittsburg, Kansas, about one month ago and that she expects to receive money from him within a few days. [redacted] not considered a reliable informant.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>REFERENCE:</p> <p>Report of Special Agent Z. J. VANLANDINGHAM, Kansas City, Missouri, 9-7-38. Teletype from the Little Rock office, 10-8-38.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p>Mrs. NORA SCHULTZ, sister of MARIE COLE, 204 East 7th Street, Pittsburg, Kansas, was questioned at length regarding COLE and could furnish no information of value regarding him. She did state that recently while visiting with MARIE COLE, former wife of the fugitive, MARIE made the remark that COLE, since his escape from Alcatraz, has contacted friends at Branson, Missouri, and</p>			
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Berryville, Arkansas. Mrs. SCHULTZ said she did not ask MARIE where she obtained this information, inasmuch as she is not interested in COLE or any of his activities.

Mrs. SCHULTZ is a divorced woman and gives the impression of being an honest, hard working individual, who is doing her best to support her family. She requested that if MARIE COLE were interviewed no mention be made of her name or the fact that she furnished the information set out above.

Mrs. SCHULTZ insists she saw COLE only on one occasion and that was in 1928 at Kansas City, Missouri, immediately after COLE'S marriage to her sister MARIE. She added that MARIE only lived with COLE for a few months after which they separated and she doubts it very much whether MARIE cares what happens to THEODORE or whether he again ever contacts her. She said she has never heard MARIE say a kind word in his behalf since her separation from him in 1929.

F. N. JACKSON, clerk, U. S. Post Office, Neosho, Missouri, advised that the records of that Post Office show that R. L. DAVIS and family formerly lived on Rural Route #2 and that they left a forwarding address at the Post Office on 12-20-36 as follows:

RODNEY L. DAVIS, MILDRED DAVIS, AMANDA DAVIS
520 South Walnut Street, Bristow, Oklahoma

JACKSON said DAVIS had since been seen around town. He could not state for sure whether the family had returned from Oklahoma and were again living near Neosho. He said TOMMY HASTINGS, the carrier on that route, was not available for interview.

Deputy Sheriff RADLAFF advised he had not seen DAVIS around lately and suggested the writer contact JESS SAXTON, a former Deputy Sheriff, who knows where the DAVIS farm is located and will be able to direct Agent there.

JESS SAXTON, Baker's Studio, advised he had been to the Davis farm about four years ago and said he believed he could direct the writer there. SAXTON, however, could not locate this property and advised that he would contact HASTINGS, the carrier on that route, and definitely learn the location of the DAVIS property so that he will be able to direct the writer there at a subsequent date.

A few days later the writer contacted HASTINGS and WALDO HATLER. The latter owns the farm adjoining the DAVIS property. They advised that DAVIS traded this farm to a doctor from Tulsa, Oklahoma, during March of this year and left for Oklahoma with his family about a month later. HATLER described DAVIS as an "old devil" who was constantly causing trouble with all of the farmers living in the vicinity of his farm. He said he doubts whether DAVIS would tell anyone anything even if it was for his own good.

With regard to reference teletype, BEN M. VAN HOOK was located and interviewed at the New Vinita Hotel, Vinita, Oklahoma, and when VAN HOOK was contacted at the door of his hotel room it was noted by the writer that there were two young girls, about eighteen years of age, in his room; that all were drinking whisky and were considerably intoxicated. VAN HOOK was interviewed in the coffee shop of the hotel where he furnished the following information.

VAN HOOK advised he has known MARIE COLE for approximately ten years and that for the past several years she has stayed with him in a hotel room whenever he has stayed at Eureka Springs or Alpena Pass, Arkansas. He explained that on 10-5-38 he stopped at the Mason Park Hotel, Eureka Springs, called up MARIE COLE, told her he was in town and said she came up to his room to stay with him for the night, bringing with her a quantity of liquor. He continued that during the evening she became very intoxicated and started talking about her former husband, THEODORE COLE, saying that she saw him at Pittsburg, Kansas, five weeks ago and that she will see him again shortly. He said she also told him that ROE and COLE had been together on several occasions since their escape from Alcatraz, but believe it advisable to stay apart and away from each other as much as possible. Further, that she saw COLE in Pittsburg during the period aforementioned at which time she was in a hospital there for an appendicitis operation. He said she told him Dr. C. B. NEWMAN of Pittsburg performed the appendectomy.

VAN HOOK continued that he became interested in her conversation and began to "pump" her for further information regarding her contact with her husband and said he asked her how she maintained contact with him without the G-men finding out about it. He said she replied that COLE sends mail to her in care of a friend at Alpena Pass and that this friend then delivers the mail to her and she maintains contact with him in the same manner.

VAN HOOK says that a local general store merchant at Alpena Pass named FRED WHITTAKER has been having immoral relations

with MARIE for several years and has been very friendly towards her. He also advised that a girl, name not known, who lives directly in the back of WHITTAKER'S store or in back of MARIE'S mother's house and who works for the WPA is also a close friend of MARIE and that both of them go out "sporting" together. He said he believes it is one of these two persons who receives MARIE'S mail from COLE and delivers it to her, if MARIE'S story is at all true.

VAN HOOK said he had heard rumors at Alpena Pass that MARIE was friendly with a restaurant owner in Joplin, Missouri, by the name of CURLY, who, he believes, would help her contact COLE, if necessary, and that if interviewed this man might be able to furnish some information regarding this case.

VAN HOOK was then questioned regarding the information contained in the teletype that MARIE COLE made the statement to him she would receive a check from COLE in the near future. VAN HOOK answered that the night of the aforementioned party at the Mason Park Hotel MARIE COLE left his room during the night with his wallet and all of his money. He said that when he awoke the next morning and found his wallet gone he immediately went to MARIE'S residence and asked her for his pocketbook and for his money. He said that she offered the excuse that she was nearly broke and needed the money until she received a check from COLE which would be forthcoming in the mails within a few days.

VAN HOOK was trying to impress upon the writer that MARIE COLE became intoxicated to such a degree that she began talking about her husband and telling secrets that she ordinarily would not have done had she been sober. However, it appears from VAN HOOK'S story, since MARIE COLE left during the night with his money and pocketbook, that VAN HOOK was the one who had too much to drink and passed out instead of MARIE COLE.

At the conclusion of this interview VAN HOOK, who was intoxicated to some considerable extent, asked the writer if there was any way he could obtain a special FBI commission whereby he would be able to track down instant fugitives and take them into custody without any further expense to the Government.

VAN HOOK was advised that this could not be done and in view of his condition no further interview was had with him.

GROVER ROBBINS, Joplin, Missouri, local patrolman, who is acquainted with most of the restaurant owners and bar operators, advised that the person referred to was evidently CURLY POSTEM, 1502 Main Street. He said CURLY at one time owned and operated a combination bar and restaurant at Joplin, has a previous criminal record and is in contact with all bigtime gangsters in the West. ROBBINS, who has worked with the writer before and is known to be reliable, stated in his opinion it would not be advisable to interview POSTEM for any information, inasmuch as he could not be trusted and he certainly would not tell the truth.

ROBBINS said there is no present restaurant operator in Joplin, Missouri, named CURLY and that the only one who has operated in the past by that name is POSTEM.

Dr. C. B. NEWMAN, 617 $\frac{1}{2}$ North Broadway, Pittsburg, Kansas, upon interview, advised that he examined MARIE COLE, wife of THEODORE COLE, at Pittsburg, Kansas, on 9-9-38 for a life insurance policy. He said that he did not operate on her at any time but did recall a statement made by her in her application form for insurance that she had been operated on for appendicitis in Harrisonville, Arkansas, about nine months ago. Dr. NEWMAN said he had never seen this woman before and could furnish no further information regarding her.

Mrs. NORA SCHULTZ of Pittsburg, Kansas, was again interviewed regarding the information furnished by VAN HOOK but no information of value was obtained.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD OFFICE

At Bristow, Oklahoma, will cover the lead set out on page eight of the report of Special Agent Z. J. VANLANDINGHAM, Kansas City, 9-7-38, to conduct an interview with R. E. DAVIS, formerly of Rural Route #2, Neosho, Missouri, who is now living at 502 South Walnut Street, Bristow.

LITTLE ROCK FIELD OFFICE

At Alpena Pass, Arkansas, will interview MARIE COLE regarding

the information she received concerning COLE'S visits with friends at Branson, Missouri, and Berryville, Arkansas, it being borne in mind that the informant has requested her name not be mentioned.

Will also discreetly interview MARIE COLE regarding the alleged statements made by her to VAN HOOK as set out in the body of this report. These questions should be so framed that they will protect the informant.

KANSAS CITY FIELD OFFICE

- * At Kansas City, Missouri, at the offices of the Volunteers of America, Ridge Building, will check the records pertaining to BOB PRINGLE in line with the information in reference report of Special Agent VANLANDINGHAM.
- * At Kansas City, Missouri, will interview JAMES GAYLOR of the Alcohol Tax Unit with reference to his visits to see JAMES ROE at the Leavenworth Penitentiary on 6-16-36 and 6-17-36. He should be interviewed to determine if he has any information which might be of value to the investigation looking towards the apprehension of JAMES ROE'S brother, RALPH ROE.
- * At Liberal, Kansas, will interview C. L. LULLER for any information he might have regarding this case, it being noted that he was corresponding with Mr. and Mrs. G. L. DAWSON of Bell, California, in December, 1937. Mrs. DAWSON is a half-sister of fugitive COLE.
- * At Hays, Kansas, will continue to maintain contact with RAYMOND ROE, brother of RALPH ROE. RAYMOND ROE may be reached by telephone at Hays, Kansas, #155.

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FILE NO. **76-348**

REPORT MADE AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.	DATE WHEN MADE 10/27/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10/20/38	REPORT MADE BY MARVIN B. PASH cgc
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: WILLIAM HARDING, Okla. SP #38262, convict presently incarcerated at the State Penitentiary, has no information concerning probable whereabouts of fugitives. States he is of the opinion subjects did not make their escape from Alcatraz.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>Reference: Bureau letter dated October 21, 1938 to this office; Report of Special Agent E. F. EMRICH, Oklahoma City, 9/24/38.</p> <p>Details: <u>AT McALESTER, OKLAHOMA</u></p> <p>WILLIAM HARDING, Oklahoma State Penitentiary No. 38262, convict presently incarcerated in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, was interviewed and stated that he has no information concerning the probable whereabouts of fugitives. HARDING further stated that the last time he saw COLE was in the Oklahoma County Jail when subject COLE and he tried to escape.</p> <p>HARDING stated that he was a conditional release violator, was picked up at Okmulgee, Oklahoma for grand theft, and that a detainer had been filed against him by the United States Marshal at Oklahoma City for this offense; that if he had any information or the slightest clue, he would impart same to Agent, knowing that the same would no doubt do him some good in getting him released from the penitentiary if he should break such a case.</p>			
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HARDING stated that the grapevine of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester does not believe that subjects escaped from Alcatraz and that he has talked with many prisoners who have formerly known COLE, whose names he refused to furnish, but that if he had any information, he would immediately notify a Division of this Bureau.

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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:

ROY ISH, San Francisco, unable to give additional information relative to person allegedly sending Morse Code message by means of a flash light in the direction of Alcatraz Island, California, on 11/25/37.

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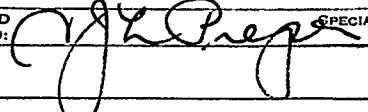
Report of Special Agent A. D. Horn, Los Angeles, California, 2/12/38.

DETAILS:

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

ROY ISH, interviewed at his business address, 1618 Mission Street, stated that he and his son ROBERT had been taking an automobile ride on Thanksgiving Eve and parked their car near the Coit (not CROIX) Tower on Telegraph Hill to observe the sights of the city. ROY ISH then corroborated the story of the son ROBERT concerning seeing a man apparently sending Morse Code messages by flash light which might possibly have been seen on Alcatraz Island. ISH'S story followed that of his son ROBERT as is noted in reference report, except that ROY ISH placed the time between 10.30 and 11.00 PM, rather than 8.30 P.M. ISH was unable to give a description of the person sending the messages.

Due to the lack of description of suspect by ROBERT or ROY ISH, and the inability of ROBERT ISH to decipher any of the words of the

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alleged Morse Code message which would tend to show some connection of suspect with the escape of ROE and COLL, no attempt is being made at the present time to ascertain the identity of this suspect.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Neighborhood investigation at 1707 Broderick Street and 1402 Baker Street, does not reflect anyone having seen subjects, as is mentioned in letter from MRS. ORA LEMLEY to San Francisco Field Office, dated 3/11/38.

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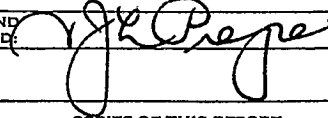
DETAILS:

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

This investigation is predicated upon a letter dated March 11, 1938, received March 22, 1938, from MRS. ORA LEMLEY stating that she had seen THEODORE COLE entering an address at 1707 Broderick Street, San Francisco, and had seen RALPH ROE enter the Southern Barbecue Village (a restaurant) and suspected that he was living at 1402 Baker Street, San Francisco. This letter did not disclose the address of the sender.

The San Francisco City Directory disclosed that an ORA LEMLEY resided at 2500 Sutter Street. Investigation at that address indicated that MRS. LEMLEY had moved away some time ago. This address is in a colored section of the town and agent talked to several colored persons who stated they knew MRS. LEMLEY and would have her call agent at the San Francisco Field Office.

On October 11, 1938, ORA LEMLEY, colored, came into the San Francisco Field Office where she was interviewed by reporting agent. She stated

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that her present address was 1710 Baker Street and that she had formerly resided at 2500 Sutter Street; that she was the person who had written the letter described above. She further stated that she saw RALPH ROE standing on the corner of Sutter and Baker Streets on December 19, 1937, at about 3.30 P.M.; that she was not sure, but thought that ROE might be living in the basement at 1402 Baker Street. She identified ROE'S picture from several photographs exhibited to her and stated that she knew it was ROE because she had seen the pictures of ROE and COLE in the newspapers.

MRS. LILLY further stated that she saw THEODORE COLE on December 23, 1937, buying a newspaper from the store on the corner of Baker and Sutter Streets and that he then proceeded to 1707 Broderick Street, where he entered and further stated that she had not seen ROE or COLE at any subsequent time.

BENJAMIN VALADON, 1402 Baker Street, stated that he had resided in this apartment for the past six years. Pictures of ROE and COLE were exhibited, but no identification was made.

MRS. SOPHIE MILLER, 1441 Baker Street, stated she had been a resident of this address for the past ten years and had known VALADON to have resided at 1402 Baker Street for about five or six years and that he was a fine law abiding citizen. Pictures of ROE and COLE were exhibited to her, but no identification was made.

MISS MARY COLLINS, 1431 Baker Street was interviewed and stated that she had been a resident of this address for the past six years, had known VALADON during that period and considered him to be a very good neighbor and never had had any contact with the police to her knowledge. Pictures of ROE and COLE were exhibited to her but no identification was made.

AND BIRCHALL, 2511 Sutter Street, operator of the grocery store mentioned by MRS. LILLY, stated that he only sold newspapers published primarily for the colored race. Pictures of ROE and COLE were exhibited to him but no identification was made.

At 1707 Broderick Street, MRS. MARGARET LEMKE stated that she had been a resident of this address for the past twenty years and lived there with her son ERIC LEMKE and his wife. Pictures of ROE and COLE were exhibited but no identification was made. At 1709 Broderick Street, MRS. E. BOLGINSKONSK stated that she had been a life long resident of this neighborhood, had known MRS. LEMKE to be a respectable law abiding woman and that her son and his wife lived there with her. Pictures of ROE and COLE were exhibited to her but no identification was made.

JAMES J. JEFFERIES, colored, 2501 Sutter Street, owner of the Southern Barbecue Village was unable to identify pictures of ROE and COLL definitely, but stated that in September, 1938, he had seen a person who resembled RALPH ROE and had gone to LEO'S TAVERN with this person where they had had several drinks together.

LEO F. SCHWAB, Proprietor of LEO'S TAVERN, 2466 Sutter Street, stated that he only recalled JEFFERIES coming in to the tavern on one occasion with a white fellow who was quite drunk. Pictures of ROE and COLL were exhibited to SCHWAB who stated that he had never seen them and was positive that neither ROE nor COLL was the person who had had several drinks in his tavern with JEFFERIES.

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COLE AND ROE FLED ALCATRAZ

Reason for Double Cross Of 'Big Shot' and Others In Plot Is Explained

By P. F. REED

Former Convict Just Released From Alcatraz Prison

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Fog was boiling through the gate and hanging around the clock on the day that Ted Cole and Ralph Roe decided to make air break.

But fog was always boiling through the gate, so there must have been other reasons why the Oklahoma buddies went just when they did—and left six others gees hanging around the clock with the fog.

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and padlock. The pinch-bar took
care of the lock. Roe and Cole
walked through the gate and slid
down a gradual incline, and went
into the water.

Convicts Watch 2 Make Getaway

I've said no hostile eye was laid
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Just about the time Cole and



RAFT CLUE TO ESCAPE FROM ALCATRAZ
This Crude Raft, Found Near The Golden Gate, is Believed to Have
Roe and Cole in Their Flight From The Prison.—Wide World

bat. There's going to be a big
rumble over this. If they find
that window back in place they'll
figure we helped 'em out—and
they'll burn us down plenty."

So once more, the section came
out of the trick window and was
laid on the floor.

That's where it was when the
break was discovered. But the
discovery didn't come for more
than an hour after Cole and Roe
lammed.

When the two hit the water, a
character in the mat shop glanced
at the clock and the clock said
1:03. When Steere discovered
they were missing, he was mak-
ing his 2:30 check.

He didn't believe it, the first
time. He looked around, and then
went into the mat shop and
checked the cons off again, and
came back to the machine shop
and made a second check there,
and then, when he didn't find
Cole and Roe, he hit the telephone
and got the warden's office. He
reported there was a hole in the
window, and two cons were miss-
ing, and he didn't think they were
coming back.

In no time at all guards were
all over the place. They came
boiling out of their cottages, out-
side the fence, the night shift still
in pajamas and pulling on pants.
They swarmed all over the shops
and free men rolled out with
them, and they had all the guns
in the world.

E. J. Miller, the associate ward-
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posed to cruise around the Rock
all night, came churning around
the point and stopped just beyond
the spot where Roe and Cole went
in and then began poking its spot-
lights into the caves.

Caves Blasted With Dynamite

I was told that later in the
afternoon guards on the boat
tossed grenades and dynamite into
those caves until they were pretty
sure Roe and Cole weren't in the
caves.

Within 10 minutes after the
break was discovered we were
ordered to change our clothes and
get back to the cell house. On
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FROM ALCATRAZ
Safe, is Believed to Have Been Used by
a Prison.—Wide World Photos.

Both Had Made Up Minds There Must Be No Bloodshed in Getaway

Then, the cons went down in the dumps; a break had failed, and a con had been killed, and two others had put themselves in line for the rope. There wasn't anything to get noisy about.

But when Cole and Roe went through the window, everybody felt good, and had to celebrate. Cole and Roe were proving the unbeatable rock could be beat.

In-buzzing about it afterward—as the whole rock constantly did—we all wondered why Cole and Roe hadn't been spotted from the towers. They could have been seen from the model-shop when they dropped from the window; they could have been seen from the yard tower when they pried open the gate; they could have been seen from the main tower as they swam past Little Alcatraz.

Guard Towers Are Cleaned Out

Maybe the warden wondered about that, too, and maybe he had ideas. Anyway, just after the break, there was a cleanup in all the towers. Guards began moving out their housekeeping equipment.

One Saturday afternoon, when we were all in the yard, Joe Simpson, acting lieutenant, made a sudden raid on the yard tower. He and a guard staggered out of there with their arms full of sofa cushions, reading lamps, and magazines, a percolator, a hot plate, and a set of eating tools.

We all watched it, but were too polite to make any cracks. The yard was full of guards.

That was one angle of a general tightening up that resulted from the break. We were warned against sticking our heads out of any doors and against getting too close to any windows. The screws were more jittery than usual. One of them blew his whistle and threw his rifle on Sindowski, because the Polak stooped over to pick up a pebble.

Prison Not Safe For Them Now

There was one other effect of that break, but it won't ever amount to anything unless the G's catch up with Cole and Roe. If they do, they'd better fix up a new Alcatraz for the okies. Not because they'd go out the window again, but because the Rock isn't healthy for them any more.

Their getaway was strictly a double-cross. Somebody else did all the working-up and put up all the scratch, and Cole and Roe walked out on them without even saying thanks. They didn't like that. Some of them are plenty tough and, since they're doing the book, haven't a thing to lose.

If Roe and Cole ever come back, somebody's going to get hurt.

(The big shot himself, Scarface Al Capone, is the subject of tomorrow's instalment of this inside story of Alcatraz. Reed tells how Capone got along with his fellow convicts and how he is getting along with his mental ailment.)

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As soon as they got inside they locked us up. As soon as they locked us up the noise started. Cons yelled and screamed, and cussed out the guards, and rattled their doors and threw their cups on the floor. That showed how nerved-up they were; cons don't abuse that cup-rattling; that's the way they call a doctor when they need one at night.

The noise kept up until mess-time; there was plenty of buzzing during mess; there were blasts of noise in the cell house until the lights went out at 9:30, and even later.

Five months later, when another break failed and Limerick and Cline were killed, it was altogether different; the cell house stayed deathly quiet.

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That left only two to worry about—the two who were working in the mat shop with Cole and Roe. Cole and Roe copped a sneak on them.

The two oaks sauntered out of the mat shop, and ducked across 20 feet of pavement, and slipped into the machine shop without a hostile eye being laid on them. I don't know how they avoided being laid on them. I don't know how they avoided being sten-by Steere as they walked across the machine shop and icked up a three-foot pinch-bar and carried it into the storeroom. They made a few passes at the tick window, and lifted out the repaired section, and laid it on the storeroom floor. They went

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Just about the time Cole and Roe hit the water, somebody in the machine shop looked into the storeroom and saw the hole in the window. He figured on being helpful. He went in, and picked up the drilled-out section of window, and set it back in place, where it probably wouldn't have been noticed for hours.

But somebody else, who was thinking faster, told him: "Take that out of here, you screwy ding-

RAFT CLUE TO ESCAPE This Crude Raft, Found Near The Golden Gate Roe and Cole in Their Flight From

bat. There's going to be a big rumble over this. If they find that window back in place they'll figure we helped 'em out—and they'll burn us down plenty."

So once more, the section came out of the trick window and was laid on the floor.

That's where it was when the break was discovered. But the discovery didn't come for more than an hour after Cole and Roe jammed.

When the two hit the water, a character in the mat shop glanced at the clock and the clock said 1:03. When Steere discovered they were missing, he was making his 2:30 check.

He didn't believe it the first time. He looked around, and then went into the mat shop and checked the cons off again, and came back to the machine shop and made a second check there, and then, when he didn't find Cole and Roe, he hit the telephone and got the warden's office. He reported there was a hole in the window, and two cons were missing, and he didn't think they were coming back.

In no time at all guards were all over the place. They came boiling out of their cottages, outside the fence, the night shift still in pajamas and pulling on pants. They swarmed all over the shops and free men rolled out with them, and they had all the guns in the world.

E. J. Miller, the associate warden, charged into the machine shop himself and gandered around with two guards.

The patrol boat, which is usually tied up all day and which is su-

posed to cruise all night, came to the point and stopped the spot where Roe and Cole in and then began lights into the ca-

Caves Blast With Dynamite

I was told that afternoon guards tossed grenades and those caves until they were sure Roe and Cole were in the caves.

Within 10 minutes the break was discovered and ordered to change. They got back to the cave the way the fog could see for a half the bay. There was there but water. E

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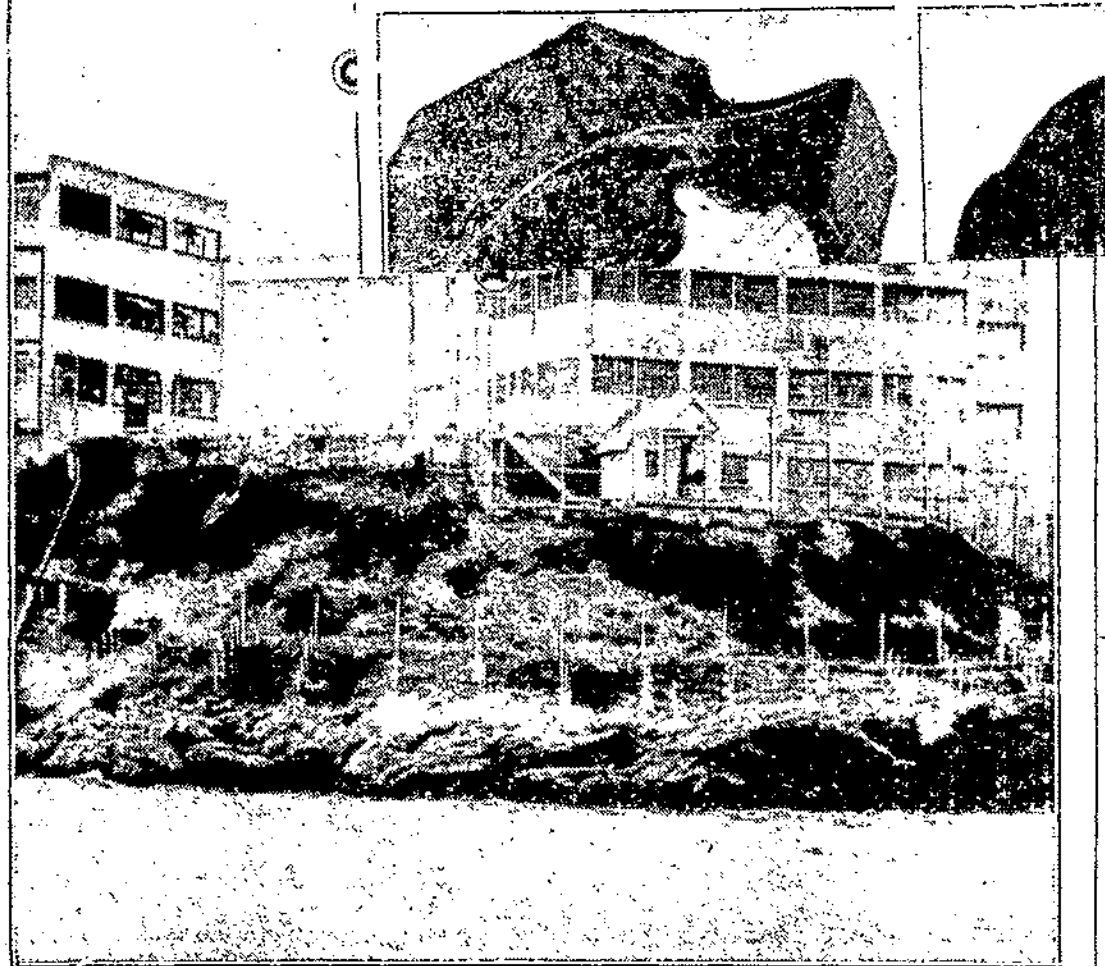
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lin were dumped in the receiving room, that Franklin was kept there, too, until Limerick died—and then he was taken to the hospital. I don't know any of that, for a fact, but it's the story every con on the island believes.

So that was the end—except for a trial coming up in a couple of weeks—of the half-smart caper that was going to send 300 cons

Stites shifted and began firing at Franklin. A slug caught him below the shoulder and spun him around and he pitched, face down, on the barbed wire which juts out from the roof. He still held the hammer.

Stites, at the inquest, testified that he fired a second shot at Franklin—this time with a rifle—because Franklin raised up as if to throw the hammer at him. Well—Franklin wasn't throwing any hammers backward, over his head.

While the shooting was going on, Lucas finally made the roof. Something, apparently, had delayed him. The Rock believes it was lack of enthusiasm.

When he did make it, the heat was on, and Lucas didn't ask any questions. He never did get erect. He took a long, racing-dive, which put him under the tower. He stayed there till things cooled off and guards assured him the shooting was over.

Franklin Drops

His Hammer

When Stites' roscow began to cough, Stewart, the other guard, came running. I don't think he ever did mix in the squabble. But he and a half-dozen other guards and freemen were on the roof inside of five minutes. One carried a gas gun that looked as big as a cannon, and another was making passes with a hand grenade—the same kind of grenade used in the trenches during the big war.

I could see him standing over Franklin, and I knew he was threatening to let that hand grenade go. Franklin, still stretched out on the wire, had come to, and he twisted his neck around to see who was giving him orders. Then, and not until then, Franklin dropped his hammer.

I saw it drop, head first, and fell three stories, and hit the pavement and bounced away from a puddle of blood which Franklin was making—and kept on making for 20 minutes.

Meanwhile, things were happening inside the shops. Cons dropped their work, rushed to the windows and rubbered at the roof. They kept rubbering even when the guards pleaded with them to get back and warned them that they might collect a bullet or two from the towers. They just looked and said nothing and some of them went pale.

of outbreaks among desperate prisoners on the island. The most serious was staged in September, 1937, when Warden Johnston was slugged in the mess hall. More than 100 of the prisoners were placed in solitary confinement before the riot was quelled.

Some of them blanched out white as a ghost when they saw Cline carried out. He wasn't a pretty sight, with his head caved in and his face covered with sawdust and his hand opening and shutting in a feeble kind of involuntary motion around his neck.

But Bailey—the same Harvey Bailey who had had himself transferred out of there and had had himself transferred back again—didn't go white. He just looked on and grinned. It was a mysterious kind of grin—the same grin that he wore every time I ever looked at him.

He kept grinning even when

"Show's Over"

You'll understand how bad Cline looked when I tell you that the original plan called for the cons to take Cline's uniform and wear it to make things easier on the roof. After they got through beating on Cline, the uniform wasn't fit to be used.

We saw them carry Cline out and we saw them taking Whitey off the wire, and then the guards inside told us: "All right. The show's over. Change your clothes and line up to go in."

They marched us back to the cell-house, about an hour and a half ahead of regular schedule and they weren't taking any chances. Every guard and freeman on the island was on the walls, and catwalks and roofs, with every kind of heater you ever heard of—

screams kept tearing at our nerves in the cell house, and when we came to take over later everyone was asking the same question: "Where did they come from?"

If Limerick had been taken to the hospital we couldn't have heard him. Some of us got the idea they had taken him to the morgue, and put him on a slab, and let him die there.

"Break" Plans

Were Figured

The best evidence says that Limerick died in the kitchen receiving room, down in the basement. It's a cage-like room, designed and built by Roy Gardner, the escape-artist, so vegetables can come in and cons can't go out.

Limerick's noise seemed to come from that direction, and I have

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IN HOSPITALS FROM TRAFFIC

Two persons were injured in traffic accidents in Washington at night and a 54-year-old woman suffered bruises about the head in fall on a Capital Transit Company street car.

Calvin Burton, 5, 487 E St. S., was treated at Providence Hospital last night for head injuries.

Pray Wins Again BAN ATTACKED In War Over Son

AS "BAD FAITH"

Prince Georges Seen
As An Accessory

COLMAR MANOR, Md., Oct. 25. Branding the recent ban on slot machines an "ill-timed political move," business men of Prince Georges county last night launched a fight for the retention of the coin devices until the expiration of their licenses next April.

Nearly 100 men, most of them tavern keepers and liquor dealers met in the American Legion Hall in Colmar Manor to organize the Prince Georges County Business Men's Association in order to present a concerted front in the seeking of favorable legislation before the State assembly when it meets in Annapolis in January.

COMMITTEE NAMED

After a heated discussion of the county grand jury's demand last week that slot machines be removed from the county by November 1, the organization immediately appointed a committee of seven members to seek the five-month extension on the removal deadline.

Although admitting they had illegally operated slot machines on a "pin ball" license, the operators contended the county authorities knew the licenses were to be used for slot machines, and therefore was morally obligated to permit the machines to run until the licenses expire. The operators pleaded that the banishment of the machines would mean the loss of their greatest source of revenue, and estimated that the ban would force at least 100 men out of business.

PROTEST CLOSING LAW

A second committee was named to fight the proposal of the grand jury that whiskey stores in the county be closed at midnight instead of 2 a. m. The jury last week recommended that bottle sales of whiskey be stopped at midnight to conform with the closing hours in Washington.



DION FAY, YOUTHFUL STORM CENTER
Son of Frank Fay and Barbara Stanwyck, who again was the subject of a losing court battle by the mother to prevent her ex-husband from seeing him.

Barbara Stanwyck Fails Second Time In Plea for Sole Custody

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Oct. 25.—Barbara Stanwyck, red-headed screen star of many famous pictures, lost a second court fight today to prevent her former husband, Actor Frank Fay, from seeing their adopted son, 6-year-old Dion Anthony Fay.



The actress, whose name has been linked for some time with Robert Taylor, had asked the State Supreme Court to set aside the order of Judge Goodwyn Knight of Los Angeles, who gave Fay permission to visit his son once a week in Miss



FIGHT TO SAVE FARNSWORTH SET FOR THURSDAY

Secret Depositions Will
Be Taken Here

The last-ditch battle of former Lieut. Comdr. John S. Farnsworth against his prison sentence for selling American war secrets to a Japanese agent will reach a climax Thursday with Justice James M. Proctor, District Attorney David A. Pine and several other court officials giving secret depositions.

TESTIMONY SOUGHT

The group has been summoned for testimony by Attorney George S. Hawke, of Cincinnati, retained by the elderly parents of the convicted former naval officer.

The depositions are to be taken in a shorthand reporter's office near the courthouse and will be rushed to Atlanta, where, on Saturday, Justice Marvin Underwood will hear Farnsworth's contention he was "coerced" into a plea of nolo contendere during his trial. The plea means that he would not contest the charges.

Justice Proctor, it is understood, will be asked by Hawke who, if anyone, intervened in Farnsworth's behalf; Pine will be asked to produce certain records of his office regarding the prosecution of Farnsworth.

Col. Charles E. Stewart, clerk of District Court; Capt. Thomas M. Rives, superintendent of the District Jail, and Ben Pearce, a newspaper reporter, also will testify.

Threw his wife to the lions, Roman style. Vladimir Golea could tame the beasts of the jungle, but he couldn't master his hatred for his wife, who was boss of the circus in which he starred. Read this true story stranger than fiction in the American Weekly, the magazine distributed with next Sunday's Washington Herald-Times.

GREATER CONVENIENCE

an automobile while crossing the street near his home.

John C. Bodley, 41, 2816 Thirtieth St. S. E., suffered lacerations and bruises about the head and face when an automobile he was said by police to be operating, struck two parked cars in the 200 block of Virginia Ave. S. E., last night. He was treated at Providence Hospital.

Clara H. Gonter, 54, of 632 Princeton Pl. N. W., was treated at Emergency Hospital for a bruise on the back of her head suffered when she fell while a passenger on a Capital Transit Company street car on Fourteenth Street, near G Street Northwest, last night.

CHORAL SOCIETY
All Souls Memorial

committees will report on the attitude of the various county candidates.

Famed Explorer Discovers Cupid

Niel Morton Judd, curator of archæology at the Smithsonian Institution and famous explorer of prehistoric Indian settlements, is shortly to embark upon a "secret" marriage, it was learned yesterday.

A marriage license was issued to Judd and Miss Anna M. McKay, of 1763 Columbia Rd. N. W. He gave his age as 51; and that of Miss McKay as 44.

The Rev. Reno S. Harp, jr., pastor of Trinity Episcopal Church, said he was to perform the ceremony at some future time, but declined to say where or when.

Miss McKay said the same

Barbara Stanwyck hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays and to have custody of him for seven hours on every other Saturday.

The original ruling was handed down in January after a long and stormy court battle, during which Miss Stanwyck charged her former husband was not fit to care for the son.

Stanwyck's new visit to have the boy, permitted to visit the boy for two hours on Tuesdays. On the other hand, Miss Stanwyck was asked whether she wanted to prevent Fay from seeing the boy so that the child would become accustomed to Taylor. She denied this charge, but admitted that the handsome screen star was a frequent visitor in her home.

Snyder Seeks Slash In His \$50,000 Bail

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 25 (I.N.S.).—Martin (Colonel Gimp) Snyder, former husband of Ruth Etting, radio star, will appear in court tomorrow to plead to an indictment charging him with shooting and wounding Miss Etting's present mate, Myrl S. Alderman, 30-year-old composer and musician.

He faces three felony charges.

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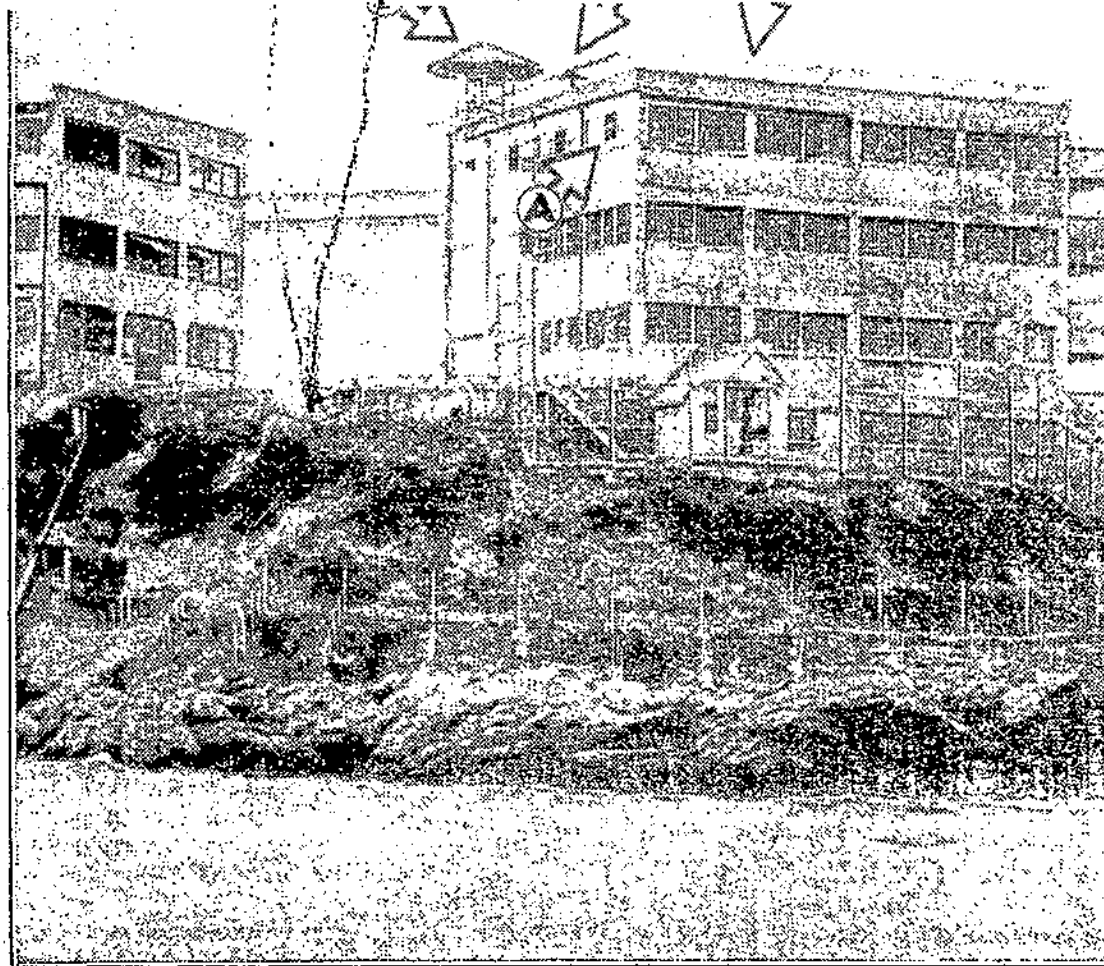
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Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

RE: ROCOL.

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are three mail tracings received from the Postmaster at Odessa, Texas, as a result of a mail cover placed on the mail of JAMES ROE, brother of subject ROE, at that place.

These tracings show the following:

<u>Addressee:</u>	<u>From:</u>	<u>Postmarked:</u>
Mrs. James Roe. Box 1478. Odessa, Texas.	A. Shelfo 629 Harrison. K C. Mo.	Kansas City, Mo. Oct. 31, 1938 12:30 P.M.
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Very truly yours,

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R. J. Untreiner,
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November 4, 1938

Special Agent in Charge
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Re: ROCOL

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated August 24, 1938, referring to previous Bureau letter dated April 9, 1938, directed to Mr. J. Robillard, 4814 29th Avenue, Kenosha, Wisconsin, advising him that an Agent from your office would contact him in the near future.

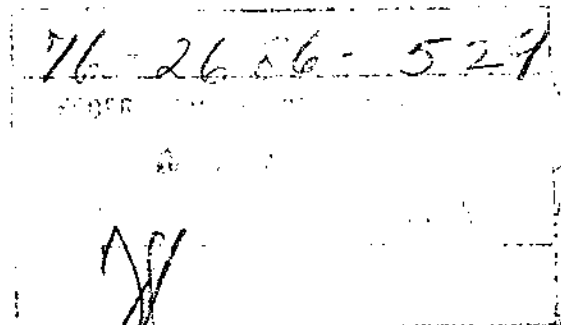
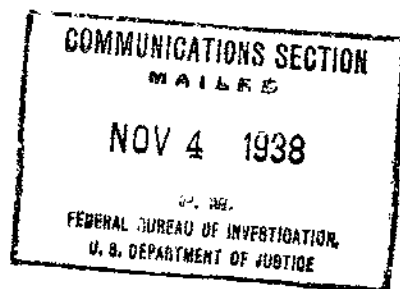
It is requested that you advise whether the interview with Mr. Robillard has been conducted.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
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This tracing shows a return address in the left-hand upper corner of "Box 308, Kermit, Tex", and the letter was postmarked "Kermit, Texas, Oct. 26, 6-PM, 1938".

Very truly yours,

R. J. Untreiner,
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Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

RE: ROCOL.

Dear Sir:

On November 5, 1938, JAMES ROE, the brother of the fugitive, RALPH ROE, called at this office.

He stated that he is now employed as Manager of the International Supply Company, Odessa, Texas, and that he wanted to know if it was necessary for our agents to be continually making inquiries concerning him in Odessa, and giving out information concerning him and his past criminal record, which interferes with his work and reputation.

He stated that he was trying to go straight, and resented such interference.

He was asked if he would cooperate with this Bureau in an effort to ascertain whether his brother, RALPH ROE, were alive or dead. He stated that he would give us information if he ascertained that he was dead, but that he would not if he obtained any other information, stating "You know how it is." And "You wouldn't tell if you were in my place, would you?"

It was evident that the purpose of his visit was to benefit himself, and not to give any assistance to the Bureau. He was advised that the investigation being conducted by this Bureau was for the purpose of locating his brother, and not for the purpose of injuring him or his reputation in any way, but that no punches could be pulled in order to make it easier on him. He was advised that it would be necessary for us to conduct our investigation, and that the investigation would be conducted until we either located RALPH ROE, or ascertained that he was dead, and that if he desired to bring the investigation to an end, the best thing to do would be to furnish this office with any information he received which would assist it in bringing it to a logical conclusion.

During the course of this interview, he stated to me that he had not heard from his brother, RALPH ROE, and did not think that he was successful in making his escape.

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Very truly yours,
R. J. Untreiner,
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Post Office Box 2118
Detroit - Michigan
November 5, 1938

Mr. George F. ~~X~~Boos
Supervising Agent
United States Secret Service
Treasury Department
377 Federal Building
Detroit, Michigan

RE: DOGOL.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledgment is made of your letter dated October 21, 1938, with which there was transmitted a copy of a letter received by you from your Agent in Grand Rapids, Michigan, containing information concerning RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE.

I desire to thank you for this information and assure you that it is receiving appropriate attention.

Very truly yours,

John S. Bugas
Special Agent in Charge

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REPORT MADE AT Little Rock, Arkansas	DATE WHEN MADE 11/3/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10/7, 12/38	REPORT MADE BY W. F. WHITELY 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:

MARIE COLE, wife of subject COLE, reported to have told Mr. BEN M. VAN HOOK, Carthage, Mo., that she is in contact with subject COLE through one WHITAKER of Alpena, Arkansas, and that she has seen subject ROE; further, that she intends to meet COLE in the near future. Mail cover placed on mail of FRANK WHITAKER, FRED WHITAKER and MARIE COLE at Alpena, Arkansas.

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REFERENCE: Teletype from Little Rock Field Division to Bureau and Kansas City Field Division, dated October 8, 1938 and telegram from Bureau dated October 10, 1938.

DETAILS: This report is based upon information received from Chief of Police DAN MARTIN of Eureka Springs, Arkansas, who telephonically communicated with the Little Rock Field Division on October 7, 1938, advising that he believed he had some information of value in connection with instant case.

Agent immediately proceeded to Eureka Springs, Arkansas where contact was had with Chief of Police MARTIN, who advised as follows:

On the night of October 5, 1938, MARIE COLE, wife of fugitive COLE, came to Eureka Springs, Arkansas with a traveling salesman from Missouri, and that they were riding in this salesman's

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autobile at the time; that they went to the Basin Park Hotel in Eureka Springs, and both of them got quite drunk. The salesman became noisy and flourished a gun around the hotel, and the same was taken from him by Chief of Police MARTIN, and the salesman was advised to go to his room and not cause any further disturbance. He went to his room with MARIE COLE and was not arrested by the police.

The following morning, this salesman came to Chief MARTIN and stated that MARIE COLE had stayed in the room with him at the hotel for part of the night and had left him, taking a considerable amount of money from him. Chief MARTIN advised the salesman there was nothing that he could do about the matter but told the salesman he knew MARIE COLE and advised him where MARIE COLE could be located at Alpena, Arkansas. At this time the Chief of Police advised the salesman that MARIE COLE was the wife of TED COLE, the convict who had escaped from Alcatraz Penitentiary. The salesman, whose name was subsequently ascertained to be BEN M. VAN HOOK, then went to Alpena, Arkansas to see MARIE COLE about getting his money back. He returned to Eureka Springs, Arkansas later in the day, at which time he again contacted Chief of Police MARTIN and stated that he had seen MARIE COLE, and that he had gotten his money back from her, with the threat of having her arrested. After getting his money back, he and MARIE had a few more drinks at Alpena, and according to VAN HOOK, MARIE got quite drunk and VAN HOOK questioned her concerning her husband, and she stated to him that she had seen TED COLE in Pittsburgh, Kansas approximately five weeks prior thereto, and that she corresponded with him regularly through a party named WHITAKER in Alpena, Arkansas. In this connection, VAN HOOK stated that when he and MARIE were driving through Alpena, MARIE waved to a man standing on the street in front of a store, at which time this man waved back to her, and when VAN HOOK asked MARIE who this man was, she stated that his name was WHITAKER.

MARIE COLE is also reported to have told VAN HOOK that she is expecting some money from COLE within the next week or ten days, and that after receiving this money, she was going back to visit him, although she did not state where he was staying at the present time. She also told VAN HOOK that she had seen subject ROE on three different occasions since his escape from Alcatraz Penitentiary, but that ROE and COLE were not presently together when MARIE first came to Alpena with VAN HOOK; FURTHER, that when VAN HOOK was in Alpena with MARIE COLE, there was some girl from Berryville, Arkansas along with them, but this girl left early in the evening, and her name was not known to VAN HOOK nor to Chief of Police MARTIN.

Mr. HOMER McLAUGHLIN, Manager of the Basin Park Hotel, Eureka Springs, Arkansas, when interviewed, stated that he knew BEN M. VAN HOOK, and that Mr. VAN HOOK had often stayed at the hotel and lived in Carthage, Missouri; that he thought that VAN HOOK was a salesman for the Pennick Syrup Company at that place. He stated that VAN HOOK is a married man, and as far as he knows has a good reputation, but on the particular night mentioned above, he got mixed up with MARIE COLE and was quite drunk and took MARIE COLE to his room; that later that evening MARIE COLE came down stairs and after sleeping in the lobby for a while left the hotel, apparently to catch a bus back to her home in Alpena. He stated that the following morning, VAN HOOK claimed to him that MARIE COLE stole some money from him while she was in his room at the hotel.

The above information was furnished to the Bureau and to the Kansas City Field Division by teletype on October 8, 1938, and the Kansas City Field Division was requested to contact VAN HOOK for complete information as to what MARIE COLE had told him at Alpena.

Upon receipt of the telegram from the Bureau requesting that a mail cover be placed on COLE'S wife, and that arrangements be made to cover her activities, Agent proceeded to Alpena, Arkansas and interviewed MARY C. PORTER, Postmistress at that place. She advised that there were two WHITAKERS in Alpena, Arkansas who ran stores, namely - FRED WHITAKER, who operates a grocery store, and FRANK WHITAKER who operates a hardware store. Mail covers were placed on the mail of both of these individuals as well as on the mail of MARIE COLE for a period of 30 days, commencing on October 12, 1938.

Agent then contacted Mrs. J. H. GREER, a next-door neighbor of MARIE COLE, who has been previously interviewed in connection with this case. She stated that she has noticed no unusual activity on the part of MARIE COLE, and that although there are numerous men, apparently traveling salesmen, who visit at MARIE'S house, she was unable to say who the men were; that she has observed men calling on MARIE, and that MARIE would leave with the men for a day or two at a time, but that it was impossible to keep track of all her movements. She stated, that about two weeks ago, MARIE told her that she had gone to Joplin, Missouri and to Pittsburgh, Kansas, and Mrs. GREER knew the latter to be true as she had seen a postcard from MARIE, postmarked at Joplin, Missouri on October 3, 1938. She further stated that MARIE has a sister by the name of NORA SCHULTZ who lives across the street from the Post Office in Pittsburgh, Kansas, and it is possible that MARIE has visited this sister.

Mrs. GREER further stated that on these various trips which MARIE takes, she does not take her little boy with her, and she is personally of the opinion that MARIE is not in contact with her husband, if TED COLE is still alive, as MARIE and her mother are both deathly afraid of COLE, and furthermore, MARIE has no more feeling toward him. She stated that MARIE has been collaborating on a story of TED COLE'S life with some newspaper man in Little Rock, Arkansas, and consequently often mentions his name to Mrs. GREER, but that she has never said anything which would indicate that she has seen COLE in recent years.

Mrs. GREER stated that she usually knows when MARIE COLE leaves Alpena, Arkansas for any considerable period of time, as MARIE always tells her when she is going, and she (Mrs. Greer) again promised her fullest cooperation with the Little Rock Field Division and promised to notify this office when next MARIE is planning to go to either Kansas or Missouri. She also advised that MARIE is fairly well acquainted with a truck driver for the CROCHER MEAT COMPANY at Joplin, Missouri, as she has observed a truck of this company parked in front of MARIE'S home on several occasions, and on the last trip that MARIE took north, she returned to Alpena, in the Crocher Meat Company truck.

At the time of the above interview with Mrs. GREER, Agent observed MARIE COLE sitting on the front porch of her home in Alpena, Arkansas.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION

At Joplin, Missouri will locate the truck driver for the Crocher Meat Company who comes to Alpena, Arkansas to visit MARIE COLE and will interview him concerning his knowledge of the activities of MARIE COLE.

LITTLE ROCK FIELD DIVISION

At Alpena, Arkansas will report the results of the 30-day cover placed on the mail of FRANK WHITAKER, FRED WHITAKER and MARIE COLE, and upon receipt of report from Kansas City and upon completion of the 30-day mail cover will consider the advisability of interviewing MARIE COLE personally concerning the above mentioned conversation with BEN M. VAN HOOK.

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

File No. 76-389

REPORT MADE AT: Portland, Oregon	DATE WHEN MADE: 11-3-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 9-6 & 10-1,3, 27,29-38	REPORT MADE BY: H. A. King
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 investigation conducted at Portland relative to different automobiles which passed through California checking stations on December 15th and 16th, 1937. JOHN R. MACE reported that he suspected one HASCOMB FURDIN of being identical with RALPH ROE, but that he knew him in September, 1937.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent L. H. Richmond, San Francisco, California dated September 29, 1938 and report of Special Agent F. G. McGeary, Portland, Oregon dated August 26, 1938.

DETAILS: The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent F. G. McGeary:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent F. G. McGeary, Portland, Oregon, dated August 26, 1938 which reflects an undeveloped lead to locate and interview LAUREL JAMES through MRS. GABRIEL at The Dalles, Oregon.

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Special Agent F. G. McGeary on September 6, 1938, interviewed MR. LAUREL JAMES when he appeared at the Portland Field Office. He stated that he had just recently returned from Alaska where he makes his home at Anchorage. He advised that about the middle of December, 1937 he drove his 1929 Ford Coupe, which carried 1937 Oregon license plates at that time (number unknown) to Crescent City, California via the Coast Highway from Oregon. He advised that his father and he left The Dalles, Oregon, in this car and came to Portland, Oregon and subsequently proceeded to Astoria and down the Oregon Coast Highway south to Port Orford where his father stayed to visit with friends. MR. LAUREL JAMES stated that he continued on intending first to go to San Luis Obispo, California to visit his brother but due to heavy rains at that particular time he decided to give up that trip and stop at Crescent City, California where he visited an Aunt and Uncle whose names are HARRY and ETTA DAYTON who operate a shoe repair shop on Main Street at Crescent City, California.

He advised that he did not purchase any title charts of San Francisco Bay Area while in Portland, Oregon, and was not south of Crescent City, California during December, 1937. He stated that he returned to Eugene, Oregon and spent Christmas day in that city. He advised that he was the only one in his car when he passed over the Oregon-California boundary.

The following is the description of MR. LAUREL JAMES as obtained through observation and questioning:

Age	31
Height	5' 6"
Weight	172 pounds
Build	Stocky
Complexion	Sandy
Hair	Sandy, nearly bald on top
Eyes	Blue
Teeth	Good
Marital status	Married, but separated
Residence	Anchorage, Alaska
Sister	MRS. AUDREY GABRIEL, 1425 Fair Street, The Dalles, Oregon.

Special Agent K. D. Deaderick and the writer conducted investigation at Troutdale, Oregon in reference to a letter from JOHN ROE MACE, addressed to the Warden of Alcatraz, Alcatraz Island. MACE upon interview advised that he recently came to Oregon from the vicinity of Watsonville, California; that at Watsonville he was acquainted with one HASCOMB PURDIN; that since coming to Oregon he was reading a detective magazine about the escape from Alcatraz and noted a marked resemblance between PURDIN and RALPH ROE. He stated that he had called this matter to the attention of his

wife, who also noted some resemblance and for that reason he had written to the Warden, United States Penitentiary at Alcatraz. MACE was asked to describe PURDIN before he was shown photographs of subjects and described this individual approximately as subject ROE is described. He stated, however, that he met PURDIN in about September, 1937 or prior thereto and that he was positive that he met PURDIN several months prior to December 16, 1937. Accordingly it appears impossible that PURDIN and ROE could be identical. MACE readily picked out photographs of ROE as resembling PURDIN. MRS. MACE was also interviewed and was not nearly as certain in her identification or in her description. MACE advised that PURDIN was doing work for contractors near Watsonville, working for a party by the name of JOE THAKER. Inasmuch as MACE knew PURDIN a considerable time prior to the escape it is not believed that further investigation in this matter is necessary.

H. A. McCUNE, 221 S. W. Front Avenue, Portland, advised that he was the registered owner of a 1934 DeSoto Sedan, bearing Oregon 1938 license 128-252. He stated upon interview that he did not make a trip to California before Christmas, 1937 and did not loan his car to anyone to make a trip to California. It would appear, therefore that the wrong license number was recorded by the California checking station. McCUNE in no way answers the description of the unknown individual who purchased maps and charts in Portland on December 15, 1937.

A review of the Portland file discloses that efforts were made to locate MR. DEE SCOTT, 2334 S. E. 26th Avenue, Portland, who was the owner of 1934 Ford Sedan, motor number 18-747920, Oregon license number 133-175; that SCOTT had never been interviewed. Through his father, who resides at 3343 S. E. 9th Avenue, Portland, Agent ascertained that DEE SCOTT was presently residing at 1419 West 10th Street, Los Angeles, California. It is possible that this is North 10th Street inasmuch as the letter which MR. SCOTT displayed to Agent did not indicate clearly whether the address was North or West. A further review of the file indicates there are no outstanding leads in the Portland Division at the present time.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION: Will interview DEE SCOTT, 1419 West or North 10th Street, Los Angeles, California, relative to his going to California December 15th or 16th, 1937 and ascertain whether he could have purchased these maps and charts.

* THE PORTLAND FIELD DIVISION: At Ashland, Oregon will cover the lead set out in report of Special Agent Duane L. Traynor, Seattle, Washington dated October 4, 1938.

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

Milwaukee, Wisconsin
November 8, 1938.

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

Dear Sir:

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Re: ROCOL

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated November 4, 1938, (76-2686), regarding the above matter.

The report of Special Agent N. J. Alaga, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, dated August 30, 1938, reflects efforts to locate MR. J. ROBILLARD of KENOSHA, WISCONSIN, for interview. Since that time MRS. ROBILLARD has been contacted on September 8 and 12, 1938, in an unsuccessful attempt to locate MR. ROBILLARD.

It appears that MR. ROBILLARD, according to information furnished by his wife, is a travelling salesman working for himself, does not have a definite itinerary, travels all over the United States, and she, MRS. ROBILLARD, does not know when he will be home, or just where he will be at any given time. She agreed some time ago to immediately communicate with this office just when and where her husband can be contacted. It was thought that he would be in KENOSHA for Labor Day, however, contact with her at that time reflected that he did not return to Kenosha. MR. ROBILLARD knows definitely that this Bureau desires to contact him for further details relative to his letter. However, he is apparently avoiding any contact. One more effort will be made to contact him through his wife at Kenosha, in the near future, and if this is unsuccessful, I do not believe it desirable to continue the efforts any further, since the information MR. ROBILLARD has, as shown in his letter to the Bureau, is of very doubtful value at this time, and undoubtedly investigation has been conducted at BARNETT, MISSOURI, long ago.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

RE: ROKOL.

