

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. 76-282

REPORT MADE AT EL PASO, TEXAS	DATE WHEN MADE 2-2-39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12-21-38 1-20-39	REPORT MADE BY J. A. BERNARD
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 Roswell, N.M., fails to reveal any information relative to the whereabouts of JACK "FATS" MILES.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent E. F. EMRICH, Oklahoma City, 9-24-38.

DETAILS: AT ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO

The photograph of JACK "FATS" MILES was exhibited to the following persons without effecting an identification:

Roswell Police Department: Chief of Police HENRY L. ELLER, Detective LAMAR E. STRICKLAND, Officers E. F. SMITH, L. H. KELLER, J. E. ZUMWALT.

At the Chaves County Sheriff's Office: Ex-deputy sheriff R.C. PETTIT, and Deputy Sheriff JACK EDWARDS.

Upon exhibiting the photograph to former Sheriff R. P. BEAN, he stated that MILES' photograph looked familiar to him, but that he was unable to identify it. He suggested that same be exhibited to night captain DEAN STEWART of the Police Department. Captain STEWART was exhibited same but unable to make an identification. During the course of the conversation with Captain STEWART and Chief ELLERS, Chief ELLERS advised that several

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months ago, Lt. LYONS, deceased, of the U. S. Coast Guard, El Paso, Texas, had been in at the Police Station and made inquiry about MILES, relative to his activities in smuggling done into the U. S. from Mexico. However, they could give him no information.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD

THE EL PASO FIELD DIVISION - AT EL PASO, TEXAS - Will make inquiry at the U. S. Coast Guard relative to any information they may have indicating the whereabouts of JACK "FATS" MILES.

*AT CDESSA, 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.

*Will interview A. YCUD (GOULD) and TEDDY YCUD (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.

*AT KERMIT, 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 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.

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OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA
FEBRUARY 6, 1939

AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

Special Agent in Charge
Denver, Colorado

Dear Sir:

RE: R O C O L

Reference is made to your letter dated February 2, 1939, and to the report of L. A. DUCOMMUN, dated at Denver, Colorado, February 2, 1939, reporting an interview with LEWIE ELWIN DOWNING. DOWNING is unknown to this office and he is not carried as a possible contact of the fugitives in the above entitled matter.

Investigation conducted by this office rather definitely reflects that NELL TRAXLER, named by DOWNING as the Postmistress at Verden, Oklahoma, has not been in contact with the fugitive, CHARLES CARL CHAPMAN. It will be further noted that NELL TRAXLER is not connected with the Post Office at Verden, Oklahoma, in any manner.

RAY DOUGLAS named by DOWNING as a contact for the fugitives is not believed to know the fugitives. DOUGLAS is not known in connection with the fugitives in the Oklahoma City file but he is personally known to Special Agent C. O. HURT; is known to be confined in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma on burglary charges and that the known associates of DOUGLAS had no connection with the fugitives.

It will be further noted that it has been ascertained that fugitive COLE has a brother by the name of RUSSELL KENNETH COLE. The file does not reflect that COLE has any brothers whatever. There are other small discrepancies in the statement of DOWNING. One to be noted is that RUSSELL KENNETH DOWNING and fugitives are well acquainted, particularly DOWNING and COLE and he makes no reference to this fact.

It is also noted that Antlers, Oklahoma is located in the Kiamichi mountains in Southeastern, Oklahoma and not in the Jackson Hills of Oklahoma.

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It is not believed, in view of the information given by DOWNING, that he can be considered reliable and it is not recommended that any effort be made to secure his release so that he might assist Agents of this office in locating NOE and COLE in the Cockson Hills.

Very truly yours,

H. B. FLETCHER
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

HBF:cc
cc - Bureau ✓

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Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY

FILE NO. 76-752

REPORT MADE AT Washington, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE 2/3/39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/18, 22/39	REPORT MADE BY J. H. MATHIS JHM:JC
TITLE RALPH ROE with aliases, I.O. #1472-FUGITIVE; THEODORE COLE with aliases, I.O. #1471-FUGITIVE			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Passport issued to ALBERT BEST July 27, 1938 as WILLIAM BEST who was to sail from New York on the Normandie August 3, 1938. Arrested in Berlin, Germany October 23, 1938 as ALEXANDER BESMANOFF and sentenced November 23, 1938 to eight weeks in prison for illegal entry and false registration in Germany. JAMES VISSILA advises he has no relevant information.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent F. T. McINTYRE, JR. dated January 19, 1939 at Washington, D. C.
Report of Special Agent E. J. MCCABE dated January 12, 1939 at New York City.

DETAILS:

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

MR. J. E. McKENNA, Passport Division, State Department, supplied the file on ALBERT BEST and THEDA ROSE ROTHER BEST, which revealed that BEST as WILLIAM BEST applied for a passport in New York City on July 26, 1938 stating that he was born December 26, 1903. He gave as his address 2857 Sedgwick Avenue, Bronx, New York and Passport No. 572,622 was issued to WILLIAM BEST on July 27, 1938. He was to be accompanied by his wife THERESA F. BEST sailing on the Normandie on August 3, 1938. The file further reflected that BEST as ALEXANDER BESMANOFF was sentenced to serve an eight-week

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term on November 23, 1938 for illegal entry and false registration in Germany, his arrest being made in Berlin. There was a notation in the file that when the sentence was completed he would be arraigned on swindling charges in the German courts. No lead is being set out to arrange for an interview of BEST in Germany, this being left to the discretion of the office of origin in this case.

JAMES VISSILA called at the Washington Field Division on January 22, 1939 after a contact had been made with his sister MRS. L. J. SHEPHERD, 1612 G Street, S. E. During the course of the interview VISSILA stated that he was presently living at 736 - 6th Street, N. W. and working on various odd jobs as a paper hanger and painter. He was asked if he knew anything concerning the escape of ROE and COLE, the subjects in this case or if he knew of the existence of any escape plot. He stated that in the first place he was not very well acquainted with these individuals and since he was a "short termmer" he was not taken into the confidences of these individuals who were serving long terms because they realized that it would only be a short while before he, VISSILA, was released and that he was taking advantage of good behavior to quicken, if possible, the time when he would get out of Alcatraz. For this reason, not only did he not associate with these individuals but he was not included in the group of their friends. He stated that another thing which made his conversation most difficult was the "no talk" rule in existence at the prison. He stated that on occasions he would carry on surreptitious conversations with the men who occupied the cells near him, but this was done with the realization that he might suffer penalties and done infrequently. He offered his willingness to cooperate if he had any information because he stated he had learned his lesson and he certainly was not going to do anything to jeopardize his freedom, and if he had any information not only would he be glad to divulge it but if he received any in the future he would immediately report to the Washington Field Office. He stated that in the event the Bureau desired to get in touch with him it could always reach him through his sister, MRS. L. J. SHEPHERD, 1612 G Street, S. E.

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February 16, 1939

Special Agent in Charge
San Francisco, California

Re: EOCOL

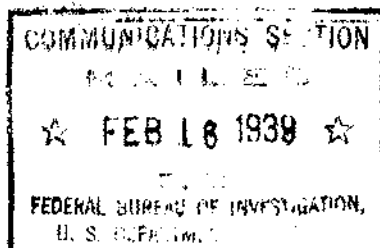
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent L. H. Richmond, dated at San Francisco, California, February 2, 1939.

It is desired that the interviewing of prisoners recently transferred from Alcatraz to Leavenworth Penitentiary be conducted as expeditiously as possible. It is also desired that the questioning of the prisoners released from Alcatraz be handled promptly. All information in the possession of these persons relative to the escape of the Subjects, or to the facts surrounding this escape should be obtained.

It is also desired that the San Francisco Office obtain from the records at Alcatraz definite information as to the location of each of these prisoners at the time the escape was consummated. It is noted in reference report that information was obtained by Deputy Warden Shuttleworth to the effect that inmate Roubideaux, #342, had seen Cole and Roe make their escape and had observed them swimming in the water. Definite information should be obtained as to the location in the penitentiary of Roubideaux at the time of the escape so that it may be definitely determined whether he was in a position to observe the Subjects at the time they made their escape. Similar information should be obtained as to each of the other inmates who have furnished and who will furnish information in this matter. It is entirely possible that much of the information furnished by these inmates will consist of rumors which they have heard and possibly much of the information will be colored by their imaginations. It is, therefore, important that definite data be obtained to determine the authenticity of the information which each prisoner furnishes.

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Nathan _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Crowl _____
Mr. Egan _____
Mr. Foxworth _____
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Mr. Q. Tamm _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Miss Gandy _____



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SAC San Francisco

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February 16, 1939

This investigation should receive prompt attention by the
Kansas City Office and by your office.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc Kansas City

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Nathan _____
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

This Case Originated At: OKLAHOMA CITY

File No. 76-290

Report made at San Francisco	Date Made 2/2/39	Period 11/10, 16, 12/ 14/38; 1/14, 16, 27/39	Report Made By L. H. RICHMOND MJD
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: Names of prisoners released from Alcatraz since escape obtained and leads set out to locate and interview them. Review of correspondence received by COLE while incarcerated at Alcatraz fails to disclose any information indicating assistance to be offered from outside. No additional information obtained from penitentiary officials implicating BUTCHER. FLOYD HILL, inmate, states never in contact with COLE outside of prison and only purpose in attempting to contact COLE'S mother since incarceration at Alcatraz was to inform her where he was located. Deputy Warden SHUTTLEWORTH amplifies previous statements made to him by former Alcatraz inmates. H. K. GINSLEY alias LARRY now in Folsom Prison, Represa, Calif. One ABE ALLEN was San Quentin #56684, now released. His record at San Quentin shows no connection with anyone named HOLLAND or ROSE. No record W. C. CRAWFORD, Courtland, Calif.

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Reference: Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 12/2/38

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Reference (Cont.) San Francisco letter to Los Angeles
 11/17/38
 Report of Special Agent J. E. THORNTON,
 San Francisco, 2/25/38
 Report of Special Agent M. B. MYERSON,
 San Francisco, 1/11/38

Details: AT ALCATRAZ ISLAND. CALIFORNIA

Special Agent A. E. FARLAND obtained from MR. W. F. DORINGTON, record clerk, a list of prisoners who had been released from Alcatraz Penitentiary since the date of the instant escape. The following is the list, excluding those who have died or been killed:

<u>Name & Number</u>	<u>Released</u>	<u>How Released</u>
CHARLES REISS, #98	8-30-38	Custody N. Y. City parole authorities
DANIEL SULLIVAN, #170	8-30-38	To legal residence, San Francisco
PET REED, #182	10-13-38	Custody San Francisco parole authorities
CAL YOUNG, #181	10-13-38	Transportation furnished to San Francisco
ELMER H. COLE, #35	10-25-38	Transportation furnished to legal residence, Portland
MORRIS SCHATZ, #375	10-29-38	Transferred to USP Lewisburg
GEORGE THOMPSON, #249	11-17-38	Transportation furnished to legal residence, San Francisco
SOLIWODE, JOSEPH	12-1-38	Transferred to USP Leavenworth
WALTER KELLY, #49	"	"
HERBERT WESTON, #52	"	"
JOHN V. THOMAS, #84	"	"
VIRGIL WILMOTH, #100	"	"
JOSEPH ALEXANDER, #120	"	"
GEORGE NOLAN, #141	"	"
EDWARD L. MILLER, #144	"	"
FRANK CHIESA, #152	"	"
WILLIE GILL, #157	"	"
MACK STROUD, #165	"	"
WILLIAM HANNA, #184	"	"
JOHN KULICK, #227	"	"
JOHN KRALJ, #272	"	"
HICKS CLAYTON, #280	"	"
JOHN W. HUFFSTLER, #282	"	"

<u>Name & Number</u>	<u>Released</u>	<u>How Released</u>
JESUS MARTINEZ, #398	12-1-38	Transferred to USP, Leavenworth
CHARLIE CLINE, #410	"	"
FRANK MAHONEY, #214	"	Transferred to USP, Atlanta
THEO MURDOCK, #101	12-26-37	Transferred to USDF, Milan, Mich.
WILLIAM RITCHEY, #99	1-10-38	Custody PD, Providence, R.I.
FRED REESE, #321	1-14-38	Transferred USHDD, Springfield, Mo.
GEORGE E. WILDE, #30	1-26-38	Transferred to USP, Leavenworth
WALTER B. BUCKNER, #39	"	"
JAMES H. WALTON, #83	"	"
WILLIAM J. CARTER, #86	"	"
LESTER PATTERSON, #91	"	"
HOWARD C. DICKERSON, #103	"	"
CHARLES E. WESTBROOK, #119	"	"
BYRON WARREN, #145	"	"
ALFRED HARDEN, #166	"	"
CLARENCE C. CLAY, #277	"	"
RUF E PERSFUL, #284	"	"
CHARLES E. BROWN, #290	"	"
DONNIE GARRETT, #314	"	"
DANIEL J. MORRIS, #113	2-24-38	Transferred to USP, McNeil Island
RALPH TATUM, #191	"	"
COSSACK, #313	"	"
JOSEPH F. KALINSKI, #246	3-10-38	Transferred to USHDD, Springfield
HAROLD JUNE, #365	"	"
ROLLIE RECTOR, #262	3-23-38	Transferred to USDF, La Tuna, Texas
ACIE TAYLOR, #162	4-16-38	Released to legal residence; Whelen Springs, Ark.
CHARLES YANOWSKY, #317	4-21-38	To custody N. Y. City PD
PEARL FONDREEN, #59	7-10-38	Transferred to USP, Leavenworth
RUEY EATON, #61	"	"
LEWIS BADGETT, #122	"	"
CHARLES GREEN, #194	"	"
ARTHUR YOUNGBERG, #195	"	"
KELLORY HOLMES, #357	"	"
FRANK EPPELSHEIMER, #309	"	"
BOB PHILLIPS, #353	7-28-38	To custody North Carolina auth.
PHIL FRANCIS RYAN, #134	8-19-38	Transferred to USHDD, Springfield

There was also obtained a list of the prisoners who were employed in the mat shop at the time of the escape. The majority of the following prisoners are still confined at Alcatraz. Special mention will be made in the leads requesting interview with prisoners released, indicating that they were employed in the mat shop when such was the case.

RUEY EATON, #61	FRANCIS WATERS, #64
JAMES SARGEANT, #129	FRANK GOUKER, #156
ALFRED HARDEN, #166	WILLIE GILL, #157
RUFUS R. MCCAIN, #267	ARTHUR BARKER (deceased)

HARRY SAWYER, #297
RUFUS FRANKLIN, #335
JAMES HARRIS, #359
MAJOR DIXON, #364
WILLIAM MARTIN, #370
JAMES SACCOFFELLO, #386
JOHN WILBUR YOSC, #404
EDWARD LEWIS, #411

HARRY CAMPBELL, #322
JOHN McDONALD, #339
WILLIAM KENDRICK, #363
RUDOLPH BRANDT, #369
WILLIAM LUCAS, #371
EVANS HOUSE, #388
H. STANLEY, #406
BERNARD PAUL COY, #415

The five following named individuals were employed in the blacksmith shop at the time of the escape and all five of these prisoners are still confined in Alcatraz:

CHARLES BERTA, #132
JOHN PAUL CHASE, #238
WILLIAM BARTLETT, #239
JACK LLOYD, #264
FLOYD BROWN, #332

With reference to the information which has previously been furnished concerning JAMES HUGH BUTCHER, Alcatraz #267, who shortly prior to his release from Alcatraz was searched and names of certain friends of COLE were found on a piece of paper in his possession, additional investigation has been conducted. FLOYD HILL, Alcatraz #451, is believed to be identical with the individual referred to in the note taken from BUTCHER'S possession, as JESSE HILL.

FLOYD HILL said that he has never known anyone named BUTCHER and that no one by that name has ever contacted him. HILL further said that at the time of BUTCHER'S release, he was confined to Leavenworth Penitentiary. He said no doubt COLE did not know that he was serving time in Leavenworth. HILL said that he was a very good friend of COLE while they were incarcerated in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAllister, Okla., and no doubt if COLE desired to escape and wanted to get some assistance from the outside, he would call upon HILL to furnish this assistance to him. He said that when COLE escaped from the penitentiary at McAllister by going out in a laundry truck, he, HILL, had assisted in placing COLE in the truck. HILL stated that he had never been out of prison at the same time as COLE since he had met COLE, having first become acquainted with him at the penitentiary at McAllister, Okla., in 1931. He said that he did not know any of COLE'S contacts, except by what COLE had told him and that he would not disclose to anyone who these contacts were. HILL said that COLE thought a lot of his children and when he last was in contact with him, he was certain that COLE had some sentimental feeling towards his wife. HILL was questioned as to what his purpose was in attempting to get his aunt, MRS. A. STEIN of Kansas City, to write to MRS. FRED COLE at Woodlake, Calif. This request was made by HILL in a letter addressed to MRS. STEIN, dated November 10, 1938. In Reply, HILL said that he desired to have his aunt get in touch with MRS. COLE merely to let her know where he was and that he was getting along O. K. HILL said

that MRS. COLE was good to him after he was released from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary in 1934. When asked in what manner MRS. COLE had assisted him, he said that he could not say. He denied that he had any first-hand knowledge that COLE had made his escape successfully and that by communicating with MRS. COLE, he believed that THEODORE COLE might learn of his incarceration at Alcatraz.

HILL said that since he has been transferred to Alcatraz, he has heard from other inmates certain things about the escape of ROE and COLE. He said that he has been able to get this information because it is known in the penitentiary that he was an old cellmate and close friend of COLE. He refused to state who furnished him the information but indicated that it had come from someone who was employed in the mat shop at Alcatraz at the time of the escape. The information is that COLE had exercised steadily for months in order to get himself into good physical condition to better his chances of swimming from the Island to the mainland. He also heard that ROE would not take the exercise. He said further that each of the subjects had two cans which had been sealed and made airtight to be used as life preservers. COLE is reported to have figured out from his correct weight how much his body would weigh in water and is alleged to have tied an amount of heavy metal, equivalent to his weight in the water, to these cans in a large tank of water in the blacksmith shop and found that the cans were capable of supporting a weight greater than the weight of his body in the water. HILL said that in view of these precautions, it looked as though COLE had a good chance of making his escape. To contradict this, however, HILL said that he heard from another individual who worked in the mat shop at the time of the escape that this informant had observed ROE and COLE get into the water and start swimming. He said that COLE was in the lead and when approximately 100 yards from shore, he floundered and sank and that ROE followed him, approached practically the same spot and also disappeared under the water. HILL refused to amplify any of the above statements and said that, of course, he was not confined in Alcatraz at the time of the escape and the information he furnished is merely what he has heard since he has been confined to that institution.

The report of reference of Agent HOOD requests that additional investigation be conducted at Alcatraz regarding information furnished by Deputy Warden SHUTTLEWORTH, concerning FRANCIS WATERS, #64, JOHN VOSS, #403, and inmates SMITH and ROUBIDEAUX, #342. In this regard Deputy Warden SHUTTLEWORTH was interviewed by Agent A. E. FARLAND and at that time he turned over to Agent FARLAND the personal and confidential letter he had written to Warden JOHNSTON shortly after SHUTTLEWORTH had taken a group of prisoners from Alcatraz to Leavenworth Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas. This letter reads as follows:

"We had a very pleasant return trip from Alcatraz, and I hope you do not think that I was neglecting to get the information which you requested. However, I have been extremely busy since my return, and only today did I complete my investigation. I have interviewed all of

the 13 men, and while all said that they did not see either of these men making their getaway, or have any knowledge of their intentions to make a getaway, that it was their belief and the opinion of the intelligent prisoners at Alcatraz, that ROE and COLE drowned, and only the ignorant class believe that they had a chance to succeed, but that all prisoners there would like to believe that they did succeed in making the mainland.

"I interviewed BUCKENER, your No. 89, and he claimed that your No. 342 (ROUBIDEAUX) told him that he saw COLE and ROE making their escape, and that when he saw them they were diving under the water most of the time, apparently to keep from being observed, but that he saw them sink just before losing sight of them in the fog.

"HARDEN, your No. 166, claimed that he did not know anything about it, and that no one went near the windows of the matt shop until the boats arrived, and that that was the first he knew of the escape, and that the opinion of the inmates as to the success of this escape was evenly divided.

"WALTON, your No. 83, and CARTER, your No. 86, said that they did not see either, but that several inmates working in the tailor shop did see them, and that their story was that COLE and ROE had obtained two empty one-gallon cans--either varnish or shellac cans-- and that they had a rope harness made, and the cans attached to this harness so as to act as water wings; that before going into the water they had a piece of rope which they tied to each other so as not to become separated; that they swam under the water a great deal of the time until they were lost in the fog. They also said that when the launch came to the back of the building, also while Lieutenant CULVER and someone else went down to the cave that was filled with old rubber, and shot in gas, that the convicts in the Tailor Shop could still see the cans, but not the men, until they lost sight of them in the fog. I asked them how was it that these inmates could see the cans and the officers on the boats and on shore could not. The answer was that the officers were all looking in towards the buildings and the caves, and never looked out at this time. I asked both of these men what the morale was at the present time, and they said that they did not think there would be any more strikes at Alcatraz, at least as long as the ring-leaders were locked up, and until at least a hundred new inmates are committed there, as all those who are there at present he was sure had all the strikes they ever wanted. Incidentally, WALTON told that No. 49 (KELLEY), told him after the strike that he (KELLEY) ought to knock his brains out against a stone wall for ever thinking of going on strike, after the way you had treated him. I, of course, interviewed WALTON and CARTER separately, and their stories were identical.

"You no doubt, would be interested also to know that the Bureau ordered CARTER transferred from here to Atlanta, and he has al-

ready been taken there; but they said that they believe that these two should be split up, and ordered WALTON to be kept here.

"I interviewed BROWN, your No. 290, but he said he did not know anything about it. However, a few days afterwards ROBERT COLEMAN(colored), who you no doubt remember as your No. 63, came to me and told me that he just had a long talk with BROWN, and that BROWN told him all about the escape, but that he did not get all of the details he would like to have got, and he didn't want to press BROWN or question him at that time. The following day however, COLEMAN met BROWN again and COLEMAN did ask him these questions to clear up the situation, and this morning furnished me with the following information which he obtained from BROWN: (Quoting COLEMAN): 'Prior to the escape several inmates from time to time discussed the possible means to beat the bay. All of the other plans seemed to have been unsatisfactory, until DOC BARKER hit upon the idea that cans sealed with air as life-preservers, together with the aid of heavy grease, was the capital way to make the attempt. This idea was conclusive. All of the material was secured, and the plans made for the escape went out as planned with the aid of ROE'S partner-in-crime, known as "BIG TOM" (This I believe to be No. 264, LLOYD); and BIG TOM greased both of their bodies and had them slip their cover-alls on and they were standing barefooted when Officer STEERE made his usual count. Immediately after he passed, after making his count, these men rushed to the hole cut for their escape and descended to the bay. During the time these men were making ready and completing their arrangements, FRANCIS WATERS, your No. 64, called several inmates working in the matt shop into an adjoining room and engaged several men in an argument to divert their attention, while two others went to the Blacksmith Shop to engage BERTA'S attention, leaving ROE, COLE and BIG TOM in the room from which these men escaped. DOC BARKER was supposed to leave with these men, but the schedule for his hair-cut prevented his presence at the shop at this time, and it was said by several inmates that he actually cried after learning that they had left without him. VOSS and SMITH and two other men, whose names were not obtainable, shared in the flight by trying to cover it up.'

"The above may give you some leads, by checking the action of these inmates and the apparent arguments at that time; also, was DOC BARKER in for a hair-cut at that time, and was it his regular afternoon for a hair-cut, or was he held over unexpectdly for his hair-cut? Were their one-gallon cans available in the paint shop next door?

"One of the men interviewed also made a statement that some short time preceding the escape that MR. STEERE almost caught ROE and COLE in a degenerate act, but they were so quick in covering up that the inmate information was that he was not positive that they were or had committed the act, so he did not report it.

"There is a possibility I may get additional information on this, and when I do, I will certainly rush it to you.

"You may also be interested in knowing that our inmate No. 49670 (FLINT C. BRANNON), who is serving a two-year sentence from Texarkana, Texas, for the Dyer Act, gives the following information: This inmate worked with RALPH ROE'S brother while he was confined at this institution before his discharge this past summer, and got to be very friendly with him, and said they had planned to meet after BRANNON gets out this year, which will be some time later in March or early in April, depending upon his industrial good time earned. BRANNON came to me a few days after I returned from Alcatraz, telling me this, and said that after he got out he would, if we wanted him to, to cooperate with the B. of I. and attempt to learn through RALPH ROE'S brother whether or not these two made a successful escape, and if so, to try to learn if possible their present whereabouts. If you desire to get this information to the Bureau of Investigation, I am sure their agents here could contact him and arrange to work with him after he is discharged."

It is noted that all of the prisoners who were interviewed and furnished information to Deputy Warden SHUTTLEWORTH have been transferred from Alcatraz, and leads are being set out to interview them. With reference to the last paragraph of the above quoted letter, it is noted that considerable investigation has been attempted by using [redacted] as an informant.

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Inquiry was made of Warden JAMES A. JOHNSTON concerning any rumors relating to the escape or the possibility that ROE and COLE are alive, and he stated that there had been none and promised that in the event he heard any rumors, he would communicate with the San Francisco office.

A review of the list of visitors of Subject RALPH ROE failed to indicate that his brother, RAYMOND ROE, ever visited him while RALPH ROE was confined to Alcatraz Penitentiary.

Reference report of Agent HOOD requests that it be determined if FRANK GOUKER has been released and if he is to be released soon, to make arrangements to interview him. A check of GOUKER'S file, #156, indicates that GOUKER is still confined at Alcatraz and is not expected to be released until July of 1941. Inquiry was made among the guards concerning GOUKER, and it was their opinion that he is, no doubt, the most reliable of the inmates assigned to the mat shop detail; however, they all doubted whether GOUKER would make any statement to guards or to Agents of the FBI. However, an attempt will be made to interview GOUKER at an early date.

With reference to the report of Agent MYERSON, San Francisco, dated January 11, 1938, inquiry at Alcatraz revealed that the LARRY referred to as the author of a San Francisco Examiner story called "Life on the Rock" was HARRY KENNETH LARRY, Alcatraz #95. This individual is now confined to the Folsom Penitentiary, Represa, Calif., as H. K. GINSLEY, Folsom #21039. He was received at Folsom on March 31, 1937, on a burglary and habitual criminal charge, to serve a life sentence. He will be interviewed.

All correspondence of THEODORE COLE was reviewed carefully for the purpose of finding any information contained in incoming communications which might be interpreted as a contact with someone on the outside, attempting to assist in his escape. The only correspondents of COLE were his mother and sister. No information was found in any of these letters which could be in any way interpreted as being of a suspicious nature or designed to furnish unauthorized information to COLE.

Warden JOHNSTON was interviewed concerning the inmate furnishing information about BUTCHER'S having been discovered with certain names and addresses in his possession prior to his release. Warden JOHNSTON stated that this matter had been reported to them by a prisoner named JOHNSON and their records indicated that JOHNSON and BUTCHER had had difficulty while confined to Atlanta and they believed that this was merely a grudge being carried out by JOHNSON against BUTCHER. Warden JOHNSTON said that no investigation was conducted by the prison officials at that time, and a review of BUTCHER'S file revealed a notation indicating that Warden JOHNSTON'S statements were correct in this regard and that no action was taken against BUTCHER.

AT SAN QUENTIN, CALIFORNIA

Special Agent A. E. FARLAND learned through a check of the prison records at San Quentin that their number 56684 was one ABE ALLEN, who was received at San Quentin on October 6, 1934, from Los Angeles on a narcotic charge to serve a sentence of from 10-6 years. He was paroled from San Quentin on December 6, 1937, and was discharged from parole on December 6, 1938. ALLEN'S description is as follows:

Age	36
Height	5'4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Weight	119
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Dark
Address	While on parole - c/o BEN WARSHAUER, 1634 W. Harding Way, Stockton, Calif.

A check of all the records relating to ALLEN at San Quentin

failed to reveal any possible connection with a J. L. ROSE or a LAWRENCE HOLLAND. Additional investigation will be conducted at Stockton, Calif.

AT SAN RAFAEL, CALIFORNIA

At 14 Spring Grove, J. L. ROBINSON advised Special Agent A. M. THURSTON that he had recontacted MR. and MRS. "SWEDIE" WESTERGAARD relative to the escape, as well as to certain funds which were alleged to be hidden in Marion, Calif. ROBINSON stated that upon further contact with WESTERGAARD, he was positive that WESTERGAARD was a "screwball" and the information originally reported in the report of Special Agent C. H. OLSON, San Francisco, dated January 3, 1938, was unfounded.

AT SAUSALITO, CALIFORNIA

Postmaster ROBERT FROST advised Special Agent A. M. THURSTON that HANS STRITTMATTER lived at 458 Bulkley Street. At this address STRITTMATTER advised that he had had no contact with either one of the subjects; further, that he did not know ROE or COLE and could not understand why the Bureau was contacting him in connection with this case. However, he stated he would be glad to cooperate with the Bureau in this case in the event he received any information.

For the information of the file, Chief TONY QUADROS, of the Sausalito Police Department, advised that STRITTMATTER was an associate of BABY FACE NELSON when he was hiding out in Sausalito several years ago. At the present time QUADROS believes that STRITTMATTER is a race track bookie in San Francisco and advised that he is a well known underworld character.

AT COURTLAND, CALIFORNIA

Agent J. R. McCULLOCH

Postmaster F. F. HOWARD advised that he has no record or recollection of W. C. or BILL CRAWFORD'S having ever received mail at that Post Office or of having left a forwarding address there. He stated that the name was entirely unfamiliar to him, and further that the photographs of subjects, which were displayed to him, were not likenesses of anyone in that vicinity. Upon being advised that CRAWFORD was believed to be a former Oklahoman, HOWARD stated that there had been a large number of transients from that state in the vicinity of Courtland early in the summer of 1938, working on the farms, and that most of these individuals had left their forwarding addresses as Winters, Calif., where they had gone for other seasonal work on farms. HOWARD further advised that the local constable was out of town for a few days, but that Deputy Sheriff CHARLES GOODMAN of Sacramento spent most of his time in Courtland and was really the law enforcement officer for that vicinity. He stated that if anyone would recall CRAWFORD, it would probably be GOODMAN.

AT WINTERS, CALIFORNIA

Postmaster CHARLES A. GRAF, upon being contacted, advised that he had no record of W. C. or BILL CRAWFORD'S having received mail or having left a forwarding address at that Post Office.

AT SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

Deputy Sheriff CHARLES GOODMAN stated that, although he is a native of Courtland, knows all residents of that vicinity, and also tries to keep informed as to the identity of transients in that neighborhood, the name W. C. or BILL CRAWFORD was entirely unfamiliar to him.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

DETROIT OFFICE

AT MILAN, MICH., will interview THEODORE MURDOCK, Alcatraz #101, transferred to the U. S. Detention Farm at Milan on 12/26/37, in an effort to learn from him any additional information concerning the escape or any information he might have indicating the present location of ROE or COLE.

BOSTON OFFICE

AT PROVIDENCE, R. I., will inquire at the Police Department in an effort to learn where WILLIAM RITCHEY, former Alcatraz #99, is ^{at}present located, so that he may be interviewed in an effort to obtain from him any information he may have concerning the escape or the present location of ROE and COLE. RITCHEY was released from Alcatraz on 1/10/38 to the custody of the Providence Police Department.

KANSAS CITY OFFICE

AT SPRINGFIELD, MO., will interview FRED REESE, former Alcatraz #321, JOSEPH F. KALINSKI, former Alcatraz #246, PHIL FRANCIS RYAN, former Alcatraz #134, and HAROLD JUNE, former Alcatraz #365, who were transferred to the U. S. Hospital for Defective Delinquents at Springfield on 1/14/38, 3/10/38, 8/19/38 and 3/10/38, respectively. They should be interviewed for any information they may have concerning the escape or the present location of ROE or COLE.

AT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS, will interview the following individuals who were transferred from Alcatraz to Leavenworth Penitentiary on 1/26/38:

GEORGE E. WILDE, Alcatraz #30	WALTER B. BUCKNER, Alcatraz #89
JAMES H. WALTON, Alcatraz #83	
LESTER JOHNSON, Alcatraz #91	HOWARD C. DICKERSON, Alcatraz #103
CHARLES E. WESTBROOK, Alcatraz #119	ALFRED HARDEN, Alcatraz #166 (colored)
BYRON WARREN, Alcatraz #145	RUF E PERSFUL, Alcatraz #284
CLARENCE C. CLAY, Alcatraz #277	
CHARLES E. BROWN, Alcatraz #290	
DONNIE GARRETT, Alcatraz #314	

It is noted that among this group are contained the individuals who were interviewed by Deputy Warden SHUTTLEWORTH immediately after their transfer to Leavenworth and from them the information was obtained which is contained in SHUTTLEWORTH'S letter, which is quoted in detail in the body of this report. In interviewing these prisoners, the information in SHUTTLEWORTH'S letter should be borne in mind and every effort should be made to obtain additional information upon which to predicate leads for further investigation. It is further noted that ALFRED HARDEN, whose name is included in the above list, was employed in the mat shop at the time of the escape and particular attention should be given to this interview.

The following group of prisoners were transferred from Alcatraz to Leavenworth on 7/10/38 and should be interviewed along the lines indicated above:

PEARL FONDREEN, Alcatraz #59	LEWIS BADGETT, Alcatraz #122
CHARLES GREEN, " #194	ARTHUR YOUNGBERG " #195
KELLORY HOLMES, " #357	FRANK EPELSHEIMER " #309
RUEY EATON, " #61	

EATON was assigned to the mat shop at the time of the escape, and particular attention should be given to this interview.

The following list of prisoners were transferred to Leavenworth on 12/1/38, and should be interviewed along the lines indicated above:

WILLIE GILL (colored) Alcatraz #157. GILL was assigned to the map shop at the time of this escape, and this interview should be conducted accordingly.	
JOSEPH SOLIWOD, Alcatraz #26	WALTER KELLY, Alcatraz #49
HERBERT WESTON, " #52	JOHN V. THOMAS " #84
VIRGIL WILMOTH, " #100	JOSEPH ALEXANDER " #120
GEORGE NOLAN, " #141	EDWARD L. MILLER " #144
FRANK CHIESA, " #152	MACK STROUD " #165
WILLIAM HANNA, " #184	JOHN KULICK, " #227
JOHN KRALJ " #272	HICKS CLAYTON " #280
JOHN F. HUFFSTTLER " #282	JESUS MARTINEZ " #398
CHARLIE CLINE " #410	

SEATTLE OFFICE

AT McNEIL ISLAND, WASH., at the U. S. Penitentiary will interview the following individuals who were formerly confined at Alcatraz and who were transferred to the U. S. Penitentiary at McNeil Island on 2/24/38: DANIEL J. MORRIS, Alcatraz #113; RALPH TATUM, Alcatraz #191, COSSACK, Alcatraz #313.

AT McKENNA, WASH., will locate and interview ELMER H. COLE, Alcatraz #35, whose term expired 10/25/38 and whose transportation was furnished to his legal residence at Portland, Oreg.; however, the penitentiary records indicate that he went directly from Alcatraz to the home of his mother, MRS. W. H. COLE, McKenna, Wash.

EL PASO OFFICE

AT LA TUNA, TEXAS, will interview ROLLIE RECTOR, Alcatraz #262, transferred to the U. S. Detention Farm at La Tuna from Alcatraz on 3/23/38, for any information he may have concerning the escape or the present location of ROE or COLE.

LITTLE ROCK OFFICE

AT LITTLE ROCK, ARK., will locate and interview ACIE TAYLOR, Alcatraz #162, who was released 4/16/38, in an effort to obtain from him any information he may have concerning the escape or the present location of ROE or COLE. It is noted that the release sheet at Alcatraz shows that he was furnished transportation to his legal residence at Whelen Springs, Ark.; however, a further perusal of his file indicated that he had been arrested on 6/24/38 for burglary by the Little Rock Police Department. If he cannot be located through the above two sources, it is further noted that he corresponded with BERTHA RANSOM, R.F.D. #2, Gurdon, Ark.

NEW YORK OFFICE

AT NEW YORK CITY, will, through the New York City Police Department, learn the whereabouts of CHARLES YANOWSKY, who was released to the custody of the New York Police Department on 4/21/38. YANOWSKY should be interviewed for any information he may have concerning the escape or the present location of ROE or COLE.

Will, through the New York City parole authorities, locate and interview CHARLES REISS, Alcatraz #98, who was released from Alcatraz on 8/30/38 to the custody of the New York City parole authorities. This interview should be for the same purpose as the one requested with YANOWSKY.

CHARLOTTE OFFICE

AT RALEIGH, N. C., will locate and interview BOB PHILLIPS, Alcatraz #353, who was released 7/28/38 to the custody of the Prison Division, State Highway and Public Works Department at Raleigh. If he cannot be located through this source, his sister is HELEN DRAKE, 1792 North Caldwell, Charlotte, N. C. PHILLIPS should be questioned as to any knowledge he may have as to the escape of ROE and COLE or the present location of these individuals.

PHILADELPHIA OFFICE

At the U. S. Penitentiary at Lewisburg, Pa., will interview MORRIS SCHATZ, Alcatraz #375, who was transferred from Alcatraz to Lewisburg on 10/29/38. Attempt should be made to obtain information from him concerning any knowledge he may have of the escape or the present location of ROE or COLE.

ATLANTA OFFICE

AT ATLANTA, GA., at the U. S. Penitentiary will interview FRANK MAHONEY, Alcatraz #214, who was transferred from Alcatraz to Atlanta on 12/1/38 for any information he may have concerning the escape or the present location of ROE or COLE.

Will also interview WILLIAM J. CARTER, Alcatraz #86, for the same purpose. CARTER was transferred on 1/26/38 from Alcatraz to Leavenworth and according to the letter of Deputy Warden SHUTTLEWORTH, which is quoted in the body of this report, CARTER was later transferred to Atlanta.

SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE

AT ALCATRAZ ISLAND, CALIF., at such time as the tension is relieved among the inmate population at Alcatraz, will interview FRANK GOUKER, #156, for any information he may desire to furnish concerning the escape of ROE and COLE. It is noted that GOUKER has been named by the various guards as being the most reliable of the prisoners who were assigned to the mat shop at the time of the escape.

Will interview JOSEPH SINGLETON, Superintendent of the Laundry, and learn from him any results he may have obtained in his efforts to get additional information from a prisoner named ANDY.

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF., will locate and interview DANIEL SULLIVAN, Alcatraz #170, who was released from Alcatraz on 8/30/38 and furnished transportation to his legal residence of San Francisco, for any information he may have relative to instant escape or the present location of ROE or COLE.

Will locate and interview PET REED, #182, who was released on 10/13/38 into custody of the San Francisco parole authorities, attempting to learn from him any information he may have concerning the escape or the present location of ROE or COLE. It is noted that this individual has either been writing or furnish^{ing} information to a ghost writer for the San Francisco Examiner upon which feature articles have been published under the name of REED. These articles deal with the conditions on Alcatraz. A series of these articles dealt with the escape of ROE and COLE and certain information contained in them was at variance with the information obtained by Agents investigating this case. The Bureau by letter dated 11/12/38 has requested that efforts be made to locate REED and suitable arrangements made to interview him thoroughly concerning his knowledge of the escape.

Will locate and interview GEORGE THOMPSON, #249, released 11/17/38 and furnished transportation to his legal residence at San Francisco. His wife is reported to reside at 247 - 19th Ave., San Francisco. THOMPSON is also supposed to be reporting to the Federal Probation Officer at San Francisco and information concerning his present address should be available at that office.

*Will locate and interview FRANK ANDERSON, Alcatraz #167, released from Alcatraz 1/26/38, through his sister, MRS. M. HAYWARD, 2461 Fulton St.

*Will conduct the additional investigation regarding AL BARRY and LEE MACK. In this connection see Bureau letter dated 12/30/37 and page 50 of the report of Agent HOOD, Oklahoma City, 12/2/38.

*Will interview MRS. GABRIEL BERTA, 526 - 36th Ave., mother; GLADYS BERTA, 980 Bush St., wife; VINCENT MARKOVITZ, 184 Park St., correspondents and visitors of CARL BERTA, #132, as requested on page 9 of the report of Inspector M. E. GURNEA, San Francisco, 12/28/37.

*Will interview the following visitors and correspondents of JOHN PAUL CHASE, #238, as requested in the above mentioned report of Inspector GURNEA: CHARLES B. and AMBROSE CHASE, brothers, 715 - 42nd St.; FRANK CHASE, brother, 14 Crescent Ave.

*Will locate and interview LOUIS FAUGUNDAS, #168, through his sister, ROSE FAUGUNDAS, 2603 - 21st Ave. (See page 51 of report of Agent HOOD, Okla. City, 12/2/38).

*Will interview the following visitors and correspondents of JAMES SARGEART, Alcatraz #129: (See report of Inspector GURNEA, San Francisco, 12/38/37, page 10)

MRS. ANNA FRAVEGA, mother, 2769 Bryant St.
LEO FRAVEGA, brother, 1258 Alabama
GEORGE FRAVEGA, brother
MRS. LARY BOTTANO
MRS. MAMIE BOTTANO
MRS. STELLA BACIGALUPI, aunts, 2867 .. 22nd St.

*Will interview MRS. GEORGE W. JOHNSON, 1618 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 12th St., sister of EDWARD BENITZ, #307. (see report of Inspector GURNEA, 12/28/37, San Francisco, page 24.)

*Will interview MRS. WILLIAM LEVIN, 1267 Filbert, wife of WILLIAM LEVIN, #186. (see above report of Inspector GURNEA.) Attention is also directed to the information regarding this woman as set forth on page 50 of the report of Special Agent J. E. THORNTON, San Francisco, 1/17/38.

*Will interview MRS. LILLA and GEORGE MILLER, 2190 Sutter St. and MRS. JOSEPHINE GHEMMINGER, 919 Guerrero Street, correspondents and visitors of GEORGE THOMPSON, #249-AZ. (See page 27 of report of Inspector GURNEA, above mentioned.)

*Will interview MR. and MRS. J. J. MORRIS, SR., 57 Paradise Ave., and MR. and MRS. J. J. MORRIS, JR., 43 Richland Avenue, relatives of DANIEL J. MORRIS, #113. (See report of Inspector GURNEA, San Francisco, 12/28/37).

*Will interview PALMER OTTERBECK and MRS. ANNA OTTERBECK, 19 Dearborn St., and JOHN and ESTHER LALLY, relatives and correspondents of JAMES COLSON, #60. (See Inspector GURNEA'S report above-mentioned.)

*Will interview MRS. WILLIAM M. RITCHEY, Roosevelt Hotel, wife of WILLIAM M. RITCHEY, #99, who goes under the name of MRS. HELEN ROBINSON. (See above mentioned report of Inspector GURNEA.)

*Will interview MRS. P. J. SULLIVAN, 299 Dolores and P. J. SULLIVAN, 85 - 4th St., relatives of HARRY SULLIVAN, #198. (See report of Inspector GURNEA above mentioned.)

*Will interview MRS. MARION VAN GLAHN, mother of GEORGE VAN GLAHN, #337, address 47 Costa St. (See report of Inspector GURNEA above mentioned.)

AT SAN QUENTIN, CALIF., will interview CAL YOUNG, Alcatraz #181, whose sentence expired 10/13/38 and who at that time was turned over to officials at San Quentin as a parole violator. This interview should be for the purpose of ascertaining whether YOUNG has any information indicating the present location of ROE or COLE.

AT REPRESA, CALIF., will interview HARRY KENNETH GINSLEY, Alcatraz #95, who is presently confined in Folsom Penitentiary as #21039, and interview him concerning any information he may have concerning the escape or the present location of ROE or COLE.

AT STOCKTON, CALIF., will endeavor to locate ABE ALLEN, who was released from San Quentin on parole 12/6/37 and who was supposed to report to the State Parole Officer at Stockton until 12/6/38. It is noted that his address while on parole was supposed to be c/o BEN WARSHAUER, 1634 W. Harding Way, Stockton. It should be determined from ALLEN whether he has any connection with J. L. ROSE or LAWRENCE HOLLAND. For the assistance of the Agent in covering this lead, he should refer to page 50 of the reference report of Agent HOOD.

*AT BERKELEY, CALIF., 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 Agent J. R. McJULLOCH, San Francisco, 10/19/38.)

*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, as requested on page 10 of the report of Inspector M. E. GURNEA, San Francisco, 12/28/37.

*AT OAKLAND, CALIF., will interview MR. and MRS. A. O. WINELAND, relatives of THEODORE AUDETTE. (See report of Inspector GURNEA, San Francisco, 12/28/37.)

*AT NAPA, CALIF., will interview L. J. and W. F. DICKERSON, 523 Brown Street and MINNIE and ADA DICKERSON, 915 Third St., relatives and correspondents of HOWARD C. DICKERSON, #103. (See report of Inspector GURNEA, San Francisco, 12/28/37.)

*Will endeavor to locate LEONA BRADY, alleged to be residing with C. M. DEFER and who can probably 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. Information concerning her is contained in the report of Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 12/2/38 and the report of Agent F. S. SMITH, Oklahoma City, 1/9/39.

*AT SAN RAFAEL, CALIF., will interview H. I. MULVERY, County Clerk, and I. H. CHANEY, McNear's Beach, San Rafael, for any information they may possess concerning the escape. These two individuals are visitors and correspondents of JOHN PAUL CHASE, #238.

*AT TRACY, CALIF., will at the Vern Rooms interview JACKIE NORTON alias MRS. PETTIJOHN. In this connection the Agent should familiarize himself with the material contained in the reports of Agents

LOUIS D. WINE, San Francisco, 11/23/38 and T. G. SPENCER, San Francisco, 12/28/38.

NOTE: It is noted in the report of reference of Agent HOOD that the suggestion is made that the San Francisco office consider the advisability of direct interviews with the prisoners who will not be release for some time, especially those inmates who were employed in the mat and blacksmith shops at the time of the escape. In this connection, it is not believed advisable to interview these prisoners at the present time in view of the recent unsuccessful escape attempt in which ARTHUR (DOC) BARKER was killed, DALE STAMPHILL was wounded, and three other inmates were captured. The feeling among the prisoners at the present time is tense, and it is not believed that interviews would be productive at this time.

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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.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS File of JAMES U. BUTCHER reviewed at United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia.

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REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated December 21, 1938; report of Special Agent EARL HIRSH, Atlanta, Georgia, December 10, 1938; Bureau letter, January 27, 1939.

DETAILS: A further review of the records at the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, disclosed that JAMES U. BUTCHER married one GRACE LOVE on April 15, 1933, at London, Kentucky, and at the present time they are divorced and she is remarried to a man whose last name is McCOY. Her present whereabouts is not known. Records also reflect that BUTCHER enlisted in the United States Navy on March 26, 1926, at Louisville, Kentucky, and was discharged on September 22, 1927.

The co-defendants in the case for which sentence he has just recently been released are CHARLIE ISAACS who was given a twelve months suspended sentence, and GEORGE McNEIL whose indictment has been nolle prossed.

A complete list of BUTCHER'S relatives and references is as follows:

IRENE LITTREL BUTCHER, East Burnstadt, Kentucky.
Former wife, GRACE LOVE McCOY, Pittsburg, Kentucky. ?
Siblings.
MILLARD BUTCHER, U. S. Army, Kansas.
WILLIAM BUTCHER, London, Kentucky.
JOHN BUTCHER, d.k.
MRS. MARY HUGHES, widow, Ferrell, Kentucky.
MRS. ISABELLE BROWN, widow, Sesser, Illinois.

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Friends:

GEORGE POUNDER, Sidell, Kentucky.
RUTH BYERS, 1438 Ninth Avenue, Hickory, North Carolina.
OLLIE JOHNSON, Lily, Kentucky.
LURA SEARS, East Burnstadt, Kentucky.

Correspondents appearing in the file in addition to that already appearing in reference report are as follows:

Special approved letters received:

W. PAUL CARPENTER, Attorney, Atlanta, Georgia.

Letters sent:

PAUL CARPENTER, Atlanta, Georgia.
West Publishing Company, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Letters received in 1934:

MYRTLE McQUEEN, Pond, Kentucky.
CORNELIA PARKER, 175 Carroll Street, Atlanta.
W. M. BIDDER, McKee, Kentucky.
LAURA SEARS, Pittsburg, Kentucky.

Letters sent in 1934:

COURIER JOURNAL & TIMES, Louisville, Kentucky.
MRS. ISABELLE BROWNE, Sesser, Illinois or Seccer, Illinois.
MR. and MRS. EDD MARKIN, Salem, Ohio. ?
MISS VERLIA SPURLOCK, Box 5, Pittsburg, Kentucky.
MR. SOYER SMITH, Attorney, Covington, Kentucky.
MRS. A. B. CALLIE, 1158 Northeast Court, Miami, Florida.

Letters sent in 1933:

MR. BOYD MILLER, Canon City, Colorado. (Letter stopped).
MISS LAURA ROSE, Bauld Rock, Kentucky.
MISS DOROTHY ROSE, Bauld Rock, Kentucky.
MISS MAGGIE RADGUS, Kemp, Kentucky.

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MARTHA BOLTON, Otis or Odis, Kentucky.
MISS BESSIE GRUBB, Hugins, Virginia. ?
Postmaster, East Burnstadt, Kentucky.
MRS. SALLIE McWHORTER, East Burnstadt, Kentucky.
MR. MILLARD WHITTAKER, Anchor, Kentucky.
MISS LULA SEARS, Pittsburg, Kentucky.

The Atlanta Office is giving attention to the lead set forth in the report of Special Agent G. F. ALMON, Atlanta, Georgia, January 11, 1939.

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

FILE NO. **76-326**

REPORT MADE AT Saint Louis, Missouri	DATE WHEN MADE 2-9-39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-30-31-39	REPORT MADE BY H. F. SMALL HFS:DB
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:

Investigation at St. Louis, Missouri fails to reveal any information pertaining to subjects. Photographs of subjects included in bank robbery album.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 12-2-38.

DETAILS:

On January 30, 1939, the writer personally contacted

[redacted] a confidential informant of the St. Louis Field Division, who has been engaged as a bartender in several better known night clubs in St. Louis, Missouri, and who is familiar with the underworld. [redacted] who is reliable, advised the writer that he has never heard any comment with respect to instant case from members of the underworld, regarding the escape from Alcatraz, and further that he had never received any information that subjects had been in St. Louis, Missouri.

[redacted] advised that he would remain alert for any information pertaining to subjects, and that in the event any information was forthcoming he would immediately contact the St. Louis Field Division.

The writer next personally contacted the following officers of the St. Louis Police Department, who, from their experience are considered the best informed

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officers of the St. Louis Police Department with respect to underworld activities, and who have a large number of informants.

Lieutenant ALBERT BEAN, 11th District, Assistant Chief of Detectives, JERRY O'CONNELL, Sergeant THOMAS MURPHY, 12th District, Sergeant MICHAEL ROACH, 4th District, Detective HARRY MITCHELL, 11th District, Detective CHAUNCEY STERLING, Central District, and Sergeant KENNETH McGUIRE of the Central District.

All of the above officers advised that they had never received any information pertaining to the subjects in this case, although there had been considerable newspaper publicity pertaining to the same at the time of subjects' escape. All advised that in the event any information was obtained as to whether or not the escape of subjects was successful, or as to their whereabouts, they would immediately contact the St. Louis Field Division.

Photographs of the subjects have been included in the bank robbery album in the St. Louis Field Office.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **OKLAHOMA CITY**

FILE NO. **76-290**

REPORT MADE AT SAN FRANCISCO	DATE WHEN MADE 2/9/39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/25/39	REPORT MADE BY J. R. McCULLOCH - FB
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:

California Motor Vehicle Department records disclose 1935 model Buick Sedan, Motor Number 43011792 registered to **MRS. RUTH HOWARD**, Appleton Hotel, Watsonville, California.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent **LOUIS D. WINE**, San Francisco, California, 11/23/38;
Report of Special Agent **T. G. SPENCER**, San Francisco, California, 12/28/38.

DETAILS:

AT SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA.

At the California State Motor Vehicle Department it was ascertained through **MISS RUTH ASSALENA** of the National Automobile Theft Bureau that there is no registration or operator's permit there on file for either **RUTH NORTON** or **MRS. M. T. PETTYJOHN**. However, there was located a registration for 1935 model Buick Sedan, Motor Number 43011792 which bore 1938 California license number **6 J 8589** and which had been registered to **MRS. RUTH HOWARD**, 132 Van Ness Avenue, Watsonville, California, which address had been crossed out to read Appleton Hotel, Watsonville, California.

The Pacific Finance Company, 250 West Santa Clara Street, San Jose, California, had formerly been the legal owner of this automobile which was now shown to be owned in its entirety by **RUTH HOWARD**. There was not yet any record of a 1939 license for this car. An operator's permit was located for **RUTH HOWARD**

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at 132 Van Ness Avenue, Watsonville, California, which permit had been issued on January 21, 1937, at which time RUTH HOWARD was described as being 29 years of age, having been born October 8, 1907. She was said to have been five feet, five inches tall, weight, 128, eyes blue, hair blonde.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD OFFICE AT WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA, will make appropriate investigation at 132 Van Ness Avenue and at the Appleton Hotel relative to the whereabouts of RUTH HOWARD, which lead should be held in abeyance until after the lead set out for Tracy, California, in report of reference of agent SPENCER, San Francisco, California, 12/28/38, has been covered.

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

FILE NO. **76-259**

REPORT MADE AT Dallas, Texas	DATE WHEN MADE 2-13-39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2-1, 2, 4-39	REPORT MADE BY A. W. MILLER
TITLE 0 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: Unable to contact ~~KEITH EDELIN~~ at Stinnett or Pampa, Texas. JIM and RUTH ~~BARKER~~ both deny that Subjects have contacted them, and were unable to furnish possible associates and contacts of ROE and COLE. Mrs. JACK ~~WILLIAMS~~, San Angelo, Texas, has no information concerning Subjects ROE and COLE.

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Reference: Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 12-2-38.

Details:

Mr. J. E. PUNDT, Supply Superintendent for the Gulf Dial Lease, located six miles Southeast of Stinnett, Texas, advised that that company had shut down production in that field and that KEITH EDELIN, so far as he knew, has returned to his home at Pampa, Texas.

Mr. RICHARD SAXE, Clerk for the Gulf Oil Corporation at Pampa, Texas, advised that KEITH EDELIN is not presently employed by that company and is now believed to be somewhere in East Texas, seeking employment. However, he still resides on the Gulf Lease located six miles Southeast of Pampa, Texas.

In view of the fact that Mrs. EDELIN has refused to furnish any information whatsoever, it was not deemed advisable to recontact her as to the present whereabouts of her husband.

Mr. SAXE advised that KEITH EDELIN will start to work most anytime in one of the Gulf Oil Company leases in or near Pampa, Texas.

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JIM and RUTH BARKER, 710 Avenue B, Childress, Texas, were interviewed by the writer who was accompanied by Sheriff J. D. MOORE of Childress. Both the BARKERS advised that Subjects ROE and COLE positively had not been at their home since their supposed escape. JIM BARKER was interviewed alone, and his wife RUTH BARKER was contacted on the street near the Post Office.

Mrs. RUTH BARKER stated that she and her nephew, FRED W. COLE of Woodlake, California, often corresponded with each other and that this nephew has never mentioned TED COLE in his letters. RUTH BARKER stated that FRED W. COLE'S wife, Mrs. ETTA COLE, is the mother of THEODORE COLE. Mrs. RUTH BARKER further advised that just before Christmas, 1938, Mrs. ELMER DILLARD, a cousin to FRED W. COLE, and her husband, came by to visit she, RUTH, and her husband in Childress, Texas, and Mrs. DILLARD stated that Mrs. COLE, mother of THEODORE COLE, had given her son, THEODORE up for dead; that she is convinced that he drowned in his attempted escape from Alcatraz.

RUTH and JIM BARKER both stated that in the event they obtained any information concerning the subjects in this case that they would immediately communicate with the Dallas Field Office.

Sheriff MOORE advised that he had not received any information from the informant developed by himself and Special Agent R. C. COULTER, and who lives across the street from RUTH and JIM BARKER. This informant is a personal friend of the Sheriff.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent D. D. JOHNSON:

Mrs. JACK WILLIAMS, 411½ S. Oak Street, San Angelo, Texas, stated that she had never heard of RALPH ROE or THEODORE COLE and that her husband had never been associated with them to her knowledge. However, she stated that it was possible that he had associated with them while in the penitentiary without her knowledge. Mrs. WILLIAMS stated that her husband is serving a twenty-five year sentence in the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, for extortion. She further stated that her husband, JACK, writes to her every week but has never mentioned ROE or COLE in his letters.

Photographs of ROE and COLE were exhibited to Mrs. WILLIAMS but she stated that neither of them were known to her.

Mrs. WILLIAMS stated that she is employed in the WPA Sewing Room in San Angelo, Texas, and that she has a young daughter ten years of age, whom she is supporting and sending to school. She stated that there were no other members of her immediate family living in San Angelo.

Sheriff E. E. LOWE, Tom Green County, Texas, stated that Mrs. JACK WILLIAMS has a very poor reputation in San Angelo and was somewhat implicated in the various activities of her husband before he was sentenced to the penitentiary, but that since her husband was sent away she has not been involved in any serious trouble to his knowledge.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD

THE DALLAS FIELD DIVISION, at Pampa, Texas, will contact the office of the Gulf Oil Corporation to ascertain the whereabouts of KEITH EDELIN and interview him regarding information requested in reference report. PENDING

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

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

REPORT MADE AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI	DATE WHEN MADE 2-15-39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/25/39 2/6/39.	REPORT MADE BY H. O. HAWKINS daj
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: C. L. LULLER unknown in Liberal, Kansas. No forwarding address left at Liberal, Kansas Post Office. Liberal, Kansas City Directory does not reflect a LULLER residing in that city. Mr. and Mrs. G. BARBOUR, restaurant owners, Barnett, Missouri, cannot remember person asking them concerning the bus going to Topeka, Kansas nor can they identify picture of ROE.