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a mail tracing received from the Postmaster at Odessa, Texas, as a result of the mail cover which has been placed on the mail of JAMES ROE, brother of subject ROE, at that place.

The addressee is "Mrs. James Roe, Box 1478, Odessa, Texas., c/o Inter. Supply Co." and the letter was postmarked at Detroit, Mich., Nov. 2, 12:30 PM., 1938.

Yours very truly,

R. J. Untreiner,
Special Agent in Charge.

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November 12, 1938

Special Agent in Charge
San Francisco, California

Re: ROCOL

Dear Sir:

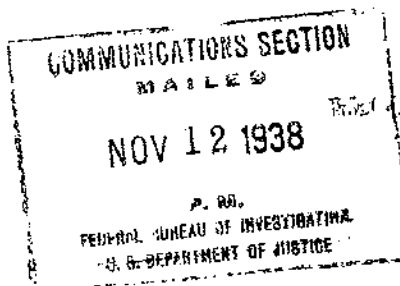
Your attention is called to a newspaper article which appeared recently in the San Francisco Examiner, allegedly prepared by P. F. Reed, recently released from Alcatraz Penitentiary, concerning the escape of Subjects Roe and Cole.

It is noted from this article that Reed reports information relative to the escape of Subjects Cole and Roe, which is at variance with the facts reported in the Bureau file. It is particularly noted that according to Reed the subjects left the nat shop at the prison at 1:03 p. m. and that their escape was not discovered by Guard Steere until he made his 2:30 p. m. check. On the basis of these facts, it would appear that the subjects were missing for one hour and twenty-seven minutes before their escape was known, whereas information in the Bureau's possession is that the escape was discovered approximately forty-five minutes after it occurred. It is desired that this matter be carefully checked by your office to ascertain that the information in the Bureau's possession is correct.

It is also desired that you thoroughly investigate the other details of the escape reported by Reed to determine whether there is any basis in fact for them.

It is further desired that the present address of P. F. Reed be determined and that suitable arrangements be made to interview him thoroughly concerning his knowledge of the escape of the subjects in this case.

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Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy



Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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

FILE NO. **76-50**

REPORT MADE AT Seattle, Washington	DATE WHEN MADE 11-10-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10-22-38	REPORT MADE BY FRED HALLFORD
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: **JACK SIEMAN**, former inmate of Alcatraz, who was released on 4-12-37, does not know of any plans made at Alcatraz Island while he was incarcerated there for the escape of instant subjects.

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REFERENCES:

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

Report of Special Agent DUANE L. TRAYNOR, Seattle, Washington, dated September 7, 1938.

DETAILS: At Vancouver, B. C., Canada

Accompanied by Detective Sergeant ARCHIE F. PLUMMER, Vancouver Police Department, the writer interviewed JACK SIEMAN at the Castle Hotel in Vancouver, where he is presently residing. MR. SIEMAN stated that he knew both subjects in instant case but that he never associated with them while he was incarcerated at Alcatraz; however, he said that he observed that while in the yard at Alcatraz, subject ROE seemed to be more talkative than subject COLE and that ROE seemed to always be into some kind of trouble and had been placed in solitary confinement on several occasions. He said he recalled that subject ROE played on the prison baseball team but that subject COLE did not participate in any of the activities of the prison. MR. SIEMAN stated that he had never heard any discussion on the part of any prisoners as to a plan of escape from Alcatraz Island. He said he did not believe anyone would have let him in on any plans to escape even

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though such plans had been promulgated because he was in for such a short time in Alcatraz and they might have known that he would not have participated in any escape which might have been planned. MR. SIEMAN stated the only information he had relative to the escape of subjects from Alcatraz was the accounts which he had read in the newspapers. However, he said he firmly believed that they would not have been able to have reached the mainland if they attempted to swim the distance from Alcatraz Island to the mainland.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE SEATTLE OFFICE

*At Yakima, Washington, will obtain at the County Courthouse the name of the registered owner of a Lafayette Victory Sedan bearing 1937 Washington license E-22746. This owner should be interviewed relative to the occupants of that car when it crossed the Oregon-California line either December 15 or 16, 1937, and they should be interrogated as to their possession of any tidal and current charts of San Francisco Bay and the Pacific Ocean, which they may have purchased in Oregon and taken through the California-Oregon line.

At Yakima, will interview the following people relative to any information they may have of the tidal and current charts of San Francisco Bay and the Pacific Ocean which were purchased in Portland and which may have been taken through the California-Oregon line December 15 or 16, 1937, as these individuals all had cars registered in their names which were supposed to have gone through the California-Oregon line December 15 or 16, 1937. Information should be developed from each of these individuals as to their general reputation and standing in their community and a description obtained.

WALTER E. TATE, c/o Piston Service, owner of 1933 Dodge bearing 1937 Washington license E-14902.

HASSETT MOTOR COMPANY, owner of 1937 DeSoto Sedan bearing 1938 Washington license E-17.

DON HADLEY, 405 South 15th Avenue, owner of 1936 Chevrolet 2-door bearing 1937 Washington license E-13945.

H. P. MULLER, Box 886, owner of 1936 Chevrolet Coupe bearing 1937 Washington license E-10634.

*At Walla Walla, Washington, will interview MR. W. J. McLEAN, 726 N. Clinton, owner of 1937 Packard Sedan bearing 1938 Washington license O-1242, as requested in the lead set out to interview car owners in Yakima.

*At Brownstown, Washington, will interview LOUIS VIOLETTE, owner of 1929 Chevrolet tudor bearing 1938 Washington license E-1979, to ascertain the same information as requested to be ascertained from car owners in the lead set out for Yakima.

*At Wapato, Washington, will interview H. E. HOVIS, General Delivery, the owner of a 1928 Chrysler Coupe bearing 1937 Washington license E-20638, and secure information as requested to be secured from automobile owners in the lead set out for Yakima.

*At Zillah, Washington, will interview HARVEY EILERS, Route 1, the owner of a 1936 Chevrolet Coupe bearing 1937 Washington license E-521, and secure from him information as requested to be secured from automobile owners in the lead set out for Yakima.

*At Olympia, Washington, at the Motor Vehicle Division, will ascertain the owner of a Chevrolet Truck bearing 1937 Washington license #31413. When this information is secured, a lead should be set out to interview this owner and obtain from him the same information as set out to be obtained from the automobile owners in Yakima.

*At Osborne, Washington, will contact MRS. PEARL WILL to see if JACK ROBERTS, to whom they sold their automobile, an Oldsmobile, has returned to Osborne, and if not, if she knows his present whereabouts. When located, he should be interviewed as requested in the lead set out for automobile owners at Yakima.

*At Dayton, Washington, will locate and interview MR. JOE ROSE in order to determine whether MR. ROSE made the inquiry and purchase of the tidal and current charts of San Francisco Bay and the Pacific Ocean. (See report of Special Agent DANIEL CURRIE, JR., Seattle, Washington, dated January 7, 1938, being serial 32 of the Seattle file.)

*At Yakima, Washington, will interview MR. SPAINHOUR COFFY, who is presently living with his wife and father-in-law, a MR. NELSON, in the Hillcrest Section of Yakima, for the purpose specified in reference letter. (See report of Special Agent DANIEL CURRIE, JR., Seattle, Washington, dated January 7, 1938, being serial 32 of the Seattle file.)

*At Olympia, Washington, at the State Department of Licenses, Motor Vehicle Division, will ascertain to whom the 1937 Washington license D-729 was transferred subsequent to the purchase of the Overland car from one WILLIAM LOYEAR at Grand Coulee Dam in order that a lead for the transferee may be set out and appropriate interview had. (See report of Special Agent DANIEL CURRIE, JR., Seattle, Washington, dated January 7, 1938, being Serial 32 in the Seattle file.)

*At Spokane, Washington, will make appropriate inquiry at 4111 North Lincoln for any information the occupants at that address might have

relative to the present whereabouts of JOHN G. FAIRFAX so that he may be interviewed relative to his car going through the California-Oregon line either December 15 or 16, 1937. (See report of Special Agent J. E. THORNTON, San Francisco, California, dated January 17, 1938, being serial 35 in the Seattle file.)

*At Kamloops, British Columbia, Canada, will contact MR. D. O. VICARS, resident there, in order to determine if he had occasion to purchase at Portland, Oregon the pamphlets covering tides and currents in San Francisco Bay. In this connection, it will be noted that car bearing 1937 B. C. license 16830, issued to DESMOND ODLUM VICARS, Kamloops, B. C., was registered as entering Smith River, California, December 16, 1937.

*At Keremeos, B. C., Canada, will contact MR. W. C. HONEYWELL to determine similar information. 1937 B. C. license 42728, issued to WILLIAM C. HONEYWELL, Keremeos, B. C., is registered as entering Dunsmuir, California December 16, 1937. (See report of DANIEL CURRIE, JR., Seattle, Washington, dated February 16, 1938, being serial 42 in the Seattle file.)

*At Spokane, Washington, will interview WILLIAM LOYEAR at the Spokane Hotel, as set out for the Butte Office at Moscow, Idaho in reference report. (See report of Special Agent E. SANDBERG, Butte, Montana, dated April 11, 1938, being serial 50 of the Seattle file and also see serial 36 of the Seattle file.)

*At Grand Coulee, Washington, will locate and interview E. F. BOVEE, as requested in the report of Special Agent DANIEL CURRIE, JR., dated at Seattle, Washington, January 7, 1938. (See report of Special Agent K. P. PETTIJOHN, San Francisco, California, dated August 22, 1938, being serial 63 of the Seattle file.)

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EL PASO, TEXAS,
NOV. 9, 1938.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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RE: ROCOL.

Dear Sir:

Information has been received from the Postmaster at Odessa, Texas, Mr. T. T. HENDERSON, advising that HATTIE CONNER may be presently residing at Granger, Washington, or Sunnyside, Washington.

This information was obtained from a letter addressed to the Postmaster by MRS. F. M. BARBER, Rural Route 1, Granger, Washington.

Very truly yours,

R. J. Untreiner,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge
Los Angeles, California

Re: RUCOL

Dear Sir:

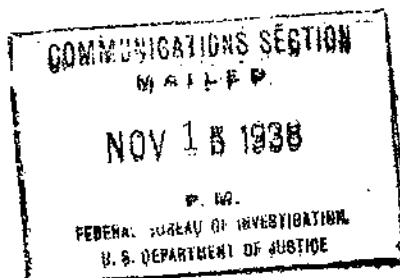
From a review of the Bureau file, it appears that Mr. Fred Cole of Woodlake, California, the stepfather of Subject Theodore Cole, has been entirely cooperative with Agents from your office during the investigation conducted in this case. It is also noted that Special Agent A. D. Horn of your office has in the past contacted Mr. Cole on several occasions.

It is desired that you instruct Agent Horn to again contact Mr. Fred Cole and question him to obtain any knowledge which he may have obtained to indicate that Subject Cole is alive. This interview should, of course, be conducted discreetly so that Mrs. Fred Cole would have no knowledge of it and the cooperation of Mr. Cole should be solicited in an attempt to establish the single fact that Theodore Cole is alive. In the event Fred Cole furnishes information to prove that Theodore Cole has been known to be alive since his escape from Alcatraz, his cooperation should then be requested to assist the Bureau in locating this fugitive. It is suggested, however, that this purpose not be made known to Fred Cole until a discreet attempt is made to determine the fact that the fugitive is alive.

It is requested that you arrange for this interview at an early date and that you advise the Bureau promptly of the results.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director



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December 13, 1938

Mr. Gregorio B. Cuevas
1024 San Marcelino
Malate, Manila
Philippine Islands

Dear Mr. Cuevas:

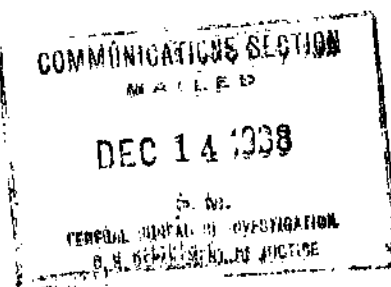
I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 19, 1938, in which you state you have seen an individual who you believe may possibly be identical with Theodore Cole, a fugitive whose apprehension is desired by this Bureau.

For your information, Theodore Cole has not been apprehended, and in the event you have any further information concerning the individual mentioned in your letter, I would very much appreciate receiving it. In the event you obtain any definite information as to the location of this person, I would suggest that you contact the local police authorities in your city and inform them of your opinion as to the identity of this person so that they may consider the advisability of fingerprinting this individual to definitely determine whether he is identical with the fugitive Theodore Cole.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Nathan _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Crowl _____
Mr. Egan _____
Mr. Foxworth _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Harbo _____
Mr. Lester _____
Mr. McIntire _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Miss Gandy _____



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

102- San Marcelino
Malate, Manila P.I.
October 19, 1938

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IDENT

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

Dear Sir;

Have you had any news about those two convicts who escaped from Alcatraz Island last December 16, 1938? I mean if the law has already catch with them.

If you have captured them already, if you have them already safe in prison, my haunch about an American who resembles one of them, Theodore Cole that I saw one day drinking coffee in the Plaza Launch here in Manila. I'm not very sure if that man was Theodore Cole one of the two fugitives put in the LINE UP. That is why I am inquiring if they are already caught.

You see I have a collection of the Line Up pages from different detective magazines collected since 1935. When I studied about Finger Print Identification there is included about observation lesson in Secret Service Intelligence Lessons, that is why I am very particular about observation, because it says to be observative, I mean to examine faces long enough to remember them.

I am not very sure whether ^{that} face was in my Line Up, but it so attracted me to him that I at once thought that I knew that man or have seen him before in some place or have seen his picture. I observed him for about a minute. I kept thinking about my customers, because I am an advertising solicitor and maybe he was one of my numerous customers, but I could not recollect his name. Then I forgot all about it. That was about four days ago.

Then tonight October 18, 1938 while I was again adding some pictures in my Line Up Album I again thought of that stranger I saw in the Plaza Launch four or five days ago, for in front of me stared the pictures of Theodore Cole. It is only a haunch but it so disturbed me that right away I wrote you this letter. Imagine I have seen that stranger about four or five days ago. Say October 5 and I forgot all about it and now I remember his features because of the Picture of Cole in my Album. Its only a haunch but haunches sometimes worked. That is why I am asking you if those fugitives are already safe in your prison. It is my duty to report them if right; that is why I want to be sure.

Thank you for your autograph picture that you sent me. I am enclosing my prints to be filed in your Criminal Section.

Ralph R. Cole
Theodore Cole

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recovered
(G.W.)

94-4-39-2202

End

If you have not still caught those two fugitives write me as soon as possible. By chance I might meet that face again. I have cut his picture in the Line Up Album and always carry it with me. I am always visiting Plaza Launch because this place is always frequented by American customers.

Write me at once if you have already caught Cole particularly. And if you have; just forget all about this letter and my haunch.

Here is more power to you Chief, and more to the F.B.I.

Respectfully yours

Gregorio B. Cuevas
Gregorio B. Cuevas

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EL PASO, TEXAS,
NOV. 15, 1938.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

RE: ROGOL.

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are three mail tracings received from the Postmaster at Odessa, Texas, as a result of a mail cover placed on the mail of JAMES ROE, brother of subject ROE, at that place.

These tracings show the following:

<u>Addressee:</u>	<u>From:</u>	<u>Postmarked:</u>
Mrs. James Roe, Box 1478 Odessa, Texas.	A. Shely 629 Harrison, K. C. Mo	Kansas City, Mo. Nov. 10, 1938 10:30 P.M.
Mrs. James Roe Box 1478 Odessa Texas	Box 298 Wink, Texas	Wink, Texas Nov. 9, 1938 6-PM
Mrs. James Roe, Odessa, Texas Box "1478"	L. McMahon Conventional Hotel 327 West 18th St Kansas City Mo Room 202.	Kansas City, Mo. Nov. 10, 1938 6 PM.

Very truly yours,

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R. J. Untermeyer
Special Agent in Charge.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NOV 16 1938

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cc - San Francisco.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

FILE NO. 76-297

REPORT MADE AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN	DATE WHEN MADE 11/14/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11/1/38	REPORT MADE BY W. M. MORRIS TER
TITLE THEODORE COLE, with alias, FUGITIVE I.O. 1471 et al. <i>Ralph Roe, was. Aug I.O. 1472</i>			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <i>Enon</i></p> <p>MIKLOS KOVATS states that last spring JOSEPH CHAPLA brought a man to his apartment, introduced him as RALPH ROE and that following his departure he, KOVATS, observed photo of fugitive ROE and believes this is the man he met. Related that he also recognized photo of fugitive COLE as a customer of his last spring. JOSEPH CHAPLA recalled incident but declared the man's name was not ROE and that he had light hair and was wearing a sailor's uniform. Location unknown.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- RUC -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated October 18, 1938.</p> <p>DETAILS: This report is predicated upon a copy of a letter furnished the Detroit Field Office with reference to Bureau letter and which is from MIKLOS KOVATS, 311 West Leonard Street, Grand Rapids, Michigan, and indicates that he has information concerning fugitives ROE AND COLE.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>AT GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN</u></p> <p>MIKLOS KOVATS, 319½ Bridge Street, stated that he formerly resided in an apartment at 131 Shilden Avenue, and that while living there, and about sometime last March, he had met an old acquaintance of his, JOSEPH CHAPLA, who had recently been paroled from the Michigan State Prison,</p>			
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Jackson, Michigan, and that he took CHAPLA to his apartment to stay with him for a few days. He stated that after CHAPLA had been living with him for about three days, he came to the apartment with another man whom he introduced as RALPH ROE, both being under the influence of liquor at the time. He declared that while there, CHAPLA told ROE to look the apartment over as it would be a good place to lay up for a while, there being plenty of room to store away provisions enough to last for several months; and that ROE had mentioned while there that he had to drive about 400 or 500 miles that night, but did not mention where he was going. He stated that ROE stayed for only about fifteen minutes. It was about two a. m. when he arrived and that he drove off in what KOVATS believed was a large automobile, as he merely heard it pull away without seeing it. He further stated that CHAPLA had told him that he had met this man in prison and that this man had just come out of the army. KOVATS recalled making a remark to CHAPLA in answer to some statement he had made while ROE was present concerning his getting a job, which was to the effect that the only job he could get would be on a rock pile and that ROE upon hearing this remark appeared surprised, glared at KOVATS and appeared to tighten his hold on something that he had in his pocket.

KOVATS stated that on the same night and after ROE's departure, CHAPLA proved himself to be a "queer" and attempted to commit an unnatural and immoral act upon him and for this reason he commanded him to leave the apartment and has had nothing to do with him since. He stated that he feels certain that the RALPH ROE that had been to his apartment is the same as the RALPH ROE that is wanted by the F. B. I. as an Escaped Federal Prisoner, as he observed a picture of RALPH ROE in the Official Detective Magazine soon after the departure of this man from his apartment and that it looked like the same person. He stated that the man that was in his apartment was about thirty years of age, about six feet tall, grey eyes, dark brown hair, red face, and was very well built. He stated that he noticed this man had a scar about the size of a twenty-five cent piece on the back of his left hand between the base of his thumb and the first finger and that he also had a tattoo on the back of his left hand.

KOVATS further related that he frequently reads the detective magazines and that at the same time that he noticed the photograph of RALPH ROE, he also saw the photograph of THEODORE COLE and recognized this picture as that of a man that had been to his barber shop earlier in the spring for a shave;

that he appeared to be with several other men who occupied two large automobiles, one of which he believed circled the block while this man was being shaved. He stated that this man talked little and that he has not seen him since. He described him as about twenty-five to thirty years of age, one hundred and forty pounds, five feet, ten inches, light hair, thin face, a scar on his right cheek and that his lower lip was heart shaped, coming to a point in the center.

He stated that since seeing these men whom he believes are ROE and COLE he has been very much worried, particularly concerning ROE, as he is afraid that he might be charged with harboring a criminal. He related that he reported the matter to the local police and to the Secret Service but that nothing had resulted from it. HE revealed that he has dreamed considerably about the time that the man whom he believes to be RALPH ROE came to his apartment and that frequently the picture of ROE comes up before him together with that of Mr. Hoover and that he is fearful of some criminal activity being charged to him.

It should be stated that prior to actually contacting KOVATS, effort was made to interview him at his address listed in the latest city directory (1121 Turner Street N.W.) at which address the writer received information that KOVATS had moved from there several months ago; that he was a restless individual and did not remain in any place very long. It should also be stated that the person did not impress the writer as one in whom much confidence should be placed and that it is very likely that his description of the man whom he stated was introduced to him as RALPH ROE had been, at least in part, colored by his observations of the photograph of RALPH ROE appearing in Detective Magazines.

JOSEPH CHAPLA was interviewed at the Kent County Jail and he stated that early last spring, soon after he had been paroled from Jackson prison, he had been in Grand Rapids and while there had met KOVATS and had gone to his apartment to stay for a few days. He stated that he remained there about one week and recalled that he had brought a visitor to the apartment one night and had introduced him to KOVATS, but that he does not now recall the name of the man. He stated that this man was about twenty-eight years of age, five feet eleven inches, medium build, had light hair, and that at that time he was wearing a sailor's uniform. CHAPLA declared that he was positive that this man's name was not ROE and that he had never known anyone by that name and that man, whom he believed he had met while

drinking beer in a restaurant on Leonard Street, was the only man that he had brought to KOVAT'S apartment during the time he had remained there. Photographs of RALPH ROE were exhibited to him but he declared that he had never seen this man.

- REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN -

San Francisco, California
November 14, 1938.

Special Agent in Charge,
Dallas, Texas

Dear Sir:

RE: ROCOL

The Warden of the U. S. Penitentiary at Alcatraz forwarded a copy of letter received by him from W. H. BATES Chief of Police at Borger, Texas which reads as follows:

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"Will you please furnish us with photographs of Theodore Cole, your No. 258, FBI Circular No. 1471 and Ralph Roe, your No. 260, FBI Circular No. 1472.

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Roe formerly lived here with a woman who still lives here. She has told our informants that she knows that he is alive and we want the photographs to familiarize the informants with their features and as the only pictures we have of them are on the circulars in our fingerprint files, it would be unhandy to turn them over to the informants.

Mr. W. W. Miller, Special Agent, Department of Justice, out of the Dallas Office has been here cooperating with us and we hope to get some information concerning these two subjects, as to whether they are alive or not."

WARDEN JOHNSON has not forwarded the photographs and it is suggested that your office make appropriate arrangements with the Chief of Police at Borger, Texas to furnish such photographs as are needed, in the event his department is cooperating in this case.

Very truly yours,

LIR:FB
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cc: Bureau
cc: Oklahoma City

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N. J. L. FIEP
Special Agent in Charge

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

Milwaukee FILE NO. **76-65**

REPORT MADE AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN.	DATE WHEN MADE 11-19-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9-8, 12; 11-10-38	REPORT MADE BY N. J. ALAGA NJA:AWR
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 JOSEPH ROBILLARD now located at KAT (Kenosha Auto Transport) Service Station and Restaurant, 9000 East Washington St., INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA.

-RUC-

REFERENCES:

Report of Special Agent M. E. GURNEA, dated DECEMBER 28, 1937, at SAN FRANCISCO; Bureau letter to MR J. ROBILLARD, (Bureau file 76-2686) dated APRIL 9, 1938; Report of Special Agent N. J. ALAGA, Milwaukee, dated AUGUST 30, 1938; BUREAU letter to the Milwaukee Division, dated November 4, 1938.

DETAILS:

AT KENOSHA, WISCONSIN:

MRS J. ROBILLARD was contacted on SEPTEMBER 8, 1938; she informed that her husband had not returned to KENOSHA over Labor Day, as she had anticipated. She had since heard from him, the letter being postmarked in KANSAS CITY, that he was leaving KANSAS CITY and would soon be back in KENOSHA. He may be on his way home now, she said, although she does not know, but is quite certain he will be in KENOSHA for the week-end.

On SEPTEMBER 12, 1938, MRS ROBILLARD, 4814 TWENTY-NINTH AVENUE, was contacted. She advised that her

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husband had not returned for the week-end, as she had anticipated. Arrangements were made with her to have Mr Robillard call at the MILWAUKEE FIELD OFFICE when he should return to KENOSHA from his road trip.

On NOVEMBER 10, 1938, MRS ROBILIARD was again contacted. MR ROBILIARD, she advised, had just left town that morning for Indianapolis. He is presently employed by the KENOSHA AUTO TRANSPORT COMPANY, she advised, and would be going back and forth between KENOSHA and INDIANAPOLIS, in each of which cities the KENOSHA AUTO TRANSPORT COMPANY has KAT service stations and restaurants. However, she anticipated that he would be more easily located at INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, and suggested that he be contacted there. She believes that the Indianapolis K A T service station and restaurant is named "K A T' s KITTENS" and is at 9000 East Washington in Indianapolis.

MRS ROBILIARD stated that although MR ROBILIARD had been in KENOSHA and in MILWAUKEE since Agent's last call at the Robillard residence on September 12, and she had urged him to call at the Milwaukee Office while in Milwaukee, he had failed to do so, saying that he had intended to, but it had been impossible due to the press of business.

A copy of the report of Special Agent N. J. ALAGA, Milwaukee, dated AUGUST 30, 1938, is being forwarded to the Indianapolis Field Division for information.

ENCLOSURE: Copy of Reference Report of Special Agent N. J. ALAGA. To INDIANAPOLIS.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE INDIANAPOLIS FIELD DIVISION

At INDIANAPOLIS, will interview MR JOSEPH ROBILIARD concerning the contents of his letter to the Bureau dated MARCH 19, 1938; he may be located at his place of employment, the KENOSHA AUTO TRANSPORT Service Station and Restaurant known as "KAT'S KIT - TENS" at 9000 East Washington, Indianapolis.

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December 2, 1938

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Mrs. Ed B. Harris
Route #4
Harrison, Arkansas

Dear Mrs. Harris:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated November 19, 1938, in which you refer to information previously furnished by you relative to the wife of Theodore Cole, a fugitive whose apprehension is being sought by this Bureau.

Your interest in furnishing this information is sincerely appreciated. However, in response to the request contained in your letter I would like to advise you that the whereabouts of Mrs. Theodore Cole and her son was known to this Bureau previous to your first communication.

Should you receive any further information with respect to the probable location of Theodore Cole I would appreciate your furnishing it to me.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson _____
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Mr. Clegg _____
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cc-Little Rock

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Harrison. Ark.
Nov 14-38

Mr Hoover.
Washington D.C.
Dear Sir.

My second letter to you. Just
am informing you of Mr Lida Coe, ^{Engl.} ~~escaped~~
wife and child living in Alpena.

I hope him Coe's best such
evidence as possible.

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I understand, Mr Coe
drunk to Alpena Ark to see
his wife and boy and that
the boy stated His Daddy was
across pond south Jones Lake
that Mr. Coe stayed in Alpena,
one night in an old Barn.

Mr Hoover was I the first to
Inform you of Mr Coe wife
and child and there where about?

Do you understand Don't you Mr
Hoover, it is the reward which I
am interested as well as to help
you catch Mr. Coe.

Cassie E Harris
B# 4

Yours Respectfully,
Wm Ed B Harris

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

NOV 15 1938

Oct 12/2/38
cc Lida Coe
JCBK

San Francisco, California.
November 17, 1938.

Special Agent in Charge,
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

RE: ROOOL

We are enclosing herewith a copy of a letter sent out by FLOYD A. HILL, Alcatraz Penitentiary Number 451 to MRS. A. STEIN, on November 10, 1938, which letter was forwarded to this office by MR. C. J. SHUTTLEWORTH, Acting Warden on November 16, 1938.

For your information HILL is no relative of COLE or COLE'S mother but did serve time with COLE in McAlester, called with him and was the inmate who put COLE in the laundry hamper and shipped him out of that institution. After HILL'S discharge from McAlester he did visit COLE'S home and met his mother which was before COLE'S mother moved to California. HILL also said that he did correspond with her after she moved to California and up until the time of his arrest on the present charge.

The information above set out is from MR. SHUTTLEWORTH as obtained by him at Leavenworth shortly after COLE'S disappearance from Alcatraz.

In view of the letter being sent out wherein it appears that HILL is trying to direct his aunt to communicate with TED COLE'S mother in Woodlake, California, this information is being furnished you in order that MRS. COLE can be interviewed relative to her acquaintance with FLOYD A. HILL, in an endeavor to develop any information which would indicate a reason for FLOYD'S endeavoring to contact MRS. COLE.

Very truly yours,

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

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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FILE NO. 76-752

<p>REPORT MADE AT Washington, D. C.</p>	<p>DATE WHEN MADE 11/18/38</p>	<p>PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11/7/38</p>	<p>REPORT MADE BY J. H. MATHIS JHM:JG</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: MRS. L. J. SHEPHERD states she has not yet con- tacted her brother, JAMES VASSILA.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-P-</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent F. T. McINTYRE, JR., dated September 6, 1938.</p> <p>DETAILS: <u>AT WASHINGTON, D. C.</u></p> <p>MRS. L. J. SHEPHERD, 1612 G Street, S. E. was contacted to ascertain if she had seen her brother, JAMES VASSILA and informed him of the Bureau's desire to talk with him about subjects ROE and COLE. MRS. SHEPHERD stated that her husband had been seriously ill at the point of death for some weeks and that her brother called her once, but she was so disturbed over her husband's condition that she failed to inform her brother of the Bureau's desire to see him. She stated that she did not know where VASSILA was living and she did not know any way that he could be contacted. She felt, however, that her brother would call her and she would certainly not forget next time to inform her brother of the Bureau's desire to see him. She was instructed by reporting Agent to ascertain where he was living and also to inform the Bureau when her brother called. This MRS. SHEPHERD agreed to do.</p>			
<p>APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Bury H. H. H.</i></p>		<p>SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</p>	
<p>COPIES OF THIS REPORT</p> <p>3-Bureau 2-Oklahoma City 2-Washington Field</p> <p style="text-align: center;">COPIES DESTROYED 51 SEP 9 1966</p>		<p>DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</p> <p style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;">76-2686-540 NOV 28 1938</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RECEIVED NOV 22 1938 HARRIS</p>	

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THE WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION

AT WASHINGTON, D. C., will in the event JAMES VASSILA does not contact the Washington Field Office within a reasonable time, again contact MRS. L. J. SHEPHERD of 1612 G Street, S. E., to see if she knows where her brother JAMES VASSILA is living.

- * AT WESTMINSTER, MARYLAND will endeavor to locate and interview Deputy Sheriff W. C. COAKLEY, and in the event he cannot be located there, efforts should be made to interview him at his home on Oakland Mills Road. Deputy Sheriff COAKLEY should be questioned as to any information he may have pertaining to this matter.
- * AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, will contact Maryland State Police Officer J. J. CASSIDY, and ascertain from him pertinent information as to his investigation concerning the checks drawn by KEMP under the name of RICHARD R. HARMEL at the Farmers & Mechanics National Bank, Westminster, Maryland.

- P E N D I N G -

broken window,

Mr. Frank M. McCabe
937 1/2 So. Sydney Drive, Los Angeles, Cal.



a
attractive
large nostrils
in both
pictures -
tilt of right
eyebrow.

Head tilted far back in
this picture
Theodore Cole, No.
258, and Ralph Roe,
No. 260, chose the
most likely time to
stage their frantic
break for freedom
all pictures
in Official
Detective Magazine
given March 30
1938

The emergency bulletins read:

WANTED FOR ESCAPE FROM ALCATRAZ
Ralph Roe, Number 260-Az,
with aliases Paul Sullivan, Jack
Sullivan, J. O. Sullivan, Jack Mc-
Carty, Jack McCarthy, Raymond
Roe, Raymond Rowe, J. H. Rey-
nolds.

Finger-print classification:
26 1 R 111 4
1 U 111 5

Description: Age 32, complexion
fair; eyes, hazel; hair, chestnut.

Height, 6 feet; weight, 170; build,
tall, slender.
Scars and marks: Tattoo star left
index and back of left hand.
Large rag-cut scar 2" left forearm.
Sentenced from Eastern District of
Oklahoma for Robbery of national
bank, armed.
Relatives: Raymond Roe (broth-
er), Box 242, Hays, Kansas.
Mrs. Wanda Stakey (sister), 1218
Broadway, Kansas City, Missouri.

Theodore Cole, Number 258-Az.
Finger-print classification:
21-17 1M-17

27 0 16
Description: Age, 25; height, 5' 8";
weight, 135; build, small medium;
nationality, American; complexion,
fair; eyes, blue; hair, brown.
Scars and marks: 2" scar corner
right lip, small scar middle right
cheek, large 8" scar above knee of
left leg.
Sentenced from Western District
of Oklahoma for kidnaping.
Correspondents: Mrs. Esther Cole
(mother), P. O. Box 215, Wood-
lake, California.
Violet Dawson (sister), 6238 Gif-
ford Avenue, Bell, California.
Mrs. Pauline Cornett (sister),
Route No. 2, Box No. 9, Stroud,
Oklahoma.

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Alfred McCabe 11/29/39
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 Official Defense May 1 Theo. Cola 5' 8" x Ralph Roe - 6' 4" = same
 March 20, 1938



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 France

In this picture notice scar on right cheek of Theo. Cola. The courts have appointed counsel for Weidmann, France's latest monster. M. Henri and L. Geraud, above, and Maître Renee Jardin, granddaughter of the novelist, George Sand, do not expect overwhelming success since it is impossible to plead insanity for a person with the admittedly great intelligence of their client. But they are preparing for a long-continued battle. Tilt of right eyebrow

Dallas, Texas

December 4, 1938

AIRMAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

Special Agent in Charge,
El Paso, Texas

RE: MOOOL

Dear Sir:

In connection with the information furnished you telephonically today to the effect that one JACK O'BRIEN, alias "SAILOR" O'BRIEN, alias JACK CAMPBELL, is supposed to be presently located in Crane, Texas, there are being furnished you herewith the following reports for your information in conducting investigation therewith:

Report of Special Agent G. G. CAMPBELL, Seattle, Washington, dated 7-12-38.

Report of Special Agent M. M. WRIGHT, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 9-27-38.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc- Okla. City
cc- Seattle
cc- San Francisco

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202 U. S. COURTHOUSE
EL PASO, TEXAS,
Nov. 15, 1938.

76-282

Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

RE: BOOGAL.

Dear Sir:

Three mail tracings are being forwarded herewith, as a result of a mail cover placed on the mail of JAMES REE, brother of Subject BOE, at Odessa, Texas.

These tracings show the following:

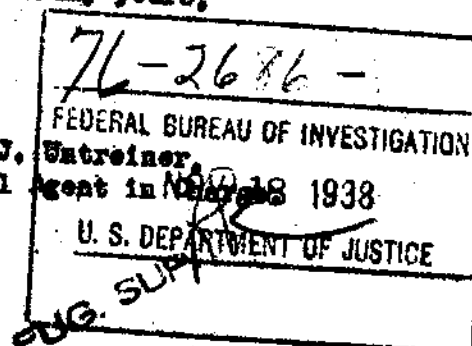
<u>Addressee:</u>	<u>From:</u>	<u>Postmarked:</u>
Mrs. James Ree, Box 1478 Odessa, Texas.	Martha Shelfe, 629 Harrison St., Kansas City, Mo.	Kansas City, Mo. Nov. 11, 1938 9 PM.
Mr. James Ree International Supply Co. Odessa, Texas. Box 1478.	Earl Field's Auto Supply and Machine Shop 10 North Waver Street Sapulpa, Okla.	Sapulpa, Okla. Nov. 12, 1938 10 PM.
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Ree, Box 1478 Odessa, Texas	Postcard signed "Vilma"	K.C. & Tulsa Tra 7 Nov. 11, 1938 R P O

Very truly yours,

R. J. Entreiner,
Special Agent in Charge

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cc - Bureau
cc - San Francisco



202 U. S. COURTHOUSE
EL PASO, TEXAS,
NOV. 26, 1938.

76-282

Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

RE: ROCOL.

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are two mail tracings received from the Postmaster at Odessa, Texas, as a result of a mail cover placed on the mail of JAMES ROE, brother of subject ROE, at that place.

These tracings show the following:

<u>Addressee:</u>	<u>From:</u>	<u>Postmarked:</u>
Mrs. James Roe Box 1478 Odessa, Texas	Box 298 Wink Texas	Wink, Tex. Nov. 23, 1938 6 P M.
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Roe, c/o International Supply, 2107-21 St. Odessa, Texas.	Lubbock, Texas.	Lubbock, Texas Nov. 22, 1938 3:38 PM.

Very truly yours,

W. J. Unreiner,

R. J. Unreiner,
Special Agent in Charge.

RJU:ALL

cc - Bureau
cc - San Francisco.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FUG. 541X

600 Reector Office Building
Little Rock, Arkansas
November 23, 1938

✓
Mrs. Mary O. Porter,
Postmistress,
Alpena Pass, Arkansas.

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

Dear Mrs. Porter:

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May I take this opportunity to thank you for
your cooperation with this Bureau in causing the mail
cover to be placed for a period of 30 days on the mail
of FRED WHITAKER and FRANK WHITAKER.

The 30-day period has now expired, and it will
not be necessary to continue this cover any longer.

Very truly yours,

H. B. ANDERSEN,
Special Agent in Charge.

WFW:DTR

cc Bureau

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FUG. 301

November 29, 1938

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Mrs. Frank McCabe
937 1/2 South Sydney Drive
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mrs. McCabe:

I have received two clippings from the Official
Detective Magazine which were transmitted by you.

I wish to thank you for your interest in furnishing
these clippings to me and to assure you that appropriate
attention is being given to them.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc-Los Angeles

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Nathan _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____

NOV 29 1938

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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 11/23/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11/8/38	REPORT MADE BY J. P. MacFARLAND BW
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:

FRED ERNEST BOVEE, Delano, Washington, did not purchase tide charts of San Francisco Bay at San Francisco, California, or at Portland, Oregon.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent **K. P. PETTIJOHN**, San Francisco, California, dated 8/22/38.

DETAILS:

At Grand Coulee Dam, Washington:

MR. J. O. MURRAY, Personnel Officer, Consolidated Builders, Inc., which concern has the contract for the construction of the Dam, permitted the writer to inspect the personnel record of **F. E. BOVEE** which is as follows:

Name	FRED ERNEST BOVEE
Address	Old farm house, next to Coulee Wall, Delano, Wash.
Born	3/17/1899 Spokane, Wash.
Wife	JESSIE

Started Work	Left Work	Number
7/7/38	8/15/38	641
8/29/38		2189

At Delano, Washington:

FRED ERNEST BOVEE was interviewed and he advised that in December of

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1937 he left Grand Coulee, Washington and proceeded with his family to Grass Valley, California where for a period of about six months he, together with his brother-in-law, JEFF HINMAN, Box 136, Grass Valley, California, engaged in prospecting and mining. Upon leaving Grass Valley, California he went to Deer Creek, California, residing at Elder Hill, which is the residence of his brother-in-law above mentioned. He stated that he has no knowledge of navigation; that he has less than a grammar school education, and that he has no interest in boats or ships; that he did not purchase either at San Francisco, California or Portland, Oregon, a nautical or tide chart or a map of any description relating to the current, tides, topography or geography of San Francisco Bay or of any body of water in or near the city of San Francisco, California.

He states that as near as he can remember he with his family left Deer Creek, California, on or about June 16, 1938, arriving at Grand Coulee, Washington about June 21, 1938. MR. BOVEE related that he did not purchase for anyone nor was he approached by any other person to purchase tide charts of the waters around San Francisco, California. He mentioned that he would have no use for such charts; that he could not read them and has no interest in that type of information.

With his wife and two children MR. BOVEE resides in a small house of three rooms located about one-quarter of a mile south of the main highway which leads from Grand Coulee, Washington to Osburn, Washington. His home has none of the earmarks of prosperity, nor did a casual observation disclose literature or books of any kind as part of the home. He is an inoffensive, docile type of individual who gives the appearance of a man engaged in hard labor.

From the observation of the writer, he is described as follows:

Age	39 (looks 5 years older)
Height	5' 6"
Weight	155 lbs.
Hair	Dark brown
Eyes	Brown
Build	Medium
Face	Heavy, wrinkles in forehead
Beard	Heavy
Hands	Large, hard
Complexion	Ruddy

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE PORTLAND FIELD OFFICE:

* At Ashland, Oregon, will again make inquiry for C. A. GARRISON who had a 1938 Buick Coupe bearing Oregon license plates 215-750 registered to him care of Pinehurst, Ashland, Oregon. This car is supposed to have crossed the Oregon-California line either December 15 or 16, 1937. Inquiry

is to be made of MR. GARRISON whether he is the individual who purchased tidal or current charts of the Pacific Ocean or San Francisco Bay in Portland just prior to instant escape. If no information can be developed at this point a lead should be set out to ascertain if the 1930 Buick bearing motor #2,599,268 was registered in either Oregon or Washington in 1938 so that GARRISON may be located and interviewed.

THE SEATTLE FIELD OFFICE:

* At Yakima, Washington, will obtain at the County Court House the name of the registered owner of a Lafayette Victory Sedan bearing 1937 Washington license E-22746. This owner should be interviewed relative to the occupants of that car when it crossed the Oregon-California line either December 15 or 16, 1937, and they should be interrogated as to their possession of any tidal and current charts of San Francisco Bay and the Pacific Ocean, which they may have purchased in Oregon and taken through the California-Oregon line.

* At Yakima, will interview the following people relative to any information they may have of the tidal and current charts of San Francisco Bay and the Pacific Ocean which were purchased in Portland and which may have been taken through the California-Oregon line December 15 or 16, 1937, as these individuals all had cars registered in their names which were supposed to have gone through the California-Oregon line December 15 or 16, 1937. Information should be developed from each of these individuals as to their general reputation and standing in their community and a description obtained:

WALTER E. TATE, c/o Piston Service, owner of 1933 Dodge bearing 1937 Washington License E-14902.

HASSETT MOTOR COMPANY, owner of 1937 DeSoto Sedan bearing 1938 Washington license E-17.

DON HADLEY, 405 South 15th Avenue, owner of 1936 Chevrolet 2-door bearing 1937 Washington license E-13945.

H. P. MULLER, Box 886, owner of 1936 Chevrolet Coupe bearing 1937 Washington license E-10634.

* At Walla Walla, Washington, will interview MR. W. J. McLEAN, 726 N. Clinton, owner of 1937 Packard Sedan bearing 1938 Washington license O-1242, as requested in the lead set out to interview car owners in Yakima.

* At Brownstown, Washington, will interview LOUIS VIOLETTE, owner of 1929 Chevrolet 2-door bearing 1938 Washington license E-1979, to ascertain the same information as requested to be ascertained from car owners in the lead set out for Yakima.

- * At Wapato, Washington, will interview H. E. HOVIS, General Delivery, the owner of a 1928 Chrysler Coupe bearing 1937 Washington license E-20638, and secure information as requested to be secured from automobile owners in the lead set out for Yakima.
- * At Zillah, Washington, will interview HARVEY EILERS, Route 1, the owner of a 1936 Chevrolet coupe bearing 1937 Washington license E-521, and secure from him information as requested to be secured from automobile owners in the lead set out for Yakima.
- * At Olympia, Washington, at the Motor Vehicle Division, will ascertain the owner of a Chevrolet Truck bearing 1937 Washington license #31413. When this information is secured, a lead should be set out to interview this owner and obtain from him the same information as set out to be obtained from the automobile owners in Yakima.
- * At Osborne, Washington, will contact MRS. PEARL WILL to see if JACK ROBERTS, to whom they sold their Oldsmobile, has returned to Osborne, and if not, if she knows his present whereabouts. When located, he should be interviewed as requested in the lead set out for automobile owners at Yakima.
- * At Dayton, Washington, will locate and interview MR. JOE ROSE in order to determine whether MR. ROSE made the inquiry and purchase of the tidal and current charts of San Francisco Bay and the Pacific Ocean. (See report of Special Agent DANIEL CURRIE, Jr., Seattle, Washington, dated January 7, 1938, being serial 32 of the Seattle file.)
- * At Yakima, Washington, will interview MR. SPAINHOUR COFFEY, who is presently living with his wife and father-in-law, a MR. NELSON, in the Hillcrest Section of Yakima, for the purpose specified in Portland letter to Seattle dated 12/23/37. (See report of Special Agent DANIEL CURRIE, Jr., Seattle, Washington, dated January 7, 1938, being serial 32 in the Seattle file.)
- * At Spokane, Washington, will make appropriate inquiry at 4111 North Lincoln for any information the occupants at that address might have relative to the present whereabouts of JOHN G. FAIRFAX so that he may be interviewed relative to his car going through the California-Oregon line either December 15 or 16, 1937. (See report of Special Agent J. E. THORNTON, San Francisco, California, dated January 17, 1938, being serial 35 in the Seattle file.)
- * At Kamloops, British Columbia, will contact MR. D. O. VICARS, resident there, in order to determine if he had occasion to purchase at Portland, Oregon, the pamphlets covering tides and currents in San Francisco Bay. In this connection, it will be noted that car bearing 1937 B. C. license 16830, issued to DESMOND ODLUM VICARS, Kamloops, B. C., was registered as entering Smith River, California December 16, 1937.
- * At Keremeos, B. C., Canada, will contact MR. W. C. HONEYWELL, to

determine similar information. 1937 B. C. license 42728, issued to WILLIAM C. HONEYWELL, Keremeos, B. C., is registered as entering Dunsmuir, California, December 16, 1937. (See report of DANIEL CURRIE, Jr., Seattle, Washington dated February 16, 1938, being serial 42 in the Seattle file.)

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CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED	
DOMESTIC	CABLE
TELEGRAM	FULL RATE
DAY LETTER	DEFERRED
NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT LETTER
NIGHT LETTER	WEEK END LETTER

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

WESTERN UNION

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

J. C. WILLEVER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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

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Okla. City, Okla.
Nov. 30, 1938

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

ROCOL DISREGARD LEADS CONCERNING AUTOMOBILES ENTERING CALIFORNIA DECEMBER LAST

FLETCHER

Send the above telegram to the following:

R. C. Suran
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
800 Joseph Vance
Seattle, Wash.

J. D. Swenson
Federal Bureau of Investigation.
U. S. Department of Justice
411 U. S. Court House
Portland, Ore.

J. H. Hanson
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
810 South Spring
Los Angeles, Calif.

N. J. L. Pieper
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
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San Francisco, Calif.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

REC. SUPP.

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 unreported message rate is charged in addition. Unless otherwise indicated on its face, this is an unreported 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 unreported-message rate beyond the sum of five hundred dollars; nor for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the 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

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

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Accepted up to 2:00 A.M. at reduced rates to be sent during the night and delivered not earlier than the morning of the ensuing business day.

Night Messages may at the option of the Telegraph Company be mailed at destination to the addressee, and the Company shall be deemed to have discharged its obligation in such cases with respect to delivery by mailing such night messages at destination, postage prepaid.

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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.

No employee of the Company is authorized to vary the foregoing.

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 stand-

ard telegram rate for 10 words shall be charged for the transmission of 50 words or less, and one-fifth of such standard telegram rate for 10 words shall be charged for each additional 10 words or less.

SPECIAL TERMS APPLYING TO NIGHT LETTERS:

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

Night Letters may at the option of the Telegraph Company be mailed at destination to the addressee, and the Company shall be deemed to have discharged its obligation in such cases with respect to delivery by mailing such Night Letters at destination, postage prepaid.

No employee of the Company is authorized to vary the foregoing.

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An expedited service throughout. Code language permitted.

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An overnight, low-rate, plain-language service. Delivery by mail beyond London will be made if a full mailing address is given and the words "Post" and "London" are written in the address. Minimum 20 or 25 words charged for.

WEEK-END LETTERS

At still lower rates. Similar to Cable Night Letters except that they are accepted up to midnight Saturday for delivery Monday morning, if telegraphic delivery is selected. Minimum 20 or 25 words charged for.

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

San Francisco, California
November 26, 1938.

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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Re: ROCOL

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated November 12, 1938 (Bureau file 76-2686) in which it is stated that the Bureau has noted discrepancies between the information contained in investigative reports submitted by this office and the statements made in articles appearing in the San Francisco Examiner, allegedly prepared by P. F. *Reed, recently released from Alcatraz Penitentiary, concerning the escape of Subjects ROE and COLE.

For the information of the Bureau, the information reported by this office at the time of the escape was obtained and reported as obtained from the officials at Alcatraz Penitentiary. At the time of the escape it was the policy of the prison officials to make a check up each half hour. Since the time of the escape this has been lessened to 15 minutes.

Based on other erroneous statements made by Reed in his articles, dealing not only with the Rocol escape, but with other matters occurring in Alcatraz Penitentiary, it is my impression that REED has merely second or third-handed information, and this information has been written in such a manner that it will act as a circularization stimulant for the newspapers, sacrificing accuracy for readers' interest.

In accordance with your instructions, efforts will be made to locate Mr. REED and interview him concerning any first hand knowledge he may have of the escape.

Very truly yours,

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

LHR:MR
76-290

cc Oklahoma City

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202 U. S. COURTHOUSE
EL PASO, TEXAS,
NOV. 30, 1938.

76-282

Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

RE: KCCOL.

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is mail tracing received from the Postmaster at Odessa, Texas, on November 29, 1938, as a result of mail cover placed on the mail of JAMES BOE, brother of Subject BOE, at that place.

This letter was addressed to "Mrs. James Boe, Odessa, Texas. c/o Inter. Supply Co. - Box 1478.", and was postmarked Detroit, Mich., Nov. 25, 1938, 12:30 P.M.

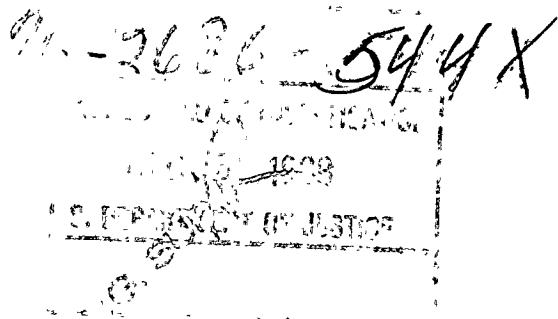
Very truly yours,

R. J. Untreiner,
Special Agent in Charge.

RJU:ALL

cc - Bureau
cc - San Francisco.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **76-290**

REPORT MADE AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.	DATE WHEN MADE 11-23-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11-18-38	REPORT MADE BY LOUIS D. WINE -- GH
TITLE RALPH ROE with aliases FUGITIVE I.O. 1472 THEODORE COLE with aliases FUGITIVE I.O. 1471			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Mrs. M. T. PETTYJOHN, whose husband is serving a sentence in Alcatraz is reported to have left Monterey about six weeks ago and is now running a house of prostitution in Redding, California, under the name of JACKIE NORTON or RUTH HOWARD. EDITH LUCIANI, who runs the LA IDA, a house of prostitution in Monterey, California where Mrs. PETTYJOHN formerly worked, said that Mrs. PETTYJOHN visits her husband in Alcatraz every month, but her other contacts are unknown to EDITH LUCIANI. She said it would be futile to interview Mrs. PETTYJOHN as she would furnish no information.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent TOM E. NEAL, Dallas, Texas Febr. 2, 1938, Report of Special Agent M. E. GURNEA, San Francisco, Dec. 28, 1937, and report of Special Agent LOUIS D. WINE, San Francisco, 10-20-38.

DETAILS:

AT MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA.

P. J. DOUGHERTY, Postmaster, states that Box 172 is still in the name of RUTH HOWARD, and that she resides at 851 Ocean Avenue, Monterey, California. Acting Chief of Police WILLIAM HARRY of the Monterey Police Department stated that 851 Ocean Avenue, is a house of prostitution called "LA IDA" operated by EDITH LUCIANI, and that she always cooperated with the Monterey PD and secured

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to be truthful at all times.

Agent accompanied by Acting Chief of Police WILLIAM HILBY called on EDITH LUCIANI, who stated that RUTH HOWARD came to her house about five months ago and was one of the girls employed by her, that she left about six weeks ago for Redding, California, with a prostitute named "FERN" and a very small girl who was also in the same line of work, known as "DOROTHY"; that RUTH NORTON is probably using the name of JACKIE NORTON, and is running a house of prostitution in Redding which she opened about six weeks ago. She said she is of medium build and medium height, has a very long nose, and wears her hair in rolls on the side of her head.

EDITH LUCIANI stated she knew that RUTH HOWARD'S husband is in Alcatraz and that his name is PETTYJOHN that he is serving a long term in Alcatraz. She said that Mrs. PETTYJOHN (RUTH NORTON) is very devoted to her husband and calls on him regularly about once a month. That she drives a new Buick Sedan and is "very slick". She said that Mrs. PETTYJOHN seldom discussed her affairs with her, but she does recall that she visited him a few days after the reported escape of ROE and COLE and that she remarked, her husband was a friend of these two prisoners and would have gone with them, but he had a severe cold at the time. Miss LUCIANI said that her brother whose name she declined to reveal, is a lieutenant of Police in the San Francisco Police Department, and that she is willing to cooperate with the officers at all times. She stated that Mrs. PETTYJOHN would not disclose any information whatever and would bear watching, but there is no indication so far as she knows that Mrs. PETTYJOHN has any contacts with the underworld or knows anything about the whereabouts of COLE and ROE.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE AT REDDING, CALIFORNIA will interview Mrs. M. T. PETTYJOHN, with aliases RUTH HOWARD, RUTH NORTON probably operating a house of prostitution there under the name of JACKIE NORTON, with two girls known only as "RUTH" and "DOROTHY" the latter being very diminutive. If located Mrs. PETTYJOHN should be vigorously questioned as mentioned in reports of reference.

AT SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA will obtain all information concerning the Buick Sedan reported to have been purchased by RUTH NORTON, alias RUTH HOWARD, alias Mrs. M. T. PETTYJOHN, said to have been purchased by her new in California about three or four months ago.

ENDING.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

L.A. FILE NO. **76-362**

REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 11-28-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10-26-38 11-1, 5-38	REPORT MADE BY K. H. SIMONS AB
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 as PAUL SULLIVAN arrested with KNUDE I. SOMMERVILLE by Pomona California P.D. 4-28-23, after attempt to rob a feed store at Claremont, California. Information regarding SOMMERVILLE obtained. IVAN WALLER KEENER not located at Inglewood, Calif. ALBERT B. TUCKER, Woodlake, Calif. interviewed, advised his sister ALICE HUGGINS had stated she believed JESSE SINKS, 1121 Second Avenue North, Nashville, Tenn., identical with TED COLE. Criminal records of SEDELL JOHNSON and MARIE BLACKWELL obtained from Bureau.

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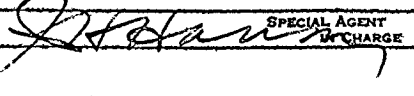

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent R. H. SIMONS, Los Angeles, 10-12-38.

DETAILS

AT POMONA, CALIFORNIA:

At the Police Department, it was ascertained that RALPH ROE as PAUL SULLIVAN was arrested on April 28, 1923, with KNUDE I. SOMMERVILLE, San Quentin S.P. No. 38026, after they had attempted to rob a feed store in Claremont, California. They were also identified in a grocery store robbery which took place in Pomona in March, 1923. The only other information in the file is that both individuals were turned over to the Los Angeles County Juvenile Court.

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The file on SOMMERVILLE indicates that he was known as KNUD J. SOMMERVILLE, alias JOHN SULLIVAN, alias JOSEPH SULLIVAN, alias J. MITCHELL, alias J. STONE, alias JAMES STONE, alias E. H. RYHIE, FBI #72,152. It also disclosed that SOMMERVILLE served time in the Oklahoma State Reformatory on April 8, 1922 for one year for possession of narcotics.

From the criminal record in the file of the Pomona Police Department it appears that SOMMERVILLE apparently went to San Quentin Penitentiary on this charge, while ROE apparently went free. A lead is being set out to check with the Los Angeles Juvenile Court authorities on this matter also.

Attention is called to the fact that SOMMERVILLE and ROE both used the name SULLIVAN, and probably were friendly enough to be passing as brothers. The Bureau is, therefore, being requested to furnish the complete criminal record on SOMMERVILLE.

AT WOODLAKE, CALIFORNIA:

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent DANIEL CURRIE, JR., with reference to Bureau letter to the Memphis Office dated September 2, 1938, regarding a communication received from Mr. A. B. TUCKER, Route 1, Box 221, Woodlake, California.

ALBERT B. TUCKER, Route 1, Box 221, advised that his communication to the Bureau, designating that he had information as to the whereabouts of subject COLE, arose from the fact that his sister ALICE HUGGINS had returned from Nashville, Tennessee, around the first part of September, 1938, and that after her return she and ALBERT TUCKER were looking at certain detective magazines, when ALICE HUGGINS spoke up and said, referring to the picture of subject COLE, that she knew that man.

According to ALBERT TUCKER, while in Nashville, Tennessee, his sister had gone out on several occasions with one JESSE SINKS, 1121 Second Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee, and that it was this party whom his sister believed to be identical with subject COLE. Mr. TUCKER was unable to furnish additional information concerning JESSE SINKS.

Mr. TUCKER related that his sister was presently acting as housekeeper for Mr. PETER HACKEN, Route 1, Box 55, Sanger, California.

AT INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA:

An attempt was made to locate IVAN WALLER KEENER at 349 East Queen Street, in view of the fact that he had made a statement that MRS. EVELYN MORGAN, 320 First Street, Richmond, California, was a contact for subjects. Investigation on this information had been negative, and it was desired to reinterview KEENER to determine the basis of his statement.

MRS. ALICE PAULKNER, manager of the Sentinel Apartment Hotel at 349 East Queen Street, stated there was no one by that name residing there at the present time, and her records do not disclose that KEENER had ever resided there; however, it was ascertained that 351 East Queen Street is the address of the California Division of Employment Service.

MR. W. L. BLANCHARD, manager of this service, checked his records and advised that KEENER had given the address of 349 East Queen Street. The file also disclosed that KEENER had not been in the office since March 1, 1938, and on May 26, 1938, a letter had gone out to him in regard to employment, but had been returned unclaimed. Therefore, the only address they had was 349 East Queen Street.

The file disclosed that KEENER has a brother CALVIN KEENER, and the city directory reflects that CALVIN KEENER resides at 2624 Partridge Avenue, Los Angeles, and is listed as a cabinet maker.

The following criminal records were obtained from the Bureau:

MARIE BLACKWELL FBI #1,620,341

PD, Kansas City, Marie Blackwell 8-24-28 shoplifting To State
Kans. #3768

FBI #1,125,321

Co.B.of I., Court Dawn M. Blackwell 5-31-32 vag. - D.C.
House, Newark, N.J. #1-8646

PD, Hornell, N.Y. Isabela May 6-30-36 intox. guilty - fined
Ketcham, alias \$25 and 6 mos.
Isabel Ketcham, prob.
#1034

(CONTINUED)

PD, Hornell, N.Y.	Isabele Mae Ketcham, aliases: Isabele Arwino, Dawn Blackwell, Marie Blackwell, Isabel Mae Ketchup, #1034	2-7-37	adultery	guilty - West- field St. Farm not exceeding 3 yrs.
Co. Jail, Bath, N.Y.	Isabel Ketchum #48	2-8-37	viol. Sec. 101 and 100 P.L.	
Co. Jail, Bath, N.Y.	Isabel Ketchum alias Isabel Ketcham, #851	7-3-38	viol. parole warrant	sent. to Bedford Hills St. Farm N.Y.
Westfield St. Farm, Bedford Hills, N.Y.	Isabel Ketchum aliases: Isabel Irwin, Marie Blackwell, Isabel Beasley, Isabel Ketcham #WSF-6273	2-11-38	100 P.L.	indet., 2-11-38 paroled - 7-6-38 retd. as a parole violate

Isabele Ketcham, Newark, N.J. 1929, runaway from home; retd. home.
Isabele Ketcham, Binghamton, N.Y., 1930, runaway from home; 2 yrs.
N.Y. Training School.

SEDELL JOHNSON - FBI #742,495

SO, Okla. City Okla.	Seedell Johnson alias "Sleepy" Johnson, #--	12-30-33	inv.	rel. to Fed. Auth.
PD, Okla. City Okla.	Seedell Johnson alias, "Sleepy" Johnson, #15565	1-1-34	Federal inv. turned over to Okla. Co.	
SO, Okla. City	Seedell Johnson alias "Sleepy" Johnson, #2283.	11-30-34	Drunk	

Seedell Johnson, #--, SO, Okla. City, Okla. 1-3-34, harboring a criminal;
rel. by Order of Court 7-6-34 (USM). #15565, PD, Okla. City, Okla. 7-6-34,
6 mos. susp. (harboring and concealing Wilbur Underhill for whom warrant of
arrest had been issued (per inf. rec. 7-31-34, Bu. Field Div. Okla. City,
Okla. File #62-28915).

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, will interview CALVIN KEENER, 2624 Partridge Avenue, in order to ascertain the present location of IVAN WALLER KEENER, that he may be interviewed to determine the basis for the information he furnished regarding subjects.

Will check with the Los Angeles County Juvenile Court authorities for any information obtainable regarding RALPH ROE and KNUD I. SOMMERVILLE following their arrest on April 28, 1923 at Pomona, California.

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76-7686 - 5-6 December 5, 1933
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Special Agent in Charge
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

Re: BRECK

The Bureau is in receipt of a telegram from your office dated November 30, 1933, and reading as follows:

"HAROLD HERMANSON L.A. CALIF. BRECKING AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL
INTERVIEW CALIFORNIA BUREAU IN 2/2/34".

It appears that this telegram was mis-
directed to the Bureau, and was probably intended
for one of the Bureau's field offices.

It is requested that you give this matter
attention and advise the Bureau in the proper way.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. E. A. Tamm.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Coffey.....
Mr. Crowl.....
Mr. Dawsey.....
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Foxworth.....
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Mr. McIntire.....
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Mr. Quinn Tamm.....
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Miss Gandy.....

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Re: REGOL

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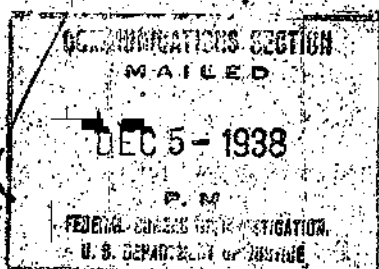
"REGOL DISREGARD LEADS CONCERNING AUTOMOBILES ENTERING CALIFORNIA DECEMBER LAST".

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This Case Originated At <u>OKLAHOMA CITY</u>		O.C. File No. <u>76-348</u>
Report Made At <u>OKLAHOMA CITY</u>	Date When Made <u>12-2-38</u>	Period <u>10-20 to 11-9,</u> <u>28, 29-1938.</u>
Report Made By <u>RALPH T. HOOD</u> mm		
Title <u>RALPH ROE with aliases, I.O. #1472 -</u> <u>FUGITIVE; THEODORE COLE with aliases,</u> <u>I.O. #1471 - FUGITIVE.</u>		Character of Case <u>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</u>

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

File reviewed and leads set out.
No need to conduct additional in-
vestigation at this time regarding
automobiles entering California
on 12-15, 16-1937.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent N. J. ALAGA,
Milwaukee, 11-19-38;
Report of Special Agent J. H. MATHIS,
Washington, D.C., 11-18-38;
Bureau letter dated 11-15-38;
Report of Special Agent W. F. WHITELEY,
Little Rock, 11-3-38;
Report of Special Agent J. H. NICHOLSON,
Peoria dated 10-26-38;
Report of Special Agent E. M. KRIEGER,
Kansas City, 10-26-38;
Report of Special Agent A. W. MILLER,
Dallas, 10-25-38;
Report of Special Agent J. R. McCULLOCH,
San Francisco, 10-19-38;
Report of Special Agent F. S. SMITH,
Oklahoma City, 10-15-38;
Report of Special Agent R. H. SIMONS,
Los Angeles, dated 10-12-38.

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DETAILS:NARRATIVE OF ESCAPE

On December 16th, 1937 at 1:00 PM, six prisoners including COLE, were returned from the mess hall of Alcatraz Prison to the blacksmith shop by Junior Officer JOSEPH B. STEERE. At the same time 26 prisoners, including subject ROE, were returned from the mess hall by Junior Officer STEERE to the mat shop which adjoins the blacksmith shop. Officer STEERE has stated that he counted these prisoners when bringing them through the gate into the yard and again checked them when they actually entered their places of employment. This is the usual routine when bringing prisoners from the mess hall to the shops and affords a double check precluding the possibility of prisoners leaving the lines unobserved when marching to work. After checking these prisoners into their shops STEERE returned and observed the prisoners working between 1:00 and 1:30 P.M. and although he is of the opinion that ROE and COLE were there at the time, he states he can not be positive of that fact.

As the prison rules require that junior officers and guards in charge of work details check their prisoners every thirty minutes, STEERE again checked his prisoners at 1:30 P.M. at which time he discovered that ROE and COLE were missing. He immediately notified the Warden's office and an immediate search was conducted. The search revealed that three panes of glass in the detention sash of a window in the blacksmith shop had been removed. This detention sash consists of a steel frame made of "T" iron which is approximately $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches across the top of the "T", the shank being of similar width and $\frac{1}{4}$ inch in thickness. The sash is so-constructed that each individual pane of glass is $5\frac{1}{4}$ inches by $8\frac{3}{4}$ inches. By removing two sections of the steel frame and three panes of glass an aperture of approximately $17\frac{1}{2}$ inches by $8\frac{3}{4}$ inches was created. Closer examination of the sash revealed that it had been cut with some instrument, apparently a hack saw. Warden J. A. JOHNSTON and Officer STEERE advised that hack saws are used only in the blacksmith shop and are charged out to the men working therein. As Officer STEERE is required to continually inspect five rooms, it is logical to believe that subject COLE used a hack saw which was charged to the blacksmith shop, to saw the detention sash at such times as Officer STEERE was inspecting the other rooms, particularly those in the adjoining mat shop.

The window faces the northwest corner of the Island and is immediately above the waterline. There is however, a 14 foot, heavy, iron-mesh

fence on the edge of the cliff to prevent prisoners from running to the edge of the Island and diving into the Bay. Between the window where the escape was made and the wire fence, there is a steel catwalk which leads to a lower level at the rear of the mat shop and was used for the purpose of throwing the remnants of the automobile tire casings into the Bay after the good portions had been removed for use in the construction of mats. At the termination of the catwalk is a small gate in the fence which could be opened. Examination of this gate showed that the subjects had used a large Stillson wrench in twisting the padlock on the gate. This wrench was found at the gate with the broken padlock. After opening the gate it was possible for the prisoners to jump to a ledge a few feet below and then to either jump into the Bay or to follow a natural ledge which leads to within a few feet of the waterline.

An examination of the shoreline where subjects apparently entered the water failed to reveal that any articles of clothing had been discarded. They were wearing prison made suits at the time of their escape.

Within ten or fifteen minutes after the escape was discovered, guards were searching this portion of the Island and the prison launch was in the Bay immediately opposite this point. Coast Guard boats were also notified of the escape and the surrounding waters of the Island were thoroughly patrolled. However on the day of the escape there was a heavy fog and visibility ranged from 200 to 300 yards. There was also an exceptionally strong current running in the vicinity of the Island, caused by a very high tide, the current being accelerated by flood waters from the rivers, as there had been heavy rains in the valley. Lighthouse keepers and Coast Guardsmen estimate that the current at the time of the escape had a speed of approximately six knots per hour. They also advised that it would have been almost impossible for a rowboat to have been propelled against the current and suggested that unless a motorboat was rather powerful it could not have proceeded against the current. The temperature was below normal due to the melting snow in the mountains which also added to the flooded waters. The Bay had an unusual amount of driftwood at the time, but marine observers estimated that if subjects had attached themselves to driftwood they would have been carried to sea at least ten miles from the Island. As this was a flooded ebbtide, the returning tide would have returned them only approximately six miles.

On the afternoon of December 15th, 1937, the day prior to the escape, an unknown individual made inquiry in Portland, Oregon regarding tides and currents in the San Francisco Bay in the vicinity of Alcatraz Is-

land, and on the same date purchased a U. S. Department of Commerce booklet entitled "Current Tables Pacific Coast". He also purchased another publication issued by the U. S. Hydrograph Service entitled "Tide Current Chart of San Francisco Bay". To date no information has been developed as to the identity of this individual or the manner in which he may have been traveling. However a check has been, and is being made of all passengers leaving Portland by airplane, as well as owners of automobiles passing through checking stations into California. The following is the best description of this individual obtainable from the keepers of the Lighthouse Service:

Name	Unknown
Age	About 40 to 50 years
Height	5' 6-7"
Weight	140-170 lbs.
Hair	Dark, possibly greying somewhat. Well groomed, having the appearance that he had recently visited a barber shop.
Face	Full and ruddy. Believed to have worn glasses.
Dress	Very well, but conservatively dressed in suit believed to be dark grey. Made a good impression and presented intelligent appearance.

This individual plainly indicated that he was not a nautical man as he asked for information as to how to read the table. It is suggested that where investigation is conducted regarding any person who would answer the above description that photographs be obtained, if possible, and that they be forwarded to the Portland Office for presentation to the persons seeing this unknown party.

PERSONAL HISTORY AND RELATIVES OF SUBJECTS

RALPH ROE with aliases: PAUL SULLIVAN, JACK SULLIVAN, J. O. SULLIVAN, JACK McCARTY, RAYMOND ROE, RAYMOND ROWE, J. H. REYNOLDS, RALPH ROWE - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472.

RALPH ROE has the reputation of being a thief, a burglar, a bank robber and a desperate criminal. He was convicted at Muskogee, Oklahoma on January 18th, 1935 with JACK LLOYD, his associate, for the robbery of the Farmers National Bank, Sulphur, Oklahoma, and ROE was sentenced to

serve a term of 99 years in the United States Penitentiary. This is the sentence which he was serving at the time of his escape. One DICK COFFRIN, who has been interviewed in this case, was also arrested with ROE and LLOYD but was released on the charge of bank robbery. Prior to the arrest and conviction of ROE on the bank robbery charge, he was convicted on several occasions and served penitentiary sentences as will be shown on his criminal record set forth on I.O. #1472.

ROE while engaged in criminal activities in Oklahoma and the southwest was the known associate of several well known criminals and gangsters and was with WILBUR UNDERHILL, desperate criminal, at the time UNDERHILL was apprehended and wounded, from which wounds he died at Shawnee, Oklahoma. ROE was also wounded at this time and his paramour of the moment was killed. After the death of UNDERHILL, ROE began associating with HAZEL UNDERHILL and she would probably be his first contact if his escape was successful. He bears the reputation of being weak on the subject of women and whisky and has had numerous paramours. Several of his former associates have advised that if he was successful in his escape that he would not hide in an isolated place for a long period of time, but would desire to be with women companions and do considerable drinking, probably with his former women associates.

With reference to his family, ROE's mother has been deceased for several years, while his father, JOHN, died at Duncan, Oklahoma during 1936. ROE was raised in the vicinity of Duncan. He has three brothers, only one of them being in the State of Oklahoma at the present time, ROY ROE, who is an inmate of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester. He has two other brothers, RAYMOND and JAMES and further information is set out below regarding these brothers. He had one sister, ALPHA, who is deceased. The families of his father and mother reside in the vicinity of Excelsior Springs, Missouri but ROE has never had any connection with these relatives. He has other relatives in the vicinity of Duncan who enjoy good reputations and who are willing to assist in this investigation. Each of his relatives will be recontacted for information. Included in the list of relatives furnished by ROE to prison authorities are the names of WANDA STUKEY and MARIE BLACKWELL, listed as being his sisters. However, subsequent investigation reveals that these persons are not related to him but their names are so listed in order that he might correspond with them. WANDA STUKEY is presently residing with JAMES ROE as his common law wife while MARIE BLACKWELL alias MARIE BLACKBURN is now residing at Ardmore, Oklahoma. The following is a list of ROE's relatives:

BONNER, MRS. WILLIS, maternal aunt, Duncan, Oklahoma. Mrs. BONNER presently resides with her daughter, Mrs. S. E. LEGG. Direct contact has not been had with Mrs. BONNER although her daughter was inter-

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viewed and assured of their desire to cooperate as reflected in the report of Special Agent J. V. MURPHY dated at Oklahoma City, December 22d, 1938, Page 5.

ESTICE, MRS. ELIZABETH, relationship not given, Excelsior Springs, Missouri. She was interviewed as reflected in the report of Special Agent H. W. SAVAGE, Kansas City, dated April 11th, 1938, stating that she last saw ROE when he visited in Excelsior Springs with his mother when he was six or seven years of age.

HICKEY, JOHN, RFD, Duncan, Oklahoma. Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. V. MURPHY, Oklahoma City, dated February 3d, 1938 which reflects an interview with HICKEY, who enjoys a good reputation. He stated he had practically raised subject ROE since infancy but he doubted that ROE would contact him as he had some trouble with ROE shortly prior to his arrest for bank robbery and subsequent confinement in the United States Penitentiary. Other relatives have advised that this difficulty arose when ROE stole money from the HICKEY home. HICKEY assured Agent of his desire to cooperate and it is believed that should he receive any information he would immediately contact this office. He was unable to furnish any information regarding possible contacts of ROE. HICKEY is an uncle of ROE.

LEGG, MRS. S. E., cousin, Duncan, Oklahoma. She enjoys an excellent reputation and it is believed she will furnish any information she may receive regarding her cousin, ROE. Contact has been had with her husband as shown in the report of Special Agent J. V. MURPHY, Oklahoma City, dated December 22d, 1937 and she will be interviewed for full information.

MARCH, MRS. EVA, cousin, Duncan, Oklahoma. She is County Clerk of Stephens County, Oklahoma and bears an excellent reputation. She has been interviewed, at which time she furnished information regarding the personal history and antecedents of ROE, although she was unable to furnish any information regarding his criminal associates. She expressed her willingness to cooperate in this matter and it is believed she would immediately furnish any information she might receive to this office. (See report of Special Agent J. V. MURPHY, Oklahoma City, December 22d, 1937). She did not know anyone who possessed any information regarding the escape of ROE as she had discussed same with relatives in Duncan and she did not think ROE would contact any of his relatives other than his brother.

ROE, MRS. ETHEL, relationship not given, Excelsior Springs, Missouri. She was interviewed as shown in the report of Special Agent H. W. SAVAGE, Kansas City, April 11th, 1938 but stated she has not seen

subject ROE since he was a small child and that she could not be of any assistance in giving any information concerning his probable whereabouts.

ROE, JAMES, brother, Odessa, Texas. JAMES ROE is a conditional releasee from the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth and is presently working for the International Supply Company at Odessa. Upon his release from prison he began living with WANDA STUKEY, a friend of RALPH ROE and they have since lived as man and wife. His former wife, FAE ROE, presently resides in Araadia, California. They have not been divorced.

He has been interviewed on several occasions. When interviewed, as reflected in the report of Special Agent B. L. DAMRON, El Paso, dated December 20th, 1937 he admitted he had served two terms in the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth for "bootlegging." He denied any knowledge of the escape until he read of the same in the newspapers. He stated he had been working at Hobbs, New Mexico during December, 1937, being away from Hobbs on one occasion when he went to El Paso on Christmas Day. This has been verified. He also stated he would not assist his brother but would not furnish any information concerning this investigation. He said he had never associated with subject ROE's friends as they were "killers".

Information was received through an informant, [redacted] [redacted] that WANDA STUKEY wrote LILLIAN MACMAHON a short time after the escape saying that JAMES ROE was in San Francisco for a few days. However, the informant did not see this letter. When confronted with this information JAMES ROE emphatically denied that he had been in California or that he had received any information relative to subject ROE. At this time documents were checked which verified that he was employed at Hobbs from December 16th, 1937 to February 1st, 1938 with the exception of the period from December 23d, 1937 to December 26th, 1937 inclusive, at which time he was in El Paso, also verified, and a visit to Wink, Texas on January 22d and 23d, 1938 which was verified. Mail covers placed on his mail have been unproductive of any information of value.

JAMES ROE was interviewed with negative results as reflected in the report of Special Agent V. J. VANLANDINGHAM, Kansas City, dated September 7th, 1938.

Information was also received that ROE was a capable aviator, but interview with EARL A. FIELDS has reflected that FIELDS did not think JAMES ROE was capable of flying an airplane or seaplane. (See report of Special Agent C. R. DAVIS, San Antonio, dated August 19th, 1938.)

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JAMES ROE was allegedly contacted by informant [redacted] as reflected by the report of Special Agent H. T. ARTERBERRY, Dallas, April 20th, 1938, but information furnished by BRANNON is not considered to be true. BRANNON reported that JAMES ROE informed him that about two months after this escape a man purporting to be TED COLE contacted him at Hobbs, New Mexico and delivered a note signed "R. R.", purporting to be from RALPH ROE, requesting \$300.00; that JAMES ROE gave \$300 to this unknown individual; that he has not seen or heard from this party since that time; that at this time the individual advised him that he and ROE became separated after they hit the water and that he had not seen RALPH again; that if he, JAMES, heard from RALPH, to have him contact RAY GILES, Oklahoma City.

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Investigation has been conducted regarding friends and associates of JAMES ROE with negative results. Investigation regarding him should be continual and efforts should be made to develop some informant who would be in a position to know the activities of ROE and who would advise the El Paso Office should there be any contact made.

Attention is also directed to the letter from El Paso to this office dated November 5th, 1938 which reflects that JAMES ROE called at the El Paso Office and complained regarding investigations being made as to him. He denied having heard from RALPH ROE and did not think that subject ROE was successful in his escape. He was advised that instant investigation would be conducted until RALPH ROE was located or it was definitely ascertained that he was dead.

ROE, MRS. JAMES (FAE), sister-in-law, Arcadia, California. She has been separated from her husband for sometime but they are not divorced, but such action is contemplated. The report of Special Agent R. H. PRANKE, dated at Los Angeles, December 22d, 1937, page 11, reveals that surveillance was conducted and that a mail cover was placed on Mrs. FAE ROE with negative results. The report of Special Agent R. P. KRAMER, Los Angeles, dated December 27th, 1937, page 22, reflects an interview with her but she furnished no information of value. It is thought that further investigation should be conducted regarding FAE ROE, and that an effort be made to have someone in the immediate vicinity of her home or place of employment act as an informant, as it is believed that she would harbor or assist subject ROE.

ROE, RAYMOND, brother, Box 242, Hays, Kansas. RAYMOND ROE, who is employed as district foreman for the Halliburton Oil Well Cementing Company, is alleged to possess a good reputation. He has been interviewed as reflected in the report of Special Agent W. L. LISTERMAN, Kansas City, dated December 23th, 1937, page 2, at which time he furnished some information regarding his brothers and stated he would furnish any information he might receive regarding the whereabouts of his

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brother, the subject. He admitted that during August, 1937 he and his wife made a trip to San Francisco but denied that he saw subject ROE.

Mrs. RAYMOND ROE was interviewed in the absence of her husband, as disclosed by the report of Special Agent W. L. LISTERMAN, Kansas City, dated January 24th, 1938, page 15, but she stated they had received no information regarding the escape. The report of Special Agent D. P. SULLIVAN, El Paso, dated September 22d, 1938 wherein an interview with JAMES ROE is reported, reflects on page 2 that JAMES ROE stated he had visited RAYMOND ROE on August 21st, 1938; that they discussed subject's escape but that neither of them had received any information since the report was printed that he had escaped.

However, attention is called to the report of Special Agent R. T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, dated April 28th, 1938, page 3, concerning information furnished by informant [] that HAZEL UNDERHILL, the closest friend of subject ROE, was interested in obtaining a large sum of bonds which she claimed she obtained from WILBUR UNDERHILL and after his death turned over to RAYMOND ROE for safekeeping. Attention is also called to the letter to the Bureau from this office dated April 16th, 1938 regarding information furnished by [] to the effect that about April 1st, 1938 he saw HAZEL UNDERHILL at Kaw City, Oklahoma with JEAN DAVIS, at which time she had a large sum of money derived from the sale of bonds allegedly stolen by ROE and UNDERHILL. She informed [] 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. [] was of the opinion that the signature was not forged but was a true signature of RALPH ROE. The reliability of [] has not been established.

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Further contact should be had with RAYMOND ROE and efforts should be made to develop an informant in his neighborhood.

ROE, ROY, brother, presently an inmate of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma. ROY ROE was received at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary on February 9th, 1937 and was incarcerated before and after this escape. He has not been interviewed regarding possible contacts of his brother, and same will be done. His correspondence will also be checked and he will be interviewed for information as to the identity and whereabouts of DAVID DALLAS, an ex-convict friend. (See report of Special Agent C. R. DAVIS, San Antonio, dated July 23d, 1938.)

SISK, MRS. ELMER, aunt, RFD, Excelsior Springs, Missouri. She advised an Agent she had not seen subject ROE since he visited Excelsior Springs with his mother when he was six or seven years of age, and that since that time she had received no correspondence or other infor-

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mation concerning his activities or whereabouts. (See report of Special Agent H. W. SAVAGE dated at Kansas City, April 11th, 1938.)

TYWATERS, MRS. ALBERT, 515 Isley Street, Excelsior Springs, Missouri.

A report of Special Agent H. W. SAVAGE, Kansas City, dated April 11th, 1938 reflects that she was interviewed but was unable to furnish any information of value.

THEODORE COLE with aliases: TED
COLE, THEADORE COLE, ROY JACKSON -
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.

THEODORE COLE, a native of Kansas, bears the reputation of being a killer. He is moronic and vicious. He was convicted in Federal Court at Guthrie, Oklahoma on May 20th, 1935 on charges of kidnaping and was sentenced to serve 50 years in a U. S. Penitentiary. On October 22d, 1929 he was received at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, under sentence of death, upon a charge of robbery, but same was commuted to 15 years. However, he escaped from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary. Very little is known of his family life, although it is known that for some years he resided with his family in the vicinity of Stroud, Oklahoma. Some of his former associates have stated that they did not think that COLE would remain with ROE for any length of time if their escape was a success as COLE would not stand for ROE drinking and playing around with women. They also advised that COLE, if successful, would not mingle with the public but would be able to stand isolation until he had "cooled off". He did not associate with women companions to the same extent as ROE and he did not associate with criminal gangs as did ROE. Most of his criminal associates are presently confined in some penitentiary, some of his closest friends having been developed while he was also an inmate.

With reference to the COLE family, he has been much closer to his immediate family and relatives than ROE. His stepfather and mother, Mr. and Mrs. FRED COLE reside at Woodlake, California, while a sister, Mrs. VIOLA DAWSON resides at Bell, California. About 1928 or 1929 he resided with his parents at Alpena Pass, Arkansas where he married MARIE WYNNE, who has since divorced him. He has one child, BILLY WYNNE COLE, who resides with COLE's former wife. He also has numerous relatives in Oklahoma and a complete list is set forth below.

BAUGHMAN, MRS. FANNIE, aunt, RFD#2, Stroud, Oklahoma. She is reported to be residing with her mother, the grandmother of subject COLE, and is also reported to be mentally unbalanced. She has four daughters, two of them, names MRS. RALPH PAYNE and MRS. JEAN HYATT, being mentioned below, while she has two other daughters, CLARA and MARGARET.

Mrs. RALPH PAYNE when interviewed was unable to furnish the last names of these two sisters, but they reside in the vicinity of Stroud, Oklahoma. These relatives will be interviewed for information.

BRACE, ERNEST, uncle, RFD, Stroud, Oklahoma. Efforts to interview BRACE have been unsuccessful. VIOLA DAWSON, sister of subject, advised ERNEST BRACE has three children, MELVIN, JUANITA and VESTAL, all single and living with their parents. (See report of Special Agent R. P. KRAMER, Los Angeles, December 21st, 1937.)

BRACE, CHARLES, cousin, Amarillo, Texas. Mrs. VIOLA DAWSON when interviewed as shown in the report of Special Agent R. P. KRAMER dated at Los Angeles December 21st, 1937, page 19, stated that her mother had a brother, FRED BRACE, who was deceased, and that he had a son CHARLES who, to her knowledge, was last working for Montgomery-Ward at Amarillo. His mother, DONA, has remarried, her married name being unknown, and is living near Sapulpa, Oklahoma. A definite address will be determined for these relatives and leads will then be set out to interview them.

BRACE, MRS. NETTIE, maternal grandmother, RFD, Stroud, Oklahoma. She is reported to reside with her daughter, Mrs. FANNIE BAUGHMAN but efforts to interview her have been unsuccessful. She will be interviewed for full information as to subject's relatives and associates and their present addresses.

COLE, MRS. ALICE, step-grandmother, 528 West 44th Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma. She resides with her daughter, Mrs. GUY VAUGHAN and was interviewed as shown in the report of Special Agent J. V. MURPHY, Oklahoma City, dated December 23d, 1937, page 6. She advised she had not seen subject COLE for ten years and she did not think that any of his relatives would assist him other than Mrs. FRED COLE. She did not think that subject COLE would contact her as he did not know her whereabouts.

COLE, Mr. and Mrs. FRED, stepfather and mother, Woodlake, California. Immediately upon the escape of subjects, surveillance was maintained at the home of these individuals with negative results. Their home is 2½ miles from Woodlake. Upon interview they denied any knowledge of the contemplated escape or any information as to the present whereabouts of COLE. (See report of Special Agent R. N. PRANKIE, Los Angeles, December 22d, 1937). This surveillance was continued and they were again interviewed as disclosed by the report of Special Agent R. P. KRAMER, Los Angeles, December 27th, 1937. Mrs. COLE stated she had seen subject twice since 1937, the last time being in July; that she wrote to him every Monday but received only a few replies, and that COLE had given absolutely no indication of any intention to escape. Although they assured Agent of their desire to cooperate in this matter, it is not be-

lieved that they will furnish any information should they receive same. Arrangements have been made with several of their neighbors who have maintained watch on their home and these informants should be recontacted at periodic intervals for information. Mail covers on the mail of Mr. and Mrs. COLE have not been productive of any information and it may be that they are using an alternate mailing address.

Reference is made also to the report of Special Agent R. P. KRAMER dated at Los Angeles, January 8th, 1938 which reflects that Mr. and Mrs. COLE were interviewed concerning their connection with HUGH BUTCHER and FLOYD HILL, with negative results. Attention is called to the review of the information concerning BUTCHER and HILL set forth hereinafter in this report. Further investigation will be conducted concerning this matter.

Mrs. COLE was interviewed with negative results as reported in the report of Special Agent R. H. SIMONS, Los Angeles, dated October 12th, 1938.

COLE, MRS. MARIE WYNNE alias "ALPENA MARIE", ex-wife, Alpena Pass, Arkansas. She and COLE were married in 1929 after a courtship of three weeks, and they did not live together after August, 1929. They have one child, BILLIE, born in 1930, residing with his mother, and she states that subject COLE has never seen his son. She is a prostitute and plies her trade in various parts of Arkansas, Missouri and Kansas. She has been interviewed as shown in the reports of Special Agents D. R. MORLEY and P. A. PRATT, Little Rock, dated January 4th, 1938 and April 1st, 1938 respectively. She, as well as her mother, Mrs. J. D. WYNNE, denies that they had any information to indicate that subject is alive. However she expressed a willingness to act as an informant in this case for a sum of money. Investigation is being conducted at the present time by the Kansas City and Little Rock Offices concerning her, in view of the fact that she has made statements that she saw COLE at Pittsburgh, Kansas and has been in communication with him. Results of this investigation to this date are shown in the reports of Special Agents R. F. NEWKIRK and E. H. KRIEGER, Kansas City, dated October 14th, 1938 and October 26th, 1938 respectively, and the report of Special Agent W. F. WHITELEY, Little Rock, dated November 3d, 1938.

COLLINS, MRS. WILLIAM, aunt, whereabouts unknown. She formerly resided at Stroud, Oklahoma but left about September, 1937. She and her family follow carnivals and fairs, operating lunch stands, and their present whereabouts are unknown. In view of this fact and because they disappeared a short time before instant escape, efforts will be made immediately at Stroud, Oklahoma, their former home, to determine their present whereabouts in order that they may be contacted. She has two sons,

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JOHN and LESTER who reside with her. Chief of Police VANSICKLE, Stroud, Oklahoma has attempted to obtain information as to her whereabouts without success.

CORNETT, Mrs. R. B. (PAULINE), sister, RFD, Stroud, Oklahoma. R.B. (REBEL) CORNETT, subject COLE's brother-in-law, was arrested in Dallas with this subject. Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. V. Murphy, Oklahoma City, dated December 23d, 1937 wherein information was received to the effect that CORNETT had at one time furnished information to officers which led to the apprehension of COLE; that CORNETT himself would not be friendly with COLE; that shortly after the arrest of COLE for the kidnaping for which he was serving instant sentence, Mrs. FRED COLE tried to get CORNETT to kill J.A. RUTHERFORD, the victim, and upon his refusal, she forced Mrs. CORNETT to leave her husband. About four months later CORNETT met Mrs. COLE on the streets of Stroud and after whipping her, he took his wife home. When Agents proceeded to the CORNETT home to interview Mrs. CORNETT, he had a shotgun, stating he was afraid it was subject COLE, for if COLE ever came to his home, it would be to kill him, CORNETT on account of his trouble with Mrs. COLE. Both Mr. and Mrs. CORNETT expressed a willingness to cooperate in this matter and furnished information concerning COLE's former associates and contacts. However, they each stated that they had not received any information regarding the escape or the probable whereabouts of subjects.

Mrs. CORNETT was again interviewed as shown in the report of Special Agent J. V. MURPHY, Oklahoma City, December 29th, 1937 but she had no additional information.

[redacted] colored, an informant, has watched their home to see if COLE appears. On December 21st, 1937 he was at the home of the CORNETTS at which time they claimed they knew nothing about COLE and wondered if he had managed to successfully escape. Chief of Police VANSICKLE has also been watching for the appearance of COLE in that vicinity. Further contact will be had with Mr. and Mrs. CORNETT.

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DAWSON, MRS. G.I. (VIOLA or VIOLET), half-sister, 6238 Gifford Street, Bell, California. The report of Special Agent R.N. PRANKE, Los Angeles, dated December 22d, 1937, pages 3 to 8 inclusive, reveals that a surveillance was maintained on the DAWSON home with negative results. An interview was had with Mrs. DAWSON, as shown in the report referred to, at which time she stated she last visited COLE during June or July, 1937 and had received no information regarding the escape or his probable whereabouts. She furnished information concerning his personal history and relatives, but was unable to furnish the names of any contacts. She was of the opinion that if successful, COLE would probably contact his mother and full sister, PAULINE CORNETT. She agreed to

cooperate in this matter and the Agents interviewing her were of the opinion that she would do so. She was re-interviewed, as shown in the report of Special Agent R. P. KRAMER dated at Los Angeles, December 27, 1937, page 19, at which time she furnished further information regarding subject COLE's relatives and reiterated that she would cooperate in this investigation. The report of Special Agent R. P. KRAMER, Los Angeles, dated January 8th, 1938 reflects that she was again interviewed with negative results.

Neighbors have been watching the DAWSON home at the request of the Los Angeles Office and as a result information was received that an old man driving a Pontiac Sedan bearing Washington license A-105925, visited the DAWSON home. Investigation is being requested of the Seattle Office to check the identity of the owner of this license.

GROVES, MRS. WILLIAM (LOTTIE), cousin, Stroud, Oklahoma. Information furnished by Mrs. VIOLA DAWSON reflects that Mrs. GROVES is the daughter of LILLIE BRACE, maternal aunt of subject COLE, who is deceased. She has a sister, THELMA, last name unknown, and a brother LEE, whereabouts unknown. Addresses of these cousins should be ascertained in order that they may be interviewed and Mrs. GROVES will be contacted for any information she may possess.

HYATT, Mrs. TIM (JEAN), cousin, Sapulpa, Oklahoma. She is the daughter of Mrs. FANNIE BAUGHMAN and has not been interviewed, but same will be done in the near future.

PAYNE, MRS. RALPH (ALTA MAE), cousin, Penryn, California. She is the daughter of Mrs. FANNIE BAUGHMAN and was interviewed as reported in the report of Special Agent J. E. THORNTON, San Francisco, February 25th, 1938, with negative results. However she furnished the names of relatives and appeared willing to cooperate.

VAUGHAN, MRS. GUY, 528 West 44th, Tulsa, Oklahoma, step-aunt. Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. V. MURPHY, Oklahoma City, December 23d, 1937, page 6, which reflects an interview with Mrs. VAUGHAN. She stated she had not seen subject since he was about 13 years of age and consequently could furnish no information regarding him. She was of the opinion that ESTHER COLE, subject COLE's mother, would be the only relative who would assist him. She appears willing to cooperate and further contact will be had with her.

DESCRIPTIVE DATA

The following is the description of RALPH ROE as obtained from the files of Alcatraz Prison, Oklahoma City file 91-111 and the Identification Division of the Bureau:

AGE 33 years (Born 2-5-1906,
Missouri)

HEIGHT 6 feet

WEIGHT 170 lbs.

BUILD Tall, slender

EYES Hazel

HAIR Chestnut

COMP. Fair

MARKS Tattoo star left index and
back of left hand; large cut
scar 2" left forearm.

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The attention of all offices is directed to the letter from the Bureau to all offices dated May 9th, 1938 calling attention to the fact that the photograph appearing on I.O. #1472 does not portray a true likeness of ROE and that his photograph taken by the Oklahoma City Police Department, #15589, same being furnished to each office, was a true likeness of ROE.

The medical record and dental chart of ROE were obtained at Alcatraz Prison and are in the files of the San Francisco Office. Information contained therein as reflected in the report of Special Agent J. E. THORNTON, San Francisco, dated December 21st, 1938, page 11, is as follows:

RALPH ROE:

Varicocele, left

Defective vision, right eye

Gunshot wounds, left arm and at

medial angle of the right scapula

(shoulder-blade)

Slight Exophthalmus (Popeye)

Small McBurney Scar (Appendicitis Operation)

Slight deformity lower 1/3 of right tibia

Weight: 160 lbs.

Height: $71\frac{3}{4}$ inches.

Dental: Has a bridge from #32, #31, #30,

#15, #18, #19 missing. Has pyorrhea.

Admitted to hospital three times:

Diagnosis: Duodenal Ulcers

Chronic Cholecystitis

Gastric Neurasthenia

Adhesions, mild, right

lower quadrant.

The criminal record of ROE can be found on I. O. #1472.

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The following is the description of THEODORE COLE as it appears in the files of Alcatraz Prison:

AGE	26 years (Born 4-6-1912, Kansas)
HEIGHT	5' 8"
WEIGHT	135 lbs.
BUILD	Small, medium
HAIR	Brown
EYES	Blue
COMPLEXION	Fair
MARKS	2" scar corner right lip; small scar middle right cheek; Large 8" scar above knee of left leg.
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The medical and dental chart of COLE were obtained at the Alcatraz Prison and are in the files of the San Francisco Office. Information contained therein (see report of Special Agent J. E. THORNTON, San Francisco, December 21st, 1937, page 11) discloses that he has a scar 12 inches long on the left thigh, which was healed; that he was 65 $\frac{3}{4}$ " tall, weighed 125 pounds and was underweight. Teeth #18 and #31 were missing and he had cavities in teeth #3, #17 and #30.

COLE's criminal record can be found on I.O. #1471.

INFORMANTS

It is thought that if any success is achieved during this investigation to determine if the escape was successful, and if successful the whereabouts of subjects, that this must be done through confidential informants and sources of information. While subjects operated in the southwestern states before their incarceration, information has been received from the informants, as set forth below, that due to their contacts made in various penitentiaries, especially at Alcatraz Prison, subjects have developed contacts with the underworld in the various cities of the United States, and if successful in their escape could hope for a place of asylum with former criminal associates and contacts of present and former inmates of Alcatraz Prison. It is logical to assume that this would be true.

In view of this, it is requested that each office contact its confidential informants and sources of information connected with the underworld and criminal element in an effort to determine if there have been any rumors

regarding this escape or the presence of either of subjects in that vicinity.

In connection with this matter, attention is directed to the teletype from the Bureau to all offices dated December 23d, 1937, advising that the Bureau would pay a reasonable sum to any informant who furnished information to a Bureau representative which resulted in the location of these fugitives. No publicity was to be given to this offer.

Confidential informants have been developed in connection with this case and information obtained from each of them is as follows. Under no circumstances should the names of any of these informants be divulged to any sources.

[redacted] Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, April 28th, 1938, regarding this informant who was alleged to be an underworld character who formerly operated as a smuggler from Old Mexico, and who was supposed to be an intimate associate of HAZEL UNDERHILL. [redacted] when first interviewed, as shown in the report of Special Agent C. O. HURT, Oklahoma City, June 17th, 1938, advised that ROE and COLE would likely contact HAZEL UNDERHILL or friends in the southwest.

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At [redacted] request the writer contacted him on September 4th, 1938 as shown in a letter to the Bureau dated September 9th, 1938 at which time he requested that Agent act as if he were being arrested in order that he could leave GUSSIE THOMPSON, with whom he was living, and proceed to Texas to contact HAZEL UNDERHILL. Agent refused to do this. At the time he stated he had received information that subjects had crossed the border near Monterey and had contacted JEAN DAVIS, wife of ED DAVIS, present inmate of San Quentin and close friend of HAZEL UNDERHILL. It appeared as if [redacted] was merely wanting to get away for a personal escapade. However, [redacted] did proceed to Texas on his own money and on September 17th, 1938 he returned to Oklahoma City, stating he had contacted HAZEL UNDERHILL and had been informed that she and JEAN DAVIS had been in communication with subjects; that ROE had obtained and sold the bonds alleged to have been in the possession of RAYMOND ROE and that ROE and COLE had been jumped by the law someplace in the east. He advised he did not proceed to Old Mexico as the person he hoped to contact was absent. He suggested that he be furnished with sufficient funds to maintain his close association with HAZEL UNDERHILL, but the Bureau subsequently advised he was not to be advanced any funds.

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Reference is also made to the report of Special Agent F. S. SMITH, Oklahoma City, October 15th, 1938 regarding further contact with [redacted] who advised he had received a letter from "FRED", his contact in Old Mex-

ico. He interpreted this letter to mean that subjects have made their escape, had been in Arkansas and Illinois and would return within three or four weeks. On October 12th, 1938 [] called the writer, advising that he was leaving for Texas where he expected to find employment, stating that he was proceeding directly to Refugio, Texas where he would remain a few days. He also stated he would maintain contact with the writer if he received any information, but to date he has not communicated with this office. His forwarding address will be determined at [] in order that contact may be had with him.

[] has been promised a reasonable amount if he furnishes information leading to the apprehension of subjects. His reliability has not been established.

[] Texarkana, Texas. [] who claimed to be an associate of JAMES ROE was released from the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth on March 29th, 1938 and with Bureau authority, arrangements were made with him to contact JAMES ROE. He furnished information as to friends and connections of JAMES and RALPH ROE, as shown in the report of Special Agent JOHN CORE, Kansas City, dated April 4th, 1938.

Attention is called to the report of Special Agent H. T. ARTERBERRY, Dallas, April 20th, 1938 covering the results of [] contact with JAMES ROE. He stated JAMES ROE advised him that about two months after instant escape, a man purporting to be TED COLE contacted him, delivering a note signed "R.R.", alleged to be from RALPH ROE, requesting \$300.00; that JAMES ROE gave \$300.00 to the unknown individual who said he and RALPH ROE became separated when they hit the water and that if he, JAMES, heard from RALPH, to have him contact RAY GILES, Oklahoma City.

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[] obviously falsified relative to this information which he allegedly received from JAMES ROE. The Bureau advised the Dallas Office by letter dated May 9th, 1938 that extreme caution should be used in further contact with []. He was again contacted by Agents as reflected in the report of Special Agent H. T. ARTERBERRY, Dallas, June 27th, 1938 but could supply no information with reference to instant case.

[] name was furnished as one who might possess information regarding subjects, but he was interviewed as disclosed in the report of Special Agent F. S. SMITH, Oklahoma City, April 12th, 1938 at which time he

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denied any knowledge of ROE or COLE.

[redacted] Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, April 28th, 1938, which reflects that [redacted] has acted as an informant for numerous officers in this vicinity and depends upon rewards for a living. His reliability in this matter has not been established. However he undoubtedly is friendly with HAZEL UNDERHILL and has exhibited letters from her. He is a brother-in-law of informant [redacted] and furnished the name of [redacted] as probably possessing information in this case, saying that [redacted] had informed him that ROE was in direct touch with one LOUPE (phonetic spelling) of Rio Rico, Mexico.

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Attention is called to the letter from this office to the Bureau dated April 16th, 1938 reflecting further interview with [redacted] in which he stated he saw HAZEL UNDERHILL and JEAN DAVIS at Kaw City, Oklahoma about April 1st, 1938 at which time HAZEL UNDERHILL had a large sum of money allegedly derived from the sale of bonds stolen by ROE and WILBUR UNDERHILL, and that she advised him she had been forced to use a forged signature of ROE in order to obtain the bonds from his brother, RAYMOND ROE. [redacted] was of the opinion that the signature was a true signature of ROE and that he had been successful in making his escape.

Further contact has been had with [redacted] but he has been unable to obtain any information of value regarding this case. It should be noted that informant [redacted] has mentioned that he did not have any faith in [redacted] as every criminal knew that [redacted] had acted as an informant for various officers.

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INFORMANT "R", Seminole, Oklahoma. (Also referred to as INFORMANT "N")

Informant "R" is a confidential informant of [redacted] Seminole, Oklahoma and was reported to be very friendly with the JOHNSON boys, formerly of that vicinity who were close associates of WILBUR UNDERHILL and RALPH ROE, and who harbored UNDERHILL. She claimed to have known ROE before his incarceration. She advised Agents that SEEDALL "SLEEPY" JOHNSON was in Seminole during September, 1937 at which time his constant conversation was about RALPH ROE who, he claimed, would escape from Alcatraz Island. It was determined that the JOHNSON family were residing at Phoenix, Arizona and informant "R" planned to visit in Phoenix and arrangements were made with her that she should contact the JOHNSONS for information regarding this escape. (See report of Special Agent J. V. MURPHY, Oklahoma City, February 21st, 1938.)

Attention is also called to page 9 of the report of Special Agent R. T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, April 28th, 1938 in which it reflects that this informant advised Agent F. S. SMITH that a friend of the JOHNSON family,

name withheld, had advised her that he had received information from "SLEEPY" and "LON" JOHNSON that subjects made their escape. She left Seminole in order to contact the JOHNSONS but did not proceed farther than Dallas. Upon her return she stated she had received information from one BERT WYLIE that "SLEEPY" JOHNSON wanted her to communicate with him at Telephone #3-6481, Kansas City. However it was later determined that there was no such telephone number in Kansas City. In view of the failure of this informant to carry out the plans agreed upon, it is doubtful if she is reliable, however further contact will be had with her and the present whereabouts of the JOHNSON boys will be obtained.

INFORMANT "13", Seminole, Oklahoma. Information has been previously furnished the Bureau regarding the background of this informant who is a conditional releasee from the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth. Upon his release from the U. S. Penitentiary where he had been confined for violation of the HARRISON Narcotic Act, "13" returned to Seminole and at the request of JAKE SIMS he made a trip, allegedly to contact HAZEL UNDERHILL. Attention is called to the letter from this office to the Bureau dated September 9th, 1938, page 3, showing JAKE SIMS advised that upon the return of this informant after contacting HAZEL UNDERHILL, he stated that she had received a postcard postmarked Englewood Station, Chicago, which stated that the writer would see her within a few days; that HAZEL UNDERHILL told him the card was in the handwriting of ROE, but that no one had shown up. Informant was of the opinion that HERBERT ALLEN FARMER possessed information concerning subjects, saying he had received information that FARMER was in Dallas. This information is at variance with information furnished by the informant when personally interviewed, as shown below, but the variance may be due to the information being reported by SIMS.

Reference is also made to the letter to the Bureau from this office dated September 24th, 1938 reflecting an interview with this informant. He stated he had been a close friend and associate of ROE for many years and was a cellmate of ROE at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester. He advised he would not attempt to discover any information as to their whereabouts, but that due to his friendship for and confidence in JAKE SIMS, he would aid the Bureau in determining whether subjects were successful in their escape and if successful, he would get definite proof. He further advised that he had talked with one MICKEY CAREY, a friend and business associate of HERBERT ALLEN FARMER, ex-Alcatraz, and gathered from their conversation that subjects got away; that CAREY undoubtedly received his information from FARMER, whose theory was that BAILEY and BATES, kidnapers of CHARLES URSCHEL, promoted the escape and promised subjects they would be taken care of until they had "cooled off". He stated that a certain party, withholding the name, received a postcard from Chicago sometime after the escape, making inquiry as to the location of HAZEL UNDERHILL, indicating that they were anxious to locate her and

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that it was thought that this card was from ROE. This informant is of the opinion that HAZEL UNDERHILL should have more information than any other person regarding ROE, and that if she possessed any information he could get it as he had helped her on numerous occasions and she knew of his friendship for ROE and had confided in him in the past. Arrangements were made with him in order that he would contact HAZEL UNDERHILL for information. However before he could proceed to Texas to contact her, information was received that she had been in Seminole. Further contact was had with this informant as revealed in the report of Special Agent F. S. SMITH, dated October 15th, 1938, page 3, at Oklahoma City. Informant was unable to locate her and he did not think it advisable to drop in on HAZEL UNDERHILL at her present address in Texas without being prepared to tell her how he ascertained her address, and he would not contact her unless he could avoid suspicion. He will contact her at the earliest practicable time.

It should be noted that all arrangements have been made with this informant through JAKE SIMS and he has expressed a willingness to assist in this matter only because of the suggestion of SIMS. It is extremely doubtful whether he would furnish any information other than through SIMS. Contact is being maintained with Informant "13" through JAKE SIMS who considers him reliable and who is of the opinion that should the informant receive any information he would furnish it to him, SIMS, who has been very cooperative in this investigation.

Informant "13" is of the opinion that subjects escaped and are alive, saying that while COLE is dangerous and brainless, ROE is of a thoroughly different type, being very conservative. He did not think that ROE would have jumped into the Bay without what he considered better than a fifty-fifty chance to be successful.

INFORMANT "Z", Bartlesville, Oklahoma. This informant has a wide acquaintance with the underworld in Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas, Texas and Oklahoma and knows ROE and his associates. He has in the past furnished valuable information to Special Agent F. S. SMITH.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent F. S. SMITH, Oklahoma City, April 1st, 1938 wherein is reported an interview with him. He advised Agent that he was talking with a man whose identity he would not furnish but whom he considered reliable, and when "Z" stated he thought subjects had drowned, the unknown individual said he knew positively that ROE and COLE had escaped; that they were both furnished clothing and finances after they escaped and are o.k. He agreed to contact a friend for more information.

Attention is also called to the report of Special Agent F. S. SMITH

dated at Oklahoma City April 12th, 1938, reflecting that "Z" telephonically communicated with Agent from Joplin, Missouri, stating that "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 he had his troubles and did not want any more and had him leave." He also said that the party previously referred to as giving him the original information was in Texas for a few days. The "big deaf fellow" referred to is HERBERT ALLEN FARMER.

"Z" was again interviewed as shown in the report of Special Agent R.T. HOOD, April 28th, 1938, Oklahoma City, page 6, at which time he stated that subjects received assistance from an ex-convict brother of ROE, referring undoubtedly to JAMES ROE, in the escape; that the escape was effected with an oil barrel and paddles; that both subjects had been taking strenuous exercise for a long period, using an automobile casing for that purpose; that after escaping, the ex-convict brother of ROE furnished them with a car and either accompanied them or preceded them to Joplin where contact was had with HERBERT FARMER and another man whose identity "Z" would not divulge; that FARMER probably helped subjects and undoubtedly knew their whereabouts. He advised that ROE and COLE planned to proceed to Fort Smith, Arkansas from Joplin to make contact with a connection of RUSSELL COOPER, presently confined. "Z" also said that one MICKEY CAREY, an associate of FARMER, probably knew the whereabouts of subjects.

Reference is also made to the report of Special Agent L. E. KINGMAN, Oklahoma City, August 6th, 1938 concerning an interview with "Z", who stated he had received information from one ROY G. WILLIAMS, a whisky runner, that subjects had been in the vicinity of Longview, Texas. Investigation conducted by the Dallas office has failed to substantiate this information.

Informant "Z" was last contacted as shown in the report of Special Agent F. S. SMITH, Oklahoma City, October 15th, 1937, but he had received no further information than that previously furnished Agents. He agreed to proceed to Joplin to contact his source of information and on October 12th, 1938 he telegraphed from that place as follows:

"HAVE TALKED TO MC NOTHING DEFINITE
H JUST GOT IN FROM SALT LAKE WILL
TALK TO HIM TOMORROW AND WILL WIRE
YOU MY FINDINGS."

The initials "MC" refer to MICKEY CAREY and the letter "H" no doubt refers to HERBERT ALLEN FARMER. However, some information had been re-

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ceived that FARMER was operating a liquor store in Dallas, and as "Z" stated he had just returned from Salt Lake, the Kansas City Office was requested to determine if FARMER was actually in Joplin as stated by informant. On the same date the Kansas City Office advised that FARMER was then in Joplin and had been there right along; that he had appeared in Court at Neosho on October 11th, 1938 on a gambling charge. On October 12th, 1938 another telegram was received from "Z" stating there was nothing important and that he was returning to his home.

Further contact will be had with "Z" and efforts will be made to verify his information in order that it may be learned if he is reliable. However, attention is called to the information furnished by Informant "13" regarding FARMER.

[redacted] She was formerly a contact for [redacted] She informed some attorney, name unknown, that ROE and COLE had made a successful escape with both inside and outside help. She was interviewed as shown on page 4 of the report of Special Agent C. O. HURT, Oklahoma City, dated February 14th, 1938 whereupon she stated she did not know either of subjects, although she formerly associated with many well known criminals and expected to marry BRUCE BRADY, a big time criminal. She admitted she had "popped off" to an attorney in Oklahoma City about the escape, but that she did not possess any information concerning same. She is an informant of SMITH LEAHY, Deputy United States Marshal, Pawhuska, and agreed to cooperate in this investigation. She will be contacted through LEAHY to determine if she has received any information regarding subjects, and if not, she will be requested to contact BRUCE BRADY and other criminal associates of subject for information.

[redacted] Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. V. MURPHY, Oklahoma City, dated December 22d, 1937, page 7. concerning this informant, who is the informant of [redacted] and who was thought to possess some information regarding activities in that vicinity. He was contacted by LATHROP and stated he was not well acquainted with ROE but would make inquiry, and in the event he secured any information he would furnish same to LATHROP who agreed to immediately advise this office. However, no further advice has been received and LATHROP will be requested to contact [redacted] for information.

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[redacted] wrote the Bureau under date of April 2d, 1936 advising he did time at Leavenworth with subjects; that watching BILLIE BROWN, Sapulpa, Oklahoma, might find something; that three cons in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, could talk if they would, namely BOB BRIDGES, ERNIE JONES and _____ MORGAN, the latter in

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on a car rap. He said that certain prisoners in Alcatraz were figuring on doing something. Efforts to locate [] were unsuccessful for a great length of time.

However, reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. H. NICHOLSON, dated at Peoria, October 26th, 1936 which reveals that [] voluntarily contacted Agents and upon interview he stated he served time with ROE, COLE and RUSSELL KENNETH DOWNING with aliases; Fugitive, I.O. #1452; that after subjects had been notified that they were to be transferred to Alcatraz he overheard them making plans to escape from Alcatraz and that DOWNING was present when this conversation took place. He further advised that in December, 1936 he received a letter from BOB BRIDGES, then an inmate of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, stating that BILLIE BROWN, 100 block South 4th Street, Sapulpa, Oklahoma, had been the former sweetheart of ROE and that she had considerable property, including bonds, which were stolen by ROE. BRIDGES asked PUGH to find a fence and help BILLIE BROWN dispose of this property but he did not comply and has not heard from BRIDGES since that time.

[] was not questioned regarding the other information furnished in his letter dated April 22d, 1938 and he should be thoroughly interrogated regarding any information he may possess. The attention of the Peoria Office is directed to information set forth in this report hereinafter under the heading of Contacts, regarding BILLIE BROWN and others mentioned by []

[] (Also referred to as [] [] formerly served a sentence at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester where he associated with ROE and he is acquainted with COLE. [] deceased, and his niece was formerly the wife of ALVIN KARPIS. He furnished information regarding former associates of subjects and agreed to contact HAZEL UNDERHILL. He stated that it was his belief that ROE would not have attempted to escape unless fairly good arrangements had been made, stating that ROE was naturally a coward, but that COLE had plenty of daring and courage and would try anything. It was also his belief, based only on supposition, that "DOC" BARKER probably planned the escape and financed them, expecting them to assist him in a later escape; that if BARKER did assist them he could probably arrange for them to make connections in Chicago. (See letter to Bureau from this office dated March 29th, 1938.)

Reference is also made to the report of SAC E. P. GUINANE, Oklahoma City, dated April 5th, 1938 wherein is reported further information received from RICHARDSON after he had attempted to locate HAZEL UNDERHILL at Monahans, Texas; that he advised he had run across an ex-convict whom he knew and he informed him he had seen COLE, referring to him as "the little fellow", at Brownsville, Texas about April 1st, 1938. However RICHARDSON stated

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that the ex-convict was partially drunk and could have been "talking wild." He later contacted the ex-convict while sober but his statements varied from his previous assertions. (See report of Special Agent R. T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, April 28th, 1938.) RICHARDSON was unable to locate HAZEL UNDERHILL or to obtain any information regarding her whereabouts and returned to Oklahoma City. However attention is called to letter of this office to the Bureau dated May 25th, 1938, which discloses RICHARDSON had contacted HAZEL UNDERHILL who advised him that she believed subjects had made their escape but intimated she had no information whatsoever. She also stated she was marrying a respectable citizen at Levelland, Texas and did not want any further association with criminals. It will be noted however that this marriage has not taken place.

[redacted] has communicated with this office recently, stating he has received no information regarding ROE and COLE. It is believed that should he receive such information he would immediately furnish same to this office.

[redacted] Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. V. MURPHY, Oklahoma City, dated December 23d, 1937, concerning [redacted] whose name was furnished by Chief of Police VANSICKLE as being the most reliable person living in the vicinity of the CORNETT home. He talked with the CORNETTS on December 21st, 1938 but they did not appear to possess any information regarding the escape or COLE's probable whereabouts. He agreed to watch the CORNETT home, saying that if he received any information he would communicate with VANSICKLE. However he has not furnished any information although he has been contacted by VANSICKLE on several occasions. Further contact will be had with SHAW.

[redacted] [redacted] is an informant of [redacted] of the Tulsa Police Department; is a former Undersheriff of Fort Smith, Arkansas. He is also acting as an informant for the Narcotics Bureau. When last contacted on October 2d, 1938 he stated he was proceeding to New Mexico and Texas in connection with his activities with the Narcotic Bureau. He advised he would attempt to discover some information regarding subjects in those states. He previously furnished information as to the identity of JACK "FATS" MILES as reflected in the report of Special Agent E. F. EHRICH, Oklahoma City, dated September 24th, 1938, While [redacted] information has not been shown to be of great value, contact will be maintained with him, and he will be interviewed as soon as he returns to Tulsa.

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ALBERTS, HARRY J., El Paso, Texas. Reference is made to the letter from the Kansas City Office to the Bureau dated March 29th, 1938 regarding information furnished by [redacted] informant. [redacted] later allegedly contacted JAMES ROE but the information he furnished as a result of this contact is doubtful in value. However [redacted] prior to his discharge from Leavenworth, ascertained from other inmates that JAMES and RALPH ROE had several friends and connections, and the name of HARRY J. ALBERTS, alleged to have been a candidate for Sheriff at El Paso, was mentioned therein. Although the brief information by [redacted] may have been untrue, it is thought that contact should be made with the various persons mentioned by [redacted]

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[redacted], attorney, McAlester, Oklahoma. Attention is called to the report of Special Agent J. V. MURPHY, dated at Oklahoma City, December 22d, 1937, page 11, which discloses that JAKE SIMS had advised that COLE had an attorney at McAlester whose name he could not recall who successfully commuted COLE's death sentence to one of 15 years, and that COLE's opinion of this attorney was very high. The identity of this attorney has not been determined but same will be established and he will be interviewed for information of value if preliminary investigation discloses such contact to be prudent.