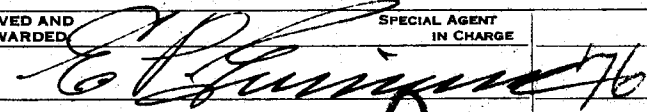
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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent Z. J. VANLANDINGHAM, Kansas City, dated 9-7-38. Report of Special Agent BLISS MORTON, Indianapolis, Indiana, dated 1-30-39.

DETAILS: AT LIBERAL, KANSAS

Mr. LOWELL ROACH, Clerk of the Liberal, Kansas Post Office, checked the records of that office which reflected that no one by the name of LULLER was either known or receiving mail at that post office. Mr. ROACH also interviewed other clerks of the Liberal, Kansas Post Office and it was ascertained that anyone by the name of LULLER was unknown to other members of the Liberal, Kansas Post Office. Mr. ROACH also checked the forwarding addresses which had been left at the Liberal, Kansas Post Office, which reflected that no one by the name of LULLER had left a forwarding address at that post office. The Liberal, Kansas City Directory was checked by the writer which reflected that no one by the name of LULLER appeared therein.

Chief of Police LAWRENCE WARDEN was interviewed for any

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information he had in regard to anyone by the name of LULLER residing at Liberal, Kansas, at which time Chief WARDEN advised that he was familiar with almost the entire population of Liberal, Kansas and that he was acquainted with no one by the name of LULLER. Chief WARDEN advised the writer that he would make inquiries among different people of Liberal, Kansas and that in the event he received any information of value regarding the whereabouts of Mr. LULLER that he would immediately contact the Kansas City Field Division.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent G. D. KING.

AT ELDON, MISSOURI

Mr. VAUGHAN, a postal clerk, stated that there was no G. W. DUZEN residing in Eldon, Missouri, however, there was a DUZEN family living in Barnett, Missouri and that one RALPH REED, owner of a clothing store in Elson, Missouri, would have some information concerning them.

RALPH REED stated that G. W. DUZEN, given name GOMER, resided in Barnett, Missouri and owned a filling station and garage there and had been proprietor of this for a very long time. He further related that there was a restaurant across the street from this garage operated by Mr. BARBOUR and this restaurant had been there for quite a long time.

AT BARNETT, MISSOURI

Mrs. G. BARBOUR stated that they had owned that restaurant for a very long time, however, when the facts were related to her concerning the person asking in the restaurant when the next bus left for Topeka she could not remember anything concerning this. A picture of RALPH ROE was displayed to her with negative results.

Mr. G. BARBOUR was interviewed and the facts relating to the person who inquired as to when the bus leaving for Topeka would arrive were given to him. He stated he had a good memory, however, he could not remember this, probably because of the length of time. The picture of ROE was displayed to him with negative results. Mr. BARBOUR further related that GOMER DUZEN operated a filling station and the garage there and also that he was the only DUZEN in that part of the country who operated a filling station and he was sure that he was the one referred to in reference report.

In the memorandum in this file submitted by Special Agent J. W. CORE on December 8, 1938, the following information is contained:

B. T. ANDREWS, Identification Officer of the St. Joseph, Missouri Police Department, stated that he has received information that about two months before the break of ROE and COLE from Alcatraz that a Kansas City man was released from Alcatraz and shortly after his release came to see Mrs. LULA ~~HICKEY~~, mother-in-law of CLARENCE ~~SPARGUR~~, who is now incarcerated in Alcatraz.

ANDREWS indicated that the identification of this man together with the other information he had obtained might be of some value to the Bureau and that further information indicated that ROE and COLE might be at the present time in Omaha, Nebraska. It was evident that ANDREWS could not discuss the matter entirely over the telephone and he stated that he would discuss it more in detail when he had an opportunity to do so and suggested that an effort be made to find out who the Kansas City man was who was released from Alcatraz before the escape of ROE and COLE.

On January 4, 1939, M. M. ~~AKS~~, 3216 Olive Street, Kansas City, Missouri, telephone Linwood 0792, called at the Kansas City Office and stated that he often plays cards at the Empress Recreation, 212 East 12th Street, operated by ~~ANDY SHIRKS~~, and that about two months ago, while playing cards, a man was seated next to him whom he believed might be Subject COLE. He said that he had seen him twice, as he recalls, but has not seen him for the past two months. He could give no further information of interest, but said that he frequently plays cards at this place.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION

- * At Hayes, 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 so that the Bureau will be advised as to his activities.
- At Kansas City, Missouri, will interview ANDY SHIRKS and display a picture of COLE to him and ascertain if he can identify this person as having played cards in the Empress Recreation, which he operates.
- * 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

- * 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 report of Special Agent RALPH HOOD, Oklahoma City, dated 12-2-38.
- * At Leavenworth, Kansas, 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.
- * At Leavenworth, Kansas, will attempt to identify and interview SLIM BAILEY.
- * At Leavenworth, Kansas, will interview JACK F. WILLIAMS, alleged by FLINT C. BRANNON to be friendly with JAMES and RALPH ROE for any information he may possess.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **76-50**

REPORT MADE AT Seattle, Wash.	DATE WHEN MADE 2-16-39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-19-39	REPORT MADE BY J. J. Pieper MB
TITLE RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, IO #1472 THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, IO #1471			CHARACTER OF CASE Escaped Federal Prisoner

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

File at McNeil Island of ~~MACK SMITH~~, ex-Alcatraz #44AZ, true name WINNIE F. METCALF, reviewed for information concerning his present whereabouts. Leads set out to locate him.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, Okla. December 2, 1938.

DETAILS:

At McNeil Island, Washington

The file of MACK SMITH, ex-Alcatraz #44AZ, was examined at the U. S. Penitentiary at McNeil Island, Washington, for the purpose of obtaining leads to locate him so that he can be questioned concerning the instant case, inasmuch as he is supposed to have been friendly with the subjects.

The file of MACK SMITH, McNeil Island #10710, was examined and his true name is WINNIE F. METCALF, and his aliases are MACK SMITH and HARRY SMITH. He was received at McNeil Island on January 9, 1934, and conditionally released on December 16, 1936, and upon his release he was to be delivered to the U. S. Marshal, Tacoma, Washington, to serve five months for attempted escape.

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This escape charge was the result of an escape attempted on April 13, 1935, as a result of which he was sent to Alcatraz and then later returned to McNeil Island. While at Alcatraz some legal matters were taken care of for MACK SMITH and were handled by DANIEL BARTON, attorney, 704 Market Street, San Francisco, California. Correspondence in the file shows that SMITH was wanted by the sheriff of Grant County, Hot Sulphur Springs, Colorado, for the robbery of the Kremmling State Bank on August 29, 1935, and that a detainer would be placed by Colorado; however, the file fails to show that such a detainer was actually placed. A letter from MAX D. RICHARDSON, Chief of Police, Monte Vista, Colorado, dated April 11, 1938, requested information concerning SMITH under his true name of METCALF and advised he had been arrested in Monte Vista, Colorado, on September 23, 1937, and booked for investigation as CROCKET METCALF #453. This letter from the Chief of Police, however, did not state the purpose of the inquiry.

A description of SMITH obtained from the file and as of the date August 11, 1934, is set out as follows:

Name - WINNIE F. METCALF, alias MACK SMITH, alias HARRY SMITH,
alias CROCKET METCALF.

Age - 22

Born - Oaks, Oklahoma, 1-19-11, but left Oklahoma in 1925

Height - 5' 6 1/4"

Weight - 161 pounds

Build - Slender

Complexion - Fair

Hair - Dark chestnut

Eyes - Gray

Teeth - All extracted, plates furnished in prison

Scars - Irregular cut center upper lip; vertical cut scar left
side of chin; cut scar right wrist anterior

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Relatives - Father - JOHN METCALF, formerly of Duchesne, Utah,
changed to Hotchkiss, Colo.

Mother - MRS. R. J. PLUMMER, Carbondale, Colo.

Brother - WILLIAM METCALF, Hotchkiss, Colo.

BROTHER - OTIS METCALF, Carbondale, Colo.

Sister - GLADYS SHERWOOD, 68 W. N. Temple, Salt Lake
City, Utah

Sister - MRS. THOMAS R. FADDIS, 155 S. 4th East,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Friend - RUTH MILLS, Oak Creek, Colo.

Friend - J. E. MURRAY, General Delivery, Duchesne, Utah

Friend - MISS MILDRED POWELL, General Delivery,
Duchesne, Utah

Friend - BILL DULSE, no address given

Friend - MRS. C. SORSMEN (or LORSMEN), 3123 Lookout Circle,
Hyde Park, Cincinnati, Ohio.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

DENVER OFFICE: Will endeavor to locate WINNIE F. METCALF, alias MACK SMITH, ex-Alcatraz #444Z and interview him as set out in report of reference, see page 41, through sources indicated in the instant report.

SALT LAKE CITY OFFICE: Will endeavor to locate WINNIE F. METCALF, alias MACK SMITH, and interview him as set out in report of reference through sources indicated in instant report.

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

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA
FEBRUARY 18, 1939

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: R O C O L

Reference is made to letter from this office dated January 6, 1939, and to Bureau letter dated January 10, 1939, which pertains to information concerning fugitives brought to the attention of the Bureau by Sheriff JOHN LENOX, of Okmulgee, Oklahoma, his informant being [redacted]

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On January 22, 1939, accompanied by Sheriff JOHN LENOX I again interviewed [redacted]

At that time he stated he, together with his son, had gone to Tahlequah, Oklahoma, in accord with previous arrangements and had spent three days there. He advised that W. L. GARNER, who ran a planing mill at Tahlequah, had advised that RALPH ROE had passed three times and that he had informed GARNER that they had made their escape with the aid of two barrels and that the barrels had been outfitted with clothing and food; that they had floated for several hours and no one had seen them and they finally managed to make shore. He further stated that GARNER had told him that ROE had been there about forty days previously; that he was accompanied by three men and they were roaming around the country and had no intention of working; that the reason they had stopped at Tahlequah was they had to have a tire fixed.

[redacted] stated he had known GARNER for a long time; that GARNER had been an officer for years and was presently carrying a Deputy Sheriff Commission Card. It was indicated he was not interested in causing the apprehension of ROE and COLE unless there was a reward. He stated that GARNER doesn't care for banks and isn't particularly interested in bank robbers; that he knew ROE and COLE were not wanted for a murder and therefore was not interested in their apprehension.

[redacted] RECORDED & INDEXED further stated and definitely indicated in his conversation that he was firmly convinced that what GARNER was telling him was the truth and he had great faith in what GARNER was telling him. He further indicated GARNER knew ROE under the name of [redacted] It was noted that this is [redacted]

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alias of Fugitive RALPH ROE.

Inquiry was made of [] as to the identity of the bootlegger to whom he had previously referred, and he advised he had located this individual but he did not know anything and he had dismissed his information completely. He was pressed for the name of the bootlegger and stated he could not recall it as he had not given it any particular attention because obviously the man did not know anything.

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It was immediately obvious that [] was being evasive in connection with the identity of this alleged bootlegger.

Sheriff JOHN LENOX took the son of [] outside and the writer and [] followed. Upon reaching the car Sheriff LENOX confidentially advised that he had the answer to the identity of the bootlegger. Immediately upon leaving the farm Sheriff LENOX advised the [] boy had told him he was the bootlegger referred to by his father; that the truth was he was sitting on a deer trail in the woods and that GARNER and another individual had come down the trail, and that later in the day GARNER asked him whether or not he noticed the individual with him and stated at that time that that was RALPH ROE.

Accompanied by Special Agent W. L. BUCHANAN, W. L. GARNER was interviewed at Tahlequah, Oklahoma, and he immediately stated that he was expecting the arrival of Agent; that he had seen RALPH ROE two or three times and the last time about sixty days ago at which time he was accompanied by three other fellows; that they had a police dog in the car and he later read that an automobile containing four men had been shot up in Illinois and he thought it was the same car inasmuch as the news item mentioned a dog in the car; that two of the men had been killed at that time.

He stated that he had formerly lived at Chickasha, Oklahoma and that he knew the ROE family who lived in that vicinity; that he had later moved to Eldon, Oklahoma, operating a planing mill and that he had moved this mill at a subsequent date to Tahlequah, Oklahoma. He stated that he knew RALPH ROE as [] and had employed him in the planing mill operated by him at Chickasha, Oklahoma. It was then inquired of him as to the date he left Chickasha, Oklahoma and he stated it was in the year 1914. It is noted that RALPH ROE was born in 1906 and obviously was not employed in the planing mill of GARNER at Chickasha, Oklahoma prior to the time it was dismantled in 1914 and moved to Eldon, Oklahoma, due to the fact that ROE at that time

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could not have been over eight years of age.

Photographs of the fugitive were exhibited to W. L. GARNER and he was unable to identify the photograph of RALPH ROE or TED COLE as being the individuals observed by him or the individual known to him as ADAMS. He also stated that he had not seen the individual believed to be RALPH ROE from the time he left Chickasha in 1914 until the year 1938. He stated the men he saw in the car were older than the men appearing in the photographs exhibited to him.

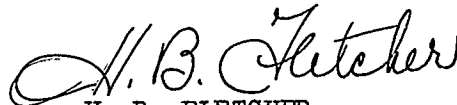
He advised he was well acquainted with the Sheriff at Tahlequah, Oklahoma, and information was received through inquiry there that he was constantly spending his time in the Sheriff's office and he does carry a Deputy Sheriff Commission although he is not on a salary.

GARNER also spoke as though he was well acquainted with "Pretty Boy" ~~Floyd~~ and was with him a great deal of the time during the time he was being sought by police officers throughout Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma. He stated he did not realize that "Pretty Boy" Floyd was wanted for any crime. He also spoke as though he was well acquainted with ~~FRANK~~ NASH.

In view of the fact that this individual obviously has no information no additional inquiry will be made on the basis of information furnished by GARNER to

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Very truly yours,



H. B. FLETCHER
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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

FILE NO. **76-42**

REPORT MADE AT DES MOINES, IOWA	DATE WHEN MADE 2-18-39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2-8-10-39	REPORT MADE BY E. H. WILLIAMS EHW/mg
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: Police Department, Sheriff's Office and confidential sources of information in Sioux City, Iowa, contacted. No information developed but all will cooperate.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, dated 12-2-38.

DETAILS: AT SIOUX CITY, IOWA

Agent contacted the following sources of information and confidential informants:

TOM FARLEY, Chief of Detectives,
Sioux City Police Department;
MRS. EDITH JIPP, Police Matron;
LEO NAUGHTON, Chief Deputy Sheriff,
Woodbury County;
ROY DAHL, FBI-NPA Graduate,
Sheriff's Office;
A. L. MATHWIG, Merchants Police System, Milner Hotel;
JACK Gefand, Garden Theatre;
E. B. VAN SLYKE, Supervisor,
Lewis Systems, Inc.;
W. C. SLOTSKY, Credit Service
Exchange Inc.;

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List of persons contacted at Sioux City, Iowa, continued:

Informant of St. Paul Office in unsolved
bank burglary cases (Des Moines File
No. 91-146)

All of the above stated they have heard of no rumors
as to suspects ROE and COLE, but advised they would keep in touch
with the underworld in Sioux City and report any information they
received.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
San Francisco, California
February 23, 1939

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: ⁰ROCOL.

Dear Sir:

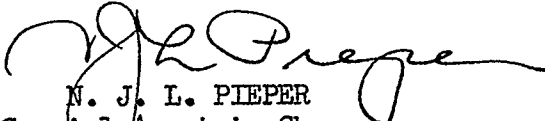
Reference is made to the Oklahoma City office letter of February 21, 1939, to the Bureau, wherein it is stated that if, in the opinion of the San Francisco office, it would be of value, confidential informant "R" would proceed to Tulalake, California.

Please be advised that in the opinion of the San Francisco office this looks as though the informant is just wanting a trip, Tulalake being the sort of a town where, in our opinion, the subjects in this case would find no way of staying or sustaining themselves over a period of time.

With regard to the fugitives having prearranged their protection after escape by a prominent underworld Chinaman, we respect the Oklahoma City office's informant, but this looks rather imaginative to us.

Investigation will be conducted by the San Francisco office when an Agent can get into that territory next when the weather opens up, but it is believed that before any serious consideration be given to informant "R's" information, JOEL SANDERS should be located and interviewed as to the information she claims she obtained from him.

Very truly yours,


N. J. L. PIEPER
Special Agent in Charge

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Mr. G. T. Jones
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Post Office Box 1630
San Antonio, Texas

Re: Ralph Roe, with aliases,
Fugitive, I. O. #1472;
et al., Escaped Federal
Prisoners.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Bureau February 27, 1939.

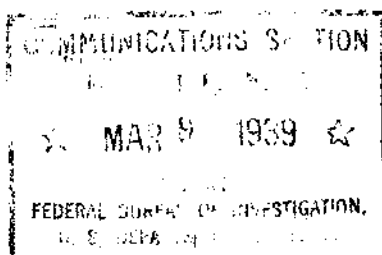
Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc-Oklahoma City
San Francisco

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

March 9, 1939

Laboratory Report

Case: Ralph Roe, with aliases, Fugitive, I. O.
#1472; et al., Escaped Federal
Prisoners.

Number: 76-2686-605

Specimens:

See attached sheet

Examination requested by: San Antonio

Date received: 2-27-39

Examination requested: Document

Result of examination:

Examination by: Miller

The questioned handwriting appearing on the specimens listed on the attached sheet as Q25 through Q32 was compared with the known handwriting of Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole, listed in the laboratory as K1 and K2 respectively, and the conclusion was reached that neither of these two individuals is the writer of the questioned material.

The evidence which you submitted is being retained in the files of the laboratory.

- 1 Bureau
- 2 San Antonio
- 1 Oklahoma City
- 1 San Francisco
- 1 Laboratory

SPCJONES:

- 76-2686-605 Q25, Photostat of front and flap of envelope postmarked "Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, February 16, 1939, 4 P. M.".
- Q26, Photostat of first page of accompanying letter beginning "Well I will try and write a few lines....".
- Q27, Photostat of second page of accompanying letter beginning "with me. I don't understand....".
- Q28, Photostat of third page of accompanying letter beginning "how I feel not hearing,....".
- Q29, Photostat of fourth page of accompanying letter beginning "I will send it to you....".
- Q30, Photostat of fifth page of accompanying letter beginning "time and the only.....".
- Q31, Photostat of sixth page of accompanying letter beginning "going to some way and....".
- Q32, Photostat of seventh page of accompanying letter beginning "and not hearing from....".

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Post Office Box 1630,
San Antonio, Texas,
February 25, 1939.

FJL/BFD

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:

(Attention Technical Laboratory)

In accordance with request as set forth in report of Special Agent F. J. LACKEY, San Antonio, Texas, dated February 23, 1939, Sheriff IRA HEARD, Refugio, Texas, called on February 23, 1939, that he had a letter addressed to Mrs. HAZEL CONNOR, Refugio, Texas, from a person named "Bill" in Oklahoma City, and that the handwriting on this letter somewhat resembled that of Subject COLE.

Agent LACKEY immediately proceeded to Refugio where photostats of this letter were obtained. This letter was postmarked at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 4 P.M., February 16, 1939, and bore the return address "Route 39, Box 87, Oklahoma City, Okla." This letter reads as follows:

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Hello Honey

Well I will try and write a few lines. after you been up here and not hearing from you I gess I come back here the day after you was here and then left here and got here last night. I've Been up two night now. Sure am all in thought sure I would have a letter here from you I cant understand why you have got to do me this way honey realey why cant you understand me you are all there is to me. you think it just anyone with me. I dont understand it. I think about you day and night. Well I would like to tell you what I was doing and where I am at most time But you wouldnt believe me and I tell you for sure that I do and Joe dont know anything about me. gess you had a good time while in tulsa. well there no good time for me I been in west texas and N.M. east side and will be in the East the first of next week around six hunderd miles from here will be there two or three weeks and then Back to West texas. you dont no how I feel not hearing from you. But I going to make are die. Now I dont stay at pearl when here But that the only place that I get to get my mail

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outside of Webb dad will keep my mail till I see him
pearl call the other day and he told her I had two letters
there and had Been for some time god I hope they are from
you I will get By there some day Before long and get them.
honey I hope you are feeling good and when you write and
tell me what that Bill is I will send it to you. I was so
dam mad that night I realey didn't know what I was doing
I hope ever one is feeling good. Now I not douing what you
may think I am But if nothing happens I will have enuff soon
to hire me a car and get into Place where I can make some
money. and I have you and all way will so please come down
out of that tree and for get things that dont mean a dam
thing to any one you poured it on me Ever time you could
and keep me mad all the time and the only thing you could
say was it a lie. how could any one take it morning noon
and night. I dont think you Ever stop to think how you
would feel it I did that all the time. just put yourself
in my place love some one and Be Broke and couldn't get a
Job and do the thing you wanted to do But do all that you
could and then have them throw it up to you when they are
all in the world that you love. just get your mind to work-
ing and see if I had a fair deal. Now I trying to make it
and I going to some way and if you can see where you could
for get Ever thing up till the day I see you and never
think of it again. when I get a place Bought I will pay O.C.
or who Ever help you from the time that I left there. and
see if that a lie. Now I going to be here there and lot of
places. But here where I get my mail and you dont know how
I would feel to here from you again. But dont start writing
and get mad. Well as I cant tell you Ever thing in a letter
and not hereing from you there not much to write about. But
the true thing is I love you all way remember that so pleas-
answer this and you may get a line are two from me any place.

as Ever to my wife
from Bill all way."

Sheriff HEARD stated that Mrs. CONNOR left Refugio, Texas, about
February 17, for some point in Oklahoma, presumably Oklahoma City.

Director, #3

February 25, 1939

Photostatic copies of this letter are forwarded herewith to the Bureau and the Oklahoma City Office. The Bureau is requested to compare the handwriting in this letter with the known handwriting of the Fugitives in an effort to determine if this letter might be from either of them.

The matter of determining the identity of the writer of this letter, as well as the identity of the person named "Pearl", mentioned therein, as well as the identity of the person receiving mail at Route 9, Box 87, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, is being left to the discretion of the Oklahoma City Office as it is not known just what information the Oklahoma City Office has in connection with these persons.

Very truly yours,


GUS T. JONES,
Special Agent in Charge.

Encl.

cc-Oklahoma City
cc-San Francisco

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICELaboratory Report

Case: RALPH ROE, w.a. - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472 Number: 76-2686-605
THEODORE COLE, w.a. - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

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Examination requested by: San Antonio

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Result of examination:

Miller #1
Examination by: Dingle #2

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San Francisco

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Oklahoma City**

S. I. FILE NO. **76-838**

REPORT MADE AT: San Antonio, Tex.	DATE WHEN MADE: Feb. 23/39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 2/3, 15/39	REPORT MADE BY: E. J. Lackey
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:

HAZEL UNDERHILL presently residing at Refugio, Texas. All of her incoming and outgoing mail is being covered and arrangements made that this office will be immediately notified if she is contacted by either fugitive or engages in any unusual activity. P.

Reference: Report of Special Agent Ralph T. Howard, Oklahoma City, dated 12/2/38.

DETAILS:

It was ascertained that HAZEL UNDERHILL, widow of MILBUR UNDERHILL, is presently residing at Refugio, Texas, at the home of her son-in-law O. C. HALLS. HALLS is employed as a driller on the Morgan lease. Refugio is an oil town and has a rather shifting population. It was ascertained that none of the neighbors living immediately adjacent to HALLS could be thoroughly relied upon as informants but Sheriff IRA HEARD who is very cooperative with this office and an efficient officer stated that he had two informants one a filling station operator near HALLS' home and the other a gambler who could be relied upon to immediately report to him the presence of any strangers in town. Sheriff HEARD was furnished at his own request with several photographs of each fugitive and stated that he would make arrangements with several of his more reliable informants to immediately report to him any strangers in the vicinity of the HALLS' home. In view of the fact that it is known that Sheriff HEARD has a great many informants in Refugio, Texas, it was not deemed either desirable or necessary to endeavor to develop confidential informants in this connection without his knowledge.

Postmistress BILLIE W. SCOTLY, Refugio, Texas, stated that the HALLS family and Mrs. UNDERHILL receive mail at Box 306 Refugio, Texas; that neither Mrs. UNDERHILL, who uses the name of HAZEL CORNELL, or the HALLS send or receive any great

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amount of mail. Sheriff HEARD made arrangements with MRS. SOREY with whom he is very friendly for him to personally examine all incoming and outgoing mail to or for HAZEL UNDERHILL or the HALEs.

Subsequent to this investigation Sheriff HEARD advised that HAZEL UNDERHILL had purchased in the name of MRS. JAMES CARVER, P. O. Box 306, Refugio, Texas, a Money Order in the amount of \$18 payable to U. L. KENNON, 3123 West 41st St. Tulsa, Okla. This money order was purchased on February 7, 1939, and Sheriff HEARD stated that Mrs. JAMES CARVER is an alias used on several occasions by MRS. UNDERHILL. The identity of U. L. KENNON is not known to the San Antonio office.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

Oklahoma City Office: If such is not already known will determine the identity of U. L. KENNON, 3123 West 41st Street, Tulsa, Okla. and what connection he has with the fugitives or HAZEL UNDERHILL.

San Antonio Office: Will maintain contact with Sheriff IRA HEARD and through him with his informants to determine any unusual activities on the part of HAZEL UNDERHILL.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

FILE NO. 76-329

REPORT MADE AT Charlotte, N. C.	DATE WHEN MADE 2-28-39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-16-39 2-1, 2, 3-39	REPORT MADE BY M. M. CUMMINS MHD
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:

Investigation at Asheville, N. C. indicates that Mrs. JOHN ~~KENDRICK~~, visitor of JOHN ~~KENDRICK~~, Alcatraz #105-AZ, on 11-24-37, is actually JEAN ~~RAMSEY~~, alias ETHEL ~~RAMSEY~~; that she is not married to KENDRICK, and is possibly a prostitute; that she was with KENDRICK somewhere in Georgia when he was arrested for offense for which he is presently incarcerated in Alcatraz. JEAN RAMSEY located at Charlotte, N. C. and interviewed with negative results.

P.T.

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated December 2, 1938.
Report of Special Agent M. E. GURNEA, San Francisco, California, dated 12-28-37.

DETAILS:

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent K. T. DELAVIGNE at Asheville, North Carolina:

Agent ascertained that West Chestnut Street does not have a 200 block. It was further ascertained that 202 East Chestnut Street is unoccupied. A "For Rent" sign on this house indicated that GRAY GORHAM, Realtor, was the rental agent for this property. Agent DELAVIGNE telephonically communicated with this Realty Company, and was advised that the last occupant of 202 East Chest-

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nut Street was EDWARD REVIS; that REVIS was employed as a clerk at the Jax Pax Grocery Store at the corner of Charlotte and Blair Streets.

Agent interviewed EDWARD REVIS at the Jax Pax Store. He advised that he formerly lived at 202 East Chestnut Street; that his present address is 20 Clyde Street. He stated that Mrs. JOHN KENDRICK, visitor of JOHN KENDRICK, Alcatraz #105-AZ on November 24, 1937, is the sister of his wife. REVIS advised that KENDRICK'S visitor is not actually his wife; that she goes under the name of Miss JEAN RAMSEY. He stated that he believes the true name of this individual to be ETHEL RAMSEY, RAMSEY being the maiden name of his wife. In addition, REVIS stated that JEAN RAMSEY is a prostitute, and is well known to be such at Charlotte, North Carolina. When asked for the present address of JEAN RAMSEY, he exhibited a slip of paper containing JEAN RAMSEY'S name with the address #11 Catawba Apartments, Charlotte, North Carolina and the words, "Please Forward." REVIS advised he believes that JEAN RAMSEY is presently in Charlotte and can be reached at the Catawba Apartments, or by inquiry at this place. He further advised that if such an inquiry does not result in the location of JEAN RAMSEY that his wife, Mrs. ESTER REVIS, #70 Gray Mill, Gastonia, North Carolina, be contacted for this information, inasmuch as she keeps in touch with JEAN RAMSEY, her sister.

REVIS was discreetly questioned as to the activities of JEAN RAMSEY, but he stated he knew nothing concerning her or her activities except that she was a prostitute; that she is not the wife of JOHN KENDRICK, and that she was with KENDRICK somewhere in the State of Virginia at the time he was arrested for the offense for which he is presently incarcerated in Alcatraz.

The following investigation was conducted by reporting Agent at Charlotte, North Carolina:

It was ascertained that the Catawba Apartments were located at 107 Grandin Road, and Agent proceeded to that place. It was discovered that the name MRS. J. J. RAMSEY and JEAN RAMSEY appeared on the mail box of apartment 9, rather than apartment 11, as indicated in the investigation conducted at Asheville. This apartment was located on the upper floor, and Agent knocked several times at this door and failed to receive any answer. At the adjoining apartment Mrs. HAROLD McLEOD stated that she knew JEAN RAMSEY, but that it was her impression that Miss RAMSEY only occupied this apartment over week-ends. She further stated that Miss RAMSEY appeared to have few visitors, but she did not know where Miss RAMSEY might presently be located for interview.

An attempt to contact the caretaker of the building resulted in the information that he was presently away and was not expected until evening. In the mail box of apartment 9, which was unlocked,

Agent noted a letter and an electric light bill, the electric light bill covering the period of December 6 to January 6, and was for an amount in excess of \$4.00.

As this appeared to indicate the consummation of considerable electric current, which might possibly indicate that other persons were residing in the apartment, Agent interviewed EDWARD BARROW, colored caretaker of the apartment, the following day. BARROW stated that JEAN RAMSEY appeared to be a very respectable sort of person, had few visitors, and that he was positive that no one resided in instant apartment except Miss RAMSEY, inasmuch as he has occasion to enter the apartment infrequently to make minor repairs and adjustments. He stated that he did not know where Miss RAMSEY could presently be found, but felt that she would be in the apartment on the week-end.

Agent interviewed Captain STANHOPE LINEBERRY and Chief of Detectives F. N. LITTLEJOHN, of the Charlotte Police Department. This interview was in connection with an attempt to learn whether or not either of Subjects had been seen in or around Charlotte, and both men stated that they knew neither of Subjects had been around Charlotte, and stated they were sure of this because contacts which they maintain keep them well informed of any newcomers among the criminal element. Both of these men, however, agreed to maintain a close watch for Subjects, and to further instruct their men to do likewise.

Agent questioned Capt. LINEBERRY concerning JEAN RAMSEY, and at this time LINEBERRY stated that Miss RAMSEY had given their department considerable aid at the time KENDRICK was apprehended. He stated that it was his opinion that JEAN RAMSEY was not a prostitute in the common use of the word, but that she usually had a sweetheart who kept her provided with the necessities of life. It was pointed out to Captain LINEBERRY that Agent had attempted to contact JEAN RAMSEY at her present address, and LINEBERRY agreed to assist Agent in locating her if she could not be contacted over the week-end. Although Captain LINEBERRY stated more of the background of JEAN RAMSEY, it is not being set out in this report, inasmuch as it has no bearing on instant investigation.

The following day Agent was contacted by Captain LINEBERRY, who stated that JEAN RAMSEY was presently at her apartment. Accordingly, Agent proceeded there and interviewed her. She admitted having visited JOHN KENDRICK at Alcatraz on November 24, 1937, but denied that any mention had been made to her of any formulated plan to escape, nor, in fact, was anything mentioned about prison life or routine. She stated that at that time KENDRICK had asked her to con-

tact various friends of hers to see if he could not be transferred from Alcatraz to some other Federal Penitentiary, but this she stated she had not done. Miss RAMSEY was very cooperative, but said that she had absolutely no information to offer which would assist in this investigation in any way, and in view of the fact that she was instrumental in securing the apprehension of KENDRICK, it is thought that she was telling the truth in this instance.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS: *THE CHARLOTTE OFFICE at Raleigh, N. C. will locate and interview BOB PHILLIPS, Alcatraz #353, who was released 7-28-38 to the custody of the Prison Division, State Highway and Public Works Department at Raleigh. If he cannot be located through this source, his sister is HELEN DRAKE, 1792 North Caldwell, Charlotte, N. C. PHILLIPS should be questioned as to any knowledge he may have as to the escape of ROE and COLE or the present location of these individuals.

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FBI OKLAHOMA CITY

2-20-39

7:30 p.m.

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SAC SALT LAKE CITY

ROCOL. INFORMATION RECEIVED FUGITIVES LOCATED TOWN NAMED TULELAKE OR
TULALAKE DESCRIBED AS SMALL MINING GAMBLING TOWN IN MOUNTAINS REACHED BY
BUS FROM RENO NEVADA FARE SIX DOLLARS THIRTY CENTS. TOWN MAY BE TULELAKE
SISKIYOU COUNTY CALIFORNIA BUT INFORMATION IS THAT TOWN IS LOCATED JUST
OVER NEVADA LINE IN CALIFORNIA AND ONLY PASSENGER TRAVEL POSSIBLE IS BY
BUS FROM RENO. ENDEAVOR TO IDENTIFY TOWN AND ADVISE.

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cc Bureau

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FUG. SUP.

- * 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.
- * At Springfield, Missouri, will interview FRED REESE, former Alcatraz #321, JOSEPH F. KALINSKI, former Alcatraz #246, PHIL FRANCIS RYAN, former Alcatraz #134, and HAROLD JUNE, former Alcatraz #365, who were transferred to the U. S. Hospital for Defective Delinquents at Springfield on 1/14/38, 3/10/38, 8/19/38 and 3/10/38, respectively. They should be interviewed for any information they may have concerning the escape or the present location of ROE or COLE.
- * At Leavenworth, Kansas, will interview the following individuals who were transferred from Alcatraz to Leavenworth Penitentiary on 1/26/38: Refer report of Special Agent L. H. RICHMOND, San Francisco, dated 2-2-39.
- * At Joplin, Missouri, 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.
- * At Joplin, Missouri, will interview CLYDE UNDERHILL for information regarding subjects, after determining whether they have been in contact with him.
- * 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.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Transmit the following Teletype message to: OKLAHOMA CITY

FBI SALT LAKE CITY

2-20-39

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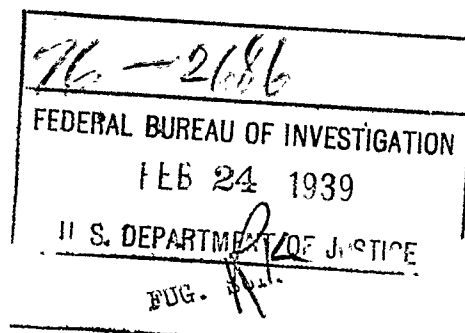
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ROCOL. INQUIRY RENO, NEVADA DISCLOSES TULELAKE, CALIFORNIA, ONLY TOWN
SIMILAR NAME REACHED FROM RENO, IS LOCATED ABOUT TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY
TWO MILES NW RENO ON OREGON STATE LINE. APPEARS TO BE ABOUT ONE HUNDRED
MILES WEST OF NEVADA LINE. OREGON, CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA STAGES HAS
BUS LEAVING RENO SEVEN FORTY FIVE AM, ARRIVING FOUR FIFTEEN PM DAILY.
ONE WAY FARE SIX DOLLARS EIGHTY FIVE CENTS. MAP SHOWS TULELAKE ABOUT
THIRTY MILES SOUTH KLAMATH FALLS, OREGON. OC AND N STAGES HAS BUS
LEAVING KLAMATH FALLS EIGHT AM ARRIVING TULELAKE EIGHT FIFTY AM DAILY.
ADVISE.

NEWMAN

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

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1. The company shall not be liable for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the unreported-message rate beyond the sum of five hundred dollars; nor for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the 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, an additional charge equal to one-tenth of one percent of the amount by which such valuation shall exceed five thousand dollars.
3. The company is hereby made the agent of the sender, without liability, to forward this message over the lines of any other company when necessary to reach destination.
4. Domestic messages and incoming cable messages will be delivered free within one-half mile of the company's office in towns of 5,000 population or less, within one mile of such office in other cities or towns. Beyond these limits the company does not undertake to make delivery, but will, without liability, at the sender's request, as his agent and at his expense, endeavor to contract for him for such delivery at a reasonable price.
5. No responsibility attaches to this company concerning messages until the same are accepted at one of its transmitting offices; and if a message is sent to such office by one of the company's messengers, he acts for that purpose as the agent of the sender.
6. The company will not be liable for damages or statutory penalties in any case where the claim is not presented in writing within sixty days after the message is received with the company for transmission.
7. It is agreed that in any action by the company to recover the tolls for any message or messages the prompt and correct transmission and delivery thereof shall be 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.

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

SPECIAL TERMS APPLYING TO DAY LETTERS:

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

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

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

NIGHT LETTERS

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

SPECIAL TERMS APPLYING TO NIGHT LETTERS:

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

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

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

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

REPORT MADE AT KANSAS City	DATE WHEN MADE 2-27-39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2-20-39	REPORT MADE BY R. F. NEWKIRK SW
TITLE RALPH ROE, with aliases, I. O. #1472 - FUGITIVE; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, I. O. #1471 - FUGITIVE.			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Inmates U. S. Hospital for Defective Delinquents, Springfield, Missouri, can furnish no information as to escape of ROE and COLE. PHIL RYAN, inmate, states ROE particularly friendly with VOLNEY DAVIS and COLE friendly with RUBE McCANN.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent L. H. RICHMOND, San Francisco, 2-2-39.</p> <p>DETAILS: <u>AT SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI:</u></p> <p>HAROLD JUNE, Alcatraz #365 and JOSEPH V. KALINSKI, Alcatraz #246, are confined to the mental section of the U. S. Hospital for Defective Delinquents, Springfield, Missouri, and interview with these prisoners was entirely negative due to the fact their mental condition is such as to preclude their giving a sensible answer to any questions.</p> <p>FRED RITZ, Alcatraz #321, is likewise confined to the mental section of this institution and upon interview advised he knew nothing concerning either ROE or COLE; that during the time he was at Alcatraz he worked in the mat shop for about two weeks but neither ROE nor COLE was there at that time, and that during the rest of his time there he worked in a cell house and did not come in contact with either of these individuals. RITZ stated he had heard nothing concerning a contemplated break by ROE and COLE and although he had</p>			
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heard that some one had attempted to get out of Alcatraz, he did not up until the time of the present interview know the names of these men.

PHIL FRANCIS RYAN, Alcatraz #134, upon interview, advised at the time of the escape of ROE and COLE, he, RYAN, was confined to the hospital at Alcatraz and the first he had heard concerning the attempted break was from the other prisoners. RYAN stated he had heard nothing prior to the break to indicate that ROE and COLE contemplated leaving nor had he heard anything subsequent to the break which would indicate whether they had made good their escape. RYAN stated that opinion among the inmates of Alcatraz was about evenly divided as to whether ROE and COLE had actually escaped. RYAN stated some of the prisoners stated they had seen ROE and COLE swimming in the channel after their escape and that one of those men, either ROE or COLE, had sunk a short distance from shore. RYAN expressed the opinion it was not possible that any of the prisoners had seen ROE and COLE swimming due to the thick fog and due to the further fact they were not seen by the guards. RYAN further stated it was rumored around the prison, although he could not state the source of this rumor, that ROE had about \$15,000.00 hidden and was going to use this money when he got out. RYAN further advised that during the time ROE and COLE were at Alcatraz, ROE was particularly friendly with VOLNEY DAVIS, and COLE was particularly intimate with RUFE McCANN. RYAN stated he knew nothing concerning the outside contacts of ROE and COLE.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

* The KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION, at Hayes, 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 so that the Bureau will be advised as to his activities.

* At Kansas City, Missouri, will interview ANDY SHIRKS and display a picture of COLE to him and ascertain if he can identify this person as having played cards in the Express Recreation, which he operates.

* 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 MARIE COLE.

* 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.

* At Leavenworth, Kansas, will interview the following individuals who were transferred from Alcatraz to Leavenworth Penitentiary on 1-26-38: Refer report of Special Agent L. H. RICHMOND, San Francisco, dated 2-2-39.

* At Joplin, Missouri, will verify information regarding HERBERT ALLEN FARMER and MICKY CARBY as furnished by Informant "Z". Will attempt to develop an informant who will be in a position to watch FARMER and CARBY and their activities in order that the Bureau will know should they assist Subjects.

* At Joplin, Missouri, will interview CLYDE UNDERHILL for information regarding Subjects, after determining whether they have been in contact with him.

* At Kansas City, will conduct appropriate investigation regarding Mrs. A. STEIN, 4032 Main Street and any connection she has with FLOYD A. BILL 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 HANPER, #233-AZ, as requested on page 8 of the report of Special Agent M. E. GURNEY, San Francisco, 12-36-37.

* 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 FRINGLY, present Alcatraz. See report of Special Agent E. M. KRIEGER, Kansas City, 10-26-38.

* At Leavenworth, Kansas, will interview DELL CAREWBER, 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 report of Special Agent RALPH HOOD, Oklahoma City, dated 12-2-38.

* At Leavenworth, Kansas, will recontact Deputy Warden SHUTTLWORTH at the U. S. Penitentiary, regarding FRANCIS WATERS, et al, and will have him re-contact his informant for further information.

* At Leavenworth, Kansas, will attempt to identify and interview SELL BAILLY.

* At Leavenworth, Kansas, will interview JACK F. WILLIAMS, alleged by FLINT C. BRANNON to be friendly with JAMES and RALPH ROE, for any information he may possess.

P E N D I N G

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

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA
FEBRUARY 21, 1939

Mr. Coffey
Mr. Crowl
Mr. Egan
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Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
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Mr. Gurnea
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Mr. Gandy
Miss Gandy

AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	
MAR 2 1939	
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	

Dear Sir:

RE: R O C O L

Confidential informant "R" advised Special Agent FRANK S. SMITH that about January 15, 1939, JOEL SANDERS, whom she met about three years ago through her convict husband and who is a hustling thief, made contact with her in Oklahoma claiming to be enroute to Atlanta, Georgia on important business from Tulalake, California, stating he was returning to Tulalake within two weeks. He stated that Tulalake was a mining, lawless town with plenty of money in it and that it was located from Reno, Nevada by bus across the Nevada-California line, and that the bus fare was \$6.30.

Inquiry has been made by teletype of Salt Lake City to ascertain the true identity of this town, and Salt Lake City has advised that Tulalake, California can be reached by bus from Reno, Nevada, being located 272 miles northwest of Reno on the Oregon state line and appears to be about one hundred miles West of the Nevada line. The bus fare from Reno to Tulalake, California is \$6.85, and it is therefore believed that the town referred to is Tulalake, Siskiyou County, California.

SANDERS advised that the fugitives had prearranged their protection after their escape and were hidden away by a prominent underworld Chinaman at San Francisco, California for about sixty days, and thereafter they proceeded to Reno, Nevada and on to Tulalake, California, being seen there by SANDERS shortly after January 1, 1939, where they were making their living by hustling and any other type of activity which will produce money. They are said to be heavily disguised, SANDERS stating they could hardly be recognized, and he stated he had known COLE in the vicinity of Stroud, Oklahoma in previous years and was personally acquainted with RALPH ROE in Oklahoma. SANDERS should not be contacted.

Informant states that this information was furnished in confidence by SANDERS and she is inclined to believe the story is true; that she did not bring up the subject of ROE and COLE

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but it was brought up by SANDERS himself. She states, if necessary, she can proceed to Tulalake, California, contacting SANDERS and perhaps through him assist in locating the fugitives. It will be necessary to advance her her expenses. She is interested in securing a reward from the Bureau if her information results in the location of the fugitives.

The San Francisco Office is requested to make appropriate discreet inquiry at Tulalake, California, and if in the opinion of the San Francisco Office it will be of value to have confidential informant "R" proceed to Tulalake, California, the Bureau should be promptly advised so that this office can make the necessary arrangements with the informant upon Bureau approval. In the event she goes to California in connection with this matter she is perfectly willing to be freely contacted by Agents of the Bureau, but she does not, under any circumstances, desire that her identity be disclosed.

Very truly yours,



H. B. FLETCHER
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

HEF:os

cc - San Francisco (AMSD)

cc - Salt Lake City

March 8, 1939
120 N. Rapa St.
Phila., Pa.

Dear Sir:-

Kindly give my articles your personal attention. When you wonder why I take such an interest in these cases, it is because of certain reasons.

I am enclosing an article from the Philadelphia Record a morning newspaper. Quote: Little F. B. I. Urged to Coast Crime in Philadelphia. The Philadelphia Police accept bribes from big shots who take care of Gambling, Vice, etc. and many more I cannot mention. Kindly do everything in your power to ask A. B. Leckie and maybe get the Chief Executive also in on it. As Crime rules all cities even if it does not come under the government jurisdiction of the Congressional party. Ralph Roe and Teddy Cole are hidden well. Ask the Mexican government to scour their small towns and villages. Ask the aid of every high official who knows the Americans and send pictures have one picture with a mustache and eye glasses also one with a mustache and no eye glasses. Try them yourself and you will get results.

Hoping to hear the goods

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Herman Dittlowitz
No. 628
alias The Shadow

P.S. I would like to have my picture the number is above. Look your files over and send me it.

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San Francisco, California
March 2, 1939

Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

RE: ROCOL

Reference is made to your letter of February 28, 1939, in which you request that appropriate investigation be made at Tule Lake, California, to ascertain whether or not it is possible that the information furnished by JOEL SANDERS to the Informant has any basis in fact.

Please be advised that Tule Lake, a town of approximately 100 population, is in a remote, mountainous section of the territory covered by the San Francisco Office. This area is now blanketed with snow and is barely accessible by automobile or common carrier conveyances. It is further noted that there is no other Bureau work in that vicinity which would warrant sending an Agent to Tule Lake.

In view of the above and the additional reasons contained in my letter of February 23, 1939, stating our opinion concerning the reliability of the information, the investigation at Tule Lake will not be conducted until such time as the roads are open and an Agent may be free to cover other leads in that part of the district, unless contrary instructions are received.

Very truly yours,

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

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cc Bureau

AIRMAIL

76-2686 -

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA
FEBRUARY 28, 1939

AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

Special Agent in Charge
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

RE: R O C O L

Reference is made to letter from this office dated February 21, 1939, and to your letter dated February 23, 1939, both addressed to the Director in the above entitled matter, and relating to information furnished by confidential informant "R" relative to the fugitives in this case presently being at Tulalake, California.

For your information confidential informant "R" is a woman having minor children and it does not appear that she would profit by making any trip to Tulalake with only her expenses paid for the reason it would be necessary for her to provide food and shelter for her minor children during her absence. Further, she did not voluntarily indicate she would make this travel and the investigating Agent, Special Agent F. S. SMITH, merely asked her whether or not she would be willing to proceed to Tulalake to assist in this investigation, if necessary, and she stated if it was necessary she could proceed to Tulalake, California.

This informant has been found to be valuable to a police agency who has made her available to this office and it is not desired that any action be taken which will disclose her identity. It is not deemed desirable to contact JOEL SANDERS for the reason that if he has furnished this information only to this confidential informant it will result in disclosing her identity to him and to such other criminals as he deems desirable. She furnished this information concerning the fugitives believing it might be of value to the Bureau, and it is respectfully requested that appropriate investigation be made discreetly at Tulalake, California, to ascertain whether or not it is possible that the information furnished by JOEL SANDERS to the informant has any basis in fact.

It is noted that the information furnished by the informant has been partially verified through making inquiry as to the location of Tulalake, California on the basis of the bus fare from Reno,

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Nevada to Tulalake, California. The informant does not expect to profit by giving this information unless the same results in the location of the fugitives.

Very truly yours,

H. B. FLETCHER
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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March 23, 1939

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Miss Eugenie Gilder
Palouse, Washington

Dear Miss Gilder:

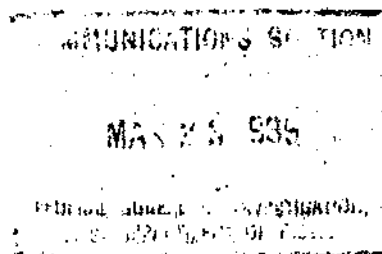
I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated March 9, 1939, in which you furnish information relative to two individuals observed by you on a recent bus trip.

I desire to thank you for furnishing this information to me and to advise you that I have instructed Mr. J. D. Swenson, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, 411 United States Court House Building, Portland, Oregon, to have an Agent from his office contact you in the near future to further discuss this matter with you.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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RPK:MP

March 23, 1939

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Special Agent in Charge
Portland, Oregon

Re: RUCOL

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith two copies of a letter dated March 9, 1939, addressed to the Bureau by Miss Eugenie Gilder of Palouse, Washington, together with two copies of the Bureau's reply thereto.

In view of the fact that Miss Eugenie Gilder may have information of interest in the investigation pertaining to the above captioned case, it is desired that you have an Agent interview her in the near future to obtain all the information in her possession regarding this matter.

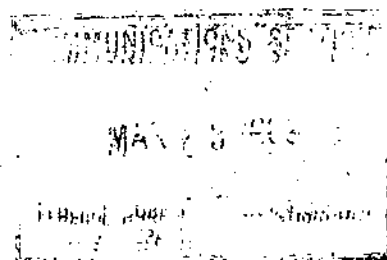
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Albany Oregon
March 9th 1939

Mr Hoover Secret Service

Dear Sir:- Tuesday morning we
took the bus out from San Francisco
at 7:30 I think was the time for Eureka
Calif. After we were seated two men in
light gray suits very neat in appearance
sat in front of us. And I couldnt help but
hear some of the things they had to say.
The men seemed to be strangers at first
but as soon as we passed San Jacinto
they commenced to talk both men
in common and talked about the prisons
and talk drifted to about the two men
who escaped from Alcatraz last spring.
The one man said in less than two weeks
I was in Miami Florida. I find the
impossible for folks said it could not be
done. He told of a woman who cashed a
check for 30000.00 treasurers check I think
and 3/29/39 - R.P.K. L.B.A.C. Seattle - plain envelope

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from the talk and of course when
check came back ~~the~~ was gone.

They talked until we reached Santa Rosa
and when we got off they separated and
were not together at the station in the
station at the door when the crowd were
gathered one man stood facing me I looked
him over to impress his face in my mind
and turned to look at the other man to
also be sure of his face. When the door
opened the gray haired man was gone
but the other came back. The thing that
may help you to trace them was that
at the station before we left. The bus driver
came on to the stage and called out
for two people who were going towards
Eureka they answered and he handed
them two white slips. Neither man
went as far as Eureka. I do not know
just what station the last man left the
bus for so many changed seats and
so much going and coming at strange
towns I did not watch strangers either.

Another thing. They talked about going to
Vancouver from Seattle. The one man had his car
at Seattle and they talked about crossing the
line. That is all I know they may be honest
men or not but the talk I couldnt help but
hear. If it helps you I am glad if I have
hindered I am sorry.

Most Sincerely

Eugenie Gilder

Palouse Wash.

EUGENIE G. E. R.

Both men had been almost all over even
to Australia and South America.

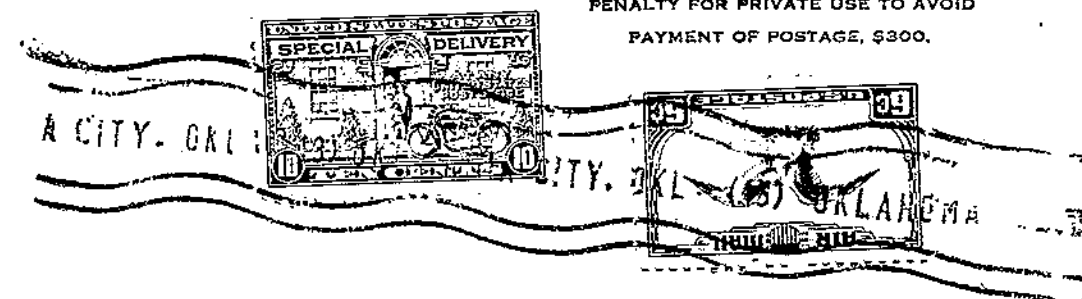
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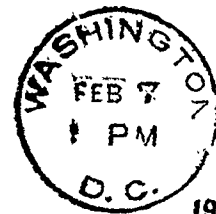
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Albany, Oregon
March 9th, 1939

Mr. Hoover Secret Service

Dear Sir:- Tuesday morning we took the bus out from San Francisco at 7:30 I think was the time for Eureka, Calif. After we were seated two men in light gray suits very neat in apperence sat in front of us. And I couldn't help but hear some of the things they had to say. The men seemed to be strangers at first but as soon as we passed San Quentin they comenced to talk both knew men in common and talked about the prisons and talk drifted to about the two men who escaped from Alcatraz last spring. The one man said in less than two weeks I was in Miami, Florado. I done the impossible for folks said it could not be done. He told of a woman who cashed a check for 3600.00 travelers check I think from the talk and of course when check came back she was gone.

They talked untill we reached Santa Rosa and when we got off they seperated and were not together at the station in the station at the door where the crowd were gathered one man stood facing me. I looked him over to impress his face in my mind and turned to look at the other man to also be sure of his face. When the door opened the gray haired man was gone but the other came back. One thing that may help you to trace them was that at the station before we left. The bus driver came on to the stage and called out for two people who were going towards Eureka they answered and he handed them two white slips. Neither man went as far as Eureka. I do not know just what station the last man left the bus for so many changed seats and so much going and coming at strange towns I did not watch strangers either.

Another think, They talked about going to Vancouver from Seattle the one man had his car at Seattle and they talked about crossing the line. That is all I know they may be honest men or not but the talk I couldent help but hear. If it helps you I am glad if I have henderd I am sorry.

Most Sincerely

/s/ EUGENIE GILDER
Palouse, Wash.

Both men had been almost all over even to Australia and South America. If you write me in regard to this please use plain envelop for I dont want to be talked about- as mixing in.

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Special Agent in Charge
Atlanta, Georgia

RE: ROGOL

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Earl Hirsh dated at Atlanta, Georgia, on March 7, 1939.

It is noted that on page two of this report reference is made to "Rose Perdner" as an individual believed to be implicated in the escape of Roe and Cole. It appears probable that the intention of the Agent in writing the report was that this individual should be referred to as "Roe's partner", and it is requested that the Atlanta Office advise the offices receiving copies of the reference report as to the true facts in this matter.

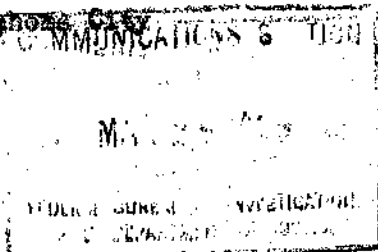
It is further noted in the final paragraph of reference report that reference is made to "one Cole", a cousin of the fugitive, who contacted the reporting Agent at the Atlanta Penitentiary and volunteered his opinion as to the result of the subjects' attempted escape. The report fails to indicate the correct name of this person although it would appear that this should have been determined by the investigating Agent. It is desired that arrangements be made to obtain the correct name of this person so that it can be furnished to the interested offices. In view of the fact that this person may be considered in future investigation in this case, it is imperative that his complete name be determined.

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

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc-Oklahoma City



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FILE NO. **ATLA. 76-96**

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REPORT MADE AT Atlanta, Georgia.	DATE WHEN MADE 3-7-39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2-28-39	REPORT MADE BY EARL HIRSH.
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 J. CARTER, #33,153, United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, advised he received information from eye witness that ROE and COLE made good their escape. Is of opinion they visited relatives of JOHN PAUL CHASE and CHARLIE BERTA at Sausalito Island who assisted them after escape. CARTER believes PETE and ACIE REED, former Alcatraz inmates who are now released, might talk. Confidential informants contacted with negative results. FRANK MAHONEY, inmate, United States Penitentiary, has no information relative to escape.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, December 2, 1938; report of Special Agent L. H. RICHMOND, San Francisco, February 2, 1939.

DETAILS: AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

The records at the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, reflect that WILLIAM J. CARTER, #33,153, was received at the Atlanta Penitentiary on February 16, 1938, on transfer from the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas. His full time will expire January 4, 1954.

Upon interview CARTER was at first very reluctant to talk, stating that he had previously been interviewed on several occasions and had refused to give any information and that if he talked now he might involve himself in further trouble. He stated that Warden JOHNSON at Alcatraz had talked with him and he had refused to give information and was afraid that if he talked now that additional time would be given him. He also stated that his life would not be worth anything in the event any

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information that he gave out to other inmates. It was impressed upon CARTER that any information he furnished reporting Agent would be held in strict confidence and any further investigation made of the information which was given as the result of the interview with CARTER would not reveal that the information came from him.

CARTER advised that he was working on the second floor in the net shop, the floor above the one where ROE and COLE made their escape, and that same took place about one o'clock A.M. but that the Penitentiary officials were not aware of the escape until approximately two o'clock. He stated that there were about seven gallon cans of oil in the shop where ROE and COLE were assigned and that there was one oil can where he was; that after their escape it was ascertained that the oil can in his place was missing and apparently was taken by ROE and COLE. CARTER stated that although he has no definite information along these lines, that he is positive that the escape was previously planned and stated that besides ROE and COLE, that DOC BARBER and ROSE FARDNER were to have left with them. However, due to the fact that BARBER and ROSE FARDNER, correct name forgotten at this time, were in the barber shop they failed to make good their escape with ROE and COLE.

CARTER stated that it was practically impossible to get any information in or out of Alcatraz and did not believe that any outside individuals were in on this escape plot although he indicated that JOHN PAUL CHASE and CHARLIE BERTIA may have know about this inasmuch as they have lived on Sausalito Island across the bay and was strongly of the opinion that ROE and COLE went to their homes where they got assistance. CARTER at first did not mention the names of CHASE and BERTIA but finally did mention both names.

CARTER also stated that there was a rumor around Alcatraz that the clothing of ROE and COLE was found on the mainland; that it had been returned and placed in the safe at the Penitentiary. However, the prison officials destroyed this clothing as they wanted ROE and COLE to be dead and did not want information to get out that they had escaped.

CARTER stated that JEFF ROUBIDEAUX, Alcatraz #342, was an eye witness to the escape and that all the information which he, CARTER, has imparted came direct from ROUBIDEAUX. CARTER suggested that ROUBIDEAUX be interviewed as he was one of the weakest men at Alcatraz and might possibly come through with any information in his possession. It was called to CARTER'S attention that ROUBIDEAUX had been interviewed but stated that he was not in possession of any information. However, CARTER was strongly of the belief that ROUBIDEAUX was afraid to talk and that if pressed hard enough that he actually would tell all he knew. He also stated that FEAR and ACID BRED, former Alcatraz inmates who are now released, were present at the time of the escape and would be able to furnish information.