BAILEY, "SLIM", address unknown. Mrs. CECIL NOEL, formerly Mrs. JACK LLOYD when interviewed, as shown in the report of Special Agent D. P. SULLIVAN, El Paso, August 8th, 1938, mentioned the name of BAILEY as being a good friend and contact of ROE. She stated that BAILEY was sentenced to the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth as the result of some robbery, for a term of about 7 or 9 years, about the time ROE and LLOYD were sentenced. BAILEY has never been identified or interviewed. Leads are being set forth for the Kansas City Office to determine his identity in the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, while this office will attempt to locate and identify BAILEY through informants and other persons interviewed, who were close associates of ROE and COLE.

BARKER, RUTH and JIM, 710 Avenue B, Childress, Texas. Their names were furnished as possible contacts of COLE by City Marshal VANSICKLE of Stroud, Oklahoma, who stated they had formerly harbored COLE. Surveillance was maintained over the BARKER's home and a mail cover was placed, but such efforts proved negative. (See report of Special Agent R. C. COULTER, Dallas, January 4th, 1938.) The Los Angeles Office was requested to interview FRED and ESTHER COLE regarding the BARKERS by letter dated January 17th, 1938 but same has not been done. BARKER admitted a friendship for COLE when interviewed as shown in the report of

Special Agent R. C. COULTER, dated at Dallas, March 8th, 1938, but denied he had received any information regarding the escape of COLE since the escape. Further contact will be had with the BARKERS.

BISHOP, HOMER, attorney, Seminole, Oklahoma. BISHOP possesses an unsavory reputation and is alleged to have been ROE's attorney prior to his incarceration. It is not thought that BISHOP will be cooperative but Sheriff BOSE JOHNSON, Sulphur, Oklahoma is of the opinion that BISHOP will furnish information to him if he possesses same. It is also thought that he would furnish information to JAKE SINS, Chief of Police, Seminole, Oklahoma, and these officers will be requested to make an immediate contact with BISHOP in an effort to obtain information from him.

BLACKBURN, MARIE alias MARY BROWN, MARIE BLACKWELL, "BABE" BLACKBURN, 709 "E" Street, S.E., Ardmore, Oklahoma. Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. V. MURPHY, Oklahoma City, December 17th, 1937, page 2, which reflects that MARIE BLACKBURN was corresponding with ROE while he was confined in the Muskogee County Jail, at which time she was residing at Winslow, Arizona. Efforts to locate her at Winslow and Prescott, Arizona were unsuccessful but it was determined that she formerly operated a house of prostitution at Winslow about 1935.

The files of the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, reflect that JAMES ROE was allegedly married to "BABE" BLACKBURN in 1930 (See report of Special Agent W. L. LISTERMAN, Kansas City, December 28th, 1937, page 10). It is thought he furnished this information in order that she might correspond with him. It is thought that "BABE" BLACKBURN is identical with MARIE BLACKBURN.

It will be noted in the report of Special Agent J. V. MURPHY, Oklahoma City, February 3d, 1938, page 5, that she is employed as a hostess at the Pajarillo Club at Ardmore. She is alleged to have many connections with bank robbers and other criminals and has the reputation of never "squealing" on anyone. Upon interview she stated she met ROE through JACK LLOYD and that she associated with him until he was sentenced to the penitentiary and that she corresponded with him thereafter, and up until he was transferred to Alcatraz Island. She also stated she was in love with ROE and doubted if he would communicate with her but she expressed a willingness to cooperate in this matter to avoid possible harboring charges.

Attention is called to the report of SAC E. P. GUINANE, Oklahoma City, dated May 26th, 1938, page 4, which discloses that Sheriff RANDOLPH of Ardmore, Oklahoma, who is well acquainted with MARIE BLACKBURN, at the request of this office contacted her but was advised that she did not

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possess any information regarding ROE's whereabouts and had not seen him. RANDOLPH and Deputy Sheriff JIM LATHROP, who have been very cooperative in this matter, are of the opinion that she would furnish them information if ROE returned to the vicinity or communicated with her. They will immediately forward any information received to this office.

Further contact will be had with MARIE BLACKBURN by this office.

BOYD, COTTON, Alpena Pass, Arkansas. Reference is made to the report of Special Agent P. A. PRATT, Little Rock, April 1st, 1938, covering investigation at Alpena Pass, Arkansas, the home of COLE's former wife and child. Particular attention is called to page 5 which reveals that the possibility of COLE contacting one COTTON BOYD, a salesman for Pontiac automobiles, should be borne in mind in connection with further investigation at that place, as he is alleged to be well acquainted with COLE. No further information has been obtained in this matter and leads are being set out for the Little Rock office in connection therewith.

BRADY, BRUCE, A. B. COOPER, private detective, Oklahoma City, furnished the name of BRADY as being formerly associated with the ROE-UNDERHILL gang. BRADY was alleged to have been an inmate of the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth at the time of the escape, but has been released. He may have been released prior to the escape as information furnished by the Probation Office, Oklahoma City, revealed that he could have been released on October 20th, 1937. BRADY is probably under the supervision of JOHN ED FRANKLIN, U. S. Probation Officer, Muskogee, Oklahoma and should be located for interview. It should be determined prior to interview whether he was released at the time of instant escape.

BRADY, LEONA, 710 South Shartel, Oklahoma City. Her name was mentioned as a possible contact in the report of Special Agent C. O. HURT, Oklahoma City, February 14th, 1938 but she has not been interviewed and same will be done immediately. She is the daughter of C. M. DEFER, 710 South Shartel, Oklahoma City, who is probably on relief, and she is Oklahoma City PD #15581.

BRIDGES, BOBBIE, Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma. DON EBREY, ex-OSP #27274, furnished the name of BRIDGES as a friend and possible contact of ROE (See report of Special Agent J. L. THORNTON, San Francisco, December 23d, 1937). However information furnished by EBREY regarding activities of subjects after instant escape was found to be fictitious and admitted to be so by EBREY. However, it is thought that investigation should be conducted regarding BRIDGES who should be interviewed and leads are being set forth for that purpose. His name was also furnished by [redacted] as possessing information, as disclosed

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by his letter to the Bureau dated April 2d, 1938. (See information under [redacted] Informant.) The report of Special Agent J. V. MURPHY, Oklahoma City, dated December 29th, 1938, page 12, reveals that BRIDGES is presently an inmate of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester.

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[redacted] Her name was furnished by JAKE SIMS, Chief of Police, Seminole, Oklahoma, as being a very close friend of ROE, and SIMS advised that an informant, also known as [redacted] but apparently no relation, had seen her in possession of several letters alleged to have been received after ROE's conviction, but prior to his escape. Efforts by Agents, as well as informant [redacted] to locate [redacted] were unsuccessful. Attention is also called to the letter from [redacted] to the Bureau dated April 2d, 1938 as possessing information, and attention is also called to information reflected under the name of [redacted] informant, in this report. Leads are being set forth to locate [redacted] for interview after preliminary investigation is conducted to determine whether subjects have been in communication with her.

CAREY, MICKEY, Joplin, Missouri. He is an associate of HERBERT FARMER and is alleged to be in business partnership with him. Attention is called to the information regarding CAREY set forth under the name of INFORMANT "Z". Investigation should be conducted concerning CAREY in connection with the investigation regarding FARMER.

CARPENTER, DELL, 1213 North Peach Street, Fort Worth, Texas. Attention is called to information furnished by [redacted] as reflected under contact HARRY J. ALBERTS. [redacted] also advised that CARPENTER, who is believed to be an inmate of the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth at the present time, and his family at Fort Worth, are well acquainted with the ROE brothers. Leads are being set forth for the Kansas City and Dallas offices to verify this.

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CLARK, BEULAH, Pawhuska, Oklahoma. Her name is mentioned as a possible contact of subjects in the report of Special Agent C. O. HURT, dated February 14th, 1938 at Oklahoma City, although there is no information regarding her set forth in that report. She is Oklahoma City PD #15582 and is the daughter of CHARLIE and KITTY JOHNSON, Pawhuska. She will be located for interview for information.

COFFRIN, DICK, Atwater, California. Attention is called to the report of Special Agent R. N. PRANKE, Los Angeles, June 10th, 1938, wherein on page 6 is reported an interview with COFFRIN, who stated he met JACK LLOYD while they were inmates of the U.S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth; that he did not see LLOYD after their release until the morning they were arrested, at which time ROE accompanied LLOYD, who asked COFFRIN

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to go hunting with him. However, this was the only time he saw ROE and he stated he was unable to furnish any information regarding his associates and contacts. (See report of Special Agent J. V. MURPHY, Oklahoma City, December 17th, 1937.)

DARR, JESS, Oklahoma City. DARR is a bootlegger of Oklahoma City and Ardmore, Oklahoma who formerly associated with and worked with well known criminals in Oklahoma. Reference is made to the report of Special Agent C. O. HURT, Oklahoma City, February 15th, 1938 setting forth an interview with GORDON TROOP, Oklahoma State Penitentiary trusty who related that COLE visited him at the prison camp in an effort to contact DARR. TROOP is known as an habitual liar and the statement appeared to be fabulous and without foundation. However, the Bureau has requested that DARR be located and interviewed. Investigation at Ardmore where DARR formerly operated revealed he had moved to Oklahoma City. On October 28th, 1938 inquiry at the Police Department, Oklahoma City, revealed that DARR's whereabouts were unknown. He will be located and interviewed regarding the statements by TROOP, for information he may possess regarding this case. He was formerly an inmate of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester.

DAVIS, MRS. ED (JEAN), Odessa or Monahans, Texas. She is the wife of ED DAVIS, presently an inmate of San Quentin under death sentence, and she is very close friend and associate of HAZEL UNDERHILL. Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, April 28th, 1938 wherein information obtained from Informant [redacted] is reflected regarding JEAN DAVIS and HAZEL UNDERHILL. (See Informant [redacted] this report). Attention is also called to the information furnished by [redacted] informant to the effect that ROE was in contact with JEAN DAVIS (See [redacted] informant, this report.) The El Paso office is being requested in this report to conduct full investigation to determine if she is in contact with subjects.

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DILLARD, LLOYD, Oklahoma City. His name was furnished as a friend and possible contact of ROE by DON EBREY, ex-OSP. #27274. (See report of Special Agent J. E. THORNTON, San Francisco, December 23d, 1937). Although information furnished by EBREY regarding activities of subjects after their escape was found to be fictitious and admitted to be so by EBREY, it is thought that DILLARD should be contacted and interviewed for information.

EDELIN, MRS. KEITH (MINNIE), Pampa, Texas. She is the sister of Mrs. CECIL NOEL, formerly Mrs. JACK LLOYD, and was interviewed as is disclosed by the report of Special Agent R. C. COULTER, Dallas, dated January 28th, 1938. She admitted she is a correspondent of JACK LLOYD presently in Alcatraz, and her former Brother-in-law, but denied knowing either of the subjects. However she had heard that ROE was very

friendly with HAZEL UNDERHILL. Mrs. EDELIN stated she hoped that subjects made their escape and that they would never be apprehended and she stated further that she would not furnish any information should she receive same. However she advised that her husband thought differently in the matter and since he has not been interviewed, it is thought that he should be contacted regarding subjects. He is alleged to bear a good reputation and has been employed by the Gulf Oil Corporation for a number of years.

EVERSOLE, JEWEL (BUDDY), Bonham, Texas. A. L. CHAFFIN, former sheriff, Bonham, furnished information to the effect that after ROE and JACK LLOYD were arrested at that place, EVERSOLE visited them and tried to assist them in making bond, but before bond was made ROE and LLOYD escaped. It was thought that EVERSOLE assisted them in the escape. (See report of Special Agent H. T. ARTERBERRY, Dallas, March 17th, 1938.) EVERSOLE, who formerly resided at Seminole, Oklahoma was never contacted and while a definite address was not obtained at the time, leads are being set forth for the Dallas Office to attempt to locate EVERSOLE at Bonham for interview. Inquiry will be made by this office at Seminole to determine if he is presently in that vicinity.

FARMER, HERBERT ALLEN, Joplin, Missouri. FARMER is a former inmate of Alcatraz Prison, #332-AZ, being sentenced for his connection with the Kansas City massacre. He was released from Alcatraz on September 4th, 1937. Mrs. RUBY ANKRUM, ex-wife of VOLNEY DAVIS, present Alcatraz, informed Agent as reflected in the report of Special Agent W. L. LISTERMAN, Kansas City, December 28th, 1937 that FARMER was the only former inmate of Alcatraz who had contacted her, and that he did not mention either of subjects. In connection with this, attention is also called to the report of Special Agent J. E. THORNTON, San Francisco, December 20th, 1937, page 3, which reflects that a small piece of paper was found in an eyeglass case belonging to ROE, with the numbers "214 E 7" and the word "Ruby" thereon. This is the address of Mrs. RUBY ANKRUM.

Reference is also made to the report of Special Agent W. L. LISTERMAN, Kansas City, January 24th, 1938 wherein an interview with FARMER is reported. He admitted he knew ROE and COLE but denied he had any information regarding their escape or their whereabouts since the escape. It is doubtful if FARMER would furnish any information even if he should receive same.

FARMER's photograph was presented to witnesses at Portland, Oregon but was not identified as the person purchasing the tidal charts.

Attention is also called to information received from Informants "13" and "Z" contained herein, who are of the opinion that FARMER has in-

formation regarding their escape; that subjects would contact him and that there is some indication that subjects have already been in communication with him. However it will be noted that information furnished by Informant "13" reflected that FARMER was operating a liquor store in Dallas whereas investigation has revealed that he has remained in Joplin.

W. M. BEAVERS, U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, when interviewed as shown in the report of Special Agent H. L. SCOTT, Kansas City, September 26th, 1938, stated that it would be well to check FARMER as he had heard his name mentioned in penitentiary conversation with the name of someone from Oklahoma.

Efforts should be made by the Kansas City Office to develop an informant who would be in a position to maintain a watch on FARMER and his activities in order that the Bureau will know should ROE or COLE contact him or should he assist them in any manner.

FERNANDEZ, HAL, ex-Alcatraz #39-AZ, Anchorage, Alaska. The report of Special Agent J. E. THORNTON, San Francisco, December 21st, 1937, page 9 lists FERNANDEZ with others as being very friendly with subjects while they were in Alcatraz. He was received at Alcatraz on August 11th, 1934 and discharged on July 9th, 1936 at which time he was furnished transportation to Anchorage. Leads are being set forth for the Seattle Office to interview FERNANDEZ at Anchorage as indications point to plans for an escape having been formulated long before the escape was effected. It should be borne in mind that if the escape was successful, subjects might have contacted FERNANDEZ.

FINE, MATTIE, HARDY SOLOMAN's Cafe, 215 West Main, Ardmore, Oklahoma. She is alleged to have been a former sweetheart of ROE. She was interviewed as shown in the report of Special Agent J. VL. MURPHY, Oklahoma City, December 22d, 1937, at which time she stated she kept company with ROE during the summer of 1935 but had no information as to his probable whereabouts or contacts. She expressed a desire to cooperate in this matter, and will be contacted again for information.

GILES, RAY, 300 East 6th Street, Oklahoma City. The report of Special Agent H. T. ARTERBERRY, Dallas dated April 20th, 1938, page 2, covering an interview with [redacted] an informant who was supposed to contact JAMES ROE, reflects that [redacted] claimed that JAMES ROE advised him that some man purporting to be THEODORE COLE contacted him a short time after the escape, and that he gave the man \$300.00 to be forwarded to RALPH ROE; that this individual told JAMES ROE that if he heard from his brother, RALPH, to have him get in touch with RAY GILES at the above address. It is very doubtful if any information furnished by [redacted] was correct but investigation will be conducted to develop

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all information regarding GILES and the possibility of him being a contact for subjects.

COUKER, FRANK, #156-AZ. GOUKER was an employee of the mat shop at the time of the escape. The report of Special Agent W. B. MYERSON, San Francisco, January 17th, 1938, page 31, reflects that JOSEPH B. STEERE, Junior Officer, Alcatraz, mentioned that of all the men in the shop, GOUKER was the most reliable; that he had but a short time to serve and that he had furnished some information to STEERE about the escape. It is suggested that the San Francisco Office determine if GOUKER has been released and if so, leads should be set out to locate and interview him regarding the escape. If it is learned that he is still an inmate and will be released soon, it is suggested that arrangements be made in order that he may be interviewed upon his release.

GOULD, A. and TEDDY (May be YOUD), 902½ South, El Paso, Texas. The names of these brothers were furnished by [redacted] and reflected in the letter from the Kansas City Office to the Bureau dated March 29th, 1938 as being friends and connections of JAMES and RALPH ROE. They are alleged to operate a candy and cigar store in El Paso and although information furnished by [redacted] is probably fictitious, and of no value, it is thought that efforts should be made to locate and interview these parties.

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"HARDROCK", San Antonio, Texas. R. S. PRINGLE, present Alcatraz, #405-AZ, when interviewed as shown in the report of Special Agent L. H. RICHMOND, San Francisco, September 29th, 1938, stated that an individual named "HARDROCK" at San Antonio might be able to furnish him, PRINGLE, with information regarding this case. This information may not be reliable but it is thought that the San Antonio Office should make some effort to identify this person with the underworld at that place and if successful and deemed appropriate, he should be interviewed.

HARLESS, DAN, Route 2, Box 258A, Lakeland, Florida. The name of HARLESS as a contact and friend of JAMES and RALPH ROE was furnished by [redacted]. At that time HARLESS resided at 2529 Gilham Road, Kansas City and he is a releasee from the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth. He was interviewed as reflected in the report of Special Agent R. E. SMITH, Miami, dated September 21st, 1938 at which time he denied being acquainted with either JAMES or RALPH ROE.

HENRY, SANFORD ("SANDY"), Oklahoma City and Edmond, Oklahoma. Reference is made to the report of Special Agent W. R. RAMSEY, Phoenix, dated January 5th, 1938, page 2, wherein information was furnished by LETHA JONES that one NANCY PERRY had married SANFORD HENRY, a cousin of AIMEE PAYNE. J. B. HASLETT, night marshal at Depew, Oklahoma advised however that HENRY formerly associated with the PAYNES and was

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a good friend of RALPH ROE; that HASLETT was presently residing in Oklahoma City and working in the Edmond, Oklahoma oil field. HASLETT and his wife will be located and interviewed if preliminary investigation discloses that subjects have not been in contact with him.

HILL, BOBBY LON, 3321 Burton Street, Fort Worth, Texas. She is the wife of FLOYD HILL, present Leavenworth inmate who was a former cellmate and close friend of COLE, and who may be identical with JESSE HILL whose name appeared on the piece of paper found on HUGH BUTCHER, as shown hereinafter in this report. Her husband has been a friend and correspondent of ESTHER COLE, subject's mother. It is thought that she should be interviewed for any information she may possess regarding subject.

HOOD, JIMMIE, Tulsa, Oklahoma. HOOD formerly operated the Majestic Hotel, Oklahoma City, which was suggested as a probable hideout by DON EBREY whose information has been proven to be fictitious. Inquiry at the Oklahoma City Police Department on October 28th, 1938 revealed that JIMMIE HOOD had been away from Oklahoma City for several years and had not been connected with the Majestic Hotel for at least five or six years. No further investigation will be conducted regarding this matter.

INMAN, ELMER, Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma. INMAN is a very close friend of ROE, but was an inmate of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary prior to and since the escape of subjects. He was interviewed as reflected in the report of Special Agent J. V. MURPHY, Oklahoma City, dated December 22d, 1937 with negative results although he appeared to be willing to cooperate. It is thought that he may have gained some information of value from other inmates of that penitentiary and a lead is being set forth to re-interview him. When interviewed he stated that ROE was "woman crazy" and would associate with some woman at the first opportunity, if successful in his escape.

JARRETT, BUSTER, Oklahoma City. Reference is made to the report of Special Agent C. O. HURT, Oklahoma City dated February 15th, 1938 regarding information furnished by GORDON TROOP, a trusy at Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, who related a fabulous story that COLE had visited him at a prison camp requesting information as to the whereabouts of JESS DARR. He also advised that later JARRETT was alleged to have returned in the same automobile driven by COLE and made further inquiry about DARR. TROOP's statements were undoubtedly erroneous. JARRETT was interviewed as reflected by the report of Special Agent F. S. SMITH, Oklahoma City, February 5th, 1938, at the Oklahoma City Police Department, at which time he denied possessing any information regarding subjects, although he admitted he knew each of them. JARRETT is the brother of HAZEL UNDERHILL, one of the closest friends of ROE.

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JOHNSON:

JACK
LAWRENCE
RUFUS ALONZO alias LONZO
alias LON
SAM
SEEDALL ("SLEEPY")

Information was obtained from one C. O. WHITSON, Seminole, Oklahoma that one EARL CRUZ, Carter Oil Company, during the fall of 1937 heard one JOHNSON, an ex-convict of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, say that he was leaving Seminole for California to help ROE escape from Alcatraz. Efforts to locate CRUZ have been unsuccessful but further efforts will be made to interview him. It was thought by local officers that this JOHNSON was identical with SEEDALL JOHNSON who harbored WILBUR UNDERHILL and ROE and who visited the house in which they were hiding shortly before their apprehension. Informant "R" stated that SEEDALL JOHNSON moved from Seminole to Borger, Texas during 1937 but was injured and sent to Phoenix, Arizona for hospitalization; that he returned to Seminole about September, 1937; that his constant conversation was about RALPH ROE who, he stated, would escape from Alcatraz Prison as he had a lot of friends who would help him. She also advised that about September, 1937 JOHNSON's mother and brother, ALONZO moved from Seminole to Bakersfield, California and that SEEDALL had been in jail at that place but that the JOHNSON family had since moved to Phoenix.

Informant "R" expected to visit W. C. "BILL" CRAWFORD who lived near the JOHNSONS and arrangements were made with her that she would attempt to obtain information from them. (See report of Special Agent J. V. MURPHY dated at Oklahoma City February 21st, 1938, pages 4 and 5).

The photographs of SEEDALL and ALONZO JOHNSON and W. C. CRAWFORD were exhibited to witnesses at Portland, Oregon, who saw the unknown party purchase tidal charts, but no identification was effected. (See report of Special Agent H. A. KING, Portland, March 14th, 1938, page 6.)

Before the departure of Informant "R" she advised that a friend of hers and the JOHNSON family, whose name she refused to disclose, had returned from BAKERSFIELD to Seminole, reporting that conversation with the JOHNSON family indicated that ROE and COLE had made their escape and that the JOHNSON boys were making numerous trips from Bakersfield. Informant "R" departed for Phoenix but returned before arriving and explained that one BERT WYLIE informed her that "SLEEPY" JOHNSON and LON JOHNSON were in Kansas City and wanted her to communicate with them. (See Informant "R".) This information is undoubtedly erroneous. (See report of Special Agent R. T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, April 28th, 1938, pages 9 to 11, inclusive.)

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Investigation as reflected in the report of Special Agent W. E. MILLER dated March 21st, 1938 at Los Angeles revealed that it was believed that SEEDALL and TON JOHNSON and W. C. CRAWFORD had been in the vicinity of Phoenix but had departed and their whereabouts were unknown.

The records of the Bureau of Identification, Bakersfield, California failed to reveal an arrest of "SLEEPY" JOHNSON. He may have been arrested for drunkenness and consequently not fingerprinted.

Informant also was reinterviewed as shown in the report of Special Agent C. O. HURT, Oklahoma City, June 17th, 1938 at which time she stated she had heard through W. C. "BILL" CRAWFORD that LAWRENCE JOHNSON had killed a man in California. She exhibited a card from CRAWFORD mailed from Portland dated June 2d, 1938, advising that he was leaving for Idaho and would communicate with her.

An immediate and complete investigation should be conducted to determine the whereabouts of the JOHNSON boys in an effort to determine their activities during the period of the escape. Leads are being set forth for interested offices. This office will immediately contact informant "R" in an effort to determine their present whereabouts. Further efforts will be made to locate one CRUZ in order that he may be interviewed regarding the alleged statements made by one JOHNSON that he was going to assist ROE to escape.

LEAMAN, WILLIAM F., ex-Alcatraz #274-AZ. LEAMAN is mentioned as being very friendly with subjects at Alcatraz, as shown on page 10 of the report of Special Agent J. E. THORNTON, San Francisco, December 21st, 1937. He also worked with them while an inmate. He was sentenced at Los Angeles January 18th, 1935 and was transferred to the U. S. Industrial Reformatory at Chillicothe, Ohio from Alcatraz on July 6th, 1937. The report of Special Agent G. H. TREADWELL, Cincinnati, dated February 18th, 1938 reveals that LEAMAN was released from that institution on July 22d, 1937 and subsequent investigation failed to locate him. His brother, ROBERT LEAMAN, Circleville, Ohio was interviewed as shown in the report of Special Agent L. A. OBENSHAIN, dated at Cincinnati, May 12th, 1938 with negative results. Leads are being set out to re-interview ROBERT LEAMAN for information in order that his brother may be located and interviewed.

LOUPE, _____, Rio Rico, Mexico. Informant _____ has advised that Informant _____ told him that LOUPE, who operates a saloon at Rio Rico, reported to be about 40 miles from Brownsville, Texas on the Mexican border, was a good friend of ROE, who was in direct touch with him and was in that vicinity. (See report of Special Agent R. T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, April 28th, 1938.) While _____ has not mentioned the name of LOUPE, he has stated that he had received information that ROE

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and COLE had crossed the border into Old Mexico. Appropriate investigation should be conducted with reference to this matter to determine if same is true.

LYONS, Mrs. CORBETT, formerly Mrs. ERNEST TAYLOR. Reference is made to the report of Special Agent D. A. BRYCE, Oklahoma City, June 18th, 1938 which reveals that ROE and JACK LLOYD were apprehended at the home of Mrs. TAYLOR. She resided at Antlers, Oklahoma until about January 1st, 1937 when she was ordered to leave that county. She left no forwarding address and her present whereabouts are unknown.

MOLTON, MAX, formerly at Muskogee, Oklahoma. MOLTON's name was suggested as a possible contact of subjects by DON EBREY whose information has been found to be fictitious. A report of Special Agent J. V. MURPHY, Oklahoma City, December 29th, 1937, page 4, reveals that MOLTON, who formerly operated the Lindy Hotel at Muskogee, had not been around Muskogee for approximately two years, and that his whereabouts were unknown. No further investigation will be conducted with reference to this matter.

NEWTON, HARRY, Tulsa, Oklahoma. NEWTON's name was furnished as a possible contact by DON EBREY who later admitted that his information regarding the activities of subjects after their escape was fictitious. However it is thought that NEWTON should be located and interviewed. The report of Special Agent J. V. MURPHY, Oklahoma City, dated December 29th, 1937, page 12, discloses that NEWTON had departed from Tulsa for an unknown destination and had not returned. NEWTON is known to Captain BILLE of the Tulsa Police Department, who will be recontacted for information regarding NEWTON's whereabouts in order that he may be interviewed.

NOEL, MRS. CECIL formerly Mrs. JACK LLOYD nee INEZ SHEETS, Las Vegas, New Mexico. She is the divorced wife of JACK LLOYD, present Alcatraz #264-AZ, who is reported to be the closest friend of ROE, and who was employed in the blacksmith shop at the time of instant escape. ROE and LLOYD were convicted together for the robbery of the Farmers National Bank of Sulphur, Oklahoma, being sentenced to Alcatraz. Mrs. NOEL was interviewed, according to the report of Special Agent D. P. SULLIVAN, El Paso, August 8th, 1938 at which time she denied she had seen or heard of ROE since his conviction and stating she had not heard from LLOYD for about three years. She furnished the name of HAZEL UNDERHILL and "SLIM" BAILEY, a convict at the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth as being friends of ROE. However the report of Special Agent D. P. SULLIVAN dated at El Paso, September 22d, 1938 reveals that information had been received that she was possibly communicating with ROE, who was erroneously reported to be her former husband, through T. D. MOSS and Mrs. SADIE DYE. Investigation is being conducted at this time by the

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El Paso Office concerning this information.

PARNELL BOYS, Chickasha, Oklahoma. They are alleged to be close friends of ROE and ELMER INMAN, according to JAKE SIMS, Chief of Police, Seminole, Oklahoma, but have not been located for interview. Leads are being set forth in this report to conduct investigation concerning their identity and the possibility of them having been contacted by subjects. (See report of Special Agent J. V. MURPHY, Oklahoma City, dated December 22d, 1937, page 10.).

PATTON, Mrs. PAUL nee EMILY SHEETS, Hot Springs, Arkansas. It is reported that ROE formerly associated with her. She is the sister of Mrs. CECIL NOEL, formerly wife of JACK LLOYD, who was employed in the blacksmith shop at Alcatraz at the time of the escape. (See report of Special Agent J. V. MURPHY, Oklahoma City, December 22d, 1937, page 6). Mrs. PATTON was interviewed, as disclosed in the report of Special Agent ALMAN P. BARBER, Little Rock, dated January 13th, 1938 at which time she denied any close acquaintance with ROE or his associates other than MATTIE FINE and JACK LLOYD. Her mother, Mrs. LELIA SHEETS was interviewed, as shown in the report of Special Agent MURPHY noted above, and Mrs. CECIL NOEL was interviewed as shown in the report of Special Agent D. B. SULLIVAN, El Paso, dated August 8th, 1938. Another sister, Mrs. MINNIE EDELIN has been interviewed with negative results as shown in the report of Special Agent R. C. COULTER, Dallas, dated January 28th, 1938.

PAYNE:

MRS. CORA - Milfay, Oklahoma
BRUCE - Milfay, Oklahoma
ALMA, husband's name unknown,
whereabouts unknown.
J. B. - Bristow, Oklahoma

LETHA JONES, Phoenix, Arizona, a former paramour of ROE, informed Agents as reflected in the report of Special Agent W. R. RAMSEY, dated at Phoenix, January 5th, 1938, that she was formerly very friendly with the PAYNE family and that AIMEE PAYNE, now deceased, was very friendly with ROE.

VERNE McDANIEL, Merced, California, informed Agents he formerly knew ROE and COLE and that ROE associated with AIMEE PAYNE, deceased, daughter of BRUCE PAYNE; that J. B. PAYNE, her brother, was an inmate of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester; that the PAYNES were a lawless bunch and were the best contacts that ROE had in Oklahoma. (See report of Special Agent R. P. KRAMER, Los Angeles, dated January 8th, 1938.)

The report of Special Agent J. V. MURPHY, Oklahoma City, February 21st, 1938, page 3, reveals that COLE formerly lived in the vicinity of Stroud, Oklahoma and often visited with the PAYNE family living at Depew, Oklahoma at that time; that J. B. PAYNE was formerly an inmate of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary and presently resided at Bristow, Oklahoma; that J. B. was a former pal of COLE; that AIMEE PAYNE, now deceased, was a girl friend of COLE; that the PAYNES were also very friendly with ROE. This information was furnished by J. M. HASLETT, night marshal at Depew, who stated that the PAYNES presently reside around Milfay, but he did not think it worthwhile to interview them. However, Agents attempted to conduct investigation at Milfay regarding the PAYNES but were unable to reach the vicinity due to the impassibility of the roads. Immediate investigation will be conducted with reference to each member of the PAYNE family. Information regarding the PAYNE family was also furnished by LETHA JONES as shown by the report of Special Agent W. E. MILLER, Phoenix, dated December 23d, 1937.

PETERSON, BOB, Harrah, Oklahoma. The report of Special Agent J. V. MURPHY, Oklahoma City, December 23d, 1937, page 5, reflects that PETERSON, who operates a filling station and bootlegging establishment near Harrah, formerly assisted UNDERHILL and ROE. Information was recently received as shown in the report of Special Agent F. S. SMITH dated at Oklahoma City, October 15th, 1938 through an informant of [redacted] Oklahoma, that ROE has been in contact with PETERSON. Investigation is being conducted by this office regarding PETERSON through informants, as it is not thought advisable to contact him direct.

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PIERCE, AMIN, Idabel, Oklahoma. PIERCE, #312-AZ was released from Alcatraz on June 24th, 1937 (See report of Special Agent M. E. GURNEA, San Francisco, December 28th, 1938). He stated upon interview as revealed in the report of Special Agent J. V. MURPHY, Oklahoma City, dated February 3d, 1938, that he did not know ROE and was not acquainted with COLE except slightly, and that he possessed no information regarding them or their escape. He was contacted by BRYAN CONWAY, ex-Alcatraz, as reflected in the letter to the Bureau from this office dated May 17th, 1938, but information received by CONWAY has doubtful value. PIERCE has been used by this office as an informant on other matters and is presently awaiting trial for violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act. It is reported that PIERCE is a contact for all well known criminals in the hill country of southeast Oklahoma. Further contact will be had with PIERCE, but he should be contacted only by Special Agent CLARENCE O. HURT of this office.

POULAS, JAMES alias JIMMIE THE GREEK. The name of POULAS as a possible friend and contact was furnished by the Associate Warden, U. S. Hospital for Defective Delinquents, Springfield, Missouri who was informed by HAYS VANGORDER that POULAS was friendly with COLE and ROE, and that he promised them he would arrange for their escape upon his

release (See report of Special Agent H. J. LYNCH, Kansas City, dated March 9th, 1938, page 2). Investigation conducted by the San Francisco Office has reflected that POULAS, #172-AZ was deported to Greece on July 18th, 1936. (See report of Special Agent J. E. THORNTON, San Francisco dated April 2d, 1938.)

PRUITT, LOUISE BYRD alias "BIRDIE", 1220 C Street, N.E., Ardmore, Oklahoma. She is a well known contact of big time criminals and is known to have assisted ROE prior to his incarceration. The report of Special Agent J. V. MURPHY, Oklahoma City, dated December 17th, 1937 reflects that she was interviewed, at which time she expressed a willingness to cooperate, but furnished no information of value. However, she stated she did not think ROE would contact her as he was alleged to owe her money. Local officers do not believe that she would furnish any information should she receive same. A cover was placed on her mail but same was not productive of any information of value. While she resides in Ardmore, she owns a large ranch near that city and has allowed convicts to work for her. ELMER INMAN, an inmate of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, who was a close associate, was interviewed as shown in the report of Special Agent J. V. MURPHY, Oklahoma City, December 29th, 1937 and advised that Mrs. PRUITT had harbored ROE and others in the past and if successful in escaping, ROE would undoubtedly seek aid and assistance from her. Attention is also called to the report of Special Agent H. T. ARTERBERRY, Dallas, dated January 4th, 1938 wherein Mrs. HASKELL RANNALS, Denison, Texas, a former girl friend of ROE, advised that "BIRDIE" PRUITT had contacted ROE at Denison at one time and that after her departure ROE advised her that she was a good friend and that her home was a good place to "cool off in".

Further investigation will be conducted to determine if either of the subjects have been in contact with her after which she should be interviewed for information, especially in regard to possible contacts of ROE.

QUINN, MORRIS, Bailey Undertaking Company, Tulsa. QUINN's name was furnished by the Sheriff's Office, Tulsa as being the best contact for COLE in Tulsa (See report of Special Agent J. V. MURPHY, Oklahoma City, December 28d, 1938). Investigation will be conducted immediately with reference to QUINN as being a contact for subjects.

RAINEY, ALLISON ("BUD"), Stroud, Oklahoma. Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. V. MURPHY, Oklahoma City, December 25th, 1937, pages 2 and 3, concerning RAINEY, who resides near the home of R. B. CORNETT, CORNETT's brother-in-law. RAINEY has a bad reputation and is known to be friendly with criminals. R. B. CORNETT was of the opinion that COLE would not contact him but would contact RAINEY. RAINEY had informed CORNETT that about two weeks before the escape two

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men were at his place on their way to California to "open" Alcatraz and then were going to South America.

Attention is also called to the report of Special Agent J. V. MURPHY, Oklahoma City, dated December 29th, 1938 wherein on page 4 an interview with RAINEY is reported. He admitted he made such statements to CORNETT, but that those statements were lies. He denied knowing THEODORE COLE although he admitted knowing FRIED COLE and he expressed a willingness to cooperate. Further investigation and interview will be conducted with RAINEY.

RANNALS, MRS. HASKELL nee BESSIE WINCHESTER, Denison, Texas. She is the former paramour of ROE, but upon interview as reflected in the report of Special Agent H. T. ARTERBERRY, Dallas, January 4th, 1938 she stated she had not seen or heard of ROE since before his removal from Leavenworth to Alcatraz. However, she received a Christmas card signed "Ralph" addressed to "Mrs. DIXIE WINCHESTER". In her opinion the signature was that of subject ROE. "DIXIE" is a nickname of Mrs. RANNALS. She furnished some information regarding ROE's contacts and should be re-interviewed for further information.

SHEETS, Mrs. LELA, Mannsville, Oklahoma. She is the mother of Mrs. PAUL PATTON, Mrs. CECIL NOEL and Mrs. MINNIE EDELIN and was interviewed with negative results, as shown in the report of Special Agent J. V. MURPHY, Oklahoma City, dated December 22d, 1937. She said she knew very little about ROE except that he was very friendly with HAZEL UNDERHILL and associated with JACK LLOYD, her former son-in-law. Investigation is being conducted by the El Paso Office regarding her daughter, Mrs. CECIL NOEL (See report of Special Agent D. P. SULLIVAN, El Paso, dated September 22d, 1938). Further contact with Mrs. SHEETS at this time is not considered advisable.

SMALLEY, W. F., attorney, Shawnee, Oklahoma. Mrs. HASKELL RANNALS, a former paramour of ROE, advised that ROE once told her that should she ever want to get in touch with him immediately at any time or place, and did not know his whereabouts, to contact SMALLEY, the closest friend he ever had, and his legal advisor. SMALLEY is known to the writer as a politician and one who does not enjoy a good reputation among members of the Bar. Appropriate attention will be given this information.

SMITH, MACK, ex-Alcatraz, #44-AZ. Attention is called to the report of Special Agent J. E. THORNTON, San Francisco, dated December 21st, 1937, page 10, which lists SMITH as being friendly with subjects at Alcatraz. SMITH was transferred to Alcatraz on August 11th, 1934, returned to McNeil's Island on November 20th, 1936 and was supposedly released on December 17th, 1936. Information obtained at Alcatraz indi-

icated that a detainer was placed against SMITH at McNeil's Island by the U. S. Marshal, Tacoma, Washington. A lead is being set forth for the Seattle Office to locate and interview SMITH.

STEWART, LENA, formerly of Seminole, Oklahoma. She is a former paramour of ROE, whose name was furnished by JAKE SIMS, Chief of Police, Seminole, Oklahoma, who stated she was a sister of EMMA MAE NICHOLS, who was killed by the posse at Shawnee, Oklahoma when UNDERHILL was killed, and ROE apprehended. SIMS is of the opinion that ROE would contact LENA and that she would assist him. The report of Special Agent J. V. MURPHY, December 22d, 1937, Oklahoma City, revealed that she was alleged to be living with an oil driller, name unknown, at Russell, Kansas, and stayed around the O.K. Dance Hall. Investigation at Russell failed to reveal any information regarding this contact or any place known as the O. K. Dance Hall. SIMS was again contacted, as shown in the report of Special Agent J. V. MURPHY, Oklahoma City, dated February 21st, 1938, but had no further information. LENA STEWART will be located through SIMS, at which time proper investigation will be conducted.

STRITTMATTER, HANS, 838 Bridgeway Boulevard, Sausalito, California.

Warden J. A. JOHNSTON of Alcatraz furnished the name of STRITTMATTER as a possible contact for fugitives. He was interviewed with negative results, stating that he did not know either of subjects, but he would be glad to cooperate in this matter. (See report of Special Agent J. E. THORNTON, San Francisco, December 20th, 1937.) The reason for naming him was not given by Warden JOHNSTON and it is suggested that the San Francisco Office recontact STRITTMATTER to determine if he has learned anything since last interviewed.

STUKEY, WANDA, Odessa, Texas. She was formerly friendly with ROE and upon the release of JAMES ROE from the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, she began living with him as his common law wife. She has been contacted on numerous occasions as reflected in this report under JAMES ROE.

SWAN, CLARA BELL, Seminole, Oklahoma. She allegedly was the sweetheart of ELMER IRMAN and a close friend of ROE. She formerly worked as a beauty operator in Seminole and was reported by JAKE SIMS, Seminole to be at Hobbs, New Mexico with her husband, OTIS. The El Paso Office has conducted extensive investigation at Hobbs to locate her as shown in the reports of Special Agents B. L. DAMRON, December 20th, 1937 and E. C. DORRIS, February 8th, 1938 and February 23d, 1938 at El Paso with negative results. Leads are being set out to conduct investigation at Seminole in order to determine her present whereabouts so that she may be interviewed.

TURNBULL, ORIE, Depew, Oklahoma. It is not known definitely that TURNBULL

is an associate or contact of either COLE or ROE. However, LETHA JONES advised that TURNBULL was a close friend of AIMEE PAYNE (See report of Special Agent W. R. RAMSEY, Phoenix, dated January 5th, 1938). Efforts to locate TURNBULL for interview, as disclosed in the report of Special Agent J. V. MURPHY, Oklahoma City, dated February 21st, 1938 were unsuccessful. It will be noted that COLE formerly resided at Stroud, Oklahoma which is not far from Depew. TURNBULL will be interviewed for information he may possess which would be of assistance in this matter.

TURNER, GEORGE, Tulsa, Oklahoma. TURNER's name was furnished by GEORGE CARVER, Alcohol Tax Unit, as being a good contact of ROE, as TURNER was in the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth with ROE and has been a known contact of outstanding criminals at various times in the past. TURNER has been doing recovery work for various finance companies in Tulsa and has been contacted by Agents of this office. Upon interview, as reflected on page 3 of the report of Special Agent J. V. MURPHY, Oklahoma City, dated February 3d, 1938, he stated he was well acquainted with ROE and JAMES ROE; that he had talked to JAMES ROE since the escape but the escape was not mentioned. He expressed a desire to cooperate in instant investigation. However, G. L. HOLBERT, Deputy United States Marshal, Tulsa, furnished information that an informant, name not disclosed, who is a good friend of Mr. and Mrs. TURNER had indicated that subject ROE had contacted TURNER since the escape. It may be that this informant was mistaken and that contact was had with JAMES ROE. TURNER was also contacted as reflected in the report of Special Agent R. T. HOOD, dated April 28th, 1938 at Oklahoma. Contact will be maintained with him in connection with this case.

UNDERHILL, CLYDE, Joplin, Missouri. UNDERHILL'S name was furnished as a possible contact by DON EBREY, but EBREY afterwards admitted that information furnished by him regarding the activities of subjects after the escape was fictitious. (See report of Special Agent J. E. THORNTON, San Francisco, dated December 23d, 1937.) HAZEL UNDERHILL has since advised that CLYDE UNDERHILL now resides at Joplin, Missouri. In view of the fact that he is a brother of WILBUR UNDERHILL, deceased, a close friend and associate of ROE, leads are being set out for the Kansas City Office to conduct appropriate investigation regarding UNDERHILL and the possibility that he may be in contact with subjects.

UNDERHILL, HAZEL with aliases: HAZEL HUDSON, HAZEL CONNORS, Refugio, Texas. She is probably the closest friend of ROE and undoubtedly would be one of the first persons that he would contact. She is the former wife of WILBUR UNDERHILL, deceased, notorious Oklahoma outlaw, and after the death of her husband, she and ROE became close associates. Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. V. MURPHY,

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Oklahoma City, December 29th, 1937 wherein is reported an interview with her on page 9, but she furnished no information of value. About February 10th, 1938 she moved from Tulsa to Monahans, Texas and she presently resides at Refugio with her son, MARVIN CONNORS, who works for O. C. WALES, son-in-law of HAZEL UNDERHILL. She is very friendly with contact JEAN DAVIS (See Mrs. ED DAVIS, contact, this report).

Information has been received from several sources that ROE has been in contact with her and that she has sold a large amount of bonds allegedly left with RAYMOND ROE by RALPH ROE (See informants [redacted] and "13").

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This office will maintain contact with informants and sources of information who are in a position to know of HAZEL UNDERHILL's activities. It is suggested that the San Antonio Office take proper steps to develop sources of information who will be in a position to report her activities. Direct interview with her should be dependent upon the basic investigation conducted.

WILLIAMS, JACK T., U.S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth. WILLIAMS' name was furnished as a contact of RALPH and JAMES ROE by [redacted] who stated that WILLIAMS' family, now residing at 25 East 7th, San Angelo, Texas, were well known to the ROE brothers. Leads are being set forth for the Dallas and Kansas City Offices to contact WILLIAMS and members of his family for information.

YOUD, A. and TEDDY, El Paso, Texas. (See GOULD, A. and TEDDY, contacts, this report.)

GENERAL REVIEW

A general review of the file in this case reveals that there have been numerous situations which have not been investigated or in which the investigation has not been brought to a logical conclusion, in addition to those previously mentioned in this report.

In the case entitled "JAMES HUGH BUTCHER with aliases; UNKNOWN SUBJECTS - Miscellaneous (Investigation of Alleged Plot for Inmates of Alcatraz Prison to Escape", in which Oklahoma City was the office of origin, it is noted that on October 9th, 1936 BUTCHER, register #267-AZ was conditionally released from Alcatraz. Just before his release a rumor was heard to the effect that he was either going to act or that other prisoners were trying to persuade him to act for them, making contact and accomplishing certain things, as follows:

BUTCHER was to be given the names of certain friends of certain prisoners

and by identifying himself as coming from Alcatraz, he would be able to secure certain bonds which the prisoners had cached, and which he was to turn into money. With these proceeds he or their other friends could arrange for firearms and a boat for the escape of the prisoners.

Warden J. A. JOHNSTON expressed himself as being inclined to believe that the prisoner telling the story was trying to implicate BUTCHER in order to gain favor of prison officials. However, in BUTCHER's clothing was found a scrap of paper on which was printed "LEE JACOBS, Miami, Oklahoma. His old man is a doctor. Everyone knows him. Tell him who sent you." On the reverse side of the paper was the following: "JESS HILL, Lakewood, California, c/o TED COLE's mother."

JOHNSTON also informed that LEE JACOBS referred to in the note was a narcotic peddler operating as a fence for "DOC" BARKER, #268-AZ, and that JACOBS was a former inmate of Leavenworth and the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester. JESS HILL was reported to be FLOYD HILL, a fellow prisoner of COLE at McAlester. It will be noted that COLE's mother resides at Woodlake rather than Lakewood, California.

The report of Special Agent L. E. KINGMAN dated at Oklahoma City, November 7th, 1936 in that file, revealed that LEE JACOBS, an incurable addict, returned to his home in Miami, Oklahoma on August 15th, 1936 from the U. S. Narcotic Farm, Lexington, Kentucky. He was not known to be a contact of the underworld and it was shown that there was no indication that he had been contacted by BUTCHER. JACOBS had been arrested on several occasions for narcotic violation and for grand larceny.

The report of Special Agent H. W. COSTELLO, Louisville, November 13th, 1936 revealed that BUTCHER had been residing with his family at East Bernstadt, Kentucky. He was interviewed, at which time he stated that about one week before his release from Alcatraz, TED COLE gave him a note upon which was printed the address of COLE's mother, supposed to be at Lakewood, California, and the name of "FLOYD"; that at the time he received the note COLE asked him to write his mother and ask her to contact FLOYD to ask him to get COLE some help and to also tell his mother to write COLE mentioning something about meeting his sister at a certain time and date, which would be a signal to COLE as to the time and date he could expect FLOYD to help him. BUTCHER stated further that he destroyed the note a short time after he received it, and that he did not know who COLE referred to when he mentioned "FLOYD."

BUTCHER also advised that a short time after the conversation with COLE, ROY JOHNSON, a prisoner, asked him to contact friends of some of the prisoners who were supposed to live in Miami, Oklahoma but JOHNSON did not tell him the names of the prisoners or their friends; that JOHNSON asked him to contact some person in Miami, Oklahoma who would tell him

where some stolen bonds were hidden, and that he should sell these bonds for the purpose of getting a boat so that JOHNSON could make his escape; that at the time, JOHNSON stuck a note in his pocket, asking him to memorize the contents, stating he would explain the proposition later and further. However, BUTCHER was searched by guards and the note taken from him before he could read it. He thought JOHNSON had reported the matter to prison officials so that he, JOHNSON could win favor with the officials.

BUTCHER also advised that "DOC" BARKER had never made a proposition to him. He denied knowing LEE JACOBS, JESS HILL, JEAN or FLOYD HILL.

It will be noted that BUTCHER stated he destroyed the paper given him by COLE and did not read the paper furnished by JOHNSON, while the facts disclose that the information furnished by COLE on the note was on the reverse side of the note containing information regarding LEE JACOBS. It is not thought that BUTCHER has furnished all the information he possesses concerning this matter.

The report of Special Agent J. C. LAWLER dated at Los Angeles, November 17th, 1936 revealed that Mr. and Mrs. FRED COLE, parents of subject COLE, were residing at Woodlake, California with their daughter, VIOLA DAWSON. JESS HILL, FLOYD HILL, LEE JACOBS and HUGH BUTCHER were unknown at Woodlake. No effort was made to interview the COLE family regarding this incident.

LEE JACOBS upon interview as reflected in the report of Special Agent B. TOM CARTER, Oklahoma City, July 27th, 1937, denied any knowledge of the alleged plot and any acquaintance with inmates of Alcatraz although he admitted he had seen COLE on several occasions while they were both inmates of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester.

The criminal record of FLOYD HILL revealed he had used the alias of JESS O'DELL.

There has been but very little investigation in instant case regarding this matter although the file reflects that COLE expected his mother to help him in making an escape. BUTCHER and JACOBS have not been interviewed since the inception of this investigation and leads are being set forth to make a full and complete investigation concerning the various phases of this incident.

The following investigation has been conducted regarding this situation in instant case.

Report: of Special Agent R. P. KRAMER, Los Angeles, dated January 6th, 1938 page 3, reveals that Mr. and Mrs. FRED COLE when first questioned

concerning their knowledge of BUTCHER and HILL, stated they were not acquainted with HILL and had never heard of BUTCHER. However Mrs. COLE did recall a FLOYD HILL but was unable to definitely place him. However on December 31st, 1937 FRED COLE stated he had received a card that day from FLOYD HILL which was sent from the Leavenworth Penitentiary. It was noted that the card was an ordinary Christmas card and bore the following handwritten notation "Please don't worry Mother. I think he is safe," and was signed "FLOYD A. HILL". Mrs. COLE was again questioned concerning her knowledge of HILL, stating that HILL had been a very close friend of THEODORE COLE while they were inmates of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester. She denied that she had ever communicated with HILL although it was shown that the card addressed to her bore her correct address, although it was different from her address at the time her son was incarcerated with HILL. Neither Mr. nor Mrs. COLE could offer any explanation as to how HILL obtained this address. They both denied that they had been contacted by HUGH BUTCHER or any other prisoner from Alcatraz or that they had had any prior indication of the plans their son had as to an escape.

A report of Special Agent W. L. LISTERMAN, Kansas City, dated January 24th, 1938, pages 3 to 6, inclusive, reveals that HILL was received at the U.S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth on October 26th, 1936 for burglary of a Post Office under sentence of eight years. His mail sheet reflected that he had not corresponded with any relatives of ROE or COLE.

HILL, upon interview stated he had received a letter from Mrs. FRED COLE while he, HILL, was at Fort Worth, Texas before his incarceration, but that he had not communicated with her after his confinement except to send her the Christmas card to cheer her. However he undoubtedly had the card mailed without the knowledge or consent of prison officials. HILL admitted he helped COLE escape from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary and expressed an opinion that COLE knew that he, HILL was confined at Leavenworth and had waited for him to be transferred to Alcatraz, but when he was not transferred, COLE teamed up with ROE, and that they probably got away without any assistance. He also said that in his opinion ROE and COLE, if successful in their escape, would not stay together for more than 60 days as COLE would not tolerate ROE's drunkenness or desire for women. HILL denied any acquaintance or knowledge regarding BUTCHER.

The report of Special Agent M. B. MYERSON, San Francisco, dated January 17th, 1938, page 54, revealed that ROY JOHNSON, #287-AZ was still on Alcatraz Island. Junior Officer RYCHTER advised that one JOHNSON, #289-AZ appeared to have a close friendship with both ROE and COLE during the short time he was on outside detail although it appeared to have been broken up due to the transfer of the parties to different occupations.

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By telegram dated December 17th, 1937 the Bureau advised that BUTCHER had been incarcerated in the U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta and that his sentence would expire on October 1st, 1938.

Attention is called to the fact that information has been received from several sources that ROE had a large amount of bonds, and that he and HAZEL UNDERHILL had recovered the bonds from RAYMOND ROE, subject ROE's brother, after his escape and that same had been sold. This should be noticed in connection with that phase of the investigation. (See informants [redacted])

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Investigation at Miami, Oklahoma revealed that LEE JACOBS was in Miami at the time of the escape as well as immediately before and after the escape.

Reference is made to the reports of Special Agents C. O. HURT and D. A. BRYCE, Oklahoma City, dated June 11th, 1938 and June 18th, 1938 respectively concerning one KENNETH RAY, Picher, Oklahoma. RAY advised that information obtained from one "RED" PHELPS who operated a garage in Picher, indicated that fugitives ROE and COLE had been staying around Kansas City and had visited at the Cole Wrecking Yard in Picher during the first part of May, 1938 while enroute to Chicago; further that they were traveling in a 1937 Chevrolet Sedan bearing Kansas license plates, and intended to drive through Picher again within a few weeks, on their way to Mexico. RAY was unable to corroborate or obtain further information concerning this matter from PHELPS. Investigation at Picher developed that [redacted] an informant of one JOE ANDERSON, a private investigator, was apparently fabricating this information to gain the confidence of RAY, and thus obtain information as to a dynamiting which occurred in Picher.

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LEONARD COLE, owner of the wrecking yard, denies any relationship to or knowledge of these fugitives.

In view of subsequent developments and information furnished by informants, it is believed that in order to further check the possible authenticity of the above information, direct contact should be had with "RED" PHELPS in Picher to obtain the source or basis of the information he furnished to RAY. This information can be readily ascertained through Deputy Sheriff JOE HOBSON, Miami.

Reference is also called to the report of Special Agent C. O. HURT, dated at Oklahoma City, February 14th, 1938 regarding [redacted] FORREST J. McCUTCHEON, First National Bank Building, Oklahoma City. [redacted] STEPHEN WELCH, present inmate of the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, and after visiting her husband, she ad-

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vised A. B. COOPER, a private detective of Oklahoma City, that subjects made a successful escape with both inside and outside help. [redacted] has not been interviewed and same will be done after contact is first had with Mr. COOPER for any other information she may obtain and furnish him.

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Numerous officers in Oklahoma have personal knowledge of ROE and COLE and they have been of material assistance in this investigation. However some of these officers have not been contacted for some time. Leads are being set forth in this report to contact those local officers who have been of assistance in the past to determine if they have received any information regarding subjects, and to request that they make further efforts to contact their informants who might possess information regarding this escape.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. P. KRAIER, Los Angeles, January 8th, 1938 setting forth information concerning various individuals who would be contacted. However leads were not set out for that purpose and no further effort has been made regarding those individuals. They are as follows:

RUTH KERN, 117 North Avenue, Los Angeles.
She is a sister of HENRY YOUNG, #244-AZ and visited him at Alcatraz. Page 20 of the above report reflects that interview will be had with Mrs. KERN but same has not been done.

FRANCIS JOSEPH ROBERTS, 2506 28th Street, Santa Monica, California. Page 22 of the above report reflects that ROBERTS will be interviewed in person to determine if he was identical with JOE ROBERTS, a correspondent of JAMES ROE. This has not been done and direct interview should be had with him.

LARRY BUTCHER, Telephone #1708, Pasadena, California. It should be noted on page 23 of the above report that it is reflected that interview would be had with BUTCHER relative to C. W. BUTCHER, who formerly resided at Bell, California. This has not been done and in contacting BUTCHER, information contained herein regarding JAMES HUGH BUTCHER should be noted.

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent C. H. OLSON, San Francisco, dated January 3d, 1938, page 3 regarding J. L. ROBINSON, 14 Spring Grove, San Rafael, California. ROBINSON furnished information concerning advice received from Mr. and Mrs. "SWEDE" WESTERGAARD which ROBINSON thought to be unfounded. However this information was relative to the escape as well as to certain funds which were alleged to be hidden in Marion, California. ROBINSON agreed to further discuss the matter with the WESTERGAARDS but he has not been recontacted and same should be done.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent C. H. OLSON, San Francisco, dated January 3d, 1938, page 11, regarding a visiting card found at 2421 Post Street, which bore the name "HOLLAND" and also the name "ALLEN" followed by the number "56684". Two occupants, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. ROSE, apparently hurriedly left the apartment on December 15th, 1937 which was immediately prior to the escape. It is thought that investigation should be conducted at San Quentin to ascertain if there is an inmate named ALLEN or HOLLAND and if so whether there is any possible connection with J. L. ROSE or LAWRENCE HALL mentioned in the teletype from Salt Lake City to San Francisco dated December 25th, 1937. Attention is also made to the report of Special Agent R. P. KRAMER, dated January 8th, 1938 at Los Angeles, wherein it appears that ANDREW SAMPSON and LORRAINE HOLLAND, a niece of SAMPSON, have friends at Bell, California. ANDREW SAMPSON is the owner of 1937 New York license #958-512 which passed through one of the checking stations on the California-Oregon line on or about the date of the escape. Investigation has determined that this license has been transferred to various automobiles from time to time and it appears that they have friends at Bell, California which is the residence of Mrs. VIOLA DAWSON.

It is requested that a complete investigation be conducted regarding this matter.

Reference is also made to the report of Special Agent KENNETH T. PETTY-JOHN, dated at Aberdeen January 4th, 1938 which reveals that CHARLES C. HAMBLIN of Steele, North Dakota, who was receiving mail c/o GEORGE CONEVEST, 5568 East Cage Street, Zell, California, was the owner of 1937 North Dakota license #932-436 which passed through the checking station into California about the date of the escape. In view of the fact that VIOLA DAWSON, sister of COLE, resides in Bell, the Los Angeles Office is being requested to conduct proper investigation to ascertain if there is any connection between HAMBLIN and the COLE family.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. E. THORNTON, San Francisco, dated December 20th, 1937, page 7, regarding information furnished by AL BERRY concerning LEE LACK, a female, in connection with this investigation. Further reference is made to the report of Special

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Agent J. E. THORNTON, San Francisco, February 25th, 1938 page 27, which reflects that a further investigation at San Francisco had failed to locate AL BERRY and LEE MACK, but that additional investigation would be made as suggested in Bureau letter dated December 30th, 1937. This has not been done and this situation should be carried to a logical conclusion.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. E. THORNTON, San Francisco, dated February 25th, 1938, page 27, which reflects that LOUIS FAUGUNDAS, ex-Alcatraz, #16-AZ had been released from Alcatraz on January 28th, 1938 at the expiration of his minimum term. This report reflects that a lead was being set forth to locate and interview FAUGUNDAS through his sister, ROSE FAUGUNDAS, 2603 21st Avenue, San Francisco. This has not been done and the request of this office as made by letter to the San Francisco Office dated January 17th, 1938 should be carried out.

Further reference is made to the report of Agent THORNTON dated February 25th, 1938, page 27, reflecting that FRANK ANDERSON, ex-Alcatraz, #167-AZ, was released from Alcatraz on January 26th, 1938 and a lead was being set forth to locate him through his sister, Mrs. M. HAYWARD, 2461 Fulton Street, San Francisco. The lead was not set forth and he has not been located. The San Francisco Office is being requested to locate and interview ANDERSON for any information he may possess regarding this escape.

Attention is called to the report of Special Agent M. J. LYNCH, Kansas City, dated March 9th, 1938 wherein on page 4 is reflected information furnished by Deputy Warden SHUTTLEWORTH of the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, to the effect that an informant at Leavenworth informed him that "DOC" BARKER planned the escape but that subjects did not wait for him; that JACK LLOYD greased the bodies of the subjects while inmates FRANCIS WATERS, colored and VOSS and SMITH, first names unknown, engaged the other inmates in conversation while subjects were making their preparations and during the actual escape; that inmate REVERDEAUX, #342-AZ, is said to have seen the prisoners in the water. SHUTTLEWORTH also stated that he had furnished this information by letter to the Warden at Alcatraz. Leads are being set out for the San Francisco Office to conduct appropriate investigation concerning this matter and for the Kansas City Office to have SHUTTLEWORTH recontact his informant for any additional information he may have learned. REVERDEAUX is probably identical with JEFFERSON ROUBIDEAUX, an employee of the rat shop at Alcatraz while VOSS is undoubtedly JOHN VOSS, #403-AZ. FRANCIS WATERS is register #64-AZ.

During the time that informant [redacted] was attempting to locate HAZEL UNDERHILL he went to Levelland, Texas where HAZEL had been living. He received information from her former neighbors that a person driving

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by at the time, formerly stayed with the UNDERHILL family. RICHARD-SON obtained the number of this car, same being a 1938 Oklahoma license #285-639, and a check at the Motor Vehicle Division of the Oklahoma Tax Commission revealed this license was issued to C. H. CUMMINGS of Drumright, Oklahoma. This incident occurred about May 15th, 1938. Investigation will be conducted by this office to determine the possible connection of CUMMINGS and HAZEL UNDERHILL.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. N. PRANKE, dated at Los Angeles, June 10th, 1938, page 3, which sets forth information furnished by one McCLURE who had promised to watch the home of VIOLA DAWSON at Bell, California. McCLURE stated that on March 2d, 1938 an old man, about 45 or 50 years of age, visited the DAWSON family at which time he was driving a greyish colored Pontiac Sedan bearing Washington license A-105925. McCLURE did not know whether the plates were 1937 or 1938, but he was sure that this man did not resemble either of the subjects. However it is thought advisable to determine the identity of this individual in order that investigation may be conducted to determine his connection with the DAWSON family and so that he may be interviewed. The incident at Portland regarding the tidal charts, previously referred to in this report, should be borne in mind while conducting this investigation. Leads are being set forth for the Seattle Office to determine the identity of the persons to whom these license plates, both for 1937 and 1938, were issued and to then conduct appropriate investigation.

Attention is called to the report of Special Agent L. E. KINGMAN, Oklahoma City, August 6th, 1938 which reflects that Informant "Z" stated that ROY G. WILLIAMS, liquor runner, had informed him that he had been advised that subjects had been in the vicinity of Longview, Texas. Investigation has been conducted by the Dallas Office in the vicinity of Longview regarding subjects but same has proved negative. Informant "Z" should be questioned concerning the whereabouts of WILLIAMS in order that he may be interviewed.

As a result of a mail cover placed on the mail of JAMES ROE at Odessa, Texas, letters have been received bearing the following return addresses:

Box 298, Wink, Texas dated 10-12-38;
Box 1422, Dublin, Texas dated 10-16-38;
Box 2171, Tulsa, Oklahoma, dated 9-30-38.

Also as a result of a mail cover placed on the mail of Mrs. SADIE DYE, Las Vegas, New Mexico, mail was received bearing the return address of 908 East 15th Street, Oklahoma City. Investigation should be conducted by the El Paso and Oklahoma City Offices to determine the identity and probable connection of the individuals using these post office boxes and street numbers.

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During the first part of November, 1938 while on annual leave, Miss MAXINE SHAFFER, stenographer of the Oklahoma City Office was advised by FLOYD TEMPLE, bookkeeper for the Patrick and Tyrell Drilling Company, 517 Cotton Exchange Building, Houston, Texas, that ABE BAILEY a driller for that company, who was formerly a resident of Duncan, Oklahoma, the home of RALPH ROE, advised him that a woman at Duncan, who BAILEY had known during his lifetime, told him that she fed RALPH ROE sometime during February or March, 1938. RAYMOND ROE, the brother of RALPH ROE, has in the past worked for the Patrick and Tyrell Drilling Company. Leads are being set forth for the San Antonio Office to locate BAILEY through TEMPLE in order that the name of the woman may be ascertained.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent M. E. GURNEA, dated at San Francisco, December 28th, 1937, setting forth information concerning various inmates of Alcatraz Prison and their visitors and correspondents. This report, which was furnished to interested offices requested that all visitors and correspondents mentioned therein be contacted for information which might be of assistance in this investigation. Much of this has not been done and leads are being set out hereinafter for the interested offices to complete the leads as suggested by the report of Special Agent GURNEA.

The report of Special Agent M. B. MYERSON, San Francisco, dated January 17th, 1938 reflects an interview with JOSEPH SINGLETON, Superintendent of Laundry, Alcatraz, at which time (See pages 16 and 17) he mentioned that a prisoner, ANDY, last name unknown, had furnished him some information concerning a prison strike. It was suggested to SINGLETON that he endeavor what ANDY might know about this escape. He agreed to do so but has not been re-contacted for that purpose.

Agent F. S. SMITH on November 21, 1938 was advised by JAMES KEATON, former inmate of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary that HARRY SLEDGE, formerly serving 25 years at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary but now a parolee living at Duncan, Oklahoma, is a lifelong friend of RALPH ROE and was raised with him at Duncan. He stated SLEDGE would likely be a contact of ROE if the latter were successful in escaping.(CONTACT).

A review of the information contained herein would reveal that information has been received from several sources to the effect that subjects did make their escape and have contacted friends and former associates. It should be noted that advice from sources that do not appear to have any connection is very much alike in regard to the persons alleged to have been contacted by the subjects. Particular attention is called to the information furnished by Informants "13" and "Z" regarding the possibility of subjects having contacted HERBERT ALLEN FARMER, HAZEL UNDERHILL and Mrs. JEAN DAVIS. Attention is also called to the information from different and apparently unrelated sources that ROE had access to a large amount of bonds as soon as he escaped.

Each and every investigation regarding any rumor or other information that ROE and COLE were successful in their escape should be thoroughly investigated and brought to a logical conclusion. Also any investigation with reference to this case should not be affected by any preconceived opinion that subjects were not successful in their escape and appropriate and expeditious attention should be accorded to all leads and information obtained regarding this investigation.

While it may be the opinion of some that subjects were unsuccessful in making their escape, there does not appear to be any conclusive basis or reason for such an opinion and investigative effort with respect to all leads should be thoroughly pursued and carried to a definite and logical conclusion in every instance.

It is also suggested and requested that all offices which have been making any direct interview or contact with any known or probable contact, first conduct appropriate investigation to determine whether subjects have been in contact with them. If there is any indication that any person has been in contact or communication with either of the subjects, direct interview should not be had until such information is eliminated or proven true.

Photographs of subjects should never be presented to witnesses alone but should be exhibited with other photographs in order that an identification would be more certain.

It is also requested that each office bring up all leads for that particular office when submitting reports where there has been a period of 30 days since the date of the last report submitted.

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Each office should determine if the photographs of ROE and COLE are presently incorporated in the bank robbery album of that office, and if not, these photographs should be included therein.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

IN RESPONSE TO A LETTER FROM THIS OFFICE, THE BUREAU ADVISED BY LETTER DATED NOVEMBER 15th, 1938 THAT INVESTIGATION RELATIVE TO AUTOMOBILES ENTERING CALIFORNIA ON DECEMBER 15th and 16th, 1937 BE DISCONTINUED AT THIS TIME. SHOULD LATER INVESTIGATION IN THIS CASE INDICATE THE DESIRABILITY OF FURTHER INVESTIGATION TO ELIMINATE THE INDIVIDUALS, THIS INVESTIGATION WILL BE REQUESTED. HOWEVER ALL FIELD OFFICES SHOULD BEAR IN MIND THE INCIDENT MENTIONED ON PAGES 3 AND 4 OF THIS REPORT IN CONNECTION WITH THE ELIMINATION OF POSSIBLE SUSPECTS WHO MAY HAVE ASSISTED SUBJECTS.

ALL OFFICES WILL CONTACT THEIR CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND INFORMANTS CONNECTED WITH THE UNDERWORLD FOR RUMORS REGARDING THE ESCAPE OR THE PRESENCE OF SUBJECTS IN THAT VICINITY. SEE PAGES 16 AND 17 OF THIS REPORT.

THE ATLANTA FIELD OFFICE

* At Stockbridge, will determine the address of Mrs. DEE EVANS in order that she may be located for interview.

At the U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta will determine the present whereabouts of JAMES HUGH BUTCHER and set out leads for the proper office to interview him in connection with the incidents mentioned from pages 44 to 48 inclusive in this report. See report of Special Agent A. J. LEMAIRE, Atlanta, 3-18-38.

THE CHARLOTTE FIELD OFFICE

* At Ashville, will interview Mrs. JOHN KENDRICK, wife of JOHN KENDRICK, 105-AZ, who resides at 292 Chestnut Street, as requested in the report of Special Agent M. E. GURNEA, San Francisco, 12-28-37, page 26.

THE CHICAGO FIELD OFFICE

* Will interview ALBERT CAPONE, Mrs. ALPHONSE CAPONE, and Mrs. THELMA CAPONE, relatives and correspondents of ALPHONSE CAPONE, #85-AZ as requested in report of Special Agent M. E. GURNEA, San Francisco, dated 12-28-37, page 25.

THE CINCINNATI FIELD OFFICE

At Circleville will continue efforts to locate WILLIAM LEAMAN through

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his brother, ROBERT, in order that he may be interviewed. He is ex-Alcatraz #274-A₂ and is very friendly with subjects. See page 36.

THE DALLAS FIELD OFFICE

At Bonham will locate and interview JEWEL (BUDDY) EVERSOLE, a former associate of ROE for information regarding the escape. See page 31.

* At Borger will contact W. H. BATES, Chief of Police regarding his letter to the Warden at Alcatraz dated November 14, 1938.

At Childress will determine if subjects have been in contact with JIM and RUTH BARKER, 710 Avenue B, and will re-interview them for further information concerning possible associates and contacts. See pages 26 and 27.

At Denison will re-interview Mrs. HASKELL RANNALS for further information regarding ROE and determine if she has received any information concerning the identity of the person sending her a Christmas card signed "RALPH". See page 41.

At Dublin will determine the identity of the holder of Box 1422, who was a correspondent of JAMES ROE on October 16, 1938. See page 52.

At Fort Worth will conduct appropriate investigation regarding BOBBIE LOU HILL, 3321 Burton Street, wife of FLOYD HILL, present Alcatraz, who was a former cellmate and close friend of COLE, and who is corresponding with COLE's mother. See page 34.

At Fort Worth will interview the family of DELL CARPENTER, present Leavenworth at 1213 North Peach Street, who are alleged to be friendly with RALPH and JAMES ROE, for information regarding the escape. See page 29.

* At Pampa will interview Mr. and Mrs. T. D. MOSS for information concerning Mrs. CECIL NOEL and Mrs. SADIE DYE. See report of Special Agent D. P. SULLIVAN, El Paso, 9-22-38.

At Pampa will interview KEITH EDELIN, Gulf Oil Corporation regarding any information he may have concerning the escape. His wife has been interviewed and refused to furnish any information, stating she was in communication with JACK LLOYD. See pages 30 and 31.

* At Port Arthur will interview BARBARA DAVIS O'GWINN as requested in the report of Special Agent M. E. GURNEA, San Francisco, 12-28-37, page 16. This was not covered in the report of Special Agent CLARENCE W. DUNKER, Dallas, 3-11-38.

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At San Angelo will interview the family of JACK F. WILLIAMS, 25 East 7th, alleged to be friendly with the ROE brothers, by FLINT C. BRANNON. WILLIAMS is presently an inmate of the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth. See page 44.

THE EL PASO FIELD OFFICE

At El Paso will interview HARRY J. ALBERTS, alleged to be a close friend of JAMES and RALPH ROE by [REDACTED] for information which might be of assistance in this matter. See page 26.

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At El Paso will interview A. YOUNG (GOULD) and TEDDY YOUNG (GOULD) who operate a candy and cigar store at 902 $\frac{1}{2}$ South, whose names were furnished by FLINT C. BRANNON as being friends and associates of RALPH and JAMES ROE. See page 33.

* At Kermit will determine the identity of the holder of Box 308, who wrote a letter to JAMES ROE on October 26, 1938, and interview him for information.

At Las Vegas, New Mexico will conduct investigation to determine if Mrs. CECIL NOEL and Mrs. SADIE DYE are in contact with ROE and if basic investigation fails to reveal this, will directly interview them. See page 37. Will report mail cover on Mr. and Mrs. CECIL NOEL and Mrs. SADIE DYE.

At Odessa will continue investigation regarding JAMES ROE and will develop informants and sources of information who will be in a position to report his activities. Will note that JEAN DAVIS (Page 30) may be at Odessa and may be in contact with JAMES ROE. See pages 7 and 8.

At Odessa and Monahans will conduct appropriate investigation regarding MRS. ED (JEAN) DAVIS, a friend of HAZEL UNDERHILL, who is alleged to have been in communication with ROE, to determine the truth of these allegations. Will place mail cover on her mail. See page 30.

* At Roswell, New Mexico will determine if JACK MILES is known there and if COLE might be contacting him. See report of Special Agent R. H. HALLERBERG dated 10-4-38 at El Paso.

* At Wink will determine the identity of the holder of Box 298, who corresponded with JAMES ROE, and will consider interviewing such individual for information concerning JAMES and RALPH ROE. See page 52.

THE INDIANAPOLIS FIELD OFFICE

*At Indianapolis will interview JOSEPH ROBILLARD concerning his letter to

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the Bureau dated March 19, 1938. See report of Special Agent N. J. ALAZA dated 11-19-38 at Milwaukee.

THE KANSAS CITY FIELD OFFICE

At Hays, Kansas will maintain contact with RAYMOND ROE and determine whether he has been in contact with HAZEL UNDERHILL. Will attempt to develop an informant in his neighborhood in order that the Bureau may be advised as to his activities. See pages 8 and 9.

* At Joplin will locate truck driver for the Crochey Meat Company who visits MARIE COLE at Alpena, Arkansas and interview him concerning his knowledge of MARIE COLE. See report of Special Agent W. F. WHITLEY, Little Rock, 11-3-38.

At Joplin will verify information regarding HERBERT ALLEN FARMER and MICKEY CAREY as furnished by Informant "Z". Will attempt to develop an informant who will be in a position to watch FARMER and CAREY and their activities in order that the Bureau will know should they assist subjects. See pages 29, 31, 32.

At Joplin will interview CLYDE UNDERHILL for information regarding subjects, after determining whether they have been in contact with him. See page 43.

At Kansas City will conduct appropriate investigation regarding Mrs. A. STEIN, 4032 Main Street and any connection she has with FLOYD A. HILL and the COLE FAMILY. Will consider the advisability of a mail cover. See letter from San Francisco to Los Angeles, 11-17-38.

* At Kansas City will interview Mrs. W. COLLEN, 5246 Prospect, a sister and correspondent of FRANCIS HARPER, #283-AZ, as requested on page 8 of the report of Special Agent M. E. GURNEA, San Francisco, 12-28-37.

* At Kansas City will interview JAMES GAYLORD with reference to JAMES ROE. See report of Special Agent E. M. KRIEGER, Kansas City, 10-26-38.

* At Kansas City will check the records of the Volunteers of America relative to BOB PRINGLE, present Alcatraz. See report of Special Agent E. M. KRIEGER, Kansas City, 10-26-38.

At Leavenworth, Kansas will interview DELL CARPENTER, believed to be an inmate at the U. S. Penitentiary, for information concerning RALPH and JAMES ROE. His name was furnished as a possible contact by FLINT C. BRANNON. See page 29.

At Leavenworth will recontact Deputy Warden SHUTTLEWORTH at the U. S.

Penitentiary, regarding FRANCIS WATERS, et al, and will have him re-contact his informant for further information. See page 51.

At Leavenworth will attempt to identify and interview SLIM BAILEY. See page 26.

At Leavenworth will interview JACK F. WILLIAMS, alleged by FLINT C. BRANNON to be friendly with JAMES and RALPH ROE for any information he may possess. See page 44.

* At Liberal, Kansas will interview C. L. LULLER, who corresponded with VIOLA DAWSON during December, 1937. See report of Special Agent E. H. KRIEGER, Kansas City, 10-26-38.

* At Springfield, after a reasonable time will re-contact Miss CARMEL HARRIS for any information she might have obtained from MARIE COLE. See report of Special Agent R. F. NEWKIRK, Kansas City, dated 10-14-38.

THE LITTLE ROCK FIELD OFFICE

* At Alpena will continue investigation regarding Mrs. MARIE COLE (See page 12) and will interview her regarding the information she is alleged to have received concerning COLE's visits with friends at Branson, Missouri and Berryville, Arkansas (See report of Special Agent E. M. KRIEGER, Kansas City, 10-26-38.), it being borne in mind that informant requested that her name not be mentioned. Will report mail covers placed on mail of FRANK WHITTAKER, FRED WHITTAKER and MARIE COLE.

Will consider the advisability of direct interview with MARIE COLE concerning her conversation with BEN M. VANHOOK after completion of the basic investigation. Will determine if MARIE COLE possesses an alternate mailing address.

At Alpena will determine if COTTON BOYD, a salesman of Pontiac automobiles, possesses any information regarding COLE or MARIE COLE. See page 28.

* At Harrison will contact Mrs. ED B. HARRIS regarding her letter to the Bureau dated 8-5-38.

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD OFFICE

At Bell and Woodlake will recontact all sources of information and informants to determine whether subject COLE could be contacting his relatives.

At Arcadia will conduct further investigation regarding FAE ROE to determine if subject is contacting her. Will consider the advisability of further interview. See page 8.

* At Bakersfield will develop information regarding SEEDALL (SLEEPY) JOHNSON. See page 35. See report of Special Agent R. H. SIMONS, Los Angeles, 10-12-38.

* At Bell will conduct surveillance and investigation regarding VIOLA DAWSON and will re-interview her for any information she may have received concerning her brother, TED COLE. See pages 13 and 14.

* At Bell will re-interview WILLIAM B. McCLURE, 6234 Clifford for any observation which may have been made by him of the residence of VIOLA DAWSON. See page 52. See report of Special Agent R. H. SIMONS, Los Angeles, 10-12-38.

* At Bell will conduct appropriate investigation to determine if there is any connection between CHARLES C. HAMBLIN, 5568 East Cage Street and VIOLA DAWSON. See page 50.

* At Bell will determine if there is any connection between ANDREW SAMPSON and LORRAINE HOLLAND with relatives of COLE and any connection with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. ROSE. Will make complete investigation regarding these parties for possible connection with the escape. See page 50.

* At Compton will interview Mr. and Mrs. PETE NEWBERRY regarding RALPH ROE. See report of Special Agent A. W. MILLER, Dallas, 10-25-38.

* At Englewood will interview IVAN KEENER for information regarding EVELYN MORGAN. See report of Special Agent KENNETH P. PETTYJOHN, San Francisco, 8-22-38.

* At Los Angeles will interview VOLYA COSSACK, 243⁶ South Carondelet, sister, and R. H. COSSACK, 1137 Magnolia Avenue, North Hollywood, father, correspondents of LOEB L. COSSACK, #313-AZ, as requested in the report of Special Agent M. E. GURNEA, San Francisco, 12-28-37, page 25.

* At Los Angeles will conduct inquiry at 619 South Flower Street in an effort to ascertain the identity of a woman who rented a car and who is supposed to be a girl friend of ROE. See report of Special Agent R. H. SIMONS, Los Angeles, 10-12-38.

* At Los Angeles will conduct appropriate investigation at the garage located on the northeast corner of Wilshire and Figueroa in an effort to learn whether subject ROE might have rented an automobile at that place. See report of Special Agent R. H. SIMONS, San Francisco, dated 10-12-38.

* At Los Angeles will interview RUTH KERN, 117 North Avenue, who is a sister of HENRY YOUNG, #244-AZ, who visited him at Alcatraz. See page 49.

* At Los Angeles will interview Mrs. DIXIE and PETER MARTINET, 822 East 104th Street regarding their relative, ARTHUR H. YOUNGBERG, #195-AZ, as requested in the report of Special Agent M. E. GURNEA, San Francisco, 12-28-37, page 27.

* At Los Angeles will conduct investigation in regard to Mrs. ROSS W. MOORE, CORLEY HEARD and Mrs. GOLDMAN, 2407 Meadowvale regarding R. W. MOORE, fellow inmate of ROE and COLE. See report of Special Agent R. H. SIMONS, Los Angeles, 10-12-38.

* At Los Angeles will locate EDWARD and BENJAMIN PISTELL, 1240 Avenhurst, Hollywood, to ascertain if they are related to COLE. See report of Special Agent R. H. SIMONS, Los Angeles, 10-12-38.

* At Los Angeles will locate FRANK H. PORTER through the Federal Probation Officer and obtain full information in his possession which may be of value. PORTER was conditionally released from Alcatraz on May 15th, 1936. See report of Special Agent M. E. GURNEA, San Francisco, 12-28-37, page 19.

* At Los Angeles will determine whether PAUL STULGES, 413 East 7th, is identical with COLE. See report of Special Agent R. H. SIMONS, Los Angeles, 10-12-38.

At Pasadena will determine if LARRY BUTCHER, telephone #1708 has any connection with JAMES HUGH BUTCHER. See pages 49 and 44 to 48 inclusive.

* At Pomona will investigate the arrest of RALPH ROE there on April 28th, 1923 for information which will assist in locating ROE. See report of Special Agent R. H. SIMONS, Los Angeles, 10-12-38.

* At San Diego will locate ALBERT A. ^{HULL}HULL, brother and correspondent of HUBERT A. GRINDLE, 111-AZ, through his sister, Mrs. E. J. LITTLEWOOD, 3909 Cleveland Street, as requested in the report of Special Agent M. E. GURNEA, San Francisco, 12-28-37, page 25. Will interview Mrs. LITTLEWOOD.

* At San Pedro will contact FRANK BARCOTT, Jr., 325 W. 15th. See report of Special Agent R. H. SIMONS, dated 10-12-38 at Los Angeles.

* At San Pedro at Terminal Island will interview Guard JOHN FRANCIS ROWAN, formerly assigned to Alcatraz, for any information he might have concerning the escape. See report of Special Agent R. H. SIMONS, dated 10-12-38 at Los Angeles.

At Santa Monica will interview FRANCIS JOSEPH ROBERTS, 2506 28th Street, to determine if he is identical with JOE ROBERTS, correspondent of JAMES ROE. See page 49.

* At Woodlake will interview Mr. and Mrs. FRED COLE re JESS HILL, JAMES HUGH BUTCHER and RUTH and JIM BARKER, and for any information they may have obtained regarding TED COLE. Will determine if they have an alternate mailing address. Will re-contact all sources of information who have been observing the COLE home. See pages 11 and 12 of this report and letter to Los Angeles from San Francisco dated 11-17-38.

THE LOUISVILLE FIELD OFFICE

At East Bernstadt will attempt to locate HUGH BUTCHER and interview him fully concerning the incidents mentioned on pages 44 to 48 inclusive, and instant escape.

THE NEW ORLEANS FIELD OFFICE

* At New Orleans will interview EDWARD JOHN GILLIS. See report of Special Agent E. C. WENIG, Chicago, 9-15-38.

THE NEW YORK FIELD OFFICE

* At New York City will interview Mrs. SARAH BEST, BARNETT BEST and ETTA BEST as requested in the report of Special Agent L. H. RICHMOND, San Francisco, 9-28-38.

THE OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD OFFICE

Will re-contact police officers who have rendered assistance in this matter at Ardmore, Depew, Duncan, Chickasha, Pawhuska, Shawnee, Stroud, Seminole and Sulphur, Oklahoma.

Will attempt to identify and locate SLE. BAILEY through informants and persons interviewed in order that he may be interviewed.

Will interview RUSSELL KENNETH DOWNING, I.O. #1452 upon his apprehension concerning information furnished by DWIGHT O. PUGH. See page 23.

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At Ardmore will recontact MARIE BLACKBURN, 709 E Street, S.E., a former paramour of ROE for additional information. See page 28.

At Ardmore will re-interview MATTIE FINE, former associate and contact of ROE for any additional information she may have received. See page 32.

At Ardmore, will contact Informant [redacted] through Deputy Sheriff JIM LATHROP to determine if he has obtained any information concerning this case. See page 23.

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At Ardmore will determine if subjects are contacting BIRDIE PRUITT and will then interview her especially for information regarding possible contacts of subjects. See page 40.

* At Bartlesville will maintain contact with Informant "Z" and will interview him for information as to the whereabouts of ROY G. WILLIAMS in order that he may be interviewed for information.

* At Bristow will interview R. E. DAVIS, father of VOLNEY DAVIS, present Alcatraz, residing at 502 South Walnut Street. See report of Special Agent E. M. KRIEGER, Kansas City, 10-26-38.

At Chickasha will locate the PARNELL boys through local officers in order that they may be interviewed for information. See page 38.

At Depew will interview ORIE TURNBULL for any information he may possess regarding subjects. See page 43.

At Drumright will conduct appropriate investigation to determine the possible connection between C. H. CUMMINGS and HAZEL UNDERHILL. See pages 51 and 52.

At Duncan will re-interview the following relatives of ROE (See pages 5 and 6):

Mrs. WILLIS BONNER
JOHN HICKEY
Mrs. S. E. LEGG
Mrs. EVA MARCH

At Duncan will determine if RALPH ROE is in contact with HARRY SLEDGE, and if not will interview SLEDGE. See page 54.

At Idabel will contact AMON PIERCE for any information he may possess. See page 39. (This lead should be covered by Special Agent C. O. HURT.)

At Kaw City will check the Post Office for a forwarding address of J. B. ATKINSON in order that his present whereabouts may be known. See page 18.

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At McAlester will check the records of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary to determine if BILLIE BROWN has visited or written to BOB BRIDGES and will interview BRIDGES regarding information furnished by [REDACTED] See page 28.

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At McAlester at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary will determine the present address of LLOYD DILLARD, ex-inmate of the penitentiary in order that he may be interviewed. See page 30.

At McAlester will re-interview ELMER INMAN, Oklahoma State Penitentiary for any information he may have received. See page 34.

At McAlester will interview ROY ROE, Oklahoma State Penitentiary, subject ROE's brother, regarding possible contacts of subjects. Will check his prison correspondence that will determine the identity and whereabouts of DAVIS DALLAS, a friend. See pages 9 and 26.

At Miami will interview LEE JACOBS for information regarding JAMES HUGH BUTCHER, JOHNSON and COLE and will question him concerning the alleged bonds and his associations with "DOC" BARKER. See pages 44-48 inclusive.

At Milfay will determine if subjects are in contact with the PAYNES and will obtain correct addresses for the PAYNES in that vicinity in order that they may be interviewed, and for SANFORD HENRY. See page 33. Will then interview all members of that family for information regarding ROE and COLE. See page 38.

At Muskogee will determine the present whereabouts of BRUCE BRADY through JOHN ED FRANKLIN, Probation Officer, in order that he may be interviewed. See page 28.

At Oklahoma City will recontact A. B. COOPER for information regarding BRUCE BRADY and [REDACTED] and will then interview [REDACTED] concerning the information set forth on pages 48 and 49.

At Oklahoma City will locate and interview JESS DARR regarding the statements made by GORDON TROOP. DARR may be located through the Police Department. See page 30.

At Oklahoma City will locate and interview LEONA BRADY, named as a possible contact through her father, C. M. DEFER, 710 South Shartel. See page 28.

At Oklahoma City will maintain contact with informant [REDACTED] See page 19.

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* At Oklahoma City will determine the identity of the person residing at 908 East 15th Street, a correspondent of Mrs. SADIE DYE, Las Vegas, New

Mexico and will then interview this person. See page 52.

At Oklahoma City will conduct appropriate investigation regarding RAY GILES, 300 East 6th Street concerning information reported by FLINT C. BRANNON, allegedly received from JAMES ROE that GILES is in communication with subjects. See pages 8 and 32.

At Pawhuska will locate and interview BEULAH CLARK through her father, CHARLIE JOHNSON. She is named as a possible contact of subjects. See page 29.

At Pawhuska will re-interview LILLIAN CROWE JOHNSON through Deputy U.S. Marshal SMITH LEAHY and if she has not received any information since last interviewed will have her contact BRUCE BRADY for information regarding this matter. See page 23.

At Picher will interview "RED" PHELPS to ascertain the basis and truth of the information he allegedly furnished to KENNETH RAY. See page 48.

At Sapulpa will conduct full investigation regarding BILLIE BROWN to determine her activities since the escape, and her possible connection with subjects. See page 29.

At Sapulpa will locate and interview Mrs. TIM (JEAN) HYATT, COLE's cousin for information. See page 14.

* At Sasakwa will interview JACKIE and NELLIE KIMES regarding the incident mentioned in the Report of SAC E. P. GUINANE, Oklahoma City, 5-26-38.

At Seminole and McAlester will determine the identity of COLE's attorney at the time he successfully won executive clemency in order that he may be interviewed. See page 26.

At Seminole will determine if ROE has been in contact with HOMER BISHOP and will interview JAKE SIMS, Chief of Police for information concerning possible connections between ROE and BISHOP. See page 27.

At Seminole will recontact Informant "R" and EARL CRUZ for information regarding subjects and the JOHNSONS and for the present whereabouts of BILL CRAWFORD and the JOHNSONS. See pages 19, 20 and 35.

At Seminole will maintain contact with Informant "13" through JAKE SIMS and make arrangements for him to contact HAZEL UNDERHILL. See pages 20, 21. Will also question him regarding BOB PETERSON. See page 39.

At Seminole and Harrah will determine if subjects are in contact with BOB PETERSON and will consider the advisability of direct interview with

PETERSON after the basic investigation is completed. See page 39.

At Seminole will locate LENA STEWART for interview through JAKE SIMS, Chief of Police.

At Seminole will determine the present whereabouts of CLARA BELL SWAN for interview. See page 42.

At Shawnee will conduct appropriate investigation to determine the possibility of subjects being in contact with W. F. SMALLEY, an attorney and close friend of subjects. See page 41.

At Stroud will interview the following relatives of COLE:

Mrs. FANNIE BAUGHMAN Page 10
ERNEST BRACE and
Mrs. NELLIE BRACE - Page 11
Mrs. WILLIAM GRAVES - Page 14
WILLIAM COLLINS - Page 12
R.B. and RAULINE
CORNETT - Page 12.

Will obtain full list of relatives and their present addresses, including CHARLES BRACE.

At Stroud will recontact ALLISON (BUD) RANEY for any information he may have developed concerning subjects. See page 40.

At Stroud will contact informant for recent information concerning the CORNETTS and ALLISON RANEY. See pages 13 and 25.

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At Sulphur will determine if Sheriff BOSE JOHNSON has received any information regarding subjects and HOMER BISHOP. See page 27.

At Tulsa will locate HARRY NEWTON through Captain BILLS, Tulsa Police Department in order that he may be interviewed. See page 37.

At Tulsa will determine if subjects are contacting MORRIS QUINN, Bailey Undertaking Company, whose name was furnished as being a good contact of subjects in Tulsa. See page 40.

At Tulsa will determine the identity of the holder of Box 2171 regarding mail cover placed on mail of JAMES ROE. See page 52.

At Tulsa will maintain contact with GEORGE TURNER for information regarding subjects and JAMES ROE. See page 43. This lead should be covered by Special Agent L. E. KINGMAN.

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At Tulsa will interview G. W. SMITH upon his return to Tulsa for any information he may have received on his recent trip. See page 25.

At Tulsa will re-interview Mrs. GUY VAUGHN and Mrs. ALICE COLE, relatives of subject COLE for information. See page 11.

THE PEORIA FIELD OFFICE

At Danville will locate and re-interview DWIGHT O. PUGH for full information concerning his letter dated April 2, 1938. See page 24 of this report and the report of Special Agent J. H. NICHOLSON dated at Peoria 10-26-38.

THE SAN ANTONIO FIELD OFFICE

At Houston will contact FLOYD TEMPLE to obtain the present address of ABE BAILEY, a driller for the Patrick and Tyrrell Company, 517 Cotton Exchange Building, and will then interview BAILEY regarding the rumor that a woman in Duncan, Oklahoma fed ROE during February, 1938. See page 53.

At Refugio will take proper steps to develop sources of information and informants who will be in a position to report the activities of HAZEL UNDERHILL. Will determine if she is in contact with subject ROE. Will place a cover on all mail received by her and family. Direct interview should be dependent upon the basic investigation conducted. It should be noted that informant [redacted] is allegedly in that vicinity. See pages 43-44.

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At Rio Rico, Mexico will conduct appropriate investigation to identify one LOUPE, reported to be a saloon keeper, to determine if he is in contact with subjects. See page 36.

At San Antonio through police officers and sources of information will attempt to determine the identity of one "HARDROCK", alleged to be contact of subjects by R. S. PRINGLE, and if successful will conduct appropriate investigation to determine if he is in contact with subjects. Will then consider direct questioning.

THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD OFFICE

At Alcatraz will determine the approximate date of release of prisoners, particularly those employed in the mat and blacksmith shop at the time of the escape, and will make arrangements in order that they may be interviewed upon their release, if in the near future. Will obtain list of all prisoners released during the calendar year of 1937-38 in addition to those set forth in report of Special Agent E. E. GURNEA, San Francisco, dated 12-28-37. Will set out leads for the proper offices

in order that they may be interviewed. Will consider the advisability of direct interview with those prisoners who will not be released for sometime, especially those inmates who were employed in the mat and blacksmith shop at the time of the escape.

At Alcatraz will check the correspondence of COLE from his family to determine if any reference is made to a meeting of the writer with any relatives or friends along the lines suggested by his remarks to BUTCHER, ascertaining if there are any dates or times mentioned, particularly during the month of December, 1937. Will determine if JOHNSON was the prisoner furnishing the information to officers concerning BUTCHER and will interview JOHNSON regarding his relations with JACOBS and as to the bonds to be sold by BUTCHER. Will interview Warden JOHNSTON for full information regarding the incident of BUTCHER as set forth on pages 44 to 48 inclusive.

At Alcatraz will conduct appropriate investigation regarding information furnished by Deputy Warden SHUTTLEWORTH, U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth concerning FRANCIS WATERS, #64-AZ, JOHN VOSS, #403-AZ and inmates SMITH and JEFFERSON ROUBIDEAUX.

At Alcatraz will contact prison officials in an effort to determine if there have been any rumors or other information obtained from prisoners.

At Alcatraz will determine if RAYMOND ROE visited his brother, the subject during August, 1937.

At Alcatraz will re-interview FLOYD A. HILL concerning the incident set forth on pages 44 to 48, inclusive and for other information of value and will specifically question him for information concerning former contacts of COLE. Note letter from San Francisco to Los Angeles dated 11-17-38.

At Alcatraz will determine if FRANK GOUKER, #156-AZ has been released and if so will set out leads to locate and interview him regarding the escape. If still an inmate but will be released soon, will make arrangements to interview him upon his release. See page 33.

At Alcatraz and San Quentin will attempt to identify "LARRY" mentioned by GEORGE WEBBER as possibly having information as shown on page 5 of the report of Special Agent M. B. MYERSON, San Francisco, 1-11-38. WEBBER alleged that "LARRY", a former inmate of Alcatraz, wrote a story for the San Francisco Examiner called "Life on the Rock" after his release and is supposed to be an inmate of San Quentin at this time. "LARRY" should be interviewed.

At Alcatraz will contact JOSEPH SINGLETON, Superintendent of Laundry, as to the results of his efforts to obtain information from a prisoner named "ANDY". See page 53.

* At Auburn will re-contact A. W. HINTON for information as to the identity of the individual allegedly seeing ROE at Grass Valley, California. See report of Special Agent J. R. McCULLOCH, San Francisco, 10-19-38.

* At Berkley will ascertain the address of WARREN H. MADELEY through the Registrar's Office, University of California and will then interview MADELEY for any information he may possess. See report of Special Agent J. R. McCULLOCH, San Francisco, 10-19-38.

* At Berkley will interview Mrs. HILDA MILLER and Mrs. AGNES O'DELL, 2134 Derby Street and Mrs. MARY O'BRIEN and EILEEN O'HEARN, sisters of THEODORE J. AUDETTE, #208-AZ as requested on page 10 of the report of Special Agent M. E. GURNEA, San Francisco, 12-28-37.

At Courtland will obtain forwarding address for W. C. "BILL" CRAWFORD and determine if subjects contacted him while he was in that vicinity. See page 35.

At Folsom Prison will interview AL SKOOG who was released from Alcatraz on June 14th, 1937 regarding any information he may possess relative to plans formulated at Alcatraz regarding the escape. See report of Special Agent M. E. GURNEA, San Francisco, 12-28-37.

* At Monterey will locate and interview RUTH HOWARD, 851 Ocean Avenue. See report of Special Agent L. D. WINE, San Francisco, 10-20-38.

* At Napa will interview L. J. and W. F. DICKERSON, 523 Brown Street and MINNIE and ADA DICKERSON, 915 Third Street, relatives and correspondents of HOWARD C. DICKERSON, #103-AZ. See report of Special Agent M. E. GURNEA, San Francisco, 12-28-37.

* At Oakland will interview Mr. and Mrs. A. O. WINELAND, relatives of THEODORE AUDETTE, presently Alcatraz. See report of Special Agent M. E. GURNEA, San Francisco, 12-28-37.

At San Quentin will ascertain if there is an inmate named "ALIEN" or "HOLLAND", and if so whether there is any possible connection with J. L. ROSE or LAWRENCE HOLLAND, and also check as to inmate # "56684". See page 50.

* At San Francisco will locate and interview FRANK ANDERSON, ex-Alcatraz #167-AZ, released from Alcatraz on January 26th, 1938 through his sister, Mrs. M. HAYWARD, 2461 Fulton Street.

At San Francisco will conduct the additional investigation regarding AL BARRY and LEE MACK as requested in Bureau letter dated December 30, 1937. See page 50.

* At San Francisco will interview Mrs. GABRIEL BERTA, 526 36th Avenue, mother, GLADYS BERTA, 980 Bush Street, wife, VINCENT MARKOVITZ, 184 Park Street, correspondents and visitors of CARL BERTA, #132-AZ, as requested on page 9 of the report of Special Agent M. E. GURNEA, San Francisco, 12-28-37.

* At San Francisco will interview the following visitors and correspondents of JOHN PAUL CHASE, #238-AZ. See page 9 of the report of Special Agent M. E. GURNEA, San Francisco, 12-28-37:

CHARLES B. and AMBROSE CHASE - Brothers,
715 42d Street;
FRANK CHASE - Brother,
14 Crescent Avenue;
H. I. MULVERY - County Clerk;
I. H. CHANEY,
McNears Beach, San Rafael.

* At San Francisco will locate and interview LOUIS FAUGUNDAS, ex-Alcatraz #168-AZ through his sister, ROSE FAUGUNDAS, 2603 21st Avenue, as requested by letter to the San Francisco Office from this office dated 1-17-38. See page 51 of this report.

* At San Francisco will interview the following visitors and correspondents of JAMES SARGEANT, #129-AZ (See report of Special Agent GURNEA, San Francisco, 12-28-37, page 10.):

MRS. ANNA FRAVEGA and son - Mother,
2769 Bryant Street;
LEO FRAVEGA - Brother,
1258 Alabama;
GEORGE FRAVEGA - Brother;
Mrs. MARY BOTTANO;
Mrs. MAMIE BOTTANO;
Mrs. STELLA BACIGALUPI - Aunts,
2867 22d Street.

* At San Francisco will interview Mrs. GEORGE W. JOHNSON, 1618 $\frac{1}{2}$ 12th Street, sister of EDWARD BENTZ, #307-AZ. See report of Special Agent GURNEA, San Francisco, 12-28-37, page 24.

* At San Francisco will interview Mrs. WILLIAM LEVIN, 1267 Filbert Street, wife of WILLIAM LEVIN, #186-AZ. See report of Agent GURNEA, San Francisco, 12-28-37. Attention is also called to the information

regarding her as set forth on page 50 of the report of Special Agent J. E. THORNTON, San Francisco, 1-17-38.

* At San Francisco will interview Mrs. LILLA and GEORGE MILLER, 2190 Sutter Street and Mrs. JOSEPHINE GREMMINGER, 919 Guerrero Street, correspondents and visitors of GEORGE THOMPSON, #249-AZ. See page 27 of the report of Special Agent GURNEA, San Francisco, 12-28-37.

* At San Francisco will interview Mr. and Mrs. J. J. MORRIS, Sr., 57 Paradise Avenue and Mr. and Mrs. J. J. MORRIS, Jr., 43 Richland Avenue, relatives of DANIEL J. MORRIS, #113-AZ. See report of Agent GURNEA, San Francisco, 12-28-37.

* At San Francisco will interview PALMER OTTERBECK and Mrs. ANNA OTTERBECK, 19 Dearborn Street and JOHN and ESTHER LALLY, relatives and correspondents of JAMES COLSON, #60-AZ. See report of Special Agent GURNEA, 12-28-37 at San Francisco.

* At San Francisco will interview Mrs. WILLIAM M. RITCHEY, Roosevelt Hotel, wife of WILLIAM M. RITCHEY, #99-AZ, who goes under the name of Mrs. HELEN ROBINSON. See report of Special Agent GURNEA, San Francisco, 12-28-37.

* At San Francisco will interview Mrs. P. J. SULLIVAN, 299 Dolores and P. J. SULLIVAN, 85 4th Street, relatives of HARRY SULLIVAN, #198-AZ. See report of Special Agent GURNEA, San Francisco, 12-28-37.

* At San Francisco will interview Mrs. MANION VAN GLAHN, mother of GEORGE VAN GLAHN, #337-AZ. Her address is 47 Costa Street. See report of Special Agent GURNEA, San Francisco, 12-28-37.

At San Rafael will recontact J. L. ROBINSON, 14 Spring Road, to see if he has received any additional information regarding Mr. and Mrs. "SWEDE" WESTERGAARD. See page 50.

At Sausalito will recontact HANS STRITTMATTER, 838 Bridgeway Boulevard, to see if he has learned anything since last interviewed. His name is furnished as a possible contact by Warden J. A. JOHNSON. See page 42.

THE SEATTLE FIELD OFFICE

At Anchorage, Alaska will determine if subjects are in communication with HAL FERNANDO, Ex-Alcatraz #39-AZ. Will consider direct interview with him. See page 32.

At McNeil Island will determine the present whereabouts of MACK SMITH in order that he may be interviewed. He is ex-Alcatraz #44-AZ and was friendly with subjects. See page 41.

At Olympia will determine the identity of the person to whom 1937 and 1938 Washington license #A-105925 was issued and will conduct appropriate investigation concerning any possible connection with VIOLA DAWSON, Bell, California, sister of COLE. See pages 14 and 52.

At Vancouver, B.C. will attempt to locate ROBERT B. MAXON, #34-AZ through his wife at 614 Hamilton Street, and will interview him as to any information he may possess. Will interview his wife, a correspondent. See page 21 of the report of Special Agent GURNEA, San Francisco, dated 12-28-37.

THE WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

* At Washington, D.C. will, in the event JAMES VISSILA does not contact the Washington Field Office within a reasonable time, again contact Mrs. L. J. SHEPHERD of 1612 G Street, S.E. to see if she knows whether brother, JAMES VISSILA is living. See report of Special Agent J. H. MATHIS, Washington, D.C. dated 11-18-38.

* At Westminster, Maryland will endeavor to locate and interview Deputy Sheriff W. C. COOKLEY and in the event he can not be located there, efforts should be made to interview him at his home on Oakland Mills Road. Deputy Sheriff COOKLEY should be questioned as to any information he may have pertaining to this matter. See report of Special Agent J. H. MATHIS, Washington, D.C. dated 11-18-38.

* At Baltimore, Maryland will contact Maryland State Police Officer J. J. CASSIDY and ascertain from him pertinent information as to his investigation concerning the checks drawn by KEIP under the name of RICHARD R. HARMEL at the Farmers and Mechanics National Bank, Westminster, Maryland. See report of Special Agent J. H. MATHIS, Washington, D.C. dated 11-18-38.

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

FILE NO. **76-471**

REPORT MADE AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI	DATE WHEN MADE 12-7-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11-26-38	REPORT MADE BY R. F. NEWKIRK daj
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: CARMEL HARRIS, Springfield, Missouri, has no further information as to MARIE COLE, wife of THEODORE COLE.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-P-</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent R. F. NEWKIRK, Kansas City, 10-14-38.</p> <p>DETAILS: AT SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">CARMEL HARRIS was interviewed at her place of employment, the Bus Terminal Restaurant just north of the Grand Hotel, Springfield, Missouri and she stated that she has not seen MARIE COLE since last interview with the writer. MISS HARRIS stated that she was recently in Alpine, Arkansas and had heard that MARIE COLE had gone to Florida but that this information was not definite and she could not say for certain where she had heard this information. Miss HARRIS advised that should she ascertain any information either as to MARIE COLE or THEODORE COLE she will immediately notify the writer or the Kansas City Office; the address of the writer and the Kansas City Office address were furnished Miss HARRIS.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">UNDEVELOPED LEADS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">At Joplin, Missouri will locate the truck driver for the Crocher Meat Company who comes to Alpena, Arkansas to visit</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>E. P. Guinan</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE <i>WHS</i>	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">76 7686 - 548</div> <div style="text-align: right;">DEC 10 1938</div>
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MARIE COLE and will interview him concerning his knowledge of the activities of MARIE COLE.

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United States Department of Justice

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Washington, D. C.

December 9, 1933

The following is a transcript of the complete record appearing in the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning number FBI **78162**, which number should be quoted in future correspondence including any dispositions submitted.

Re: RUCCL. 78-362

J. E. Hoover

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, Director.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
U.S.D.E., Alcatraz, Calif.	Rand I. Summerville, #11304	1/1/19	desertion - breaking arrest - losing clothing	confinement at hard labor for 10 yrs.
Okla. Sheriff.	John Sullivan, #5518	4/8/22	poss. of narc.	1 yr.
SO, El Reno, Okla.	John Sullivan, alias, Rand I. Summerville, #	4/10/22	viol. Narc. Law	
PD, Panama, Calif.	Rand I. Summerville, #282	4/28/23	fict. checks	rel. to SO., Los Angeles, Calif.
SP, San Quentin, Calif.	R. I. Summerville, #88026	4/28/23	viol. Sec. 475 P.C.	1-14 yrs. - paroled.
SP., Lansing, Kans.	Joseph Sullivan, #1605	6/19/30	G.L.	1-5 yrs. - paroled 6/25/31 Wanted - parole violator, per inf. rec. 12/14/31 Notified 8/10/31
Idaho	Joseph Sullivan, #251	8/27/34	inv. (susp. person)	floated 5/28/34.
Idaho	J. Sullivan, #2850	10/12/34	holdup	
Idaho	J. Sullivan, #2850	5/1/35	P.L.	
Idaho	James Stone, #3532	2/6/35	burg.	held for Dist. Court.

* 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
PD, Nampa, Idaho	James Stone, #231-1	2/5/35	burg.	11/24/35, 3-18 yrs.
SPen., Boise, Idaho	James Stone, #5199	11/24/35	1st. deg. burg.	sent. unknown
CC-Bu, Field Div. Los Angeles, Calif.	The above individual is identical with KNUD I. SOMMERVILLE, with aliases, subject of your letter dated November 20, 1935.			
CC-Bu, Field Div. Okla. City, Okla.	In compliance with your request, copies of this record are being forwarded to the Okla. City and San Francisco Field Division.			
CC-Bu, Field Div. San Francisco, Calif.				
CC-Bureau				

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

NOVEMBER 28, 1938

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Re: ROCOL

Dear Sir:

Kindly furnish the known criminal record of the following:

<u>Name (inc. aliases)</u>	<u>City, Police Arrest, or Other Number.</u>	<u>Approximate date Fingerprints for- warded Division of Investigation.</u>	<u>Fingerprint Classifica- tion.</u>
KNUD I. SOMMERVILLE; aliases: Knud I. Summerville John Sullivan Joseph Sullivan J. Mitchell J. Stone James Stone E. H. Ryhne	FBI #72,152		

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Very truly yours,

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 12-8-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11-12-14-38	REPORT MADE BY HAYNE A. THOMPSON 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:

Mrs. MARIE COLE, Alpena Pass, Ark., denies having any contact with Fugitive COLE or making any report that she was in touch with him. Mrs. ED B. HARRIS, Harrison, Arkansas, does not have any information of value.

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REFERENCE:

Copy of letter from the Director to Mrs. Ed. B. Harris, Route # 4, Harrison, Arkansas;
Report of Special Agent E. M. KRIEGER, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 10-26-38.

DETAILS:

AT HARRISON, ARKANSAS

Arkansas State Police Officer OWEN T. FUDGE and State Trooper J. C. HENRY upon interview stated they were familiar with the instant case and were familiar with MARIE COLE known as "Alpena Marie", consequently they had conducted an investigation for any information as to her contacting Subject COLE, however, they had been unable to obtain any information indicating that Subject COLE was alive, was in this vicinity, and if in this vicinity was contacting MARIE COLE.

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MARIE COLE, upon interview, stated that she has not seen subject nor has she received mail from him and does not believe that he is alive.

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MARIE COLE stated that she was in Pittsburg, Kansas, in October, 1938, at which time she visited her sister; that she has not been in Bronson, Missouri, for the past two or three months, but that she goes to Joplin, Missouri, or Springfield, Missouri, almost every weekend. MARIE COLE stated that she had seen in the Springfield, Joplin, Missouri, or Little Rock, Arkansas, newspaper an article to the effect that COLE had slept in the barn of PHILIP BOYD, ex-deputy sheriff at Perryville, Arkansas; however, she seriously doubts this rumor as she understood that BOYD just wanted to get his name in the paper. MARIE COLE stated that whenever she sees a certain newspaper reporter in Joplin, Missouri, he always asks her when she last heard from COLE and that she always jokingly replies she has just heard from him and has just received a letter from him, however, she is only kidding and the newspaper reporter knows it. MARIE COLE stated that in her opinion Subject COLE is dead, as she is confident that if he were alive she would have heard from him and he would have come back to get their son. In this connection MARIE COLE stated that last week her son was missing and she thought that Subject COLE had kidnaped him; that she had searched for him, and was about ready to notify the Arkansas State Police when the boy was located at a friend's home in Alpena Pass, Arkansas. MARIE COLE states that she has no love for subject COLE; has not seen him since 1929, and would gladly supply information as to his location if she knew he was alive and where he was. MARIE COLE stated she had never heard any rumors to the effect that COLE was in Bronson, Missouri, or Pittsburg, Kansas; further that she drinks but does not become so intoxicated that she talks about personal matters. Particularly, she stated she did not think she would talk about Subject COLE in the event she became intoxicated as she does not care to talk any more about the man than she has to. MARIE COLE stated that in the event she obtained any information she would promptly notify the Little Rock Field Division.

Mrs. ESSIE HARRIS was located about ten miles from Harrison, Arkansas, on Route # 4. Mrs. HARRIS informed that she had written the Bureau in July of this year inasmuch as she had observed a photograph of Subject COLE in the

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Official Detective Story Magazine, May 30, 1938; inasmuch as this article had not listed MARIE COLE as a correspondent of Subject COLE she thought the Bureau would desire this information. Mrs. HARRIS stated she had lived in Alpena Pass, Arkansas, two doors from MARIE COLE'S home about two months ago and she had lived at this address for about six months during which time ED B. HARRIS had operated a pool hall in Alpena Pass. Mrs. HARRIS advised she had never seen or known COLE or ROE; FURTHER that she does not think MARIE COLE cares for Subject COLE and in fact is afraid of him for fear he might come back and kidnap their son. Mrs. HARRIS stated that this information was obtained from MARIE COLE during the time COLE was incarcerated in the Penitentiary. Mrs. HARRIS further stated that she has not talked to MARIE COLE since COLE escaped. Mrs. HARRIS stated she desired very much to obtain any reward offered for the apprehension of Subject COLE.

On November 21, 1938, the Little Rock Field Division received another letter from Mrs. HARRIS, dated November 19, 1938, Harrison, Arkansas, in which Mrs. HARRIS stated if she obtained any information she would communicate with the Little Rock Field Office.

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December 10, 1938

Special Agent in Charge
Little Rock, Arkansas

Re: KOCOL

Dear Sir:

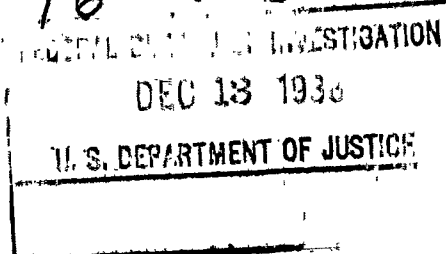
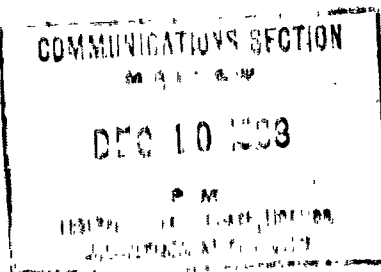
Reference is made to Bureau letter dated October 21, 1938, which called your attention to Bureau letter dated August 5, 1938, and requested that an interview be had with Mrs. Ed B. Harris, Route No. 4, Harrison, Arkansas, at the earliest possible opportunity.

The Bureau file does not reflect that this matter has received attention, and it desired that you arrange to have the interview conducted with Mrs. Harris in the immediate future.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Nathan _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Crowl _____
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Mr. Tracy _____
Miss Gandy _____



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76-2686-552

December 21, 1938

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Special Agent in Charge
Atlanta, Georgia

RE: RUCOL

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Earl Hirsh, dated at Atlanta, Georgia, on December 10, 1938, in which it is noted information is set forth that the Atlanta Penitentiary file relative to James U. Butcher was observed by Special Agent Hirsh and was found to be very bulky but apparently had much more pertinent information than was set forth in his report.

Regardless of the fact that an undeveloped lead is set forth in the report for the Louisville office to interview William Butcher to secure information relative to the location of James U. Butcher, the Bureau is unable to understand why Special Agent Hirsh did not review the Atlanta Penitentiary file relative to James U. Butcher and secure such information as might be of value in the investigation of this case. It is desired that this be done immediately and that an appropriate report be submitted.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc Oklahoma City
Louisville

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Nathan
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Crowl
Mr. Dawsey
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **OKLAHOMA CITY**

FILE NO. **76-96**

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REPORT MADE AT Atlanta, Georgia	DATE WHEN MADE 12/10/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/7/38	REPORT MADE BY EARL HIRSH
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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 PRISONER
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

JAMES U. BUTCHER released from U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Ga., 10/1/38, given transportation to London, Ky.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent **RALPH T. HOOD**, Oklahoma City, 12/2/38.

DETAILS:

The records at the U. S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, reflect that **JAMES U. BUTCHER**, alias **JAMES U. McMAHAN**, #43,149, was received at that institution on 5/9/33 from the Eastern District of Kentucky, London, to serve a five year sentence for counterfeiting. On 12/18/35, he was transferred to the U. S. Penitentiary at Alcatraz and on 10/9/36 he was conditionally released from that institution. On 4/1/37 he was declared a conditional release violator and on 6/9/37 he was returned to Alcatraz as a conditional release violator. On 6/21/37 he was transferred from Alcatraz to the U. S. Penitentiary at Atlanta and was discharged at the expiration of his sentence on 10/1/38 and was given transportation to London, Kentucky.

The following is a list of his relatives:

J. A. McMAHAN, foster father, Greensburg, Ky.; **IRENE BUTCHER**, mother, East Bernstead, Ky.; **MARIE or MARY BUTCHER**, Farrell, Pa., and East Bernstead, Ky.; **WILLIAM BUTCHER**, brother, London, Ky.; **GRACE McMAHAN**, wife, Petersburg, Ky.