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FRANK LEHONEY, #43,438, was interviewed at the Atlanta Penitentiary and advised that he had only hearsay information that COLE and ROJ used oil cans in their escape. However, he was unable to furnish any first hand information that they made good their escape. He stated that half of the inmates out there were of the opinion that they drowned while the other half were of the opinion that they actually escaped. LEHONEY stated that although he had a very bad reputation at Alcatraz for being friendly with AL CAESONE, that he mostly stayed to himself and had no interest in the escape other than what he could pick up from the inmates who thought they knew something about it.

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REPORT MADE AT SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH	DATE WHEN MADE 3-4-39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2-9,17-39	REPORT MADE BY J. C. SPEARS FR
TITLE RALPH ROY, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1471.			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: G. W. McMILLIN, FBI NPA graduate, Las Vegas, Nevada, advised of being approached by [redacted] relative to information concerning Subject COLE. [redacted] claims to have no information other than already furnished this Bureau.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent H. SANDBERG, dated 1-31-39 at Salt Lake City.

DETAILS:

G. W. McMILLIN, FBI National Police Academy Graduate, now connected with the Nevada State Highway Patrol at Las Vegas, Nevada, advised the Salt Lake Division office by letter dated February 7, 1939 of his having been approached by one [redacted] on the above-mentioned date, at which time [redacted] claimed to be in danger of losing his life or being kidnaped by Subject TED COLE.

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McMILLIN reported that [redacted] claimed to have been told by an ex-convict (name not given) four days previously that TED COLE was alive and some place in the Middle West. McMILLIN further set out that [redacted] claimed also to be a Bureau contact man in instant case inasmuch as he had been COLE'S lawyer about ten years ago at Tulsa, Oklahoma, but did not have a clear recollection of COLE'S appearance and requested McMILLIN to furnish him with a photograph or Bureau Identification Order on COLE.

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61 SEP 9 1964 McMILLIN further advised that [redacted] appeared very nervous and gave the impression of either being frightened or "hopped up," and expressed fear that COLE might contact him for money and assistance on threat of death, which [redacted] stated he would be forced to give and therefore would be the subject of a Federal Government Harboring charge.

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McMILLIN was interviewed at Las Vegas, Nevada by Agent and substantiated the information he had previously furnished by letter to this office.

[redacted] and furnished information identical with that he had recently given to Special Agent E. SANDBERG which is contained in the latter's report dated January 31, 1939 at Salt Lake City.

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In addition, [redacted] was questioned relative to any recent information he may have received from any contacts or clients of his and he claimed to have no additional information, and further that he had not been contacted by any ex-convict who advised of COLE'S being alive and in the Middle West.

In the opinion of the writer, [redacted] is a very nervous and highly imaginative individual, and subsequent to his interview by a Special Agent of the Bureau has conjured in his own mind that he is in constant danger of being kidnaped by Subject TED COLE. In this connection [redacted] stated he has made arrangements with his sister to notify this office if he, [redacted] "ever turns up missing." [redacted] advised he has arranged a system of notifying his sister of his disappearance by means of a card he places on the door of his office, where he also resides, each time he departs from the office. He stated if this card were not in place it would be a signal to her that he had been kidnaped.

[redacted] stated he had absolutely no reason to believe COLE is alive, but that since ^{the} recent call made by an Agent of the Bureau he believes COLE must be alive.

The photographs of Subjects COLE and ROE as well as Identification Orders #1472 and #1471 were exhibited to HUFFORD. He gave them careful study for several minutes and made notes concerning the descriptive data contained thereon. [redacted] advised that the photographs of COLE in no way resembled the person he knew as COLE, but stated that could easily happen inasmuch as he has not seen COLE for over ten years, and the time he did see him to remember him was at the time COLE had a close prison haircut.

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Identification Orders #1471 and #1472 relative to COLE and ROE have been furnished to Mr. HUFFORD.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD

SALT LAKE CITY OFFICE

- * Will contact all of the remaining confidential informants in this territory.

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FILE NO. **76-282**

REPORT MADE AT EL PASO, TEXAS	DATE WHEN MADE 3/13/39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/13, 16, 17, 22, 23, 25/39	REPORT MADE BY ROGER W. LEVERTON
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:

Inquiry of U. S. Coast Guard fails to reveal whereabouts of JACK "FATS" MILES. Efforts to locate persons by names of HARRY J. ALBERTS, A. MOUD (MOULD) and TEDDY MOUD (MOULD) unsuccessful. Holder of Box 298, Wink, Texas, JOHN PRICE, knows JAMES ROE but met RALPH only once and does not know where he is. Mrs. RALEIGH SHARP, who, with husband, holds Box 308, Kermit, Texas, acquainted with JAMES but does not know RALPH. Thinks Fugitive in Dallas, Texas, last summer. City officer, DICK CHAPMAN, offers nothing of value. Investigation at Phoenix and Mesa, Ariz., fails to reveal any further information relative to Model A Ford roadster abandoned on highway near Apache Junction, Arizona.

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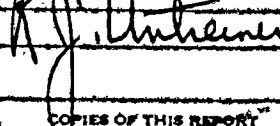
REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent J. A. BERNARD, dated 2/2/39 at El Paso, Texas.
Report of Special Agent G. V. DIERST, dated 9/7/38 at Los Angeles, California.

DETAILS:

AT EL PASO, TEXAS

Lt. ROBERT L. GRANTHAM, United States Coast Guard, was telephonically contacted and advised that he was unable to find any report of Lt. LYONS' investigation. He stated that their case was predicated on information received from a Mr.

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VAN TREEL, Narcotic Agent, stationed at Albuquerque, New Mexico, to the effect that he had been instructed by his District Supervisor, Mr. JESSE B. GRIFFIN at Kansas City, Missouri, to investigate alleged violations of the narcotic laws by MILES, who was supposed to have been operating at a point about ten miles north of Roswell, New Mexico, in the desert country. Mr. VAN TREEL, stated Lt. GRANTHAM, passed the information on to the Coast Guard because there was evidence that MILES was an aviator and might be flying narcotics from Old Mexico.

The following investigation was conducted in an effort to locate HARRY J. ALBERTS, A. YOUNG (GOULD) and TEDDY YOUNG (GOULD) without result:

None of the three are listed in the City Directory or the telephone book.

Miss LUELLA HOBBS, at the Texas Cities Gas Company, advised that their records are kept by street address only and that there is no such street as 902½ South.

Mr. YEATMAN, Comptroller of the El Paso Electric Company, advised that their records are kept by street addresses and that there is no such street as 902½ South.

Mr. KEITHEN EARL, Tri-State Association of Business Men, Caples Building, stated that he had no record on any of the three.

Mr. THOMAS F. DAVIS at the El Paso Water Company stated that none of the three were listed as consumers.

It being noted that the HARRY J. ALBERTS was supposed to have been a candidate for the office of Sheriff of El Paso County, a check was made at the County Clerk's Office and Miss L. A. MALONE checked her records back as far as 1894, and no such person was ever candidate for Sheriff in El Paso County.

Mrs. JANE EDMONDSON, at the Business Men's Protective Association, Mills Building, stated that she had no record of the YOUNG or GOULD persons but that she had a record of one H. J. ALBERTS, who in 1926 was listed as a student fireman with the Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio Railroad. No address was listed for this person. The card bore a notation that he was going out of town with the railroad.

Mr. R. V. COOK, Chief Clerk, Texas and New Orleans Railroad, advised that the road mentioned in the last paragraph was now a part of the T. & N. O. After calling Mr. H. B. WILSON, Chief Clerk of the Master Mechanics, he advised that in May, 1926, one H. H. ALBERTS obtained the papers necessary for filing an application for employment

but these papers were never filed and that he does not now work for the road.

AT WINK, TEXAS

Postmaster JETTE advised that the holder of Box 298 was the International Supply Company and that Mr. JOHN PRICE was the manager.

Mr. JOHN W. PRICE at the International Supply Company stated that he was a personal friend of JAMES ROE, having met him several years ago in McPherson, Kansas, through his, JAMES' wife. PRICE, a rough and tough looking sort of individual, said that he was the person who had obtained JAMES' job for him at Hobbs, New Mexico, with the International Supply Company. He stated that JAMES had been transferred and is now store manager at Odessa, Texas, where he is trying to make good.

PRICE related that he only met RALPH once in his life, then about five years ago in Wichita, Kansas. He would not reveal any mutual acquaintances. He said that he doubted if he would know RALPH if he were to see him, since he has not seen him since the day they met. PRICE stated that if he were to locate RALPH he would not turn him in because he did not want to take one of those one-way rides. PRICE told Agent that he knew that his mail was being read because he had put a hair under the seal once and it was gone on reaching its destination.

AT KERMIT, TEXAS

Mrs. FLORENCE E. LOGAN, Post Office clerk, advised that Box 308 was rented to the American Glycerine Company.

Mrs. RALEIGH SHARP advised Agent that she and her husband were personal friends of the JAMES ROE'S. Mrs. SHARP said that they visit back and forth once in a while and claimed that she knew only JAMES. A brother RAYMOND she stated, she thought worked for the Halliburton Oil Well Cementing Company at Hays, Kansas. Mrs. SHARP, whom Agent believes to be sincere, advised that she did not know RALPH ROE but that from the way JAMES talked she supposed that he was the black sheep of the family.

Mrs. SHARP stated that she thinks it was RALPH that Mr. and Mrs. JAMES ROE were planning on going to see in Dallas, Texas, last summer. She said that they were all ready to go when they heard that RALPH had left. JAMES, she thinks, got the information that RALPH was in Dallas through an aunt in Duncan, Oklahoma. The only other relative known to Mrs. SHARP is a brother of WANDA ROE somewhere in California.

It is noted in report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, dated December 2, 1938, at Oklahoma City, that Subject has an aunt at Duncan, Oklahoma, Mrs. WILLIS BONNER, who resides with her daughter, Mrs. S. E. LEGG, and that Mrs. BONNER has never been directly contacted.

AT ODESSA, TEXAS

DICK CHAPMAN, City Officer, when contacted on the street, stated that as yet he had not been able to find out who JAMES ROE was. Agent informed Officer CHAPMAN that ROE was store manager for the International Supply Company and CHAPMAN said that he would see if he could develop anything. Officer CHAPMAN told Agent that Odessa would be an ideal place for a criminal to hide out because the town is in a boom and there are so many strangers that they can go unquestioned. He asked if there was a photograph of the Fugitives available and he was furnished with photographs of both ROE and COLE. CHAPMAN stated that he would keep a sharp lookout and notify this office if anything turned up.

AT PHOENIX, ARIZONA

At the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office it was ascertained that practically the entire personnel of the Sheriff's Office changed with the new administration which entered office on January 1, 1939. The writer was referred to Deputy Sheriff E. W. ROACH, who served in the last administration and who is acquainted with the records of the Sheriff's Office.

Deputy Sheriff ROACH had no personal recollection of the new black Model A Ford roadster which was reported abandoned on the highway near Apache Junction, Arizona, by GEORGE S. THOMPSON, colored. ROACH checked the records of the Sheriff's Office, which failed to reflect that any report had been made in that office relative to the recovery of instant car.

While discussing other matters with Mr. HARRY A. HOOPER, Special Agent in Charge of the National Automobile Theft Bureau, 1791 W. Jackson, whose office is located in the same building with the State Highway Patrol, instant matter was brought up. Mr. HOOPER has access to the records of the State Highway Patrol and is very familiar with them. At this time he again carefully checked the records of the National Automobile Theft Bureau and then made a careful check of the records in the office of the State Highway Patrol, but with negative results. The writer was advised by Mr. HOOPER, as well as by a clerk whose name was not secured and who helped in the search, that the information relative to instant car was insufficient to enable a thorough check to be made because of the lack of motor number or owner.

A check was made of the Model A Fords recovered in the past year and returned to their owners, but no information relative to instant car was found. It is noted that the card index maintained of the stolen cars recovered is based on motor numbers and names of owners only, making it impossible to locate a particular automobile without the aid of a motor number or the owner.

AT MESA, ARIZONA

Mr. J. E. BLEWETT, Office Manager of the Ford garage, 26 West Main, advised that in February, 1938, the management of the Ford Garage changed hands, subsequent to which most of the employees also changed. Mr. BLEWETT advised that he was employed at the above firm prior to the change of management. He had no information relative to the Model A. Ford roadster abandoned near Apache Junction and knew nothing of GEORGE S. THOMPSON having talked with one of the employees relative to same. He advised that CHARLES SPAIN was the only mechanic remaining from the former management of the garage.

CHARLES SPAIN was interviewed at the garage. He advised that he knew nothing of the Ford roadster and added that he was not acquainted with GEORGE S. THOMPSON, colored. Mr. SPAIN and Mr. BLEWETT advised that the following men were employed as mechanics at the garage until about April, 1938, any of whom might be the one with whom GEORGE S. THOMPSON conversed as set forth in reference report:

FRANK KNIGHT, mechanic, Mesa Body and Fender Company, Peterson and S. Robson Streets; ORVILLE WILLIAMS, Showalters' Auto Service, 40 E. Main Street; and DICK GOODMAN, whose whereabouts could be ascertained from his brother, GEORGE GOODMAN, proprietor of the Apache Drug Store, 125 W. Main Street.

Mr. FRANK KNIGHT, was interviewed at the Mesa Body and Fender Company. However, he had no recollection of the matter.

ORVILLE WILLIAMS was interviewed at Showalters' Auto Service. He stated that he could not recall having seen a Ford roadster coming into the garage for service. He stated that he did have some faint recollection of something having occurred at the garage involving a negro; however, he was unable to recall just what was involved. WILLIAMS advised that in all probability DICK GOODMAN, a mechanic, formerly employed at the Ford Garage, was the one contacted. He stated that GOODMAN was more or less the front man among the mechanics and usually was contacted by those coming there for any service on their cars.

Chief of Police JOE B. MAIER, Mesa, had no information relative to instant matter.

At the Apache Drug Store, GEORGE GOODMAN advised that his brother DICK was in Phoenix, Arizona, and could be located through the John's Drug Store, 201 East Jefferson Street.

At John's Drug Store, Phoenix, Arizona, the writer was advised that DICK GOODMAN was staying at 1421 East Diamond Street.

J. R. "DICK" GOODMAN, after some thought, stated that he recalled a Model A Ford roadster having come into the Ford Garage at Mesa sometime in March or April, 1938. He was unable to recall anything about the driver or drivers of the car. He stated that as he recalled, the Ford was equipped with various extra equipment. GOODMAN stated that the reason he recalled instant car was in view of the fact that he was contemplating the purchase of a new car and was undecided as to whether he would buy a Ford roadster or a Ford coupe. He stated that when this car came in it attracted his attention. He could give no further information relative to the car or the circumstances surrounding the car having been driven to the garage. He could not recall having had any conversation with GEORGE S. THOMPSON, colored, Apache Junction, relative to the Ford roadster found abandoned near Apache Junction. He stated, however, that he was acquainted with THOMPSON and felt that had he talked with THOMPSON about the car he would now recall the incident.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE

AT DUNCAN, OKLAHOMA

Will interview ROE's aunt, Mrs. WILLIS BONNER, for any information concerning present or past location of Subject.

THE EL PASO OFFICE

AT ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

Will contact Mr. VAN TREEL, Narcotic Agent, to ascertain if his investigation disclosed the whereabouts of JACK "FATS" MILES.

AT LATONA, TEXAS

* Will interview ROLLIE RECTOR, Alcatraz #262, transferred to the U. S. Detention Farm at Latona from Alcatraz on 3/23/38, for any information he may have concerning the escape or the present location of ROE or COLE.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY OKLAHOMA

FILE NO. 76-41

REPORT MADE AT DES MOINES, IOWA	DATE WHEN MADE 3-13-39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2-14, 16, 24-39	REPORT MADE BY M. E. SHAEFFER MES:MFG
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 information available relative to subjects at Cedar Rapids, Waterloo, or Des Moines.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, dated 12-2-38.

DETAILS:

The following persons were contacted in the following cities but no information forthcoming relative to subject's escape and their present whereabouts.

AT CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

EARL STANLEY, Chief of Detectives, Police Department
TOM CONDEN, Detective, Police Department
JAMES H. SMITH, Sheriff
LARRY CONDON, Deputy Sheriff

AT WATERLOO, IOWA

H. T. WAGNER, Sheriff
PETE JENSEN, Deputy Sheriff
Mrs. CECILIA STORM, Police Matron, Police Department
EARL STEFANS, Identification Officer, Police Department

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AT DES MOINES, IOWA

JOHN A. BROPHY, Inspector of Detectives
PAUL CASTELLINE, Captain of Detectives
SOL GOLDENSON, Detective, Police Department
JOE LOEHR, Detective, Police Department.

All of the above advised the writer that although he had heard no rumor concerning subjects, in the event any information was forthcoming in the future they would immediately notify the Des Moines Field Division.

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

FILE NO. **76-81**

REPORT MADE AT LOUISVILLE, KY.	DATE WHEN MADE 3-14-39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2-15-39	REPORT MADE BY J. R. MALLEY
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:

JAMES HUGH BUTCHER advised that he had in his possession only one note pertaining to Subject, **COLE** while he was incarcerated in Alcatraz; that this note was planted on him and that he did not know the contents of the note until he heard it read to him in the warden's office.

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REFERENCE:


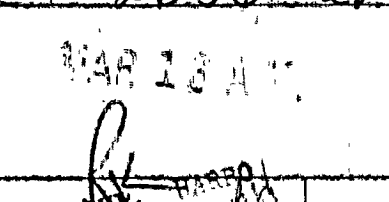
Report of SA **RALPH T. HOOD**, Oklahoma City, 12-2-38;
Report of SA **EARL HIRSH**, Atlanta, 12-10-38;
Report of SA **L. H. RICHMOND**, San Francisco, 2-2-39.

DETAILS:

The following is a memorandum submitted by Special Agent **A. N. CARLHOLM**, dated 2-4-39:

Efforts were made on January 5, 7 and 19, 1939 to locate **JAMES HUGH BUTCHER** in the vicinity of London, Kentucky, to question him as suggested in the report of Special Agent **EARL HIRSH**, Atlanta, Georgia, 12-10-38.

JAMES HUGH BUTCHER'S brother, **WILLIAM BUTCHER**, Laurel County Jail, London, Kentucky, was questioned as to where his brother could be located and after lengthy questioning admitted that his brother was in the vicinity of London, Kentucky, but refused to give specific information, which would permit Agent's interviewing his brother inasmuch as **JAMES HUGH BUTCHER** is practically in a fugitive status since he believes he is wanted by the Sheriff's Office, Laurel County, London, Kentucky. It was suggested by **WILLIAM BUTCHER** that his mother, **IRENE McFARLAND**, who lives near East Bernstadt, Kentucky, two miles off the main highway, be contacted as she would be able to furnish definite information as to the whereabouts of **JAMES HUGH BUTCHER**.

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Due to the inaccessability, however, of the region in which JAMES HUGH BUTCHER formerly resided and to the heavy rains at that time, Agent was unable to locate JAMES HUGH BUTCHER, although various persons advised seeing him for brief moments since his release from Atlanta, October 1938.

At East Bernstadt inquiry was made at the Post Office, where ERNEST MUSTER, Postmaster, advised that upon JAMES HUGH BUTCHER'S return from Atlanta, October 1938 they had met in the woods near East Bernstadt and JAMES HUGH BUTCHER had angrily inquired of him as to why he had advised the Atlanta Prison officials that LAURA SEARS, Pittsburg, Kentucky was not a proper person for him to communicate with while incarcerated at Atlanta. On this occasion BUTCHER was very angry and in the course of his conversation stated that he didn't care to write to LAURA SEARS herself but that he wanted to communicate through her to someone else. Mr. MUSTER could add no further information, but stated that at the time of this conversation there was present his wife, MARGARET MUSTER, FREDA CASTELL and DELMAR FIELDS, all of East Bernstadt, Kentucky.

At Pittsburg, Kentucky, LULA SEARS, recognized prostitute, age 21, was interviewed at the home of her parents and in the presence of MARY SEARS, her mother. She, at that time, advised that she had known JAMES HUGH BUTCHER prior to his being sent to Atlanta on his sentence for counterfeiting; that upon his release from Alcatraz October 9, 1936 he had stayed in and about the vicinity of East Bernstadt, Kentucky for a period of six months during which time she had seen him on several occasions. She denied any suggestions having been made by BUTCHER that she act as a go-between and advised receiving only one letter from JAMES BUTCHER at any time; that this letter was addressed to Miss LULA and LAURA SEARS, who is LULA'S sister. In this letter JAMES HUGH BUTCHER is alleged to have inquired simply as to the welfare of his family, since at that time his family would not communicate with him due to his having recently shot his brother, ALBERT. LULA SEARS added information to the effect that JAMES BUTCHER had requested that she carry letters sent by him to MARIE BUTCHER his sister-in-law. However, she consistently maintained having only received one letter from JAMES BUTCHER. She advised that she had not seen him since his release from Atlanta, October 1938.

AT LONDON, KENTUCKY:

JAMES HUGH BUTCHER was interviewed in the presence of SAM MORGAN, Deputy Jailer at the Laurel County Jail, where he is incarcerated on a Grand Larceny charge. At the beginning of the interview BUTCHER stated that Agent had him arrested in order to make sure he could locate him for an interview and at first would not talk to Agent concerning anything. After talking to BUTCHER for approximately twenty-five minutes Agent finally was able to explain to BUTCHER that he had nothing to do with the instant

case and started talking with him on a rather friendly basis, however, just as soon as the instant case was mentioned to BUTCHER he advised that he did not care to discuss the case in any way; that he had been interviewed relative to this case in the past; that he was not interested in giving any information even if he did know it. However, after long interrogation, BUTCHER finally advised that he had never told any Agent of the Bureau that TED COLE had given him the note. He stated that the only note he ever saw relative to the Subjects in the instant case was the one found on him by the guards and that the only recollection he has of this note relative to the contents is that he heard the warden read the contents of the same to him while he was in the warden's office. He further advised that because of the fact that this note was found on him, which he believes was planted there by an individual with whom he had had trouble while he was confined in the Atlanta, Georgia Penitentiary; that he was placed in solitary confinement for approximately nine days. He stated that the records were falsified and showed that he was sent there for the destruction of food.

It is noted in the reference report of Special Agent L. H. RICHMOND, dated 2-2-39, that the records show that no action was taken against BUTCHER while in Alcatraz for having this note in his possession.

When questioned further relative to his knowledge of actions of ROE and COLE while he was in Alcatraz with them, he very frankly stated that even if he did know he would not tell an Agent of the Bureau, but that he was telling the truth when he said that he knew nothing of the instant case.

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OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA
MARCH 15, 1939

Special Agent in Charge
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

RE: R O C O L

Ralph K. Hall

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent
EARL MURSH, dated at Atlanta, 3-7-39, wherein on page 3
is reported an interview with one COLE, who alleged that he
was a cousin of fugitive COLE. Sufficient information is not
set forth to identify the person interviewed and there is no
information in the files of this case to identify him.

It is requested that COLE be reinterviewed regarding
his relationship with fugitive COLE and also for any informa-
tion he may possess concerning this matter.

Very truly yours,

H. B. FLETCHER
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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

FILE NO. **76-50**

REPORT MADE AT Seattle, Washington	DATE WHEN MADE 3/11/39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/1/39	REPORT MADE BY T. P. MacFARLAND MEM
TITLE RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1471			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: 1937 Washington tags #A-105,925 issued to R. E. KUEHNER, 900 Yakima Place, Seattle, Wash., for a Chevrolet Sedan. 1938 and 1939 Wash. tags #A-105,925 issued to WILLIAM S. SMITH, 710 North 73rd Street, Seattle, Wash. for a Pontiac Sedan. Efforts to locate enlisted man at Vancouver Barracks who was alleged to have made comments at the Railroad depot, Salt Lake City, Utah, indicating that he had knowledge of facts in this matter that might be of interest of no avail.

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REFERENCES: Report of Special Agent R. T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 12-2-38.

Report of Special Agent J. R. McGULLOCH, San Francisco, California, dated 12-28-38.

DETAILS: At Olympia, Washington

MISS M. BUTTRICK, Division of Licenses, Motor Vehicle Bureau, was contacted and she advised after a search of her files that Washington State 1937 tags A-105,925 were issued to one R. E. KUEHNER, 900 Yakima Place, Seattle, Washington, for a Chevrolet Sedan bearing motor #4,514,700, serial #6AB30281.

1938 and 1939 Washington State tag #A-105,925, according to the records supplied by MISS BUTTRICK, indicate that the said tag number was issued to one WILLIAM S. SMITH, 710 West 73rd Street, Seattle, Washington, for a Pontiac Sedan bearing motor #P285,991

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At Vancouver Barracks, Washington

In an effort to locate an enlisted man who was alleged to have made a statement to one ED RILEY as reflected in the reference report of Special Agent J. R. McCULLOCH to the effect that he, the said unknown enlisted man, knew plenty about this case and that money talks, the writer contacted Lieutenant W. SCOTT, who in turn had Staff Sergeant P. R. WILLIAMSON produce all enlisted men who had arrived at the said barracks from Ft. Douglas, Utah, during the months of July, August, September, October, November and December of 1938. The following enlisted men were interrogated by the writer:

PAUL S. MARKHAM
BILLY J. DEDRICK
ARTHUR FAIRCHILD
HAROLD R. CUTTON
LEONARD O. RODERICK

MELVIN L. TURK
GEORGE A. COLLINS
SYLVESTER VANEK
VICTOR C. DOWDY

Each of these individuals stated that he had no contact with anyone in the railroad depot at Salt Lake City during September of 1938 while en route from Ft. Douglas, Utah to Vancouver Barracks. Each of these individuals, who were interviewed separately, stated that he knew of no enlisted man presently assigned at Vancouver Barracks or anywhere else who made any comments concerning this case. Each of these men was likewise interrogated as to whether he accompanied an enlisted man from Ft. Douglas to Vancouver Barracks who had served a previous enlistment and who was supposed to have been a sign painter and each of these individuals stated that he had not accompanied such a person; that the persons in whose company they were en route from Ft. Douglas to Vancouver Barracks had made no comment of any kind concerning knowledge of facts in this matter.

Sergeant P. R. WILLIAMSON advised that the records of the Vancouver Barracks failed to reflect the presence therein of any enlisted man who is a qualified sign painter.

It might be noted here for the sake of the record that most of the men interviewed had arrived at Vancouver Barracks shortly prior to September 27, 1938 or immediately thereafter, between the 28th day of September through October 15, 1938. There is a possibility that the enlisted man referred to in the report of Special Agent McCULLOCH may have been destined to some other military post and with that thought in mind it would appear desirable that further investigation be made at Ft. Douglas, Utah with a view to locating the individual referred to by the informant

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For the information of the Salt Lake City Office it may be

indicated that one [] furnished information to the San Francisco Office to the effect that on September 27, 1938 while waiting for a train in the Southern Pacific Railroad station in Salt Lake City, Utah, on September 27, 1938 at about 11:25 P. M. he became engaged in a conversation with four soldiers, three of whom were obviously new recruits judging from their uniforms and general demeanor. The fourth man was in civilian clothes but advised that he had that day enlisted with the other three men at Ft. Douglas, Utah, and that they were leaving for Vancouver Barracks where they were assigned for duty. [] related that the enlisted man who was in the civilian clothes and who had served a previous enlistment had "hopped off" considerably about the escape of ROE and COLE from Alcatraz, the said enlisted man indicating that he knew plenty about the case; that he did not feel free to say what he knew and then made some evasive remark about "money talks", indicating to [] that there had been some plot whereby ROE and COLE had escaped from Alcatraz as the result of a payment of money to some one. [] described this enlisted man as being [] of medium height, blond hair and fair complexion. To [] this enlisted man 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 [] recollection that he had four railroad tickets for all four of the soldiers and appeared to more or less be "riding herd" with the new recruits.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE SALT LAKE CITY OFFICE

At Ft. Douglas, Utah, will endeavor to locate and appropriately interview the soldier referred to by [] bearing in mind that this man re-enlisted late in September of 1938 at Ft. Douglas and was allegedly en route for assignment at Vancouver Barracks, Washington. It will be remembered that this individual claimed to be a sign painter by occupation and the meagre description available is that he is [] medium height and is blond.

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THE SEATTLE FIELD OFFICE

At Seattle, Washington, will ascertain the identity of R. E. KUEHNEN, 900 Yakima Place, and WILLIAM S. SMITH, 710 North 73rd Street, with the objective in view of determining whether either of these individuals might be one of the subjects in this case or related to the subjects or may be a contact for them.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

FILE NO. **76-290**

REPORT MADE AT SAN FRANCISCO	DATE WHEN MADE 3/16/39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/6-11/39	REPORT MADE BY R. E. LETHERT - 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:

AGNES O'DELL, and HILDA MILLER, sisters of THEODORE J. AUDETTE, unable to furnish any information regarding subjects. A. O. WINELAND, AUDETTE'S stepfather, now at Cayuse, Oregon. WARREN H. MADELEY presently with mother at Newcastle, California. LEONA BRADY living at Chelsea Hotel, Chicago, Illinois.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent J. R. McCULLOCH, San Francisco, California, dated 10/19/38;
Report of Special Agent F. S. SMITH, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 1/9/39;
Report of Special Agent M. E. GURNEA, San Francisco, California, 12/28/37.

DETAILS:

AT OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

Efforts through the Post Office Department disclosed that AGNES O'DELL is presently living at 2624 Foothill Boulevard in Oakland, California. Through the landlady there MRS. O'DELL was located at the Montgomery Ward Store in Oakland on E. 14th Street.

MRS. O'DELL advised that her full name is PHYLLIS AGNES O'DELL; that she is the sister of THEODORE J. AUDETTE, Alcatraz Number 208. She advised

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that she has visited her brother only on a few occasions since his incarceration at the prison there and in fact the last time she was there was more than three months ago. During these interviews a guard always is in the room with them and they are specifically instructed prior to the visit by authorities at the prison that they can discuss nothing regarding the prison or anyone in it. The only conversation she has ever had with her brother has been concerning the family and other personal subjects. Upon being shown photographs of subjects ROE and COLE in instant case she was unable to recall ever having seen these men, was certain that her brother did not, at any time, associate with them to her knowledge and could furnish no information concerning their whereabouts. She appeared very friendly and cooperative and it is felt that if she had any information, she would immediately communicate with the San Francisco Field Office. For her convenience in this connection the office telephone number was left with her. She was informed concerning the harboring act and she alleged that she fully understood it.

Regarding her sister HILDA MILLER, and her stepfather A. O. WINELAND, she furnished agent with their addresses, as follows:

HILDA MILLER is now living at 2557 Durant Avenue, San Leandro, California, and A. O. WINELAND, with MRS. ANNA WINELAND, AUDETTE'S true mother, is presently residing at Cayuse, Oregon. It was MRS. O'DELL'S impression that her sister HILDA had been previously interviewed by an agent in this connection.

HILDA MILLER was located at 2557 Durant Avenue, San Leandro, California. It was noted that she is living in a five room house, newly constructed and has two small children. She was very friendly to agent and appeared very cooperative. She advised that approximately a year ago she was interviewed regarding possible information she might have in this case by a Special Agent of this Bureau, but was unable to give him any information and at the present time had no information whatsoever. She verified the statements made by her sister AGNES O'DELL concerning the circumstances under which visits are conducted at Alcatraz Penitentiary which practically eliminates the possibility of getting information in this connection and upon being shown photographs of both subjects in instant case, she was unable to identify them as anyone she has ever seen before. The harboring act was fully explained to her.

AT BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA.

Through MR. A. T. PETERSON, Assistant Registrar of the University of California, it was learned that WARREN H. MADELEY enrolled at the university on January 12, 1939, gave his address as 2646 Dwight Way and withdrew from the university on January 24, 1939, by reason of his health. It was assumed that he had returned to his mother's home at Box 93, Newcastle, California.

Contact at 2626 Dwight Way in Berkeley, California, reflected that WARREN H. MADELEY had moved to 1700 Walnut Street in that city, but contact there disclosed this individual to be WARREN H. MADDEN, room-mate of WARREN H. MADELEY, who advised that the landlady had frequently made such mistakes in identification. Regarding MR. MADELEY, MR. WARREN MADDEN advised that that very morning he had received a letter from MADELEY indicating that he was home with his mother at Newcastle, California, and probably attending the junior college near there in which she teaches.

AT OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA.

Through the city directory, CHARLES M. DEFER and family were located at 2037 Market Street. MR. DEFER is a laborer and lives at this address with his wife BESSIE and two children. They advised that LEONA BRADY is presently living at the Chelsea Hotel, Room 819, Chicago, Illinois; that she intends to return home probably in August, of this year, and would thereafter remain in California. She is single and has not re-married since the death of her husband, BOB BRADY who died January 22, 1934, at Paola, Kansas.

From the information furnished by MRS. DEFER, BOB BRADY, LEONA'S husband, was an outlaw and was killed by officers on January 22, 1934. Both MR. AND MRS. DEFER were unable to recognize the photographs of subjects as anyone who had ever associated with BRADY or their daughter LEONA and they were certain she has had no contact with that type of individual since her husband's death.

The Harboring Act was fully explained to them and they alleged that they fully understood it. They promised that in the event they found anyone who might possibly be identical with subjects or could furnish any information in connection with instant case, they would immediately communicate with the San Francisco Field Office. For their convenience in this connection, the office telephone number of the San Francisco Field Office was left with them.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE PORTLAND FIELD OFFICE AT CAYUSE, OREGON, will interview MR. AND MRS. A. O. WINELAND

MR. WINELAND is the stepfather of THEODORE J. AUDETTE, Alcatraz Penitentiary Number 208 and MRS. ANNA WINELAND, his wife, is AUDETTE'S

true mother. She should be interviewed for information regarding instant case and shown photographs of both subjects.

THE CHICAGO FIELD OFFICE AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, will interview LEONA BRADY, Room 819, Chelsea Hotel. It is possible that LEONA BRADY might be registered as LEONA DEFER which is her maiden name. She is Oklahoma City Police Department Number 15581 and was the wife of an Oklahoma outlaw named BOB BRADY who was killed by officers at Paola, Kansas on January 22, 1934.

THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD OFFICE AT NEWCASTLE, CALIFORNIA, will locate and interview WARREN H. MADELEY who wrote a letter to the Bureau in March of 1938, stating that he had information which might be of value in this case. It is noted that his mother has furnished information to the effect that this letter was written to the Bureau shortly after MADELEY had returned from a skiing expedition in the vicinity of Soda Springs, California. MRS. MADELEY further has advised that she did not want her son interviewed and refused to give his Berkeley, California address, for the reason that she believed it would be a waste of time and his information unreliable.

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OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

FILE NO. 76-290

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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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

JEFFERSON ROUBIDEAUX, Number 342, Alcatraz Prison, employed in Mat Shop Alcatraz from September 29, 1936, to January 15, 1937 and from December 4, 1938 to June 14, 1938 and was employed there at that time with subject THEODORE COLE. Transferred to McNeil's Island on December 30, 1938.

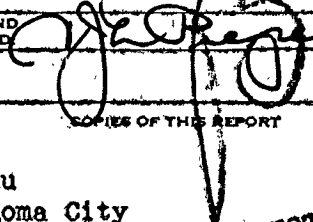
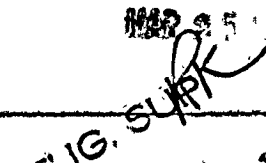


REFERENCE:

Letter from the Bureau, dated 2/16/39 (76-2686).

DETAILS:

AT ALCATRAZ PENITENTIARY.

Through MR. WALTER DORRINGTON, Record Clerk, the records of the institution were examined and same reflect that ROUBIDEAUX, Alcatraz Number 342 was employed in the mat shop with subject COLE at the time of instant escape; that he had been assigned to work in the prison mat shop on September 29, 1936, and was there until 1/15/37 when he was relieved from that assignment. He was again assigned to the mat shop on December 4, 1938, and where he remained until June 14, 1938. The records further reflect that ROUBIDEAUX was transferred to the United States Penitentiary on McNeil's Island on December 30, 1938.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE SEATTLE FIELD OFFICE AT McNEIL'S ISLAND, will interview JEFFERSON ROUBIDEAUX and ascertain if possible any information he may have as to the escape of subjects ROE and COLE.

Particular attention should be paid to the report of Special Agent L. H. RICHMOND, San Francisco, California, 2/2/39, beginning at the bottom of page 5, of said report, in which former Deputy Warden SHUTTLEWORTH of Alcatraz prison turned over a confidential letter he had written to WARDEN JOHNSTON relative to information furnished him by ROUBIDEAUX who informed him that he saw COLE and ROE making their escape.

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

K.C. FILE NO. 76-471

REPORT MADE AT Kansas City	DATE WHEN MADE 3-23-39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3-20/21-39	REPORT MADE BY L. B. REED SW
TITLE RALPH ROE, with aliases, I. O. #1472 - FUGITIVE; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, I. O. #1471 - FUGITIVE.			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>HEN VAN HOOK came to the Kansas City Office while drunk but had no additional information. St. Joseph, Missouri, Police Officer reported his informant overheard a conversation indicating that a man released from Alcatraz prior to escape of COLE and ROE came to Kansas City to make arrangements for the contemplated escape of these men; that upon completion of the arrangements LULA HICKEY of St. Joseph would advise CLARENCE SPARGUR, in Alcatraz, who would so inform COLE and ROE. Identity of the alleged Kansas City convict not known, unless it was HERBERT ALLEN FARMER or FRANK B. MULLOY who have been interviewed in the past. ANDY SHIRKS, gambling house operator, denies having seen either fugitive. Mrs. A. STEIN, Kansas City, is sister of father (deceased) of FLOYD A. HILL (Alcatraz). She apparently does not know COLE or ROE or the relatives of either. Mrs. W. COLLEN, reported residing in Kansas City, not located. Records at Volunteers of America, Kansas City, contain no information concerning BOB PRINGLE (Alcatraz), COLE or ROE. Alcohol Tax Agent JAMES GAYLOR traveling and time of return not known.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent H. O. HAWKINS, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 2-15-39.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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DETAILS: BEN VAN HOOK, reported as a friend and associate of MARIE COLE, came to the Kansas City Office and talked to the night clerk. VAN HOOK was drunk and had a boy with him, who may have been MARIE COLE's son. He said he had given an Agent all the information he had; that he had "dated" COLE's wife. Reference is made to the report of Special Agent W. F. WHITELY, dated 11-5-38, in which it will be seen that investigation has been given this phase.

BERT ANDREWS, Identification Officer, St. Joseph, Missouri, and an applicant for attendance at the National Police Academy, reported that his informant, [redacted] whose name ANDREWS stated must be kept strictly in confidence, [redacted] overheard a conversation at the [redacted] residence which indicated that a Kansas City man who was released from Alcatraz prior to the escape of COLE and ROE, returned to Kansas City and was to make arrangements for the contemplated escape of COLE and ROE, then advise [redacted] appropriately who would write to CLARENCE SPARGUR at Alcatraz and inform SPARGUR that the doctor had examined her and found her to be in a healthy condition; that SPARGUR was to give this information to COLE and ROE and the message was to be construed to mean that arrangements for the escape had been made and everything was ready. Mr. ANDREWS stated that his informant, [redacted] was at one time the Chief of Police at St. Joseph; that [redacted] ANDREWS asked that [redacted] name not be reported. The name of this informant should, therefore, not be mentioned to ANDREWS but should be referred to when talking to ANDREWS, as "informant".

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The name and identity of the Kansas City man who returned from Alcatraz is not known unless it was HERBERT ALLEN FARMER or FRANK B. (FRITZ) MULLOY. Both of these men have been interviewed in the past. FARMER was living in Kansas City but is now located in Joplin, Missouri, and his address there is Route 2, Box 334. MULLOY resides at 4537 Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri, and is employed by GLADSTONE HARVEY, attending bar at 3237 Main Street.

ANDY SHIRKS, proprietor of the Empress Recreation Rooms, 216 East 12th Street, Kansas City, examined the photographs of COLE and ROE and stated he was quite positive he had never seen either of these men in his establishment. It had been reported that someone saw a person resembling COLE in this place.

Mrs. A. STEIN, 4032 Main Street, Kansas City, reported as a correspondent of FLOYD A. HILL (Alcatraz) but not a relative, stated to the writer that she is related to HILL; that HILL's father, now dead, was her brother. She knew that FLOYD HILL's mother had remarried and lives somewhere

in Texas but she did not know her married name or location. She said she did not know COLE or ROE and knew nothing about their relatives; that she had not seen FLOYD HILL since he was 12 years of age; that if FLOYD HILL knew COLE he must have met him in a penitentiary and she never knew anything about it. She was questioned about any trouble HILL had in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary and she apparently did not know that HILL helped to ship COLE out of that penitentiary in a laundry hamper. Mrs. STEIN's full name is MARTHA ELSIE STEIN. She is a poor woman and operates a second rate rooming house.

Mrs. W. GOLLEN, reported residing at 5246 Prospect Avenue, Kansas City, and as a sister and correspondent of FRANCIS HARPER (Alcatraz), was not located. There is no such number as 5246 on Prospect Avenue. The last number in that block is 5236 and thereafter are vacant lots for a block and a half. Inquiries were made at the neighborhood grocery store and of many of the neighbors, without success.

JAMES GAYLOR, Agent in the Federal Alcohol Tax Service, was reported out of the city traveling, and the time of his return to Kansas City was not known. He will be seen later regarding his reported interview with JAMES ROE, brother of RALPH ROE, on June 16th and 17th, 1936, at the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas.

The Volunteers of America, Ridge Arcade Building, Kansas City, Missouri, keeps very meagre records. Those available were carefully searched without finding any reference to BOB PRINGLE (Alcatraz), or COLE and ROE. It is noted that PRINGLE is an alleged friend of COLE and ROE and that PRINGLE corresponded with CHARLES BRANDON BOOTH of the Volunteers of America. Mr. BOOTH is now stationed at Los Angeles, California, in the Cotton Exchange Building.

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* The KANSAS CITY OFFICE at Hayes, 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 so that the Bureau will be advised as to his activities.

* 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.

* At the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, will very discreetly ascertain the identity of HUCK 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.

* At Leavenworth, Kansas, will interview the following individuals who were transferred from Alcatraz to Leavenworth Penitentiary on 1-26-38: Refer report of Special Agent L. H. RICHMOND, San Francisco, dated 2-2-39.

* At Joplin, Missouri, 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.

* At Joplin, Missouri, will interview CLYDE UNDERHILL for information regarding Subjects, after determining whether they have been in contact with him.

* At Kansas City, will interview JAMES GAYLOR with reference to JAMES ROE. 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 of 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 report of Special Agent RALPH HOOD, Oklahoma City, dated 12-2-38.

* At Leavenworth, Kansas, will recontact Deputy Warden SHUTTLEWORTH at the U. S. Penitentiary, regarding FRANCIS WATERS, et al, and will have him recontact his informant for further information.

* At Leavenworth, Kansas, will attempt to identify and interview SLIM BAILEY.

* At Leavenworth, Kansas, will interview JACK F. WILLIAMS, alleged by FLINT C. BRANNON to be friendly with JAMES and RALPH ROE for any information he may possess.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

This Case Originated At OKLAHOMA CITY

File No. 76-348

Report Made At OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.	Date 3/22/39	Period 2/20-24/39	Report Made By F. S. SMITH cgc
Title RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1471.			Character of Case ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.

Synopsis of Facts:

Fugitives reported to be in Tulalake, Calif. Fugitive ROE reported observed at Wewoka, Okla., December, 1938, in company with unknown women. Fugitives also reported to be hanging around the Buckhorn Bar, St. Anthony Hotel, San Antonio, Texas. Various informants contacted who state have no positive information that subjects are either alive or dead. Outstanding leads restated.

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References:

Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 12/2/38;
Report of Special Agent D. K. BROWN, El Paso, 12/16/38;
Report of Special Agent F. S. SMITH, Oklahoma City, 1/9/39;
Letter to Bureau dated 2/21/39.

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Details: AT SEMINOLE, OKLAHOMA

On February 20, 1939, Agent made contact with Informant "R" in this case who is the former wife of BILL CRAWFORD, an ex-convict and Oklahoma outlaw for whom they are outstanding leads for interview. She informed that BILL CRAWFORD introduced her to a man named JOEL ANDERSON at Muskogee, Oklahoma about three-years ago; that CRAWFORD informed her ANDERSON was a hustler, hi-jacker, gambler and a money-maker. She stated that she came in contact several times subsequently with ANDERSON, and as a matter of fact whenever he appeared in Oklahoma he would look her up. She advised that she was at Henryetta, Oklahoma about January 15th last and there met ANDERSON at which time he informed her he was enroute to Atlanta, Georgia on a deal and expected to return to Tulelake, California where he was living; that he went into detail concerning Tulelake, stating it was situated over the Nevada line in California in the mountains; that its only outlet was by bus from Reno, Nevada, the bus fare being \$6.30.

This informant further advised that ANDERSON stated Tulelake is a mining town and everything is wide open there; that there are more ex-convicts in Tulelake than any place in the country; that money is plentiful and easy to get. She stated that ANDERSON very suddenly changed the conversation and asked her what the general opinion was with respect to ROE and COLE'S making the "joint", meaning Alcatraz; that she told him everyone seemed to be of her opinion that they "went down"; that his answer was, "Down hell -- I saw them less than two weeks ago"; that ANDERSON then in a very confidential way and after a suggestion that she "keep it up her sleeve", stated ROE and COLE made it with help and by prearrangement were taken care of by a "big shot" Chinaman in San Francisco for sixty days; that their only job during this period was making observations through a peephole so that they would not be slipped up on. She stated ANDERSON informed her they left San Francisco going to Reno, Nevada, then to Tulelake where they have been since; that they are heavily disguised so much so that you would hardly recognize them; that they are hustling and getting by in good shape. ANDERSON stated he knew COLE at Stroud, Oklahoma several years ago and was personally acquainted with RALPH ROE in Oklahoma.

"Informant R" stated the subject of ROE and COLE was brought up by ANDERSON and his confidential manner in talking about it to her impressed her that he was telling the truth. She stated that she remarked to ANDERSON that if money was as easy at Tulelake as he stated she might be interested and "take a run out sometime"; that he told her he expected to be back at Tulelake as quickly as he could which would be within two weeks, and that if she came out there, she would have no trouble in locating him as he would be around the gambling. Informant "R" stated that it is her impression that ANDERSON is an ex-convict having served a sentence in the Alabama State Prison; however, that she may be mistaken as to where he served sentence.

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The informant was asked by this Agent if she would be willing to go to Tulelake and "finger" ANDERSON and through him endeavor to locate subjects if there. She stated that she would be glad to go if her services could be of any interest in locating these subjects as she was very much interested in obtaining the reward which had been previously promised to her in the event she could obtain information that would lead to their apprehension. She was asked under what terms she would consider going, and she stated that if the Bureau would pay her expenses and leave \$5.00 or \$10.00 for her children while she was gone that she would be glad to make the trip. She suggested that she could go with a couple of Agents and it shouldn't take long to find ANDERSON and the subjects if they were there as she knew RALPH KOE. She stated, however, that she was going to Muskogee, Oklahoma and would not return until the following week, but after her return she would gladly accompany an Agent there at any time it was desired.

In the interest of corroborating informant's statement with respect to Tulelake and its location, Special Agent in Charge H. B. FLETCHER on February 20, 1939 dispatched the following teletype to the Salt Lake City Office:

"ROCOL. INFORMATION RECEIVED FUGITIVES LOCATED TOWN NAMED TULELAKE OR TULALAKE DESCRIBED AS SMALL MINING GAMBLING TOWN IN MOUNTAINS REACHED BY BUS FROM RENO NEVADA FARE SIX DOLLARS THIRTY CENTS. TOWN MAY BE TULELAKE SISKIYOU COUNTY CALIFORNIA BUT INFORMATION IS THAT TOWN IS LOCATED JUST OVER NEVADA LINE IN CALIFORNIA AND ONLY PASSENGER TRAVEL POSSIBLE IS BY BUS FROM RENO. ENDEAVOR TO IDENTIFY TOWN AND ADVISE."

In response to the above teletype, the Oklahoma City Office received a teletype message from the Salt Lake City Office as follows:

"ROCOL. INQUIRY RENO, NEVADA DISCLOSES TULELAKE, CALIFORNIA, ONLY TOWN SIMILAR NAME REACHED FROM RENO, IS LOCATED ABOUT TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY TWO MILES NW RENO ON OREGON STATE LINE, APPEARS TO BE ABOUT ONE HUNDRED MILES WEST OF NEVADA LINE. OREGON, CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA STAGES HAS BUS LEAVING RENO SEVEN FORTY FIVE AM, ARRIVING FOUR FIFTEEN PM DAILY. ONE WAY FARE SIX DOLLARS EIGHTY FIVE CENTS. MAP SHOWS TULELAKE ABOUT THIRTY MILES SOUTH KLAMATH FALLS, OREGON. OC AND N STAGES HAS BUS LEAVING KLAMATH FALLS EIGHT AM ARRIVING TULELAKE EIGHT FIFTY AM DAILY. ADVISE."

Under date of February 21, 1939, reference letter of Special Agent in Charge H. B. FLETCHER to the Bureau, with copies to the San Francisco and Salt Lake City Offices, set forth the material information obtained from Informant "R", together with the information furnished in the above-quoted teletype from the Salt Lake City Office concerning the location of Tulelake.

JAKE SIMS, Chief of Police, Seminole, Oklahoma, was questioned concerning the reliability of Informant "R". He stated that he had known her many years; that she belongs to the underworld type, has a large family and usually lives in poverty; that she has furnished him in the past very valuable information, at one time turning her own husband, CRAWFORD. He stated that she is like the majority of that type of informant, they hit and miss with their information; that he feels, however, that this informant, due to her connections with the underworld, would be more likely than many others to obtain valuable information, and that it is highly probable that her information in this connection, so far as she is concerned, is conscientiously given.

In addition to the above information furnished by Informant "R", she advised that LON JOHNSON, for whom there are leads for interview in report of reference of Agent RALPH T. HOOD, appeared at Seminole, Oklahoma recently with his wife and child and younger brother, LAWRENCE JOHNSON, claiming they came from Los Angeles, California where he stated he was living and where his mother now resides. Informant "R" stated that she has talked with LON JOHNSON at length since his return to Seminole concerning RALPH ROE'S escape and has become convinced that neither LON JOHNSON nor his brother, "SLEEPY" JOHNSON, have any information concerning the escape of ROE and COLE; that knowing LON JOHNSON as she does, she is reasonably sure that he would have divulged any information he had in that connection to her. She stated, in fact, LON JOHNSON in his remarks to her indicated that he from reading the papers reached the conclusion that ROE drowned.

She stated that LON JOHNSON and his brother both are practically tramps and are manipulating around endeavoring to find something to steal. She stated that LON JOHNSON advised her that "SLEEPY" JOHNSON is now at Los Angeles with his mother; that she would endeavor to secure from LON JOHNSON when she came into contact with him the address of "SLEEPY" JOHNSON and his mother at Los Angeles and would then advise Chief of Police JAKE SIMS who would in turn advise the Oklahoma City Office.

It was ascertained that LON JOHNSON was at the time of this interview absent from Seminole and was thought to be visiting some relatives in the State. In view of the information furnished by Informant "R" concerning the JOHNSON boys, it does not now appear that time and effort in locating them for interview is justified.

Concerning leads in report of reference of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD for interview of HOMER BISHOP of Seminole, Chief of Police JAKE SIMS, who is cooperating whole heartedly with this Bureau, advised the writer that he has been in close contact with HOMER BISHOP for many years due to BISHOP'S residence in that county and his practice of law. He stated that he only very recently talked confidentially with BISHOP regarding ROE and COLE'S escape

for the purpose of ascertaining if he had any information, knowing that he is personally acquainted with RALPH ROE; that he was unable to get an expression from BISHOP indicating he possessed any information, and on the other hand, BISHOP expressed the belief that ROE and COLE were drowned; however, he promised SIMS that it was most likely should ROE appear in Oklahoma or if any of the underworld obtained any information indicating that he was alive, that he, BISHOP, would probably get this information, and that if he obtained any information of interest concerning either ROE or COLE, he would immediately advise JAKE SIMS.

SIMS discouraged Agent's interviewing BISHOP, stating that he is unscrupulous, closely allied with the underworld, and for that reason too friendly with officers, and that he doubts that an interview with him would result in obtaining any information; that he, SIMS, would keep in touch with BISHOP from time to time and report any information which he might obtain of interest to the Oklahoma City Division Office. In view of SIMS' information and suggestion, and due to his known cooperation, it is not deemed advisable to contact BISHOP at this time.

The writer contacted Informant 13 on February 22, 1939. This informant stated that he has talked with many underworld acquaintances since last being questioned by Agents of this Bureau, and that he has been unable to find anyone who has any information to indicate that ROE and COLE escaped alive; that the consensus of opinion among the underworld element is divided, some expressing the belief that they successfully escaped, while others are of the opinion they were drowned.

He stated that if RALPH ROE were alive and ever came into Oklahoma, through the informant's underworld connections, he would unquestionably get the news. He stated that while he has no definite information, in his opinion it is highly probable that ROE and COLE made it and have isolated themselves and will stay hidden figuring they will be forgotten and the "heat" will be taken off of them. He stated that he would make contact with HAZEL UNDERHILL if it was desired, but expressed doubt that she has any information. He stated that sooner or later HAZEL UNDERHILL would probably appear in the vicinity of Seminole which would then afford him the opportunity of talking with her. He expressed doubt as to the advisability of his going to her as it would probably create suspicion as she would wonder why he came so far and the purpose of his visit.

Informant 13 stated that on account of JAKE SIMS he feels obligated to cooperate in locating subjects, if alive, and if he ever obtains any information he will convey it immediately to JAKE SIMS. He stated, however, that if he knew where ROE was at the present time he would not divulge this information; however, that if he obtained any definite information indicating that ROE and COLE were alive, he would convey that information to Mr. SIMS and Agents of this Bureau.

After talking with this informant, the writer does not feel that this Bureau would be justified in the expenditure and effort to have him contact HAZEL UNDERHILL.

Referring to leads in report of reference of Agent RALPH HOOD to locate LENA STEWART for interview, JAKE SIMS, Chief of Police, Seminole, made contact on February 22, 1939 with ETTA MAGLE who operates a night club at 713 North First Street, Seminole, a sister of LENA STEWART, who informed Chief SIMS that LENA STEWART is now married to BILL SPURGEON and resides at 315 South 7th Street, Mount Vernon, Illinois.

Through JAKE SIMS, BILLIE BROWN was located at Seminole and interviewed February 22d by this Agent. She is now the wife of D. FREEMAN. She stated that she personally knows RALPH ROE and knew the woman who was with him at the time UNDERHILL was killed; that she was never a sweetheart of RALPH ROE, but always liked him and associated with him when he was around her. She stated that she has no information other than that which she received through the newspapers; that she has never come in contact with anyone who knew whether or not they escaped alive. She was questioned concerning her corresponding with RALPH ROE after his confinement, and she stated that she did write to him several times at Leavenworth, but never communicated with him after he went to Alcatraz.

Referring to leads in reference report of Agent RALPH HOOD for interview of CLARA BELL SWAN at Seminole, it was ascertained through relatives of CLARA BELL SWAN that she is now residing at Marshall, Arkansas and can be reached through General Delivery there.

Referring to leads to interview EARL CRUZ, Carter Oil Company, and C. O. WHITSON, it was ascertained that C. O. WHITSON, the original source of information concerning EARL CRUZ, is no longer employed by the Carter Oil Company, and further that EARL CRUZ is not now employed by this company and that the whereabouts of these men is not known at Seminole. In view of information furnished by Informant "R" concerning LON and "SLEEPY" JOHNSON developing that they have no material information, it does not appear that further efforts would justify pursuing CRUZ and WHITSON for further interview.

AT HARRAH, OKLAHOMA

Contact was made with BOB PETERSON who operates a filling station on the highway east of Harrah. BOB PETERSON stated that he knows RALPH ROE, having known him in the penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma; however, that he has never had any dealings with him; that he has very frequently since ROE and COLE escaped heard different underworld characters discuss this matter, and that while many have expressed the opinion that they escaped, many others expressed the opposite view. He stated emphatically that he has no information as to whether or not they are dead or alive; that he has never busied himself

to find out; that he has never seen either one of them or heard anyone state that they had seen them. He stated that he is operating his place of business trying to make a living; that he has been in the penitentiary and that an ex-convict is badly handicapped; therefore, he has made it his business to keep his nose out of other people's affairs. He stated that he has been friendly with officers and that he would not hesitate in the event he had any information of interest to the Government to divulge same; that the underworld element means nothing to him.

He stated that from what he knows of ROE and COLE either one of them would hi-jack him as quickly as they would anyone else, and that if he ever hears any information which he would consider of interest to the Government, he will immediately convey same to the Oklahoma City Division Office. He was furnished the name and address of Special Agent in Charge H. B. FLETCHER at Oklahoma City.

AT MILFAY, OKLAHOMA

Contact was made with Mrs. J. W. MOONEY, formerly CORA PAYNE. She is a daughter of BRUCE PAYNE and a sister of J. B. PAYNE, an ex-convict and close acquaintance of ROE and COLE. Mrs. MOONEY is now teaching in the public schools at Milfay. She stated that her deceased sister, AMY PAYNE, personally knew TED COLE and was a good friend of his; that she died approximately five years ago; that J. B. PAYNE, her brother, served a sentence in McAlester and personally knew RALPH ROE and TED COLE; that J. B. PAYNE is a parolee and now residing at Milfay with Mrs. HENRY, a grandmother. She stated further that none of her family, other than AMY and J. B., had ever had any connection or intimate acquaintance with either ROE or COLE. She readily referred this Agent to where he could locate J. B. PAYNE.