A review of the correspondence files disclose that **BUTCHER** received and wrote letters to the following: *Atlanta, Okla City, Dec 10/38 12/13/38 RPK*

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IRENE BUTCHER, mother, East Bernstead, Ky.; WILLIAM BUTCHER, brother, London, Ky.; J. A. McMAHAN, foster father, Greensboro, Ky.; MARIE BUTCHER, sister, East Bernstead, Ky.

The file of BUTCHER was very bulky and apparently had much more pertinent information than is set out in this report. If the Louisville Office is unable to locate BUTCHER through his family or through his brother, who is living in London, Ky., the Atlanta Office should be requested to make a further review of the file at the penitentiary.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE LOUISVILLE FIELD DIVISION at London, Ky., will interview WILLIAM BUTCHER, attempting to locate JAMES U. BUTCHER, in order that he may be interviewed in connection with the incidents mentioned from pages 44 to 48 inclusive in reference report. It is noted that all field offices have copies of this report.

THE ATLANTA OFFICE will carry out the lead at Stockbridge, Ga.

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

FILE NO. **76-96**

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REPORT MADE AT Atlanta, Georgia	DATE WHEN MADE 12/13/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/5,10/38	REPORT MADE BY G. F. ALMON
TITLE RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1471.			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Mrs. J. W. MARTIN, nee THELMA I. WHITE, and Mrs. H. COOGLER, both Atlanta, have received no communications from WILLIAM E. BARTLETT, friend of the subjects.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent M. GURNEA, San Francisco, 12/28/37.

DETAILS:

Mrs. J. W. MARTIN, nee THELMA I. WHITE, 185 Eleanor Street, Atlanta, stated that before WILLIAM E. BARTLETT, a friend of the fugitives, was confined at the penitentiary, she kept company with him but that the last time she saw him was about 1935; that she married J. W. MARTIN on July 4, 1938, and has received no communication from BARTLETT since she last saw him. She was informed that to harbor fugitives was a Federal violation and she informed she would have nothing to do with the fugitives and would notify the Atlanta Field Office should she see or hear of him.

Mrs. H. COOGLER, 994 Dill Street, Atlanta, stated that her husband was a half-uncle of WILLIAM E. BARTLETT, friend of the fugitives, and that prior to BARTLETT'S most recent arrest he had stayed with them at 994 Dill Street, Atlanta; however; that shortly before his arrest they had told him to leave their house; that they have not seen him since then and have received no communications from him. Mrs. COOGLER was informed that to harbor fugitives is a Federal violation and she was furnished copies of Identification Orders 1471 and 1472. She said she would have nothing to do with subjects and would notify the Atlanta Office should she see or hear of them.

Reference report requests that all released prisoners, visitors and correspondents of inmates be interviewed for information concerning any

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plans to escape. Reference report indicates that BRYAN CONWAY was released from Alcatraz on November 4, 1937, and was furnished transportation to Lawrenceburg, Tenn. Unless requested by the Memphis Office, the mother and sister of BRYAN CONWAY, residing at Cochran, Georgia, will not be interviewed to locate BRYAN CONWAY.

All outstanding leads in the Atlanta Division are being set out below.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

* THE ATLANTA FIELD DIVISION at Stockbridge, Georgia, from the postmaster will ascertain the exact address of Mrs. DEE EVANS, nee FRANCES BARTLETT, and when this is obtained interview her in connection with lead set forth in reference report.

* At Atlanta, Georgia, will contact confidential sources of information and informants connected with the underworld for rumors regarding the escape or the presence of subjects in this district.

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December 12, 1938

TO ALL AGENTS:

File #76-206

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

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Although no leads are outstanding in this case within the St. Paul Field Division it is desired that when possible you read the report submitted in this case by Special Agent Ralph T. Hood dated at Oklahoma City December 2, 1938. Your attention is particularly called to pages 54 and 55 thereof.

You should be alert to obtain from confidential sources of information and informants connected with the underworld any rumors regarding the escape or presence of the subjects in this area.

RCH:GHK

cc-Bureau ✓

Oklahoma City
S. W. Hardy
A. G. Berens
R. T. Noonan
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ROBERT C. HENDON

Special Agent in Charge

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DEC 17 1938
U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE
FUGITIVE

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76-2686-555

December 13, 1938

Mr. Juan Dominguez
Chief
Secret Service Division
Police Department
Department of Interior
Manila
Philippine Islands

My dear Chief:

A letter has been received from Mr. Gregorio B. Cuevas, 1024 San Marcelino, Malate, Manila, Philippine Islands, advising he has observed an individual in Manila who he believes may possibly be identical with Theodore Cole, a fugitive whose apprehension is desired by this Bureau.

For your information, Theodore Cole, together with Ralph Roe, escaped from the United States Penitentiary, Alcatraz Island, California, on December 16, 1937. Two copies of Identification Order No. 1471, issued by this Bureau relative to Theodore Cole, and two copies of Identification Order No. 1472, issued relative to Ralph Roe, are being furnished to you herewith.

Mr. Cuevas has been advised that in the event he should obtain further information relative to the individual whom he believes to be identical with Theodore Cole, he should communicate with your department so arrangements may be made to determine by a fingerprint comparison whether the person in Manila is identical with Theodore Cole.

I should very much appreciate your cooperation in this regard, and in the event you obtain any information relative to a person believed to be identical with either Theodore Cole or Ralph Roe, I should like to suggest that you effect a fingerprint comparison with the fingerprint impressions appearing on the Identification Orders so it may be definitely determined whether the individual in question is identical with either of these fugitives.

Assuring you of my desire to cooperate with you in all matters of mutual interest, I am

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Sincerely yours,

STANDARD

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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

P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
December 14th, 1938

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

ROCOL

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated December 5th, 1938 (76-2686), which relates to a telegram from this office dated November 30, 1938.

Please be advised that this telegram was inadvertently directed to you, in connection with the sending of telegrams to proper field offices. This error is regretted, and proper care will be taken to avoid repetition of same.

Very truly yours,

H. B. Fletcher

H. B. FLETCHER,
Special Agent in Charge.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
December 8th, 1938

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Special Agent in Charge
Dallas, Texas

RE: BOCOL

Dear Sir:

As a result of a cover placed on the mail of JAMES ROE, Odessa, Texas, a brother of subject ROE, a mail tracing was received of a letter postmarked at Lubbock, Texas on November 22, 1938, addressed to Mr. and Mrs. JIM ROE, bearing the return address of 2107 21st Street, Lubbock, Texas.

It is requested that appropriate investigation be conducted at Lubbock, Texas to determine the identity of this correspondent of JAMES ROE. If not identical with either of subjects, will consider the advisability of direct inquiry of this correspondent.

Very truly yours,

H. B. FLETCHER,
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

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San Francisco

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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
December 7th, 1938

W
Special Agent in Charge
Los Angeles, California

RE: ROOOL

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. H. SIMONS, dated at Los Angeles, November 28, 1938, and to page two thereof, in which it is indicated that an interview was had with ALBERT B. TUCKER, Woodlake, California, who advised that his sister, ALICE HUGGINS, presently acting as a housekeeper for PETER MACKEN, Route 1, Box 55, Sanger, California, possessed certain information regarding JESSE SINKS, who she thought might be identical with Subject COLE. It was noted that no lead was set out to interview Miss HUGGINS, and it is respectfully requested that this receive appropriate attention.

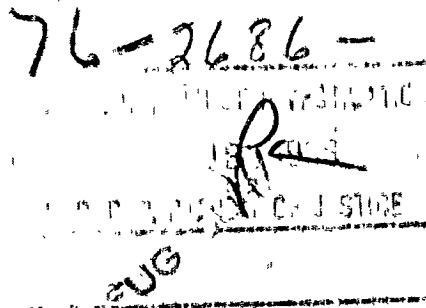
It is noted that the above report also sets out the criminal record of MARIE BLACKWELL, with aliases, FBI-1620341. From the information in the file it is not believed that this individual is identical with MARIE BLACKWELL who was the former paramour of ROX and who is believed to be presently residing at Ardmore, Oklahoma.

Very truly yours,

R. B. FLETCHER,
Special Agent in Charge.

HBV/ms
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cc Bureau
San Francisco



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

FILE NO.

76-259-

REPORT MADE AT Dallas, Texas	DATE WHEN MADE 12-15-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11-30/12-3, 6, 9, 10, 11, 1938	REPORT MADE BY A. W. Miller
TITLE RALPH ROE with aliases, I.O. #1472 - FUGITIVE; THEODORE COLE with aliases, I.O. #1471 - FUGITIVE.			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Ascertained at Pampa, Texas, T. D. MOSS residing at Shamrock, Texas. MOSS and wife not well acquainted with Mrs. CECIL NOEL and did not know she was ex-wife of ROE. One JACK O'BRIAN reported to have assisted ROE & COLE in escape from Alcatraz and woman friend of O'BRIAN at Los Angeles probably knows whereabouts of subjects. Unable ascertain author of letter addressed to JIM ROE, Odessa, Texas, postmarked at Lubbock, Texas, 12-22-38.

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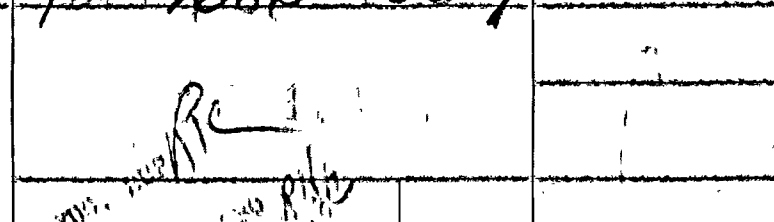
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It was ascertained from the city directory at Pampa, Texas, there is no such street address as 341 East or West Ferguson in that city. Telephone directory reflected a T. D. MOSS at 114 N. Gillespie Street, Pampa, Texas. At 114 N. Gillespie Street, Mrs. JOHNSON advised that she had been living at this address only a week; further that she was well acquainted with the people who lived there prior to her moving there and their name was not MOSS.

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The information operator at the Bell Telephone Company, Pampa, Texas, advised T. D. MOSS had his telephone disconnected in July and did not have it reinstalled.

W. W. McDONALD, Superintendent of Mails, Pampa, Texas, advised the records of that office reflected a forwarding address placed on July 8, 1938, for general delivery, Shamrock, Texas.

In accordance with request, photographs of RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE were delivered to Chief of Police W. H. BATES at Borger, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. MOSS, Post Office Box 492, Shamrock, Texas, were located at a small filling station and beer joint about four miles north of Shamrock, Texas Highway 83 which they are operating, and upon interview advised they barely knew Mrs. CECIL NOEL; that while they were in Las Vegas, New Mexico, Mrs. NOEL would come into their place of business and make her purchases and leave; that she was rather friendly with Mrs. MOSS' sister, Mrs. BUCK NOEL, but not Mrs. MOSS. Mr. and Mrs. MOSS stated that they did not know she was the ex-wife of ROE; that they did not know her at all until she married CECIL NOEL; that they observed that she was aloof and was non-committal and non-communicative with them. They were of the opinion that Mrs. CECIL NOEL would ^{not} tell her husband anything; that she handles the money and is boss. Mrs. MOSS stated her sister now lives at Pampa, Texas and can be located through her father-in-law J. L. NOEL who lives on Francis Street in Pampa, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. MOSS stated they never did see Mrs. CECIL NOEL write a letter to anyone, nor did they have any idea when she received her mail and under what name.

At 2107 Twenty First Street, Lubbock, Texas, Mr. J. C. DAVIS, owner of the Texas Floral Company, was contacted and advised he has owned and operated the above floral company at this address for a number of years.

Mr. DAVIS stated he did not know a letter had been written to anyone at Odessa, Texas. He searched his records and failed to find that any mail had been directed to anyone at that place. He questioned his secretary who advised that she did not write anyone at Odessa, Texas; further that no mail had been sent out of that office for anyone at Odessa.

Mr. W. C. WALL, gardener, and landscape expert, for the above floral company, advised that he had no knowledge as to who could have written a letter to Odessa, Texas, using 2107 21st Street as a return address.

Both Mr. DAVIS and Mr. WALL advised that they would discreetly ascertain if any of their employees or helpers could have written such a letter. They advised that the help they are using are college boys, who are working to help them through school, but they would endeavor to ascertain if they know anyone in Odessa, Texas.

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Mr. DON REEDER, Chief of Police, and a National Police graduate, and Mr. BILL MABRY, Assistant Chief of Police, Lubbock, Texas, stated that both Mr. DAVIS and Mr. WALL are men of good reputation, and any statement they may make could be depended upon as being the truth.

Mr. DAVIS and Mr. WALL were again contacted and they advised that they had questioned each one of their employees in such a manner that no one suspected an investigation. No one appeared to have any acquaintances in Odessa, Texas. It was the opinion of Mr. DAVIS and Mr. WALL that if any one of their employees had knowledge of this letter he would not hesitate to say so. These men advised that in the event they obtain any information relative to letter being mailed to anyone in Odessa, Texas, they would immediately communicate with the Dallas office. They also stated they would instruct their secretary to watch all incoming mail for any addressed to any employee or any one not employed by them at this address, and in the event a letter is received bearing Odessa, Texas, postmark, they will immediately make a note of all information appearing on the envelope and communicate with the Dallas office. Both DAVIS and WALL were furnished with the names of the persons to whom the instant letter was addressed at Odessa, Texas.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent
E. C. DORRIS:

Mr. MARTIN KOONSMAN, agent for the National Automobile Theft Bureau advised agent that he was recently in Odessa, Texas, and had occasion to talk with a woman who was being held at this place for car theft. Mr. KOONSMAN could not at time of conversation with agent recall the name of this woman. She informed Mr. KOONSMAN substantially as follows:

She had recently talked with one JACK O'BRIAN, alias JACK CAMPBELL, alias SAILOR O'BRIAN, who reportedly is wanted in El Paso, Texas, on an unknown charge. O'BRIAN informed Mr. KOONSMAN'S informant that he, O'BRIAN has a girl friend in Los Angeles, California, who has been repeatedly questioned in connection with the escape of COLE and ROE from Alcatraz; that O'BRIAN exhibited a letter from this woman at Los Angeles, whose name was never disclosed. Among other things O'BRIAN stated his girl friend informed him that she was still being "shook down" about twice a week by the officers were are looking for COLE and ROE. O'BRIAN also made the remark that he assisted in this escape, saying "I helped those boys make their getaway from Alcatraz".

Mr. KOONSMAN was of the opinion that his informant was telling the truth, at least to the best of her knowledge. He has checked on the information relative to O'BRIAN being wanted at El Paso and received

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from Sheriff CHRIS FOX that O'BRIAN was not wanted by the Sheriff's Department or the Police Department in El Paso and is unknown there under the name of O'BRIAN. Mr. KOONSMAN will return to Odessa in about two days and he stated that he would question his informant further and advise agent of any further information he may receive.

O'BRIAN is described by Mr. KOONSMAN'S informant as being 6 ft tall, weight 170 pounds, 26 to 28 years of age, dark hair, olive complexion and presently living at Crane, Texas.

The El Paso office was furnished the above information by telephone by the Dallas office in order that appropriate investigation might be conducted at Crane, Texas, concerning JACK O'BRIAN, alias JACK CAMPBELL and SAILOR O'BRIAN.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE EL PASO FIELD DIVISION:

At Crane, Texas: Will make investigation concerning JACK O'BRIAN in an effort to ascertain if he did assist in the escape of ROE and COLE from Alcatraz, and the identity of the woman in Los Angeles who may know something about this case.

THE DALLAS FIELD DIVISION:

At Pampa, Texas: Through J. L. NOEL, who lives on Francis Street, locate and interview Mrs. BUCK NOEL for any information she may have relative to Mrs. CEDIL NOEL corresponding with her former husband RALPH ROE.

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December 17, 1938

10:00 A. M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM

Re: ROCOL

In accordance with your instructions, I called SAC Fletcher at Oklahoma City relative to plans for cooperating with [redacted] in obtaining information from [redacted] who is incarcerated in Leavenworth Penitentiary and is presumed to have information relative to the whereabouts of Ralph Roe. I informed Mr. Fletcher it was your desire that Special Agent Frank Smith not accompany [redacted] as the Bureau felt arrangements could be made so Agents from the Kansas City office could handle this situation at Leavenworth Penitentiary. I also advised Mr. Fletcher the Bureau would prefer that the arrangements in this matter be made so A. B. Cooper would not accompany [redacted] to the Penitentiary, but pointed out to Mr. Fletcher the Bureau realized that this woman was actually an informant of Cooper's and that, of course, we would have to conform ourselves somewhat to her wishes.

SAC Fletcher stated it was his opinion and also Agent Smith's opinion that Cooper was entirely reliable, that he had formerly been connected with the Burns Detective Agency, and that he had assisted the Kansas City office in the solution of a bank case. Mr. Fletcher said that the present arrangements were for [redacted] and Cooper to go to Kansas City on Monday and that [redacted] would then go alone to Leavenworth Penitentiary, contact her husband, attempt to arrange with him for an Agent to interview him and in the event he did not agree to this, attempt to arrange for Cooper to interview him.

SAC Fletcher advised that he would determine exactly what arrangements were finally made for [redacted] to take this trip and that he would advise the Bureau and the Kansas City office immediately so arrangements could be made by the Kansas City office to contact [redacted] upon her arrival in Kansas City. He also advised that he would make such plans as possible to interview her husband at the Leavenworth Penitentiary or at least to obtain the information which she secures from her husband.

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Memorandum for
Mr. E. A. Tamm

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SAC Fletcher advised that last night there had been a Government owned automobile stolen in Oklahoma City and that his office had opened a case for Theft of Government Property. He requested authority from the Bureau to make a broadcast over the State Highway Patrol Radio System relative to this automobile. Mr. Fletcher stated that he was not entirely clear as to the necessity of securing authority for a broadcast of this type and I advised him that the Bureau desired that before making any sort of broadcast, the field office secure prior authority from the Bureau. I told him that in this particular instance, he should go ahead and make the broadcast unless I advised him to the contrary. I then called you and advised of the authority given for this broadcast.

Respectfully,



R. P. Kramer

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
December 15th, 1938

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Director
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Dear Sir:

In the development of a lead at the Oklahoma City Office Special Agent FRANK S. SMITH contacted A. B. COOPER, private detective at Oklahoma City, and received information to the effect that Fugitives ROE and COLE had effected their escape. Mr. COOPER stated that his informant was [redacted] of STEPHEN WELCH, Oklahoma City Police Department #8735, now serving five years in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas on counterfeiting and confidence charges.

STEPHEN WELCH and [redacted] were formerly close associates of RALPH ROE, and at one time made his bond in connection with harboring charges arising out of the WILBER UNDERHILL case. [redacted] makes regular visits to the Leavenworth Penitentiary to see her husband, and she is presently employed by J. FOREST McCUTCHEON, an attorney with offices in the First National Bank Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. She is regarded in Oklahoma City as being a good contact for the underworld and particularly confidence men. She has assisted Mr. COOPER in the past on matters, and has been found reliable by him.

Special Agent FRANK S. SMITH personally talked to [redacted] and she stated that on a recent visit to [redacted] he told her that ROE and COLE actually made their escape, and that ROE was then in Chicago. She stated that she did not know the source of her husband's information, but he apparently had good sources of information for the reason that he asked her to watch the newspapers on some counterfeiting matters breaking in Denver, and that evening she picked up a newspaper in Kansas City, Missouri in which she notices an article about the arrest of individuals named by her husband at Denver on counterfeiting charges.

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She states that she is interested in assisting her husband in making his parole, and in this connection she was advised that this Bureau could not be of any assistance in that respect. She was advised that a monetary reward would be given to her for information given to Agents of this Bureau resulting

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in the apprehension of ROE and COLE, if in fact they made their escape. In this connection, Mr. A. B. COOPER, as a private detective, is interested in securing monetary consideration for his efforts which would cause the apprehension of ROE and COLE.

Mr. A. B. COOPER is regarded as a reliable, capable and confidential contact of this office.

[redacted] stated she planned to visit her husband between Christmas and New Years, and would go sooner if desired; that she would prefer that Special Agent FRANK S. SMITH or A. B. COOPER, or both, accompany her to Kansas City, Missouri, and she would thereafter make the contact at the penitentiary. She felt reasonably sure she would be able to either secure the information herself or persuade her husband to divulge the information in his possession to Mr. COOPER or to Special Agent SMITH. She stated that the most advantageous time to see her husband would be on some week day, for the reason that on weekends and she believed through the holidays there would be too many people visiting to make her visit completely effective.

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The Bureau's immediate advice concerning this matter will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,



H. B. FLETCHER,
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

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Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **76-282.**

REPORT MADE AT EL PASO, TEXAS	DATE WHEN MADE 12/16/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/6/38	REPORT MADE BY D. K. BROWN ALL
TITLE RALPH ROE, was, I.O. #1472 - FUGITIVE; THEODORE COLE, was, I.O. #1471 - FUGITIVE.			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

"SAILOR JACK" O'BRIEN boasted to EVA RUTH TALLIAFERRO that he helped subjects escape from Alcatraz, but EVA RUTH is of the opinion that O'BRIEN is a liar or braggart, who cannot be believed. O'BRIEN resided at Crane, Texas for a short time in October, 1938, but left for parts unknown. JEAN DAVIS believed working as taxi dancer for BOB CONNOR at Centralia, Illinois.

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Reference:

Letter from Dallas Division dated 12/4/38;
Report of G. C. CAMPBELL, Seattle, Wash., 7/12/38;
Report of Special Agent in Charge HOOD, Oklahoma City, Okla., 12/2/38.

Details:

On the afternoon of December 4, 1938, the El Paso Division was in receipt of telephonic information from the Dallas Division to the effect that Mr. MARTIN M. KOONSMAN of the National Automobile Theft Bureau, Dallas, had advised that a woman, name unknown, who is being held in jail at Odessa, Texas on an automobile theft charge, told Mr. KOONSMAN that she knew a man named O'BRIEN who knew something about the subjects in this case.

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This woman advised Mr. KOONSMAN that O'BRIEN goes by the name of "JACK", and "SAILOR", and she quoted O'BRIEN as saying "I helped those boys make their escape from Alcatraz". O'BRIEN is further alleged to have told the woman that he had contacted both ROE and COLE since their escape from Alcatraz, and further, that he is an ex-convict, and is considered dangerous.

AT ODESSA, TEXAS:

Through Deputy Sheriff STEELE HILL, it was ascertained that EVA RUTH TALIAFERRO was probably the woman referred to in the above mentioned telephonic conversation, and EVA RUTH was interviewed in the presence of HILL.

She advised that she is eighteen years of age, and has been married on one occasion to a ROBE WATSON of Carlsbad, New Mexico; that her mother, MRS. C. B. TALIAFERRO now resides at Alamogordo, New Mexico, with EVA RUTH'S grandmother, MRS. J. J. GOSSETT. She stated that she first met JACK O'BRIEN (uses name of JACK CAMPBELL on his Social Security card) when he was at Carlsbad with a carnival about a year ago; that she associated there with him for about a week, but that he left Carlsbad with the carnival and she did not see him again until she accidentally met him at Crane, Texas in October, 1938. EVA RUTH stated that following this meeting she lived at Crane, Texas, with O'BRIEN as his wife for about a week and a half; that it was during this time that he mentioned ROE and COLE.

EVA RUTH was closely questioned as to how the conversation regarding ROE and COLE arose between herself and O'BRIEN, and she advised that O'BRIEN was the type of individual who was always bragging about his misdeeds, and after she had lived with him about two or three days, he attempted to persuade her to hustle for him.

According to EVA RUTH, arrangements were that she was to make arrangements to fill a date with a man whose identity she claimed not to know, and that while she was filling this date, O'BRIEN would "roll" the man for his money. EVA RUTH stated that she positively refused to hustle for O'BRIEN, or have any part in the badger game which he was trying to perpetrate, and O'BRIEN got angry and started telling her what a tough character he was.

O'BRIEN at this time told EVA RUTH that he had been in some undesignated penitentiary on three occasions, and that he was presently wanted by the Police Departments of various cities in the United States.

He also alleged at this time that he was the man who made it possible for ROE and COLE to escape from Alcatraz. EVA RUTH stated that nothing more was said about ROE and COLE, inasmuch as these statements were made during the argument as to whether she should prostitute herself for O'BRIEN'S benefit, and that, knowing that O'BRIEN was a liar and a braggart, she paid no particular attention to these statements; that, however, a few days subsequent to the above occurrence, O'BRIEN received a letter from Los Angeles, signed by a "MARION", the contents of which indicated that MARION had been questioned about ROE and COLE, as well as O'BRIEN. This letter also alleged that MARION had been watched by Federal officers, and shadowed for a period of a week.

In this connection, particular reference is made to report of Special Agent C. G. CAMPBELL, Seattle, Washington, July 12, 1938, reflecting an interview with MARION JEANETTE DARLING, wherein it is indicated that the DARLING woman was an associate of one JACK O'BRIEN. It appears probable that the letter referred to by EVA RUTH TALLIAFERRO was received by O'BRIEN from the DARLING woman.

EVA RUTH was closely questioned in an effort to ascertain the full name of MARION, who addressed the letter to O'BRIEN, but she was unable to recall the full name signed to this letter, and advised that O'BRIEN told her that this girl was a former sweetheart, who wanted to marry him; that she had recently returned to Los Angeles from the State of Washington, to begin work on a new picture.

EVA RUTH advised that O'BRIEN worked at Crane, Texas, for a very few days, with some road construction company, and during the time he worked there, he always said that as soon as he got enough money he was going to return to Los Angeles, California to see the DARLING woman.

EVA RUTH further advised that shortly after the quarrel about her hustling, she left O'BRIEN and came to Odessa, Texas, where she stayed for several days; that she had, however, promised O'BRIEN that she would return to Crane at some future date, and inform him as to whether she intended to live with him, and possibly prostitute herself for him; that for this reason she had borrowed an automobile and proceeded to Crane, Texas, to see O'BRIEN, and had been arrested at Crane and charged with the theft of this car.

She advised that according to her last information, O'BRIEN is at Crane, Texas, and if he had left that point, she did not know where he could be found, other than that he always expressed the desire to return to Los Angeles.

EVA RUTH was unable to identify the photographs of Subjects as being anyone who associated with O'BRIEN during the time she was associated with him.

Following is description of O'BRIEN as furnished by EVA RUTH TALIAFERRO:

Age:	23 years.
Haight:	5 feet.
Weight:	160 lbs.
Build:	Slender.
Hair:	Light Brown.
Eyes:	Brown.
Complexion:	Medium.
Scars & Marks:	Round scar on left cheek; both arms tattooed.

With reference to report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, dated December 2, 1938, Oklahoma City, the following effort was made to locate MRS. ED. (JEAN) DAVIS:

Mr. J. T. SMITH, Assistant Postmaster, after checking his records, advised that the DAVIS woman was not receiving mail at Odessa, Texas.

MISS EVANS, Retail Merchants Association, after a search of her records, advised that she had no information whatever about MRS. ED. (JEAN) DAVIS. MISS EVANS, at Agent's request, called all the local honky-tonks, in an effort to see if a woman of that name was working for such places, without being informed as to the nature of this investigation, or as to the connection of the various individuals contacted. MISS EVANS, on Agent's request, telephonically communicated with JAMES ROE, brother of Subject, under the guise of obtaining credit information from him, and requested that he furnish all the information in his possession as to MRS. ED. (JEAN) DAVIS. ROE stated to MISS EVANS that he was acquainted with an ED DAVIS, and that probably this ED DAVIS

wife was named JEAN, but that he had no information as to the present location of either ED or JEAN DAVIS.

City Officer DICK CHAPMAN advised that he was well acquainted with the habitués of the local dance halls and honky-tonks, but that he did not recall any woman by the name of JEAN DAVIS around Odessa, Texas.

Officer CHAPMAN made casual inquiry among practically all the taxi drivers at Odessa, Texas, and without locating any information concerning this girl.

Officer CHAPMAN also advised that he was acquainted with JAMES ROE, brother of Subject ROE, and that he would assist Agent in developing a confidential informant close to this individual, and requested that he be contacted in this connection when next Agent is in Odessa, Texas.

W. A. FIELDS, City Police Department, Odessa, Texas, advised that he had been Chief of Police at Monahans, Texas until a few months ago, and that while at Monahans, he was acquainted with JEAN DAVIS, who worked at the Permain Club for a short time; that since this time JEAN DAVIS came to Odessa, Texas, and worked at various honky-tonks for about two weeks, and left Odessa during the latter part of October, 1938; that JEAN DAVIS left Odessa, Texas to go to Centralia, Illinois, where she expected to work for one BOB CONNOR as a taxi dancer; that five other taxi dancers accompanied JEAN DAVIS from Odessa at this time. This information was verified by Mr. STEELE HILL another deputy at the Ector County Courthouse, Odessa, Texas, and other deputies who were present during the interview with Mr. FIELDS.

MR. FIELDS furnished the following description of JEAN DAVIS, and inasmuch as it is not positively known that this is the JEAN DAVIS referred to in the report of Special Agent HOOB, this description is being set out for the benefit of the Oklahoma City Office:

Age:	22 to 25 years.
Height:	5'4"
Weight:	115 lbs.
Hair:	Dark.
Eyes:	Brown, small
Complexion:	Olive
Characteristics:	Front teeth protruding and irregular; round face.

AT CRANE, TEXAS:

MR. J. T. BUTLER, Clerk, Crane Post Office, advised that he had no record or recollection of anyone by the name of JACK O'BRIEN or JACK CAMPBELL receiving mail at Crane, Texas, and that he had no forwarding address for anyone under these names.

Mr. BUTLER was unable to identify the photographs of Subjects as being anyone whom he had seen at Crane, Texas.

CHIEF OF POLICE, DUDE THOMPSON, advised that he knew JACK O'BRIEN as "SAILOR JACK" and this individual had stayed around Crane, Texas for about two and a half weeks, during the latter part of September, or the first part of October, 1938; that O'BRIEN at that time was living with two boys known to the Chief by their last name only, as the "WOOTEN" boys.

Chief THOMPSON stated that all of these individuals left Crane, Texas, about a month ago, and that he had been interested in keeping track of them, but had not been to determine their destination at the time they left CRANE. MR. THOMPSON further advised that O'BRIEN had told such tall tales to various citizens of Crane, Texas, during the time he lived at that point, that he, THOMPSON, had endeavored to ascertain if O'BRIEN was wanted any place in the United States, and he was unable to ascertain that O'BRIEN was wanted; however, he had come to the conclusion that O'BRIEN was a liar and a braggart.

Chief THOMPSON stated that he had ascertained, however, that O'BRIEN had been employed by a local construction Company under the name of JACK CAMPBELL, and due to all this individual's activities, he had kept close watch on him at Crane, Texas; that, however, he is positive that O'BRIEN never associated with anyone answering the description, or appearing identical with the photographs of the subjects of this case.

R. E. WATSON, Watson's Cafe, was interviewed in the presence of Chief THOMPSON and he advised that JACK O'BRIEN had eaten practically all of his meals at that place, and that O'BRIEN was continually bragging about his association with big-time criminals, and about his past criminal record; that he, WATSON, at first believed that O'BRIEN was a very tough character, but later decided that O'BRIEN was merely a braggart.

WATSON stated that O'BRIEN had left Crane, Texas, sometime before without disclosing his destination; that, however, O'BRIEN had worked for the Brown and Root Construction Company as JACK CAMPBELL, and it had been necessary for Mr. WATSON to attach O'BRIEN'S check at that place in order to secure payment for the meals which O'BRIEN had eaten in his cafe.

MR. WATSON is unable to identify photographs of Subject as any individuals he saw associating with O'BRIEN at Crane, Texas.

KENNETH MONTGOMERY, Brown & Root Construction Company, advised that "SAILOR JACK" O'BRIEN had been employed by this Company on road construction work from October 3 to October 6, 1938, inclusive; that he recalled O'BRIEN as a braggart and as being apparently a roving type of individual; that O'BRIEN left Crane, Texas some weeks before the time of this investigation, giving no indication as to his present destination.

MR. MONTGOMERY was unable to identify photographs of Subjects as being any individuals who associated with O'BRIEN at Crane, Texas.

In company with Chief THOMPSON, Agent made inquiry among numerous loiterers around Crane, Texas, all of whom were acquainted with JACK O'BRIEN, but none of whom were able to give any information concerning O'BRIEN'S present location. In this manner it was ascertained, however, that O'BRIEN resided in a small shack with two boys named "WOOTEN" at Crane, Texas, and this shack was located on the edge of Crane. At this place MRS. WOOTEN (no relation to the WOOTEN boys, who lived with O'BRIEN), who is the nearest neighbor to the shack where O'BRIEN and two other boys lived, advised that she recalled O'BRIEN and two other boys living in this shack from sometime after the middle of September until the first part of October; that, however, she did not associate with these individuals, and neither did her husband, and that she was unable to give any information concerning O'BRIEN'S present location. MRS. WATSON was unable to identify photographs of Subjects as being any individuals who associated with O'BRIEN at Crane, Texas.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

AT OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE:

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA, is requested to advise the El Paso and Peoria offices as to whether JEAN DAVIS, mentioned in the body of this report, appears to be identical with the JEAN DAVIS mentioned in the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, dated Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, December 2, 1938, from her description as set out in this report.

THE PEORIA DIVISION OFFICE:

AT CENTRALIA, ILLINOIS, is requested to endeavor to locate Mrs. ED (JEAN) DAVIS and conduct investigation regarding her, as requested by the El Paso Office in the reference report of Special Agent HOOD.

It should be noted that JEAN DAVIS is believed to be presently working as a taxi dancer for BOB CONNER at Centralia, Illinois.

THE SEATTLE DIVISION OFFICE: Is requested to refer to the report of Special Agent G. C. CAMPBELL, dated July 12, 1938, and endeavor to ascertain through MARYON JEANETTE DARLING, the present location of JACK O'BRIEN, in order that this individual may be vigorously interviewed regarding the allegations he has made to various people concerning the escape of the subjects.

THE EL PASO DIVISION OFFICE:

AT ODESSA, TEXAS: Will in the near future contact City Officer DICK CHAPMAN, and through him develop a confidential informant who is in a position to obtain information of value in this case from JAMES ROE.

* AT EL PASO, TEXAS: Will interview HARRY J. ALBERTS, alleged to be a close friend of JAMES and RALPH ROE by FLINT C. BRANNON, for information which might be of assistance in this matter.

* AT EL PASO, TEXAS, Will interview A. YOOD (GOULD) and TEDDY YOOD (GOULD) who operate a candy and cigar store at 902 1/2 South, whose names were furnished by FLINT C. BRANNON as being friends and associates of RALPH and JAMES ROE.

* AT KERSHIT, TEXAS, Will determine the identity of the holder of Box 308, who wrote a letter to JAMES ROE on October 26, 1938, and interview him for information.

* AT LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO: Will conduct investigation to determine if MRS. CECIL NOEL and MRS. SADIE DYE are in contact with ROE and if basic investigation fails to reveal this, will directly interview them. Will report mail cover on Mr. and Mrs. CECIL NOEL and MRS. SADIE DYE.

* AT ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO: Will determine if JACK MILES is known there and if COLE might be contacting him. See report of Special Agent R. H. HALLERBERG dated 10-4-38 at El Paso.

* AT WINK, TEXAS: Will determine the identity of the holder of Box 298, who corresponded with JAMES ROE, and will consider interviewing such individual for information concerning JAMES and RALPH ROE.

PENDING.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **76-257**

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REPORT MADE AT New Orleans, Louisiana	DATE WHEN MADE 12-16-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12-5-38	REPORT MADE BY R. L. MORGAN
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: **EDWARD JOHN GILLIES**, former inmate Alcatraz, now residing New Orleans, La., gave no information of value in this case.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent E. C. WENIG, dated at Chicago, Ill., 9-15-38.

DETAILS: **AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA**

Inquiry was made in the neighborhood of 3624 General Pershing Street, and it was learned that no one by the name of MRS. M. J. GILLIES lived at that address, and it was possible that she lived with MR. CAGNOLATTI, who operated a pants factory on Girod Street in New Orleans. However, inquiry was made through MR. CHURCH, Manager of W. P. A. projects, New Orleans, and it was learned that EDWARD JOHN GILLIES is now employed on W. P. A. Project #104, and could be located at 3624 General Pershing Street; since it had been learned that no one by the name of GILLIES resided at that address, MR. CHURCH was unable to furnish any other address except W. P. A. Project #104 and stated he would get in touch with GILLIES by phone if necessary. However, Agent made inquiries through MR. CAGNOLATTI on Girod Street, who operates a pants factory there, and it was learned that EDWARD JOHN GILLIES is his brother-in-law, and he would contact GILLIES and have him come to the New Orleans Division Office for interview.

In an interview with EDWARD JOHN GILLIES, 609 Iberville St., New Orleans, the writer was informed that he, GILLIES, had served approximately 18 years in the Federal penitentiary, both at Leavenworth and Alcatraz; that he was transferred from Leavenworth to Alcatraz in 1935, because he had been in so long he had been considered almost a trusty by the officials at

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both Leavenworth and Alcatraz; that his duties were to clean up the beach and assist in the gardening at Alcatraz. He stated that he did not mingle with the other convicts since he felt that association with them might tend to hurt his progress in obtaining a parole, which he has now obtained. He stated that he recalls RALPH ROE and TED COLE from their pictures, but did not recall them by name. He stated that he had read of their escape in the papers and felt that if they had not drowned, it was a miracle. He stated that he had never heard anyone discuss any practical means of escape while an inmate at Alcatraz, since he did not associate with any of the convicts, for the purpose as mentioned above. With reference to any escapes, he had heard some individuals there state that it was almost impossible to escape, and that some were resigned to the fact that escape was very impractical. He further stated that it is doubtful whether anyone who had a plan of escape would discuss it with persons other than those who intended to participate. With reference to escaping from the island, GILLIES stated that it might have been possible that these individuals could have obtained some inner tubes and taken the valve stems off the tubes and passed by the teletouch machine (stool pigeon boxes), later get glue from the print shop and an extra patch from another inner tube and inflate same and use the tubes to buoy them in the water. He further stated that the only place possible for anyone to make any progress in the water for any distance would be on the Oakland side of the island, where the docks are located; that it was possible ROE and COLE had gotten to the docks and had swum out to the buoy since the water at that point is slack for approximately 300 yards, and that in a heavy fog they would not be noticed and that arrangements for a boat to meet them near the buoy on the open side could have been made and the possibility of escape good.

GILLIES stated that if he obtained any information which would assist in this case, he would readily furnish it to the New Orleans Office, but stated that although he had served a long time for his crime that previous to his incarceration he had no criminal record, and that he grew out of an escapade of a soldier overseas, and that he did not consider himself a thief and did not have any sympathy for hardened criminals. GILLIES appeared to be very sincere in his statements.

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PERSONAL AND
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76-2686 - 562 December 20, 1938

Mr. H. B. Fletcher
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
224 Federal Building
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Re: KOCOL

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith copies of a letter dated December 14, 1938, received at the Bureau from Mr. John Lenox, Sheriff of Okmulgee County, Okmulgee, Oklahoma, together with copies of the Bureau's reply thereto.

You will note that Sheriff Lenox has been advised no reward has been offered by this Bureau for information concerning the location of either fugitive in this case. It is desired, however, that you contact Mr. Lenox and discuss this matter with him and determine what information he has in his possession relative to these fugitives. You are, of course, aware that the Bureau is prepared to pay a reasonable sum to any person furnishing information to Agents of the Bureau which will result in the apprehension of either of these fugitives by Bureau Agents.

It is requested that the Bureau be advised of the results of the contact with Sheriff Lenox and of your recommendation as to the amount of money which should be offered to him or his informant in the event the information available is furnished exclusively to this Bureau and results in the apprehension of either fugitive in this case.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Nathan
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Crowl
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Mr. John Lenox
Sheriff of Okmulgee County
Okmulgee, Oklahoma

My dear Sheriff:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated December 14, 1938, in which you inquire as to whether any reward has been offered for information concerning the location of Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole, two individuals who escaped from the United States Penitentiary, Alcatraz Island, California.

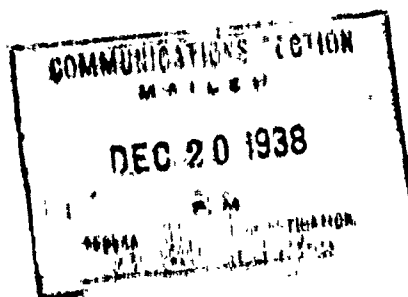
In this respect, I wish to advise you that no reward has been offered by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in connection with the investigation to locate these fugitives. However, I am instructing Mr. H. B. Fletcher, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, 224 Federal Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to contact you in the near future to further discuss this matter with you.

I want you to know that I sincerely appreciate your interest in communicating with me as you did and to assure you of my desire to cooperate in all matters of mutual interest.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mr. Nathan
Mr. E. A. Tamm
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JOHN LENOX
SHERIFF OKMULGEE COUNTY
OKMULGEE, OKLAHOMA

DEPUTY
J. C. BULLING
HENRYETTA, OKLA.
JAILERS
S. R. RAYBURN
W. E. ROARK

Dec. 14, 1938

Hon. John Edgar Hoover,
Director of Federal Bureau of Inv.,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Please advise if there is a reward for Ralph Rowe
and Theodore alias, Ted Cole, escapes from the Alcatraz
Prison, and if so, the amount on each.

My reasons for wanting this information are that a
man has talked with me who thinks that with the use of some
money, information could be had as to their present whereabouts.

I would call to your attention that both of these men
are known throughout this general part of the country.

This department never has, and never will, accept
any reward for assisting in the arrest of any person, and my
reason for wanting this information relative to reward is to
use it as a leverage in helping bring these fugitives to
justice.

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Very respectfully,

John Lenox

Sheriff

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

FILE NO. **76-259**

REPORT MADE AT Dallas, Texas	DATE WHEN MADE 12/22/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/15/38	REPORT MADE BY F. J. BLAKE
TITLE RALPH ROE, with aliases, I.O.#1472, FUGITIVE; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, I.O.#1471, FUGITIVE.			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

There is no post office box at Dublin, Texas, numbered 1422.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated December 2, 1938.

DETAILS:


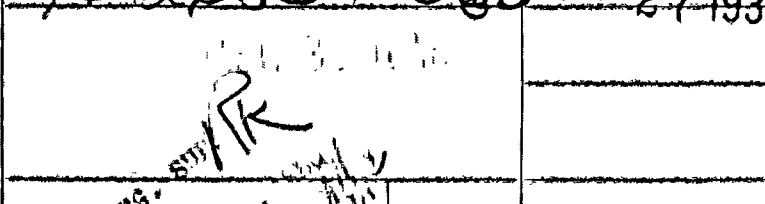
At the Post Office at Dublin, Texas, it was ascertained that the numbers of the boxes of that office do not go as high as 1422. It was also learned that there are no rural boxes as high as 1422. In fact, no box in or out of that office carries a number approaching that number.

With the thought in mind that possibly the box number might be 422, it was ascertained that this box was held by Mrs. MYRTLE BRYANT, widow, a long time resident of Dublin and a woman of excellent reputation. She is employed by Dr. T. F. BRYANT (no relation). So far as could be remembered, no mail came to Mrs. BRYANT from Odessa, Texas.

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202 U. S. COURTHOUSE
EL PASO, TEXAS
DEC: 15, 1938.

76-282

Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

RE: ROGOL.

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are two mail tracings received from the Postmaster at Odessa, Texas, as a result of a mail cover placed on the mail of JAMES ROE, brother of subject ROE, at that place:

<u>Addressee:</u>	<u>From:</u>	<u>Postmarked:</u>
Mrs. James Roe, Odessa, Texas, International Supply Co. Box 1478.	L. McMahan Convention Hotel 337 West 12th Street Kansas City, Missouri Room 202.	Kansas City, Mo. Dec. 8, 1938 6 PM.
Mrs. James Roe, Box 1478, Odessa, Texas.	Box 298, Wink, Texas	Wink, Texas. Dec. 9, 1938 6 PM.

Very truly yours,

76-2686-
R. J. Entwistle,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - Bureau
cc - San Francisco.

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

FILE NO. **76-280**

REPORT MADE AT San Francisco, Cal.	DATE WHEN MADE 12/28/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/14/38	REPORT MADE BY T. G. SPENCER - 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:

JACKIE NORTON and JEAN LAWRENCE operated the Bell Rooms for about two weeks in October 1938 in Redding, Calif. Informant advises NORTON and LAWRENCE presently working for HAZEL PRICE at the Vern at Tracy, Calif.

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REFERENCE:

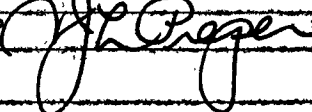
Report of Special Agent LOUIS D. WINE dated 11/23/38 at San Francisco, California.

DETAILS:

At Redding, California.

ART KOHLER, Assistant Chief at the Redding Police Department, checked his records and found two slide reports from Dr. J. V. COLLINS of Redding, California, which indicated that he had examined JACKIE NORTON and JEAN LAWRENCE, address the Bell Rooms, Redding, California on 10/11/38. Assistant Chief KOHLER stated that it was his understanding that NORTON and LAWRENCE had operated the Bell

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Rooms for a week or two and had left town; further, that inasmuch as the girls had been in Redding for such a short time he was unable to obtain any information concerning them or where they might be presently located.

The writer, accompanied by Officer JIM HUTCHINSON of the Redding Police Department visited the Bell Rooms where JERRY and PATSY La RUE were questioned. JERRY La RUE stated that she had met JACKIE NORTON and JEAN LAWRENCE around the first of November the day that she took over the Bell Rooms but was unable to state where they might be presently located. La RUE further advised that she leases this house from BETTY BLAKE, who either works at or operates the Tuxedo Rooms at Eureka, California, and that she learned from BLAKE that NORTON and LAWRENCE had left the Bell Rooms owing a considerable light and heat bill.

EDDIE BROOKS, a former well known pimp, and present co-owner of the Shasta Club at Redding, California, was interviewed by the writer and was questioned confidentially concerning any information he might have about NORTON and LAWRENCE and BROOKS advised that he himself did not know of their present whereabouts but stated that he could find out and would be glad to inform the writer of their whereabouts if NORTON and LAWRENCE were wanted only for questioning, but stated that in the event they were to be arrested he would not offer this information. The writer advised BROOKS that JACKIE NORTON was wanted for questioning and that if he cared to volunteer this information it would be appreciated. BROOKS then stated that it was his understanding that JACKIE NORTON was presently working at what he believed to be the Vern for a landlady by the name of HAZEL PRICE at Tracy, California.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS.

THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE.

At Tracy, California, will at the Vern Rooms interview JACKIE NORTON, alias Mrs. PETTYJOHN. She should be vigorously questioned as mentioned in report of reference.

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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
December 28, 1938

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Special Agent in Charge
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Re: ROGOL

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of December 7, 1938 calling attention to the report of Special Agent R. H. SIMONS, Los Angeles, dated November 28, 1938, which pertained to one JESSE SINKS of Nashville, Tennessee, who was regarded as being identical with subject COLK.

You will note that the investigation pertaining to SINKS was based upon a copy of a letter dated September 2, 1938 directed to the Memphis Division by the Bureau, with a copy to the Los Angeles Division, transmitting to both offices copies of a letter from A. B. TUCKER, Route 1, Box 221, Woodlake, California, suggesting JESSE SINKS, 1121 Second Avenue N., Nashville, Tennessee, as a suspect in this case.

The Bureau's letter referred to above does not indicate copies of the letter or enclosure for either the Oklahoma City or San Francisco Divisions. However, under date of September 24, 1938 a report was submitted by Special Agent C. O. PICKARD of the Memphis Division indicating that JESSE SINKS, 1121 Second Ave. N., Nashville, Tennessee, had been interviewed and that a fingerprint comparison revealed definitely that he was not subject COLK. Your office has a copy of that report, but the San Francisco Division did not receive a copy.

Consequently, in view of the fact that SINKS has been definitely eliminated as being identical with subject COLK, it is unnecessary for ALICE HUGGINS of Sanger, California, to be interviewed. I regret that the report of Special Agent SIMONS did not more clearly explain this situation.

Very truly yours,

76-2686-
J. H. HANSON,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc: Bureau
San Francisco

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

FILE NO. 76-290

REPORT MADE AT SAN FRANCISCO	DATE WHEN MADE 12/28/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11/30/38 12/2/38 12/14/38	REPORT MADE BY J. R. McCULLOCH - 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:

A. W. HINTON, Auburn, California, informant, determined mentally unbalanced. ED REILLEY, Marysville, California, gives information of possible value. AL SKOOG, Folsom Number 13166 states he has no information regarding instant case.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent J. R. McCULLOCH, San Francisco, California, 10/19/38.
Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, dated 12/2/38.

DETAILS:

AT AUBURN, CALIFORNIA.

A. W. HINTON was re-interviewed at his home on East Placer Street at which time he stated that he had been able to ascertain that subjects ROE and COLE were in the vicinity of Auburn, California. HINTON, who was confined to his bed as he has been upon the occasion of each previous interview, stated he was not able to take agent to the place where he knew these men to be in hiding. Upon all previous occasions, HINTON has been quite mysterious as to the sources of his information so upon this occasion he was pressed considerably to divulge how he gained certain information. After considerable bickering, HINTON

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proceeded to explain his method of detection. He stated that every individual in the world has his own individual "frequency" similar to the manner in which everyone has different fingerprints; that every person acts as his own battery and that HINTON has a machine which he is able to tune in on every person deceased or living and advise as to their whereabouts. He stated that the only catch to this process is that he must have something from the person whom he is endeavoring to locate such as a fingerprint, sputum from a sealed envelope or something of that nature. He stated there was no doubt in his mind but that he could locate the body of ROY FRISCH in twenty four hours; that as a matter of fact he had recently written the Sheriff's Office in Reno, Nevada, inquiring as to whether or not there is a reward offered for the recovery of FRISCH'S body. He stated he had known long before the Bureau knew, actually where the WINE boy's body would be found. Also he had been able to ascertain the day, hour and place where AMELIA SMITH had drowned. He stated that he tuned his machine in on the individuals whom he sought and that he could then walk a straight line from his machine to the person. However, one fallacy with his machine was that he did not know where on this straight line the person would be found, whether it might be 100 miles or 100 yards, therefore it was necessary for him to shoot one line towards this person and then walk a considerable distance and shoot another line which would be towards this person and thus the person would be located by triangulation.

After considerable persuasion, HINTON produced his machine from a closet in his room which seemed to be a board covered with dials and various gadgets. It being obvious that HINTON is mentally unbalanced, no further attention is being paid to the information which he has given the San Francisco Field Office. Concerning the individual whom he had previously advised he had been talking with in Grass Valley, California, who had told him that another person seen in that town was RALPH ROE, he stated he had not the slightest idea how to find this person and that as a matter of fact his machine was the only method which should ever be employed and that it was upon the working of his machine that he had originally decided that ROE was in the vicinity of Grass Valley rather than upon what anyone had told him.

AT MARYSVILLE, CALIFORNIA.

Chief of Police DORRILL LaFORTUNE, while being contacted upon other official business, advised that he had recently been told by ED REILEY, Marysville Fire Chief that he believed he might have information of possible value concerning instant case.

ED REILEY, upon being interviewed, stated that on September 27, 1938, he had been in the Southern Pacific Railroad Station in Salt Lake City about 11.25 P.M. waiting for a train; that while there he had become engaged

in conversation with four soldiers, three of whom were obviously new recruits judging from their uniforms and their general demeanor. The fourth man was in civilian clothes but advised that he had, that day, enlisted with the other three men at Fort Douglas, Utah and that they were leaving for Vancouver Barracks, Vancouver, Washington, where they were assigned to duty.

REILEY stated that somehow during the conversation the subject of the escape of ROE and COLE from Alcatraz had come up and the soldier who was in civilian clothes had "hopped off" considerably, stating that he knew plenty about the case; that he did not feel free to say what he knew and had then made some evasive remark about "money talks" indicating to REILEY that there had been some plot whereby ROE and COLE had escaped from Alcatraz as a result of the payment of money to someone.

REILEY stated his suspicions had been aroused by the statements and actions of this man and so had asked him no further questions, fearing that the man, in turn, might become suspicious of him.

REILEY further stated that he recalled this individual to have been about thirty five years of age, of medium height, blond hair and fair complexion. He was unable to give any additional description on this man but did recall that this individual had stated that he had served a previous enlistment in the army; that he was a sign painter by trade and as business was bad, he had decided to re-enlist in the army.

It was REILEY'S recollection that this individual had the four railroad tickets for all four of the soldiers and appeared to more or less be "riding herd" upon the new recruits.

AT REPRESA, CALIFORNIA.

AL SKOOG, Alcatraz Number 226, released from that penitentiary on June 14, 1937, and received on the same date at Folsom Penitentiary, as ALBERT CHARLES DENNIS, with aliases: RAY PETERSON, ALBERT WINFIELD SKOOG, Folsom Number 13186, was interviewed by agent at Folsom Penitentiary. SKOOG, who had been in Folsom for six months prior to the escape of ROE and COLE, stated that he had no information whatsoever concerning instant break other than he had heard there had been such a break from Alcatraz. He stated he had known both ROE and COLE only to speak to while at Alcatraz and had always understood that they were all right; that is, that they were considered O.K. among the other convicts and not of the type who would "rat" on anyone. In that connection, SKOOG stated although he had no information concerning any proposed plot or any other information of possible value concerning this break, he would certainly not give such

information to any officer in the event he did have such information; that he was absolutely not a stool pigeon, and although he knew nothing concerning the break he would be the last person in the world to advise of it, if he did have such information.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE SEATTLE FIELD OFFICE AT VANCOUVER BARRACKS, VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON, will endeavor to locate and appropriately interview the soldier referred to herein by ED REILEY bearing in mind that this man re-enlisted late in September, 1938, at Fort Douglas, Utah, is said to have been a former sign painter and is described about thirty five years of age, medium height and a blond.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

L. A. FILE NO.

76-362

REPORT MADE AT Los Angeles, Calif.	DATE WHEN MADE 12-28-38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11/26, 27/38	REPORT MADE BY A. D. HORN HG
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:

FRED COLE interviewed discreetly; claims no one in family has received any word from TED COLE and they do not know whether he is alive but believe he is dead since he has not contacted any member of family to COLE's knowledge. WILLIAM COLLINS, his wife, ALTA (sister of MRS. FRED COLE) and his two sons, LESTER, age 23; and JOHN, age 21, came from Circle Back, Texas, and have resided with FRED COLE since January, 1938. Fingerprints of LESTER and JOHN COLLINS obtained and ascertained to be not identical with those of fugitives.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau letter to the Los Angeles office dated Nov. 15, 1938 (76-2686)

DETAILS:

AT WOODLAKE, CALIFORNIA:

MISS EDITH DAY, Postmaster, advised that although she had been watching the mail coming to the COLE family and keeping her ears open, she had obtained no information concerning TED COLE. She stated that FRED COLE is still residing in the same place on his farm about three miles from Woodlake; that WILLIAM COLLINS and his wife, who is a sister to MRS. FRED COLE, and his two sons, ages about 21 and 23 years, who bears considerable resemblance to TED COLE, have lived at the COLE farm for about a year. Agent ascertained that someone had already called for the COLE mail.

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Inasmuch as it was desired to interview FRED COLE discreetly and without the knowledge of his wife, Agent learned by discreet inquiry that FRED COLE was not employed in the town of Woodlake. Since this investigation was conducted on Saturday afternoon and since it is the custom of farmers to come into town and shop on Saturday afternoons, a surveillance was maintained during the afternoon until dusk in the hope of contacting FRED COLE but he was not observed in town by Agent. Thereafter, at about dusk, Agent drove by the COLE residence and observed three cars there, one of which was a new model Ford pickup truck.

As a last resort, in an effort to contact FRED COLE without the knowledge of the other members of his family, Agent contacted R. C. BROWN, Constable, to get FRED COLE to accompany him away from the COLE farm under pretext so that Agent might interview him. Constable BROWN learned that FRED COLE had previously left in the pickup truck to go to a neighboring farm to which BROWN directed Agent. FRED COLE, who was alone, was contacted by Agent as he was leaving the neighbors farm and interviewed after dark about a mile from his home.

FRED COLE was very cordial and gave Agent a hearty, friendly greeting. He expressed appreciation that Agent had not called at the farm and upset his wife who he stated had been very nervous and upset for several months after the escape and the subsequent excitement and investigation but who has now recovered to a great extent and resigned herself to the death of her son. He stated that she now seldom mentions him.

FRED COLE advised that neither he nor his wife or other members of their family and relatives have received any word from TED COLE or any proof that he is alive; that he spoke the truth and that he had played square with the Agents of the Bureau from the very start and would continue to do so; that they believe TED COLE is certainly dead or he would have contacted some member of the family or sent word to them somehow.

COLE stated that in January, 1938, WILLIAM COLLINS, his wife ALTA (Sister of MRS. FRED COLE and aunt of TED COLE) and his two sons, LESTER, age 23 and JOHN, age 21, came out from Circle Back, Texas, and had been residing with him since at his farm in their house trailer; that because of the presence of the boys, who are slightly younger than TED COLE but bear a family resemblance, at his home he had expected an Agent of the Bureau there long before;

that the COLLINS family helped him with his farming and helped him harvest 1200 bushels of potatoes which he sold for one dollar per bushel; that the boys are musicians and have been playing at dances; that LESTER plays the fiddle and JOHNNIE the guitar and banjo; that they were playing on this Saturday night at the Happy Go Lucky Dance Hall at Tulare, California; that they are now employed during the week at the Woodlake Packing House.