J. B. PAYNE was located at the home of Mrs. HENRY in Milfay and stated that he while very young was convicted for participation in a bank robbery and sentenced to the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma; that he is now on parole and endeavoring to conduct himself in the proper way refraining from contact with outlaws and underworld characters. He stated that he has never obtained any information from any source to indicate definitely that subjects ROE and COLE escaped. He stated that he had known ROE'S sister who was the wife of R. B. CORNETT and whose first name is RAULINE (formerly COLE); that he also knows R. B. CORNETT; that CORNETT is an outlaw at heart; however, he does not think that CORNETT is operating at the present time. He said he had talked with both CORNETT and his wife casually on more than one occasion since the escape of TED COLE; that in talking with Mrs. CORNETT on one occasion, he remarked, "I suppose the fish got Ted." He stated that she looked him straight in the face with a smile and while she did not say anything, indicated by her expression that the fish did not get COLE which was his conclusion from her actions.

He stated that in talking with CORNETT, CORNETT remarked that they had help in making their escape and talked as if it was a certainty that COLE had escaped and mentioned being assisted by a mail boat; however, that he did not go into any detail in that respect. He stated that it was his impression that CORNETT and TED COLE were enemies at one time, but had patched up their troubles prior to TED'S going to Alcatraz. However, he had no concrete evidence of this fact.

He further stated that there had been no rumor or circulating information to indicate that TED COLE had ever been in the vicinity of Stroud, Oklahoma or at the homes of his relatives since the report of his escape. PAYNE stated that in August, 1938 he went to Angel Island to meet his brother, a soldier in the United States Army, who came from the Philippines and China; that he was transported from San Francisco to Angel Island on a boat called the Slocum which plies between San Francisco and Angel Island, docking at Alcatraz several times a day picking up passengers; that he was not positive but that the Slocum was a mail boat. He stated that while the Slocum is operated by a civilian, all of the labor thereon is done by soldiers. He stated that on account of his brother's being a soldier, he got into conversation with several of the soldiers on this boat and the question of escaping from Alcatraz came up; that these soldiers brought up the question of ROE and COLE'S escape and from their line of talk, they did not hesitate in stating they made it and were successful. He stated that on account of his being an ex-convict he did not go into any detail with any of them and did not tell them that he even knew ROE and COLE or that he was from Oklahoma. However, it occurred to him that it would have been an easy matter for some of these soldiers, many of whom are unscrupulous, to have extended aid to COLE and ROE and of the possibility that their escape was through aid afforded them from the boat Slocum. However, he had no grounds on which to base such a conclusion, but recalling CORNETT'S remark with respect to their escaping on a mail boat, he linked it up as possibly being the Slocum. He stated further that some of these soldiers remarked that ROE and COLE had probably been gone several hours before it was reported by the guards.

J. B. PAYNE stated that he would be glad to endeavor to obtain information which would be of interest to the Bureau and cooperate in trying to apprehend these men if they were on the ground; that he felt kindly toward officers and that he had resolved to be a good citizen and felt it was his duty to aid if he could. PAYNE is far above the average ex-convict both in mentality and general make-up. He impressed the writer as being very serious and frank in his talk. He was furnished the address of the Special Agent in Charge of the Oklahoma City Office, and stated that he would make it his business to make discreet inquiries and if he obtained any information, he would immediately forward same to the Oklahoma City Division Office or call for an Agent to come to him.

AT STROUD, OKLAHOMA

It was ascertained that all persons for whom leads were set out in reference report of Agent HOOD to interview in that vicinity were attending court at Chandler, Oklahoma involving the trial of R. B. CORNETT for assault; therefore, none of them were available for interview on February 21, 1939.

Agent contacted Mrs. ALLISON (BUD) RAINNEY, wife of BUD RAINNEY for whom leads are outstanding for interview. She stated that since the escape of COLE both she and her husband, as well as her children, have been constantly on the lookout for some information that he was alive; that they reside within a quarter of a mile of CORNETT and Mrs. CORNETT, the sister of COLE, and with few exceptions members of her family are either at CORNETT'S home or CORNETT'S family are at her home almost every day.

She stated that after TED COLE'S escape CORNETT appeared to be deathly afraid that he would return and do him bodily harm as he had threatened to kill CORNETT if he ever escaped due to the fact that CORNETT he charged with having struck his mother. She stated that CORNETT purchased a shotgun and has never permitted a light to be lighted in his home since COLE'S escape; that for months he slept under the trees and watched constantly, thinking COLE would appear there; that he told her and her husband that if he ever saw COLE he expected to shoot him on sight for the reason that he knew COLE would murder him. She stated that Mrs. CORNETT has repeatedly told her that she sincerely hoped that TED COLE had drowned and did not make a successful escape; that she knew that if he ever came back it would mean very serious trouble with him and her husband, and that her husband had made up his mind to kill him if he ever saw him; that COLE was beyond redemption and that just as sure as he hit the ground he would commit crime and that it would be only a matter of time until he would wind up being executed.

Mrs. RAINLEY further stated that from the manner in which both CORNETT and his wife talked that she was thoroughly convinced that neither of them have received any information with respect to COLE'S escape, and that both of them would be only too glad to see him back in the hands of the law in the event he did escape; that she feels that both CORNETT and his wife would have divulged the fact to her had COLE been in that vicinity. She stated further that she and her husband are still keeping a close watch and that if she ever receives any information she will immediately communicate with the Oklahoma City Office or the Chief of Police at Stroud. She stated that the Chief, B. C. Van SICKLE, has made many trips out to their home asking inquiry with respect to COLE; that he appears very much interested in trying to apprehend him; that he is a very good friend of her and her family and that she has promised him she would keep him posted in the event any information of interest is received.

AT SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA

On making inquiry at Shawnee for W. F. SMALLEY, an attorney and close friend of subjects, Chief of Police BUDD advised this Agent that SMALLEY is now residing at Oklahoma City and could possibly be reached around the Capitol as he is a politician and lobbyist.

AT PAWBUKA, OKLAHOMA

With reference to leads to interview LILLIAN CROWE JOHNSON, accompanied by SMITH LEAHY, Deputy United States Marshal, Agent visited the home of LILLIAN CROWE JOHNSON and was there advised that she had been absent for several days and was thought to be at Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Accompanied by SMITH LEAHY, Deputy United States Marshal, Agent visited the home of BEULAH CLARK, sought for interview, and it was there ascertained that the home was securely locked and the neighbors advised that BEULAH CLARK had been gone about three days, whereabouts unknown. Both BEULAH CLARK and her sister, LILLIAN CROWE JOHNSON, are underworld characters and have been affiliated with the bank robbery element.

AT SASAKWA, OKLAHOMA

Following leads to locate and interview JACKIE and NELLIE KIMES for information in this case, it was ascertained through CHARLIE LYON, Deputy Sheriff of Seminole County stationed at Sasakwa, that neither NELLIE nor JACKIE KIMES are at Sasakwa or have been there for a long period of time. LYON stated that if they were in that vicinity he would know it, and that he has neither seen nor heard of them.

Contact was made with Mrs. R. E. KIMES, a distant relative of JACKIE and NELLIE KIMES' family. She stated that while she and her family did not associate with the family of JACKIE and NELLIE KIMES, that she had not heard of their being around Sasakwa for more than a year and had no information as to where they might be located.

AT TULSA, OKLAHOMA

Following leads to locate HARRY NEWTON through Captain BILLS of the Tulsa Police Department, Captain BILLS stated that HARRY NEWTON is an underworld character and has not been in or around Tulsa for a long period of time; that he has no information as to where he may be located and doubts seriously that he would have any information regarding ROE and COLE.

Following leads in reference report of Agent HOOD to interview MORRIS QUINN, Bailey Undertaking Establishment, whose name was furnished as a contact of subjects in Tulsa, at the Bailey Undertaking Establishment it was ascertained that MORRIS QUINN is not working at that place, having left there some time ago and that his whereabouts at the present time is unknown. He is a brother-in-law of BAILEY, the Manager of the Undertaking company.

Captain BILLS of the Tulsa Police Department stated that while QUINN has been working for a period of time for his brother-in-law at the Bailey Undertaking Company, that he is an outlaw at heart and is very dangerous, and that he has neither seen nor heard of his being in or around Tulsa for some time.

With reference to leads to locate G. W. SMITH, contact was made with Police Detective GRANGER of the Tulsa Police Department who furnished the name of G. W. SMITH as a possible source of information, and he stated that he has recently talked with SMITH and that SMITH has no information and was unable to obtain any information on his recent trip concerning ROE and COLE; that in the event SMITH did obtain any information he would report same to him and that he, in turn, would convey it to the Oklahoma City Division Office.

With reference to leads to interview Mrs. GUY VAUGHN and Mrs. ALICE COLE, relatives of subject COLE, Agent visited the residence reported to be occupied by Mrs. VAUGHN and ALICE COLE at 528 West 44th Street, and there ascertained that the place was vacated by these parties approximately thirty days ago. A neighbor advised that Mrs. ALICE COLE who resided with Mrs. GUY VAUGHN recently died and they attended her funeral; that subsequently Mrs. GUY VAUGHN moved away, present address unknown, but thinks that she left Tulsa.

AT BRISTOW, OKLAHOMA

Contact was made with R. E. DAVIS and Mrs. AMANDA S. DAVIS, parents of VOLNEY DAVIS who is now confined in Alcatraz, who were found residing at 502 South Walnut Street. Both Mr. and Mrs. DAVIS stated that they have never received any information from VOLNEY DAVIS or any other source concerning the escape of RALPH ROE and TED COLE; that they receive letters promptly from VOLNEY DAVIS, and that prior to the death of DOC BARKER, while he did not mention any names, they knew to whom he was referring in his letters when he stated that he was deathly afraid of that party, meaning DOCLBARKER. DOC BARKER had accused him of snitching and from his cell had threatened VOLNEY DAVIS repeatedly. They stated that VOLNEY DAVIS after the escape of ROE and COLE was approached by Special Agent A. E. FARLAND and declined to talk with him; that he made apologies in his letters to his mother for not talking to Mr. FARLAND which was due to his fear of DOC BARKER; that he liked Mr. FARLAND who had always treated him well; that both she, Mrs. DAVIS, and her husband have met Mr. FARLAND and think a great deal of him; that they feel he is interested

in VOLNEY and that VOLNEY feels the same way. They stated that now that DOC BARKER is dead they are reasonably sure that if VOLNEY DAVIS was approached by Mr. FARLAND, he would talk freely concerning the escape of ROE and COLE if he had any information.

* At this Agent's suggestion, Mrs. DAVIS promised to write VOLNEY DAVIS and insist that he furnish Mr. FARLAND any information which he had with respect to the escape of ROE and COLE. Mrs. DAVIS further stated that she was going to write immediately to Mr. FARLAND and suggest that he see VOLNEY DAVIS. As she did not know Agent FARLAND'S address, the writer suggested that she write Mr. FARLAND in care of the Oklahoma City Office and that the letter would be forwarded immediately. Promptly the following day a letter was received at the Oklahoma City Office addressed to Agent FARLAND which was immediately forwarded to him.

Both Mr. DAVIS and his wife expressed hopes that VOLNEY DAVIS would be able to furnish information of interest concerning the escape of these two men and both feel that it will probably aid him to some extent in being transferred back to Leavenworth if his information is of value. They both stated they realized that he would probably spend the balance of his life in prison; however, if he was at Leavenworth it would afford them an opportunity to visit him occasionally. Both Mr. and Mrs. DAVIS appear to be good citizens and are most friendly to the Bureau and its Agents and expressed willingness to cooperate in every respect.

AT WEWOKA, OKLAHOMA

The Oklahoma City Office received a communication from Mr. LOUIS A. LEDBETTER, United States Commissioner, advising that JOE CONNOR, age 60, who lived at Wewoka had stated to him that he was personally well acquainted with RALPH ROE, having known him at Hot Springs, Arkansas and McAlester, Oklahoma, and that he saw ROE in Wewoka on the streets in December, 1938.

Accompanied by United States Commissioner LEDBETTER, Agent made contact with JOE CONNOR on February 22, 1939. Mr. CONNOR is a man approximately sixty years old and resides with his wife and two adopted children in the suburbs of Wewoka. He is a man of poor circumstances. He stated that he has a step-son, DAVE CONNOR, who has served five terms in prison and is presently confined at Leavenworth, his number being 46323; that he is due for release at the expiration of his sentence in the early part of April, 1939; that he first became acquainted with RALPH ROE at McAlester, Oklahoma where he was serving a sentence; that he met him through DAVE CONNOR and frequently thereafter talked with ROE at McAlester. He stated that DAVE CONNOR and RALPH ROE were released from McAlester about the same time which was about six years ago; that they went to Hot Springs, Arkansas where they took baths and resided for several months; that he, JOE CONNOR, was employed at Hot Springs at the Government Bureau as check man taking care of the effects of patrons there for treat-

ment by the Government. He stated that RALPH ROE had a woman with him who had two little girls, one age about one year, and the other about five years of age; that ROE resided with this woman as his wife at 325 Benton Street, Hot Springs, this premises being operated by Mrs. WELLS; that he, JOE CONNOR, became very closely acquainted with ROE, a rather likeable fellow, saw him every day many times; that he, JOE CONNOR, left Hot Springs about five years ago in January, coming to Wewoka and soon thereafter both RALPH ROE and DAVE CONNOR got into trouble and were convicted. He stated that he heard of ROE'S escape from Alcatraz and that sometime during the latter part of December, 1938 he was standing on the main street in Wewoka when a man and woman with two little girls, ages about five and ten, came around the corner passing him and going down the main street. He stated that at a glance he recognized the man as RALPH ROE and the woman as being the same woman with RALPH ROE at Hot Springs; that his first thought was to speak to ROE as he passed, but having read of his escape and the general opinion being that he was drowned, he decided to more closely scrutinize him to make sure it was ROE; that he pursued ROE and the woman for a short distance, closely observing ROE; that suddenly ROE stopped and asked a man a question; that he was within ten feet of ROE when he spoke to this man and heard his voice and recognized it as that of ROE. He stated that this man pointed down the street and ROE thanked him and proceeded a short distance, going into a theater.

JOE CONNOR further stated that after hearing his voice and closely observing him, he became convinced beyond a question of a doubt that it was RALPH ROE. In fact he stated that he knows positively that it was ROE and that there was no possibility of his being mistaken; that he knows ROE as well as he does his own son. He stated that he first intended to remain at the theater until they came out, but due to the fact that he had to return home, he left and has not seen him since. He stated that he recognized ROE'S walk, the back of his head, the cut of his hair and that his face appeared to be more full than usual, indicating that he was fat; however, that he was clean shaven and appeared to have had a fresh hair cut and was well dressed in dark clothes.

Agent questioned JOE CONNOR at length and asked him if there was any possibility of his being mistaken, reminding him of the fact that he wore glasses and was getting along in years, and he stated there was no possibility of his being mistaken; that positively the man he saw was ROE and the woman who was with him was the same person who was with him in Hot Springs.

The informant impressed the writer as being sincere and honest in his thought that he saw ROE; however, JOE CONNOR is a man above sixty years of age, wears glasses and his statements on the surface appear imaginary. United States Commissioner LEDBETTER stated that he has known JOE CONNOR for many years; that he bears a fairly good reputation and is quite a talker; however, he does not bear the reputation of being a liar.

JOE CONNOR described the woman he alleges he saw with ROE in Hot Springs and at Wewoka as a tall, slender woman with dark brown hair, and having two girls, ages approximately five and ten years, both slender.

CONNOR stated that his step-son, DAVE CONNOR, is an inveterate criminal, unreliable and would not likely furnish any Agent or any other officer any information; that he was a good pal of RALPH ROE and would protect him if he had an opportunity. CONNOR inquired as to the possibility of his making some money if he could again locate ROE. The writer advised him that if he could furnish definite information to Agents of this Bureau which would result in the location and apprehension of ROE, that he would be compensated very liberally, probably in the amount of \$500.00. JOE CONNOR was furnished the name of Special Agent in Charge FLETCHER and requested to communicate directly with Mr. FLETCHER if he obtained any information of value. He stated that if he again saw ROE or obtained any information, that he would communicate same to United States Commissioner LEDBETTER of Wewoka and request Mr. LEDBETTER to call the Oklahoma City Office. Commissioner LEDBETTER stated that he would see CONNOR frequently and talk with him, and that if he possessed any information, he would communicate same to the Oklahoma City Office.

On January 13, 1939, a copy of the "Ketchum Progress" dated January 12, 1939, published at Ketchum, Oklahoma was forwarded to the Oklahoma City Office by an unidentified person. This weekly newspaper carried an article in the editorial column as follows:

"Another rumor is now on the rounds. A tourist from Harrison, Arkansas stopped in Vinita the other day and told of seeing Ted Cole, who escaped from Alcatraz, recently at his home town, visiting relatives."

A lead is being set forth to determine the name of the individual alleged to have made this statement. The newspaper is being maintained in the files of this case. JOHN DEVINE is Editor of this paper.

The attention of the Kansas City Division is called to the lead to interview Deputy Warden SHUTTLEWORTH at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas. SHUTTLEWORTH is presently employed at Alcatraz Prison and has been interviewed. This lead may be disregarded.

With reference to the lead for this Division to consider the advisability of directing a lead to the Bureau to have ALBERT BEST interviewed in Germany, it is not thought that this lead is advisable or that it would be productive of information at this time.

With reference to the report of Special Agent A. W. MILLER, dated at Dallas February 1, 1939, in which a lead is set forth to determine the name of the place where the parents of Mrs. CECIL NOEL now reside in order that a Mrs. STOVALL may be interviewed, a review of the files of this case reveals that Mrs. NOEL'S mother, Mrs. SHEETS, resides at Mannville, Oklahoma. A lead is being set out to locate and interview Mrs. STOVALL.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent MARVIN B. PASH of the Oklahoma City Office:

AT TULSA, OKLAHOMA:

Mr. JACK BONHAM, Deputy United States Marshal, advised that Captain J. C. WARF of the Tulsa Fire Department, Station No. 10, 223 East Pine Street, had called the Marshal's office with reference to a contact he had made with TED COLE'S sister this past week, and requested that an Agent interview Captain WARF relative to this information.

Captain WARF advised upon interview that at approximately 10:00 a.m. on Friday, January 20, 1939, a young woman had flagged him down at Davenport, Oklahoma and requested a ride to Chandler, Oklahoma which is approximately a distance of twelve miles. Captain WARF stated that he immediately struck up a conversation with her, and she asked if he was a law enforcement officer before talking to him. She stated that she was formerly a nurse employed at the St. Johns Hospital, Tulsa, Oklahoma. According to Captain WARF, one thing led to another, and she confided in him that she was TED COLE'S sister, and that the officers, both Federal and State, had made her life miserable this past year; that she very gleefully stated that her brother had made his escape from Alcatraz and was with some relatives in the State of Illinois, but did not mention the name of the town. She did not mention that RALPH ROE, subject's accomplice, made good his escape, nor did she mention his name in their conversation.

Captain WARF stated he made a date with this young woman to meet him on the Court House steps at Chandler at 6:00 o'clock, and that he had made up his mind to try to get her intoxicated and to pry her for more information, but that she did not meet him as arranged, and he proceeded on back to Tulsa and advised Deputy Marshal BONHAM of this incident.

Captain WARF described this young woman as follows:

Age	32 or 33 yrs.
Height	5' 4" or 5' 5"
Weight	125 lb.
Hair	Dark
Complexion	Fair, smooth
Eyes	Dark
Teeth	Good
Dress	Dressed rather neatly in dark clothes;

Appearance

dark cloth coat and hat.
Fairly good looking.

Captain WARF appeared to be a rather intelligent man and very earnest in his statements, and he advised that he was giving this information just as per his conversation with this young woman, for any investigation this office cared to make.

Mr. R. E. MAXRY, School Guard, Tulsa, Oklahoma, No. 1249, Telephone 5-00204, called at the office of the United States Attorney accompanied by one ELMER RAY WASSON who lives at 20½ West Franklin Street. WASSON advised that he was conditionally released from Milan, Michigan and had ninety days or three periods to report to the Probation Officer at Tulsa; that he had been sent up from the Northern District of Oklahoma for White Slavery, the original sentence being five years which was cut by Judge FRANKLIN E. KENNAMER to fifteen months. He stated that while in Milan, Michigan he had become quite friendly with a person by the name of SAM, last name unknown, who occupies Bunk No 1 in B-4 cell block, who advised him that TED COLE and RALPH ROE had talked to him at Memphis, Tennessee, and that they hung out while in Memphis at the Cotton Club; that the last he had heard of them, in November, 1938, they were back in Memphis together.

WASSON further advised that he had known TED COLE for a period of about twelve to fourteen years when he was nothing but a child, and that he wished, if this information was correct, to collect the reward as he was broke and just recently discharged from the penitentiary; that he would like to make the trip to Memphis in order to ferret these persons out and point them out to the law. He was advised by the writer that it was not within the writer's discretion to furnish him with the transportation requested or money at this time.

The same date, February 4, 1939, Detective KELLY, National Police Academy graduate, accompanied by his partner, Detective GRANGER, of the Tulsa Police Department advised they had information that TED COLE was in San Antonio, Texas and hung out at the Buckhorn Bar at the St. Anthony Hotel, and 407 South Saladad (phonetic spelling) Street. Detective KELLY further advised that he was given this information by a "big-shot" gambler of Tulsa and wished to keep his informant in the background; that the reason he was not furnishing his name was so he could not be interviewed by an Agent, as he would no doubt deny that he gave such information if contacted by an Agent of the Bureau.

Referring to leads set forth in reference report of Special Agent D. K. BROWN, El Paso, dated 12/16/38, the Oklahoma City Office has been unable to secure an accurate description or photograph of JEAN DAVIS sought for interview. JEAN DAVIS is the wife of ED DAVIS who was executed at San Quentin, California for the murder of the Warden of that institution. It being highly probable that JEAN DAVIS visited her husband at this institution prior to his execution and that the institution should have some record of interest in locating her, leads are being set out in the interest of obtaining that information from the San Quentin Prison in California.

Referring to reference report of Special Agent F. S. SMITH, Oklahoma City, dated January 9, 1939, and report of Special Agent in Charge E. P. GUINANE, Kansas City, dated January 4, 1939, contact was again made with MILDRED WELCH, wife of STEVE WELCH, referred to therein on February 13, 1939. She stated she visited STEVE WELCH at Leavenworth since last talking with this Agent in January, 1939; that STEVE WELCH accused her of infidelity and abused her at that time. Therefore, she did not discuss with him the ROE and COLE case. She stated she has since received a letter from WELCH indicating he was sorry for his remarks and suspicions, indicating his attitude toward her had changed. She stated that in a letter from him dated February 2, 1939 he referred to "the matter" which she interprets to mean the ROE and COLE case, telling her the transaction was well under way, referring to Mr. SMITH, whom she interprets to mean Agent F. S. SMITH, getting in touch with her and asking her why she had not mentioned it to him and if there had been a misunderstanding,

MILDRED WELCH promised this Agent that she would in her next letter to STEVE WELCH bring up the subject of ROE and COLE in a manner he would understand and endeavor to get an expression from him; that she would also talk with him on her next visit to Leavenworth with a view of ascertaining if he really had definite information concerning ROE and COLE, and that on receipt of any information of interest, she would immediately advise the Oklahoma City Office.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

ALL OFFICES not previously having covered same, will contact their confidential informants and sources of information and informants connected with the underworld for rumors regarding the escape or the presence of subjects in that vicinity.

ATLANTA OFFICE

AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA

* At the United States Penitentiary will reinterview one COLE alleged to be a relative of subject in the report of Special Agent EARL

HIRSH, Atlanta, dated March 7, 1939, as requested by letter dated March 15, 1939..

BOSTON OFFICE

AT PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

* Will inquiry at the Police Department in an effort to learn where WILLIAM RITCHEY, former Alcatraz #99, is at present located so that he may be interviewed in an effort to obtain from him any information he may have regarding the escape or the present location of ROE and COLE. RITCHEY was released from Alcatraz on 1/10/38 to the custody of the Providence Police Department. (See report of Special Agent L. H. RICHMOND, 2/2/39, San Francisco.)

CHARLOTTE OFFICE

AT RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

* Will locate and interview BOB PHILLIPS, released from Alcatraz 7/28/38 to Prison Division, State Highway and Public Works Department at Raleigh. If he cannot be located through this source, contact his sister, HELEN DRAKE, 1792 North Caldwell, Charlotte. (See report of Special Agent L. H. RICHMOND, San Francisco, 2/2/39.)

DALLAS OFFICE

AT CHILDRESS, TEXAS

Will obtain the address of Mrs. ELMER DILLARD, a cousin to FRED W. COLE, from RUTH BARKER in order that Mrs. DILLARD may be interviewed. (See report of Special Agent A. W. MILLER, Dallas, 2/13/39.)

AT FORT WORTH, TEXAS

* Will interview the family of DELL CARPENTER, 1213 North Peach Street, presently at Leavenworth, who are alleged to be friendly with RALPH and JAMES ROE, for information regarding the escape.

* Will conduct appropriate investigation regarding BOBBIE LOU HILL, 3321 Burton Street, wife of FLOYD HILL, presently at Alcatraz, a former cell mate and close friend of COLE and who was corresponding with COLE'S mother.

AT PAMPA, TEXAS

Ascertain the whereabouts of KEITH EDELINE from the Gulf Oil Corporation and will then interview him concerning information in the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 12/2/38.

DENVER OFFICE

Will disregard the lead for that Division set forth in the report of Special Agent L. A. DUCOMMUN, Denver, 2/2/39

* Will endeavor to locate WINNIE F. SMITH, alias MACK SMITH, ex-Alcatraz #444Z, and interview him as set forth in the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 12/2/38, through sources indicated in the report of Special Agent J. J. PIEPER, Seattle, 2/16/39.

DETROIT OFFICEAT MILAN, MICHIGAN

* Will interview THEODORE MURDOCK, Alcatraz #101, transferred to the U. S. Detention Farm at Milan on 12/26/37 in an effort to learn from him any additional information concerning the escape or any information he might have indicating the present location of subjects. (See report of Special Agent L. H. RICHMOND, San Francisco, 2/2/39.)

Will determine the identity of one "SAM", an inmate, and question him regarding his statements to one ELMER RAY WASSON that subjects have been in Memphis, Tennessee. (See page 16 of this report.) The identity of WASSON should not be disclosed to "SAM."

EL PASO OFFICEAT ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

* Contact Mr. VAN TREEL, Narcotic Agent, regarding JACK "FATS" MILES.

AT LA LUNA, TEXAS

* Will interview ROLLIE RECTOR, Alcatraz #262, transferred to the U. S. Detention Farm, La Luna, from Alcatraz on 3/23/38, for any information he may have concerning the escape or the present location of subjects. (See report of Special Agent L. H. RICHMOND, San Francisco, 2/2/39.)

AT ODESSA, TEXAS

* Will continue investigation regarding JAMES ROE and his possible connection with instant escape. Will maintain contact with City Officer DICK CHAPMAN and through him develop a confidential informant who is in position to obtain information of value from ROE.

KANSAS CITY 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 so that the Bureau will be advised as to his activities.
- * AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, will interview ANDY SHIRKS and display a picture of COLE to him and ascertain if he can identify this person as having played cards in the Express Recreation which he operates.
- * 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 MARIE COLE.
- * 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.
- * AT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS, will interview the following individuals who were transferred from Alcatraz to Leavenworth Penitentiary on 1/26/38; (Refer report of Special Agent L. H. RICHMOND, San Francisco, 2/2/39.)
- * AT JOPLIN, MISSOURI, 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.
- * Will interview CLYDE UNDERHILL for information regarding subjects, after determining whether they have been in contact with him.
- * 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.)
- * 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.
- * 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. KRUEGER, Kansas City, 10/26/38.)

* AT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS, will interview DELL CARPENTER, believed to be an inmate of 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 report of Special Agent RALPH HOOD, Oklahoma City, dated 12/2/38.)

* Will attempt to identify and interview SLIM BAILEY.

* Will interview JACK F. WILLIAMS, alleged by FLINT C. BRANNON to be friendly with JAMES and RALPH ROE, for any information he may possess.

Will disregard the lead to interview Deputy Warden SHUTTLEWORTH as he is presently at Alcatraz and has been interviewed.

Will locate and interview JEWELL (BUDDY) EVERSOLE, alleged to be employed at the County Court House, along lines as requested in the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 12/2/38.

At the U. S. Penitentiary, will interview DAVE CONNOR regarding the statements made by his father on page 12 of this report to determine the reliability of CONNOR'S father, as well as any information he may possess regarding these subjects. It will be noted that CONNOR will be released during April, 1939 and this lead should be given expeditious attention.

LITTLE ROCK OFFICE

AT MARSHALL, ARKANSAS

Will locate and interview CLARA BELL SWAN for any information she may furnish regarding subjects. (See report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 12/2/38.)

LOS ANGELES 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.

AT BAKERSFIELD, will disregard the lead regarding SEEDALL (SLEEPY) JOHNSON in view of the information set forth in this report.

* AT BELL, will conduct surveillance and investigation regarding VIOLA DAWSON and will reinterview her for any information she may have received concerning her brother, TED COLE. (See pages 13 and 14 report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 12/2/38.)

* Will reinterview WILLIAM B. McCLURE, 6234 Clifford, for any observation which may have been made by him of the residence of VIOLA DAWSON. (See report of Special Agent R. H. SIMONS, Los Angeles, 10/12/38.)

* 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 of the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 12/2/38.)

* 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.

* 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 LOS ANGELES, will interview VOLYA COSSACK, 243 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.

* 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.)

* 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, Los Angeles, dated 10/12/38.)

* Will interview RUTH KERN, 117 North Avenue, who is a sister of HENRY YOUNG, #244-AZ, who visited him at Alcatraz. (See Page 49 of the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 12/2/38.)

* 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.)
- * 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.)
- * 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.)
- * 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.)
- * Will locate MARYON JEANNETTE DARLING through her mother, JEANNETTE DARLING, 1711 West 23d, and interview her regarding the whereabouts of JACK O'BRIEN. (See report of Special Agent DUANE TAYLOR, Seattle, 1/14/39.)
- * Will locate IVAN KEENER through his brother, CALVIN KEENER, 2624 Partridge Avenue, for information regarding EVELYN MORGAN.
- * Will check the records of the Juvenile Court for information regarding ROE and KNUD I. SUMMERVILLE.
- * AT PASADENA, will determine if LARRY BUTCHER, telephone #1708, has any connection with JAMES HUGH BUTCHER. (See pages 49 and 44 to 48 inclusive of report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 12/2/38.)
- * AT SAN DIEGO, will locate ALBERT A. HILL, 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, Los Angeles, 10/12/38.)
- * 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 of report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 12/2/38.)

AT WOODLAKE, will continue surveillance and investigation of Mr. and Mrs. FRED COLE in connection with this case. Will recontact all sources of information who have been observing the COLE home. Will reinterview Mr. and Mrs. COLE.

NEW YORK FIELD OFFICE

* AT NEW YORK CITY, will, through the New York City parole authorities, locate and interview CHARLES REISS who was released from Alcatraz 8/30/38 to their custody. He should be interviewed for any information he may have concerning the escape or the present location of subjects. (See report of Special Agent L. H. RICHMOND, San Francisco, 2/2/39.)

* Will, through the New York City Police Department, learn the whereabouts of CHARLES YANOWSKY, released from Alcatraz to their custody on 4/21/38, and will interview him for any information he may possess regarding this escape or the whereabouts of subjects. (See report of Special Agent L. H. RICHMOND, San Francisco, 2/2/39.)

* Will obtain photographs of MORRIS MUSH TRACEMER, said to have resided at the Picadilly Hotel, New York City, about 3/30/38, and will forward same to Portland, Oregon for identification purposes. (See report of Special Agent J. P. McDEVITT, Philadelphia, 1/27/39.)

OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE

* Will recontact police officers who have rendered assistance in this matter at Sulphur, Ardmore, Duncan, Chickasha, Stroud and Depew, Oklahoma.

* Will attempt to identify and locate SLIM 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 of report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 12/2/38.)

* AT ADA, OKLAHOMA, will locate BRUCE BRADY and discreetly secure information from him regarding MILDRED and STEVE WELCH, as requested in the report of Special Agent in Charge E. P. GUINANE, Kansas City, 1/30/39. Will also interview BRADY for any information he may possess in instant case.

* AT ARDMORE, OKLAHOMA, will recontact MARIE BLACKBURN, 709 E Street, S.E., a former paramour of ROE for additional information. (See Page 28 of report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 12/2/38.)

* AT ARDMORE, OKLAHOMA, will reinterview MATTIE FINE, former associate and contact of ROE, for any additional information she may have received.

* Will contact informant [REDACTED] through Deputy Sheriff JIM LATHROP to determine if he has obtained any information concerning this case. b7D

* Will determine if subjects are contacting BIRDIE PRUITT and will then interview her especially for information regarding possible contacts of subjects.

* Will locate and interview JESS DARR regarding statements made by GORDON TROOP.

* AT BARTLESVILLE, OKLAHOMA, 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 CHICKASHA, OKLAHOMA, will locate the PARNELL boys through local officers in order that they may be interviewed for information.

* AT DEPEW, OKLAHOMA, will interview ORIE TURNBULL for any information he may possess regarding subjects.

* AT DRUMRIGHT, OKLAHOMA, will conduct appropriate investigation to determine the possible connection between C. H. CUMMINGS and HAZEL UNDERHILL.

* AT DUNCAN, OKLAHOMA, will reinterview the following relatives of ROE:

MRS. WILLIS BONNER
JOHN HICKEY
MRS. S. E. LEGG
MRS. EVA MARCH

* Will determine if RALPH ROE is in contact with HARRY SLEDGE, and if not, will interview SLEDGE.

* AT KAW CITY, OKLAHOMA, will locate and interview informant J. B. ATKINSON to determine if he has developed any information in this matter.

AT KETCHUM, OKLAHOMA, will attempt to determine the name of the person from Harrison, Arkansas responsible for the rumor appearing in the Ketchum Progress, 1/12/39, that he had seen COLE at that point.

AT MANNVILLE, OKLAHOMA, will locate and interview Mrs. STOVALL as requested in the report of Special Agent A. W. MILLER, Dallas, 2/1/39.

- * AT McLESTER, OKLAHOMA, 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 DWIGHT O. PUGH. (See page 28 of the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 12/2/38.)
 - * At the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, will determine the present address of LLOYD BILLARD, ex-inmate of the penitentiary, in order that he may be interviewed. (See Page 30 of the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 12/2/38.)
 - * Will reinterview ELMER INMAN, Oklahoma State Penitentiary, for any information he may have received. (See page 34 of report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 12/2/38.)
 - * 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 of the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 12/2/38.)
 - * AT MIAMI, OKLAHOMA, 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 of the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 12/2/38.)
 - * AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA, will maintain contact with Mrs. R. P. NORSE, 328 Southwest 23d Street, for her knowledge regarding RAY GILES. (See report of Special Agent F. S. SMITH, Oklahoma City, 1/9/39.)
 - * Will maintain contact with A. B. COOPER and MILDRED WELCH for any information they may obtain. (See report of Special Agent F. S. SMITH, Oklahoma City, 1/9/39.)
 - * Will maintain contact with Mrs. CHARLES MARSH, 2235 Northwest 22d Street, for information concerning the whereabouts of LEONA BRADY and C. M. DEFER.
- Will locate and interview W. F. SMALLEY, an attorney and close friend of subjects, to determine the possibility of his being in contact with them. He can be reached around the State Capitol.
- Will determine the identity of "BILL", Box 87, Route 9, a correspondent of HAZEL UNDERHILL, as well as the identity of the person named PEARL mentioned in letter from San Antonio dated 2/25/39.

* AT PAWUSKA, OKLAHOMA, will locate and interview BEULAH CLARK through her father, CHARLIE JOHNSON. She is named as a possible contact of subjects. (See Page 29 of the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 12/2/38.)

* Will reinterview 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.

* AT PICHER, OKLAHOMA, will interview WADPHILPS to ascertain the basis and truth of the information he allegedly furnished to KENNETH RAY. (See Page 48 of the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 12/2/38.)

* AT SAPULPA, OKLAHOMA, will locate and interview Mrs. TIM (JEAN) HYATT, COLE'S cousin, for information. (See Page 14 of the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 12/2/38.)

* AT SEMINOLE AND McALESTER, OKLAHOMA, 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 of the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 12/2/38.)

AT SEMINOLE, OKLAHOMA, will maintain contact with Informants "R" and 13 and Chief of Police JAKE SIMS.

* AT STROUD, OKLAHOMA, will interview the following relatives of COLE:

MRS. FANNIE BAUGH
ERNEST BRACE and
MRS. NELLIE BRACE
MRS. WILLIAM GRAVES
R. B. and RAULINE CORNETT

Will obtain full list of relatives and their present addresses, including CHARLES BRACE.

* Will recontact ALLISON (BUD) RANEY for any information he may have developed concerning subjects.

* Will contact [] informant, for recent information concerning the CORNETTS and ALLISON RANEY.

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* AT SULPHUR, OKLAHOMA, will determine if Sheriff BOSE JOHNSON has received any information regarding subjects and HOMER BISHOP.

* AT TULSA, OKLAHOMA, will determine the identity of the holder of Box 2171 regarding mail cover placed on mail of JAMES ROE.

* Will maintain contact with GEORGE TURNER for information regarding subjects and JAMES ROE. This lead should be covered by Special Agent L. E. KINGMAN.

Will, through the Post Office and sources of information, locate MORRIS QUINN whose name was furnished as a good contact of subjects, in an effort to determine if he is in communication with them. It will be noted that QUINN is not employed at the Bailey Undertaking Company at this time.

Will locate the present address of Mrs. GUY VAUGHN at the Post Office and through other sources of information in order that she may be reinterviewed concerning subject COLE.

* Will determine the identity of U. L. KENNON, 3123 West 41st St., and his connection with fugitives or HAZEL UNDERHILL. (See report of Special Agent F. J. LACKEY, San Antonio, 2/23/39.)

PEORIA OFFICE

* AT CENTRALIA, ILLINOIS, is requested to locate Mrs. ED (JEAN) DAVIS and conduct investigation regarding her as requested by the El Paso Division in report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 12/2/38. It should be noted that she is believed to be working as a taxi dancer for BOB CONNER.

* AT DANVILLE, ILLINOIS, will locate and reinterview DWIGHT O. PUGH for further and full information regarding his letter dated 4/2/38 not previously covered.

AT MOUNT VERNON, ILLINOIS, will locate and interview Mrs. BILL SPURGEON, 315 South 7th Street, for any information she may possess regarding this escape or the probable whereabouts of subjects. Information regarding her is set forth on Page 42 of the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 12/2/38.

PHILADELPHIA OFFICE

* AT THE U. S. PENITENTIARY AT LEWISBURG, PA., will interview MORRIS SCHATZ, Alcatraz #375, who was transferred from Alcatraz to Lewisburg on 10/29/38. Attempt should be made to obtain information from him concerning any knowledge he may have of the escape or the present location of ROE or COLE.

SALT LAKE CITY OFFICE

* Will endeavor to locate WINNIE F. METCALF, alias MACK SMITH, and interview him along lines suggested by the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 12/2/38. He can be located through sources indicated in report of Special Agent J. J. PIEPER, Seattle, 2/16/39.

* AT FT. DOUGLAS, UTAH, will endeavor to locate and interview the soldier referred to by ED REILLY. (See report of Special Agent J. P. McFARLAND, Seattle, 3/11/39.

SAN ANTONIO OFFICE

AT SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, will determine if COLE is or has been around the Buckhorn Bar of the St. Anthony Hotel and at 407 S. Salavad (phonetic spelling). See pages 15 and 16 of this report.

* AT HOUSTON, TEXAS, will contact FLOYD TEMPLE to obtain the address of ABE BAILEY, a driller for the Patrick and Tyrrell Company, 517 Cotton Exchange Building, and will then interview BAILEY regarding a rumor that a woman in Duncan, Oklahoma fed ROE during February, 1938.

* AT REFUGIO, TEXAS, will maintain contact with Sheriff IRA HEARD and through him with his informants to determine any unusual activities on the part of HAZEL UNDERHILL.

SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE

* AT ALCATRAZ ISLAND, CALIF., at such time as the tension is relieved among the inmate population at Alcatraz, will interview FRANK COUKER, #156, for any information he may desire to furnish concerning the escape of ROE and COLE. It is noted that COUKER has been named by the various guards as being the most reliable of the prisoners who were assigned to the mat shop at the time of the escape.

* Will interview JOSEPH SINGLETON, Superintendent of the Laundry, and learn from him any results he may have obtained in his efforts to get additional information from a prisoner named ANDY.

* AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF., will locate and interview DANIEL SULLIVAN, Alcatraz #170, who was released from Alcatraz on 8/30/38 and furnished transportation to his legal residence of San Francisco, for any information he may have relative to instant escape or the present location of ROE or COLE.

* Will locate and interview PET REED, #182, who was released on 10/13/38 into custody of the San Francisco parole authorities, attempting to learn from him any information he may have concerning the escape or the present location of ROE or COLE. It is noted that this individual has either been writing or furnishing information to a ghost writer for the San Francisco

Examiner upon which feature articles have been published under the name of REED. These articles deal with the conditions on Alcatraz. A series of these articles dealt with the escape of ROE and COLE and certain information contained in them was at variance with the information obtained by Agents investigating this case. The Bureau by letter dated 11/12/38 has requested that efforts be made to locate REED and suitable arrangements made to interview him thoroughly concerning his knowledge of the escape.

* Will locate and interview GEORGE THOMPSON, #249, released 11/17/38 and furnished transportation to his legal residence at San Francisco. His wife is reported to reside at 247 - 19th Ave., San Francisco. THOMPSON is also supposed to be reporting to the Federal Probation Officer at San Francisco and information concerning his present address should be available at that office.

* Will locate and interview FRANK ANDERSON, Alcatraz #167, released from Alcatraz 1/26/38, through his sister, Mrs. M. HAYWARD, 2461 Fulton St.

* Will conduct the additional investigation regarding AL BARRY and LEE MACK. In this connection see Bureau letter dated 12/30/37 and page 50 of the report of Agent HOOD, Oklahoma City, 12/2/38.

* Will interview Mrs. GABRIEL BERTA, 526 - 36th Ave., mother; GLADYS BERTA, 980 Bush St., wife; VINCENT MARKOVITZ, 184 Park St., correspondents and visitors of CARL BERTA, #132, as requested on page 9 of the report of Inspector M. E. GURNEA, San Francisco, 12/28/37.

* Will interview the following visitors and correspondents of JOHN PAUL CHASE, #238, as requested in the above mentioned report of Inspector GURNEA: CHARLES B. and AMBROSE CHASE, brothers, 715 - 42d St.; FRANK CHASE, brother, 14 Crescent Ave.

* Will locate and interview LOUIS FAUGUNDAS, #168, through his sister, ROSE FAUGUNDAS, 2603 - 21st Ave. (See page 51 of report of Agent HOOD, Oklahoma City, 12/2/38.)

* Will interview the following visitors and correspondents of JAMES SARGEANT, Alcatraz #129. (See report of Inspector GURNEA, San Francisco, 12/28/37, page 10.):

MRS. ANN FRAVEGA, mother, 2769 Bryant St.
LEO FRAVEGA, brother, 1258 Alabama
GEORGE FRAVEGA, brother
MRS. MARY BOTTANO
MRS. MIMIE BOTTANO
MRS. STELLA BACIGALUPI, aunts, 2867 - 22d St.

- * Will interview Mrs. GEORGE W. JOHNSON, 1618 1/2 - 12th St., sister of EDWARD BENTZ, #307. (See report of Inspector GURNEA, 12/28/37, San Francisco, page 24.)
 - * Will interview Mrs. WILLIAM LEVIN, 1267 Filbert, wife of WILLIAM LEVIN, #186. (See above report of Inspector GURNEA.) Attention is also directed to the information regarding this woman as set forth on page 50 of the report of Special Agent J. E. THORNTON, San Francisco, 1/17/38.
 - * Will interview Mrs. LILLA and GEORGE MILLER, 2190 Sutter St. and Mrs. JOSEPHINE GRIMMINGER, 919 Guerrero Street, correspondents and visitors of GEORGE THOMPSON, #249-AZ. (See page 27 of report of Inspector GURNEA, above mentioned.)
 - * Will interview Mr. and Mrs. J. J. MORRIS, SR., 57 Paradise Ave., and Mr. and Mrs. J. J. MORRIS, JR., 43 Richland Avenue, relatives of DANIEL J. MORRIS, #113. (See report of Inspector GURNEA, San Francisco, 12/28/37.)
 - * Will interview PALMER OTTERBECK and Mrs. ANNA OTTERBECK, 19 Dearborn St., and JOHN and ESTHER LALLY, relatives and correspondents of JAMES COLSON, #60. (See Inspector GURNEA'S report above mentioned.)
 - * Will interview Mrs. WILLIAM M. RITCHEY, Roosevelt Hotel, wife of WILLIAM M. RITCHEY, #99, who goes under the name of Mrs. HELEN ROBINSON. (See above-mentioned report of Inspector GURNEA.)
 - * Will interview Mrs. P. J. SULLIVAN, 299 Dolores, and P. J. SULLIVAN, 85 - 4th St., relatives of HARRY SULLIVAN, #198. (See report of Inspector GURNEA above mentioned.)
 - * Will interview Mrs. MARION VAN GLAHN, mother of GEORGE VAN GLAHN, #337, address 47 Costa St. (See report of Inspector GURNEA above mentioned.)
- Will conduct inquiry regarding the boat called Slocum and the employees thereon for information regarding the escape.
- * AT SAN QUENTIN, CALIF., will interview CAL YOUNG, Alcatraz #181, whose sentence expired 10/13/38 and who at that time was turned over to officials at San Quentin as a parole violator. This interview should be for the purpose of ascertaining whether YOUNG has any information indicating the present location of ROE or COLE.
- Will check the records of the penitentiary and determine the present whereabouts of Mrs. ED (JEAN) DAVIS, wife of deceased inmate.
- * AT REPRESA, CALIF., will interview HARRY KENNETH GINSLEY, Alcatraz #95, who is presently confined in Folsom Penitentiary as #21039, and interview him concerning any information he may have concerning the escape or the present location of ROE or COLE.

- * AT STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA, will endeavor to locate ABE ALLEN, who was released from San Quentin on parole 12/6/37 and who was supposed to report to the State Parole Officer at Stockton until 12/6/38. It is noted that his address while on parole was supposed to be c/o BEN WARSHAUER, 1634 W. Harding Way, Stockton. It should be determined from ALLEN whether he has any connection with J. L. ROSE or LAWRENCE HOLLAND. For the assistance of the Agent in covering this lead, he should refer to page 50 of the reference report of Agent HOOD.
- * AT BERKELEY, CALIF., 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.)
- * 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, as requested on page 10 of the report of Inspector M. E. GURNEA, San Francisco, 12/28/37.
- * AT OAKLAND, CALIF., will interview Mr. and Mrs. A. O. WINELAND, relatives of THEODORE AUDETTE. (See report of Inspector GURNEA, San Francisco, 12/28/37.)
- * AT NAPA, CALIF., will interview L. J. and W. F. DICKERSON, 523 Brown Street, and MINNIE and ADA DICKERSON, 915 Third St., relatives and correspondents of HOWARD C. DICKERSON, #103. (See report of Inspector GURNEA, San Francisco, 12/28/37.)
- * Will endeavor to locate LEONA BRADY, alleged to be residing with C. M. DEFER and who can probably 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. Information concerning her is contained in the report of Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 12/2/38, and the report of Agent F. S. SMITH, Oklahoma City, 1/9/39.
- * AT SAN RAFAEL, CALIF., will interview H. I. MULVERY, County Clerk, and I. H. CHLNEY, McNear's Beach, San Rafael, for any information they may possess concerning the escape. These two individuals are visitors and correspondents of JOHN PAUL CHASE, #238.
- * AT TRACY, CALIF., will at the Vern Rooms interview JACKIE NORTON, alias Mrs. PETTIJOHN. In this connection the Agent should familiarize himself with the material contained in the reports of Agents LOUIS D. WINE, San Francisco, 11/23/38 and T. G. SPENCER, San Francisco, 12/28/38.
- * AT TULELAKE, CALIF., will conduct the investigation requested by letter from this Division dated 2/21/39.

AT ALCATRAZ ISLAND, CALIF., will interview VOLNEY DAVIS concerning this escape in line with information set forth on Page 12 of this report.

SEATTLE OFFICE

- * AT ANCHORAGE, ALASKA, will determine if subjects are in communication with HAL FERNANDEZ, ex-Alcatraz #39-AZ, and will then consider direct interview with FERNANDEZ.
- * AT CENTRALIA, WASHINGTON, will ascertain whether RALPH YOUNG sent a Christmas card to Mrs. HASKELL RANNALS as she has claimed. He should be considered as possibly being identical with fugitive ROE. (See report of Special Agent H. T. ARTERBERKY, Dallas, 1/19/39.)
- * AT LANGLEY, WASHINGTON, will interview WILLIAM GILDOW, Route 1, Box 4, regarding his letter to Warden JOHNSTON, Alcatraz, as requested in letter from San Francisco, dated 1/21/39.
- * AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, ascertain the identity of R. E. KULHNER, 900 Yakima Place, and WILLIAM S. SMITH, 710 N. 73d St., to determine if either of the individuals might be subjects in this case, related to them, or be a contact for them. (See Report of Special Agent J. P. McFARLAND, Seattle, 3/11/39.)
- * AT VANCOUVER, B. C., will attempt to locate ROBERT B. MOXON, ex-Alcatraz #34-AZ, through his wife, 614 Hamilton St., and will interview him for any information he may possess. Will interview his wife, a correspondent.
- * AT McNEIL ISLAND, WASH., at the U. S. Penitentiary will interview the following individuals who were formerly confined at Alcatraz and who were transferred to the U. S. Penitentiary at McNeil Island on 2/24/38: DANIEL J. MORRIS, Alcatraz #113; RALPH TATUM, Alcatraz #191, COSSACK, Alcatraz #313.
- * AT McKENNA, WASH., will locate and interview ELMER H. COLE, Alcatraz #35, whose term expired 10/25/38 and whose transportation was furnished to his legal residence at Portland, Oreg.; however, the penitentiary records indicate that he went directly from Alcatraz to the home of his mother, Mrs. W. H. COLE, McKenna, Wash.

PENDING.

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RECORDED

April 10, 1939.

Special Agent in Charge
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

RE: ROCOL

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Earl Hirsh dated at Atlanta, Georgia, on March 24, 1939, reporting the results of an interview with Howard Robert Cole at the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia.

It is noted that information was obtained from Cole to the effect that his uncle, Clyde Cole, who is a postmaster at a station near Tulsa, Oklahoma, has two sons who are likely contacts for subject Cole. No undeveloped lead was indicated for your office to conduct investigation on the basis of this information. However, it is desired that arrangements be made to interview the two sons of Clyde Cole in the near future to determine whether they have any information of value in the investigation of this case.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc-Atlanta

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Coffey
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REPORT MADE AT Atlanta, Georgia.	DATE WHEN MADE 3-24-39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3-20-39	REPORT MADE BY EARL HIRSH.
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: **HOWARD ROBERT COLE** interviewed United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, is of opinion Fugitive **COLE** dead. Advises name of uncle whose sons ran with **TED COLE** and who possibly would have information concerning him.

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REFERENCE: Letter from Oklahoma City, March 15, 1939.

DETAILS: AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

The records at the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia, reflect that **HOWARD ROBERT COLE**, #51,551, was received at that institution on July 12, 1937, from the Western District of Tennessee, Memphis, to serve a thirty months sentence for violation of the White Slave Traffic Act. He is scheduled to be conditionally released in June, 1939.

Upon interview **COLE** stated that he is a second or third cousin of **TED COLE** and although he is not very well acquainted with him he didn't know **TED COLE** personally. He stated that he had no direct information one way or the other that **COLE** and **ROE** had made successful their escape from Alcatraz but was of the opinion that both of these individuals drowned. He was questioned concerning any rumors that he might have heard from the inmates transferred from Alcatraz who were at Alcatraz during this escape, advising that it was rumored that both fugitives drowned although no one in his opinion could positively state this as true. **COLE** stated that he did not know **RALPH ROE** at all. In fact his escape from Alcatraz was the first time that he had ever heard that name.

COLE seemed rather friendly toward reporting Agent due to the fact that **COLE** is assigned to the parole office and reporting Agent has had contact with

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that office which made COLE feel free to speak his mind, knowing of course that same would be treated confidentially. He stated that at one time when TED COLE was in the Oklahoma City Penitentiary at McAllister, that he, HOWARD COLE, had fixed a guard at the Penitentiary and the driver of the garbage truck who delivers garbage from the Penitentiary to the ash heap, at which time TED COLE had made good his escape by secreting himself in an ash can and that HOWARD COLE upon fixing these two individuals had gone to the ash heap where he took the ash can off the truck where TED COLE had secreted himself and assisted in his getaway.

COLE further advised that a second or third uncle named CLYDE COLE who is Postmaster at a station out of Tulsa, Oklahoma, believed to be Sand Springs, has two sons, names forgotten at this time, who at one time ran with TED COLE and who if contacted would possibly know if any one would whether or not TED COLE made good his escape from Alcatraz. COLE suggested that his uncle, CLYDE COLE, not be interviewed inasmuch as he would not give any information due to the fact that he did not want people to know that he is a relative of TED COLE but that his two sons would probably know if approached properly.

HOWARD COLE requested that his name not be used or intimated in any manner. It is possible that HOWARD COLE may turn out to be a good informant upon his release from the Penitentiary due to his apparent friendly attitude to reporting Agent. However, he did remark at the end of the interview that even though he was of the opinion that TED COLE and ROE drowned, he hoped if they did effect their escape that they would not be caught.

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FILE NO. **76-290**

REPORT MADE AT San Francisco, Calif.	DATE WHEN MADE 3/25/39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/6, 13/39	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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

HARRY KENNETH GINSLEY, Folsom Penitentiary #21039, admits slight acquaintance with subjects while at Alcatraz but has no information concerning their escape or present location. **CHARLES E. HAND**, Placerville, Calif., reports seeing men who he believes were subjects in Placerville two or three weeks after instant escape.

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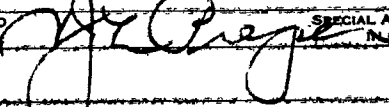
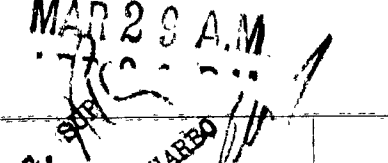
Report of Special Agent L. H. RICHMOND, San Francisco, 2/2/39.

Details:

AT REPRESA, CALIFORNIA

HARRY KENNETH GINSLEY, Folsom Penitentiary #21039, was noted by his prison record at Folsom Penitentiary to have left Alcatraz Penitentiary on August 18, 1936, and to have been received at Folsom on March 1, 1937, on a first degree burglary charge, to serve a term of from five years to life.

Upon being interviewed, **GINSLEY** admitted that, while at Alcatraz, he had worked with Subject **COLE** at one time on a plumbing detail and that he also had a speaking acquaintanceship with Subject **ROE**. He stated that he had sometimes talked with Subject **COLE** but that **COLE** had always kept his business strictly to himself. He stated that he had left Alcatraz several months before instant escape and

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had been in Folsom most of the time since then; that he had heard no word while at Alcatraz that an escape was planned or while on the outside or at Folsom through the grapevine as to what may have become of subjects, other than that it was usually guessed by cons that they did not see how subjects could have made their way to the mainland from the Island. GINSLEY advised that if he had any information of value, he might, to better himself, advise Agent of such information, but that in reality he had no information whatsoever regarding instant case.

AT PLACERVILLE, CALIFORNIA

Under date of October 21, 1938, a letter was directed to Warden J. A. JOHNSTON at Alcatraz Penitentiary by C. E. HAND, Placerville, Calif., stating that about two or three weeks after the Alcatraz break, two individuals had parked an automobile on a vacant lot near the Globe warehouse in the lower end of Placerville, and he had noticed these individuals sitting in the car, examining roadmaps and had later seen them pushing the car up the street. He advised that he had gone over to the car and helped them push it on to the lot in front of his warehouse, and they informed him that something was wrong with the car's ignition. He had written that that same evening he had, for the first time, seen pictures of ROE and COLE in a newspaper and had been struck by the great similarity between COLE and one of the individuals in the automobile, having particularly noticed the individual to have, what he termed, a "bell-shaped" nose, with extra large, open nostrils, having a long neck and in age, height and weight, answering the description of COLE. HAND had written that immediately upon seeing the picture, he had gone to the local Sheriff's Office, found no one there, and had then contacted Police Officer JOHN BATHURST, and together they had gone to the lower end of town but the car and its occupants were gone.

This letter had been forwarded to the San Francisco office, and, accordingly, HAND was interviewed at Placerville by Agent at the Globe Grain and Milling Company warehouse, which he manages in that city. CHARLES E. HAND stated that he was for 16 years Sheriff of Eldorado County and that he believed he had a good power of perception. He then advised the same as he had written in the letter above referred to, stating that upon viewing the pictures in the newspapers he had been absolutely certain that one of these individuals was COLE and that the other could possibly have been ROE. He could add nothing to what he said in his letter, other than to state that both men had worn old clothes, with brown coats and dark trousers. The automobile was believed to have been a dark colored Chevrolet sedan, probably bearing a California license, as he had not noticed it to have been a foreign license, which he believed he would have noticed. There had been only the two men, and they had ridden in the front seat. In the back seat there had been something which

was covered over, probably with a canvas, as he recalled it. He stated that these men had very little to say and gave him the impression that his assistance in helping push the car was not particularly wanted. They had spoken but little to him, but it was his belief now, based upon his acquaintanceship with various convicts as a result of his years as Sheriff, that these men spoke somewhat in the manner of convicts. He stated that he was certain that this occasion had been at least a week after instant escape. He did not know in what newspaper he had noted the photographs but was certain it had not been immediately after the escape. He advised that that evening he had, together with Officer JOHN BATHURST, patrolled all of the City of Placerville, without locating the individuals in question and so he had done nothing more about the matter until the letter to Warden JOHNSTON almost a year later.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

FILE NO. 76-259

REPORT MADE AT Dallas, Texas	DATE WHEN MADE 3/27/39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/16/39	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.
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 30%;"> <p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>REFERENCES:</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> </div> <div style="width: 70%;"> <p>KEITH EDELIN, Gulf Dial Lease, Stinnett, Texas, advised does not know anything about the escape of ROE and COLE and has never known either of them; further, that his wife is in sympathy with any prisoner and knows nothing about ROE and COLE.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-P-</p> <p>Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma, City, Oklahoma, dated December 2, 1938; report of Special Agent A. W. MILLER, Dallas, Texas, dated February 13, 1939.</p> <p>MR. KEITH EDELIN was located on the Gulf Dial Lease southeast of Stinnett, Texas. He advised that he had been looking for an agent to contact him either at Pampa, Texas, or on instant lease, as he had been informed by his company that efforts were being made by an agent to contact him.</p> <p>MR. EDELIN bears a good reputation with the Gulf Oil Company, and upon interview he advised that he was ashamed of his wife, as she had acted like an insane person. He stated she is in sympathy with JACK LLOYD, who is the former husband of MRS. CECIL NOEL. MRS. CECIL NOEL is a half-sister of MRS. KEITH EDELIN. EDELIN stated that his wife has never received any information concerning the escape of ROE and COLE, and he does not believe she has ever seen either one of them. He advised that his wife presently corresponds with JACK LLOYD in Alcatraz Prison; that he has asked her to stop it, as LLOYD is no good and is just where he belongs. MR. EDELIN</p> </div> </div>			
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advised that his wife is hardheaded and he is ashamed of her for talking as she did to an agent of the Bureau last year.

In conclusion, MR. EDELIN stated he has no use for JACK LLOYD, RALPH ROE, or THEODORE COLE and believes they should be in Alcatraz or drowned in the ocean, and that JACK LLOYD is exactly where he belongs. Further, he believes ROE and COLE both drowned as they attempted to escape, but if they did not and he can possibly get any information concerning them, he will immediately communicate with the Dallas Field Office.

MR. EDELIN stated that he has little control over his wife; that she is a hardheaded, high tempered woman and the Government should not pay any attention to her.

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

FILE NO. **76-72**

REPORT MADE AT BOSTON, MASS.	DATE WHEN MADE 3-25-39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3-14-39	REPORT MADE BY G. M. ALDERSON T
TITLE RALPH ROE, with aliases, I.O. #1472 - FUGITIVE; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, I.O. #1471 - FUGITIVE.			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">WILLIAM RITCHEY, former Alcatraz #99, presently incarcerated R.I. State Prison, Howard, R.I., advises he never associated with Fugitives ROE and COLE, and could offer no information concerning their escape or present whereabouts.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent L.H. RICHMOND, San Francisco, dated 2-2-39.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><u>AT HOWARD, R.I.</u></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Inasmuch as reporting Agent had interviewed WILLIAM RITCHEY, former Alcatraz #99, previously on another matter, and knew that he was incarcerated in the Rhode Island State Prison at Howard, the lead in reference report to contact the Providence Police Dept. was disregarded.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">WILLIAM RITCHEY was interviewed in the Rhode Island State Prison, and advised that he knew nothing concerning the escape of ROE and COLE, but even if he did know something he would not tell. At the beginning of the interview RITCHEY was very reluctant to talk; however, after continued questioning, he advised that he knew ROE and COLE by sight, but that he had never talked with them or associated with them during his incarceration in Alcatraz. RITCHEY further stated that he had very few intimate friends in the penitentiary, and that when they were let out in the yard twice a week, he spent his time playing dominoes with the few inmates that he was friendly with. RITCHEY was questioned as to whether</p>			
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or not he had heard any talk among the other inmates regarding the escape of ROE and COLE, and he advised that he had never heard any of the other prisoners discussing the matter among themselves. He stated that he first learned of the escape after it had occurred, inasmuch as he had been working in a different part of the penitentiary. RITCHEY also advised that he had never heard any discussion as to whether ROE and COLE had made good their escape and were in hiding, or whether they had been drowned in the attempt.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

BOSTON FIELD DIVISION:- Will contact confidential sources of information and informants connected with the underworld for rumors regarding the escape or presence of Subjects in this vicinity.

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OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA
MARCH 28, 1939

Special Agent in Charge
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

RE: R O C O L

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent L. B. REED, dated at Kansas City March 23, 1939, wherein on page two is reported information regarding one CLARENCE SPARGUR.

It is requested that the correspondence of SPARGUR be checked at Alcatraz Prison to determine whether the facts related are true.

Very truly yours,

H. B. FLETCHER
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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

FILE NO. **76-389**

REPORT MADE AT Portland, Oregon	DATE WHEN MADE 3-25-39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3-25-39	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
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: No information developed at Portland indicating that subjects were successful in their escape.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, dated December 2, 1938.</p> <p>DETAILS: The writer has kept this case in mind and discussed the same with a number of police officers including Chief and Detectives Captain J.J. KEEGAN and Captain WAYNE GURDANE of the Oregon State Police. Police Officers contacted advised that they had never received any information from any informants or other persons indicating that subjects were successful in their escape from Alcatraz Island.</p> <p>Agent has also kept this case in mind when interviewing various informants and underworld characters, but no information has been developed indicating that subjects were either successful or unsuccessful in their attempted escape. Agent has also seen Mr. L. J. LARSON, Hydrographic Office, U. S. Navy Department 211 U. S. Court House on several occasions. Mr. LARSON stated that he has never seen anyone resembling the unknown individual who purchased the tidal charts and current tables for the San Francisco Bay.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>UNDEVELOPED LEADS:</u></p> <p><u>THE PORTLAND OFFICE:</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">AT CAYUSE, OREGON:</p> <p>* Will interview Mr. and Mrs. A. O. WINELAND, Step father of Theodore J. AUDETTE, Alcatraz Pen. #208, Mrs. WINELAND being AUDETTE's true mother. She should be interviewed for information regarding instant case and shown photographs of both subjects. See report of SA R.E. LUTHERT, SF, 3-16-39.</p>			
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<p>REPORT MADE AT Salt Lake City, Utah</p>	<p>DATE WHEN MADE 3/27/39</p>	<p>PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/27/39 3/14, 15, 16/39</p>	<p>REPORT MADE BY H. B. DILL</p> <p style="text-align: right;">EM</p>
<p>TITLE RALPH ROE with aliases, I.O. #1472 - FUGITIVE; THEODORE COLE with aliases, I.O. #1471 - FUGITIVE;</p>			<p>CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</p>
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 20%;"> <p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p><i>L-2</i></p> <p><i>hr</i></p> <p><i>g</i></p> </div> <div style="width: 80%;"> <p>Confidential informants at [redacted] state it is their belief that the Subjects were drowned while endeavoring to make their escape. U. S. Marshal FRANK MIDDLETON, Reno, states he has no information as to Subjects' whereabouts, but heard that the Subjects passed through the prison garage while making their escape and took two intertubes and if this is true he believes that the Subjects could very easily have floated to the mainland on the inflated intertubes.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 12/2/38.</p> <p>DETAILS: <u>AT RENO, NEVADA</u></p> <p>The following confidential informants, underworld characters, and entertainers at the Reno night clubs were interviewed by Agent for any information they might be able to furnish with reference to the whereabouts of the Subjects in this case: [redacted] who works [redacted] who is [redacted]</p> <p>[redacted]</p> <p>Each of the above named persons stated that they did not know the whereabouts of COLE or ROE; that they have never heard even a rumor that would indicate either of the Subjects were still alive, and that they believe that the</p> </div> </div>			
<p>APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Jay S. [signature]</i></p>		<p>SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</p>	
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Subjects were drowned while endeavoring to make their escape from Alcatraz.

Numerous other persons were interviewed by Agent at the various gambling houses and night clubs in Reno and each of them stated that it was their belief that the Subjects were drowned while endeavoring to make their escape from Alcatraz. The names of these individuals interviewed were not obtained in view of the fact that they had no information of value to offer, and Agent did not disclose his identity.

Agent discussed this case with Mr. FRANK MIDDLETON, the United States Marshal for the District of Nevada and Mr. MIDDLETON stated that he had heard a rumor to the effect that ROE and COLE had passed through the prison garage while making their escape and took from the garage two intertubes for automobile tires; that if this be true he felt reasonably certain that the Subjects successfully effected their escape, in view of the fact that a person can float indefinitely on an inflated intertube no matter how rough the water is. Mr. MIDDLETON was unable to furnish the source from which he had received this rumor.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE
AT ALCATRAZ PRISON

If it has not already done so, will make an investigation to determine the possibility that each of the Subjects passed through the prison garage while making their escape and obtained an intertube.

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FILE NO. **76-224 mec**

REPORT MADE AT Philadelphia, Pa.	DATE WHEN MADE 3/31/39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/16/39	REPORT MADE BY P. A. MUNLEY
TITLE RALPH ROE, was., I.O. #1472 - FUGITIVE; THEODORE COLE, was., I.O. #1471 - FUGITIVE			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: MORRIS SCHATZ, #7827, U. S. Northeastern Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pa., says he has no information concerning escape of subjects, and does not know whether they are dead or alive.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- RUC -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of SA L. H. RICHMOND, San Francisco, 2/2/39.</p> <p>DETAILS: MORRIS SCHATZ, #7827, U. S. Northeastern Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pa., advised that the day of the escape of the subjects in instant case he was not in a position to see the subjects escaping, or to know that they were attempting to escape. He stated that he was employed in the laundry pressing clothes, and that to the best of his recollection, the subjects escaped between 1 and 1:30 p.m., at which time the fog was very thick, and there was no visibility whatsoever.</p> <p>He stated that he did not hear any information whatsoever, while incarcerated at Alcatraz, after the escape of the subjects as to whether they successfully reached the mainland, or whether they were drowned in the attempt. He stated that nobody knows whether they made their escape successfully.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN</p>			
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76-282.

REPORT MADE AT El Paso, Texas.	DATE WHEN MADE 3-29-39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3-24-39	REPORT MADE BY ROGER W. LEVERTON.
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: ROLLIE RECTOR, former Alcatraz inmate, turned over to Huntsville, Tex., prison authorities.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent L. H. RICHMOND, dated 2-2-39 at San Francisco, Calif. Report of Special Agent F. S. SMITH dated 3-22-39 at Oklahoma City.

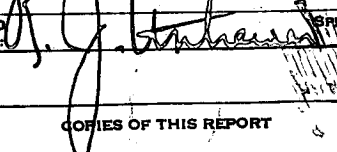

DETAILS: AT LA TUNA, TEX.

Warden T. B. WHITE of the Federal Correctional Institution, La Tuna, Tex., advised that ROLLIE RECTOR, former Alcatraz inmate #262, had been received at his institution on March 25, 1938 and registered as #9495. WHITE stated that RECTOR was detained in his institution for only three days and on March 28, 1938 was by him turned over to authorities of the Texas Prison System from Huntsville, Tex.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE SAN ANTONIO FIELD DIVISION:

AT HUNTSVILLE, TEX., will interview ROLLIE RECTOR, transferred to the Texas Prison System on 3-28-38 from the Federal Correctional Institution at La Tuna, Tex., for any information he may have concerning the escape or the present location of subjects. For the information of the San Antonio office, RECTOR was incarcerated at Alcatraz prison at the time of the escape of ROE and COLE.

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El Paso Field Division;

*AT ALBUQUERQUE, N.M., will contact Mr. VAN TREEL, Narcotic Agent, to ascertain if his investigation disclosed the whereabouts of JACK "FATS" MILES.

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FILE NO. 76-329

REPORT MADE AT Charlotte, N. C.	DATE WHEN MADE 3-30-39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2-22-39 3-24-39	REPORT MADE BY L. L. MEUNIER MHD
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>BOB PHILLIPS, Alcatraz #353, interviewed at Raleigh Central Prison; intimates that he knows something about escape of Fugitives, but refuses to divulge information unless Bureau intercedes with N. C. authorities so that he will be released from solitary confinement and allowed to work in prison yard. During course of conversation stated that DOC BARKER, BERNARD MCCOY, and RUFUS MCCAIN were supposed to have been in plan to escape with Fugitives, but fact BARKER and MCCAIN were in barber shop at time prevented them from leaving with COLE and ROE. PHILLIPS also states wife of WILBUR UNDERHILL, gangster, shot in Shawnee, Okla., was good friend of COLE and ROE, and intimates she should be questioned. PHILLIPS also states there was a gun and cartridges hidden in Alcatraz by one of inmates.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RUC.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent L. H. RICHMOND, San Francisco, Cal., 2-2-39.</p> <p>DETAILS: <u>AT RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA:</u></p> <p>Mr. HUGH WILSON, Warden, North Carolina Central Prison, informed that ROSCOE PITTS, alias BOB PHILLIPS, road number 32619, is now serving the balance of an unexpired term of a two-year sentence for larceny. His approximate date of release is January 23, 1940. He was returned to the North</p>			
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Carolina Central Prison on August 3, 1938 after he had been released from Alcatraz. Warden WILSON further informed that PITTS is a vicious prisoner, in that he is a trouble maker and it is necessary to keep him in solitary confinement continuously. Furthermore, according to Mr. WILSON, PITTS had a very poor reputation at Alcatraz, and was kept in solitary practically all the time he was a prisoner there. The file of Mr. WILSON also reflects that there is a Federal detainer now on file against the release of PITTS; the details about this Federal detainer were not known to Mr. WILSON, nor could he inform just what date this detainer was filed at the North Carolina Highway Commission.

PITTS, alias BOB PHILLIPS, was interviewed, and he stated that he was formerly inmate #353 at Alcatraz. He stated that at the time TED COLE and RALPH ROE escaped from Alcatraz he was working on the labor gang in the prison, and that ROE was working in the blacksmith shop and COLE was working in the mat shop. PITTS appeared very sul-
len, and refused to cooperate with Agent during the course of the interview. He stated that he felt the authorities at Alcatraz had not used him fairly, because most of the time he was out there he was kept in the "hole", while other individuals, such as DOC BARKER, RUFUS McCAIN, COLE and ROE, who were always plotting to get out seldom were placed in the "hole". He stated that upon his release from Alcatraz he was not given the customary \$20.00 that is given to all prisoners released. He informed that he had returned a receipt for this money, as he had been directed to do and that the Alcatraz authorities had not sent him the money as they should have done.

A lengthy interview was had with PITTS to obtain as much information as possible from him. During the first part of the interview, PITTS stated that he knew nothing about the escape of ROE AND COLE. He stated, however, that during his incarceration at Alcatraz, he came to know COLE and ROE very well, and liked them both. He appeared anxious to know what investigation had been conducted on this matter; however, it is noted that he was informed by Agent of nothing contained in reference report or of any details of this investigation. During the course of the conversation had with PITTS, he was asked if he knew anything about the attempted escape of BARKER. To this inquiry, he answered that he had seen a newspaper account to the effect that DOC BARKER had been killed while trying to escape. He then made the statement that had it not been for the fact that DOC BARKER and RUFUS McCAIN had to be in the barber shop at the time COLE and ROE escaped these two would also have made their escape with COLE and ROE. It is noted that Agent had said nothing to PITTS about BARKER and McCAIN being in the barber shop at the time of the escape, and it is noted that there is nothing in reference report to the effect RUFUS McCAIN was in the barber shop during that time. PITTS also stated that during the supper meal on the same day of the

escape he noted that DOC BARKER was very much put out by the fact that ROE and COLE had escaped without him. He stated that the day in question was about as near perfect for an escape as any day could possibly be because there happened to be a very heavy fog.

PITTS then stated that if the FBI would cooperate with him he could furnish certain information which he thought might assist in the solution of this case. He stated that the only thing he desired was to have the opportunity to go out in the prison yard to work, and thus be taken out of solitary confinement. It was pointed out to PITTS that if he cooperated with the Bureau and assisted in this investigation the matter of his assistance would be reported to the North Carolina prison authorities. He then stated that he would furnish no further information at this time, except to say that he knew there was a gun and some cartridges hidden in the Alcatraz Penitentiary by an inmate supposedly to be used in this escape. He also intimated that BERNARD MCOY, RUFE MCCAIN, and DOC BARKER were all in on the plan to escape. It is noted reference report contains the names of MCCAIN, BARKER, and one BERNARD PAUL COY. It is believed that COY is the individual mentioned by PITTS as MCCOY. He also stated that the wife of WILBUR UNDERHILL should be interviewed. He would not elaborate on any of these statements except to say that COLE and ROE were very friendly with the wife of UNDERHILL before they were removed to Alcatraz. He informed that WILBUR UNDERHILL was a notorious gangster who was shot in Shawnee, Oklahoma.

It is noted that no promises were made to PITTS during the above interview; however, upon its termination, Mr. HUGH WILSON, Warden, was reinterviewed and he was requested to give the exact status of PITTS' incarceration, and whether or not there was any likelihood that PITTS would be allowed to work in the prison yard in the near future. Mr. WILSON stated that when PITTS had been returned to the North Carolina Central Prison he was given the privilege of working in the prison yard, but he took advantage of this privilege by plotting an escape with other inmates who looked up to PITTS as a "big Shot" from Alcatraz who knew CAPONE and other notorious criminals. In fact, according to Mr. WILSON, PITTS had been the leader in a plan to escape where a 9-year old daughter of one of the prison officials was to be snatched from where she was playing in the prison yard and held as a hostage while the prisoners in on the plan escaped. It was pointed out to Mr. WILSON that the Bureau would under no circumstances take upon itself the responsibility of requesting the prison officials to change their policy of dealing with any of their prisoners. Mr. WILSON stated that he saw no chance that PITTS would be allowed to work in the prison yard in the near future; however, if such should happen he stated he would tell PITTS that it resulted from a request of the FBI, so that PITTS would then perhaps feel like talking to an FBI Agent. Mr. WILSON

informed that he would keep in close contact with PITTS, and if there were any developments at all he would notify the writer.

Mr. WILSON also stated that in his belief PITTS would tell nothing even if he were in a position to know. He stated that he himself had talked to PITTS upon his return to the Central Prison about the escape of ROE and COLE and PITTS, who had stated to him that COLE and ROE had been known to have visited Chicago soon after they had been released. Mr. WILSON stated that he had tried to get more definite information from PITTS, but without results.

Miss MARY FRANCES COX, Clerk, North Carolina Prison Records Division, was contacted, and she advised that her records reveal a detainer was filed on February 15, 1934 against the release of ROSCOE PITTS, her number 32619, by CHARLES R. PRICE, United States Marshal for the Western District of North Carolina. Apparently PITTS has served his Federal sentence and this detainer should now be removed. This matter will be brought to the attention of Marshal PRICE.

No undeveloped leads are being set out in this report; however, it is suggested that the Office of Origin give consideration to the information furnished by PITTS to the effect that RUFE McCAIN, BERNARD MCCOY, and the wife of WILBUR UNDERHILL were in on the plan of escape. In this connection it is suggested that the substantive files on COLE and ROE be reviewed to determine if there is any basis for PITTS' information to the effect that the wife of WILBUR UNDERHILL was a good friend of COLE and ROE. If this information is borne out, appropriate leads should be set out for the investigation of this woman's activities at the time ROE and COLE escaped, and to determine if COLE and ROE can be located through investigation of her present activities.

It is also suggested that if another interview is desired with PITTS, the Charlotte Office be furnished more details about this investigation, especially about any indications that the wife of WILBUR UNDERHILL was implicated in this jailbreak.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

Atlanta, Georgia
April 3, 1939

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Special Agent in Charge
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

RE: RUCOL

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated March 29, 1939, referring to the report of Special Agent EARL HIRSH dated at Atlanta, March 7, 1939, the name "ROSE PARDNER" being noted on page two.

This is to advise that the name of "ROSE PARDNER" should have been "ROE'S partner", this being an inadvertence.

It was also noted in reference letter from the Bureau that reference is made to one "COLE", a cousin of fugitive TED COLE. Reference is made to the report of Special Agent EARL HIRSH dated at Atlanta 3-24-39, setting forth the full name of this individual as HOWARD ROBERT COLE and the interview had with him relative to the information in his possession concerning fugitive COLE.

Very truly yours,

J. C. STRICKLAND,
Acting Special Agent in Charge

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San Francisco

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

Knoxville, Tennessee
March 30, 1939

Special Agent in Charge
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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

Dear Sir

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent F. S. SMITH dated at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, March 22, 1939.

Contact with police informants in this locality has failed to reveal any information concerning the present whereabouts of the subjects, and a review of the file indicates that the subjects have not had contact in this district, and further, it is noted that persons visiting Alcatraz Prison or prisoners transferred therefrom have not had contact with anyone in this locality. Accordingly, therefore, this case is being referred upon completion to the office of origin.

Very truly yours

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E. R. DAVIS
Special Agent in Charge

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

**PORTLAND, OREGON
March 25, 1939**

**Special Agent in Charge
Seattle, Washington**

Re: ROCOL

Dear Sir:

There are enclosed herewith copy of Bureau letter dated March 23, 1939, copy of letter from the Bureau to Miss Eugenie Gilder, Palouse, Washington, dated March 23, 1939, and copy of letter which Miss GILDER of Palouse addressed to the Bureau dated March 9, 1939, from Albany, Oregon.

Inasmuch as it appears that the informant, it is requested that your Office interview her at that place.

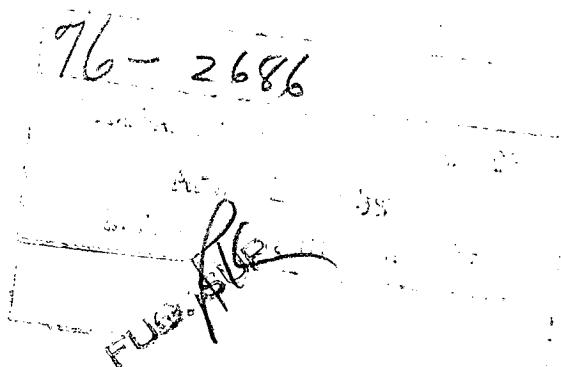
Very truly yours,

J. D. SWINSON,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Oklahoma City

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

FILE NO. 76-50

REPORT MADE AT Seattle, Washington	DATE WHEN MADE 3/31/39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/17/39: 3/11, 13/39	REPORT MADE BY JOSEPH J. PIEPER
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:

LOBE L. COSSACK, Alcatraz #313, DANIEL J. MORRIS, Alcatraz #113, and RALPH TATUM, Alcatraz #191, now incarcerated USP, McNeil Island, Wn., have no personal knowledge concerning plans of escape, how it was accomplished, or whether escape was successful. Rumors are that cans were used by COLE and ROE to give them buoyancy, but there were contradictory rumors that no cans were used, and also that subjects were swept under by the water and came up without the cans. HAL FERNANDEZ not located at Anchorage, Alaska.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent L. H. RICHMOND, San Francisco, 2/2/39; report of Special Agent R. T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 12/2/38.

DETAILS:

At McNeil Island, Washington:

LOBB L. COSSACK, Alcatraz #313, was interviewed at the United States Penitentiary, and he advised that his home is in Los Angeles, California, and that he is an attorney who is serving a 50-year sentence for his connection with a number of bank robberies; that he is not in sympathy with the criminal element, inasmuch as he has discovered that they have no honor even among themselves, and if he knew anything concerning the escape of ROE and COLE he would tell it; that the only information he has consists of the rumors that went around after they made their escape. He stated that he worked in the office of the superintendent of industries, and therefore, did not have much contact with the rest of the prisoners.

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e especially those who were working at the manual trades. He advised that he was not personally acquainted with either ROE or COLE, but that COLE had at one time been pointed out to him, and that he observed he appeared to be a very quiet individual who stayed to himself. He advised that he heard of no general preparation for this escape, and that it was a surprise to everyone, even to KELLY and KARPIS, who one would believe would have been in on it.

He stated that he had heard that BERNARD P. COY, Alcatraz #415, was one of the only prisoners who saw them actually leave, and that he stated they had some cans with them in order to give them buoyancy, and that he saw them swim as far out as the little rock which is known as "Little Alcatraz"; that they were swept under by the water and came up without the cans and then were lost in the fog. He further stated that there were some other rumors that no cans were used at all. COSSACK stated that it was very easy for prisoners to obtain cans, as there were always cans sitting around the penitentiary, especially in the work shops.

He advised that personally he did not think that the prisoners were successful in getting away and that he has heard nothing, even through rumor, that they had made any contacts outside of the penitentiary since their escape. He advised that a great many of the prisoners say that they believe the escape was successful, but that they merely say this because in their own minds they hope and wish that the escape was successful.

DANIEL J. MORRIS, Alcatraz #113, was interviewed, and he stated that at the time of the escape he was working in the warden's home, and that he had no contact with any of the other prisoners and especially COLE and ROE; that he heard no rumors or gossip either before the escape or after of any preparation for it or how it was accomplished. He stated that ELMER H. COLE, Alcatraz #35, was cook for the warden, and that he is the only other prisoner with whom he had much contact, and they never did say much about the matter. He advised that although all the prisoners get along with one another, those who are from any particular section of the country seem to clan together, and that those from Oklahoma and Texas would make up one group, and those from the West Coast would make up another.

MORRIS advised that this is the extent of his knowledge of the escape.

RALPH TATUM, Alcatraz #191, was interviewed and stated that he knows nothing at all about the matter from personal observation, and that at the time of the escape he was the electrical maintenance man for the penitentiary and was working on the dock at the time it happened. He advised that he was busy working and had observed no suspicious boats.

and, in fact, was not paying any attention to anything outside of his work.

He stated that from the talk of the prisoners and rumors that went around, many prisoners saw them make the escape, and that he understands both COLE and ROE had two cans apiece, which were tied together and greased to make them airtight; that they were seen to swim out until lost in the fog. TATUM advised that personally he does not think that they made it, as the physical odds were against them, and that he has heard nothing either directly or through rumor that they had made it.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent S. B. LANDRUM at Anchorage, Alaska on March 11 and 13, 1939:

The report of Special Agent R. T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated December 2, 1938, sets out a lead for the Seattle Office to make inquiry at Anchorage, Alaska for the purpose of determining whether subjects are in communication with HAL FERNANDO, spelled FERNANDEZ in the body of the report (see page 32).

Deputy Marshal J. H. BELL advised that he does not know HAL FERNANDEZ personally, but that he has heard that he escaped from the Anchorage jail once. An examination of his records disclosed that FERNANDEZ escaped from the Anchorage jail on January 8, 1933, while being held on a charge of receiving stolen property. SAM KEIST, a guard at the jail, advised that he knew HAL FERNANDEZ when he formerly lived in Anchorage, but that he has not been in that town since he was taken away by the officers to serve a prison sentence in the states. KEIST said that when FERNANDEZ was arrested at Anchorage prior to his escape he was a parole violator from the United States Penitentiary at McNeil Island. Neither BELL nor KEIST could furnish the names of any individuals at Anchorage who associated with FERNANDEZ when he resided at that place; however, they said that he had a brother who was formerly connected with the U. S. Army Signal Corps at Anchorage.

No more detailed information concerning FERNANDEZ' arrest and incarceration at Anchorage in 1933 could be secured, inasmuch as the headquarters of the U. S. Marshal and U. S. District Court for the Third Division of Alaska are at Valdez.

Chief of Police R. R. HUTTLE advised that he did not know HAL FERNANDEZ; however, he said that he knew who FERNANDEZ was. HUTTLE, after making inquiries about Anchorage among the underworld, advised that he could not secure any information that would indicate that FERNANDEZ has been in Anchorage within the past two or three years. HUTTLE said that he was unable to find anyone who knew FERNANDEZ or where he could be located.

At the office of the U. S. Army Signal Corps, Anchorage, inquiry disclosed that ARTHUR FERNANDEZ was formerly assigned to duty at Anchorage, and that he is now with the Signal Corps at Seattle, Washington. HAL FERNANDEZ was not known at this office.

R. J. GROVER, Clerk, U. S. Post Office, Anchorage, advised that his records do not contain any information concerning HAL FERNANDEZ.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE SEATTLE FIELD OFFICE:

At Seattle, Washington will interview ARTHUR FERNANDEZ, U. S. Army Signal Corps, and endeavor to obtain the present address of HAL FERNANDEZ. Thereafter the appropriate lead should be set out to interview HAL FERNANDEZ in compliance with leads set forth in the report of Special Agent R. T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, dated December 2, 1938.

* Will ascertain the identity of R. E. KUEHNER, 900 Yakima Place, and WILLIAM S. SMITH, 710 North 73rd Street, with the objective in view of determining whether either of these individuals might be one of the subjects in this case or related to the subjects or may be a contact for them. (This lead originally set out in the report of SA J. P. Mac FARLAND, Seattle, dated 3/11/39 - Seattle serial #76-50-88)

* At Vancouver, B. C. will attempt to locate ROBERT B. MAXON, former Alcatraz #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. (This lead originally set out in the report of SA M. E. GURNEA, San Francisco, 12/28/37 - Seattle serial #76-50-27.)

* At Centralia, Washington will attempt to locate RALPH YOUNG, residing at this place according to MRS. HASKELL RANNALS, and ascertain whether he sent MRS. RANNALS a Christmas card as she has claimed. RALPH YOUNG should be considered as possibly being identical with fugitive RALPH ROE. (This lead originally set out in the report of SA H. T. ARTERBERRY, Dallas, 1/19/39 - Seattle serial #76-50-85).

* At Langley, Washington will interview WILLIAM GILDOW concerning the information he furnished to Warden J. A. JOHNSTON, Alcatraz Penitentiary, regarding this escape. GILDOW's address is given as R.F.D. #1, Box 4. (This lead originally set out in San Francisco letter to Seattle dated 1/21/39 - Seattle serial #76-50-83).

* At McKenna, Washington will locate and interview ELMER H. COLE, Alcatraz #35, whose term expired October 25, 1938 and whose transportation was furnished to his legal residence at Portland, Oregon; however,

the penitentiary records indicate that he went directly from Alcatraz to the home of his mother, MRS. W. H. COLE, McKenna, Washington. (This lead originally set out in the report of SA L. H. RICHMOND, San Francisco, 2/2/39 - Seattle serial #76-50-86.)

* At Olympia, Washington 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. (This lead originally set out in report of SA RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 12/2/38 - Seattle serial #76-50-79, see pages 14 and 52.)

* At Vancouver, Washington at Vancouver Barracks will endeavor to locate and appropriately interview the soldier referred to 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 as about 35 years of age, of medium height, and a blond. (This lead originally set out in the report of SA J. R. McCULLOCH, San Francisco, 12/28/38 - Seattle serial #76-50-81.)

* At McNeil Island, Washington will interview JEFFERSON ROUBIDEAUX and ascertain if possible any information he may have as to the escape of subjects ROE and COLE. Particular attention should be paid to the report of Special Agent L. H. RICHMOND, San Francisco, California, 2/2/39, beginning at the bottom of page 5 of said report, in which former Deputy Warden SHUTTLEWORTH of Alcatraz Penitentiary turned over a confidential letter he had written to Warden JOHNSTON relative to information furnished him by ROUBIDEAUX, who informed him that he saw COLE and ROE making their escape. (This lead originally set out in the report of SA A. E. FARLAND, San Francisco, 3/21/39 - Seattle serial #76-50-89.)

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

P. O. Box 1881
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April 1, 1939

Director,
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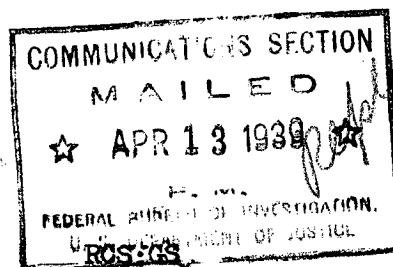
Re: RCOL

Dear Sir:

Kindly furnish the known criminal record of the following:

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HAL FERNANDEZ	USP, Alcatraz, #39-AZ	--	--

Kindly furnish copies of this criminal record to the San
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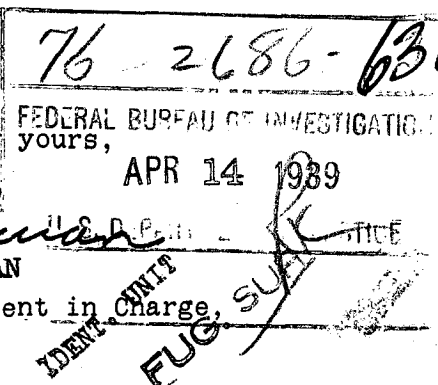
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Very truly yours,

R. C. SURAN

Special Agent in Charge



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

FILE NO. **76-41**

REPORT MADE AT DES MOINES, IOWA.	DATE WHEN MADE 4-3-39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3-23-39	REPORT MADE BY R. C. VOGEL <div style="text-align: right;">RCV/ni</div>
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:

Inquiries at Council Bluffs fail to reveal any information on ROE or COLE.

- R. U. C. -

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 12-2-38.

DETAILS:

AT COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA.

Chief of Police PAT BANGS and Captain JOHN REYNOLDS were interviewed as to possible contacts of Subjects ROE and COLE in Council Bluffs, but upon reflection, were unable to suggest any contacts among the hoodlum element in Council Bluffs. REYNOLDS advised that the LIMERICKS might be considered a contact for most any criminal, but that only Mrs. LIMERICK is presently residing in Council Bluffs. He suggested that ROE and COLE were undoubtedly acquainted with TOM LIMERICK and ERNIE VERHUEL, formerly of Council Bluffs, Iowa, while they were confined at Alcatraz, but pointed out that all of the old LIMERICK gang, with the exception of MAURICE DENNING, have either been killed or are presently serving in the penitentiary.

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He mentioned further that there are no "big time" hoodlums hanging around Council Bluffs at the present time.

Sheriff RILEY NELSON was likewise interviewed to determine possible contacts of ROE and COLE in Council Bluffs, but he was unable to suggest anything of value.

ROBERT "HOOT" CHRISTOPHERSON, a Council Bluffs hoodlum, who has a wide acquaintance among the criminal element, was also interviewed, but was unable to suggest anyone in Council Bluffs as a likely contact of COLE or ROE. CHRISTOPHERSON stated that practically all of the old time bank robbers and other hoodlums have disappeared from Council Bluffs, and was unable to make any suggestions as to possible contacts in Council Bluffs.

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TITLE RALPH ROE with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1472; THEODORE COLE with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1471.			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Information conveyed to Okla. City Office by SO, Bartlesville, Okla. 3-20-39 indicating COLE seen in vicinity that place, proved to be without truth.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p><u>DETAILS:</u></p> <p>On March 20, 1939 a long distance telephone call was received by the Oklahoma City Office from Sheriff J. M. ENGLE, Bartlesville, Oklahoma stating he had been advised by his deputy sheriff, FRANK ROWE that THEODORE COLE was then in the vicinity of Bartlesville and requested the Oklahoma City Office to furnish photographs and descriptions of COLE and stated that if it appeared that COLE was actually in the vicinity he would advise the Oklahoma City Office before making an attempt to apprehend him.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- at Bartlesville -</p> <p>On March 21, 1939 contact was made by this Agent with Sheriff ENGLE and Deputy Sheriff ROWE. ROWE advised that one GEORGE MADER, a reliable farmer who resides near Dewey, Oklahoma, had informed him that he, MADER was fishing near his farm on Caney Creek approximately four miles east of Dewey, a few days previous and there came in contact with a man whom he had known when a boy, by the name of COLE; that this man was carrying a pistol and in conversation admitted he was TED COLE who escaped from Alcatraz with a bunch and detailed how they all got</p>			
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away on a raft which they later deserted 18 miles from the prison. This man further stated he was visiting his people who lived in the fork of the Caney Creek, east of where they met.

MADER stated he had known a family named COLE who lived in the vicinity of Bartlesville about 16 years ago and had recognized the man talking to him as belonging to that family and further stated he had seen this man's mother, Mrs. COLE at Dewey on the following Saturday after talking with the fellow and recognized her.

He advised the writer that Mr. MADER stated that if shown a photograph of subject COLE that he felt he would have no difficulty in identifying it.

In company with Deputy ROWE this Agent made contact with Mr. MADER at his home. He reiterated practically the same story as related by Mr. ROWE. He described the man COLE whom he had seen and talked with as being about 24 years of age, 5' 5" in height, weight about 135 pounds, medium complexion and a thin face. Mr. MADER further stated on the Saturday prior to talking with this man he was in Dewey, Oklahoma and there saw and recognized the Mrs. COLE whom he had known at Bartlesville and the mother of the man he talked with; that while he did not talk with her he knew positively this was the woman. He described her as being very short, heavy set and a very good-looking woman of about 55 years of age. He stated she had light hair which may have been white.

The writer then asked Mr. MADER if he thought he could identify the photograph of the man COLE whom he had seen and talked with. He stated he was positive he could. Agent then exhibited to him the photograph of RALPH ROE and MADER very promptly identified ROE'S photograph as being one and the same as the man he had met and talked with. He stated that he could not be mistaken; that the eyes of COLE were exactly as those of the photograph. The photograph of THEODORE COLE was then exhibited to Mr. MADER and he was asked if that photograph in any way resembled the man he had seen. He then stated that COLE'S picture in no respect resembled the man whom he had met. He called attention to the features of COLE in the photograph and stated they were entirely different from those of the man he had talked with.

It was very clear that the man seen by Mr. MADER was not identical with subject COLE and Mr. MADER was questioned no further.

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TITLE RALPH ROE, with aliases, I.O. #1472, FUGITIVE; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, I.O. #1471, FUGITIVE			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">WILLIAM FRANK LEAMAN, former inmate of Alcatraz, located and interviewed on farm of father located on RFD #2, Galena, O. Advised he was acquainted with subjects, but that he had no contact with them other than general conversation in yard of prison. Unable to give any information concerning present whereabouts. Related that he did not think they were successful in effecting escape and that they perished before reaching mainland.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RUC</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, dated 12-2-38.</p> <p>DETAILS: ROBERT LEAMAN, RFD #1, Circleville, Ohio advised that his brother, WILLIAM FRANK LEAMAN, returned from Chicago during September, 1938 and that WILLIAM remained with him on the farm until several months ago. At that time their father, U. G. LEAMAN purchased a farm on RFD #2, Galena, O., near Harlem, Ohio.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">WILLIAM FRANK LEAMAN, RFD #2, Galena, O. advised he was transferred to Alcatraz from McNeal Island during the month of September, 1935 several hours prior to the time that the subjects of this case were admitted. He related that he worked in the laundry during the period of his confinement and that his only contact with subjects was in the prison yard on Saturday afternoons. He related that he had no other contacts with subjects and never</p>			
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heard any conversation between them relative to an attempted break. He further stated that he had never heard them make any remarks as to what they intended to do upon obtaining their freedom or where they intended to go.

LEAMAN reported that inasmuch as both subjects were born and raised in the State of Oklahoma, he doubted whether either of them was capable of swimming from the island to the mainland or remaining in the water for any great period of time. He further stated that if in the event either was successful in reaching the mainland, they would have been desperate for funds and would have been heard of by this time.

LEAMAN stated that he was transferred to the United States Industrial Reformatory, Chillicothe, Ohio on 7-5-37 and pardoned on 7-21-37.

Investigation in the community of Harlem, one half mile from the farm of LEAMAN, disclosed that LEAMAN has been on the farm of his father for the past four or five months, and that he has lived alone during this time. It was further determined that no strangers have ever been seen to frequent his farm and to remain for any length of time.

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April 21, 1939.

Mr. Bill Hartmann
#2
Sonora, California

Dear Mr. Hartmann:

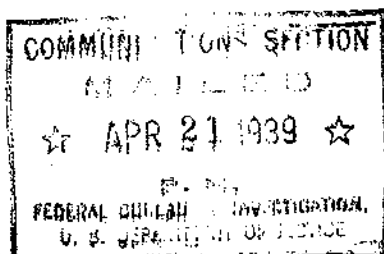
I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated April 12, 1939, in which you relate certain facts concerning an individual believed by you to be possibly identical with either Theodore Cole or Ralph Roe who escaped from Alcatraz Penitentiary.

I wish to sincerely thank you for communicating with me in this regard and to advise you that I have instructed Mr. N. J. L. Pieper, Special Agent in Charge of this Bureau's San Francisco, California, Field Division, 111 Sutter Building, San Francisco, to have an Agent from that office contact you in the near future to further discuss this matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc-San Francisco (with copies incoming)



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San Francisco California
Apr. 12. 1939

Dear Sir,

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The reason I want to know is that there was a man about 30-35 years of age and about 5 ft 7-10 inches tall talking to a few of us children one day about 5 days ago. He had a few streaks of gray hair but I couldn't see very much cause he had a hat on. Anyway I could recognize him if I saw him.

His main topic of conversation was sex and swimming from Alcatraz with about an 1/2 of an inch of grease on his body. As I had read that there is a tide that goes by Alcatraz I didn't think any sane person would swim it unless he had a very good reason so that is why

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Sincerely Yours,

/s/ Bill Hartmann

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United States Department of Justice

PORTLAND, OREGON
April 6, 1939.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Seattle, Washington.

Re: ROCOL

Dear Sir:

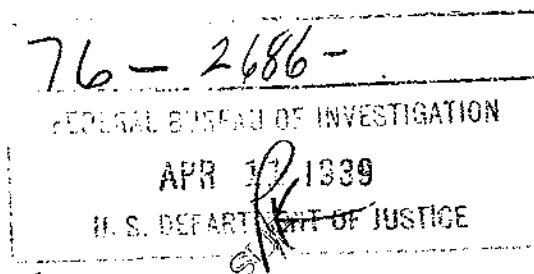
This Office is in receipt of the following letter from Mrs. EUGENIE K. GILDER of Palouse, Washington, which is self-explanatory:

"R3, Palouse, Wash.,
April 4th, 1939

"J. D. Swenson,
Portland, Oregon.

"March 9, 1939 I wrote to Mr. Hoover telling him of some talk I heard from two men on the stage March 8 up from San Francisco. I don't think I told him that one man said "I have a car at Seattle to go across the border". I was thinking of what I heard them say this morning and if I neglected to tell that it was only nervous fear as I do not like to be linked up in any way with such. The men talked all the way from where we passed San Quentin until we were almost to Santa Rosa. I am away a great deal and my husband who was on the stage with me was in a back seat and does not know of a thing I heard or reported as I have talked to no one at all in regard to this. So it would do no good to ask him anything about it. I live 3 miles west of Potlatch on the main hi way 95 - 95E, back of gas station."

It is suggested that the foregoing be borne in mind in interviewed Mrs. GILDER at Palouse, Washington, it being noted that this Office corresponded with you concerning Mrs. GILDER on March 25, 1939.



SAC Seattle

April 6, 1939

Portland

Inasmuch as Mrs. GILDER has expressed her desire that no letter be addressed to her at Palouse, the above quoted letter is not being answered.

Very truly yours,

J. D. SWENSON,
Special Agent in Charge.

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

FILE NO. **76-51**

REPORT MADE AT Peoria, Illinois	DATE WHEN MADE 4-14-39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3-28, 29-39	REPORT MADE BY G. C. THOMPSON LMJ
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:

BOB CONNOR operated taxi-dance night club in Sandoval, Illinois, until 3-14-39, and is presently located at 202 Magnolia Street, Sulphur Springs, Texas. JEAN DAVIS unknown in Sandoval and Centralia, Illinois; however, VINA INEZ DAVIS and JEAN WALKER may be identical with her.

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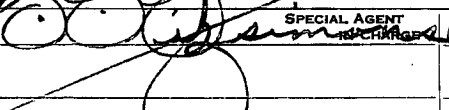
REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent D. K. BROWN, El Paso, Texas, dated 12-16-38.
Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 12-2-38.
Report of Special Agent F. S. SMITH, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 3-22-39.

DETAILS:

AT CENTRALIA, ILLINOIS:

Detective ORVILLE T. BOUNDS was interviewed in regard to an individual by the name of BOB CONNOR who was alleged to have operated a taxi-dance establishment in or about Centralia and the possibility that a JEAN DAVIS or Mrs. ED DAVIS was employed by him. BOUNDS, however, declared his department had no record of BOB CONNOR and further asserted there were no taxi-dance establishments presently being operated in or about Centralia nor had there been any in the past. Relative to JEAN DAVIS, he stated he had two girls in mind who might possibly be identical with the JEAN DAVIS with whom an interview was desired.

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The first girl, he advised, was one JEAN WALKER, who had been practicing prostitution for some time in Centralia, having come to Illinois from Missouri, he thought, during the summer of 1938. He said she had never been photographed by his department, although she had been questioned on several occasions. BOUNDS and Detective GEORGE WISHER, who had just returned from a call, both described JEAN WALKER as follows:

Name	JEAN WALKER
Age	30
Height	5'2"
Weight	105
Hair	Red
Eyes	Dark blue
Occupation	Prostitute

Both detectives advised JEAN WALKER had frequented the two main houses of prostitution in Centralia, but that she did migrate occasionally to the various other oil towns in southern Illinois.

The other girl, both detectives agreed, who might be identical with ED DAVIS' wife, was a VINA INEZ DAVIS, who also used the aliases of BILLIE DAVIS and JEAN DAVIS. The officers stated she had last worked in a house of prostitution operated by REBECCA O'DELL at 215 East Fourth Street and that although she had been arrested, fingerprinted and photographed by their department, they did not know her present whereabouts, since she too occasionally migrated to various other oil towns in southern Illinois. Her description as taken from the Police Department files is as follows:

Name	VINA INEZ DAVIS, aliases: Billie Davis, Jean Davis
Age	21
Height	5'7"
Weight	150
Eyes	Gray
Hair	Brown
Complexion	Light
Build	Large
Occupation	Prostitute
Residence	Walnut Ridge, Arkansas
Arrested	Centralia, Ill., PD for inv. & rel., Centralia, Ill., PD #1116.

BOUNDS stated that his department had been advised by the Bureau's Identification Division that VINA INEZ DAVIS had no previous criminal record and thus, had no FBI number. Her picture was secured from Officer BOUNDS and is being forwarded to the Oklahoma City Office in order that it may be exhibited to the proper persons with a view to ascertaining if she is the wife of ED DAVIS.

It may be noted, as set out on page 5 of reference report of Special Agent D. K. BROWN, that it is not positively known whether the JEAN DAVIS referred to in that report and alleged to have come to Centralia, Illinois, to work for BOB CONNOR, is in fact identical with the JEAN DAVIS mentioned in the reference report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD. Thus, the description of the two girls mentioned by the Centralia Officers is being set out in this report and the picture of VINA INEZ DAVIS is being forwarded to the Oklahoma City Office for identification purposes. It is not deemed advisable to conduct further investigation to locate these two women until advised by the Office of Origin that their description corresponds somewhat with that of ED DAVIS' wife. It may further be noted that the description of these two girls does not correspond with the description of the JEAN DAVIS alleged to have come to Centralia, Illinois, to work as a taxi-dancer for BOB CONNOR.

Agent, accompanied by Detective BOUNDS, interviewed REBECCA O'DELL, madam of the house of prostitution at 215 East Fourth Street, but she advised neither of the two mentioned girls had worked for her for some time and that she did not know their present whereabouts. BOUNDS advised Agent that she was very cooperative with his department and it might be noted that O'DELL made several telephone calls in an effort to locate the girls, but with negative results.

It was learned by Detective WISHER that JEAN WALKER had been in one of the local taverns in an intoxicated condition, and although Agent and WISHER visited several of the taverns and houses of prostitution neither of the two girls were located.

Upon return to the Police Station, BOUNDS said he had ascertained a taxi-dance establishment had been operated by an individual at Sandoval, Illinois, whose first name was BOB, but that he had been unable to ascertain if a girl by the name of JEAN DAVIS had been employed there.

In conclusion both BOUNDS and WISHER asserted they doubted if either of the two girls above set out is identical with the JEAN DAVIS Agent desired to locate, since their description did not fit that set out in Agent BROWN'S report and for the further reason that they were prostitutes. They declared, however, they were the only women in Centralia known to their department who could possibly be identical with ED DAVIS' wife.

Postmaster PRENTISS PUFFER caused a search of his records to be made, but advised neither BOB CONNOR, JEAN DAVIS nor Mrs. ED DAVIS had received mail through his office. He did state that he had ascertained two girls by the names of BETTIE DAVIS and ETHYL DAVIS had received mail in care of general delivery some time ago, but that their address and present whereabouts was unknown.

Mrs. GRACE ALLEN of the Retail Credit Bureau likewise made a search of her records and advised same disclosed no record of a BOB CONNOR, JEAN DAVIS or Mrs. ED DAVIS.

AT SANDOVAL, ILLINOIS:

THOMAS SNODGRASS, City Marshal, stated that BOB CONNOR had operated a taxi-dance establishment at the Palace Night Club and the Blue and Gold Night Club since last fall, but that since the town's citizens complained, CONNOR was forced to terminate his taxi-dance activities in Sandoval about March 10, 1939, at which time he left town and returned to somewhere in Texas. SNODGRASS said CONNOR had had several girls with him and that as he recalled most of them were from Texas, but that they had just come and gone and some returned to Texas at various times. He said he did not recall a girl by the name of JEAN DAVIS or Mrs. ED DAVIS working for CONNOR and that he did not believe the description set out in reference report of Agent BROWN resembled any of the girls employed by CONNOR. He advised that his nephew, BOB BOUSER had worked for CONNOR a few weeks as a ticket collector at the Blue and Gold Night Club.

BOUSER was interviewed in regard to CONNOR and JEAN DAVIS and Mrs. ED DAVIS, but he, too, said he did not recall a girl by the name of JEAN DAVIS or Mrs. ED DAVIS nor anyone who would fit the description set out in reference report of Agent BROWN.

Mrs. MARGARET HOWLEY, Postmaster, advised she did not recall a girl receiving mail by the name of JEAN DAVIS or Mrs. ED DAVIS, and that she did not have any record of a forwarding address being left by such an individual.

Mrs. HOWLEY stated, however, that BOB CONNOR, upon his departure from Sandoval, on March 14, 1939, did leave as his forwarding address, 202 Magnolia Street, Sulphur Springs, Texas, which she declared was in Hopkins County, Texas. A lead is thus being set forth for the Dallas Office to locate CONNOR and ascertain if he employed a JEAN DAVIS in Sandoval, Illinois, and if so, whether her present whereabouts is known to him.

ENCLOSURE - To the Oklahoma City Office

Two photographs of VINA INEZ DAVIS

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The DALLAS OFFICE at Sulphur Springs, Texas, at 202 Magnolia Street, will locate BOB CONNOR and ascertain if he employed one JEAN DAVIS in Sandoval, Illinois. If so, her present whereabouts should be ascertained from him, in order that she may be interviewed as requested in reference reports of Special Agents HOOD and BROWN, copies of which are in possession of the Dallas Office. It is also suggested

that a more complete description of her be obtained in order that the Office of origin may determine if JEAN DAVIS is the wife of ED DAVIS and thus the woman desired to be questioned by the Office of origin.

The OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, will exhibit the picture of VINA INEZ DAVIS to the proper persons in order to ascertain if she is identical with ED DAVIS' wife. Will also ascertain from the description set out in this report if JEAN WALKER is identical with ED DAVIS' wife.

*The PEORIA OFFICE at Danville, Illinois, will locate and re-interview [redacted] for full information concerning his letter dated April 2, 1938. See page 24 of the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, dated 12-2-38, and the report of Special Agent J. H. NICHOLSON, Peoria, dated 10-26-38.

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*At Mt. Vernon, Illinois, will locate and interview Mrs. BILL SPURGEON, 315 South 7th Street, for any information she may possess regarding this escape or the probable whereabouts of subjects. Information regarding her is set forth on page 42 of the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 12-2-38.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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REPORT MADE AT SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.	DATE WHEN MADE 4/8/39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/23, 24/39	REPORT MADE BY O. H. PATTERSON -- GH
TITLE RALPH ROE, with aliases, I.O. #1472 -FUGITIVE THEODORE COLE, with aliases, I.O. #1471-FUGITIVE			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>ABE ALLEN can presently be located through inquiry at store of brother-in-law, 5509 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif., where ALLEN is supposed to be employed. Mrs. M. T. PETTYJOHN, wife of M. T. PETTYJOHN, Alcatraz inmate, unknown at Tracy, Calif., or at Stockton, California.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>REFERENCE:</p> <p>Teletype from Salt Lake City to San Francisco, 12-25-37. Reports of Special Agent C. H. OLSON, San Francisco, 1-3-38; R. P. KRAMER, Los Angeles, 1-8-38; M. E. GURNEA, San Francisco, 12-28-37; TOM E. NEAL, Dallas, Texas, 2-2-38; L. D. WINE, San Francisco, 11-23-38; T. G. SPENCER, San Francisco, 12-28-38, and L. H. RICHMOND, San Francisco, 2-2-39.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p>Reference is made to reference report of Special Agent L. H. RICHMOND, San Francisco, 2-2-39, wherein on page 17 is set out a lead at Stockton, California, to locate and interview ABE ALLEN regarding his knowledge of J. L. ROSE or LAWRENCE HOLLAND. In connection with this lead, and for the information of the Los Angeles office, which is requested to interview ALLEN, the following excerpt from page 50 of the report of Special Agent RALPH W. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 12-2-38 is set out:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">"Reference is made to the report of Special Agent C. H. OLSON, San Francisco, 1-3-38 page 11, regarding a visiting card found at 2421 Post Street, (San Francisco), which bore the name "HOLLAND", and also the</p>			
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name "ALLEN", followed by the number "56684". Two occupants, Mr. and Mrs. J.L. ROSE, apparently hurriedly left the apartment on 12-15-37, 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 12-25-37. Attention is also made to the report of Special Agent R. P. KRAMER, Los Angeles, 1-8-38, 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."

In connection with the above, the Los Angeles office has copies of all pertinent data in connection with the interview to be conducted with ABE ALLEN with the exception of the teletype from the Salt Lake City office to the San Francisco office, dated 12-25-37 and accordingly the contents of same are set out below for the information of the Los Angeles office:

"RALPH ROE WA FUGITIVE ETAL EFP. Refer report of SAC SPEARS Dated Portland December twenty two. Portland office determined car with current Nevada license #T 8621 with two passengers passed through California Oregon Border December fifteen and requested immediately conduct investigation outlined above report concerning passengers such car. Above Nevada plates registered to Holland Frida, Winnemucca, Nevada for Nineteen Thirty Seven Chevrolet pickup truck, Motor #K 102,3451. LAWRENCE HOLLAND and GILL FRIDA reputable sheep dealers. HOLLAND interviewed Reno, advises instant truck driven by GILL FRIDA and son JOHN to ZUKERMAN RANCH ten miles South Klamath Falls, Oregon in October and driven to Red Bluff, California by GILL FRIDA about December Sixteen when he moved sheep to ranch fifteen miles west of Red Bluff. HOLLAND believes FRIDA'S companion probably sheep herder. FRIDA and truck now located care Turners Grocerteria Red Bluff, Calif., TURNER being FRIDAS son-in-law. Interview FRIDA immediately in accordance reference report."

AT STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA:

In accordance with the lead set out on page 17 of reference report of Special Agent L. H. RICHMOND, San Francisco, 2-2-39, to locate and interview ABE ALLEN at Stockton, California, agent interviewed Mr. BEN WARSHAUER, 1634 W. Harding Way. Mrs. WARSHAUER was also present during part of this interview. Mr. WARSHAUER stated that ABE ALLEN had been paroled to him on 12-6-37 from San Quentin and had immediately thereafter gone to work for WARSHAUER in the shoe department of the Stockton Dry Goods Company store in Stockton, of which WARSHAUER is the manager of the shoe department. Thereafter, ALLEN worked here for one year, until about two weeks after the expiration of his parole on 12-6-38, at which time ALLEN proceeded to Los Angeles to go to work for his brother-in-law (name unknown) at the latter's store at 5509 Wilshire Boulevard, phone Wyoming 4436. WARSHAUER stated that he was in Los Angeles

recently and saw ABE ALLEN at this store for a few moments. He does not know ALLEN'S residence address. WARSHAUER advised that after ALLEN was released from San Quentin on 12-6-37 ALLEN attended very strictly to business, was in Stockton every day and as far as WARSHAUER knows had no contacts with any of his old cronies. WARSHAUER made this statement because, he advised, ALLEN feared return to a penitentiary, stating life there was unbearable. ALLEN also stated to WARSHAUER at time that he had to be very careful of his conduct because his old friends might try to frame him "again" and cause revocation of his parole and ALLEN wanted to give no one any excuse to return him to prison. WARSHAUER stated ALLEN was fearful that he might do something that would cause revocation of his parole and made the statement that "ALLEN" was scared to death when he was released from San Quentin. WARSHAUER was questioned quite closely in this regard to ascertain the exact movements of ALLEN, known to him, immediately following 12-6-37 and WARSHAUER advised that he knew ALLEN was in Stockton every day, working at the store, and although he could not vouch for ALLEN'S movements after working hours in the evening, he was sure he did not leave Stockton or contact any of his old friends. WARSHAUER stated he was sure ALLEN did not leave Stockton because about six months after ALLEN'S release WARSHAUER had to make a trip to San Francisco and wanted ALLEN to go along for company but the latter refused, stating he would not leave the city for any reason due to the terms of his parole. WARSHAUER then advised that ALLEN had lived in Stockton after his release from San Quentin with his mother, MRS. KATIE ALLEN, Auditorium Apartments, Stockton, of which she is the owner. ALLEN'S brother, SAM ALLEN, also lived there. In this connection, it may be set out that agent has ascertained from other sources that Mrs. ALLEN, the mother of ABE ALLEN, is reputed to be an ex-madam of houses of prostitution and SAM ALLEN is reputed to be a pimp in Stockton. ABE ALLEN'S prior activities in Stockton are unknown to agent. WARSHAUER made the statement that it would not be well to contact MRS. ALLEN because she would furnish no information. WARSHAUER did not amplify his statement and agent made no comments.

WARSHAUER and Mrs. WARSHAUER were then questioned regarding their knowledge of a J. L. ROSE, HOLLAND, LORRAINE HOLLAND, ANDREW SAMPSON and Mrs. VIOLA DAWSON and LAWRENCE HALL. Both stated that they had never heard of any persons by this name with the exception of one LARRY HALL, who used to be a good friend of ABE ALLEN'S, but that they had no information regarding this LARRY HALL (Who might be identical with LAWRENCE HALL) except that he understood he had been a bartender in Sacramento, California.