Considerable other conversation was had with FRED COLE during which he advised that he had been re-examined by the Government physicians about four months ago during which he refused to submit to a spinal puncture; that as a result of this examination his pension from the Government had been discontinued; that, however, he expects to get it back. He advised that he has been working pretty steadily lately as a carpenter constructing houses and buildings in and around Woodlake; that he himself expects to build a house in Woodlake on one of the three lots which he owns there and therefore will probably be living in the town of Woodlake after the first of the year. During this conversation, which was friendly, frank and apparently sincere, Agent questioned FRED COLE several times regarding TED COLE and he stated that he had received no information whatever concerning whether he is dead or alive or where he might be. He asked Agent whether the Bureau had any indication whether TED COLE was alive and he was advised that Agent had no knowledge of what information the Bureau had except that reports were received from time to time that TED COLE and RALPH ROE had been seen in different places.

FRED COLE went back to his farm for the purpose of bringing WILLIAM COLLINS for interview by Agent but on his return advised that COLLINS and his wife had gone out for the evening, probably to the dance where their sons were playing at Tulare.

AT TULARE, CALIFORNIA:

A surveillance was maintained by Agent at the Happy Go Lucky Dance Hall for the purpose of contacting WILLIAM COLLINS and his two sons. No one who might be WILLIAM COLLINS was observed in the dance hall and at the first opportunity which was the intermission about 12:45 AM, Agent contacted LESTER COLLINS who advised that neither his father nor his brother was at the dance that night. An appointment was made with LESTER COLLINS and his brother and his father the following day at noon at the Woodlake Packing House as he advised he and his brother would be working there Sunday till noon.

LESTER COLLINS stated that he was raised around Stroud, Oklahoma, and knew TED COLE quite well when they were kids; that during the past year, while he has been residing at the COLE home they have not received any word from him to his knowledge; that TED COLE has not visited there or sent word by anyone and he is sure that neither his father, FRED COLE, or MRS. FRED COLE knows whether TED COLE is alive or dead or has any information concerning his location.

On the following day the fingerprints of LESTER and JOHN COLLINS were obtained on personal identification cards and determined not to be identical with those of fugitives. WILLIAM COLLINS did not appear for interview and LESTER COLLINS advised that he was working at home.

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

FILE NO. **76-290**

REPORT MADE AT San Francisco, Calif.	DATE WHEN MADE 12/29/38	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/15/38	REPORT MADE BY O. H. PATTERSON 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:

No indication ROE and COLE seen near Mountain Ranch or Railroad Flat, Calaveras County, Calif., in February 1938 or at any time.

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Details:

This investigation is predicated upon information furnished to Special Agent DUANE L. TRAYNOR, of the San Francisco office while in Sacramento, Calif., on March 18, 1938, by MRS. ETHEL CHOUGAS, Route 1, Box 21, Colfax, Calif. MRS. CHOUGAS informed Agent TRAYNOR at the office of the U. S. Attorney in Sacramento that in February 1938 she had been traveling near Stockton, California, was out of work and was hitchhiking; that in a small town outside of Stockton, Calif., two men and a woman picked her up in a truck and allowed her to stay with them for about a week at their mountain camp. Later, after her return to Colfax, she had noted from the pictures of ROE and COLE appearing in the "True Detective" Magazine that the two men who had picked her up and with whom she had lived for a week were identical with ROE and COLE and that these two men were known to her as "TED" and "RALPH". She described these individuals as follows:

Name	"TED"
Height	5'8"
Weight	130
Age	Looks younger than 25

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Hair	Black
Eyes	Blue
Peculiarities	Looks like a Japanese, big eyes, small straight mouth

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Name	"RALPH"
Height	5'11"
Weight	Weighed a great deal more than "TED"
Age	35
Hair	Sandy
Eyes	Brown
Peculiarities	Is rougher looking than "TED" and has a square chin

Agent TRAINOR exhibited photographs to MRS. CHOUGAS, and she immediately picked out those of COLE and ROE as the individuals known to her. MRS. CHOUGAS gave the following directions in order that the place where she had lived with these two men might be located: "Leave San Andreas on the dirt road leading to Mountain Ranch going through that town and following the road leading to the town of Railroad Flat. At a point about five miles before reaching Railroad Flat, you would run into three separate camps, which would all be close together. The first one would consist of a tent on the left hand side of the road then a short distance and there would be a tent on the right side of the road and then a little further would be a third tent on the left hand side and an old homemade trailer house which had been taken off the wheels. This trailer house faces the tent which is white. It is in this third one that subjects are located. The tent is boarded around the bottom and has a dirt floor."

She added that at the time she knew subjects, they were making an honest living, chopping wood.

The above information is contained in San Francisco file 76-290-537.

On December 15, 1938, Agent, accompanied by Deputy Sheriff HOWARD COLLINS of the Sheriff's Office at San Andreas, Calaveras County, California, drove the road to Railroad Flat via Mountain Ranch, as described by MRS. CHOUGAS, without obtaining any information from any individuals that subjects had possibly been in that vicinity. Mountain Ranch consists of a store and a

few houses and Railroad Flat consists of a general store in which is located the Post Office, with a few farmers' houses nearby. There are only scattered farms throughout this part of the country. On this trip approximately 20 farmers and other individuals were interviewed by Deputy Sheriff COLLINS and Agent, all of whom were shown photographs of subjects. Deputy Sheriff COLLINS advised that there are a number of woodcutters in this part of the country and a large number of miners and prospectors but that if any individuals lived for any length of time at the place described by MRS. CHOUGAS, same would have been known to various farmers living nearby. None of the individuals interviewed had ever seen subjects or heard of them.

Agent and Deputy Sheriff COLLINS were unable to locate the place where ROE and COLE were supposed to have lived, and Deputy Sheriff COLLINS, who passes over this road at least twice each week during the year, stated that he had never noted any tents or camps as described by MRS. CHOUGAS.

It may be stated that the country covered is sparsely settled but that there are farmers' cabins approximately two or three miles apart along this road, all of whom were interviewed and exhibited photographs of subjects, but, as stated, with negative results.

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Special Agent in Charge
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Re: ROCOL

Dear Sir:

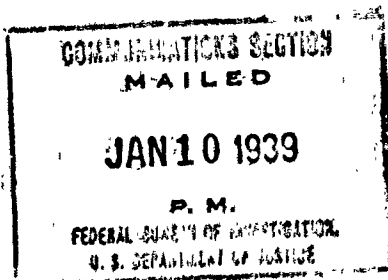
Reference is made to your letter dated January 3, 1939, requesting that the Bureau permit your office to forego the necessity of bringing undeveloped leads up to date each thirty days.

Inasmuch as the instant case is one of the more important cases being investigated by the Bureau, and in view of the fact that investigation in this matter is being conducted by numerous Field Offices, the Bureau feels that more than the usual reasons exist for close supervision of this case by your office, the office of origin. There appears to be no reason, therefore, why the undeveloped leads should not be brought up to date each thirty days for the benefit of all offices conducting investigation in this matter.

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
JANUARY 3, 1939

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: ROCOL

Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-entitled matter it is re-
spectfully requested that the Bureau permit this office
to forego the necessity of setting out all outstanding
undeveloped leads each thirty days.

For the information of the Bureau this office has, for administrative purposes, made up an individual lead box so that this office has an accurate record of all outstanding leads pending in this file. This office will be in a position to bring up all outstanding undeveloped leads at any time believed desirable by the Bureau.

This request is made of the Bureau to save stenographic time.

Very truly yours,

H. B. Fletcher
H. B. FLETCHER
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Friend Edgar. Nothing on earth is more
widespread than sin. It afflicts each one of us
more or less seriously. By it we always offend
our fellow men. If the offence is serious it
destroys our friendly relations. There is no
torture quite so great as that of a soul conscious
of having committed a serious blunder.
There arises also our inborn sense of justice
to make things right. Is it not most honorable
to admit it. And apologize for the offence.
The night I shook hands with Ralph Roe.
this I was all so on his right hand. If
it was either on the back of the wrist or under
or in the palm of his hand. it was there Edgar.
I was looking from one to the other. these
two sign has been spinning in my mind. like
a button on a barn door. Now if you
could make this Joseph Chappela talk
and it can be done. he was all ways
found of Miskey. and marijuana.

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And when ~~he~~ ^{he} did smile I all so saw
some gold filling in his mouth. not that
it matters so much. But maybe that
warden would know about this to.

This man Cole, when your agent came to see
me, he showed me a picture of him self.
If your rate that a good picture of Morrison
then it was a good picture of Cole all so.

That prison break is just a small part.
Now this man Lindberg is in Germany
and among all these high officials chances are
that at one time or another, he might of seen
⚡ sign tattooed on some bodys hand.

The just shall live by faith.

Miklos Kovats.
MIKLOS X KOVATS

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OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

FILE NO. 76-471

REPORT MADE AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI	DATE WHEN MADE 1-4-39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12-19-20-38	REPORT MADE BY E. P. GUINANE
TITLE RALPH ROE with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1472 THEODORE COLE with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1471 0			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

A. B. COOPER, private detective, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, brought [redacted] to Kansas City office where she stated she had obtained information from [redacted] STEPHEN W. WELCH, now serving a term at the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, for counterfeiting, to the effect that [redacted] knew that ROE and COLE made good their escape from Alcatraz. [redacted] STEPHEN WELCH, at the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, on 12-19-38 at which time he told her that BRUCE BRADY had told one BUCK MARTINDALE, now an inmate at Leavenworth, that he, BRADY, had seen RALPH ROE since the escape. WELCH had previously indicated to [redacted] that RALPH ROE was in Chicago.

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DETAILS: Special Agent in Charge H. B. FLETCHER of the Oklahoma City office telephonically informed the writer that A. B. COOPER, private detective of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, had informed him that [redacted] STEPHEN W. WELCH, who is incarcerated at the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, on a counterfeiting charge, had indicated that [redacted] STEPHEN WELCH, had informa-

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tion to the effect that RALPH ROE and COLE had made good their escape from Alcatraz and that ROE was in Chicago at the present time. Mr. FLETCHER stated that he had made arrangements with COOPER to come to Kansas City with [redacted] where she was to visit her husband at Leavenworth and that [redacted] was to make an effort to secure some definite information from STEPHEN WELCH.

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A. B. COOPER arrived in Kansas City with [redacted] on 12-19-38 and brought [redacted] to the office where she was interviewed by the writer and Special Agent L. B. REED, in the presence of A. B. COOPER.

[redacted] stated that her present address [redacted] and that she is employed as a stenographer and secretary for MURPHY and McCUTCHEON, Attorneys, 760 First National Bank Building, and was formerly employed for a long time by DAVE TANT, a leading criminal lawyer of Oklahoma City. [redacted] STEPHEN W. WELCH, entered a plea of nolo contendere in Federal Court at Oklahoma City about 10-10-36 on a counterfeiting charge and was sentenced to serve five years in the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas. She stated that she makes a habit of visiting [redacted] each month at Leavenworth; that about one month after the escape of RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE from Alcatraz and while visiting [redacted] they began talking about the escape of ROE and COLE. [redacted] states that she was arguing that ROE and COLE did not escape but were probably drowned, but that after considerable argument STEPHEN WELCH became highly incensed and told her flatly that he knew they had escaped but at this time would not tell her anything further. She further related that about three months after the escape of ROE and COLE, and while she was again visiting [redacted] at Leavenworth, that they again began discussing ROE and COLE and at this time WELCH again stated that he knew that both ROE and COLE had escaped safely and that RALPH ROE was then in Chicago. [redacted] said that this was all the information she had obtained concerning ROE and COLE from [redacted] but said that she was willing to endeavor to obtain further information from him and give this information to this Bureau on the possibility that by obtaining the information she could obtain some consideration for [redacted] in getting him pardoned or paroled. She was informed that we could not promise her anything as far as a pardon or parole was concerned, but that if she obtained the information and furnished it to Agents of this Bureau that this would be brought to the attention of the proper authorities and that she would also receive a substantial sum of money if the information led to the apprehension of either Subject. [redacted] stated that she would again see [redacted] on 12-20-38 at Leavenworth and would come back to the office with Mr. COOPER and advise of any information she obtained.

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On 12-20-38 Mr. COOPER again brought [] to the office and she stated that she had a long visit with [] and again brought up the subject of ROE and COLE but particularly RALPH ROE, in view of the fact that her husband and RALPH ROE were well acquainted, but she stated she did not believe [] knew THEODORE COLE. During the interview on 12-20-38 with [] [] stated, he was not inclined to talk about ROE and COLE, so she informed him that she had been discussing the possibility of giving information to the Government through A. B. COOPER, who is well acquainted with STEPHEN WELCH, and that she also told WELCH that she had met the writer, but did not tell him that she had discussed the ROE-COLE case at all but told WELCH that she felt that she could rely on the writer doing something for them as far as getting him released from the penitentiary. She said that WELCH told her that he would not be a "snitch" for anything and got into an argument with her concerning this, but later on in the conversation WELCH told her that he knew that ROE and COLE had made good their escape because BRUCE BRADY, brother of BOB BRADY, had told BUCK MARTINDALE, who is also now in Leavenworth, that he, BRUCE BRADY, had seen RALPH ROE since the escape.

[] stated that WELCH would not give her any further information, but stated to her that he would find RALPH ROE himself if he wanted to. []

[] purposely gave her the names of BRUCE BRADY and BUCK MARTINDALE as having information concerning ROE and COLE but did so in a manner which would indicate that he had given it inadvertently and had not given it as an informant or a "snitch."

With regard to BRUCE BRADY, Mr. COOPER stated that BRADY is now supposed to be around Ada, Oklahoma, and is either on conditional release or parole from Leavenworth Penitentiary. [] stated that WELCH had indicated to her that BUCK MARTINDALE is in Leavenworth Penitentiary at the present time and that he had previously been in Leavenworth and was either sent up on another charge or had been out on parole and had been returned as a parole violator, but was in Leavenworth Penitentiary at the present time.

[] stated that she would continue to endeavor to get information from her husband and believed that after he had some further time to think the matter over that he would probably give her some additional information. She stated that she would call at this office each time that she came up here to visit her husband at Leavenworth and would give the writer any information she obtained.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

KANSAS CITY FIELD OFFICE

At the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, will very discreetly ascertain the identity of BUCK MARTINDALE but will not contact him at this time, until further definite information is obtained concerning him. Will also discreetly ascertain the close associates of STEPHEN WELCH at Leavenworth to determine whether a contact might possibly be made with one of them to obtain information from WELCH.

OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD OFFICE

Will determine where BRUCE BRADY is at the present time and should make efforts to have some confidential informants secure information from him without in any manner mentioning or implicating [REDACTED] as the source of information.

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Special Agent in Charge
Des Moines, Iowa

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter to the Bureau dated January 6, 1939, in which you state that the Chief of the Iowa State Bureau of Investigation had informed you as to the receipt of a letter from a police officer of the Mason City, Iowa, Police Department. This letter indicated that the latter police officer had an informant who knew the whereabouts of an individual who is alleged to have escaped from Alcatraz Island three or four years ago and that the apprehension of this escaped prisoner would clear up a bank robbery in the State of Iowa as well as a murder case in either North or South Dakota.

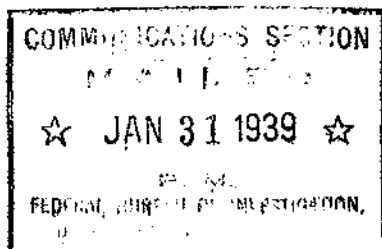
It is noted you have requested the Bureau to advise whether any record is contained in its files relative to the escape of a prisoner from Alcatraz three or four years ago. For your information, Alcatraz Island became a Federal Penitentiary on July 1, 1934, and the jurisdiction of prisoners confined there since that date has been under the Bureau of Prisons of the Department of Justice. If any escapes had been effected, the Bureau undoubtedly would have been advised and would be conducting investigation at the present time, but as you are aware, the Roe and Cole escape is the only case involving an escape from Alcatraz presently being investigated by the Bureau.

It is therefore suggested that you endeavor to obtain additional information regarding this matter from the Chief of the Iowa State Bureau of Investigation as further inquiries may disclose additional information which will be of assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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

Des Moines, Iowa
January 6, 1939

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

On January 5, 1939 R. W. "DOC" NEBERGALL, new Chief of the Iowa State Bureau of Investigation telephonically advised this office that he had received a letter recently from a Police Officer on the Mason City, Iowa Police Department advising that he had an informant who knew the whereabouts of an individual who is alleged to have escaped from Alcatraz three or four years ago. This informant is alleged to have stated that the apprehension of this escaped prisoner will clear up a bank robbery in the state of Iowa as well as solve a murder case in one of the Dakotas.

"DOC" NEBERGALL has no further information at the moment but desired to know whether a prisoner had escaped from Alcatraz three or four years ago. The name of the alleged fugitive is unknown at this time and no description is available other than that the escaped prisoner has only one eye.

It is requested that the Bureau and San Francisco advise as soon as possible whether there is any record of a prisoner's escape from Alcatraz three or four years ago.

In making further inquiries relative to the above the case entitled RALPH ROE, with alias, Fugitive; I. O. #1472, Et Al; escaped Federal prisoner, in which the San Francisco office is the origin, will be borne in mind.

Very truly yours,

R. C. Coulter
R. C. COULTER
Special Agent in Charge

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CHICAGO FILE NO. **76-313**

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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: MRS. MAE CAPONE, ALBERT CAPONE and MRS. THERESA CAPONE, relatives of ALPHONSE CAPONE, Alcatraz prisoner, not available for interview. Spokesman for family states knows that his mother, brother and sister-in-law have no information concerning any plan on part of subjects to escape from penitentiary at Alcatraz Island.

R.U.C.

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, dated 12/2/38.

DETAILS:

At 7244 Prairie Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, Agent attempted to interview MRS. MAE CAPONE, wife of Federal prisoner ALPHONSE CAPONE, ALBERT CAPONE, his brother, and MRS. THERESA CAPONE, his mother, without success. A woman in the building who would not open the door advised that a message could be left for the family who were not at home and this was, accordingly, done, a message being left to have some member of the family call reporting agent at the Chicago field division.

On the same day MR. RALPH CAPONE, brother of Federal prisoner, ALPHONSE CAPONE, telephoned the Chicago field division and an appointment was made with him for an interview at the office of the Waukesha Waters, Inc., 116 West Hubbard Street, Chicago, at which place he is employed as the president of the corporation. He advised that he is a brother of Federal prisoner ALPHONSE CAPONE and that while he himself had not visited

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his brother at the Federal penitentiary at Alcatraz Island, almost every other member of the family had visited him there at one time or another since he has been incarcerated therein. He stated that he knows it to be a fact that his mother, MRS. THERESA CAPONE, his brother, ALBERT CAPONE, and his sister-in-law, MRS. MAE CAPONE, had never been in a position to learn of any plans that might ever have been made by subjects ROE and COLE to escape from Alcatraz Island. RALPH CAPONE stated that he has been informed that every time that a member of the family visited ALPHONSE CAPONE at the penitentiary they talked of nothing but personal family matters and that under the regulations of the penitentiary there can be no discussions whatever of anything that goes on at the penitentiary. He stated that MRS. MAE CAPONE told him upon returning from Alcatraz Island after visiting her husband there shortly after he had been stabbed, that when she asked ALPHONSE how he did get stabbed the prisoner held his finger up to his lips and indicated to her that he was forbidden to discuss the matter at all. RALPH CAPONE stated that as a matter of fact he knows his brother incurred the enmity of prisoners at both of the Federal penitentiaries in which he was incarcerated because of the fact that various prisoners expected ALPHONSE CAPONE to finance plans for escapes from the penitentiaries and that he would not listen to any such schemes and would not have any part in them. RALPH CAPONE stated that generally it would have been impossible for any of ALPHONSE CAPONE'S relatives to have secured any information concerning any plans that might have been made by ROE or COLE to escape from Alcatraz Island.

RALPH CAPONE indicated to Agent that he was speaking for his mother, brother and sister-in-law and that he did not desire that they be interviewed, in view of which fact no further attempt will be made to contact the relatives mentioned in the reference report.

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202 U. S. COURTHOUSE
EL PASO, TEXAS,
JAN. 14, 1939.

Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, dated at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, December 2, 1938, which sets out an undeveloped lead at Las Vegas, New Mexico, to ascertain whether CECIL NOEL and MRS. SADIE DYE are in contact with ROE, and to interview them if necessary, and to report the results of the mail cover on the mail of Mr. and Mrs. CECIL NOEL, and MRS. SADIE DYE at that point.

The attention of the Oklahoma City Office is directed to Page 5 and subsequent pages of the report of Special Agent D. P. SULLIVAN, dated at El Paso, Texas, September 22, 1938, in which an interview with MRS. DYE is reported in which she disclaims ever having received any mail from MRS. NOEL, and also denied any information concerning ROE and COLE, and in which she stated she was only casually acquainted with MRS. CECIL NOEL, who was alleged to have been the person in communication with ROE, or that she was thought to have been in communication with him.

The subsequent investigation, it will be noted, reflects the source of the story that MRS. NOEL was communicating with ROE. The report of Special Agent D. P. SULLIVAN, dated El Paso, Texas, August 8, 1938, sets out an interview had with Mrs. CECIL NOEL, in which she states that she has not seen or heard of ROE for several years, and reflects that her former husband, JACK LLOYD, did not even know that she had re-married until about three years after her marriage to her present husband, CECIL NOEL.

In view of the above facts, and the general information that there was no foundation for the story that MRS. NOEL or DYE was in communication with ROE, as explained by O. M. "TOMMY" THOMPSON, in the report of Special Agent SULLIVAN, El Paso, Texas, dated September 22, 1938, page 7, there appears to be no reason for the re-interview of MRS. DYE and MRS. NOEL at this time, and the lead is being disregarded.

Regarding the lead for the El Paso Office to report the results of the cover on the mail of MRS. NOEL and MRS. DYE, Postmaster FRANK WESNER of Las Vegas, New Mexico, has from time to time forwarded tracings to this office which have, in turn, been forwarded to your office, by letters dated October 7, 10, 11, 14, 19, 22, 25 and 31, November 3, 8, 9, 15, 26, 30, and December 13, 19, 1938.

The mail covers have now expired, and in view of the fact that these tracings have been currently forwarded to your office, the lead to report on the mail covers is being considered covered.

The other leads contained in reference report to Agent HOGD will be given attention as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

R. J. Untreiner,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge
Los Angeles, California

Re: ROCOL

Dear Sir:

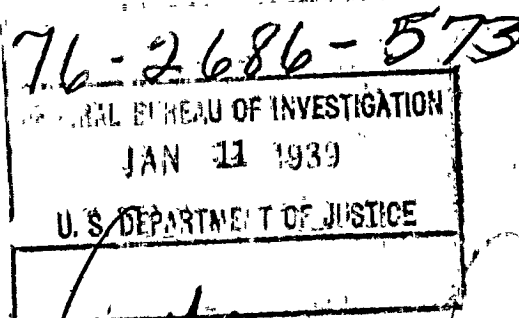
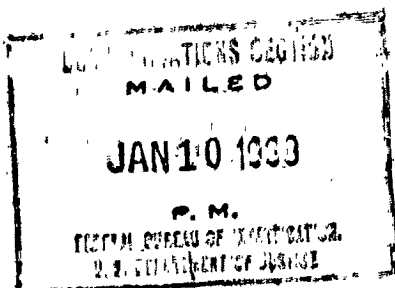
Reference is made to Bureau letter dated November 15, 1938, requesting that contact be had by your office with Mr. Fred Cole, Woodlake, California.

No information has been received by the Bureau to indicate that the requested action has been taken by your office, and it is desired that you afford this matter attention immediately.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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FILE NO. **76-348**

REPORT MADE AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.	DATE WHEN MADE 1/9/39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/16, 17, 20/38	REPORT MADE BY F. S. SMITH cgo
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TITLE O RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.	CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

STEVE WELCH, inmate Leavenworth Prison, advises **STEVE WELCH** told her subjects successfully escaped with inside and outside aid; **ROE** made connections with **BRUCE BRADY**, ex-convict of Okla. connected with girl friend in Texas; that he was in Chicago after escape. **LEONA BRADY**, probable source of information, now reported to be in Oakland, Calif. with father, **C. M. DEFER**. Mrs. **WYNONA QUINN**, Supervisor, Telephone Co., with daughter of Mrs. **SADIE DYER**, residing 908 E. 15th St., Okla. City, claims not to know either of subjects. Whereabouts **JESS DARR** unknown to Oklahoma City PD; thought to reside vicinity Ardmore, Okla. No such person as **RAY GILES** listed in directories, Okla. City; not known to local police; no record his residing 300 E. 3th St., Okla. City. **BRUCE BRADY**, ex-convict and associate of **ROE**, resided Ada, Okla. informant, Okla. City, reports no new information. **AMON PIERCE**, former inmate Alcatraz, has no direct information relative escape of subjects.

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Reference: Report of Special Agent **RALPH T. HOOD**, Oklahoma City, 12/2/38.

Details: Following leads in reference report for contact with **A. B. COOPER** regarding **BRUCE BRADY** and and for interview with concerning information set forth on pages 48 and 49 of that report, **A. B. COOPER**, a member of the

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firm of Delaney and Cooper, Private Detective Agency, at 1018 Balch Building, Oklahoma City, was contacted by this Agent. He stated that [redacted] in the First National Building, Oklahoma City, and formerly employed by DAVE TANT who is closely associated with the underworld, is the wife of STEVE WELCH, an inmate of Leavenworth Penitentiary doing five years. Mr. COOPER stated that [redacted] has been a confidential source of information for him for some time; that he had occasion to talk with her on her return from a visit to STEVE WELCH at Leavenworth and that she told him that STEVE WELCH, in discussing ROE and COLE, told her that they made a successful escape and had inside and outside help; that ROE was then in Chicago.

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Through A. B. COOPER this Agent met and talked with [redacted]. She stated that while on a visit to Leavenworth shortly after the escape of ROE and COLE, she was talking with [redacted] STEPHEN WELCH and that he told her that ROE and COLE were successful in escaping from Alcatraz; that they had both inside and outside help and that ROE was then in Chicago. She stated that she told WELCH it was her guess that they were both dressed and this remark seemed to agitate him whereupon he stated that he was positive they did make it. In further conversation [redacted] stated that she was reasonably sure she would secure from her husband any and all information in his possession concerning the escape of subjects and their whereabouts and would gladly do so in the interest of aiding WELCH in securing a parole. She was advised by this Agent in the presence of A. B. COOPER that she could not be promised any encouragement in that connection. This Agent promised her, however, that she would receive financial consideration from the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the event she was successful in securing and furnishing a representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation information which would lead to the location and apprehension of subjects, and the same consideration would be shown STEPHEN WELCH in the event he furnished information to this Bureau which would lead to the apprehension of these subjects.

[redacted] stated that while she expected to visit [redacted] in the early part of the year 1939, she would gladly accompany Mr. A. B. COOPER and the writer to Leavenworth in the interest of securing information from [redacted] and would be in a position to proceed at any time; that she felt reasonably sure she could cause [redacted] to divulge everything to Mr. COOPER as COOPER at one time had an opportunity to hand WELCH the worst of it, but did not and on another occasion befriended him. She further stated that she was sure she and COOPER

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would be able to cause her husband to divulge any information he possessed to this Agent. She agreed to make the trip to Leavenworth and return for her actual expenses. A. B. COOPER likewise agreed to use his personal automobile to accompany this Agent and [redacted] to Leavenworth and return for actual expenses.

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The facts herein were conveyed to the Bureau on December 18, 1938 for their information and consideration. The Oklahoma City Office was advised by the Bureau on December 18, 1938 of their approval for [redacted] to either be accompanied by A. B. COOPER or go alone to Kansas City and there function through the Kansas City Division by pre-arrangement.

Arrangements were made on December 18, 1938 by Special Agent in Charge H. B. FLETCHER with A. B. COOPER and [redacted] to proceed to Kansas City and there contact Special Agent in Charge GUINANE and cooperate fully with him in connection with contacting STEPHEN WELCH at Leavenworth. Special Agent in Charge GUINANE at Kansas City was duly advised of the arrangement and the departure of COOPER and [redacted]. On December 21, 1938, A. B. COOPER and [redacted] proceeded to Kansas City, Missouri, returning to Oklahoma City on December 23, 1938.

Contact was made with [redacted] after her return to Oklahoma City and she advised the writer that she made contact at Kansas City, Missouri with Special Agent in Charge GUINANE through Mr. A. B. COOPER; that pursuant to Mr. GUINANE'S suggestion, she proceeded to Leavenworth where she made contact with STEPHEN WELCH, [redacted]. She stated that WELCH resented her interest in ROE and COLE, asking her whom she had been talking with, and that she told him she had talked with Mr. A. B. COOPER and Mr. GUINANE in both of whom she had explicit confidence; that ROE meant nothing to him and that what she was doing was strictly in the interest of WELCH. She stated that WELCH talked roughly to her and cursed her, accusing her of being a snitch and stating he would not tell anything. However, after conversing for a while, he told her that he knew ROE was out; that BOB BRADY'S brother, meaning BRUCE BRADY, of Ada, Oklahoma, an ex-convict, met ROE after his escape; further, that ROE had been with his old girl friend in Texas. He stated that ROE was not in Chicago at that time, but did not intimate where he was. MILDRED WELCH stated that she gathered from her husband's conversation that he had secured his information through one BUCK MARTINDALE who is doing a second term at Leavenworth.

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[redacted] stated that WELCH had always been very truthful with her and in her opinion he would have no reason for concocting and telling her a lie; that she contributed his conduct to the usual despondency which Christmas brings to prisoners, and that while she could not tell from his line of talk just what information he possessed, she is reasonably sure he thinks ROE is alive. She stated that her husband feels that he was mistreated by officers when convicted which causes him to have little confidence in officers generally. She stated that she feels that his attitude in this matter will change considerably by the time she visits him in the latter part of February, and that he will then talk freely to her and divulge such information as he may have concerning ROE and COLE.

A. B. COOPER stated that he accompanied [redacted] to Kansas City where they conferred with Special Agent in Charge E. P. GUINANE, after which MILLERED WELCH visited Leavenworth returning to Kansas City, and related to him practically the same set of facts as related to this Agent set out above. Mr. COOPER stated he conferred with Mr. GUINANE after her conference with WELCH. Mr. COOPER stated he had always found [redacted] reliable in her dealings with him and felt that should she obtain material information in this case, she would divulge same to him; that on receipt of any information of interest, he will immediately convey same to the Oklahoma City Office.

Mr. A. B. COOPER advised that the last information he had concerning BRUCE BRADY, referred to in leads of reference report, was that he was then at Ada, Oklahoma where his relatives reside.

In connection with leads in reference report to interview LEONA BRADY, 710 Shields Street, Oklahoma City, it was ascertained through Mrs. EMMETT MARSH, 2235 N. W. 42d Street, Oklahoma City, Telephone No. 8-1018, that LEONA BRADY with her father, C. M. DEFER, are now residing in Oakland, California. Mrs. MARSH stated that she does not know the address of either LEONA BRADY or C. M. DEFER, but will probably receive some communication from them in the near future.

Following leads in reference report to determine the identity of the person residing at 908 East 15th Street, Oklahoma City, who is a correspondent of Mrs. SADIE DYE, Las Vegas, New Mexico, Mrs. WYNONA QUINN, Supervisor, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, it was ascertained resides at this address. She was interviewed by Special Agents F. S. SMITH and RALPH T. HOOD. She stated that she is well acquainted with Mrs. SADIE DYE and that Mrs. DYE'S daughter now resides with her, Mrs. QUINN, in Oklahoma City; that both she and Mrs. DYE'S daughter

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correspond with Mrs. SADIE DYE at Las Vegas. She was discreetly questioned concerning ROE and COLE and if they were known to her, Mrs. DYE, or Mrs. DYE'S daughter. She stated that she had never heard of ROE or COLE and knew of no correspondence passing concerning them. She stated that both Mrs. DYE and her daughter are excellent people. She was shown photographs of ROE and COLE which she failed to recognize. Mrs. QUINN appeared to be a substantially reliable woman.

Referring to leads in reference report regarding RAY GILES, 300 East 6th Street, Agent ascertained that the above address is an apartment house and the present management has only been in charge thirty days; that Mrs. R. P. NORSE has operated the place for only a short period and that the place has changed hands several times in the past year or so. The Manager stated that there is no person by the name of RAY GILES now residing at this address, and that she has never heard of anyone by this name. It was ascertained at this address that Mrs. R. P. NORSE now resides at 328 S. W. 23d Street, but at that address Agent failed to find anyone at home.

No record of RAY GILES could be found in the city, telephone or Post Office directories at Oklahoma City, and the Oklahoma City Police Department has no record of a RAY GILES.

Referring to leads in reference report to interview JESS DARR, inquiry at the Oklahoma City Police Department failed to obtain any information to indicate the present location of DARR who is a former inmate of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma. The last known whereabouts of DARR is Ardmore, Oklahoma where he can probably be located through the Police or Sheriff's Office.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent C. O. BURT:

On December 6, 1938, AMON PIERCE was interviewed at the City Federal Jail, Muskogee, Oklahoma. He stated that he had never met ROE and COLE until after he was sent to Alcatraz; that while there he never had much contact with ROE, but did work some with COLE; however, that he never heard ROE or COLE talk about making a break. He stated that most all the boys on the "Rock" have hopes of being released sometime, but none of them ever talked about breaking in his presence; that he believes it would have been impossible for the boys to have made a successful escape unless they had transportation when they left; that he doubts seriously if a prisoner could row a boat to the shoreline on either side, and he believes the boys were washed out through the Golden Gate.

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PIERCE said the only person who has talked with him about ROE and COLE is an ex-convict whose name he does not recall, but who served time with him; that this individual came to his home northeast of Idabel, Oklahoma last summer from Georgia. He stated that this fellow stayed at his home four days; that he was drunk when he arrived and never sobered up while he was there; that during the visit the fellow did ask him if he ever heard from COLE and ROE. He stated the visitor claimed to have a bus ticket and was enroute to the Texas oil fields; that he finally loaded this fellow on a bus and sent him on his way and has heard nothing from him since.

PIERCE said he believes if COLE and ROE had made a successful escape they would have returned to Oklahoma, and he would probably have heard of them. He also stated he knew of no one that would know anything about COLE and ROE since their escape.

[redacted] referred to in reference report, appeared at the Oklahoma City Office and conferred with Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD on December 23, 1938, advising him that he had obtained no new information relative to ROE and COLE, but that he would continue his efforts in the interest of securing information.

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AT OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

Will endeavor to locate LEONA BRADY alleged to be residing with C. M. DEYER and who probably can be located through General Delivery. Will interview LEONA BRADY, named as a possible contact of subject ROE, for such information as she may possess of interest in locating ROE. In this connection, reference is made to the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD dated at Oklahoma City December 2, 1938.

OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE

AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

Will maintain contact with A. B. COOPER for such information as he may be able to obtain concerning subjects through MILDRED WELCH, and other sources of information.

Through A. B. COOPER, will keep in contact with MILDRED WELCH who has promised cooperation in securing information of interest through her husband, STEVE WELCH, in Leavenworth Prison.

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At 328 Southwest 23d Street, will contact Mrs. R. P. MORSE who operated the apartment house at 300 East 6th Street, for her knowledge of RAY GILES thought to have resided at that address at one time, and through Mrs. MORSE, will ascertain names and addresses of parties who operated this apartment house at 300 East 6th Street prior to her management, and will set out leads to interview such persons.

Will maintain contact with Mrs. CHARLES MARSH, 2235 N. W. 42d Street, for a reasonable period of time in the interest of securing the address of LEONA BRADY and her father, C. M. DEWEY, reported by Mrs. MARSH to be residing in Oakland, California, Mrs. MARSH having stated that she expected a communication from these people in due course of time. On receipt of such information, will set out leads for interview of LEONA BRADY.

AT ARMORE, OKLAHOMA

Will make inquiry through local Police and Sheriff's Office in the interest of locating JESS BARR, former inmate of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, thought to reside at Ardmore or vicinity, and will interview BARR, if located, along lines set forth in reference report of RALPH T. BOOD.

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

ATL FILE NO. **76-96 SLF**

REPORT MADE AT ATLANTA, GA.	DATE WHEN MADE 1/11/39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/6/39	REPORT MADE BY G. F. ALMON
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. DEE EVANS, nee FRANCES BARTLETT, Stockbridge, Ga., stated she has received letters from WILLIAM E. BARTLETT but only of a personal nature, no mention ever being made concerning subjects or any plans of escape.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent A. J. LEMIRE, Atlanta, 3/18/38;
Letter from Bureau, 12/21/38 (76-2686)

DETAILS: MRS. DEE EVANS, nee FRANCES BARTLETT, was located on the TOM MORRIS farm, Route 1, Stockbridge, Georgia. She stated that she had received a number of letters from WILLIAM E. BARTLETT while he has been incarcerated in Alcatraz Prison but that all of such letters were of a personal nature and contained nothing concerning plans of escape by any inmate of the prison; that she had never seen nor heard of subjects ROE or COLE and WILLIAM BARTLETT had never mentioned either of them in his letters. She stated to Agent that it would be impossible for her to receive any such letter inasmuch as they are all censored before leaving the prison.

She was warned that both ROE and COLE are fugitives and to harbor either of them would be a Federal violation. She stated that she would have nothing to do with either of them and promised to notify the Atlanta Field Office should she hear of or see either.

The outstanding leads in the Atlanta Division are being set out below.

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* THE ATLANTA FIELD DIVISION at Atlanta, Georgia, will contact confidential sources of information and informants connected with the underworld for rumors regarding the escape or presence of subjects in this district.

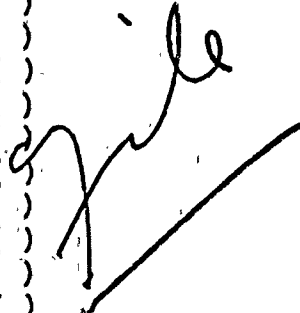
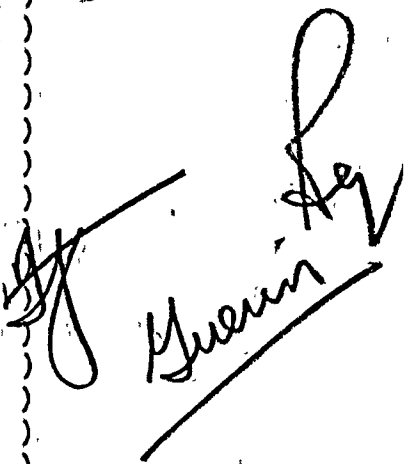
At the U. S. Penitentiary, will review the file relative to JAMES U. BUTCHER and secure all information therein pertinent to this case and relative to the location of JAMES U. BUTCHER.

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Mr. H. B. Fletcher
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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Dear Mr. Fletcher:

Reference is made to your letter of January 6, 1939 concerning the information furnished to you by Sheriff John Lemox of Okmulgee, Oklahoma, concerning information in the possession of James Adams indicating the possible whereabouts of the fugitives, Ree and Cole.

It is desired that you afford this matter your close personal attention and that you exercise every possible effort to thoroughly check the information furnished in this regard. Care should of course be exercised to avoid dashing prematurely into this situation prior to the time when all facts have been properly developed.

You should notify the Bureau by telephone of any affirmative information developed in connection with this situation.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated December 14, 1938 receiving copy of a letter dated December 14, 1938 received at the Bureau from JOHN LENOX, Sheriff, Okmulgee, Oklahoma. In accord with your instructions Sheriff JOHN LENOX was contacted at Okmulgee and he stated his informant had not given him any details, he believed he could secure same.

With the assistance of Sheriff LENOX, his informant JAMES ADAMS, a large scale farmer and oil well owner was contacted at his farm located about 25 miles northwest of Okmulgee, Post Office address Beggs, Oklahoma, at which time Mr. ADAMS stated that about six weeks ago he was fishing on the Illinois River near Eldon, Oklahoma and that his party purchased some moonshine whisky from an unnamed individual who had been contacted in behalf of his party by a local farmer. Mr. ADAMS stated that during the past year he had made a trip to California and endeavored to visit Alcatraz Island and had received information at that time that visitors were not permitted at the Island; that he recalled certain conversation concerning the escape of fugitives ROE and COLE; that he was convinced that no one could escape from the Island.

He stated that in talking to this unknown bootlegger he mentioned his trip to California and had remarked concerning the impossibility of escape, at which time the bootlegger spoke up and stated that ROE and COLE had been successful in making their escape and were at that time cutting logs in the woods in the Cookson Hills; that this was apparently a well known fact; that no one showed any interest for the reason that no reward had been offered. Mr. ADAMS stated he could not furnish the name of this bootlegger but that he would be in a position to secure same and for this purpose would make a trip, ostensibly for fishing purposes to the Illinois River

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River and would learn the name of this bootlegger.

He stated he believed although through his friends, he would make it possible for Bureau Agents to secure any information in possession of this individual concerning ROE and COLE. He was advised that the writer would personally be glad to pay his expenses to determine the identity of this individual.

It does not appear that Mr. ADAMS expects any reward for his information since he reported the same to Sheriff LENOX for the reason that he is a good friend of Sheriff LENOX and is a law-abiding citizen and he hoped his information would prove of value to Sheriff LENOX. Sheriff LENOX likewise, as a law enforcement officer states he does not accept rewards for his work and his only interest in reporting the matter is to assist the Bureau.

It is expected that Mr. ADAMS will proceed to Eldon, Oklahoma within the next ten days or two weeks and any information he receives will be transmitted promptly to this office through Sheriff LENOX. This matter will be closely followed and the Bureau will be advised fully concerning any developments. Mr. ADAMS has expressed a desire that his name not be connected with this matter in any manner.

Very truly yours,



H. B. FLETCHER
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK CITY	DATE WHEN MADE 1/12/39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/13, 19, 27/38	REPORT MADE BY E. J. McCabe
TITLE RALPH ROE with aliases, I.O. #1472 - FUGITIVE; THEODORE COLE with aliases, I.O. #1471 - FUGITIVE.			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

MIKE BEST, Mrs. H. EISENBERG, BARNETT BEST, brother, sister, and father of ALBERT BEST, Alcatraz No. 107-AZ, advised that ALBERT returned to in-laws in Germany in August 1938 and denied that they knew or had any information from ALBERT concerning instant escape.

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REFERENCES:

Report of Inspector M. E. Gurnea dated at San Francisco, California, December 28, 1937.
Report of Special Agent L. H. Richmond dated at San Francisco, California, 9/29/38.
Report of Special Agent Ralph T. Hood dated at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 12/2/38.

DETAILS:

MIKE BEST, brother of ALBERT BEST, Alcatraz No. 107-AZ, who has been interviewed on a number of occasions by Agents working on the Frikid case in accordance with arrangements made by Special Agent Cronin, personally called at the New York Field office on

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December 13, 1938. It should be noted that MIKE BEST is a known gambler and racketeer but that information furnished by him in connection with the Frikid case has been found to be reliable, although it is doubtful that he would furnish any information which would be harmful to any of his friends or associates. He presently resides at the Widemere Hotel, New York City, and advised that if telephone contact is made with him, there he will make himself available for interview at any time with our Bureau Agents.

Upon being advised by the writer that the purpose of the interview was to develop information concerning the escape from Alcatraz of instant subjects, MIKE BEST declared that he had read about it in the newspapers but was not acquainted with either of the subjects and had never discussed the escape with his brother ALBERT. He declared that it was his belief that ALBERT knew nothing concerning this escape as he felt that ALBERT would undoubtedly have told him about it had he had any such knowledge. He stated that ALBERT was more of the confidence type of criminal and made it a practice to avoid the more dangerous type of desperado such as instant subjects.

He stated that his brother ALBERT had been released under \$500 bond by the San Francisco authorities soon after his release to them by the federal authorities, and that after spending a few months in New York City, ALBERT had left for Germany with his wife. He stated that ALBERT had jumped the \$500 bond which he, MIKE, had posted for him as he was afraid that additional detainers would be placed against him and there was a possibility of his being compelled to serve some additional sentence. It was his understanding that in addition to the San Francisco authorities, some of the other Middle Atlantic States where ALBERT had perpetrated some frauds were looking for him, ALBERT, and for this reason ALBERT decided to leave the United States.

He declared that some 3 or 4 years ago ALBERT'S son, WILLIAM, who was then about 4 years of age, had been returned to Germany to the home of Mrs. ALBERT BEST'S parents by his, MIKE'S, sister, DR. HENRIETTE EISENBERG. He stated that ALBERT'S wife, ROSE, whom he had married in Germany, had also been

convicted for the same offense for which ALBERT was serving time in Alcatraz and upon such conviction had been sentenced to serve a year at a Woman's Reformatory, possibly Jessups, Maryland. He declared that he did not know the maiden name of ALBERT'S wife but understood that his sister, Mrs. EISENBERG, was well acquainted with the family and had received some correspondence from ALBERT BEST and his wife in Germany.

He stated further that ALBERT'S first wife was generally known as ROSE, although her true first name might possibly be Theda. He declared that he did not know whether ALBERT and his wife had obtained passports under their true name or from what port or city they had left for Europe, but was certain that they had departed some time in September as they had left hurriedly from New York City a few weeks before his mother's death which occurred in September 1938.

He declared that he had two sisters, Mrs. HENRIETTE EISENBERG and Mrs. ANNA LEVINE and that the ETTA BEST listed by ALBERT in the Alcatraz Prison records as a sister was undoubtedly his, MIKE'S, first wife. He stated that Mrs. LEVINE, Mrs. EISENBERG and his father BARNETT BEST resided together in an apartment at 28-40 Sedgwick Avenue, Bronx, New York, and that his first wife Mrs. ETTA BEST occupied another apartment in the same building. He stated that Mrs. LEVINE had not been very friendly with ALBERT and his father had little use for him, but that Mrs. HENRIETTE EISENBERG was rather attached to ALBERT. He stated that he would arrange to have his father and sister call at the New York office, and upon being specifically advised by the writer of the warrants outstanding against instant subjects and of the penalties for harboring same, MIKE BEST declared that he knew nothing about either of the subjects, and if he obtained any information concerning them, he would immediately communicate same to the New York Field office.

Mrs. HENRIETTE EISENBERG and her father BARNETT BEST, residing at 28-40 Sedgwick Avenue, Bronx, telephone Kingsbridge 6-2465, called at the New York Field office and on being questioned, both advised that they knew nothing concerning the escape of either of instant subjects. BARNETT BEST stated that his son ALBERT had never discussed the case with him, and the sister, Mrs. EISENBERG, declared that she had not seen ALBERT since his imprisonment at Alcatraz and advised that he had never mentioned anything about the escape in any communication she had received from him.

Mrs. EISENBERG stated that her brother ALBERT and his wife THEDA ROSE ROTHER were married in New York City about 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ years ago and that [redacted] She stated that at the time [redacted] were arrested [redacted] and about 3 years ago she returned him to Germany where he is presently living with [redacted] [redacted] who reside at the Lutherstrasse 13, Berlin, Germany, and operate a sand mine and are engaged in the building and construction business.

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She stated that the last time she saw her brother ALBERT was about 7 years ago when he visited at Paris, France, but that she had received a communication from him while in Czechoslovakia about September 18, 1938 in which he asked her to telephone to him at Berlin, Germany, as he was in some difficulty. She stated that the telephone number was set out in this telegram which she had destroyed, but she believed that it was the telephone at the Rother's residence and stated that she decided not to telephone to him as it was rather expensive. Instead she directed a letter to him asking him to explain his difficulties, but she had never received any answer. She declared further that despite the hardships under which Jewish persons are laboring in Germany at the present time, she had no doubt that her brother ALBERT was still residing there as his wife THEDA ROSE ROTHER was in a family way in August 1938 and they were expecting a child about February 1939. She stated that she obtained this information concerning the condition of her sister-in-law from her brother MIKE.

She declared that prior to the time ALBERT and his wife left New York they had been residing in an apartment at 171st Street on the west side in New York City, the exact address of which neither she nor any member of the family knew. She stated further that it was her understanding that ALBERT and his wife obtained passports under their true names - that, is, BEST - as he had so informed his father, although no member of the family had actually seen either of these passports.

She declared that ALBERT had not been employed except for a few days while in New York City and lived on money furnished him by his father and brother MIKE. She declared that ALBERT and his wife departed rather suddenly after cashing

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a check for \$125 in the grocery store where her mother had been accustomed to dealing for years, which check was returned marked "No account in the bank" and was made good by her father. She declared that the family resented this because if ALBERT had actually needed the money they would have been able to furnish him with same and her mother particularly was hurt to think that her credit and reputation in the neighborhood would be so impaired by ALBERT'S conduct. She stated that she and the rest of the family believed that the paralytic stroke which caused her mother's death on September 4, 1938 was due to worry over ALBERT.

BARNETT BEST, ALBERT'S father, a rather elderly man afflicted with the palsy, substantiated the information furnished by his daughter, Mrs. HENRIETTE EISENBERG and both he and Mrs. EISENBERG, upon being informed of the warrants outstanding against instant subjects and upon being advised of the penalties for harboring said subjects, stated that they knew nothing concerning instant escape and were not acquainted with either of the subjects.

In view of the fact that the BEST family apparently had no knowledge concerning instant escape, it was not considered necessary to interview Mrs. LEVINE or Mrs. ETIA BEST.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

At Washington, D. C. -

Will make a check with the Passport Bureau, United States Department of State, to determine if any passports were issued under the names ALBERT BEST or THEDA ROSE ROTHER BEST in August 1938. It is possible that these were obtained in New York, for Germany.

OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE

At Oklahoma City, Oklahoma -

Will consider the advisability of directing a lead to the Bureau to have the Department of State contact ALBERT BEST at Lutherstrasse 13, Berlin, Germany.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **DES MOINES**

FILE NO. **76-342**

REPORT MADE AT SAN FRANCISCO	DATE WHEN MADE 1/14/39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/10/39	REPORT MADE BY A. E. FARLAND - FB
TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECT; "DOC" KATBERGALL, Informant			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

No record of any escapes from U. S. Penitentiary at Alcatraz since taken over from the U. S. Army by the Department of Justice in June, 1934, other than that of **RALPH ROE** and **THEODORE COLE**, subjects of Identification Order 1472 and Identification Order 1471 respectively.

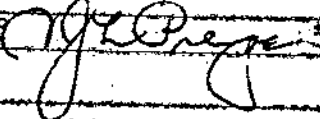
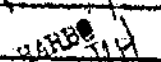
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REFERENCE:

Copy of letter to the Director, from the Des Moines Field Office, dated 1/6/39.

DETAILS:

AT THE U. S. PENITENTIARY, ALCATRAZ, inquiries were made of the record clerk, MR. WALTER DORINGTON as to whether or not the records of Alcatraz Penitentiary disclosed any information of any convict having escaped from that institution three or four years ago. Also if one had escaped, did he have only one eye? MR. DORINGTON states that Alcatraz Prison was taken over by the Department of Justice in June, 1934, having been taken over from the U. S. Army who conducted same as a disciplinary prison; that the only records of escapes from that institution were those of **RALPH ROE**, with aliases, and **THEODORE COLE**, with aliases, subjects of identification order 1472 and identification order 1471 respectively. MR. DORINGTON further advised that he had been connected with Alcatraz since taken over by the Department of Justice and that the only one eyed man he knew of was still

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an inmate of that institution, having been convicted on the Eastern Coast.

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FILE NO. **76-50**

REPORT MADE AT Seattle, Washington	DATE WHEN MADE 1/14/39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/27, 28, 29/38 1/4/39	REPORT MADE BY DUANE L. TRAYNOR
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: **MARYON JEANETTE DARLING** not living in Seattle. Reported married to a sailor and living in Long Beach, California.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent D. K. BROWN, El Paso, Texas dated 12/16/38

DETAILS: AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

MR. M. M. LYONS, Proprietor, Lyons Music Hall, 1409 First Avenue, advised that **MARYON JEANETTE DARLING** is no longer employed by him and has not been so employed for quite sometime. He did not know where she is living at the present time, but referred Agent to one **ALBERTA WILLIAMS**, a waitress in the Lyons Music Hall, as being a friend of **MARYON'S** and one who might know where she is presently located.

MRS. WILLIAMS advised that she has not seen or heard of **MARYON DARLING** for quite sometime. She stated, however, that not so long ago she took a trip to California and some one had given her the address of **MARYON** as being at Long Beach, California, where she was supposed to have married a sailor and be residing there. She did not know the name of the sailor and thought that she might possibly have **MARYON'S** address among her personal belongings at home.

Agent contacted her on several occasions and finally secured the information from her that she did not have **MARYON'S** address. However, she thinks **MARYON'S** mother will know where she can be located.

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Previous reports in this case reflect that MARYON'S mother is named JEANETTE DARLING and lives at 1711 West 23rd in Los Angeles.

For the information of the Los Angeles Office, MARYON DARLING became acquainted with one JACK O'BRIEN alias SPROUSE in Los Angeles, California in the early part of 1938. At that time O'BRIEN was employed by the Al G. Barnes Circus as an usher. She joined up with the circus and O'BRIEN and she became very close friends. Upon O'BRIEN'S discharge from the circus in Tacoma late in May, 1937, she resigned her position with the circus at Seattle, Washington on meeting O'BRIEN at Seattle. She lived with him for sometime and he is supposed to have told her that he was an ex-convict and a three time loser, even though now only 22 years of age.

He is alleged to have served time in a reformatory, name unknown, U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, and Alcatraz Island, San Francisco, California. One of these penitentiary sentences was for auto theft and another for armed robbery of a filling station, supposedly perpetrated by O'BRIEN and subjects of instant case at Dallas, Texas.

O'BRIEN was supposed to have told DARLING that after leaving San Francisco with the Al G. Barnes Circus, he had contacted both ROE and COLE while they were living at the city and that they were living right under the nose of the Police there.

Recently O'BRIEN, under the name of SAILOR JACK O'BRIEN, has boasted to EVA RUTH TALIAFERRO that he had helped subjects escape from Alcatraz. At the time of making this boast, O'BRIEN was intimate with MISS TALIAFERRO at Odessa, Texas.

It is now desired that information be secured from JEANETTE DARLING as to the present whereabouts of O'BRIEN so that he may be thoroughly and vigorously interviewed regarding allegations he has made to various people concerning the escape of subjects.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

LOS ANGELES OFFICE:

At Los Angeles, California, will locate MARYON JEANETTE DARLING through her mother, JEANETTE DARLING at 1711 West 23rd. When located, MARYON DARLING should be interviewed as to the present whereabouts of JACK O'BRIEN so that he may be located and vigorously interviewed regarding allegations he has made to various people concerning the escape of subject.

SEATTLE OFFICE:

- * At Vancouver Barracks, Vancouver, Washington, will endeavor to locate and appropriately interview the soldier referred to herein by ED REILEY bearing in mind that this man re-enlisted late in September, 1938, at Fort Douglas, Utah, is said to have been a former sign painter and is described about thirty-five years of age, medium height, and a blond.
- * At Anchorage, Alaska, will determine if subjects are in communication with HAL FERNANDO, Ex-Alcatraz #39-AZ. Will consider direct interview with him. See page 32.
- * At McNeil Island will determine the present whereabouts of MACK SMITH in order that he may be interviewed. He is ex-Alcatraz #44-AZ and was friendly with subjects. See page 41.
- * At Olympia, will determine the identity of the person to whom 1937 and 1938 Washington license #A-105,925 was issued and will conduct appropriate investigation concerning any possible connection with VIOLA DAWSON, Bell, California, sister of COLE. See pages 14 and 52.
- * At Vancouver, B. C., will attempt to locate ROBERT B. MAXON, #34-AZ, through his wife at 614 Hamilton Street, and will interview him as to any information he may possess. Will interview his wife, a correspondent. See page 21 of the report of Special Agent GURNEA, San Francisco, dated 12-28-37.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
January 19, 1939

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: ROCOL

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter of January 10, 1939 (file 76-2686), advising that no information has been received at the Bureau concerning a contact with Mr. FRED COLE of Woodlake, California.

The report of Special Agent A. D. HORN, dated at Los Angeles, California, December 28, 1938, reflects results of the interview with Mr. COLE and it is believed that such report crossed the Bureau's letter in the mail.

However, in the event the Bureau has no record of such report, if the Los Angeles office is notified, additional copies will be prepared and forwarded.

Very truly yours,

Val C. Zimmer

VAL C. ZIMMER,
Special Agent in Charge.

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*Val C. Zimmer
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cc: Oklahoma City*

Suite 1729, 111 Sutter,
San Francisco, California
January 21, 1939

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

RE: ROCOL

Dear Warden:

There is being returned to you
herewith, letter of WILLIAM GILDOW, RFD 1 BOX 4,
Langley, Washington, which you transmitted to this
office with your letter dated January 19, 1939.

Please be advised that the appropriate
action will be taken in this matter.

Thanking you for bringing this to
the attention of this office, I remain

Very truly yours,

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

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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FILE NO.

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REPORT MADE AT Dallas, Texas	DATE WHEN MADE 1-19-39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-11, 16-39	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 PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Mrs. HASKELL RANNAIS, Denison, Texas, denies any knowledge or information relative to ROE. States that RALPH YOUNG was the individual who wrote her the Christmas card. JEWELL (BUDDY) EVERSOLE, ROE'S friend, is presently living Leavenworth, Kansas. Relatives at Bonham, Texas, do not know exact address.

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Reference:

Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 12-2-38; report of Special Agent H. T. ARTERBERRY, Dallas, Texas, dated 1-4-38.

Details:

Mrs. HASKELL RANNAIS, 229 West Morton Street, Denison, Texas, advised that the mysterious postcard she received last Christmas, a year ago, signed RALPH, was no longer a mystery to her; that she had definitely determined that same was not from RALPH ROE; that within a few weeks after the receipt of the postcard which was signed RALPH, and which caused her no little uneasiness for a time, she determined that same was from an old friend named RALPH YOUNG, who is presently residing at Centralia, Washington; that just a few weeks after she was interviewed by the writer, she received a letter from RALPH YOUNG, Centralia, Washington, inquiring of her why she had not replied to his Christmas card; that she deemed the matter of so little significance that she failed to notify the Dallas Field Division as she had promised.

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Mr. LEWIS WINCHESTER, City Policeman, Denison, Texas, and a brother to Mrs. HASKELL RANNAIS, advised that he recalled the incident of his sister's receiving a letter from RALPH YOUNG, Centralia, Washington, and he recalled that the family was acquainted with YOUNG, and in their minds it definitely established the fact that Christmas, 1937, postcard received by his sister was not from RALPH ROE as first suspected.

HENRY CHANEY, Sheriff, and JACK BIGGERSTAFF, Chief of Police, Bonham, Texas, advised that JEWELL (BUDDY) EVERSOLE left Bonham, Texas, about one year ago and that to their knowledge had never returned.

Mr. CHARLES M. WATSON, Bonham, Texas, JEWELL (BUDDY) EVERSOLE'S brother-in-law advised that EVERSOLE was presently residing in Leavenworth, Kansas, and was supposed to be employed in some capacity at the county court house at that place. He further advised that prior to this employment he was supposed to have spent sometime in a veterans' hospital at that place but that he could not vouch for the accuracy of this information; that none of the family ever heard from him except in an indirect manner but that he felt reasonably sure he was in Leavenworth, Kansas, as above related.

Mr. MAX EVERSOLE, Honey Grove, Texas, a cousin, advised that he had no idea of JEWELL (BUDDY) EVERSOLE'S present location.

ENCLOSURE: To Seattle Division - copy reference
report of H. T. ARTERBERRY, dated 1-4-38.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION:

At Leavenworth, Kansas: Will locate and interview JEWELL (BUDDY) EVERSOLE, who is alleged to be employed at the county court house at Leavenworth, Kansas, along the lines as requested in reference report.

SEATTLE FIELD DIVISION:

At Centralia, Washington: Will attempt to locate RALPH YOUNG, residing at this place, according to Mrs. HASKELL RANNAIS, and ascertain whether he sent Mrs. RANNAIS a Christmas card as she has claimed. RALPH YOUNG should be considered as possibly being identical with fugitive RALPH ROE.

PENDING

San Francisco, California
January 21, 1939

Special Agent in Charge,
Seattle, Washington

Dear Sir:

RE: ROOOL

Following is a copy of a letter addressed to Warden J. A. JOHNSTON, Alcatraz Penitentiary, from WILLIAM GILDOW, Langley, Washington:

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Mr. Warden, this is what you shood no. On the date of Jan. 16th when the news came in I were in Langley call. HENRY COLE up to have a glass of beer and he had draken just part of when the news sounded on the 18th. RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE is still missing no trac yet. MR. COLE said My God my boy is dead Im going out and tell me and he left with out draken his beer. But Mr. Warden my God the boys is not dead I go their friends wel and they will do any thing for me. I got them to help me. They comes out and gets my car and me and I fills them up with booze to find out what I can. I had to go in the Hospital in June 13th and didn't get out untill Nov 5th just befor I left I found out that the boys were in the East of Washington working in the frute trees.

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And in July I found out that they were over there work- ing in a warehouse at Phaetin Wash. When I got back out of the Hospital one of their friends came out to see me and I kept him tened up. On Nov 20th I got one of the boys to take me Jan 25 1939 Langley when one of the other boys came from Phaetin on the night of Nov 19th and he told the boy that took me U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FUGA SUR got back last night and TED and his chum is out there and they are still out there. If you want them send some outside man in for they are well covered if the is a word said they will get it. Hear how Send a out side man some one looking for a chicken ranch the place they staying is a chicken ranch and they are trying to sell it before the mortag takes it don't let the local officers no. And let me no seen before they come. These boys is on the south end of Whidby Island came across from Mukitee on the ferry ask anny one and they can tell here I lives Yers BILL GILDOW ask for BILL GILDOW My God they are not dead"

SAC Seattle
RE: ROCOL

January 21, 1939

It is requested that your office conduct the appropriate investigation based upon the information contained in the above quoted letter. The address given for WILLIAM GILDON at Langley Washington, on his letter postmarked January 16, 1939, is RFD 1 B 4.

Very truly yours,

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

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Suite 1729, 111 Sutter,
San Francisco, California
January 24, 1939

RE: RECOL

Captain Thomas B. Foster,
Supervising Agent,
Secret Service, Treasury Dept.,
Post Office Building,
San Francisco, California

Dear Captain Foster:

I have your letter of January 23,
1939, enclosing a letter from Sheriff Gann of Placer
County, regarding the ROE and COLE case.

Please be advised that I have
communicated with the Sheriff in regard to this, and
I want to thank you for your courtesy in forwarding
his letter to me.

Very truly yours,

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

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **OKLAHOMA CITY**

FILE NO. **76-752**

REPORT MADE AT Washington, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE 1/19/39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/6/39	REPORT MADE BY F. T. McINTYRE, JR. FTM:JG
TITLE RALPH ROE with aliases, I.O. #1472-FUGITIVE; THEODORE COLE with aliases, I.O. #1471-FUGITIVE			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

W. C. COAKLEY, Eldersburg, Maryland, former Deputy Sheriff, advises KEMP as RICHARD R. HARMEL opened two accounts at Westminster, Md. banks as a representative of the Dupont Company of Wilmington, Delaware. MR. COAKLEY journeyed to Logan, W. Va. and interviewed HELEN SKEENS who advised checks cashed by her at Logan were furnished her by TEX REDNESS but same later denied by REDNESS. She later advised she met KEMP on train from Washington to Staunton, Va. and obtained passbook. MR. COAKLEY of opinion HELEN SKEENS forged signature of HARMEL as writing on checks identical with handwriting specimens.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent F. T. McINTYRE, JR., dated September 6, 1938 at Washington, D. C.
Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD dated December 2, 1938 at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

DETAILS:

AT ELDERSBURG, MARYLAND

MR. W. C. COAKLEY until recently a Deputy Sheriff was interviewed at his residence on Oakland Mills Road and he advised that he had conducted considerable investigation with reference to the activities of WILLIAM PHILIP KEMP at Westminster, Maryland. In this connection,

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COAKLEY advised that KEMP had appeared at Westminster in October 1937 using the name of RICHARD R. HARMEL at which time he represented himself to be an official of the Dupont Company of Wilmington, Delaware and in this capacity had contacted MR. EDWARD CASE, local real estate man advising that the Dupont Company contemplated opening a branch office at Westminster. Gaining the confidence of MR. CASE, the latter introduced KEMP as HARMEL to officers of the Farmers and Mechanics National Bank as well as the officers of the Westminster Union Trust Company, culminating in KEMP opening accounts at both these institutions. According to MR. CASE these accounts were opened at each bank in the amount of \$25 each representing checks drawn by HARMEL on the Colonial Trust Company of Wilmington, Delaware.

MR. COAKLEY advised that upon several checks being presented for payment at the Farmers and Mechanics National Bank cashed at Logan, West Virginia by a MISS HARMEL, the bank had refused payment on these checks because of the fact that it had been ascertained that KEMP as HARMEL in fact had no account at the Delaware bank. MR. COAKLEY in his then capacity of Deputy Sheriff proceeded to Logan, W. Va. and there interviewed MISS HELEN SKEENS at her home, it being ascertained that she was the individual who had cashed the checks at the Logan bank. MISS SKEENS at that time advised MR. COAKLEY that shortly before she had left Huntington, W. Va. with a girl named WRIGHT and one TEX REDNESS of Logan, W. Va., and that the three of them proceeded to Washington, D. C. where MISS SKEENS and the WRIGHT girl hustled for a short while. In connection with the several checks cashed by her and displayed to her, MISS SKEENS denied having written these checks and advised that the same were drawn to her favor as MISS HARMEL and furnished her by TEX REDNESS. MR. COAKLEY could not locate REDNESS for interview at that time but on a later trip had contacted REDNESS who operates a "joint" at Logan. REDNESS at that time emphatically denied knowing anything whatsoever concerning the checks. On another interview at that time with MISS SKEENS she advised that upon leaving Washington, D. C. with the WRIGHT girl and TEX REDNESS for Logan, W. Va. she had met one RICHARD R. HARMEL on the train and she left the train with HARMEL at Staunton, Virginia. She stated that at Staunton, HARMEL had furnished his check book on the Westminster, Md. bank and had also drawn several checks in her favor. In this connection, MR. COAKLEY advised that he obtained specimens of the handwriting of HELEN SKEENS and it was noted at a glance that she had obviously written these checks making herself as MISS HELEN HARMEL, payee. MR. COAKLEY advised that he does not believe that the SKEENS girl was picked up at Logan in connection with this offense.

MR. COAKLEY further informed that upon ascertaining that WILLIAM PHILLIP KEMP was in custody of the State Police of Virginia he interviewed KEMP prior to the latter's incarceration in the State Penitentiary, and KEMP first denied knowing the SKEENS woman, but upon being displayed the check book he advised that he, in fact had furnished the same to HELEN SKEENS for the purpose of temporarily preserving the same. KEMP at that time substantiated the fact that he had met HELEN SKEENS and another woman and a man on a train en route from Washington and that the SKEENS girl got off the train with him at Staunton, Va. but later on that day proceeded to her home in Logan, W. Va.

MR. COAKLEY advised that the father of HELEN SKEENS is a minister of the gospel at Logan and her parents are apparently respectable people. Other than the information furnished above, MR. COAKLEY advised he could furnish no further details in this matter.

As stated in reference report of the writer, WILLIAM PHILLIP KEMP is the subject of considerable investigation pertaining to violations of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, the Richmond Office being office of origin. Various reports emanating from the Richmond Field Division in connection with this particular case reflected that KEMP is an exceedingly shrewd individual who is altogether promiscuous with the truth. It is indicated in this particular case that KEMP will make any and all statements that might possibly further his own interests, and it is not believed that a great deal of credence can be placed on any statement made by this individual.

AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

It was ascertained on the date of the above interview that Maryland State Police Officer J. J. CASSIDY was away from the State on subpoena for several days. It is believed that interview with Officer CASSIDY would be repetition in this matter, as pertinent details with reference to matters relating to KEMP as HARMEL at Westminster, Maryland were investigated personally by former Deputy Sheriff W. C. COAKLEY. In view of the fact that Officer CASSIDY conducted no personal investigation at Logan, W. Va., this officer will not be interviewed unless advice to the contrary is received from the office of origin.

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UNDEVELOPED LEAD

THE WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION

- * AT WASHINGTON, D. C., will make a check with the Passport Bureau, United States Department of State, to determine if any passports were issued under the names ALBERT BEST or THEDA ROSE ROTHER BEST in August 1938. It is possible that these were obtained in New York, for Germany.
- * AT WASHINGTON, D. C. will, in the event JAMES VISSILA does not contact the Washington Field Office within a reasonable time, again contact MRS. L. J. SHEPHERD of 1612 G Street, S.E. to see if she knows where her brother, JAMES VISSILA is living. See report of Special Agent J. H. MATHIS, Washington, D. C. dated November 18, 1938.

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January 27, 1939

Special Agent in Charge
Atlanta, Georgia

Re: ROCOL

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated December 21, 1938, requesting that your office obtain from the records of the Atlanta Penitentiary complete information relative to James U. Butcher, which might be of value in the investigation of this case.

The Bureau file does not reflect that the necessary action has been taken by your office, and it is requested that you provide this matter investigative attention in the immediate future.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **OKLAHOMA CITY**

FILE NO. **76-224** *1mm*

REPORT MADE AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.	DATE WHEN MADE 1-27-39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/21,23/38	REPORT MADE BY J. F. McDEVITT
TITLE RALPH ROE with aliases, I. O. #1472 - FUGITIVE; THEODORE COLE with aliases, I. O. #1471 - FUGITIVE.			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Philadelphia police officials, detectives, Federal Officers and others conversant with Philadelphia underworld state never heard any rumors concerning Alcatraz jail break. Former Philadelphia confidential informant in Furdress case in March, 1938 told of one MORRIS MUSH TRACHMER called the "Judge", a former New York racketeer who then resided at the Picadilly Hotel, New York, being a well known fixer and known to have made a specialty of engineering jail breaks. TRACHMER, in a general way, answers description of unknown man who, on day prior to jail break, made inquiry at Portland, Ore. concerning tides, current, etc. at Alcatraz.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent Ralph T. Hood, Oklahoma City, Okla. 12-2-38.

DETAILS:

On December 21, 1938 Agent interviewed Captain James P. Ryan of the Philadelphia Detective Bureau, possibly the best informed police officer in Philadelphia as to underworld conditions. He said he could not recall any Philadelphia criminal ever having been an inmate of Alcatraz; that he never heard anything mentioned in the underworld relative to instant escape.

Agent consulted Detective Andrew McClure in Charge of the Pennsylvania State Criminal Registration Bureau for the Philadelphia Detective Bureau, which Bureau does not maintain a general index of registrants. McClure said

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about 6 months ago a man did register whose record indicated he had served time at Alcatraz; that the man said he had been a former soldier; he was tall, well built and intelligent. He talked interestingly for about one hour concerning Alcatraz; he told of man who actually broke out of Alcatraz but was caught and that the prison authorities promised him freedom if he told how he effected his escape but he refused and he is still in Alcatraz. McClure could not recall the registrant's name but did recall that between the time of his release from Alcatraz and his registering at Philadelphia that he had served a sentence in one of the Western prisons. McClure said that if he found the registrant's card he will notify this office and should anyone else register with his Bureau whose record indicates their having served a sentence at Alcatraz, he will immediately call this office on the telephone so that an Agent can interview that registrant.

Other minor detective officials were also interviewed namely, Lieutenant Barton Gormley and Chief Clerk James Daugherty both of whom are well acquainted with the underworld and information emanating from the underworld. They also said they could not recall any Philadelphia criminal who had ever been an inmate of Alcatraz.

Agent interviewed Mr. Thomas Collins, Chief of the Identification Division of the Eastern State penitentiary, who has been there for many years; informed he could not recall any inmates of his institution having served at Alcatraz.

The Federal Parole Officer at Philadelphia said his records do not indicate any parolee ever having served at Alcatraz.

Agent made discreet inquiries from a number of well known gamblers, horserace men, politicians, etc. many of whom live on the fringe of the underworld. None could recall ever hearing any talk in the underworld concerning instant escape. Agent exhibited subjects photographs to those persons whom he could trust but none could identify them. Pages three and four of the report of reference tells of an unknown individual who, on the afternoon of December 15, 1937, the day prior to the escape, made inquiries in Portland, Ore. regarding tides, and currents in San Francisco Bay and the vicinity of Alcatraz Island and describes that individual as follows:

Name	Unknown
Age	About 40 to 50 years
Height	5' 6-7"
Weight	140-170 lbs.
Hair	Dark, possibly greying somewhat. Well groomed having the appearance that he recently visited a barber shop.

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Face	full and ruddy. Believed to have worn glasses.
Dress	Very well, but conservatively dressed in suit believed to be dark grey. Made a good impression and presented intelligent appearance.

This individual plainly indicated that he was not a nautical man as he asked for information as to how to read the table. It is suggested that where investigation is conducted regarding any person who would answer the above description that photographs be obtained, if possible, and that they be forwarded to the portland office for presentation to the persons seeing this unknown party.

Attention is called to a personal and confidential letter from the Philadelphia Division to the New York Division dated March 30, 1938 in the Furdress file, Philadelphia file 60-302 in which a confidential informant then working through the Philadelphia and New York Divisions spoke of his having met and talked with in Philadelphia one MORRIS MUSH TRACHMER, said to be a well known fixer and an old time Albany, New York Racketeer known as the "Judge" and who then lived at the Picadilly Hotel, New York City. The confidential informant said, at the time, that TRACHMER holds the respect of the Furdress gang and that they all seem to fear him; that TRACHMER is known to have fixed many cases and that he made a specialty of arranging jail deliveries and that TRACHMER bragged about his accomplishments. The confidential informant described him as follows:

Age	50 years or over
Height	5'10"
Weight	185 lbs
Glasses	Sometimes wears eyeglasses
Face	Round
Hair	Combed straight back - thin in front
Peculiarities	Habit of going on drinking sprees, causing considerable trouble but known to be a good fellow and later pays for the damages he wrought.

TRACHMER's description generally compares with that of the above mentioned individual who appeared in portland the day prior to instant escape. No doubt TRACHMER is well known to the New York Division through the Furdress case.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD: The New York Field Division at New York, N.Y. Suggest obtain photograph of TRACHMER said to have resided at the Picadilly Hotel, New York City on or about March 30, 1938 and forward same to the portland, Ore. Office for identification purposes.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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FILE NO.

76-83

REPORT MADE AT Indianapolis, Indiana	DATE WHEN MADE 1-30-39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-5, 14-39	REPORT MADE BY BLISS MORTON
TITLE RALPH ROE with aliases, FUG., I. O. #1472; THEODORE COLE with aliases, FUG., I. O. #1471.			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

JOSEPH ROBILLARD, Kenosha, Wisconsin, and Indianapolis, Indiana, states person resembling RALPH ROE was seen by him at Eldon, Missouri, 2-14-38. Indianapolis police department, vice squad, has received no information to indicate that fugitives have been seen in this vicinity.

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Reference:

Report of Special Agent N. J. ALAGA, dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 11-19-38.

Details:

AT INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

For the information of the Kansas City office which has no previous information on the angle of the case covered by this report, the following information is set out:

March 19, 1938, JOSEPH ROBILLARD of Kenosha, Wisconsin, addressed a letter to the Bureau stating that on February 14, 1938, he was having a flat tire repaired at Barnett, Missouri. When the work was completed, he went across the street to the restaurant at approximately 6:00 P.M. In the restaurant, he observed a man who asked the proprietor of the restaurant when the next bus left for Topeka, and was informed that there was no bus until morning. ROBILLARD stated that a week or so later he was a picture of RALPH ROE in a detective magazine and recognized him as the man he had seen in the restaurant on

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February 14, 1938.

At a filling station and restaurant going by the name of Kat's Kitten Service Station, on State road number 40, approximately nine miles east of the center of Indianapolis, at what would be number nine thousand East Washington Street, if the houses were numbered that distance from town, agent found JOSEPH ROBILLARD, a traveling representative of the Kenosha Auto Transportation Company, Kenosha, Wisconsin. ROBILLARD stated that he was only temporarily at that address in view of the fact that transports of his company are serviced at that particular service station and certain bookkeeping for the company is done there.

ROBILLARD stated that in February, 1938, he was on a collection trip for his company in Missouri and neighboring States. On February 14, 1938, he had been to Barnett, Missouri, and was proceeding out of Barnett and had reached Eldon, Missouri, when he had tire trouble. He stated that this was approximately 6:00 P.M., February 14, 1938. He stopped at a filling station, the name of which he does not remember, in Eldon, Missouri, to have a tire repaired and gasoline put in his car. He remembered that it was raining on that particular evening. He stated that he went across the street, directly opposite the filling station, and into a restaurant to get something to eat. While seated at the table waiting for the meal to be prepared, he was reading a newspaper. He noticed a man come into the restaurant. This fellow asked the proprietor or the man on duty at that time, concerning the time buses would leave for Topeka. Mr. ROBILLARD himself was going to Topeka and the conversation attracted his attention. He looked up at the man and, at first, thought of inviting the man to ride with him to Topeka, but did not like his looks and did not do so. The proprietor informed the man that the bus for Topeka did not stop at Eldon, but that the man would have to go to Versailles to catch the bus for Topeka.

He states that this man was not wearing a hat or cap. He had a cheap dark overcoat, a little more than knee length. He believes the man would weigh about 180 pounds and would be about five feet eight or nine inches in height.

About a week later when he saw the picture of ROE, he states he immediately recognized it as being the likeness of the man he had seen in the restaurant at Eldon, Missouri. He does not know the name of the proprietor of the restaurant or the name of the restaurant. He states that the restaurant has a sort of log cabin front. The man was in the restaurant

approximately five minutes and did not say where he was going or where he had come from. No one was with Mr. ROBILLARD while he was in the restaurant, and he believes no one else was eating in the place at the time. He believes there were two waitresses in the restaurant. He believes the restaurant is on highway number 54. He did not know the name of the filling station in Eldon at which he stopped, but stated that his office had a receipt for the money he paid to said filling station which receipt would be attached to his February, 1938, expense account. He promised to obtain said receipt and forward it to the Indianapolis office.

Subsequently, the receipt was received and the name signed to it appears to be "G. W. DUZEN". The signature is not well written, and, therefore, the receipt will be forwarded with copies of this report to the Kansas City office to assist that office in locating the filling station and thereby locating the restaurant where Mr. ROBILLARD believes he saw fugitive ROE.

Likenesses of the fugitive subjects have been placed in the bank robbery album of the Indianapolis office.

Agent contacted Officer PATRICK McLAUGHLIN of the vice squad, Indianapolis police department, who stated that he had never heard the name of either fugitive mentioned by any underworld characters of Indianapolis, Indiana.

It should be pointed out that approximately October, 1938, houses of prostitution were closed in Indianapolis, Indiana, and have not since been reopened.

McLAUGHLIN promised to inform the Indianapolis office should he, at any time, receive any information concerning the fugitive subjects.

INCLOSURE: TO KANSAS CITY - Receipt signed by G. W. DUZEN, Eldon, Missouri.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD

KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION

At Eldon, Missouri

Will endeavor to locate the restaurant at which ROBILLARD believes he saw fugitive ROE on February 14, 1938, and question those in the restaurant for further information relative thereto.

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Little Rock, Arkansas

January 31, 1939

76-86

Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Re: RCOOL.

Dear Sir:

There are enclosed herewith mail tracings received in connection with this case which have been transmitted by the Postmistress at Alpena Pass, Arkansas. These tracings are from the mail of Mrs. MARIE WYNNE COLE, FRED WHITAKER, and FRANK WHITAKER.

These are all the tracings which have been received by the Little Rock Office in connection with this case, and insofar as the Little Rock file is concerned none of these tracings have been connected with the subjects.

A review of the file in this Field Division discloses that there is no further investigative activity in this district, therefore, this case is being REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN, with this letter.

Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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

FILE NO. **76-338**

REPORT MADE AT San Antonio, Texas.	DATE WHEN MADE 1/24/39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/8, 15, 14/39	REPORT MADE BY J. C. WHITE
TITLE RALPH ROE with aliases, I.O. #1472 - FUGITIVE; THEODORE COLE with aliases, I.O. #1471 - FUGITIVE			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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GUADALUPE (LUPE) ESCAVARA, who operated saloon at Rio Rico, Mexico, now deceased. Subjects unknown to Chief of Police CANTU at that place. X "HARDROCK" not known to be associate of ROBERT L. PRINGLE and is unknown to Sheriff and Police Officers as well as Highway Patrol and underworld contacts at San Antonio, Texas. Postmaster at Refugio, Texas advises that HAZEL CONNERS received one typewritten letter from J. T. KELLY, attorney at Odessa, and received other letters at regular intervals, no return address, from Lenapal, Oklahoma.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma dated December 2, 1938.

DETAILS:

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent C. R. DAVIS:

Agent DAVIS contacted FELIPE CANTU, Chief of Police at Rio Rico, Mexico and was advised that GUADALUPE (LUPE) ESCAVARA did own what was known as the Seinnrise (Merry) Saloon at Rio Rico for several years but that ESCAVARA died there about five months ago. CANTU stated that LUPE had numerous American friends and when shown the photographs of subjects ROE and COLE CANTU stated that he had never seen either of these men around

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the saloon or at Rio Rico. He stated further that he knew of no place in the vicinity of Rio Rico, Mexico where subjects could be in hiding as there were very few Americans in that immediate vicinity and no ranches of any consequence which employed any Americans. The death of ESCAVARA was also verified by T. M. DOWIS, Immigration Inspector on the American side of the Rio Grande River on the International Bridge crossing into Rio Rico. It was also further verified by R. L. LYONS, Customs Inspector located at the same bridge. The photographs of both subjects were shown to Mr. DOWIS and Mr. LYONS but neither could identify either of these photographs as parties having been seen by them going to Rio Rico.

Mrs. BILLIE W. SOREY, Postmaster at Refugio, Texas, advised that Mrs. HAZEL CONNERS received a typewritten letter, return address J. T. KELLY, attorney-at-law, Odessa, Texas; that Mrs. CONNERS also received letters at regular intervals with no return address from Lenapah, Oklahoma.

Agent reviewed all of the files in this office pertaining to ROBERT L. (BOB) PRINGLE and was unable to find any of his associates or co-defendants using the name of "HARDROCK."

Agent also contacted Captain W. A. HARVEY, Chief of Detectives and other detectives on the Automobile Theft Detail, Homicide Squad, Con-Man and Bad Check Details, and Chief of Police O. W. KILDAY, the Sheriff and Deputy Sheriffs and various underworld contacts without ascertaining of any individual known to them by the name of "HARDROCK." Without more definite information as to who "HARDROCK" might be this office will be unable to locate him and secure his correct name.

This office is leaving to the discretion of the office of origin as to whether or not R. L. PRINGLE, Alcatraz #405-42, should be again interviewed in order to secure some background as to who "HARDROCK" might and have his identity established.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

* SAN ANTONIO FIELD OFFICE: At Houston Will contact FLOYD TEMPLE to obtain the present address of ABE BAILEY, a driller for the Patrick and Tyrril Company, 517 Cotton Exchange Building, and will then interview BAILEY regarding the rumor that a woman in Duncan, Oklahoma fed ROE during February, 1938.

* At Refugio will take proper steps to develop sources of information and informants who will be in a position to report the activities of HAZEL UNDERHILL. Will determine if she is in contact with subject ROE. Will place a cover on all mail received by her and family. Direct interview should be dependent upon the basic investigation conducted. Interview of a direct nature should be dependent upon the

basic investigation conducted. It should be noted that informant J. B. ATKINSON is allegedly in that vicinity.

PENDING.

Denver, Colorado
February 2, 1939

Special Agent in Charge
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Re: ROCCOL

Dear Sir:

There is being forwarded to you copies of the report of Special Agent L. A. DUCOMMUN, dated at Denver, Colorado, February 2, 1939, which reports an interview with LESLIE ELMER DOWNING. DOWNING has expressed a willingness to cooperate with an Agent of the Oklahoma City Field Division in causing the apprehension of fugitives ROE and COLE but has stated that he would do so only if his identity remained undisclosed. He has stated that he would proceed to any named point in Oklahoma and contact an Agent of your office and would then go up into the Cocksan Hills and locate ROE and COLE. He has further stated that he would report his investigation to a Bureau Agent at any named place where he could contact him. He has further stated that he would not expect any compensation for his work until after he had succeeded in locating the fugitives and reported this information to a proper Bureau authority.

At present DOWNING is confined to the Denver County Jail on a fraudulent check charge and his bond has been set at \$1,000. DOWNING has sufficient cash to make a surety bond but is unable to post sufficient collateral so that he secure this bond. Sergeant LAWRENCE F. COOK of the Denver Police Department who originally referred DOWNING's information to this office has indicated that if it were desired by this office, it could probably be arranged for DOWNING to be released on his personal recognizance or a low bond and have his trial date set ahead, thus giving him an opportunity to secure information in Oklahoma concerning fugitives. Sergeant COOK has also assured DOWNING that if he could turn up ROE and COLE to the Bureau, he would do everything in his power to have the present charge against DOWNING in Denver quashed or at least see that DOWNING got off with a minimum sentence. This office does not know whether DOWNING is reliable and has no way of ascertaining this as he has no connections in Denver as far as is known.

The Denver Field Division desires to be advised whether or not the Oklahoma City Division has any information concerning the reliability of LESLIE ELMER DOWNING and whether or not you believe it is advisable to negotiate with Sergeant COOK for the temporary release of DOWNING in order that he can proceed to Oklahoma and attempt to locate the fugitives.

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TO: OKLAHOMA CITY
FROM: DENVER

February 2, 1939
Re: KOCOL

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Fugitives NO. 1 and GOLI. Arrangements could be perfected here for DOWLING to meet an Agent of your office at a certain designated time and place. However, no further action will be taken by this office until advice is received from the Oklahoma City Field Division or the Bureau.

Sergeant COOK has advised that he has discussed this matter with the District Attorney at Denver, Colorado who is willing that DOWLING be released on his personal recognizance bond to cooperate with the Bureau if that is the Bureau's desire. However, Sergeant COOK advised today that DOWLING has stated that if he is not released on bond by Monday, February 6, 1939, he desires to go into Court and enter a plea of guilty to the charge pending in Denver against him so that he can immediately begin serving his sentence. Therefore, it is suggested that this matter be given expeditious attention and the Denver Office advised accordingly.

Very truly yours,

W. L. LISTERMAN
Special Agent in Charge

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

L.R. FILE NO. 76-36

REPORT MADE AT LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS	DATE WHEN MADE 1-30-39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-20-39	REPORT MADE BY W. F. WHITELY FW
TITLE RALPH ROE with aliases, I. O. # 1472 - FUGITIVE; THEODORE COLE with aliases, I. O. # 1471 - FUGITIVE.			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

MARIE COLE, Alpena Pass, Arkansas, and Mrs. **ED B. HARRIS**, Harrison, Arkansas, recontacted but neither furnished any additional information. **COTTON BOYD**, Harrison, Arkansas, claims no information concerning subjects.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent **RALPH T. HOOD**, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, December 2, 1938.
Report of Special Agent **HAYNE A. THOMPSON**, Little Rock, Arkansas, December 8, 1938.

DETAILS:

AT ALPENA PASS, ARKANSAS

MARIE COLE was again interviewed by the writer and stated she had no additional information since last contacted by Special Agent **THOMPSON** of this office. She claimed that she could not recall any statements which she had made to the effect that Subject **COLE** was in Bronson, Missouri, Pittsburgh, Kansas, or Berryville, Arkansas, unless she accidentally did so in a kidding manner. She stated that while in Joplin, Missouri, she was talking to a clerk in a drug store and he was asking her about her husband and she jokingly replied that she sees him every day, or words to that effect, but he knew that she was "just kidding him", and in fact she has heard nothing concerning her husband since his escape from Alcatraz Penitentiary and it is her belief that he is dead.

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AT HARRISON, ARKANSAS

Mrs. ED B. HARRIS, Route 4, Box 137, stated that the only additional information which she had received since contacted by Special Agent THOMPSON of this office was a remark made by her husband to the effect that he had heard that Subject COLE had hidden in a barn at Alpena, Arkansas, and had seen his small son there. She stated that she did not know where her husband got this information or whether there was anything to it, but that she would talk to her husband about this matter and would communicate with the Little Rock Field Division concerning the same if her husband would advise where he received this data.

COTTON BOYD is presently connected with the Oldsmobile Agency at Harrison, Arkansas, and on interview stated he was well acquainted with Subject COLE while the latter was living at Alpena Pass, Arkansas. He said that he had heard nothing concerning COLE since his escape from Alcatraz Penitentiary and it was his personal opinion that COLE was dead. He stated that there were numbers of people who were well acquainted with COLE at Alpena Pass, and that if COLE ever returned to the vicinity of that town it would surely be known. He promised his cooperation in notifying the Little Rock Field Division should he obtain any information of value.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **OKLAHOMA CITY**

FILE NO. **76-244**

REPORT MADE AT Salt Lake City, Utah	DATE WHEN MADE 1-31-39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/16, 19/39.	REPORT MADE BY E. SANDBERG - G.J.
TITLE RALPH ROE with aliases, I.O. 1472 - FUGITIVE; THEODORE COLE with aliases, I.O. #1471 - FUGITIVE.			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Confidential informants in Las Vegas, Nevada, advise they have no definite information to the effect that subjects made good their escape, but have heard conversations both pro and con. They also advised that they would inform the Salt Lake City office in the event they received any information of value relative to this case.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 12-2-38.

DETAILS:

Agent interviewed all of the confidential informants in Las Vegas, Nevada, and all except one stated that they were familiar with the fact that these two subjects had escaped from Alcatraz, and that they had heard conversations on various occasions in which some people stated that they believed subjects had made good their escape, and others stated that they believed subjects were drowned in San Francisco Bay.

Confidential informant [redacted]

THEODORE COLE in a case in which COLE had been convicted and received a death sentence, in fact [redacted] stated that he saved THEODORE COLE from being executed. He stated that COLE was a person who talked very little, and that he, [redacted] could not even get him to tell the straight facts to him.

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He further stated that COLE wanted him to be [redacted] but [redacted] told him that he did not care to handle that kind of practice and that he therefore would not act as his attorney. [redacted] stated that when he did act as [redacted] he was appointed by the Judge to act as such. He further stated that he and COLE parted as good friends, and that there was a possibility that COLE might contact him in the future providing he is still alive. [redacted] stated that he had been practising law in Las Vegas for the last five years. He further stated that sometimes he feels that COLE and ROE made good their escape, and other times he is not so sure.

Agent asked [redacted] if he would be willing to notify the Salt Lake City office in the event COLE ever contacted him or in the event he ever learned of his whereabouts, or in the event he learned that COLE and ROE did make good their escape. Mr. [redacted] hesitated for some time, but finally stated that he would be willing to cooperate with the Bureau providing that his name was not mentioned in connection with this case. He was assured that his name would be kept entirely confidential and he thereupon stated that he would furnish the Salt Lake City office with any information which might come to his attention relative to this case.

All of the other confidential informants advised that they would notify the Salt Lake City office in the event they learned any information of value relative to this case. The names of the other informants are



UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The SALT LAKE CITY OFFICE

Will contact all of the remaining confidential informants in this territory.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

FILE NO. 76-259-

REPORT MADE AT Dallas, Texas	DATE WHEN MADE 2-1-39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-19, 20, 22-39	REPORT MADE BY A. W. Miller
TITLE RALPH ROE, with aliases, I. O. #1472, FUGITIVE; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, I.O. #1471, FUGITIVE.			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Mrs. BUCK NOEL advised she did not know Mrs. CECIL NOEL corresponded with her former husband. However, she had heard from her sister in Las Vegas, N.M. or some one there that Mrs. CECIL NOEL was receiving mail under an alias. T.D. MOSS and wife state they only knew SADIE DYE, a dressmaker in Las Vegas, N.M., an associate of Mrs. CECIL NOEL. BARBARA DAVIS O'GWINN, Port Arthur, Texas, was divorced from A. W. DAVIS August 1937 and has no information relative to subjects of this investigation.

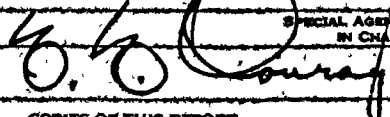
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References:

Report of Special Agent C. W. DUNKER, Dallas, Texas, dated 3-11-38; report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 12-2-38; report of Special Agent A. W. MILLER, Dallas, Texas, dated 12-15-38; report of Special Agent M. E. GURNEA, San Francisco, California, dated 12-28-38.

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Miss MARY NOEL, Bookkeeper, Standard Food Store, Pampa, Texas, advised that her sister-in-law, Mrs. BUCK NOEL, presently lives in a house belonging to the Independent Eastern Torpedo Company at Borger, Texas.

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Mrs. BUCK NOEL, 219 West Adams Street, Borger, Texas, was interviewed, and advised that she did not see or know that Mrs. CECIL NOEL had ever written a letter to anyone, nor that she had ever received mail under an alias, but that she had been told by her sister who resides in Las Vegas, New Mexico, or some one not remembered, that Mrs. CECIL NOEL was receiving mail from some unknown person. She advised that she did not know until recently that her former husband was one of the men who escaped from Alcatraz; further she could not swear to it now. She stated that she had noticed a change in Mrs. CECIL NOEL since the escape of the two men from Alcatraz. She had also heard that when ROE went to the penitentiary he told Mrs. CECIL NOEL that if he ever escaped he was going to kill her. This, she stated, may be the cause of the change in Mrs. CECIL NOEL. She stated that ~~BUCK~~ NOEL comes to Borger, Texas, for supplies for the company for which he works and every trip his wife comes with him and complains all the time she is there, because she had to come. Mrs. BUCK NOEL stated that this would lead her to believe that she does not know whether ROE escaped or not, and is afraid that if he did escape he will kill her if he should find her alone. Mrs. BUCK NOEL advised that Mrs. CECIL NOEL often visits a good friend of hers who now lives in the same neighborhood where Mrs. CECIL NOEL lived while she was living in Oklahoma, and believes during the time she was living with ROE. She said it was her belief that they were neighbors before she and ROE married and further that she is a relative of ROE. She believes the name is STOVALL and that she lives with Mrs. CECIL NOEL'S parents now live in Oklahoma.

Chief of Police W. H. BATES, Borger, Texas, advised the writer that he wrote a letter to the warden at Alcatraz to obtain photographs of ROE and COLE for the purpose of completing his file. The writer furnished Chief BATES with photograph of ROE and COLE.

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. MOSS, P. O. Box 492, were located at their beer joint four miles north of Shamrock, Texas, and advised they knew very little of SADIE DYE, other than she is a dressmaker and lived across the street from them at Las Vegas, New Mexico. They advised that she lived upstairs. They stated that it was their belief that she was a friend of Mrs. CECIL NOEL, but did not know whether they were close friends. Mr. and Mrs. MOSS stated that they read the story in the true detective magazine of the escape of ROE and COLE since last contacted by agent, but had not heard anything to indicate that they did escape.

R. B. PHEPPS, Clerk for the Gulf Oil Corporation, Pampa, Texas, advised KEITH EDELIN was employed by that company and is presently located on the C. L. DIAL lease, southeast of Stinnet, Texas, about 6 miles.

At the C. L. DIAL lease, 7 miles southeast of Stinnet, Texas, agent was informed by Mrs. MARY EDELIN, sister-in-law of KEITH EDELIN, that he finished pulling some casing on a well there near the camp and had gone back to his home at Pampa, Texas, for the weekend; further he would probably return the first part of the following week as he would be employed near Stinnet, Texas, indefinitely.

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Mr. PHEPPS further advised that when KEITH EDELIN is not working on a well out in the field that he can be located at his home which is in the camp on the Gulf MERTEN lease, located approximately 5 miles southeast of the city of Pampa, Texas.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent H. R. DUFFEY of the Dallas office:

BARBARA DAVIS O'GWINN, 901 Sixth Street, Port Arthur, Texas, advised, upon interview, that she was divorced from her husband A. W. DAVIS in August, 1937; that she lived with DAVIS for approximately six months subsequent to his release from Alcatraz, but at no time did he discuss his prison life with her, nor did he ever mention the name of RALPH ROE or THEODORE COLE, consequently she was unable to furnish any information of value to this investigation.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD DIVISION:

Will ascertain the name of the place where the parents of Mrs. CECIL NOEL now reside, and locate Mrs. STOVALL, who should be interviewed for any information she may have concerning the escape of ROE and COLE.

THE DALLAS FIELD DIVISION:

At Pampa, Texas: or the C. L. DIAL lease at Stinnet, Texas, will locate and interview KEITH EDELIN for any information he may have concerning the escape of ROE and COLE, bearing in mind that his wife has been interviewed and refused to furnish any information to the Bureau.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **OKLAHOMA CITY**

FILE NO. **76-41**

REPORT MADE AT DES MOINES, IOWA	DATE WHEN MADE 2-2-39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12-30-38; 1-17, 23, 24-1939	REPORT MADE BY HAROLD RANSTAD
TITLE RALPH ROE, with aliases, I. O. #1472 - FUGITIVE; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, I. O. #1471 - FUGITIVE.			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

No rumors relative to Subjects' escape at Davenport, Iowa, or concerning their presence there.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, Okla., dated 12-2-38.

DETAILS:

AT DAVENPORT, IOWA

Chief of Police REED PHILLIPS, Identification Officer, Lieutenant WILLIAM P. HENNELLY, Day Captain J. J. McDERMOTT, Detective ELMER SCHLUETER, and Sheriff WALTER H. BEUSE were interviewed and advised that they have heard no rumors concerning the possible success of Subjects in effecting their escape and have heard nothing to indicate that Subjects might be in this vicinity.

WILLIAM C. HELM, barber, 1846 West 3rd Street, who is generally well informed concerning underworld activities in the vicinity of Davenport, was interviewed with negative results.

CHARLES VESCIO, who operates the Fourth Street Tavern, Fourth and Gaines, was

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also interviewed and advised that no rumors concerning Subjects' escape or possible presence in Davenport have come to his attention. He is also generally well informed concerning criminal activities in Davenport.

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FILE NO. **76-95**

REPORT MADE AT DENVER COLORADO	DATE WHEN MADE 2-2-39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-30, 31-39; 2-1, 2-39	REPORT MADE BY L. A. DUCOMMUN	KS
TITLE RALPH ROE, with aliases, I.O. #1472 - FUGITIVE; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, I.O. #1471 - FUGITIVE.			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Information received from **LESLIE ELWIN DOWNING**, who is presently being held at the Denver County Jail on fraudulent check charges, that he saw Fugitive **ROE** in the Cookson Hills, Okla., Sept. 1938; states positive will find Fugitives if given an opportunity and will cooperate with Bureau Agents. Also gave information concerning **RUSSELL DOWNING**, I.O. Fugitive 1452. **DOROTHY GWYNNE**, who was recently convicted at Denver, Colo., on an armed robbery charge, claims she was a former sweetheart of Fugitive **ROE** and a former schoolmate of Fugitive **COLE**. Has heard from unnamed sources that **COLE** and **ROE** escaped and are presently at large; believes may have contacted **COLE's** brother, **KENNETH COLE**, a Tulsa, Okla., gambler; also states she believes **COLE** and **ROE** may have tried to contact her around Thanksgiving 1938 at Tulsa, Okla.

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REFERENCES:

Report of Special Agent **RALPH T. HOOD**, dated at Oklahoma City, December 2, 1938.

DETAILS:

AT DENVER COLORADO

Sergeant LAWRENCE F. COOK, Auto Theft Detail, Denver Police

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Department, advised the writer that around Christmas time, 1938, he returned LESLIE ELWIN DOWNING, alias Ray Carlton, and DOROTHY GWINNE from Tulsa, Oklahoma, to Denver to face charges filed against them in Denver, Colorado. Sergeant COOK stated that enroute to Denver, DOWNING passed the remark that he had seen Fugitive ROE in the Cookson Hills in Oklahoma during the fall of 1938. COOK stated that he did not question DOWNING concerning this remark but passed on the information to this office.

Accompanied by Sergeant COOK, Agent interviewed LESLIE ELWIN DOWNING at the Denver County Jail where he is awaiting trial on a fraudulent check charge. DOWNING stated that he was a four-time loser, having served time in the Florida State Penitentiary, the Texas State Penitentiary, and two terms in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary; that he intended after completing his time on the charge on which he is being held in Denver, to go straight. He stated that he was willing to assist the Bureau in locating Fugitives ROE and COLE if his identity remained unknown as he feared that he would probably be killed by gangsters if he were known to have cooperated with law enforcement officers.

DOWNING said he left Denver during the latter part of August 1938 and went to Tulsa, Oklahoma and other parts of Oklahoma; that during the latter part of September 1938 he went up to Antlers, Oklahoma which - he stated - was in the Cookson Hills; that he went out on the highway about four and one-half to five miles north of Antlers to meet another party whose name he stated he did not care to divulge; that he met this party who was accompanied by a person who he states was RALPH ROE. DOWNING stated he was positive that it was ROE because he was acquainted with ROE as he had been connected with the same gang that ROE went with back in 1934. Agent questioned DOWNING closely as to the type of car, clothing and other details concerning ROE and his companion, but DOWNING stated he did not recall the type of car he was in but only that he was well dressed, repeatedly refusing to reveal the identity of the companion with ROE with whom DOWNING had made an appointment to meet. He stated the reason he was going to meet this individual was that they planned to pull a safe job some place in Oklahoma but that their plans fell through. DOWNING stated that he did not see COLE but he was positive that ROE was in contact with COLE.

DOWNING stated that he was attempting to make the \$1,000 bond and had put up as security his automobile which was valued at approximately \$120.00. He stated that should he make bond, he would be willing to go to Oklahoma and work with an Agent of the Oklahoma City Field Office in locating ROE and COLE. DOWNING stated he was sure that he could lo-

ate ROE and COLE in the Cookson Hills but that it might take him some twelve to fifteen days to do so and that he would have to work there alone. However, he said he would be willing to report to a designated Bureau Agent at any designated point.

Sergeant COOK indicated that if it were believed desirable to use DOWNING in the locating of ROE and COLE, that it could be probably arranged so that he would be released on bond. He also - in Agent's presence - told DOWNING that if he should turn up information that led to the apprehension of ROE and COLE, that he (COOK) would see that DOWNING's present charge in Denver was quashed or at least that he received a minimum sentence.

On February 1, 1939 Agent again interviewed LESLIE DOWNING and DOWNING advised at this time that he did not believe that he was going to be able to get out on bond; that although he had sufficient money to pay for the premium on the bond, that he would not have sufficient collateral.

Agent asked DOWNING who ROE and COLE's associates were and he stated that OLLIE MELTON, who was presently serving time in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAllister, Oklahoma, was a close friend of ROE and COLE; also that JOE WARD, who is presently serving time at Alcatraz, was a close friend. He further stated that ROY THORNTON and AUSTIN OWENS, who were Oklahoma outlaws and are now dead, had been very close associates of ROE and COLE in the past. He further stated that RAY DOUGLAS, who was presently serving time at McAllister, Oklahoma is another associate of ROE and COLE; that in his opinion RAY DOUGLAS might possibly give information concerning these Fugitives. He further furnished the names of CLAUDE BEAVERS, BILL ANDERSON and other inmates of McAllister who were acquainted with Fugitives, but stated he did not believe these individuals would furnish any information concerning ROE and COLE. DOWNING further stated that RAY TERRELL, who is presently living in Oklahoma City and was formerly a notorious Oklahoma hoodlum, knew ROE and COLE well. It was DOWNING's opinion that TERRELL is presently an informant of the Oklahoma City Office as he stated it was rumored in the underworld that TERRELL is "ratting" and for that reason DOWNING stated that he believed TERRELL would not be able to go into the Cookson Hills or any place looking for ROE and COLE, and further that the criminals who frequent these places know TERRELL is cooperating with the law enforcement officials. DOWNING stated that he has never in the past given any information to law enforcement authorities and for that reason, they would not suspect him if he made inquiries trying to locate

ROE and COLE. He further stated that he did not expect any compensation for his efforts to locate fugitives unless he did furnish information which caused their apprehension and then, of course, he said he would expect to be paid for his services. Agent advised him that he would be rewarded accordingly for information that he furnished which would lead to the apprehension of fugitives but no definite amount was stated.

On February 2, 1939 Sergeant COOK advised that he had talked with DOWNING again and that the latter had stated that he did not believe he was going to be able to make bond and for that reason - unless he was going to be given an opportunity to be released on his personal recognizance or a low bond in order to assist the Bureau in locating fugitives, he desired to enter a plea of guilty to the instant charge in Denver in order that he might begin serving his sentence. A letter is being directed to the Oklahoma City Office requesting them to advise this office their desire in this matter.

DOWNING also stated, in the interview with him, that he was well acquainted with NELL TRAXLER of Verden, Oklahoma, who is the wife of "PETE" TRAXLER, Oklahoma outlaw and with whom IRVING CHARLES CHAPMAN, fugitive, I.O. 1456, escaped. DOWNING stated he was not acquainted with fugitive CHAPMAN but that he was of the firm belief that CHAPMAN was frequenting NELL TRAXLER's home; that NELL TRAXLER was known among the underworld to harbor fugitives. She is, according to DOWNING, the postmistress at Verden, Oklahoma, and had rooms above the Post Office where she gives refuge to fugitives from the law. He further stated that Verden is a small town and has no law enforcement whatsoever except a town marshal; that this town marshal was very close to NELL TRAXLER and for that reason he believed that information would not be received from him if CHAPMAN visited NELL TRAXLER. DOWNING said he felt sure that he could talk to NELL TRAXLER and obtain information concerning CHAPMAN from her.

LESLIE DOWNING further advised that he was acquainted with RUSSELL KENNETH DOWNING, with aliases, fugitive, I.O. 1452, Conditional Release Violator. He stated that RUSSELL DOWNING is no relation of his although the Tulsa Police when they arrested him for the Denver Police gave him the third degree accusing him of being related to RUSSELL DOWNING. LESLIE DOWNING stated that he knew that RUSSELL DOWNING was in contact with a fellow called "GREASE PAWN" or GREASE BOWL" who worked for some oil company at Tulsa, Oklahoma. He stated that this individual was well known to the Tulsa Police authorities as he had served time in

the Tulsa County Jail on several occasions although he did not believe he had served any penitentiary time. He described "GREASE PAWN" as:

Age - 20 to 22
Height - 6' $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Weight - 145 pounds

Complexion - Dark
Hair - Dark

He further stated that this individual used Attorney JOHN WARD in Tulsa when he was in trouble. DOWNING's best recollection was that within the last few years "GREASE PAWN" had beaten a stolen car rap. DOWNING further stated that he had seen RUSSELL DOWNING in the fall of 1938 in the Globe Clothing Store located on Main and Second or Third Avenue in Tulsa, Oklahoma. DOWNING stated that RUSSELL DOWNING also frequented King's Place which was a roadhouse located between Tulsa and Sapulpa, Oklahoma; that he is also acquainted with a fellow by the name of "RED" who is a cook at the Coney Island restaurant located at Fourth and Main Street.

DOWNING was sure that RUSSELL DOWNING is in Tulsa at the present time and spends most of his time at the Coney Island restaurant referred to above; further that he could be apprehended if the individuals named by him and mentioned previously in this report were watched; however, that it would be useless to interview them as they were all unreliable. He further stated that DOROTHY GWYNNE, who was returned with him from Tulsa, Oklahoma, could furnish information concerning RUSSELL DOWNING and also possibly concerning Fugitives ROE and COLE.

A separate report is being dictated containing the information concerning RUSSELL Downing for the file maintained on RUSSELL KENNETH DOWNING in the Denver Office, file #73-77.

The criminal record of LESLIE ELWIN DOWNING, alias Ray Carlton, alias Ray Carson, alias E. Dawson, FBI-104,013, was secured at the Denver Police Department and is follows:

SO, Wewoka, Okla.	Leslie Downing #---	7-14-26	auto theft	no disp.
PD, San Francisco, Calif.	Leslie Downing #39285	2-12-27	Sec. 476 Penal Code (2 chgs) enroute Sacramento, Calif.	no disp.

City & B.O.I. Bakersfield, Calif.	Leslie Downing #4283	2-12-27 checks	rel. on bail 2-16-27; case dism. 3-17-27
* Rearrested for SO, Modesto, Calif., and enroute			
SO, Shawnee, Okla.	Leslie Downing	inquiry	
SF, Raiford, Fla.	E. Dawson #23237	11-5-31 forgery & false pre- tenses	3 yrs. 2 comm. each for 3 yrs. to run concurr.
SO, El Paso, Texas	Ray Carson, #465	5-16-34 auto theft	no disp.
SP, Hunts- ville, Texas	Leslie Downing #76883	7-31-34 forgery	2 yrs.
PD, Ft. Worth, Texas	Leslie Elwin Downing, #Ex18500	9-2-35 inv.	rel. 9-6-35
SO, Ardmore, Okla.	Leslie Elwin Downing, #2921	9-9-35 burg.	filed
SP, McAlester, Okla.	Leslie Downing #32746	9-19-35 burg. - 2nd degree	4 yrs.
PD, Houston, Texas	Leslie Downing #16-269	4-22-36 inv. & escape con.	
SP, McAlester, Okla.	Leslie Downing #32746	ret'd. escaped convict 4-22-36	
SP, McAlester, Okla.	Leslie Downing #37522	3-18-38 escape from SP	6 mos.
PD, Tulsa, Okla.	Leslie Downing 14673	10-14-38 not given	
SO, Tulsa, Okla.	Lesley Downing #13354	10-28-38 larceny by fraud	

Denver PD Leslie Elwin 12-22-38 con. game
#21059 Downing (fraud. checks)

- * 4-27-36 wanted Bakersfield Calif., fel warr. fict. checks app.
10-25-26 wanted Sacramento, Calif., app.

Leslie Downing #39286, San Francisco, 2-12-27 enroute
Bakersfield, Calif.

Wanted As Leslie Downing, for escape 4-4-36 (burg. 2nd degree)
Notify SP McAlester, Okla., per inf. rec. therefrom 4-10-36
Notified by wire 4-28-36. No longer wanted as Leslie
Downing disch. 3-19-38 and held on new case for 6 mos.

8-24-38 bought a 1936 V-8 Ford Sedan from a Used car place at 710
West Colfax Ave., Denver, Colorado, giving a no account check for \$200
for the car, using the name Ray Carlton. Admits charge. He says the
car was wrecked at Giddings, Oklahoma.

A photograph of LESLIE ELWIN DOWNING was obtained from the
Denver Police Department and the same is being enclosed for the Oklahoma
City Office. His description, as obtained from the Denver Police Depart-
ment and interview, is as follows:

NAME	LESLIE ELWIN DOWNING, aliases: Ray Carlton, Ray Carson, E. Dawson, Lesley Downing
Residence	Hamilton, Kansas
Age	38 (b. 9-3-00, Hamilton, Kans.)
Height	5' 8"
Weight	159 lbs.
Build	Good
Hair	Dark Chestnut
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Medium Florid
Beard	Small and medium
Teeth	Good
Occupation	Clerk
F.P.C.	(21 28 W III (O) 2 32 W III amp19

DESCRIPTION - LESLIE ELWIN DOWNING (Cont'd.)

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| Scars | (1) end joint middle finger
amp. hairy |
| | (2) two fnt burn scars upper F.A.I |
| | (3) jgd out scar tip of nose |

DOROTHY GWYNNE was interviewed at the Denver General Hospital where she is presently confined. It may be stated that DOROTHY GWYNNE was recently convicted on an armed robbery charge in Denver and sentenced from four to ten years in the State Penitentiary at Canon City, Colorado. At the time of this robbery she was accompanied by her husband, ROBERT GWYNNE, and HARRY LEOPOLD. ROBERT GWYNNE was killed on December 4, 1938 by Denver Detectives when he resisted arrest. HARRY LEOPOLD is presently awaiting trial on a first degree murder charge, having killed a cafe owner in Denver in a robbery. DOROTHY GWYNNE is reported by Denver Detectives to have considerable information concerning Oklahoma hoodlums.

DOROTHY GWYNNE admitted that she was acquainted with Fugitives ROE and COLE. She said that she went to school with TED COLE in Tulsa and that she also used to date him. She stated further that she was well acquainted with RALPH ROE; that she went with him for four years beginning when she was 17 years of age and was engaged to marry him. However, she stated she broke off the engagement because of his violent temper. She stated that her first husband was FRED SMITH who is presently serving time in McAlester; that FRED SMITH is also a close acquaintance of COLE and ROE. Agent asked MRS. GWYNNE if she knew whether or not ROE and COLE were presently alive and she stated that she heard that they were; that they were successful in their escape from Alcatraz; when she was pressed as to where she obtained this information she stated she learned it from sources she could not recall in Tulsa.

DOROTHY GWYNNE stated that in July 1938 she had seen TED COLE's brother, KENNETH COLE, in Tulsa and had played poker with him. She said KENNETH COLE was a gambler and had formerly lived in Claremont, Oklahoma, but was now in Tulsa. Agent asked MRS. GWYNNE whether or not she knew if Fugitives had been in contact with KENNETH COLE and she answered, "I suppose they have; that would naturally be the first place they would go." However, she denied that she had any definite information. It was noted

throughout the interview that DOROTHY GWYNNE hesitated in answering any direct questions and would plead ignorance, but information could only be obtained by engaging her in a general conversation and she would reveal certain facts, apparently unknowingly.

DOROTHY GWYNNE stated that around Thanksgiving 1938 her mother, MRS. MAY THOMPSON, 705 North Madison Street, Tulsa, told her that two unknown men called at their house in Tulsa and asked for her, (DOROTHY). MRS. GWYNNE stated she was not there at the time and her mother told her these two individuals appeared to be extremely anxious to locate her, DOROTHY GWYNNE, and asked MRS. THOMPSON if there was some way in which she could immediately get in touch with DOROTHY. She stated that her mother told these two men that they could call around later and DOROTHY would probably be home, but that they said they had to leave immediately and could not wait. DOROTHY stated that her mother told her that these two men were driving a large black sedan and it was her opinion that these two men were probably COLE and ROE, although they did not leave their names or any other information with her mother.

DOROTHY GWYNNE further stated that when she was being returned from Tulsa to Denver, she was removed part of the way by NOPHAL STURGEON, a Tulsa, Oklahoma, Police officer; that STURGEON formerly lived at her mother's house years ago and she was well acquainted with him. She stated that STURGEON talked to her about RUSSELL DOWNING whom the Tulsa Police Department is very anxious to locate. She said that she told STURGEON that she had seen DOWNING on the streets on several occasions and knew he was in Tulsa. She stated that she also told STURGEON that she knew a place where the motor numbers of stolen cars were being changed but declined to give him this information. She also declined to give this information to the writer. She stated that STURGEON felt very badly that she was leaving Tulsa, as he felt that she could be a very good informant of his in locating persons wanted by their department.

Agent questioned MRS. GWYNNE about RUSSELL DOWNING, I.O. Fugitive 1452, and she stated DOWNING was in Tulsa although she did not know exactly where he could be found. She said he was friendly with FRANK and TONY DANIELS and TED BROWN who were all well-known Tulsa hoodlums. DOROTHY GWYNNE intimated that she could probably do the Bureau some good if she were on her feet again but that she could not give them any help as long as she was in jail.

In accordance with reference report the photographs of Fugitives were shown to other informants of the Denver Field Division with-

out effecting an identification. The photographs were also given to Detectives HOWARD FAYRUM and FRED ZARNOW of the Denver Police Department who showed them to their informants without effecting an identification.

ENCLOSURE:

TO THE OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD DIVISION:

one photograph of LESLIE ELWIN DOWNING, with aliases, Denver PD 21,059 (12-22-38)

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD DIVISION, at OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA, will review the facts, as related by LESLIE DOWNING and DOROTHY GWYNNE, and suggest to this office further line of inquiry of these two individuals, if it is believed from the information reported that they possess certain information concerning the Fugitives of instant case.

THE DENVER FIELD DIVISION, at DENVER, COLORADO, upon receipt of information from the Oklahoma City Field Division will re-interview LESLIE DOWNING and DOROTHY GWYNNE.

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