AT TRACY, CALIFORNIA:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent M. E. GURNEA, San Francisco, 12-28-37, wherein on page 26 is set out the name of Mrs. M.T. PETTYJOHN, wife of Alcatraz convict M. T. PETTYJOHN, #128-AZ, and who visited the latter at Alcatraz frequently. In connection with this lead to interview Mrs. PETTYJOHN (all visitors are to be interviewed), it may be briefly outlined that in the report of Special Agent TOM E. NEAL, Dallas, Texas, 2-2-38, it was ascertained that Mrs. PETTYJOHN had left Ballinger, Texas, on 1-9-38 for Watsonville, California, P.O. Box 492. Thereafter, as set out in reference reports of Special Agent L.D. WINE, San Francisco, 10-20-38 and 11-23-38, it was ascertained at Watsonville and Monterey, California, that

Mrs. PETTYJOHN left Watsonville on 6-22-38, leaving forwarding address of P.O. Box 172, Monterey, California; that she thereafter, as RUTH HOWARD, left a forwarding address of 851 Ocean Ave., Monterey, Calif., which is a house of prostitution, and at which place it was ascertained that Mrs. PETTYJOHN, as either RUTH HOWARD, RUTH NORTON or JACKIE NORTON had departed for Redding, California, to open a house of prostitution. Thereafter, as is reflected in reference report of Special Agent T. G. SPENCER, San Francisco California, 12-28-38, it was ascertained at Redding, California, that JACKIE NORTON and one JEAN LAWRENCE had operated the Bell Rooms in Redding for two weeks in October, 1938, and had then left for Tracy, California, where they were working for HAZEL PRICE at the Vern Rooms. This last report requested that Mrs. PETTYJOHN be located and interviewed at Tracy, California.

From Chief of Police FLOYD G. WISE, Tracy, California, it was ascertained that there are and have been for some time only two houses of prostitution operated by white persons in Tracy. There is a colored house in Tracy but no inquiry was made at this place. It was also ascertained that there is no house known as the Vern Rooms but that HAZEL PRICE does operate "HAZEL'S PLACE". Accompanied by Chief WISE, agent interviewed HAZEL PRICE on the "South Side" in Tracy at her house of prostitution. She stated that at the present time she has three girls at her place, all brunettes, and that she has not had a blond at her house for over a year. She had had no girl by the name of any of Mrs. PETTYJOHN'S aliases, nor any girl by the name of JEAN LAWRENCE. She stated that in December, 1938, she had had a girl at her house for three days by the name of FERN MARCUS; that this girl was about 25, 5'4", thin, light complexion and had mouse colored hair. This girl drove a car (make unknown) and was alone and merely came to HAZEL'S looking for work. HAZEL PRICE stated she had never known this girl before and does not know where she went. This girl had in her car a tricycle, just before Christmas, and had stated it was for her child. During the 3 days this girl was at HAZEL'S she called Redding, California on the phone several times, HAZEL stated, but the latter does not know whom she called. HAZEL PRICE was able to furnish no further information, although she was questioned thoroughly by agent and Chief WISE, and no information was secured from her which would indicate that MRS. PETTYJOHN had or had not been at her house. In connection, with mail HAZEL PRICE stated that all the girls who have ever worked at her house have their mail delivered to her house and never leave any forwarding address, but that she often forwards mail for them. She made a search of her "forwarding" book but found nothing of value.

Inquiry was then made of JESSIE GREEN, at "JESSIE'S PLACE, also on the "South Side", but JESSIE GREEN advised that she had only one girl at her house at present; that this girl has been there for over one year and that she has had no other girl for the past year. It was ascertained through a check of names and descriptions that this girl was not MRS. PETTYJOHN.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA;

At 5509 Wilshire Boulevard, will locate and interview ABE ALLEN and will determine whether he has any connection with J. L. ROSE or LAWRENCE HOLLAND. Previous information secured regarding ALLEN, as well as his description, are set out on page 9 of reference report of Special Agent L. H. RICHMOND, San Francisco, 2-2-39. Copies of this report are in the possession of the Los Angeles Office. Other required data to conduct this interview are set out in the body of this report, or is referred to therein.

THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE AT ALCATRAZ PRISON:

Will arrange to be notified when MRS. M. T. PETTYJOHN, wife of Alcatraz inmate M. T. PETTYJOHN, visits the latter in order that she may be intercepted and interviewed as to her knowledge of instant prison break. It is suggested that if the above is not feasible, arrangements to have authorities at Alcatraz secure Mrs. PETTYJOHN'S address when she visits her husband so that it may not be apparent to her how her whereabouts were ascertained.

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940 FIRST NATIONAL BUILDING
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA
APRIL 24, 1939

Special Agent in Charge
Des Moines, Iowa

RE: ROCOL

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent DEAN R. MORLEY, dated at Little Rock, April 19, 1939, reflecting that MARK W. MAY, now residing at 201 Spring Street, West Burlington, Iowa, claims to have information concerning ROE and COLE.

A lead to interview MAY was not set forth in that report and it is respectfully requested that you interview MAY for any information he may possess.

Very truly yours,

H. B. FLETCHER
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

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Mr. Paul Pawlaski
Chief of Police
Burlington, Washington

My dear Chief:

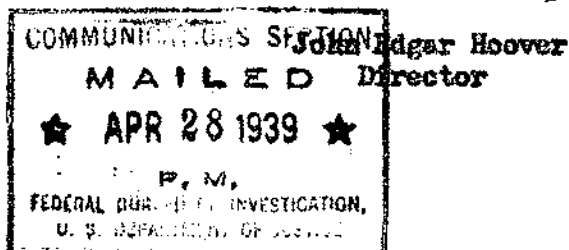
In accordance with the request contained in your letter dated April 12, 1939, I am transmitting to you herewith a copy of Identification Order #1472 issued for Ralph Roe.

It is noted you inquire as to whether a reward has been offered for the apprehension of this person. In this connection I should like to advise that no specific reward has been authorized and offered in connection with Ralph Roe. However, as you are undoubtedly aware there is a standing reward offered by the Department of Justice for the apprehension of any escaped Federal prisoner. The details as to the payment of this reward may be secured from the Director of the Bureau of Prisons, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

In the event you receive information which you feel would be of value in the investigation to locate Ralph Roe I should like to suggest that you communicate with Mr. R. C. Suran, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, 800 Joseph Vance Building, Seattle, Washington, who will be pleased to discuss this matter with you in detail.

Assuring you of my desire to cooperate with you in all matters of mutual interest,

Sincerely yours,



Enclosure

cc-Seattle

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Burlington, Washington

April 12, 1939

Edgar J. Hoover

Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Due to loss of identification card
1472, would like replacement.

Please state if reward is offered.

Yours truly

Chief of Police

Paul Paulski
Burlington, Washington

*Ans 4/28/39
cc Seattle
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United States Department of Justice

Denver, Colorado
April 17, 1939

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: RE: ^OROCOL

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This is to advise that on April 14, 1939, a
thirty-day mail cover was placed on the mail of ~~HERSHEL~~
WING, Monte Vista, Colorado.

WING is believed to be corresponding with
HOMER METCALF, whose present address is desired for the
purpose of interview, METCALF having been a fellow convict
of the subjects of this case at Alcatraz Penitentiary.

Very truly yours

E. J. Gebben

E. J. GEBBEN
Special Agent in Charge

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L. R. FILE NO. 76-86

REPORT MADE AT LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS	DATE WHEN MADE 4-19-39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3-30-39 4-6-39	REPORT MADE BY DEAN R. MORLEY IN
TITLE RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. # 1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. # 1471.			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

MARK W. MAY now residing at West Burlington, Iowa, claims to have information concerning ROE and COLE. ACIE TAYLOR now serving 28 years sentence Arkansas State Penitentiary.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent F. S. SMITH, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 3-22-39.

DETAILS:

The Little Rock Field Division is in receipt of a letter from MARK W. MAY, giving his address as 515 Benton Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas, wherein he advises that he has some information in regard to ROE and COLE.

AT HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS

Mr. SNYDER at 515 Benton Street advised the writer that MARK W. MAY departed from Hot Springs, Arkansas, on March 27, 1939, and that he is presently located at 201 Spring Street, West Burlington, Iowa, and receives mail through Post Office Box # 282.

SNYDER further advised that West Burlington, Iowa, is the home of MARK W. MAY and whether or not he will return to Hot Springs, Arkansas, is problematical.

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RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, L. R. FILE # 76-86
I. O. # 1472; ET AL.

AT LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

Lieutenant C. O. FINK, Identification Officer, Little Rock Police Department advised that ACIE TAYLOR, a negro who served time in Alcatraz Penitentiary, under # 162, was convicted in State Court at Little Rock, Arkansas, on a charge of burglary and grand larceny on August 11, 1938, and was sentenced to serve twenty-eight years in the Arkansas State Penitentiary.

LEON GERSHNER, Identification Bureau, Arkansas State Police, advised that ACIE TAYLOR is presently incarcerated in the Arkansas State Penitentiary under # 36,917, at one of the negro farms near Gould, Arkansas. TAYLOR'S Arkansas State Police number is # 75,482.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE LITTLE ROCK FIELD DIVISION at Gould, Arkansas, will interview ACIE TAYLOR, Arkansas State Penitentiary #36,917, who was released from Alcatraz Penitentiary on April 16, 1938. An effort should be made to obtain from him any information he may have concerning the escape of present location of ROE or COLE. In connection with this lead reference is made to the report of Special Agent L. H. RICHMOND, San Francisco, California, dated February 2, 1939.

* At Marshall, Arkansas, will locate and interview CLARA BELL SWAN for any information she may furnish regarding subjects. (See report of reference and report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, December 2, 1938.

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REPORT MADE AT Los Angeles, California	DATE WHEN MADE 4-20-39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/16, 29/39	REPORT MADE BY F. E. WRIGHT, nch
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:

San Diego, California Service Station Operators reported suspect who strongly resembles magazine photograph of Subject COLE; on viewing Bureau photographs and being advised of description stated suspect probably taller than COLE but facial features believed identical.

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Details:

At San Diego, California

R. H. WOODWARD and HARRY MARSH, operators of a service station at 4314 Park Blvd., advised Agent on March 16, 1939 as follows:--

On March 7th, 1939, at about 9:30 PM, while WOODWARD was on duty, a man came to the station on foot stating his car "down the street" was out of gas. He purchased one gallon of gasoline in a service station can, but WOODWARD did not note in which direction he left.

HARRY MARSH advised that the man brought the can back to the station on either the night of March 8th or 9th. Both informants stated they had been reading about the escape of the above-named prisoner in the September 1938 issue of True Detective Magazine, which article carried a photograph of COLE; that this man strongly resembled COLE; that his eyes, mouth and nose were identical to the features in the photograph. They otherwise described him as slender, about 5' 10" or 11", young looking, very neatly dressed. Neither

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informant could give any information relative to the man's car. They requested that a better photograph be obtained for their inspection.

On March 29, 1939 Agent exhibited to WOODWARD and MARSH, all available photographs of Subjects ROE and COLE. They stated that the likeness of Subject ROE was totally unfamiliar to them but they further stated after reading the available description of COLE that the man they described above seemed to be taller than COLE, although they stated the fact that he had on a hat might account for this discrepancy. Neither informant noted the scars on COLE's face. They stated the general build and general appearance of the man described above tallies very closely with COLE's description and likeness - especially the nose which appears to them to be identical with that of COLE as shown by the photograph displayed in Identification Order #1471.

WOODWARD stated he had spoken briefly with the suspect and described his speech as being different from that of a native of California and went on to explain that he pronounced the word "radio" with a broad "A" as in "father"

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THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

- * 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.
- * AT BELL. Will conduct surveillance and investigation regarding VIOLA DAWSON and will reinterview her for any information she may have received concerning her brother, TED COLE (See pages 13 and 14 report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 12-2-38)
- * Will reinterview WILLIAM B. McCLURE, 6234 Clifford, for any observation which may have been made by him of the residence of VIOLA DAWSON (see report of Special Agent R. H. Simons, Los Angeles, 10-12-38).

- * Will conduct appropriate investigation to determine if there is any connection between CHARLES C. HAMBLEN, 5568 East Gage Street and VIOLA DAWSON (See page 50 of the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 12/2/38)
- * 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.
- * 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 LOS ANGELES, Will interview VOLYA COSSACK, 243 South Carondelet, sister, and R. H. COSSACK, 1137 Magnolia Avenue, North Hollywood, California, father, correspondents of LOEB L. COSSACK, 243 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.
- * 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)
- * 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, Los Angeles, dated 10/12/38)
- * Will interview RUTH KERN, 117 North Avenue, who is a sister of HENRY YOUNG, #244-AZ, who visited him at Alcatraz (See Page 49 of the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 12/2/38)
- * 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.
- * 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)

- * 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)
- * 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.)
- * 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)
- * Will locate MARYON JEANNETTE DARLING through her mother, JEANNETTE DARLING, 1711 West 23d, and interview her regarding the whereabouts of JACK O'BRIEN (See report of Special Agent Duane Taylor, Seattle, 1/14/39)
- * Will locate IVAN KEENER, through his brother, CALVIN KEENER, 2624 Partridge Avenue, for information regarding EVELYN MORGAN.
- * Will check the records of the Juvenile Court for information regarding ROE and KNUD I. SUMMERVILLE.
- * AT PASADENA, CALIFORNIA. Will determine if LARRY BUTCHER, telephone #1708, has any connection with JAMES HUGH BUTCHER (See pages 49 and 44 to 48 inclusive of report of Special Agent Ralph T. Hood, Oklahoma City 12/2/38)
- * AT SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA Will locate ALBERT A. HILL, 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, CALIFORNIA will contact FRANK BARCOTT, JR., 325 W. 15th, (See report of Special Agent R. H. Simons, Los Angeles, 10-12-38)
- * 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 of report of Special Agent R.T.Hood, Oklahoma City, 12/2/38)

* AT WOODLAKE, will continue surveillance and investigation of MR. and MRS. FRED COLE in connection with this case. Will recontact all sources of information who have been observing the COLE home. Will reinterview MR. and MRS. COLE.

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May 15, 1939

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Special Agent in Charge
Kansas City, Missouri

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent H. O. Hawkins, dated at Kansas City, April 24, 1939, wherein information is outlined as developed as a result of an interview with Mrs. Margaret Roe at Hays, Kansas.

It is noted that Mrs. Roe stated while she was attending to some business at Great Bend, Kansas, Hazel Underhill and another woman appeared at the Roe home and allegedly left a letter which was subsequently delivered to Mrs. Roe and her husband upon their return home. It is observed that this letter purported to contain information that the fugitive Ralph Roe was in Mexico, but it was also noted that Raymond Roe and his wife are of the opinion that the letter in question was prepared by Hazel Underhill.

It is believed that you might find it desirable to discuss with Mrs. Roe the advisability of endeavoring to contact Hazel Underhill in an effort to secure whatever information she

may have relative to this particular case. It is, therefore, suggested that at an early date you again interview Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Roe and secure from them their opinion as to the advisability of interviewing Hazel Underhill with particular reference to the letter allegedly left by her at the Roe residence in Hays, Kansas.

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. Quinn Tamm.....
Mr. Tracy.....
Miss Gandy.....

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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REPORT MADE AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI	DATE WHEN MADE 4-24-39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/22, 25/39	REPORT MADE BY H. O. HAWKINS 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: Mrs. MARGARET ROE, sister-in-law of Subject ROE, Hays, Kansas, states she and her husband, Subject ROE'S brother, almost positive Subject ROE is deceased. States in March or April of 1938 while she and RAYMOND ROE were in Great Bend, Kansas on business, HAZEL UNDERHILL and another unknown woman came to Hays, Kansas and endeavored to contact her and Mr. ROE and after being unsuccessful HAZEL UNDERHILL left a note for Mr. and Mrs. RAYMOND ROE supposedly from Subject ROE. JAMES GAYLOR, Alcohol Tax Agent, has no information of value regarding Subject ROE.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-P-</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent R. F. NEWKIRK, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 2-27-39.</p> <p>DETAILS: AT HAYS, KANSAS</p> <p>In the absence of Mr. RAYMOND ROE, his wife, Mrs. MARGARET ROE, was interviewed in their home on the outskirts of Hays, at which time Mrs. ROE advised that she and her husband, Mr. RAYMOND ROE, had often talked of the possibility of Subject ROE'S escape and that she and Mr. ROE both were almost positive that he had never gotten away and that he was deceased. Mrs. ROE qualified this by stating that she was almost positive that if Subject ROE was still living that he would have contacted his brother, RAYMOND ROE, long before now, because he usually depended a lot upon his brother's advice and opinions.</p> <p>Mrs. ROE stated that in March or April of 1938, while</p>			
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she and Mr. ROE were attending to some business in Great Bend, Kansas, HAZEL UNDERHILL and another girl, who was unknown to Mrs. ROE, came to the ROE home in Hays, Kansas and was advised by a neighbor of Mrs. ROE that the ROE family was not at home, at which time HAZEL UNDERHILL left a letter for Mrs. ROE, which was delivered to Mrs. ROE and her husband upon their return to Hays, Kansas. Mrs. ROE stated that her neighbor had told her that after HAZEL UNDERHILL had left the note she called back every fifteen or twenty minutes to ascertain if the ROE family had arrived from Great Bend and that apparently she grew tired of endeavoring to contact Mr. and Mrs. ROE and departed from Hays before Mr. or Mrs. ROE returned.

Mrs. ROE advised that her neighbor had informed her that the two girls were driving a Ford with Texas license plates and that she also noticed that the car bore some kind of a tag with the inscription Lubbock, Texas on it.

Continuing, Mrs. ROE stated that upon her and Mr. ROE'S return to Hays her neighbor had given her the note and that she and Mr. ROE had read it and that they were positive that it was from HAZEL UNDERHILL and that enclosed in the same letter was another note which stated "Dear Ray, Am o.k. in Old Mexico, from your brother Ralph Roe". Mrs. ROE stated that she and Mr. ROE both were positive the note that HAZEL UNDERHILL had left was not from Subject ROE in view of the fact that they were familiar with his writing and that he never called his brother RAY and that he always called him "BUD", and that he would never sign his name as RALPH ROE. Mrs. ROE stated that she was almost positive that it was HAZEL UNDERHILL'S intentions to make Mr. ROE think that his brother was safe in Old Mexico and needed some money which he desired his brother to send by HAZEL UNDERHILL and that by this way she would get some more money from Mr. ROE, making him believe that it was going to his brother, whom he was almost positive was long deceased.

Mrs. ROE was questioned with regard to the information set out in the report of Special Agent RALPH H. HOOD, dated at Oklahoma City, 12-2-38, on page 9, ~~paragraph 2~~ with reference to information furnished by informant [redacted] to the effect 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 safe-keeping. She informed GHORMLEY that she had to forge the signature of RALPH ROE to obtain these bonds from RAYMOND ROE, who had secreted them for a long time. Mrs. ROE stated that this was the first time, in March or April of 1938, that HAZEL UNDERHILL had endeavored to contact her or Mr. ROE in quite sometime and they had not observed HAZEL UNDERHILL since the time that they had lived in Hutchinson, Kansas, when Mr. ROE had given HAZEL UNDERHILL money which was subsequently turned over to an attorney in Oklahoma who was endeavoring to release Subject ROE. Mrs. ROE stated that HAZEL UNDERHILL had endeavored to trick her and Mr. ROE into

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giving her money which would subsequently be given to Subject ROE while he was incarcerated in Oklahoma, but that neither she nor Mr. ROE had ever accepted bonds or anything else from HAZEL UNDERHILL for safe-keeping, and that neither she nor her husband, Mr. ROE, would protect ROE in any way due to the fact that Mr. ROE had a good position in Hays, Kansas and Subject ROE had caused themselves and other members of the family a great amount of embarrassment in the past and that they were endeavoring to live this down. Mrs. ROE stated that in the event she or Mr. ROE received any information of value concerning HAZEL UNDERHILL or Subject ROE that she would immediately contact the Kansas City Field Division. For this purpose Mrs. ROE was furnished with the telephone number and the address of the Kansas City Field Division.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. F. NEWKIRK, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 2-27-39, which sets out in an undeveloped lead to attempt to develop an informant in the neighborhood of Mr. and Mrs. ROE at Hays, Kansas so that the Bureau will be advised as to his activities. It will be noted that Mr. RAYMOND ROE is a district foreman for the Halliburton Oil Well Cementing Company and resides in one of the company houses and there are therefore no other neighbors in this section of town other than company employees who are employed by Mr. ROE. For this reason, it is not deemed advisable at this time to contact neighbors of Mr. ROE with regard to notifying the Bureau of his activities in view of the fact that they are all employed by Mr. ROE.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent L. B. REED:

Mr. JAMES GAYLOR, Alcohol Tax Agent, was interviewed with regard to his visit to see JAMES ROE at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas in 1936, at which time GAYLOR advised Special Agent REED that he visited JAMES ROE in the United States Penitentiary because of the fact that JAMES ROE was a good source of information pertaining to violations of the Alcohol Tax Unit statutes. Mr. GAYLOR advised Special Agent REED that he had no information in his possession which would aid in the search for Fugitive ROE in view of the fact that all of his transactions with JAMES ROE were to endeavor to secure information with regard to liquor violations.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION

- * At Joplin, Missouri, will locate the truck driver for the Crocher Meat Company who comes to Alpena, Arkansas to visit MARY COLE and will interview him concerning his knowledge of MARY COLE.
- * 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.

- * Will interview the following individuals who were transferred from Alcatraz to Leavenworth Penitentiary on 1-26-38; (Refer report of Special Agent L. H. RICHMOND, San Francisco, 2-2-39.)
- * At Joplin, Missouri, 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.
- * Will interview CLYDE UNDERHILL for information regarding subjects, after determining whether they have been in contact with him.
- * At Leavenworth, Kansas, will interview DELL CARPENTER, believed to be an inmate of the U. S. Penitentiary, for information concerning RALPH and JAMES ROE. His name was furnished as a possible contact by [REDACTED] (See page 29 report of Special Agent RALPH HOOD, Oklahoma City, dated 12-2-38).
- * Will attempt to identify and interview SLIM BAILEY.
- * Will interview JACK F. WILLIAMS, alleged by FLINT C. BRANNON to be friendly with JAMES and RALPH ROE, for any information he may possess.
- * Will locate and interview JEWELL (BUDDY) EVERSOLE, alleged to be employed at the County Court House, along lines as requested in the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 12-2-38.
- * At the U. S. Penitentiary, will interview DAVE CONNOR regarding the statements made by his father on page 12 of this report to determine the reliability of CONNOR'S father, as well as any information he may possess regarding these subjects. It will be noted that CONNOR will be released during April, 1939, and this lead should be given expeditious attention.

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OKLAHOMA CITY

FILE NO. 76-166

REPORT MADE AT Omaha, Nebraska.	DATE WHEN MADE 4/28/39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/20/39	REPORT MADE BY C. W. STEIN (SAC) - RMW
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 information that Subjects ever in Nebraska since escape.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent F. S. SMITH, Oklahoma City, 4-22-39.

DETAILS:

INSPECTOR FRITZ FRANKS, Omaha, Nebraska, Police Department, informed Special Agent J. L. FLOOD, April 20, 1939, that he had never received any information that either of these Subjects has been in Nebraska.

This case has been kept in mind and frequently, when the occasion seems possibly productive, inquiries have been made of various individuals as to these two Fugitives, without securing any information that they have ever been in Nebraska, or that they have ever been seen alive since their escape.

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May 3, 1939

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Mr. C. H. S. McLendon
Box 998
Jol, New Mexico

Dear Mr. McLendon:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated April 27, 1939, in which you furnish information concerning an individual believed by you to be possibly identical with a person whose photograph you observed in a detective magazine which indicated that he was an escape from the United States Penitentiary, Alcatraz Island, California. It is presumed that the person you have in mind is either Theodore Cole or Ralph Roe, both of whom are fugitives being sought by this Bureau.

I am, therefore, instructing Special Agent in Charge R. J. Untreiner, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, 202 U. S. Court House Building, El Paso, Texas, to have an Agent from his office contact you in the near future to further discuss this matter with you. You may be sure that your assistance in this regard will be sincerely appreciated.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc El Paso (Copies letter 4-27-39)
Okla. City (Copy letter 4-27-39)

Mr. Tolson
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Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
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Mr. Egan
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Mr. Glavin
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Q.P.L.
Jal, New Mexico.
April 27, 1939.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir: Please excuse the
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offices are at El Paso Texas
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Yours very truly,
C. H. S. McCLENDON
Box 998.

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April 27, 1939

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Washington, D. C.

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Yours very truly,

(S) C. H. S. McClendon
Box 998

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

FILE NO. **76-338**

REPORT MADE AT: San Antonio, Texas.	DATE WHEN MADE: 4/30/39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 4/17, 25/39	REPORT MADE BY: J. C. WHITE
TITLE: RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, IO #1472; THEODORE COLE with aliases - FUGITIVE, IO #1471.			CHARACTER OF CASE: ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

FLOYD TEMPLE, bookkeeper for the Patrick-Tyrrell Drilling Company, Houston, Texas, stated that ABE BAILEY was killed in an automobile accident at Beaumont, Texas on 12/31/38. TEMPLE does not know the name of the woman who reportedly said subject ROE at Duncan, Oklahoma, but believes Mrs. ABE BAILEY might know her name and address. Mrs. BAILEY can be located c/o F. C. NORRIS, 301 East Violes (phonetic) Street, Guthrie, Oklahoma. Subject ROE'S brother, RAYMOND, worked for Patrick-Tyrrell Drilling Company at Seminole, Oklahoma prior to six years ago. Letter submitted to Technical Laboratory by this office on 2/25/39 and Laboratory advised that their conclusion was that neither of the subjects is the writer of the questioned material.

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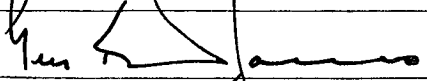
DETAILS:

REFERENCE: Letter from this Office to the Bureau dated 2/25/39. Report of Special Agent F. S. SMITH, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated March 22, 1939.

DETAILS:

The following investigation was made by Special Agent T. H. SISK at Houston, Texas:

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FLOYD TEMPLE, bookkeeper for the Patrick-Tyrrell Drilling Company, 517 Cotton Exchange Building, Houston, Texas, was interviewed and he stated that ABE BAILEY was killed in an automobile accident at Beaumont, Texas on December 31, 1938 and that he, TEMPLE, does not know the name of the woman who reportedly said subject ROE was at Duncan, Oklahoma but believes that Mrs. ABE BAILEY might know her name and address.

Mrs. BAILEY can be located c/o F. C. NORRIS, 301 Violes (phonetic) Street, Guthrie, Oklahoma. TEMPLE continued and stated that she could probably be located without difficulty. He further advised that RAY ROE, subject's brother, worked for the Patrick-Tyrrell Drilling Company at Seminole, Oklahoma prior to six years ago; that TEMPLE has no additional information of any value.

The letter submitted to the Technical Laboratory on February 25, 1939 was analyzed and the Laboratory advised that the conclusion had been reached that neither of the two subjects is the writer of the questioned material.

It will be noted in the reference report of Special Agent F. S. SMITH that he sets out a lead on page 29, third paragraph, at the Buckhorn Bar, St. Anthony Hotel, Salavad Street, to determine if COLE has ever been around that place.

I beg to advise that there is no north or south Soledad (not Salavad), and that there is no 407 on Soledad, and that the Buckhorn Curio Store and Bar is located at 400 West Houston Street and not in the St. Anthony Hotel, as the St. Anthony Hotel is located on the corner of East Travis and Navarro Streets.

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76-2686 - 646 May 11, 1939

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Special Agent in Charge
Memphis, Tennessee

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

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith two copies of a letter dated May 5, 1939, received at the Bureau from an individual who signs her name as "Mrs. M.S.T." Box 799, General Delivery, Memphis, Tennessee. You will note that the writer of this letter is of the belief Ralph Roe recently resided at the Jefferson Hotel at Dyersburg, Tennessee.

It is suggested that appropriate investigation be conducted by your division, based upon the statements furnished in the above mentioned communication.

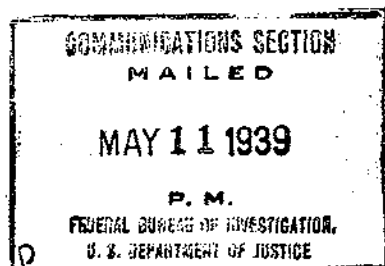
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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cc Oklahoma City (Copy letter 5-5-39)

Mr. Tolson.....
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

FILE NO. 76-78

REPORT MADE AT Cleveland, Ohio	DATE WHEN MADE 5-5-39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/26,29/39	REPORT MADE BY E. J. DOWD VLD
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: No information of value received from confidential sources of information at Cleveland and Toledo, Ohio, concerning rumors regarding the escape or successful escape of subjects.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- RUC -</p> <p>Reference: Report of Special Agent R. T. Hood, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, December 2, 1938.</p> <p>Details: Since the receipt of reference report and during the course of other official investigation in this district, particularly at Cleveland and Toledo, Ohio, confidential informants and police departments were contacted for information concerning rumors regarding the escape or successful escape of the subjects. However, no information of value was secured. In fact, subjects are not known in this district.</p> <p>As reflected by the report of the writer dated April 13, 1938, at Cleveland, FRANK WILLIAMS, alias FRED CARPENTER, number 308 AZ is the only known individual in this district who has known subjects, having been incarcerated at Alcatraz during the time of subjects' escape. WILLIAMS when last interviewed was located through CHARLES KEMPTON, part-owner of the E & M Restaurant located at 7717 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">WILLIAMS was again contacted through CHARLES KEMPTON</p>			
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and he called at this office where he was interviewed by the writer. He stated that since his release from Alcatraz he has heard nothing about the subjects and it is his opinion that their escape was unsuccessful and they were probably drowned in San Francisco Bay while attempting to get away.

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

FILE NO. **76-50**

REPORT MADE AT Seattle, Washington	DATE WHEN MADE 4/30/39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/11/39 & 4/5/39	REPORT MADE BY JOSEPH J. PIEPER 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: <div style="margin-left: 200px;"> ELMER H. COLE, residing at 1031 Washington Street, Chehalis, Washington. ROBERT B. MOXON, number 43-AZ, suspected by Vancouver, B. C. Police of hotel burglary. Stop notice placed in Identification Division, Vancouver, B. C. Police Department. MOXON presently residing at Ottawa, Ontario. </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">-P-</div>			
REFERENCE: <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> Report of Special Agent R. B. HOOD, Oklahoma City, Okla., dated 12/2/38. Report of Special Agent H. T. ARTERBERRY, Dallas, Texas, dated 1/19/39. Report of Special Agent L. H. RICHMOND, San Francisco, California, dated 2/2/39. </div>			
DETAILS: <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> AT McKENNA, WASHINGTON: Mr. H. B. TOLSON, Postmaster, advised that Mrs. W. H. COLE is presently residing at 1031 Washington Street, Chehalis Washington. According to Mr. TOLSON, no mail is being received through the said post-office for ELMER COLE, Alcatraz No. 35. </div>			
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AT VANCOUVER, B. C.

Special Agent JOSEPH J. PIEPER determined, with the assistance of Acting Detective Sergeant J. J. NICHOLSON that ROBERT B. MOXON is presently suspected by the Vancouver, B. C. Police Department of committing a hotel burglary at the Ivanhoe Hotel. It appears as though he was living in that hotel, and on the day of burglary was married to a reputable girl in Vancouver, B. C., who is supposed to have a small income, and on the same day left for Ottawa, Ontario. There was placed with Detective Sergeant Goodmurphy, who is in charge of the Identification Division, Vancouver, B. C. Police Department, a stop notice requesting that the Seattle Field Division be advised if he is taken into custody by that Department.

Superintendent GORDON GRANT, C. I. D., exhibited his file on Subject MOXON to Agent, and it showed that MOXON had been questioned in Ottawa concerning this hotel robbery, and that J. P. DOWNEY, Chief Constable, Ottawa, Ontario, had developed that MOXON and his wife are presently staying at 142 Arlington Avenue, Ottawa, Ontario. Superintendent GRANT advised that he does not know whether his department will bring MOXON back to Vancouver to answer charges of burglary, or possibly prosecute him on a bigamy charge, or whether they will allow him to remain in Ottawa. He stated, however, that he is quite sure that Chief Constable DOWNEY will keep track of MOXON as long as he stays in Ottawa.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

DALLAS FIELD DIVISION:

At Denison, Texas: Will re-interview Mrs. HASKELLS RANNALS, 229 West Morton Street for a more definite address for RALPH YOUNG at Centralia, Washington, if such is available.

BUFFALO FIELD DIVISION:

At Ottawa, Ontario: Will contact Chief Constable J. P. DOWNEY, Chief Constable's Office, and determine if ROBERT B. MOXON is incarcerated or still living in that city. Will interview MOXON according to request as originally set out in report of Special Agent M. E. GURNEA, San Francisco, dated December 28, 1937. Will notify the Seattle Field Division when MOXON is interviewed so that the Seattle Field Division may remove the stop notice placed with the Vancouver, B. C. Police Department.

SEATTLE FIELD DIVISION:

At Centralia, Washington: will interview ELMER H. COLE, Alcatraz No. 35, whose term expired on October 25, 1938, concerning the escape of

subjects relative to contacts of subjects outside the Penitentiary, as well as pertaining to the present whereabouts of subjects, and for such information as he can furnish concerning the activities of subjects and other prisoners prior to the escape, that might have a bearing on this case.

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Seattle, Washington
May 8, 1939

Special Agent in Charge,
Butte, Montana.

Re: ROCOL

Dear Sir:

The Portland Office furnished to this office the following letter which was received from MRS. EUGENIE K. GILDER of Palouse, Washington, which is self-explanatory:

"R3, Palouse, Wash.,
April 4th, 1939

"J. D. Swenson,
Portland, Oregon.

"March 9, 1939 I wrote to Mr. Hoover telling him of some talk I heard from two men on the stage March 8 up from San Francisco. I don't think I told him that one man said 'I have a car at Seattle to go across the border'. I was thinking of what I heard them say this morning, and if I neglected to tell that it was only nervous fear as I do not like to be linked up in any way with such. The men talked all the way from where we passed San Quentin until we were almost to Santa Rosa. I am away a great deal and my husband who was on the stage with me was in a back seat and does not know of a thing I heard or reported as I have talked to no one at all in regard to this. So it would do no good to ask him anything about it. I live 3 miles west of Potlatch on the main hi way 95 - 95E, back of gas station."

I have to inform you that inquiry at the Post Office developed that MRS. EUGENIE K. GILDER resides at Potlatch, Idaho.

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Special Agent J. P. MacFARLAND on April 22, 1939, endeavored to locate MRS. GILDER for interview at Potlatch, Idaho, but was unable to do so. This matter is, therefore, being called to your attention in order that MRS. GILDER can be appropriately interviewed concerning the substance of her letter, as it is not known at this time when an Agent of the Seattle Office will again be in the vicinity of Potlatch, Idaho.

MRS. GILDER has expressed her desire that no letter be addressed to her at Palouse, and therefore the above letter has not been acknowledged.

Very truly yours,

R. C. SURAN
Special Agent in Charge

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cc-Bureau
cc-Oklahoma City

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

FILE NO. 76-259

REPORT MADE AT Dallas, Texas	DATE WHEN MADE 5-12-39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5-1-39	REPORT MADE BY A. W. Miller
TITLE RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, IO #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, IO #1471.			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Mrs. **ELMER DILLARD**, cousin of **FRED W. COLE**, resides at 944 West 11th Place, Los Angeles, California.

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Reference: Report of Special Agent **F. S. SMITH**, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated March 22, 1939.

Details:

Mrs. **RUTH BARKER**, 710 Avenue B, Childress, Texas, was interviewed, and advised that the address of Mrs. **ELMER DILLARD**, cousin of **FRED W. COLE**, is 944 West Eleventh Place, Los Angeles, California. Mrs. **BARKER** voluntarily stated she has not received any information relative to **THEODORE COLE** from his relatives.

It will be noted that in reference report a lead is set forth for the Dallas Field Office to contact **KEITH EDELIN** at Pampa, Texas. This lead was covered in report of Special Agent **A. W. MILLER**, Dallas, Texas, dated March 27, 1939.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

At Los Angeles, California: Will at 944 West 11th Place interview Mrs. **ELMER DILLARD**, cousin of **FRED W. COLE**, for any information she may have relative to the escape of **THEODORE COLE** and **RALPH ROE** from Alcatraz Prison.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

RE: RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE,
I.O. #1478;
THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE,
I.O. #1471.
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.

Dear Sir:

On May 11, 1939, JIM POE, a white man, whose home is at 520 Bernalillo Street, Las Vegas, New Mexico, and who stated he was going from El Paso to Moline, Texas, where he would be in care of General Delivery for some time, called at the El Paso Office to furnish information concerning a former inmate of the New Mexico State Penitentiary at Santa Fe, N. M., named SIMMS, who he believes has information in the LORIUS case.

During the course of my conversation with POE, he stated that he was known in Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma among all the criminal element as a bad criminal. He said that he was sent up in May, 1935 at Las Vegas, N. M., to serve ten to twelve years in the New Mexico State Penitentiary for burglary, and was released on January 2, 1939, on a parole from the Governor of the State. He stated that he has spent most of his years in Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma, but that he was raised West of Ardmore, Oklahoma, and was there in 1877, before the railroads.

He talked at length in a sane, rational manner, and claimed to know HARVEY BAILEY, HERB FARMER, PRETTY BOY FLOYD, and numerous other outstanding Western hoodlums. He claimed that he could go into any penitentiary and immediately be accepted by the worst criminals there as an equal.

In view of all these statements, I asked him if he had ever heard through his underworld contacts, if RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE who escaped from Alcatraz really made good their escape. He advised me that he believed they did, but had never heard any information concerning them. He stated he knew they were from Oklahoma, and believed that if he could get expense money to go back to Oklahoma, he could find out if either of them had been back in that section, or if anyone over there knew they were alive.

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SAC, Oklahoma City, 5/12/39

RE: RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE

From SAC, El Paso, Texas.

El Paso File #76-282.

In addition, he stated that he could go through the oil fields of West Texas, particularly around Odessa, Texas, where ROE has a brother, and find out if they are hiding out in the oil fields.

I thanked him for his offer, and advised him that we would have his address in case we needed him.

He stated that he would be willing to be sent to a penitentiary as a stool pigeon for the purpose of getting information for the Bureau, if desired, as he was only interested in going straight now, as he was too old to fight the law any more.

For the information of the Bureau and the Office of Origin, JIM POE looks and talks like a typical hoodlum, and it is easily apparent from his speech that he has spent many years in the penitentiary. It is highly possible that he would be a valuable man for just the type of work he has described, and it is possible that the Bureau has at the present time some lead in this case in which he could be used.

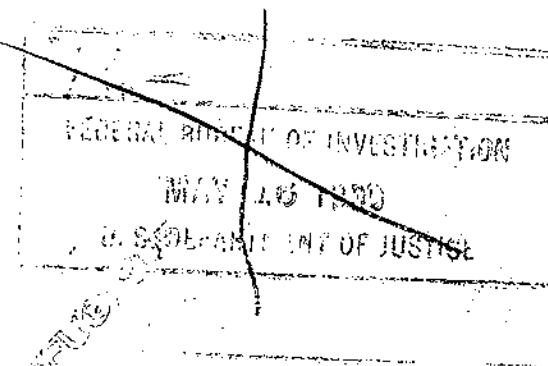
It is for this reason that I am submitting this information to the Bureau and the Office of Origin.

Very truly yours,

R. J. Untreiner,
Special Agent in Charge.

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San Francisco.



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FILE NO. **76-348**

REPORT MADE AT Oklahoma City, Okla.	DATE WHEN MADE 5-15-39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4-30-39 5-12-39	REPORT MADE BY F. S. SMITH os
TITLE RALPH ROE with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472 THEODORE COLE with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

JAKE SIMS, Chief of Police, Seminole, Oklahoma, advises confidential informant 13 told him he made contact with Subject ROE in vicinity Seminole, Oklahoma early part of 1939. ROE Heavily disguised and had connections in vicinity of Henryetta, Oklahoma. Wife of SIMS states HALL confidentially informed her he made contact with ROE in vicinity of Seminole in early part of 1939. PAT HARRIS, ex-convict, in custody, Shawnee, Oklahoma, advises Subject ROE, accompanied by woman residing at Henryetta, Oklahoma, came to his home at Seminole about 2-1-39; claimed to be "holed-in" around Kansas City. One [redacted] underworld character, informant of [redacted] advises informant and a man he identifies from photograph as ROE, accompanied by a woman from Henryetta and an unknown woman, were at Seminole around 2-1-39.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent F. S. SMITH, Oklahoma City, dated 3-22-39.

DETAILS:

JAKE SIMS, Chief of Police, Seminole, Oklahoma, on April 30, 1939, called Agent at his home advising he had in-

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formation he thought would be of interest in this case and requested that Agent come to Seminole, Oklahoma immediately. Upon instructions of Special Agent in Charge FLETCHER, Agent proceeded to Seminole, Oklahoma, and made contact with SIMS, who advised that he was approached by a confidential informant and underworld character who alleged that Informant 13 in a confidential manner told him he had made contact with RALPH ROE at Seminole in the early part of 1939; that prior to ROE'S coming to Henryetta he had received a long distance call from ROE at Kansas City; that he, HALL, was then staying at RUBY SCOTT'S place, near Bowlegs, Oklahoma; that ROE had a connection in the vicinity of Henryetta, Oklahoma, and that HALL had also received a call from him at Henryetta and had made contact with him there.

SIMS advised that informant 13 was placed on probation in October, 1938, and was recently returned to the penitentiary, his parole having been revoked.

SIMS advised that HALL had divulged to SIMS' wife information concerning his contact with ROE. MRS. SIMS was interviewed and she stated that sometime prior to revocation of Informant 13's parole he appeared at her home in an intoxicated condition; that she had known him for a long time; that he usually confided in her and especially when drinking. On this occasion he stated to her, after requesting that she treat his information confidential and not to advise her husband, that he had made contact with Subject ROE at BOB PETERSON'S place on the highway between Oklahoma City and Seminole, stating that Subject ROE drove up to this place with a woman in an automobile late at night and he talked with ROE; that ROE was disguised to the extent he hardly recognized him; that he was wearing a mustache; was heavily tanned and had changed to the degree that he hardly recognized him; that he was well dressed, looked prosperous and looked as though he was traveling with fast company and was in the money; that he got a pint of whiskey for ROE who, with the woman accompanying him, drove away; that no one at the place except himself saw ROE.

MRS. SIMS stated that knowing informant 13 as she did and he being the type who does little talking she attached importance to his statements; that he warned her again before leaving not to divulge what he had told her to JAKE SIMS. JAKE SIMS stated after the revocation of parole of informant 13 an individual came to him and advised that the informant had stated that the one thing he regretted was double-crossing his friend JAKE SIMS. SIMS stated he had had dealings with this informant for many years; that he knew of no instance where informant double-crossed

him unless it was on the ROE case; that the informant had told him he had no information concerning ROE and would advise him in the event he received any information. SIMS expressed the opinion that HALL would not have related the story to his wife had there been no truth in it and therefore was of the opinion HALL was telling the truth concerning his meeting with Subject ROE.

SIMS advised that he received information from an informant, an underworld character, that sometime in the early part of 1939 some one, whose name he had forgotten, told him that there was a long distance call for Informant 13; that Informant 13 was then at a resort operated by RUBY SCOTT near Bowlegs, and requested that he advise HALL; that this informant stated he drove out to SCOTT'S place and brought HALL to Seminole for the purpose of receiving this call.

Accompanied by SIMS, this Agent made contact with RUBY SCOTT who stated that Informant 13 occupied a cottage at her camp for several weeks in the early part of 1939, and on one occasion a man came and advised HALL he had a long distance call and took HALL to Seminole; that during the period informant 13 stayed there she did not observe him making any unusual contacts and that this informant did not discuss with her the Rocol case. However, she did overhear informant 13 and another man, whose identity she has forgotten, in conversation concerning ROE and heard the unidentified man remark to HALL that he thought ROE went down; that HALL appeared to get vexed at this line of theory and remarked to this man he would bet a thousand dollars they made it.

SIMS accompanied this Agent to Muskogee, Oklahoma, where contact was made with an ex-convict who is being detained on narcotic violations. This convict advised that he had been operating in and around Seminole for a long period of time and knew HALL and associated with him in underworld activities; that sometime the early part of 1939, probably around the first of February, HAZEL UNDERHILL appeared at Seminole, and in company with HALL came to his house; that HALL told him HAZEL was there to connect with her ex-husband CONNOR in the interest of getting financial aid for her children; that HAZEL was well dressed, wore diamonds and good clothes, and on hearing this remark of HALLS he concluded that HAZEL was not looking for financial aid as her ex-husband was practically a tramp; that HAZEL had more togs and jewelry on her person than this ex-husband would accumulate in a lifetime. He stated that about that time one LENA STEWART, who he understands was residing in Illinois, also appeared at Seminole; that LENA STEWART was a very close friend of RALPH ROE. He further stated he did not see

the vicinity of Seminole. He stated HARRIS had become confidential with him and advised him of this fact, also telling him he had no particular confidence in SIMS and did not feel that SIMS could do him any good and therefore told him nothing. BLAINE stated he questioned HARRIS as to whether or not he really had information regarding this case and that HARRIS stated he had plenty; that he then advised HARRIS to talk directly with the Federal Bureau of Investigation who were really in a position probably to help him if he had good information and suggested this Agent as being a man he could talk with; that HARRIS agreed to his calling Agent.

Through MR. BLAINE Agent made contact with PAT HARRIS. He stated he is a five time loser, which has been verified. HARRIS stated he had good information relative to ROE and that he was in trouble and needed help and knowing my reputation he felt he might be able to give information and I might be able to help him. He stated, however, he would rather go to prison than to be uncovered as a snitch. He stated that he felt he would be convicted and that he was anxious to dodge this sentence and secure probation.

I asked him if he knew ROE. He stated he did; that he served a sentence in the penitentiary the same time ROE was in and had known him for a long period of time. I asked him if he had any direct information relative to ROE. His answer was that RALPH ROE was in his home on December 19, 1938, six days before Christmas, with a woman.

He stated JAKE SIMS had seen him on several occasions recently endeavoring to have him divulge some facts to him; that he had no confidence in SIMS, feeling SIMS could do him no good and therefore told him nothing. This Agent advised HARRIS he could make him no promises regarding help and especially in advance of information sufficiently definite as to ROE being out; that upon convincing proof he saw ROE as stated both this Agent and the Federal Bureau of Investigation would feel disposed to help him in any manner possible. It was pointed out to him the Bureau was very interested in determining if Subjects escaped and that on definite proof of that fact the Bureau would shoulder the responsibility of apprehending them. HARRIS' reply was "I know Roe is out as I saw and talked with him on December 19th". He appeared reluctant to divulge further details stating he could and would help if he could be kept out of the penitentiary. Pressed further for details he stated he would not have to go forty five miles to get concrete information which would catch ROE. Finally he admitted it would be through the woman who was with ROE at his home on December 19, 1938. He stated ROE told him he had a connection in Kansas City through which this woman could get in direct communication with him at any time. He stated he knew

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he could talk with this woman under appropriate circumstances and she would get him in touch with ROE. HARRIS was pressed for more details and on becoming convinced that he would not divulge the identity and location of the woman referred to and being cognizant of the fact Henryetta was approximately forty five miles from Shawnee and linked with previous information at hand concerning the black haired woman identified as MRS. KERRIGAN residing at Henryetta and being with the stranger whom [] identified as ROE, this Agent advised HARRIS that probably the Bureau was in possession of the facts which he did not care to divulge and asked HARRIS if Henryetta was the place he referred to. HARRIS, with an expression of surprise, remarked, "Well, you have the dope, that's where she is". Agent asked him if 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ First Street was familiar to him and he remarked: "That's where she lives and operates a place". I asked him if she was a blonde and he smiled and said "Not unless she died her black hair". HARRIS then began talking freely and stated that unquestionably this woman had been a long-time friend of ROE; that she was better than half-smart and that he did not think she would divulge any information unless discreetly handled. He stated that while he felt he could approach her and get definite information and put the finger on ROE he could not do it in jail and he knew of no way to further substantiate his story of having met ROE.

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This Agent advised HARRIS to give this matter further thought and in the event he thought of something he had not told me to have the jailer call and I would come to him immediately.

While HARRIS made no conflicting statements this Agent is very skeptical as to the truthfulness of his story and his motive in that connection. It rather appears he is an outlaw in trouble and is scheming to secure his liberty.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD DIVISION at Shawnee, Oklahoma, will further contact PAT HARRIS in an effort to secure more detailed information.

At Seminole, Oklahoma, will further contact JAKE SIMS, Chief of Police, who is resourceful and appears to be fully cooperating with this Bureau and who appears to be of the opinion that the information set out in this report is to some extent substantial. At the appropriate time all information set out in this report will be thoroughly checked for corroboration.

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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 5-17-39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5-6-39	REPORT MADE BY W. C. SPEARS IN
TITLE RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. # 1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. # 1471.			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

ACIE TAYLOR, former inmate # 162, Alcatraz Penitentiary, claims to have no information concerning subjects escape or possible present whereabouts.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent L. H. RICHMOND, San Francisco, California, 2-2-39;
Report of Special Agent DEAN R. MORLEY, Little Rock, Arkansas, 4-19-39.

DETAILS:

AT GOULD, ARKANSAS

Reference reports request that ACIE TAYLOR, Alcatraz # 162, released from there on April 16, 1938, be interviewed for any information he may have concerning this case.

ACIE TAYLOR, age forty-eight, negro, Arkansas State Prison Farm, Gould, Arkansas, # 36,917, stated when he was released from Alcatraz on or about April 16, 1938, that he immediately returned to Whelen Springs, Arkansas, and sometime later was arrested on burglary and grand larceny charges on which he received a sentence about August 8, 1938, to twenty-eight years in the Arkansas State Penitentiary.

Photographs of RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE were exhibited to TAYLOR who readily identified them as being of COLE And ROE who he knew as

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fellow inmates at Alcatraz. He said he understood they worked in the steel and mat shop at the prison, while he worked in the tailor shop, which is directly above the mat shop. TAYLOR said he had talked with both COLE and ROE a few times at the prison but during such conversations neither ever mentioned anything concerning their outside contacts nor of any intentions they may have had concerning a prison break.

TAYLOR advised that on the day ROE and COLE escaped he was working the tailor shop and happened to look out the West windows or openings of the tailor shop to notice a Coast Guard boat and later a motor boat cruising back and forth. TAYLOR claimed that neither he nor any of the other prisoners in the tailor shop knew what was taking place and none mentioned observing anything other than the two boats mentioned above. TAYLOR claimed the first indication he had that prisoners had escaped was when the inmates in the tailor shop were called back to their cells somewhat earlier than usual and then he overheard other prisoners saying ROE and COLE had escaped.

TAYLOR said he had overheard other prisoners, names not recalled, talking of the escape of COLE and ROE and that they said the men had tied tin cans together as a life raft and were last seen swimming in the direction of the Golden Gate. He also said the majority of the inmates of Alcatraz believed that COLE and ROE had drowned in their attempt to escape.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

* THE LITTLE ROCK FIELD DIVISION at Marshall, Arkansas, will locate and interview CLARA BELL SWAN for any information she may furnish regarding subjects. (See report of Special Agent F. S. SMITH, Oklahoma City, March 22, 1939, and report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, December 2, 1938.)

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **OKLAHOMA CITY**

BUTTE FILE NO. **76-107**

REPORT MADE AT BUTTE, MONTANA.	DATE WHEN MADE 5/16/39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/12/39	REPORT MADE BY W. G. BANISTER MAC
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 information obtained from confidential informants. Mrs. L. B. SNOWDEN advises MABEL BROWN, alias BILLIE BROWN, can be located through HENRY GRAY, officer, Sapulpa, Oklahoma.

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Reference:

Report of Special Agent Ralph T. Hood, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 12/2/38.

Details:

Confidential informants of the Butte Field Division, who have been contacted to ascertain if they had any information or had heard any rumors regarding the escape of Subjects, have advised that they have no information.

Mrs. L. B. SNOWDEN, wife of Narcotic Agent L. B. SNOWDEN, Butte, Montana, remarked that she had spent many years in Oklahoma around Muskogee and Sapulpa, and was familiar with most of the people living throughout that section. The names of Subjects' contacts were mentioned to her and she advised that the name BILLIE BROWN was very familiar, and that she was positive that her real name was MABEL BROWN and that her first husband,

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one ~~BARTON~~, was now or had been confined in the Leavenworth Penitentiary. Mrs. SNOWDEN stated that Officer HENRY GRAY, Sapulpa, Oklahoma, was very familiar with MABEL BROWN, having raided her home on one occasion to her, Mrs. SNOWDEN'S, knowledge, and that Officer GRAY will be able to furnish information relative to the present whereabouts of this individual.

Mrs. SNOWDEN also advised that she had spent a good many years in the Court House at Muskogee, Oklahoma, and due to the nature of her work was familiar with the criminal element. Mrs. SNOWDEN stated that she was leaving on a trip to visit friends in Oklahoma, and in the event an Agent desired to contact her while there, she would be glad to see him and furnish any information or rumors she heard while on this trip. She gave the following as her addresses:

Pryor, Oklahoma, General Delivery.
Sapulpa, Oklahoma, 702 South Main Street.
Stroud, Oklahoma, General Delivery.
Muskogee, Oklahoma, care of ETHEL STEWART, Manhattan Court.

No lead is being set out to contact Mrs. SNOWDEN while she is on this trip, this being left to the discretion of the office of origin.

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REPORT MADE AT Seattle, Washington	DATE WHEN MADE 5/17/39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/5/39	REPORT MADE BY J. P. MacFARLAND
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 GILDOW, Langley, Washington, in letter to Warden J. A. JOHNSTON, Alcatraz Penitentiary, indicated that subject COLE was residing in the vicinity of Langley, Washington. Investigation of THEODORE COLES, believed by MR. GILDOW to be identical with subject, developed that he in no way answered the description of subject COLE.

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REFERENCE: San Francisco letter to Seattle 1/21/39.

DETAILS:

In a letter to Warden J. A. JOHNSTON, Alcatraz Penitentiary, one WILLIAM GILDOW advised that when news was flashed on the radio relative to the escape of subjects COLE and ROE he, GILDOW, was drinking beer in a beer parlor, at which time one HENRY COLE, a resident of Langley, Washington, became somewhat upset with the news and according to MR. GILDOW stated, "My God, my boy is dead. I am going out and tell Ma." Upon making this utterance, according to MR. GILDOW, the said HENRY COLE finished his glass of beer and hastily departed from the beer parlor.

In the letter to Warden JOHNSON MR. GILDOW indicated that the subject in this case was in the vicinity of Pashtin and Langley, Washington, which two places are located on Whidby Island, Washington.

In an interview with the writer WILLIAM GILDOW stated that just before Thanksgiving of 1938 he saw subject COLE, whom he alleged to be acquainted with prior to the time that COLE served time in Alcatraz; that he last saw COLE about

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January of this year in Saratoga, a small town some ten or twelve miles from Langley, Washington; that subject COLE had stated he was closely identified with an uncle by the name of HENRY COLE who came from some place in Oklahoma; that subject COLE's parents reside about three miles out on a mountain road from Langley on a chicken ranch; that the only other person he knows of in the immediate vicinity who saw COLE was a DR. A. O. BREWER, Langley, Washington; that he is quite certain that the man he has reference to is subject COLE for the reason that he GILDOW, knew COLE and COLE's people before COLE was sentenced to the penitentiary and that he could refer the writer to no one other than DR. BREWER who might have pertinent information in regard to this case.

WILLIAM GILDOW, it might be stated for the sake of the record, lived about three miles out on the main highway going west from Langley. He is a slender man in his early firties and some few years ago lost his left foot. He makes his living at the present time by constructing boats. He has a typical liquor complexion and a rosebud nose. While he seemed fairly rational in what he had to say there was every indication that MR. GILDOW probably is a victim of his imagination. In his letter to the Warden it is of interest to note that he referred several times to drinking of liquor of various degrees of strength. While he made no direct request of the writer for financial assistance he did indicate that he did not have any money and that it would not be advisable for the writer to make any direct inquiries at Langley or in the vicinity of the place where the suspect COLE is alleged to reside. He intimated that he was quite certain he could take "old man COLE" out and some other people and get them "liquored up" and get all the information desired in this case. At the time the writer interviewed MR. GILDOW he seemed to be sober enough, although there was some evidence about his manner that was indicative that the "glow" of his imbibing just prior to the writer's arrival at his home was wearing off.

DR. A. O. BREWER, whose wife operates the general store at Langley, was contacted, and he advised that he had no particular information in regard to this case other than what MR. GILDOW had told him. He stated that he had seen the individual believed by MR. GILDOW to answer to the description of subject COLE; that this person at that time was wearing glasses and when the writer produced the pictures of subjects COLE and ROE for his inspection DR. BREWER indicated that he could not say whether the pictures of either of the two subjects was identical with the person believed by MR. GILDOW to be identical with subject. As to where the person believed by MR. GILDOW to be subject COLE was residing, DR. BREWER had no information other than that he, DR. BREWER, knew that the suspect's father, HENRY COLE, lived approximately four miles from town. DR. BREWER could furnish no information regarding any of the associates or friends of the suspect, nor did he know whether the said suspect was accompanied by another man on the occasion of his alleged visit to Langley, Washington.

MR. L. K. SHCUP and his mother, a woman of approximately 55 years of age, who occupy the cottage next to the place of residence of MR. HENRY COLIS, were contacted, and they advised that their neighbors next door had a son by the name of THEODORE COLIS; that the said THEODORE COLES was presently residing at Saratoga, Washington and that the photographs of subjects COLM and ROE did not answer to the description of the son of their next-door neighbor.

At Saratoga, Washington:

Mr. and Mrs. JOHN HAZEN, who operate the Wagers Store, were contacted, and MR. HAZEN advised that he has a brother who is connected with the U. S. Secret Service at Seattle, Washington; that he knows an individual presently residing at Saratoga by the name of THEODORE COLE or COLES, and that the photographs of subjects COLE and ROE, which were displayed to him by the writer, did not appear to be identical with the TED COLES presently living at Saratoga. MR. HAZEN indicated that TED COLES could be observed by the writer by walking down the road a mile and a half near the beach, where the said TED COLES was working on a well.

The writer proceeded to the beach and observed two men working on a well, and after maneuvering into close proximity to the men to get a good view of them was certain that neither of the men working on the well was identical with the subject being sought.

MRS. L. M. DINES, who operates a boarding and rooming house, was contacted, and she stated that THEODORE COLES, who was working on the well down at the beach, was one of her roomers; that TED COLES' people lived at Langley, Washington and have lived in the immediate vicinity for a great many years; that it was her understanding that THEODORE COLES was born at Saratoga, Washington; that he is a man approximately 31 or 32 years of age and is somewhat taller than the writer, who is 5' 11½" in height. To the best of the knowledge and belief of MRS. DINES, THEODORE COLES, who was working on the well, was never involved in any difficulties, although he has traveled about the country extensively.

THEODORE COLES was contacted, and he advised that he is 31 years of age; that he was born at Saratoga, Washington; that his people presently live at Langley, Washington; that he has long anticipated being interrogated in connection with this matter for the reason that his name is approximately identical with the name of one of the fugitives being sought; that he is not related to either of the fugitives being sought; that he was born on June 1, 1908 at Saratoga, Washington; that the early part of his life was spent with his parents in Wisconsin and during the past three years he has traveled about the country extensively, working here and there on various odd jobs; that he has never at any time been involved in any difficulties with the law. He was particularly desirous of being advised as to the identity of the person

who had furnished his name as a suspect in this case. This information, however, was not furnished to him by the writer.

For the sake of the record it might be indicated here that THEODORE COLES is described as follows:

Name	THEODORE COLES, alias TED COLES
Age	31 (Born Seratoga, Wn. 6/1/1903)
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Blond
Height	5' 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Weight	174 lbs.
Build	Slender
Complexion	Light
Nose	Straight and pointed
Face	Thin and pointed
Head	Long and narrow.

At Langley, Washington:

A further contact was had with MR. GILDOW for the purpose of developing his theory as to the manner in which both subjects escaped from the penitentiary at Alcatraz, and he stated that it was his understanding that subjects secured a couple blankets, which they nailed between two poles, and floated in the blankets to the shoreline. He stated that this was an excellent idea conceived by them, in that persons observing the poles drifting in the ocean would pay no attention to them, and that when subjects thought that they would be observed they would immediately get under water and climb back into the blankets between the poles and drift toward the shore. He stated that TED COLES was alleged to have made this statement in the beer parlor at Langley, Washington. It was also indicated by GILDOW and DR. BREWER that THEODORE COLES was a banjo player while living at Langley, Washington.

For the sake of the record it might be indicated that THEODORE COLES in no way resembled fugitive COLE being sought in this case.

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REPORT MADE AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.	DATE WHEN MADE 5/24/39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/24; 5/3, 15-20/39	REPORT MADE BY F. S. SMITH 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:</p> <p>Information obtained from various individuals at Seminole, Okla. regarding man answering description of ROE being seen with Informant 13. Photograph of ROE identified by SILAS RANDLE as being with Informant 13 during Jan., 1939. COLE reported seen near Milfay, Okla. about Aug., 1938. Efforts being made to make bond for PAT HARRIS. PAUL DENTON offers to contact Informant 13 if he is convicted and sentenced to U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kans. J. B. ATKINSON, JOE SMALLEY and Informant "R" have no information.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>Reference: Report of Special Agent F. S. SMITH, Oklahoma City, 5/15/39; Report of Special Agent F. S. SMITH, Oklahoma City, 3/22/39.</p> <p>Details: Joint investigation by Special Agents RALPH T. HOOD and F. S. SMITH</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>AT SEMINOLE, OKLAHOMA</u></p> <p>Referring to leads in reference report of Agent F. S. SMITH, dated May 15, 1939, contact was again made with JAKE SIMS, Chief of Police, who advised that PAT HARRIS, in the County Jail at Shawnee, Oklahoma, had communicated with HOMER BISHOP, Attorney of Seminole, in the interest of executing an appearance bond securing his release, Chief SIMS suggesting the cooperation of Agent SMITH in this connection. Mr. SIMS was advised that the Bureau would not enter into any agreement in</p>			
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regard to the release of HARRIS and under no circumstances would Agent SMITH be a party to lending aid to HARRIS in this connection.

Subsequently, however, these Agents contacted PAT HARRIS in the County Jail at Shawnee, Oklahoma where he is being held on charges of violating the Narcotic Act, and were advised by him that he had communicated with HOMER BISHOP, an Attorney, and had advanced him a fee and was promised by BISHOP that he would procure a bond for him within the very near future. HARRIS reiterated his previous promise to aid in causing the apprehension of subject ROE, stating that he was sure that he would be able to get definite information as soon as he was released. He was reluctant, however, after detailed questioning, to divulge specific information and no additional information was obtained from him.

HARRIS stated that he desired to see JAKE SIMS prior to his release, advising that he desired to contact Agents through Mr. SIMS in connection with this matter after his release. He was questioned as to the possibility of some individual other than himself having seen ROE at the time he called at his home, December 18th or 19, 1938, at which time he stated that LENA STEWART, now LENA SPURGEON, probably saw him at that time. He was also questioned as to by what means ROE would have information concerning the whereabouts of HARRIS, whereupon he advised that in his opinion ROE was furnished information as to his, HARRIS', whereabouts by LENA SPURGEON who he stated had visited in his apartment on various occasions and who had been on a party with Informant 13.

When questioned concerning his previous knowledge concerning ROE, HARRIS mentioned that he was an inmate of the Oklahoma State Reformatory at Granite, Oklahoma about 1924 when ROE was committed to that institution; however, he was unable to explain, and he was not questioned at length at the time because of his attitude, as to his association and knowledge of ROE during the past several years.

Through JAKE SIMS contact was had with [redacted] who previously identified ROE'S photograph as having been in the company of Informant 13 at Seminole, Oklahoma and with two women. He stated that he had been unable to develop any further information regarding ROE or the identity of his women companions, but he was of the opinion that he could contact MYRTLE KERRIGAN because of his past associations in an effort to determine the identity of the red-headed woman whom he stated appeared to be closer to the man identified by him as ROE.

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At Agents' request, [] proceeded to Henryetta, Oklahoma upon the afternoon of May 15, 1939 and on the night of May 16, 1939, he reported to Agents stating that he made contact with MYRTLE KERRIGAN who is now residing at No. 15 East Main Street, Henryetta; that he spent the night in her home and went driving with her on the following evening; that she divulged no information to him other than to relate her being at Seminole, Oklahoma with Informant 13 and the stranger, a red-headed woman.

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She stated that she, accompanied by BOB PACK, drove to the resort of RUBY SCOTT. PACK went away to get some liquor and his car broke down; that she had no way to travel and there was a man by the name of MILLS at RUBY SCOTT'S, accompanied by a red-headed woman, apparently a friend of Informant 13; that these people and Informant 13 were going to Seminole and she asked them to take her in which they did; that that accounted for her being with these people as stated by GATES. She states she had never known either MILLS or the woman with him. She stated that after reaching Seminole, she made contact with "JELLY" FREEMAN who drove her back out to make contact with PACK. In this connection, JAKE SIMS stated he questioned "JELLY" FREEMAN who stated that he had no recollection of this girl.

Jointly with JAKE SIMS these Agents again made contact with RUBY SCOTT who was minutely questioned concerning MYRTLE KERRIGAN'S being in her home in connection with Information 13 and the man MILLS and the red-headed woman. She denied emphatically knowing any such people, stating that Informant 13 was in and around her place for a couple of weeks, but no such people as described appeared there.

She was questioned at length concerning the associates who called on Informant 13 while he was employed by her as a bouncer, whereupon she stated that his only associate was PAUL DENTON. RUBY SCOTT appeared very reluctant to furnish any information regarding Informant 13 and his associates, and she did not think that MYRTLE KERRIGAN or any individual had contacted him during the early hours of the morning, but did admit that it would have been possible as he was living in a cabin to himself. Under further questioning, she left the automobile

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where she was being interviewed and proceeded to her room and upon her return, presented Agents with a piece of paper bearing the following: "Francis Nigro, 72d and Prospect, Phone 1389, Kansas City." She refused to offer any explanation or reason for furnishing this name and address or the connection with Informant 13, stating that she found the piece of paper in Informant 13's room after his departure from her premises.

RUBY SCOTT was questioned concerning any individual who appeared at her place wearing a mustache who made contact with Informant 13. She emphatically denied ever having seen any person at her place answering that description who made contact with Informant 13. Subsequently Police Chief SIMS advised he had another talk with RUBY SCOTT, figuring she might divulge some confidential information to him; that she on this occasion denied having any information to indicate that subject ROE had been at or around her place or in contact with Informant 13. He stated that on the following day RUBY SCOTT appeared at his office and stated, "JAKE, when you questioned me yesterday, I lied to you, and I could not sleep on account of this so I came in to tell you the truth;" that she stated there was a man at her place during the period Informant 13 was there; that he came there and made connection with Informant 13; that they went into a side room to eat some lunch and that ALLEN STANFIELD, Deputy United States Marshal, drove up and stopped in the drive behind the house; that the stranger slipped out of a side door, went into a thick hedge behind a frog pond and hid remaining there until after STANFIELD departed; that he came back and he and Informant 13 left the premises. She stated further to Chief SIMS that the following day Informant 13 came back and later left, returning about 10:00 p. m. in an automobile, turning out the lights as he drove into the driveway, and called to her asking her if she wanted to go driving; that she asked who was in the car and he told her it was BILLIE FREEMAN and her husband, the same man who ran out and hid; that she declined to go riding and they told her they were going to McLoud, Oklahoma; that he returned the following day and appeared to have been drinking; that he was again questioned concerning his company the night previous and he again stated that he was with BILLIE FREEMAN and her husband who was the same man who ran out and hid when ALLEN STANFIELD stopped at her place.

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Subsequently Agent SMITH, accompanied by JAKE SIMS and BOB SHORT, proceeded to the resort of RUBY SCOTT and again questioned her in detail concerning the appearance of the man who had made contact with Informant 13 and who had hidden on the appearance of Deputy United States Marshal STANFIELD. She reiterated her story related to Chief SIMS, stating that her brother, SILAS RANDLE, was present, attending to the parking of cars in the yard, and unquestionably saw the stranger.

SILAS RANDLE was questioned, out of her presence, and his statement was that on a date which he had forgotten in January, 1939, Informant 13 was at RUBY'S place and about 10:00 a. m. in the morning a car drove up and stopped in front of the place, the car being driven by PAUL DENTON; that a stranger came in and inquired for Informant 13; that Informant 13 came from his cabin, met this stranger and they went into RUBY SCOTT'S kitchen. Informant 13 requested RANDLE to go get a lunch from a near-by restaurant; that he left the stranger and Informant 13 in conversation; that he returned with the lunch and Informant 13 began eating. About that time ALLEN STANFIELD, a Deputy United States Marshal, drove into the premises, stopping his car in the driveway at the rear; that immediately the stranger slipped out through a side door and hid in the bushes near a frog pond, remaining there until after STANFIELD left when he came back and joined Informant 13; that they then proceeded to Informant 13's room in the rear of the premises. He stated that he later went out to this room and observed Informant 13 lying across the bed and the stranger shuffling a deck of cards. They were in conversation which he did not hear; that the stranger closely observed him; that he had a very keen eye and appeared to be suspicious of his presence.

He described this stranger as being a man approximately six feet tall, weighing about 170 to 180 pounds, having medium dark hair and a short mustache, well trimmed; that he was dressed in a sport sweater and, as he recalled, gray pants; however, he might be mistaken about that; that his clothes were of good material.

SILAS RANDLE stated that Informant 13 and this stranger remained in this room for a short period of time and as they came out, Informant 13 remarked to the stranger, "You go to my brother's and I'll see you," or words to that effect. He stated that Informant 13

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and this stranger left the premises with PAUL DENTON in his car; that Informant 13 was gone one night and returned and subsequently left and was gone about three days; that on his return, he stated he had been with a friend whom he had not seen for a long time.

JAKE SIMS then handed SILAS RANDLE a number of photographs, approximately twelve in all, among which was the photograph of subject ROE, telling him to look them over and see if he found anyone in there who resembled the man with the mustache who was referred to. This was about dusk. RANDLE began to examine the pictures and remarked, "Let me get to the light where I can see better." He went into the house under an electric light and immediately selected the picture of subject ROE, remarking, "This is the man who was here." Agent SMITH interrupted him and cautioned him to be careful and to know what he was talking about before he made a definite statement and asked him if he could be mistaken. He said there was no use; that the man whom he had picked was the man who was at the premises. Agent SMITH then handed him another group of photographs and told him to look them over. After examining the photographs, he picked up the photograph of ROE and stated, "There is no chance of my being mistaken. I'd remember that man anywhere on earth." He was emphatic in his identification of subject ROE'S picture as being the man who was at the premises with Informant 13 and who hid when ALLEN STANFIELD appeared.

RUBY SCOTT was called and she examined the photographs. She stated that ROE'S photograph closely resembled the man who hid on the occasion of ALLEN STANFIELD'S visit to her place; however, that she was not positive. She asked for a pencil and placed a small mustache on the photograph of ROE. She then handed that photograph to her brother, SILAS RANDLE, who stated that made him look better than ever and that there was no question about his being the man. RUBY SCOTT stated that the mustache made him look very much like the man that she saw; however, she would not say positively that the photograph of ROE was the man she was referring to.

RUBY SCOTT described this individual as did her brother. She had previously informed Agents that she did not know RALPH ROE personally; however, she stated that she knew the husband of BILLIE FREEMAN who was approximately five feet, eight inches tall and that she was positive that he was not identical with the man referred to above.

BILLIE FREEMAN'S husband is personally known to Police Chief JAKE SIMS and has been observed by Special Agent F. S. SMITH, both of whom state that he is not over five feet, eight inches in height and does not in any particular resemble subject RALPH ROE. It will be noted that BILLIE FREEMAN has been referred to previously in investigations as being a close associate of RALPH ROE, and JAKE SIMS, Chief of Police, advised that sometime around the period of the alleged stranger's visit at RUBY SCOTT'S place, he recalled that BILLIE FREEMAN mysteriously disappeared and was gone for approximately five or six days; that her husband repeatedly made inquiries of him concerning her and endeavored to locate her without success; however, that she returned after possibly five or six days had elapsed.

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Contact was had with Mr. W. H. HALL who operates a small grocery store about three miles west of Asher, at which time he was interviewed in regard to the associates of his brother, Informant 13. Mr. HALL stated that he did not know of the release of his brother from the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas for some time after his return to Seminole and that Informant 13 visited him only on two occasions, one time being accompanied by PAUL DENTON, and the other time being driven to his place by RUBY SCOTT. He denied seeing Informant 13 after Christmas, 1938.

He was questioned at length as to whether any man about six feet in height, weighing 170 to 180 pounds and wearing a mustache was at his place, whereupon he stated that during January, 1939, a man, accompanied by several women, stopped at the HALL Grocery Store and this man, who would be approximately six feet in height, weighing 170 to 180 pounds, and wearing a small mustache, stopped and inquired for Informant 13. This man did not disclose any information about himself and did not remain at the HALL premises for any length of time. Mr. HALL, however, stated that he returned to that vicinity on several occasions, one time being accompanied by PAUL DENTON, and that he had told Mr. HALL'S son that he went about the country beating slot machines by use of a long wire. Mr. HALL recalled that this man was known as BERT.

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No great credence can be placed in this information as it is known that Informant 13 visited his brother on numerous occasions subsequent to January 1, 1939, on one occasion spending several days working for his brother. Agents were also informed by Chief of Police SIMS who has known W. H. HALL for several years, that he was very unreliable and would lend protection to the underworld and especially to Informant 13.

AT SEMINOLE, OKLAHOMA

Accompanied by JAKE SIMS, Agents contacted the following individuals regarding this matter:

Mrs. J. L. DOTTS, 37 Olive Street, who was formerly a neighbor of PAT HARRIS, residing at 39 Olive Street during January, February and March, 1939. She informed Agents that during the time HARRIS was living at that address, a man whom she first described as being well dressed and about six feet in height, weighing about 175 pounds and wearing a small mustache, had visited HARRIS, accompanied by women whom she was unable to describe. Mrs. DOTTS was unable to identify the photograph of any individual as being identical with the visitor of PAT HARRIS.

Mr. and Mrs. CHERE who operate a blacksmith shop across the street from 37 Olive Street, advised Agents that a man whom they described as being thirty to thirty-five years of age, approximately 190 pounds, with a small mustache, had appeared at the HARRIS residence several times in January and February, 1939, driving a Hudson Coupe automobile, color not recalled. Usually this man would be accompanied by a woman who was red headed and wore a fur coat which was rather worn. Mr. and Mrs. CHERE were unable to furnish any further information as to the possible identity of this man and woman.

RUEL FRANCS, an oil field worker who has recently returned to Seminole and who was formerly an associate of ROE and WILBUR UNDERHILL, informed Agents that he had not received any information regarding the possibility of ROE'S being in that vicinity. He further stated that he did not have any information that ROE had been successful in making his escape or had been in the vicinity of Seminole. He mentioned, however, that he had been gone from Seminole for approximately two years and had returned only a short time before.

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He was questioned concerning past associates of ROE, at which time he stated that if ROE was successful in his escape, he would probably contact HAZEL UNDERHILL or one BERNICE SETTLES who formerly resided at Ardmore, Oklahoma, but whose present whereabouts or name is unknown.

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General inquiry at a beer tavern located across the street from the Sun Hotel where LENA STEWART was employed revealed that she is now married to one SPURGEON and is residing with her husband, a rough-neck, at Mount Pleasant, Texas, receiving mail General Delivery. This inquiry also revealed that she was in Seminole about Christmas, 1938 at which time she was playing around with Informant 13 and his associates. It was also determined that during this period of time she stayed drunk and was on several parties with Informant 13 at his room.

It should be noted here that PAT HARRIS and PAUL DENTON each advised that she was with Informant 13 on several parties during her visit in Seminole. Previous inquiry has developed that she was very friendly with ROE prior to his incarceration on the charge which he was serving at the time of his escape and is alleged to have corresponded with him while he was in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas.

G. R. NEWBOLT and ED HIXON, employees of the Fluid Pack Pump Company, informed Agents that on two occasions about two or three weeks before Informant 13 was returned to the penitentiary, he came to that company about 7:30 or 8:00 a. m., accompanied by a man whom they described as being about thirty years of age, six feet in height, weighing 175 pounds and with a small mustache. Informant 13 did not introduce this man and he never called him by any name. They stated that the man was very noticeable as he was much better dressed than the usual companions of Informant 13. This man never talked while there and was very quiet.

Both NEWBOLT and HIXON stated that Informant 13 had previously been at that company on several occasions to shoot dice and on both occasions, when accompanied by this unknown individual, he drove into the back of the company warehouse and entered the warehouse by the back

door. On both occasions Informant 13 was driving a Ford automobile owned by PAUL DENTON and NEWBOLT was of the opinion that these occurrences happened while DENTON was in jail at Wewoka, Oklahoma. While present on one occasion, Informant 13 talked to them about his plans to beat a drunken Indian in a poker and dice game and referred to him as being GENE DAVIS who resided in the vicinity of Cromwell, Oklahoma.

Both NEWBOLT and HIXON made an examination of various photographs, including the photograph of ROE, without effecting an identification.

ELMIRA McDOWELL, a waitress at the Cushinberry Tavern, informed Agents that prior to Christmas, 1938, she was employed at the beer tavern across from the Sun Hotel where the sister of LENA STEWART was employed. She further advised that she did not know Informant 13, but that while employed at the beer tavern across from the Sun Hotel, a well-dressed man whom she described as being approximately six feet in height, weighing 175 pounds, with a small mustache, stopped at the beer tavern and made inquiry for Informant 13 by name. She advised this man that she did not know Informant 13 whereupon this man called him by his nickname and Mrs. McDOWELL, knowing him by that name, furnished what information she could. She stated that at the time this individual attempted to date her, and on several occasions returned to the place of her employment, both at the beer tavern and Cushinberry's and danced with her.

She at no time saw this individual in the company of Informant 13 or LENA SPURGEON or any other individual. She made an examination of several photographs, including the photographs of ROE and COLE and she selected the photograph of LOUIS BUCHALTER, subject in Furdress, as being similar in facial appearance to the man who called to see her on several occasions from his front view. She stated that she was positive that this was not the individual. It will be noted that there is a great deal of similarity in the photographs of ROE and BUCHALTER from the front view.

From general information furnished, the Indian GENE DAVIS, who was supposed to be the object of a scheme between Informant 13 and the unknown individual thought to be ROE to beat him in a crooked gambling game, was thought to reside in the vicinity of Holdenville, Oklahoma; however, inquiry in that vicinity failed to reveal his whereabouts, and he was subsequently located living in the neighborhood of Cromwell, Oklahoma.

DAVIS was contacted by Agents at which time he stated that he personally knew Informant 13 and had been at his place on frequent occasions at Seminole; that Informant 13 approached him on one occasion stating that he could make some money at Seminole; that he accompanied Informant 13 to Seminole and there he and Informant 13 beat an individual out of approximately \$70.00; that Informant 13 failed to split the proceeds of this winning and, therefore, he had no further dealings with Informant 13. He stated that he had been approached on several occasions in a mysterious manner endeavoring to get him to go to Seminole and the vicinity to gamble, but that he was skeptical of Informant 13 and, therefore, did not fall for the scheme. He stated that he had no recollection of ever seeing any man wearing a mustache with Informant 13.

Agents reinterviewed PAUL DENTON, confined in the County Jail at Muskogee, Oklahoma, and minutely questioned him regarding his knowledge of any man wearing a mustache associating with Informant 13 at Seminole. He stated emphatically that he had never seen any man wearing a mustache associating with Informant 13; that he had been closely associated with Informant 13 since his liberation from the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas in July, 1938; that he met Informant 13 when he was released from the prison at Leavenworth and accompanied him to Seminole; that he had financed him and Informant 13 lived at his house for a long period of time; that he was closely associated with him daily with exception of such time as he was confined in jail at Wewoka, Oklahoma in January, 1939.

He stated that he had repeatedly picked up Informant 13 at the resort of RUBY SCOTT and brought him to Seminole, Oklahoma; that he recalled Informant 13's telling him on several occasions that he figured to make some money from an Indian by the name of GENE DAVIS who lived in the vicinity of Cromwell, Oklahoma; however, that he never knew of

his having "skinned" DAVIS out of any money.

DENTON when questioned concerning his knowledge of subject ROE'S being in the vicinity of Seminole, stated that in his opinion ROE was drowned and that he did not think that he was on the ground; that he figured that all the information we were being furnished concerning his being at Seminole was without foundation. He was asked if he thought that ROE, in the event he was alive, would connect with PAT HARRIS. He stated that in his opinion ROE would not connect with HARRIS; that HARRIS has been in the penitentiary the principal part of his mature life and had been a narcotic addict; however, that in his opinion, ROE would connect with Informant 13 if he were alive. He was asked if any statement that PAT HARRIS made with reference to ROE could be believed, and he stated that if HARRIS made any statement, it would be a curve and for the purpose of benefiting himself in securing a liberation. He stated that while he wanted relief, he would help us in any manner he could; that he felt after connecting with Informant 13 at Leavenworth, he would be able to obtain from him definite information as to whether or not RALPH ROE was on the ground and that he would convey this information to Agents.

In this connection, the statements of RUBY SCOTT and her brother, SILAS RANDLE, received subsequent to this interview, made it a possibility that DENTON has not been truthful in this interview in that DENTON brought the unknown man with the mustache to RUBY SCOTT'S place and left with this unknown man and Informant 13.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent E. F. EHRICH at Kaw City, Oklahoma:

Reference is made to the undeveloped lead set out in the report of Special Agent R. T. HOOD dated at Oklahoma City December 2, 1938 relative to informant J. B. ATKINSON at Kaw City, Oklahoma.

On April 19, 1939, this Agent contacted informant ATKINSON at the THOMPSON ranch northeast of Kaw City, Oklahoma and he advised that he had returned from his trip to Texas in January, 1939. While in Texas he mentioned that he had visited with HAZEL UNDERHILL and they were together for about two months, staying at LaFerne and Corpus Christi, Texas. He stated that he did not see JEAN DAVIS at that time as she

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was then in California awaiting the execution of her husband. It was his understanding that JEAN DAVIS was intending to return to the vicinity of either Odessa or Monahans, Texas when she left California. With regard to JEAN DAVIS, he stated that her maiden name was HALE, and that she has two brothers, O. C. and JACK HALE, both of whom are supposedly working in the oil fields in Texas. The photograph of VINA INEZ DAVIS, forwarded by the Peoria Office, was exhibited to him, and he informed that she was not identical with JEAN DAVIS, the latter of whom is a much older woman.

With respect to the fugitives in instant case, ATKINSON advised that he was unable to learn any additional information, as it appears that HAZEL UNDERHILL was very cautious and somewhat curious as to his interest in the matter. He mentioned that the only thing she ever let drop in this regard was when she mentioned that "they (meaning the law) knew these fugitives were out as they jumped them up in Illinois." He stated that he is still corresponding with HAZEL UNDERHILL, and if he obtains any information of value he will furnish it to this Division.

As for his contact in Mexico, he informed that since the Government would not furnish him the money for the trip, he was unable to go there. He has however received a second letter from FRED who is apparently in the gold business in Monterrey, Mexico, asking him to come down. He indicated that this letter was not very informative, and contained no statements which might in any manner be interpreted as meaning that these fugitives were there.

J. B. ATKINSON advised that he intends staying around Kaw City until about fall when he may again go to Texas and possibly Mexico. He stated, however, that he will keep on the lookout and advise this Division if anything develops.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma:

With reference to the letter from the San Antonio Division dated February 25, 1939, to the Bureau requesting laboratory examination covering a letter postmarked at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma February 16, 1939 and addressed to HAZEL UNDERHILL, signed "Bill", discreet inquiry in the neighborhood of Route 9, Box 87, same being on Southwest Frisco Street, revealed that Box 87 was issued to one PEARL CRAVEN. Mrs. CRAVEN

was discreetly contacted by Agent at which time she stated that no individual by the name of BILL had resided with her, but that her brother, J. B. ATKINSON, was a close friend of HAZEL UNDERHILL and was visiting her during January and February, 1939. She denied possessing any knowledge concerning HAZEL UNDERHILL or subjects. In view of the information previously developed as to the relations of J. B. ATKINSON and HAZEL UNDERHILL, it is thought that he is identical with the man signing his letter "As ever to my wife from Bill."

JOE H. SMALLEY, 1004 Northwest Hill Street, was contacted by Agent at which time he stated that he did not possess any information concerning subject ROE as he had had nothing to do with ROE or his companions since he rented a house for ELMER ENMAN at Shawnee, Oklahoma in which WILBUR UNDERHILL was afterwards wounded in a gun battle and at which time ROE was apprehended. SMALLEY denied that he had ever assisted ROE in any manner and did not think ROE would contact him in view of the fact that he testified against him. SMALLEY expressed a desire to cooperate in this matter, but it is considered doubtful in view of his reputation.

Based upon information furnished by JAKE SDMS, Chief of Police, Seminole, Oklahoma, that ROY MODRIGE, investigator for Governor PHILLIPS, and a former Deputy Sheriff at Okemah, Oklahoma, possessed information regarding COLE, MODRIGE was contacted by Agents SMITH and HOOD at which time he stated that during August, 1938, he arrested several negroes near Milfay, Oklahoma and one of the negroes mentioned to him that he saw subject COLE at the home of a relative near Milfay a short time prior to his arrest. MODRIGE was unable to recall the name of his informant, but thought that it was one JOHN WILLIAM REEVES, presently an inmate of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma. MODRIGE stated that he would attempt to determine the identity of the negro furnishing that information, stating that he would immediately advise the Oklahoma City Office upon receipt of same.

Referring to the report of reference of Special Agent F. S. SMITH, Oklahoma City, dated March 22, 1939, and to the information set out therein beginning on Page 12 furnished by JOE CONNOR of Wewoka, Oklahoma concerning his personal acquaintance with subject ROE and to ROE'S having resided at Hot Springs, Arkansas during the year 1934 at 325 Benton Street, with a woman who had two small children and to having

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seen ROE at Wewoka in the spring of 1939 accompanied by this same woman and the two children, leads are being set out to the Little Rock Office to make appropriate investigation at Hot Springs in an effort to establish the identity of the custodian of the premises at 325 Benton Street covering the period ROE is alleged to have lived there with this woman and two children with a view of establishing corroboration of the statement of CONNOR and also to establish the identity of this woman whose identity would be material to this investigation.

Mr. CLIFF H. GOLDSMITH, Department of Public Safety, Oklahoma City, telephonically advised Agent HOOD that he had been advised by one LOVELL ROBERTS, Stroud, Oklahoma, that he possessed some information concerning the whereabouts of subject COLE during recent months. GOLDSMITH did not question ROBERTS at length regarding this, but was of the opinion that he would furnish whatever information he possessed to Bureau Agents. GOLDSMITH further advised that he had known ROBERTS for a number of years and he considered him to be reliable.

Leads are not being set forth for auxilliary offices in connection with information contained herein at the present time pending further developments at Seminole, Oklahoma.

Another report is in process of transcription in connection with this case and all leads will be brought up in that report, same not being done herein.

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AT HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS, will conduct appropriate investigation concerning the information furnished by CONNOR as set forth on Page 12 of the reference report of Special Agent F. S. SMITH, dated March 22, 1939, in an effort to verify and substantiate his information and develop the identity of the woman thought to have been seen with ROE at Wewoka, Oklahoma.

OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE

Will maintain contact with various informants and sources of information at Seminole, Shawnee and Muskogee, Oklahoma.

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AT OKEMAH, OKLAHOMA, will maintain contact with ROY MODRICE for the source of information furnished him regarding COLE.

AT STROUD, OKLAHOMA, will contact LOVELL ROBERTS for information regarding COLE.

If PAT HARRIS is not released, or if unable to substantiate his information,, conduct appropriate investigation regarding MYRTLE KERRIGAN.

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

FILE NO. **76-244**

REPORT MADE AT Salt Lake City, Utah	DATE WHEN MADE 5/20/39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/15, 27/39 5/15/39	REPORT MADE BY GEORGE J. ROSS EM
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:

MILDRED POWELL and J. E. MURRAY no longer located Duchesne, Utah. Mrs. THOMAS R. FADDIS, sister of Winnie F. Metcalf will advise Salt Lake City office on his return to this city. E. L. WILSON, Serial No. 6,770,340, private at Vancouver barracks believed to be individual who claims knowledge of facts in this case.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent J. P. MacFARLAND, Seattle, dated 3/11/39.
Report of Special Agent J. J. PIEPER, Seattle, dated 2/16/39.

DETAILS:

AT SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

The writer ascertained that Mrs. THOMAS R. FADDIS, Subject's sister is identical with GLADYS SHERWOOD, both of whom wrote to WINNIE F. METCALF during the period of his incarceration at McNeil Island. Mrs. FADDIS presently resides at 208 Canyon Road in Salt Lake City. She was contacted by the writer on April 27, 1939 in an effort to locate her brother WINNIE F. METCALF alias MACK SMITH, in order that he could be questioned in accordance with the lead contained in the report of Special Agent R. T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, dated December 2, 1938. Mrs. FADDIS informed the writer that her brother had recently been in Salt Lake City and that upon his return to this city she would instruct him to call at the

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Salt Lake City office.

On the failure of METCALF to appear at the Salt Lake City office for questioning in this matter, Mrs. FADDIS was again contacted by the writer on May 15, 1939. She then stated that her brother had been in Salt Lake City since the writer's previous interview with her and that she had requested her brother to call at the Salt Lake City office. She stated that he had stated that he had some urgent business to attend to in Colorado upon which his present employment was contingent, but that immediately upon his return he would contact the writer.

Mrs. FADDIS promised her complete cooperation to the writer in making her brother available for interview. She was informed that the purpose of the questioning was not because it was believed her brother was involved in any criminal matter, and that he had nothing to fear in such a questioning, she having appeared apprehensive as to the purpose of the questioning.

Mrs. FADDIS also informed the writer that J. E. MURRAY and Miss MILDRED POWELL, both of whom were listed at General Delivery, Duchesne, Utah are no longer located there. Mrs. FADDIS stated that she understands that Mr. MURRAY has long since died. This information was verified by the writer at the Post Office in Duchesne, Utah where the writer was further advised that Miss MILDRED POWELL is no longer located there, but is married, her married name not being known. In this connection Mrs. FADDIS stated that she was certain that her brother did not have any present contact with this individual.

AT FORT DOUGLAS, UTAH

On April 15, 1939 the writer contacted Major JOHN T. ZELLARS, Acting Adjutant at the post, in accordance with the lead contained in the reference report of Special Agent J. P. MacFARLAND. Through the cooperation of Major ZELLARS a list was obtained of the various enlistments in Salt Lake City where the enlisting men had been sent to Vancouver Barracks, Washington. Several names were found which were new enlistments, and, therefore, eliminated from further consideration in this matter. It was found, however, that on September 21, 1938 the following four enlistments were recorded, and it was in order that these enlisting men departed on September 22, 1938 for Vancouver Barracks:

E. L. WILSON	Serial No. 6,770,340
THOMAS J. WARE	Serial No. 6,574,107
JOHN T. CARTER	Serial No. 6,574,112
L. M. CARTER	Serial No. 6,574,111

Major ZELLARS stated that E. L. WILSON was obviously a re-enlistment and that the other three men were new enlistments. At the Post recruiting office, through numerous inquiries of various enlisted men on duty there, the writer ascertained that E. L. WILSON had had some experience as a sign painter; that he was also a re-enlisted man. It would, therefore, appear that he fits the description of the individual who had made a statement to one ED DILEY to the effect that he knew plenty about this case and that money talks.

Through these inquiries the writer also ascertained that WILSON has the reputation of being the type of individual who claims to know something about everything that goes on; that he is a loose talker and prone to make exaggerated statements. It was ascertained that he had never been known to make statements relative to the instant case among his associates at Fort Douglas, Utah.

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THE SALT LAKE CITY DIVISION AT SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

Will maintain contact with Mrs. THOMAS R. FADDIS, 208 Canyon Road in order to locate WINNIE F. METCALF alias MACK SMITH, and interview him along lines suggested by the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, dated 12/2/38.

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AT VANCOUVER BARRACKS, WASHINGTON

Will interview Private E. L. WILSON to ascertain if he has any knowledge of this case.

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

RE: ⁶ ROGOL

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent F. S. SMITH, dated May 15, 1939 at Oklahoma City and the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD dated at Oklahoma City on May 24, 1939 wherein interviews with PAT HARRIS are set forth.

It will be noted that HARRIS is presently confined in the Pottawatomie County Jail at Shawnee, Oklahoma on a charge of violating the Narcotic Act and he is also charged with two violations of the same act in the Eastern District of Oklahoma. For your information the case under which he is presently confined at Shawnee will be presented to the Grand Jury at Oklahoma City about June 5, 1939 while the cases pending in the Eastern District of Oklahoma will be presented to a Grand Jury at Muskogee, Oklahoma during the first part of July, 1939. It should be further noted that HARRIS has served five sentences in various penitentiaries and institutions.

HARRIS was first interviewed at his own request and he has been re-interviewed on several occasions in connection with this matter. For your information HARRIS is a close friend of Informant 13 and was associated with Informant 13 in the sale of narcotics at Seminole, Oklahoma, from the time of his, HARRIS', release from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary the first part of December, 1938 until his apprehension during March or April, 1939. On each occasion that he has been interviewed HARRIS has insisted that fugitive RALPH ROE was at his quarters in Seminole, Oklahoma on December 18 or 19, 1938 and he has also insisted that if he is able to get out of jail on bond he can definitely ascertain ROE'S present whereabouts.

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HARRIS expects the assistance of the Bureau should he develop information leading to ROE'S definite whereabouts. HARRIS has re-

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fused to furnish additional information concerning this fugitive other than that ROE was at his home and to admit under questioning that one MYRTLE KERRIGAN of Henryetta, Oklahoma might be the person he would contact for information. It will be noted in reference reports that information regarding MYRTLE KERRIGAN being an associate and friendly with ROE has been developed. Upon interview on May 24, 1939 HARRIS stated that ROE informed him that he had furnished MYRTLE KERRIGAN with a party with whom she could indirectly contact him at any time.

At no time has any promise been made to HARRIS or anyone else in his behalf and he and his friends have been advised that under no circumstances would the Bureau assist him in making bond. However, he is trying to make bond through his attorney and there is a strong indication that he will be released within the next few days. He has promised Agents that if and when released on bond, he will obtain the information as to ROE'S whereabouts.

In view of the other developments and the identifications made of ROE'S photograph by various individuals who should be in a position to know, it is highly probable that HARRIS would be able to obtain such information.

ROY BRIDGESS, Agent in Charge of the Narcotic Division at Oklahoma City, who developed the cases pending against HARRIS, has advised Agents that if HARRIS is able to be of material assistance in this matter, he is of the opinion that he will be able to assist HARRIS in the charges against him and he is inclined to do so in the interest of these developments.

Advice is requested from the Bureau as to whether any further action should be taken in connection with HARRIS. Further advice is requested as to whether any action should be taken in regard to HARRIS in case he is unable to make bond on these charges through his attorney, in an effort to obtain his release.

Very truly yours,



H. B. FLETCHER
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

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United States Department of Justice

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

ATTENTION: TECHNICAL LABORATORY

RE: ROCOL

Dear Sir:

There is being enclosed herewith two pages of the register of the New Derrick Hotel, Seminole, Oklahoma containing, under date of May 2, 1939, the registration of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. YOUNG, Chickasha, Oklahoma, and also containing, under date of May 16, 1939 the registration of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. YOUNG, Dallas, Texas.

For your information Mrs. VIRGINIA MAYS, manager of the New Derrick Hotel, has tentatively identified photographs of RALPH ROE as having been registered at her hotel with a woman companion on two separate occasions during the month of May, 1939 and she is of the further opinion that the registrations mentioned above are the registrations of ROE. However, she has stated that she may be incorrect as to these specific registrations and as to the identity of ROE, but is sure that ROE'S registration appears on the sheets transmitted herewith.

It is requested that a comparison be made of the signatures mentioned above with the known handwriting of subject ROE. If determined not to be the handwriting of ROE, it is requested that the other signatures appearing on the register be compared with the known handwriting of ROE in an effort to effect an identification.

It is also requested that upon the completion of the above examination that these register sheets be returned to this office in order that they may be returned to Mrs. MAYS.

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FILE NO. 76-297

REPORT MADE AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN	DATE WHEN MADE 5/24/39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4/19/39	REPORT MADE BY R. L. CHAPMAN RTM
TITLE RALPH ROE with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

THEODORE MURDOCK, Alcatraz #101, released from United States Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan, November 3, 1938, returning to St. Louis, Missouri. **SAM DIGAETANO**, United States Detention Farm liquor law violator, stated he had never been in Memphis, Tennessee and had never heard of Subjects.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent F. S. Smith, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma dated 3/22/39.

DETAILS:

At MILAN, MICHIGAN:

Deputy Warden **JOHN E. MURTAUGH** of the United States Detention Farm stated that **THEODORE MURDOCK**, Alcatraz No. 101 had been released from the Detention Farm on November 3, 1938 returning to St. Louis, Missouri.

A check was made of the time during which **ELMER RAY WASSON** was incarcerated at Milan, which reflected that he was there from May 28, 1938 to January 26, 1939.

It was found that the only person occupying Bunk No. 1 in Dormitory B4 having the name **SAM** during this period was

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one SAM DIGAETANO, who was interviewed and found to be an Italian who came to the United States on January 13, 1924 and is hardly able to speak English. DIGAETANO stated that he was forty-two years of age, having been born June 1, 1896 at Alcamo, Italy; that he arrived in the United States at New York City on January 13, 1924; had taken out his first papers; had remained in New York for a few months, where he worked as a laborer, and then moved to Chicago, Illinois. He stated that he had been employed as a laborer in Chicago and that the first time he was arrested was on March 13, 1937, at which time he was working on a still; that he had received two and one-half years for the manufacture, sale and distribution of alcohol. DIGAETANO stated that the only time he had been away from Chicago was in about the year 1930, at which time he took a trip to Houston, Texas, which was only for a short visit. He stated that he had never been in Memphis, Tennessee in his life, was not acquainted in Memphis, nor did he know of anyone who had lived there in the past.

He was questioned as to whether he knew anyone by the name of RALPH ROE or THEODORE COLE, which names were unfamiliar to him. He was asked what he knew about Alcatraz and stated that all he knew was that it was a prison near San Francisco. He was asked if he knew anything about anyone having escaped from Alcatraz and said that he knew nothing.

As set forth in reference report, the name WASSON was not mentioned to DIGAETANO.

It was noted by the writer that during the interview DIGAETANO seemed to be conscientious and straightforward in answering questions put to him. It is not believed that he has any information relative to the escape of the Subjects.

The following description was obtained from personal observation and interrogation:

Name	SAM DIGAETANO
Age	42 years (Born 6/1/96, Alcamo, Italy)
Height	5 feet, 8 inches
Weight	182 pounds
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Dark

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Teeth	Poor; all bicusps and molars of lower out
Address	Chicago, Illinois
Occupation	Laborer
Nationality	Italian
Marks and scars	1½ inch cut scar lower left side of neck and ½ inch scar bridge of nose
Citizenship	First papers
Criminal record	Violation liquor law - incarcerated at United States Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan.

ENCLOSURES: To the ST. LOUIS OFFICE:

- (1) Copy of report of Special Agent L. H. Richmond dated February 2, 1939 at San Francisco, Calif.

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THE ST. LOUIS OFFICE:

At ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, through the United States Probation Officer, will ascertain the whereabouts of THEODORE MURDOCK, Alcatraz No. 101, and interview him in an effort to learn from him any additional information concerning the escape or any information he might have indicating the present location of the Subjects. (See the report of Special Agent L. H. Richmond dated February 2, 1939 at San Francisco, California, a copy of which is enclosed herewith.)

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REPORT MADE AT Buffalo, N.Y.	DATE WHEN MADE 5/27/39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/20, 31/39	REPORT MADE BY C. E. GREANEY
TITLE RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Inquiries at Schenectady and Albany, N.Y. fail to develop any information indicating the fugitives have been known to be in the said locality.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent R. B. HOOD, Oklahoma City, Okla. dated 12/2/38.

DETAILS:

In an effort to ascertain whether the fugitives RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE have been known to have been in the city of Schenectady, N.Y. the writer contacted Captain JAMES MCGEEHAN and Sergeant JAMES MADDIGAN, plainclothesman DANIEL DeMARCO and Detectives FRANK WILEY and JOSEPH FOLEY. All these officers were shown photographs of the fugitives and supplied with their descriptions and requested to make inquiries amongst their local informants as to whether any information had been developed indicating that fugitives in this case had been in the vicinity of Schenectady, N.Y. These officers all advised that they would conduct such inquiries but later reported to the writer that they had developed no information of any kind indicating that these two fugitives had been in or about the city of Schenectady, N.Y.

Captain MCGEEHAN in this connection stated that in the event either or both fugitives are picked up at any time in the future by the Schenectady Police Department, they would be immediately

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identified and the Buffalo office advised accordingly. It is not believed that Schenectady is the type of city where fugitives of this type would hide out inasmuch as the city does not afford many likely places to hide out in.

The writer in addition to the above displayed the photographs to Asst. Chief of Police WILLIAM FITZPATRICK and to practically all his detective force, but none of them were able to advise that they had ever received any information or indication that fugitives had ever been in or about Albany, N.Y.

In addition to this the matter was taken up with Detective THOMAS WELCH, an FBI NPA graduate and he advised that the photographs and fingerprints of both COLE and ROE have been placed in the Albany Police Department's files and that if they were ever picked up at any time in the future by the Albany Police Department, they would be immediately identified and the Buffalo office would be advised accordingly.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

FILE NO. 76-50

REPORT MADE AT Seattle, Washington	DATE WHEN MADE 5/24/39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/11, 12/39	REPORT MADE BY JOSEPH J. PIEPER	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:

JEFFERSON ROUBIDEAUX, Alcatraz #342, presently incarcerated in the U. S. Penitentiary, McNeil Island, Washington, advises he saw subjects supported by cans carried by current toward Golden Gate from windows of mat shop. Believes they possibly could have made it. Advises escape made little before 1:00 PM and not discovered until after 1:30 PM, inasmuch as regular thirty-minute checks were not made by guard, MR. STEERE. Believes subjects waited for a Thursday on which the regular lookout on the roof was relieved by a lookout who was not particularly alert. Doubts any plans for escape could be made with anyone on outside without aid of the guard as intermediary. Heard through inmate transferred from Leavenworth to Alcatraz in December, 1938, that COLE contacted FRANK NASH's wife at Kansas City, Missouri. ROBERT DAVIS, former Alcatraz inmate, now in McNeil Island, advises he saw cans believed carrying ROE and COLE being carried by current toward Sausalito side of Bay, and believed possibly they were picked up by crab boat. DAVIS' information doubtful inasmuch as he appears to be mentally dull and rambling.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent A. E. FARLAND,
San Francisco, California, dated
3/21/39.

DETAILS: At McNeil Island, Washington:

JEFFERSON ROUBIDEAUX, Alcatraz #342, was interviewed at the U. S. Penitentiary, McNeil Island, where he is presently incarcerated, and he advised that he first saw ROE and COLE from a window in the mat shop where he was working, out in the water close to the Little Rock supported by five-gallon tin cans, and that at that time they were bobbing up and down with the waves, not struggling, and were being carried toward the Golden Gate by the current. Just as they got past the Little Rock, one was caught in a swirl and carried underneath the water, but came back up with a can. Each man had one can strapped to him in some manner and both men were tied to each other by a rope about twenty feet long. He stated that at the rate they were being carried by the current and the direction in which they were being carried, it looked as though they might possibly make shore safely.

ROUBIDEAUX stated that BERNARD COLE, #415, who worked at a machine right near to him in the mat shop, saw everything that he did from a window right next to his.

ROUBIDEAUX was questioned concerning the time which ROE and COLE had to make their getaway before their absence was discovered, and he advised that the stories that were put out about the strict regulation in Alcatraz, and especially the regular thirty-minute checks, are entirely fallacious. He advised that MR. STEERE, the guard, very seldom made those regular thirty-minute checks and he does not believe, as well as he can remember, that STEERE made his regular checks on the day of the escape. He also advised that Lieutenant CULVER was also supposed to make checks of the various shops in that part of the building, but he does not believe that Lieutenant CULVER made his regular checks on that day.

ROUBIDEAUX stated that he believed that ROE and COLE made their getaway between 12:45 and 12:50 and that the escape was not discovered until about 1:55 PM, or possibly a little before, at which time the prisoners are allowed to smoke and which is known as "smoke-up time." He advised that after the alarm had been given the guards looked in the cave which is right below the place where ROE and COLE had gone out of the fence, but it was not until about 3:00 PM that the boats

started looking out towards sea, and he believes that if they had started cruising around farther away from the Island, that they would have run across ROE and COLE.

ROUBIDEAUX was questioned about possible plans which may have been made by the inmates with someone on the outside in order to effect this escape, and he advised that undoubtedly ROE and COLE had planned the escape among themselves and possibly some other prisoner, but that he himself did not know anything about it, and that he believes that instead of having made any plans with anyone on the outside, that the thing that they waited for was when a certain guard was lookout on the roof. The regular guard was extremely alert and walked back and forth but on Thursdays, which was the day of the escape, the regular guard had his day off and the relief guard was not so sharp-eyed nor energetic. This guard, ROUBIDEAUX, believes to be named COPINEAU, nick-name, BETTY CON.

As to the possibility of plans being made with someone on the outside, ROUBIDEAUX does not believe that a message could be gotten out of the Penitentiary except through a guard. He stated that he believes that STEERE was not above taking a few thousand dollars to assist in an escape and he personally would not trust STEERE, and believes if STEERE neglected his work and duty, such as by not making his regular checks, he might do something still more serious.

ROUBIDEAUX claims not to have had any difficulty with STEERE personally.

ROUBIDEAUX advised that as a general thing the guards were rather lax when he was down in Alcatraz just prior to the BARKER escape, and there was no guard assigned to supervise the blacksmith and mat shops, but that the work was in charge of a trusty inmate; that the prisoners could walk back and forth between the shops and men from the metal shop could come down and associate with those in the blacksmith shop.

Concerning the recent escape in which BARKER was killed, he stated that he had advised the prison authorities that the bars were being sawed as far back as September, 1938, but they told him he was crazy and put him in a mental ward for observation. He said the reason it was possible for the prisoners to do this was because of the laxity on the part of the guards. He advised that ROE and COLE were not exceptionally strong physically but he believes that they possibly made a successful escape, and the only thing that he has heard from the

outside is to the effect that COLE was acquainted with FRANK NASH's wife and that he has contacted her in Kansas City, Missouri, since the escape. This information comes from a big, husky, young fellow who was brought to Alcatraz between December 15 and 20, 1938, or about the same week that ROUBIDEAUX left Alcatraz. (He was transferred to McNeil Island, Washington on December 30, 1938.) He came from Leavenworth, Kansas.

This prisoner was sent up from Wichita, Kansas for a six-year term and ROUBIDEAUX thinks he is number 466, but is not certain. He described him as being 25 to 27, 190 pounds in weight, husky build, and quiet demeanor.

ROUBIDEAUX stated that this prisoner was supposed to actually have seen COLE and FRANK NASH's wife in Kansas City.

ROUBIDEAUX had no further details concerning this matter.

ROUBIDEAUX is a South Dakota Indian serving time for murder, and is about 33 years of age, and has been in the Penitentiary practically ever since he was 18 years old. Before being transferred to McNeil Island, he was hit in the back of the head by a negro inmate, MARTIN, because a day before he had beaten up another negro. In this respect he advised that there are many brawls and fights which never come to the attention of the prison authorities.

ROBERT DAVIS, McNeil Island #8,516, was interviewed on another matter and he stated that he was formerly in Alcatraz, and was there at the time of the ROE-COLE escape. He advised that he worked in the laundry and that from the windows of this building one cannot see the buoy that is opposite the building in which the blacksmith shop is located and from which the subjects made their escape, but one can see the first buoy to the right, which is toward the side of Sausalito and Fort McDowell. At this point, close to the buoy, he saw two cans which supported the escapees and the current was taking them in the direction of Sausalito and the Sacramento River, and just as he lost sight of them on the side of the buoy a crab boat appeared at about the same spot and heading in the same direction as the current was carrying subjects. He did not actually see anyone in this boat pick up the subjects, and described the boat as a regular crab boat

about twenty feet long, which is steered by a handle instead of a wheel, has a little boom, no sail, and a small open cabin.

He also believed that the gun club robbed near Petaluma, California was a job of ROE and COLE. He also heard that they had contacted FRANK NASH's wife at Kansas City, and this information is supposed to have come from some prisoner from St. Louis, Missouri, who was serving a sixty-six year term.

It is to be noted that DAVIS is also an Indian and does not appear mentally alert, and his story was very jumbled up, as it is very difficult for him to keep his mind on one thing. He kept getting the facts of several escapes all mixed up and jumped from one to the other. It is therefore doubted whether any reliance can be placed on his information, and it is believed that anything he knows is something which he may just have picked up from snatches of conversation.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD OFFICE:

At the Alcatraz Penitentiary, will determine who the inmate is to whom ROUBIDEAUX refers and question him concerning the alleged meeting between COLE and FRANK NASH's wife.

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FILE NO. 76-290

REPORT MADE AT San Francisco	DATE WHEN MADE 5/27/39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/9, 10/39	REPORT MADE BY A. E. FARLAND - MLA
TITLE RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, IO 1471			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

No record correspondence, Alcatraz Penitentiary, found between inmate CLARENCE SPARGUR and his mother, Mrs. LULU HICKEY, and/or his wife JUANITA SPARGUR, now residing St. Joseph, Mo. Record of correspondence from SPARGUR'S mother and wife reflects nothing re-escape of subjects. Mrs. M. T. (RUTH) PETTYJOHN, wife of inmate M. T. PETTYJOHN #128, made last visit 1/12/39. Now residing Ballinger, Texas, PO Box 381.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent O. H. PATTERSON, San Francisco, 4/8/39
Report of Special Agent L. B. PEED, Kansas City, 3/23/39
Oklahoma City letter dated 3/28/39

DETAILS:

AT ALCATRAZ PENITENTIARY

A careful check of all mail received by inmate CLARENCE SPARGUR was made by Agent for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not any mention was made in the letters received by him from his mother, Mrs. LULU HICKEY, and his wife, JUANITA SPARGUR, who reside at St. Joseph, Missouri, relative to the escape of the subjects in this case. Nothing was found in the letters which even intimated anything about the escape. There was no record of any letters SPARGUR had written to his mother and/or his wife as it is not the custom of the prison authorities to retain copies of outgoing letters. The custom is that all letters sent are examined by the

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mail censor before being put in the mail. For the benefit of the interested offices, the custom of retaining copies of incoming mail was discontinued on October 1, 1938. In this case the records were examined back as far as August 1936 to the date mentioned.

Agent was advised by Associate Warden E. J. MILLER that SPARGUR had several letters in his cell. Arrangements were made to obtain these while SPARGUR was at work and upon examination it was noted they were dated: 11/25/36, 12/15/36, 12/25/36, 3/28/39, 3/30/39. No mention was made in any of them of ROE and/or COLE, the contents relating entirely to family matters.

Arrangements were made that in the future all mail of SPARGUR leaving the penitentiary will be carefully examined, as well as all mail received by him. In the event anything out of the ordinary is found, the San Francisco Office will be immediately notified by the Mail Clerk.

The records were again examined for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not anyone living in Kansas City or vicinity was discharged about the time of the escape of subjects on 12/16/37. The only record was that of HERB FARMER who was released 9/1/37 at San Francisco. FRITZ MALLOY and RICHARD GALATAS were transferred from Alcatraz to Leavenworth on 9/25/37, and released from that institution a short time later.

From the Alcatraz records, Agent ascertained that MRS. M. T. (RUTH) PETTYJOHN, wife of M. T. PETTYJOHN, Inmate 128 at Alcatraz, has not visited the penitentiary since 1/12/39. The mail clerk's records reflect she is now residing at Ballinger, Texas, PO Box 381.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE DALLAS OFFICE AT BALLINGER, TEXAS

Will discreetly interview MRS. M. T. (RUTH) PETTYJOHN, P O Box 381, wife of M. T. PETTYJOHN, Alcatraz inmate #128, for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not she may have any information regarding the escape of subjects.

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L.R. FILE NO. 76-86

REPORT MADE AT Little Rock, Ark.	DATE WHEN MADE 5/27/39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/17/39	REPORT MADE BY H. WESTON SECURA ADM
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:

CLARA BELL SWAN, according to the Postmaster at Marshall, Arkansas, has moved to Seminole, Oklahoma, and possibly from there to some point in New Mexico, or Arizona.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent DEAN R. MORLEY, Little Rock, Arkansas, April 19, 1939.

DETAILS:

AT MARSHALL, ARKANSAS:

W. S. DANIEL, Postmaster at Marshall, Arkansas, advised Agent that he knows CLARA BELL SWAN and that she is the wife of OTIS SWAN; that he recalls sometime ago they moved from Marshall, Arkansas, to Seminole, Oklahoma. He further advised that he recalls hearing somewhere that they had recently moved from Seminole, Oklahoma, to either Arizona or New Mexico. Mr. DANIEL also advised Agent that he believed CLARA BELL SWAN had a sister living in Seminole, Oklahoma, by the name of AGNES HORN.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD DIVISION at Seminole, Oklahoma, will locate and interview CLARA BELL SWAN for information she may furnish regarding subjects. (See report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, December 2, 1938).

*THE LITTLE ROCK FIELD DIVISION at Hot Springs, Arkansas, will conduct appropriate investigation concerning the information furnished by CONNOR as set forth on page 12 of report of Special Agent F. S. SMITH, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated March 22, 1939, in an effort to verify and substantiate

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his information and develop the identity of the woman thought to have been seen with ROE at Wewoka, Oklahoma.

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

FILE NO. **76-51**

REPORT MADE AT Springfield, Illinois	DATE WHEN MADE 5-29-39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5-9-39	REPORT MADE BY G. C. THOMPSON KG
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. BILL SPURGEON (formerly LENA STEWART), and husband resided at Mt. Vernon, Illinois, from 1-8-39, to 4-24-39. Departed owing various bills and without leaving a forwarding address. ORVILLE SPURGEON, brother of BILL SPURGEON wrote for a light deposit to be forwarded him at Mt. Pleasant, Texas. Mrs. CHARLES SUMMERS stated photograph of subject ROE resembled some person heretofore seen by her.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent F. S. SMITH, Oklahoma City, dated 3-22-39.

DETAILS:

AT MT. VERNON, ILLINOIS:

Chief of Police VERNER PIGG advised that since the "oil boom" had hit southern Illinois, he was unable to keep himself informed as to the identity of the various oil workers who were employed in and about Mt. Vernon, and that as a result, he had no knowledge or information concerning BILL SPURGEON or his wife. He also said he did not know the name of the owner of the property at 315 South Seventh Street, but that it was in the rooming house district.

Chief PIGG accompanied Agent to 315 South Seventh Street where Mrs. CHARLES SUMMERS, the landlady, was interviewed. She advised that Mr. and Mrs. BILL SPURGEON occupied rooms in her home from January 8, 1939, to April 24, 1939, at which time they left very unexpectedly for the State of

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Texas. Mrs. SUMMERS said SPURGEON was an oil field worker and that few person called on him and his wife; that, however, after their departure she learned they had left town owing a great many unpaid bills. She advised that the SPURGEONS had merely stated that they were going to Texas as a result of which she did not know to what city or town they intended to go, but it was her understanding that SPURGEON had worked with a man by the name of SIMPSON who resided in the 800 Block on South Nineteenth and that he would probably know SPURGEON'S exact address in Texas. She added that they had driven a black Chevrolet Sedan bearing 1939 Illinois license 179-310.

Photographs of ROE and COLE were exhibited to Mrs. SUMMERS and she immediately asserted neither was identical with SPURGEON; that, however, it was her impression she had seen ROE, or a picture of him, somewhere and at sometime, although the exact place and time she would not say. She stated she did not recall whether it was that she had actually seen him, or that Mrs. SPURGEON had shown her his picture among other pictures she had exhibited. Mrs. SUMMERS was questioned at length, but could furnish no further information concerning the possibility that she had seen subject ROE, or as to the present whereabouts of Mr. and Mrs. SPURGEON. She declared she had not heard from them since their departure and knew of no one who would probably know of their whereabouts unless it was Mr. SIMPSON.

Mr. RAYMOND GRIGG, Postmaster, upon interview, advised that his only record of Mr. and Mrs. SPURGEON was a notation of the carrier to the effect that they had left 315 South Seventh Street without furnishing a forwarding address.

Sheriff ARTHUR OWENS advised that he could furnish no information concerning the whereabouts of BILL SPURGEON and his wife, and that although he had at some time or other had some papers to serve on him, SPURGEON was not personally known to him.

L. H. SIMPSON was located at 830 South Nineteenth Street, and upon interview advised that both BILL SPURGEON and his brother, ORVILLE SPURGEON, had worked for him, but that both left together very suddenly and without furnishing him any information as to their destination or for whom they intended to work. Simpson informed, however, that ORVILLE SPURGEON had written the local light company and requested that a deposit he had made be forwarded to him at Mt. Pleasant, Texas. SIMPSON said he did not know ORVILLE'S local address there or of anyone in Mt. Vernon who would know the same.

Chief PIGG, who had accompanied Agent, asserted it was most difficult to locate any of the oil field workers once they had left a city, since, as the usual rule, they left, owing a great number of bills and did not desire anyone to know of their destination.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE DALLAS OFFICE, at Mt. Pleasant, Texas, is requested to locate ORVILLE SPURGEON, brother of BILL SPURGEON, through whom BILL SPURGEON and his wife LEAN STEWART SPURGEON should be located. Will then interview Mrs. BILL SPURGEON (formerly LENA STEWART) as requested of the Springfield Office in reference report of Special Agent F. S. SMITH, Oklahoma City, 3-23-39.

*THE SPRINGFIELD OFFICE, at Danville, Illinois, will locate and re-interview DWIGHT O. PUGH for full information concerning his letter dated April 2, 1938. See page 24 of the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, dated 12-2-38, and the report of Special Agent J. H. NICHOLSON, Peoria, dated 10-26-38.

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Re: ROOOL

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent F. S. Smith dated at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on May 15, 1939, in which it is noted that information was obtained from informants in this matter to the effect that Informant 13 allegedly received a long distance telephone call in the early part of 1939, which telephone call is believed was possibly made by Subject Roe.

It is suggested that an immediate effort be made through the local telephone company at the point where Informant 13 is alleged to have received this long distance telephone call to determine if such a call was made. If a record of such a call is found all pertinent information concerning it should be obtained and such additional investigation as is necessary should be conducted.

With reference to the report of Special Agent F. S. Smith dated at Oklahoma City on May 24, 1939, it is noted that information was obtained indicating that Billie Freeman, a former associate of subject Roe is presently supposed to be located in the oil fields of Illinois. In view of the fact that she is a likely contact for subject Roe, a thorough investigation should be conducted in an effort to definitely ascertain the point in Illinois at which she is now residing.

With further reference to the last mentioned report, it is noted that information is contained therein to the effect that Lena Stewart is now married to an individual named Spurgeon and is residing at Mount Pleasant, Texas. In this connection your attention is directed to the report of Special Agent F. S. Smith dated at Oklahoma City on March 22, 1939, in which it is reported that Lena Stewart is now married to Bill Spurgeon and resides at 315 South Seventh Street, Mount Vernon, Illinois. An immediate effort should be made to definitely locate this woman inasmuch as she is a former associate of subject Roe and appropriate investigation should thereafter be conducted to determine whether Roe is in contact with her.

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Mr. Clegg
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Special Agent in Charge
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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In the report of Special Agent F. S. Smith dated May 24, 1939, it is stated that Ruby Scott furnished Agents with a piece of paper bearing the notation "Francis Nigro, 72nd and Prospect, Phone 1389, Kansas City." No explanation was offered as to the meaning of this quotation but it is observed from reports in this case that Francis Nigro is a known operator in narcotics and is connected with the persons who have furnished information concerning the location of subject Roe. It, therefore, appears probable that Nigro may also have a connection with subject Roe and may in fact be the contact for this subject in Kansas City, Missouri.

It is desired that the Kansas City Office immediately conduct a discreet investigation to determine whether subject Roe may be in contact with Nigro. All pertinent information concerning Nigro should be obtained but the purpose of the investigation should not be made known to him.

It is requested that the above investigation receive immediate attention and that other necessary investigation in your district and in the Kansas City district be conducted promptly.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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RE: ROCOL

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In view of the recent developments in this case, you are instructed to provide the investigation in your district immediate and thorough attention. You should carefully review the file in your office to ascertain what investigation is presently pending in your district, after which each undeveloped lead should be expeditiously handled.

The Bureau considers this matter of paramount importance and you are instructed to afford it immediate attention under your personal supervision.

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FILE NO. **76-313**

REPORT MADE AT Chicago, Illinois	DATE WHEN MADE 6-2-39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5-17-39	REPORT MADE BY G. C. WOLTZ GCW: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:

Confidential informant, who is a source of information of the underworld activities in Chicago, contacted 5-17-39, for information relative to subjects with negative results.

R.U.C.

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent F. S. SMITH, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 3-22-39.

DETAILS:

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

On May 13, 1939, Special Agent R. N. PRANKE, contacted confidential informant for the Chicago office who is in contact with the criminal element in and around Chicago, and who is well acquainted with the activities of various criminals, but upon being questioned concerning any information regarding subjects ROE and COLE, the confidential informant stated that he does not know of either; has never heard of them being in Chicago, and does not know anyone who does know them; that to his knowledge they have never been in Chicago, and that there is nothing known about them in this section.

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FILE NO. **76-50**

REPORT MADE AT Seattle, Washington	DATE WHEN MADE 5/31/39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/19/39	REPORT MADE BY H. E. McITTE
TITLE RALEIGH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

HAL FERNANDEZ, who was released from Alcatraz 7/9/36, and now serving term in Washington State Penitentiary for second degree burglary, advises he never heard of any plans for a jail break at Alcatraz, did not know subjects and could give agent no information whatsoever concerning the break. States he does not believe it possible for anyone to escape from Alcatraz and reach the mainland.

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REFERENCES:

Report of Special Agent JOSEPH J. PILMER, Seattle, Washington, dated 5/31/39.
Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 12/2/38.

DETAILS:

From the criminal record which was obtained from the Bureau, it was noted that HAROLD FERNANDEZ, State Penitentiary, Walla Walla, Washington, #17,306, had been received at this institution on February 10, 1938 to serve a term of from seven and one-half to fifteen years for second-degree burglary.

At Walla Walla, Washington:

FERNANDEZ was interviewed at the Washington State Penitentiary, at which time he advised he was released from Alcatraz on July 9, 1936. He advised

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that at the time of the escape of subjects he had noted their photographs in the papers; however, he could not place either of them and did not know what part of the prison they worked in, nor in what part they stayed. He further advised that while he was at Alcatraz he worked in the carpenter shop with about four other prisoners and that quite often these prisoners were changed for others; however, he knows that at no time did he work with subjects. He stated that he tried to place them when he saw their photographs in the paper and came to the conclusion at that time that he must not have been there at the time they were incarcerated.

He advised that while he was in Alcatraz he heard other inmates joking about how much they would like to escape, however no one whom he knew ever had any idea that anyone could escape from Alcatraz and be successful in getting to the mainland. He advised that because he was not in Alcatraz at the time of the escape he did not hear anything concerning it. He further stated that at Alcatraz prisoners are usually known by their nicknames and it would be possible for him to have heard of subjects under some nickname and would be unable at this time to connect their nicknames with their true names. He denied having heard from them or concerning them since the break.

MR. GEORGE KANZ, one of the officials of the Washington State Penitentiary, gave to Agent a list of the persons who had corresponded with FERNANDEZ while he has been in the Washington State Penitentiary, as follows:

MISS ELEANOR HILL, 707-28th Ave., Seattle, Wash.
MRS. MARY HILL, 707-28th Ave., Seattle, Wash.

The record indicates that these people are friends of FERNANDEZ, and that they moved from 202 North 39th St. to 707 - 28th Ave., Seattle.

MRS. IDA MAY BOYCE (friend), 6748 Mary Ave., Seattle
HOWARD HILL (friend), 6748 Mary Ave., Seattle, Wash.
KATHLEEN BOYCE (friend), 6748 Mary Ave., Seattle.

As to the visitors, Agent was advised by MR. KANZ that FERNANDEZ was visited several times in 1938 by IDA MAY BOYCE of 6748 Mary Avenue, Seattle, Washington. MR. KANZ stated that FERNANDEZ was living with this woman before he was arrested and sent to the Washington State Penitentiary. There was also listed as visiting FERNANDEZ on September 5, 1938 IRENE FERNANDEZ, sister, 133 North 31st Street, Seattle, Washington, and DOROTHY MARTIN, friend, 1626 1/2 - 25th Avenue, Seattle, Washington.

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ROCOL. PAT HARRIS INCARCERATED COUNTY JAIL, SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA,

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June 13, 1939

Mr. A. D. Leckie
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1300 Liberty Trust Building
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Leckie:

Reference is made to your letter dated June 3, 1939, relative to your recent conversation with Mr. "Hank" Mesarus, Federal reporter for the Philadelphia Evening Ledger, who is interested in writing an article concerning the escape of Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole from Alcatraz Penitentiary.

The Bureau sees no objection to your advising Mr. Mesarus regarding the details of this matter, and there is enclosed herewith a memorandum which should be of assistance to you in furnishing the necessary information to him.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

June 3, 1939.

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

Dear Sir:

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Recently "Hank" Mesarus, Federal reporter for the Philadelphia Evening Ledger, came to the office and asked if RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE, Escaped Federal Prisoners, had ever been apprehended and wanted to know if the Bureau was still interested in the apprehension of these two fugitives. I, of course, advised him that the Bureau was still conducting an investigation in connection with this case and he wanted to know if it would be proper for him to write an article for his paper in connection with this particular case.

I told him that I would take it up with the Bureau and that he would be advised at an early date as to just how much information the Bureau desires to be given out concerning this particular case.

It is, therefore, requested that this office be advised as soon as possible just what action I should take in connection with this matter.

Very truly yours,

A.B. Leckie

A.B. LECKIE,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Seattle, Washington
June 1, 1939

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Mr. E. B. Swope,
Warden,
United States Penitentiary,
McNeil Island, Washington.

Re: ROCOL

Re: M. LIMAS,
#12149-M

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May 29, 1939 relative to the above-named inmate of your institution.

I have to advise you that a Special Agent of this Bureau will interview LIMAS in the very near future.

Very truly yours,

R. C. SURAN
Special Agent in Charge

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3 CASE ORIGINATED AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

FILE NO. 76-95

PORT MADE AT DENVER, COLORADO	DATE WHEN MADE 6-3-39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4-14-17-39	REPORT MADE BY D. C. SPENCER
FILE RALPH ROE with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER.

(NOPSIS OF FACTS:

Whereabouts of WINNIE E. METCALF unknown to MARK E. FLETCHER, Grand County, Colo. METCALF no longer wanted by Grand County authorities. FLETCHER believes METCALF born and raised New Castle, Colo. RUTH MILLS, friend of METCALF's, now residing at Craig, Colo. METCALF unknown at Kremmling, Colo. HERSHEL WING, who may know METCALF's whereabouts, temporarily in Western Colorado on construction job but expected to return to Monte Vista, Colo. soon. Mail cover placed on WING at Monte Vista.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. J. PIEPER, Seattle, Washington, dated 2-16-39.

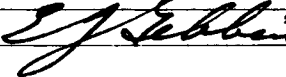
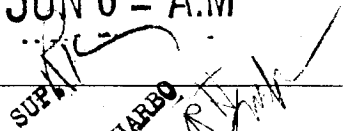
DETAILS:

This is a joint report of Special Agent D. C. SPENCER and J. J. STARKE.

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Letters were directed to MR. MARK E. FLETCHER, Sheriff of Grand County, Hot Sulphur Springs, Colorado, and to MAX E. RICHARDSON, Chief of Police, Monte Vista, Colorado, dated April 3, 1939, requesting any information these individuals might have as to the location of WINNIE E. METCALF.

PROVED AND FORWARDED: 	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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A letter was received from Chief of Police RICHARDSON of Monte Vista, dated April 6, 1939, in which he enclosed letters written by CROCKET METCALF to HERSHEL WING at Monte Vista. Copies of these letters were made for the Denver Office file and the originals were eventually returned personally to Chief RICHARDSON by the writer. Instant letter of Chief RICHARDSON stated that METCALF had been arrested at Monte Vista about September 23, 1937; that there was some indication he and WING were going to do some counterfeiting in and near Monte Vista; but that the arrest of METCALF had averted these plans.

AT KREMMLING, COLORADO

CHANCEY VAN PELT, Town Marshal, advised that he did not know WINNIE METCALF, who was supposed to have robbed a bank at Kremmling. He stated that he recalled the incident and could give no information whatsoever regarding METCALF or his possible whereabouts.

AT HOT SULPHUR SPRINGS, COLORADO

MARK E. FLETCHER advised that WINNIE E. METCALF had robbed a bank at Kremmling, Colorado, named the Kremmling Bank on August 29, 1933; that at the time of the robbery he was accompanied by one J. C. BROWN. He stated that BROWN was arrested at Casper, Wyoming, and brought back to Hot Sulphur Springs where he was tried and received a sentence of from 12 to 20 years; that thereafter METCALF was arrested by the post office authorities and turned over to the Federal government; that to the best of his, FLETCHER's, knowledge he received three years and was sent to McNeil Island Penitentiary; and that at the time he was in the penitentiary he wrote the District Attorney at Hot Sulphur Springs requesting that he not be tried on the bank robbery charge. The District Attorney took the matter up with the bank officials and they determined that if METCALF stayed out of the State of Colorado they would not prosecute him. FLETCHER advised that they were not interested in METCALF at the present time and if he were located they did not care to have him returned to Hot Sulphur Springs for trial in this matter. FLETCHER further advised that to the best of his knowledge METCALF was born and raised at New Castle, Colorado. It will be noted that reference report states that METCALF was born at Oakes, Oklahoma. A lead is being set out for this office to make inquiry at New Castle, Colorado, for any information relative to METCALF in that vicinity. FLETCHER stated that Sheriff ROY TERRELL would be well acquainted with METCALF.

AT OAK CREEK, COLORADO

W. O. McINTYRE, Postmaster, was contacted in an effort to locate RUTH MILLS, who is indicated as a friend of METCALF's in reference report. McINTYRE advised that RUTH MILLS previously worked in a restaurant at Oak Creek and is at the present time located at Craig, Colorado, and could easily be located there by contacting the restaurants in that town.

AT MONTE VISTA, COLORADO

Chief of Police MAX RICHARDSON advised that he had made inquiries and has ascertained from a MR. TAYLOR, who is cook at Margie's Cafe, that HERSHEL WING had received a letter from his brother, HOWARD WING, at Salida, Colorado, requesting HERSHEL to come there. MR. TAYLOR further informed that HOWARD and HERSHEL WING were going to either Montrose or Grand Junction, Colorado, where they were

to obtain employment on a construction job. Chief RICHARDSON suggested that if it were so desired it would be a good thing to place a mail cover on HERSHEL WING at Monte Vista, Colorado, as CROCKET METCALF would probably still correspond with him there as they are in correspondence with one another. For this reason a 30 day mail cover was placed on the mail of HERSHEL WING, Monte Vista, Colorado, with JOHN A. BURGETT, Assistant Postmaster.

AT SALIDA, COLORADO

MR. LEWIS HOLLEMBECK, Postmaster, advised that they have no record on either HERSHEL or HOWARD WING having received mail through that office and neither of these individuals are known at the General Delivery window.

The Bureau was advised by letter, dated April 17, 1939, that the mail cover had been placed on HERSHEL WING at Monte Vista, Colorado.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE DENVER FIELD DIVISION

AT MONTE VISTA, COLORADO

Will follow up the mail cover placed on HERSHEL WING. If HERSHEL WING is located, will ascertain from him CROCKET METCALF's address in order that METCALF may be interviewed for all knowledge as to COLE and ROE.

AT CRAIG, COLORADO

Will locate RUTH MILLS, who is believed to be working in a restaurant in that city and interview her for any information she may have relative to the whereabouts of WINNIE METCALF.

AT NEW CASTLE, COLORADO

Will conduct general investigation to determine whether or not WINNIE METCALF is known in that city and determine whether he was born and raised there. Obtain all information as to the present whereabouts of WINNIE METCALF.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

This Case Originated At OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

File No. 76-348

Report Made At	Date	Period	Character of Case
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.	6/2/39	5/3,4,25-27/39	RALPH T. HOOD cgc

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

Synopsis of Facts: Relatives and alleged contacts of ROE at Duncan, Chickasha, Ardmore and Mannsville, Okla. deny any knowledge of ROE. LEONARD JOHNSON states he has no information regarding ROE.

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Reference: Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 5/25/39;
Reports of Special Agent F. S. SMITH, Oklahoma City, 3/22/39,
5/15/39 and 5/24/39.

Details: AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

LEONARD JOHNSON, brother of A. L. JOHNSON, was interviewed by Agents F. S. SMITH and the writer at the Oklahoma City Office at which time he stated that during the first part of 1939 he visited his brother, A. L. JOHNSON, on several occasions in Seminole, Oklahoma and that on one occasion about the first of the year, exact date not recalled, he was with his brother, A. L. JOHNSON, in JOHNSON'S automobile at which time his brother had a conversation with a negro policeman in Seminole whom he called "BILL." JOHNSON stated that at that time, as he recalled, his brother was driving the car and ETHEL McCLAIN and he, LEONARD JOHNSON, were sitting in the front seat of the car. One DAVIE, last name unknown, but who was employed at the Dixie Pecan Farm near Tecumseh, Oklahoma with ETHEL McCLAIN, and a girl whose first name was GLADYS who was from Shawnee, Oklahoma were sitting in the back seat of the car. He recalled that his brother asked the negro when he became a "copper", but he did not recall any of the other

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incidents at that time.

He made an examination of numerous photographs, including the photograph of ROE, and stated that he was unable to identify any of those whose photographs were shown as being an associate of his brother, and he was positive that the man known to him as DAVIE was not identical with RALPH ROE. He was questioned at length concerning the associates of his brother, and stated that he had met Informant 13 and PAUL DENTON, but he did not know the names of other associates.

The records of the Oklahoma City Police Department reveal that at the time of the arrest of A. L. JOHNSON, their number 28978, he was in the company of ETHEL IONA VARNELL, with aliases: IONA FORNELL, MARY EDWARDS, MRS. LEROY WILLIAMS, and that her address was given as Seminole, Oklahoma. She was described as being 19 years of age, 5 feet 3 inches in height, weighing 137 pounds, with brown hair, dark brown eyes and fair complexion. Photographs of ETHEL VARNELL, as well as A. L. JOHNSON, were obtained for presentation to witnesses at Seminole, Oklahoma.

A photograph of "BONY" TRAVIS SPENCER, with aliases: "BONY" T. SPENCER, BONNIE SPENCER and W. T. SPENCER, was obtained from the Oklahoma City Police Department for use in connection with this matter. He is Oklahoma City Police Department No. 8549 and described as follows:

Age	47 years (1939)
Height	5' 9"
Weight	165 lb.
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Dark gray
Complexion	Medium

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent C. O. HURT:

AT CHICKASHA, OKLAHOMA

NEAL PARNELL who lives twelve miles southeast of Chickasha, advised the writer that he never knew RALPH ROE or TED COLE, but has heard a lot about them especially after their attempted escape. PARNELL stated he was in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas at the time and soon after this attempted escape some few prisoners were returned from Alcatraz to Leavenworth to be discharged; that the consensus of opinion among the returned prisoners from Alcatraz was that the boys committed suicide trying to escape.

PARNELL admitted knowing a lot of outlaws and stated that he himself was arrested in 1934 on a National Motor Vehicle Theft Act charge with PETE TRAXLER and he was tried at Little Rock, Arkansas and came clear. He also stated he was very well acquainted with CHARLES CHAPMAN; that he knew CHAPMAN in Arkansas before CHAPMAN became an outlaw; however, he stated he had not seen CHAPMAN since CHAPMAN'S escape from the Texas State Penitentiary and he had no knowledge whatsoever as to where CHAPMAN might be at this time.

Inasmuch as the reputation of NEAL PARNELL is known to this Agent, it is not believed he could be depended on to furnish reliable information relative to any outlaw. PARNELL is now operating a large ranch and a milk route, and he advised the milk route is now netting him about \$40.00 clear profit per day.

JOE and DORSEY PARNELL, farmers residing six miles east and one mile north of Chickasha, were both interviewed and stated that neither of them ever knew COLE or ROE, and all they know about them is what they have read in the newspapers. Both JOE and DORSEY PARNELL stated it is possible that their brother, NEAL PARNELL, may know one or both of the subjects inasmuch as NEAL PARNELL has had a closer association with this type of people and may know something about them.

AT DUNCAN, OKLAHOMA

On May 3, 1939, Mrs. WILLIS BONNER, Duncan, was interviewed and advised that she is an aunt of RALPH ROE. She stated she has tried to help ROE on numerous occasions; that when ROE was first in trouble she offered to furnish him room and board free of charge if he would straighten up and get a job and do what was right; that ROE told her he didn't intend to work another

day as long as he lived and she saw there was no hope for him and told him if he intended to get by without working, she did not want him to ever come around her home. However, she stated ROE would drop by and visit with them for an hour or so about once or twice a year prior to the time he went to the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas. She stated that since the attempt of ROE to escape from Alcatraz, she has been in contact with most of the relatives, and it is their general opinion that ROE did not make a successful escape, and so far as she is concerned, she hopes ROE was drowned in the attempt; that she realizes it would be better for both ROE and all the relatives.

She stated further that ROE'S father was no good and after ROE'S mother died, his father married an old hag and she blames the father and step-mother for ruining all the ROE boys except RAYMOND ROE who got out of the environment at an early stage and now resides at Hays, Kansas where he is employed by the Halley-Burton Oil Company and has made good.

She stated that in the event she heard anything at all concerning RALPH ROE, she would gladly furnish the information to the Oklahoma City Office as she realizes the sooner ROE is picked up the better it would be for the relatives.

GLENN BONNER, Duncan, Oklahoma, advised he is a cousin of ROE. BONNER stated he had been in California for the past eight years working for an oil company; that he was at Long Beach, California at the time ROE attempted to escape and read about it in the newspapers; that since his return to Oklahoma he has had an occasion to visit among numerous relatives of ROE, and in his opinion, the relatives all believe ROE drowned in the attempt to escape and none of them have heard anything to indicate he made a successful escape. BONNER stated the main reason which makes him believe ROE was drowned is because there were no crimes committed soon after the attempted escape, and he knows RALPH ROE so well that he believes ROE would have robbed someone soon after his escape and would have returned to Oklahoma where he could boast about making his escape. BONNER also stated he hopes RALPH ROE did drown while attempting to escape.

Mrs. S. E. LEGG, Duncan, advised she is a cousin of RALPH ROE and that the scandal about RALPH ROE has hurt her very badly politically. She stated she has heard nothing from him since long before he was sent to Alcatraz and she hopes she never hears of him again. She stated her husband,

S. E. LEGG, who is head of an insurance company at Duncan, never liked ROE and never permitted him to come to their home; however, she stated that she and her husband formerly resided at Seminole, Oklahoma and she saw ROE occasionally on the streets prior to 1934. She stated she would never stop and talk to ROE due to the fact ROE would invariably be with questionable characters.

She stated that ROE has no sisters living, but has three brothers, RAYMOND ROE, employee of the Halley-Burton Oil Company, Hays, Kansas; JIMMIE ROE with the International Supply Company, Odessa, Texas, and a brother by the name of ROY, probably in some penitentiary. She also stated that RALPH ROE had another brother by the name of ROBERT ROE who was arrested some time ago, probably at Perry, Oklahoma, and sentenced to the penitentiary and while enroute to the penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, ROBERT ROE jumped out of the car and tried to make his escape from the officers and was killed by the officers and buried at McAlester, Oklahoma.

Mrs. EVA MARCH, County Clerk of Stevens County, who resides at 1013 Ash Street, advised she is a cousin of RALPH ROE, but never had anything to do with him. She stated she has not heard anything from ROE since long before he was sent to Alcatraz, except what she read in the newspapers and heard over the radio relative to his escape. She said she hopes this is the last she ever hears of him.

She advised ROE has an uncle by the name of JOHN HICKEY who formerly lived at Duncan, but who now resides five miles from Carson City, Michigan; that HICKEY went to Michigan last September to live with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. GUY GOSSETT; that Mr. GOSSETT is operating a trucking concern and is well known at Carson City, Michigan. She stated that if ROE were successful in his escape, he would not contact relatives at Duncan as too many people in Duncan know him; that she doubts if ROE would know that JOHN HICKEY is living in Michigan; however, she stated ROE would not hesitate to contact him that far away from Oklahoma, and in the event she hears anything at all about ROE, she will notify the Oklahoma City Office due to the fact that the longer ROE is out of the penitentiary, the more embarrassed she and other relatives would be.

AT MANNSVILLE, OKLAHOMA

On May 4, 1939, this Agent contacted Miss DAISY STILLLEY, Postmaster, who advised she has known the SHEETS family for thirty years; that they reared three wild daughters who associated with outlaws. Miss STILLLEY stated she is

personally acquainted with JACK LLOYD and RALPH ROE; that one time after ROE and some other fellows robbed the bank at Millcreek, Oklahoma, they came to the SHEETS' home and hid out for a few days, and inasmuch as it was necessary for her to pass the SHEETS' home several times each day, she had occasion to know what was going on there. She stated that while ROE and the other boys were hiding at the SHEETS' home after the bank robbery, JAMES MATHERS, an Attorney at Oklahoma City, and HAZEL UNDERHILL, wife of WILBUR UNDERHILL, came there and spent the night at the SHEETS' home; that due to the fact there were so many guests at the SHEETS' home that night, MATHERS was compelled to sleep on the front porch. Miss STILLEY stated she stopped by the SHEETS' home the next morning and Mrs. SHEETS was feeding MATHERS, HAZEL UNDERHILL and the other boys fried chicken for breakfast.

Relative to the Mrs. STOVALL mentioned in reference report, Miss STILLEY stated that Mrs. STOVALL is an elderly lady about seventy years old; that she is the widow of Dr. STOVALL who died at Mannsville several years ago; that Mrs. STOVALL is a very highly respected citizen; however, since the death of Dr. STOVALL she has been compelled to take in sewing for a living; that during the time the SHEETS' girls were at home they obtained plenty of money from the outlaws and bought lots of clothes; that Mrs. STOVALL did all the sewing for these girls; however, the girls brought the sewing to the home of Mrs. STOVALL and Mrs. STOVALL had no occasion to ever see any of the boys.

Miss STILLEY said she had been watching the mail addressed to the SHEETS' family and so far there has been no indication of any mail from ROE or any strangers. She advised that INEZ SHEETS married JACK LLOYD and later divorced him and is now married to CECIL NOEL, Las Vegas, New Mexico. She advised INEZ would be the only one of the SHEETS family ROE would contact in the event he was successful in his escape; that the entire SHEETS family is very unreliable and none of them could be trusted to help catch anyone.

Miss STILLEY was furnished with a self-addressed envelope and she stated she would communicate with the Oklahoma City Office in the event any suspicious-looking mail is received for the SHEETS family.

Mrs. F. A. SHEETS, Mannsville, advised she has resided in Mannsville for the past thirty-three years; that she has reared two daughters of her own and one step-daughter; that her oldest daughter, INEZ, was once married to JACK LLOYD, but has divorced him and is now married to CECIL NOEL, an oil field worker at Las Vegas, New Mexico; that her other daughter, EMMA, married PAUL PATTON, Hot Springs, Arkansas; that PATTON was reared at Hot Springs,

Arkansas and is well known there; that PATTON and her daughter, EMMA, still reside at Hot Springs. She advised that her step-daughter, MINNIE, married KEITH EADLEN of Mannsville, Oklahoma and they reside at Pampa, Texas where EADLEN is employed in the oil fields.

She stated that JACK LLOYD and RALPH ROE are both well known to them inasmuch as LLOYD was her former son-in-law; that LLOYD and ROE were very chummy and spent considerable time at her home; that during the time these boys were "hot", LON CHEESE, City Marshal at Mannsville knew when the boys were there, but never bothered them. She stated that CHEESE is no better than the boys were. She also advised that JAMES MATHERS and HAZEL UNDERHILL have been at her home. She advised that on one occasion they spent the night at her home and soon after their departure, the officers raided her, but didn't get anyone inasmuch as MATHERS, HAZEL UNDERHILL and the boys had all gone.

She advised that she had not heard from RALPH ROE since his escape and is of the opinion he lost his life trying to escape. She stated her daughters have talked to her about ROE since his attempted escape and they advised her they had not heard anything from him. She stated the photograph of ROE which was published in the paper soon after his attempted escape did not resemble him, and if ROE looks like the photograph published, she doubts if she would know him if he came to her home.

She indicated from her conversation that her home has been used considerably for a long time as a hang-out for outlaws and appeared to be proud of it and it does not appear that she would cooperate at all. She advised she never knew TED COLE; however, she stated he could have been at her home with the other boys without her knowing him.

She was asked if she knew WILBUR UNDERHILL and merely smiled and did not answer.

F. A. SHEETS, age sixty-seven, was later interviewed and stated he had a grudge against all officers as so many of them were crooked. He advised he left Muscle Shoals, Alabama thirty-five years ago and came to Mannsville, Oklahoma where he has operated a blacksmith shop for more than thirty years; that he is now drawing an old-age pension. He advised he knew ROE and several of the other boys and also appeared to be proud of it; however, he has the appearance of a half-wit and appears to be sour on the world and complained about people owing him money for blacksmith work and stated they would not pay him; that when he asked these people for the money they owed him, they

would all say they paid him while he was drunk. He said all he knew about ROE was what he heard over the radio and has heard nothing since. He advised he would not assist in the apprehension of ROE or anyone else; therefore, the Harboring Statute was explained to him.

AT ARDMORE, OKLAHOMA

On May 4, 1939, this Agent interviewed J. B. PONDER, a bootlegger at Ardmore, who is well known to this Agent. He stated he knew ROE well and had talked to several of ROE'S friends since ROE tried to escape, and all of them are of the opinion that ROE is dead. He stated that during the time ROE was out he would see him at various places around Ardmore; that ROE was quite a ladies' man and had a string of girls wherever he went.

PONDER stated he sees BIRDIE PRUITT quite frequently and is at her home some; that he and BIRDIE have talked about the escape of ROE and they are both of the opinion that ROE did not make a successful escape.

Inasmuch as it is known by the writer that PONDER will cooperate with officers, it is quite certain that PONDER will notify the Oklahoma City Office in the event he hears anything from ROE or concerning him.

MATTIE FINE, a waitress at Ardmore, who resides at 102 First Avenue, S. E., and who works at the Ideal Cafe, advised the writer she met RALPH ROE through INEZ LLOYD prior to the time RALPH ROE was sent to Leavenworth; that she went with ROE a few times and after he was sentenced to Leavenworth she wrote to him a few times; that she only knew him about two weeks, but liked him very much and was very sorry to hear of his attempted escape inasmuch as she believed he drowned trying to make the escape. She advised the writer that in the event she heard anything at all concerning ROE, she would notify the Oklahoma City Office; however, it is extremely doubtful if she will do this.

With reference to BIRDIE PRUITT mentioned in reference report, this Agent,, with local officers at Ardmore, tried to locate BIRDIE for an interview. It was determined that she was not at her home in town or at her farm located three miles east and one mile north of Ardmore. LONNIE HOLLAND who is farming the place of BIRDIE PRUITT, advised the writer that BIRDIE is "out of pocket" for as much as a week at a time, and it is doubtful where she could be found at this time. This farm of BIRDIE PRUITT'S is located one mile north of Berry's Auto Camp which is three miles east of Ardmore on the Madill Highway.

With reference to MARIE BLACKWELL, the former sweetheart of RALPH ROE, mentioned in reference report, it was ascertained from MARIE'S mother at Ardmore, Oklahoma May 4, 1939 that MARIE left Ardmore about two weeks ago and is now employed as a hostess at the Lafonda Club, Odessa, Texas.

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The attention of each office is directed to the information contained in the reports enclosed herewith and the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, dated at Oklahoma City May 25, 1939, copies of same being furnished to all offices, which indicates that fugitive ROE did make his escape. This office is proceeding on the assumption that ROE was successful in his escape.

Each office is respectfully requested to give immediate and continual attention to leads presently pending in their districts. All leads to investigate or interview relatives, contacts or associates of these fugitives should be given immediate attention.

Leads for the Kansas City Division to conduct investigation concerning the address furnished by Informant 14, as well as information furnished by ROY BRIDGESS, is not being requested at this time pending further investigation in this regard by this office. Also no investigation is being requested of the Dallas Division regarding LENA SPURGEON pending further investigation in this district.

Investigation has been requested with reference to several individuals who according to various sources close to ROE would be persons whom ROE would undoubtedly contact should he have been successful in his escape. These individuals are as follows: JAMES ROE and RAYMOND ROE, brothers; HAZEL UNDERHILL, LENA SPURGEON, formerly LENA STEWART, and BILLIE BROWN, close friend.

Another individual who appeared to possess information which would be of material assistance in this matter was informant DWIGHT O. PUGH. Full and complete investigation has not been made with regard to these individuals and it is thought that immediate and continual investigation should be made to determine their activities and the possibility of ROE'S contacting them.

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Information regarding JAMES ROE is set forth on Pages 7 and 8 of the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, dated December 2, 1938. The report of Special Agent D. K. BROWN, dated at El Paso December 16, 1938, reveals that City Officer DICK CHAPMAN of Odessa, Texas where ROE was working advised Agents that he was acquainted with JAMES ROE and would assist in developing a confidential informant close to him. CHAPMAN was again contacted, as disclosed in the report of Special Agent ROGER W. LEVERTON, dated at El Paso March 13, 1939, but offered nothing of value. The mail cover on the mail of JAMES ROE was unproductive. It is thought that an effort should be made to determine whether or not JAMES ROE has been in contact with fugitive, and it is respectfully suggested that the El Paso Division attempt to develop sources of information at Odessa to that end.

With reference to RAYMOND ROE, information regarding him is set forth on Pages 8 and 9 of the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD dated at Oklahoma City December 2, 1938. Various sources of information have advised that this fugitive was always close to RAYMOND ROE, and in view of the information recently developed that fugitive may have been staying in the vicinity of Kansas City, it is thought that additional efforts should be made to determine if they are in contact with each other. Mrs. ROE was interviewed, as disclosed in the report of Special Agent H. O. HAWKINS, dated at Kansas City, April 24, 1939 at which time she stated that she and her husband were of the opinion that fugitives were deceased.

The background of HAZEL UNDERHILL, as well as her activities in connection with this case, was set forth on Page 43 of the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, dated at Oklahoma City December 2, 1938. The report of Special Agent F. J. LACKEY, dated at San Antonio February 23, 1939 reflects that arrangements have been made at Refugio, Texas where she resides in order that the San Antonio Office would be immediately notified if she was engaged in any unusual activity or might be contacted by fugitives. No further information has been received in this connection. Information has been developed that HAZEL UNDERHILL has visited the vicinity of Seminole, Oklahoma during the time fugitive ROE was also allegedly there, and it is possible that she made contact with ROE at that time. It is respectfully requested that immediate and continual investigation be conducted by the San Antonio Division with regard to HAZEL UNDERHILL.

The attention of the Springfield Office is called to the information set forth on Page 23 of the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, dated at Oklahoma City December 2, 1938 regarding information furnished by DWIGHT O. PUGH, Danville, Illinois. Leads were set forth in that report to interview

[] for full information and same has not been done. The Springfield Division should also note the information contained in reference reports concerning BILLIE BROWN about whom information was furnished by [] She has moved to the oil fields of Illinois, but no information has been determined as to her exact address. Further efforts will be made by this Division to determine her whereabouts. It is respectfully requested that [] be immediately contacted for full information which he may possess.

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The attention of the Kansas City Division is directed to information contained in the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, dated at Oklahoma City December 2, 1938, regarding HERBERT ALLEN FARMER and MICKEY CAREY at Joplin, Missouri and raising the possibility that fugitives might be in contact with them. In view of the information recently developed by this office, it is possible that ROE has been in contact with those parties, and it is suggested that further investigation be conducted to determine if the information has any basis of fact.

The attention of the San Francisco Division is called to the information set forth on Pages 2 to 4, inclusive, in the report of Special Agent F. S. SMITH, dated at Oklahoma City March 22, 1939, obtained from Informant "R" regarding information furnished her by JOEL SANDERS (not ANDERSON), that subjects were in the vicinity of Tullake, California, and further reference is made to the letter from the San Francisco Division to the Director dated February 23, 1939, and the letter from San Francisco to this Division dated March 2, 1939 in connection with this information. In view of the recent developments in this district and the identification of fugitive ROE'S photograph by several individuals in the vicinity of Seminole who knew ROE before his incarceration at Alcatraz, it is highly probable that the information allegedly furnished to Informant "R" by SANDERS may be true, and it is requested that the San Francisco Division conduct appropriate and discreet investigation at Tullake, California to ascertain whether it is possible that the information has any basis of fact.

The attention of all offices is also called to the following information set forth in the report of Special Agent JOSEPH J. PIEPER, dated at Seattle May 24, 1939, covering an interview with JEFFERSON ROUBIDEAUX, presently an inmate of McNeil Island. Information had been previously received from Deputy Warden SHUTTLEWORTH, United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, that he had been advised by a confidential informant that this prisoner saw ROE and COLE make their escape.

ROUBIDEAUX, upon interview, advised Agent PIEPER that he saw subjects supported by cans carried by the current toward Golden Gate and he believed that they may have been successful in their escape. He states that the escape was made a little before 1:00 P.M. and was not discovered until about 1:55 P.M. inasmuch as the regular thirty minute checks were not made by

the guard, Mr. STEERE. He thought that subjects waited for a Thursday to make their escape as that was the day on which the regular lookout on the roof was relieved by a lookout who was not particularly alert. He doubted if any plans for escape could be made with anyone on the outside without the aid of a guard as an intermediary. ROUBIDEAUX had heard from an inmate transferred from Leavenworth to Alcatraz in December, 1938 that COLE had contacted the wife of FRANK NASH, deceased, at Kansas City, Missouri.

ROUBIDEAUX further stated that BERNARD COY, #415-AZ, saw the escape. He undoubtedly referred to BERNARD P. COY. In this connection, information was furnished by LOEB L. COSSACK, Alcatraz #313, that COY saw the escape which was made with cans.

The report of Agent PIEPER further reveals that one ROBERT DAVIS, formerly an inmate of Alcatraz, advised that he saw cans carrying ROE and COLE being carried by the current toward the Sausalito side of the Bay and believed possibly that they were picked up by a crab boat which he saw in the vicinity. He had also heard that subjects contacted the wife of FRANK NASH.

Leads were set forth to determine the identity of the inmate alleged to have furnished the information concerning the alleged meeting of subjects and Mrs. FRANK NASH. Pending this information, no investigation is being requested of the Kansas City Division, but this information should be borne in mind in connection with other investigation being conducted by the Kansas City Division especially in connection with the investigation of HERBERT ALLEN FARMER and MICKEY CAREY of Joplin, Missouri.

A lead is being set forth for the San Francisco Division to consider direct interview with BERNARD P. COY.

For further information regarding JEFFERSON ROUBIDEAUX, attention is called to information set forth on Page 51 of the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, December 2, 1938.

ENCLOSURES: TO ALL FIELD OFFICES
EXCEPT SAN FRANCISCO: Copies of report of Special Agent F. S. SMITH, Oklahoma City, 5/15/39.
TO ALL FIELD OFFICES
EXCEPT SAN FRANCISCO, Copies of report of Special Agent F. S. SMITH, Oklahoma City, 5/24/39.
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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

ALL OFFICES not previously having covered same will contact their confidential informants and sources of information and informants connected with the underworld for rumors regarding the escape or the presence of subjects in that vicinity.

BUFFALO OFFICE

- * AT OTTAWA, ONTARIO, will contact Chief Constable J. P. DOWNEY, Chief Constable's office, and determine if ROBERT B. MOXON is incarcerated or still living in that city. Will interview MOXON according to request as originally set out in the report of Special Agent M. E. GURNEA, San Francisco, dated December 28, 1937. Will notify the Seattle Division when MOXON is interviewed so that the Seattle Field Division may remove the "stop" notice placed with the Vancouver, B. C. Police Department. (Report of Special Agent JOSEPH J. PIEPER, Seattle, 4/30/39.)

BUTTE OFFICE

- * AT POTLATCH, IDAHO, will interview Mrs. EUGENIE K. GILDER, as requested in letter from Seattle dated May 8, 1939.

CHICAGO OFFICE

- Covered 7/27*
* AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, will interview LEONA BRADY, Room 819 Chelsea Hotel. It is possible that LEONA BRADY might be registered as LEONA DEFER which is her maiden name. She is Oklahoma City Police Department #15581, and was the wife of an Oklahoma outlaw named BOB BRADY who was killed by officers at Paoli, Kansas on January 22, 1934. (Report of Special Agent R. E. LETHERT, San Francisco, March 16, 1939.)

DALLAS OFFICE

- Covered 8/11*
* AT FORT WORTH, TEXAS, will interview the family of DELL CARPENTER, 1213 North Peach Street, presently at Leavenworth, who are alleged to be friendly with RALPH and JAMES ROE, for information regarding the escape.

Will conduct appropriate investigation regarding BOBBIE LOU HILL, 3321 Burton Street, wife of FLOYD HILL, presently at Alcatraz, a former cell mate and close friend of COLE and who was corresponding with COLE'S mother.

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* AT DENISON, TEXAS, will reinterview Mrs. HASKELLS RANNALS, 229 West Morton Street, for a more definite address for RALPH YOUNG at Centralia, Washington if such is available. (Report of Special Agent JOSEPH J. PIEPER, Seattle, 4/30/39.)

In abeyance
AT SULPHUR SPRINGS, TEXAS, will hold lead to locate and interview BOB CONNOR regarding JEAN DAVIS, as set forth in the report of Special Agent G. E. THOMPSON, Peoria, 4/14/39, in abeyance pending further investigation by this Division.

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DENVER OFFICE

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(See Ser 670)
Will endeavor to locate WINNIE F. SMITH, alias MACK SMITH, ex-Alcatraz #44AZ, and interview him as set forth in the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 12/2/38, through sources indicated in the report of Special Agent J. J. PIEPER, Seattle, 2/16/39.

DES MOINES OFFICE

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Covered Ser 711
AT WEST BURLINGTON, IOWA, will interview MARTIN W. MAY, 241 Spring Street, as requested by letter from this Division dated April 24, 1939.

DETROIT OFFICE

AT CARSON, MICHIGAN

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Covered Ser 741
Will locate JOHN HICKEY residing with his daughter, Mrs. GUY GOSSETT, five miles from Carson, and interview him relative to any information he may possess regarding ROE since his escape.

EL PASO OFFICE

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Covered Ser 676
AT ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO, will contact Mr. VAN TREEL, Narcotic Agent, regarding JACK "FATS" MILES.

AT JAL, NEW MEXICO, will interview C. H. S. McCLENDON, Box 998, regarding his letter to the Bureau dated April 27, 1939.

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Covered Ser 681
AT ODESSA, TEXAS, will continue investigation regarding JAMES ROE and his possible connection with instant escape. Will maintain contact with City Officer DICK CHAPMAN and through him develop a confidential informant who is in position to obtain information of value from ROE.

Will conduct immediate and continual investigation concerning JAMES ROE to determine if fugitive ROE is in contact with him or has contacted him since his escape.

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Covered Ser 691
Will locate MARIE BLACKWELL, alias MARIE BLACKBURN, at the Lafonda Club and interview her along lines suggested in the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, dated at Oklahoma City 12/2/38.

KANSAS CITY OFFICE

- * AT HAYES, 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 so that the Bureau will be advised as to his activities.

Covered 744
Will recontact Mrs. ROE, as suggested in a letter to the Kansas City Division from the Bureau dated May 15, 1939.

- * *To William see 744*
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 MARIE COLE.

- * *Covered see 675*
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 STEPLIN WELCH at Leavenworth to determine whether a contact might possibly be made with one of them to obtain information from WELCH. *OK 675*

- * AT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS, will interview the following individuals who were transferred from Alcatraz to Leavenworth Penitentiary on 1/26/38; (Refer report of Special Agent L. H. RICHMOND, San Francisco, 2/2/39.)

- * *Covered 744*
AT JOPLIN, MISSOURI, 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.

- * *Covered 744*
Will interview CLYDE UNDERHILL for information regarding subjects, after determining whether they have been in contact with him.

- * *See 675*
AT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS, will interview DELL CARPENTER, believed to be an inmate of 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 of the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, dated 12/2/38.)

- * *Covered 732*
Will attempt to identify and interview SLIM BAILEY.

- * *Covered 675*
Will interview JACK F. WILLIAMS, alleged by FLINT C. BRANNON to be friendly with JAMES and RALPH ROE, for any information he may possess.

- * Will locate and interview JEWELL (BUDDY) EVERSOLE, alleged to be employed at the County Court House, along lines as requested in the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 12/2/38.

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* At the U. S. Penitentiary, will interview DAVE CONNOR regarding the statements made by his father on Page 12 of the report of Special Agent F. S. SMITH, Oklahoma City, 3/22/39, to determine the reliability of CONNOR'S father, as well as any information he may possess regarding these subjects. It will be noted that CONNOR will be released during April, 1939 and this lead should be given expeditious attention.

LITTLE ROCK OFFICE

- * AT HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS, will conduct appropriate investigation concerning the information furnished by CONNOR, as set forth on Page 12 of the report of Special Agent F. S. SMITH, Oklahoma City, dated March 22, 1939, in an effort to verify and substantiate his information and develop the identity of the woman thought to have been seen with ROE at Wewoka, Oklahoma.

- * AT MARSHALL, ARKANSAS, will locate and interview CLARA BELL SWAN for any information she may furnish regarding subjects. (See report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 12/2/38.)

LOS ANGELES OFFICE

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* AT BELL AND WOODLAKE, CALIFORNIA, will recontact all sources of information and informants to determine whether subject COLE could be contacting his relatives.

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* AT ARCADIA, CALIFORNIA, will conduct further investigation regarding FAE ROE to determine if subject is contacting her. Will consider the advisability of further interview.

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* AT BELL, CALIFORNIA, will conduct surveillance and investigation regarding VIOLA DAWSON and will reinterview her for any information she may have received concerning her brother, TED COLE. (See pages 13 and 14 of the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 12/2/38.)

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* Will reinterview WILLIAM B. McCLURE, 6234 Clifford, for any observation which may have been made by him of the residence of VIOLA DAWSON. (See report of Special Agent R. H. SIMONS, Los Angeles, 10/12/38.)

- * 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 of the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 12/2/38.)
- * *To Alford 730* 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.
- * *Continued 730* AT COMPTON, CALIFORNIA, will interview Mr. and Mrs. PETE NEWBERRY regarding RALPH ROE. (See report of Special Agent A. W. MILLER, Dallas, 10/25/38.)
- * *Continued 730* AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, will interview VOLYA COSSACK, 243 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.
- * *Continued 730* 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.)
- * *Continued 730* Will conduct appropriate investigation at the garage located on the northeast corner of Wilshire and Figueros in an effort to learn whether subject ROE might have rented an automobile at that place. (See report of Special Agent R. H. SIMONS, Los Angeles, dated 10/12/38.)
- * Will interview RUTH KERN, 117 North Avenue, who is a sister of
✓ HENRY YOUNG, #244-AZ, who visited him at Alcatraz. (See Page 49 of the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 12/2/38.)
- * *only see 730* 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.
- * *Continued 730* 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.)

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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.)

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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 15, 1936. (See report of Special Agent M. E. GURNEA, San Francisco, 12/28/37, Page 19.)

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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.)

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Will locate MARYON JEANNETTE DARLING through her mother, JEANNETTE DARLING, 1711 West 23d, and interview her regarding the whereabouts of JACK O'BRIEN. (See report of Special Agent DUANE TAYLOR, Seattle, 1/14/39.)

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Will locate IVAN KEENER through his brother, CALVIN KEENER, 2624 Partridge Avenue, for information regarding EVELYN MORCAN.

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✓ Will check the records of the Juvenile Court for information regarding ROE and KNUD I. SUMMERVILLE.

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Will endeavor to locate ABE ALLEN released from San Quentin on parole 12-6-37. It should be determined whether he has any connection with J. L. ROSE or LAWRENCE HOLLAND. (See report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 12/2/38, Page 50, and report of Special Agent O. H. PATTERSON, San Francisco, 4/8/39.)

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✓ Will at 944 West 11th Place, interview Mrs. ELMER DILLARD, a cousin of FRED W. COLE, for any information she may have relative to the escape of THEODORE COLE and RALPH ROE from Alcatraz Prison.

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AT PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, will determine if LARRY BUTCHER, Telephone #1708, has any connection with JAMES HUGH BUTCHER. (See Pages 49 and 44 to 48 inclusive of report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 12/2/38.) ✓

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AT SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, will locate ALBERT A. HILL, brother and correspondent of HUBERT A. GRINDLE, 111-AZ, through his sister, Mrs. E. J. LITTLEWOOD, 3309 Cleveland Street, as requested in the report of Special Agent M. E. GURNEA, San Francisco, 12/28/37, Page 25. Will interview Mrs. LITTLEWOOD ✓

* *out* AT SAN PEDRO, CALIFORNIA, will contact FRANK BARCOTT, JR., 325 West 15th. (See report of Special Agent R. H. SIMONS, Los Angeles, 10/12/38.)

* 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.)

* *covered 730* AT SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA, will interview FRANCIS JOSEPH ROBERTS, 2506 28th Street, to determine if he is identical with JOE ROBERTS, correspondent of JAMES ROE. (See Page 49 of report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 12/2/38.)

* AT WOODLAKE, CALIFORNIA, will continue surveillance and investigation of Mr. and Mrs. FRED COLE in connection with this case. Will recontact all sources of information who have been observing the COLE home. Will reinterview Mr. and Mrs. COLE.

MEMPHIS OFFICE

* AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, will conduct investigation regarding an individual signing her name as Mrs. M. S. T., Box 799, General Delivery, concerning her letter to the Bureau dated May 5, 1939.

NEW YORK FIELD OFFICE

* *See 691 2763* AT NEW YORK CITY, will through the New York City parole authorities, locate and interview CHARLES REISS who was released from Alcatraz 8/30/38 to their custody. He should be interviewed for any information he may have concerning the escape or the present location of subjects. (See report of Special Agent L. H. RICHMOND, San Francisco, 2/2/39.)

* *See 691* Will through the New York City Police Department learn the whereabouts of CHARLES YANOWSKY, released from Alcatraz to their custody on 4/21/38, and will interview him for any information he may possess regarding this escape or the whereabouts of subjects. (See report of Special Agent L. H. RICHMOND, San Francisco, 2/2/39.)

* Will obtain photographs of MORRIS MUSH TRACHMER, said to have resided at the Picadilly Hotel, New York City, about 3/30/38, and will forward same to Portland, Oregon for identification purposes. (See report of Special Agent J. F. McDEVITT, Philadelphia, 1/27/39.)

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OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE

- * Will attempt to identify and locate SLIM 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 [redacted] (See Page 23 of the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 12/2/38.)
- * AT ADA, OKLAHOMA, will locate BRUCE BRADY and discreetly secure information from him regarding MILDRED and STEVE WELCH, as requested in the report of Special Agent in Charge E. P. GUINANE, Kansas City, 1/30/39. Will also interview BRADY for any information he may possess in instant case.
- * AT ARDMORE, OKLAHOMA, will determine if subjects are contacting BIRDIE PRUITT and will then interview her especially for information regarding possible contacts of subjects.
- * AT BARTLESVILLE, OKLAHOMA, 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 DEPEW, OKLAHOMA, will interview ORIE TURNBULL for any information he may possess regarding subjects.
- * AT DRUMRIGHT, OKLAHOMA, will conduct appropriate investigation to determine the possible connection between C. H. CUMMINGS and HAZEL UNDERHILL.
- * AT DUNCAN, OKLAHOMA, will determine if RALPH ROE is in contact with HARRY SLEDGE, and if not, will interview SLEDGE.
- * AT GUTHRIE, OKLAHOMA, will interview Mrs. ABE BAILEY, in care of F. C. NORRIS, 301 East Violes Street, regarding identity of woman at Duncan, Oklahoma who reportedly saw ROE. (See report of Special Agent J. C. WHITE, San Antonio, 4/30/39.)
- * AT KETCHUM, OKLAHOMA, will attempt to determine the name of the person from Harrison, Arkansas responsible for the rumor appearing in the Ketchum Progress, 1/12/39, that he had seen COLE at that point.
- * AT McALESTER, OKLAHOMA, 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 of the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 12/2/38.)

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- * 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 of the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 12/2/38.)
- * Will reinterview ROY ROE, Oklahoma State Penitentiary, subject ROE'S brother, regarding possible contacts of subjects. Will check his prison correspondence which will determine the identity and whereabouts of DAVIS DALLAS, a friend. (See Pages 9 and 26 of the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 12/2/38.)
- * AT MIAMI, OKLAHOMA, 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 of the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 12/2/38.)
- * AT OKEMAH, OKLAHOMA, will maintain contact with ROY MODRIGE and determine his source of information regarding COLE'S being seen at Milfay, Oklahoma about August, 1938, and will then conduct appropriate investigation.
- * AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA, will maintain contact with A. B. COOPER and MILDRED WELCH for any information they may obtain. (See report of Special Agent F. S. SMITH, Oklahoma City, 1/9/39.)
- * AT PAWBUKA, OKLAHOMA, will locate and interview BEULAH CLARK through her father, CHARLIE JOHNSON. She is named as a possible contact of subjects. (See Page 29 of the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 12/2/38.)
- * Will reinterview 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.
- * AT PICHER, OKLAHOMA, will interview "RED" PHELPS to ascertain the basis and truth of the information he allegedly furnished to KENNETH RAY. (See Page 48 of the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 12/2/38.)
- * AT SAPULPA, OKLAHOMA, will locate and interview Mrs. TIM (JEAN) HYATT, COLE'S cousin, for information. (See Page 14 of the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 12/2/38.)

AT SEMINOLE, OKLAHOMA

Will maintain contact with JAKE SIMS, Informant 14 and other sources of information. Will determine the present address of Mrs. B. FREEMAN, formerly BILLIE BROWN, and JOHNNIE "FATS" MOORE.

Will report the Laboratory examination of the register of the Derrick Hotel.

Will determine the identity of DAVIE mentioned by LEONARD JOHNSON in order that he may be interviewed.

AT SHAWNEE AND MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA

Will maintain contact with PAT HARRIS and PAUL DENTON.

AT HENRYETTA, OKLAHOMA

Will conduct appropriate investigation regarding MYRTLE KERRIGAN to determine if she is a contact of ROE.

AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

Will recontact A. L. JOHNSON after interview with Mrs. McCLAIN.

AT STROUD, OKLAHOMA

* Will interview the following relatives of COLE:

MRS. FANNIE BAUGH
ERNEST BRACE and MRS. NELLIE BRACE
MRS. WILLIAM GRAVES
R. B. and RAULINE CORNETT

* Will obtain full list of relatives and their present addresses, including CHARLES BRACE.

* Will recontact ALLISON (BUD) RANEY for any information he may have developed concerning subjects.

* Will contact JOHN SHAW, informant, for recent information concerning the CORNETTS and ALLISON RANEY.

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Will interview LOVELL ROBERTS for any information he may possess regarding COLE'S probable whereabouts.

AT TECUMSEH, OKLAHOMA, will interview ETHEL McCLAIN at the Dixie Pecan Farm near Tecumseh with reference to the statements made by MELVIN GRAHAM and A. L. JOHNSON.

- * AT TULSA, OKLAHOMA, will determine the identity of the holder of Box 2171 regarding mail cover placed on mail of JAMES ROE.
 - * Will maintain contact with GEORGE TURNER for information regarding subjects and JAMES ROE. This lead should be covered by Special Agent L. E. KINGMAN.
 - * Will, through the Post Office and sources of information, locate MORRIS QUINN whose name was furnished as a good contact of subjects, in an effort to determine if he is in communication with them. It will be noted that QUINN is not employed at the Bailey Undertaking Company at this time.
 - * Will locate the present address of Mrs. GUY VAUGHN at the Post Office and through other sources of information in order that she may be reinterviewed concerning subject COLE.
 - * Will determine the identity of U. L. KENNON, 3123 West 41st St., and his connection with fugitives or HAZEL UNDERHILL. (See report of Special Agent F. J. LACKEY, San Antonio, 2/23/39.)
- At Tulsa and vicinity (probably Sand Springs), will interview CLYDE COLE and sons, names unknown, as contacts and relatives, as requested in Bureau letter dated April 10, 1939.

PORTLAND OFFICE

Answered 7/6/39
* AT CAYUSE, OREGON, will interview Mr. and Mrs. A. O. WINELAND, as requested in the report of Special Agent R. E. LETHERT, San Francisco, 3/16/39

SALT LAKE CITY OFFICE

Answered 7/3/39
* AT SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, will maintain contact with Mrs. THOMAS R. FADDIS, 208 Canyon Road, in order to locate WINNIE F. METCALF, alias MACK SMITH, and interview him along lines suggested by the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, dated 12/2/38.

SAN ANTONIO OFFICE

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* AT HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS, will interview ROLLIE RECTOR, transferred to the Texas Prison System on 3-28-38 from the Federal Correctional Institution at La Tuna, Texas, for any information he may have concerning the escape or the present location of subjects. For the information of the San Antonio Office, RECTOR was incarcerated at Alcatraz Prison at the time of the escape of ROE and COLE. (See report of Special Agent ROGER W. LEVERTON, El Paso, 3/29/39.

* AT REFUGIO, TEXAS, will maintain contact with Sheriff IRA HEARD and through him with his informants to determine any unusual activities on the part of HAZEL UNDERHILL.

Will conduct immediate and continual investigation regarding HAZEL UNDERHILL to determine if she is in contact with ROE and also to determine if she visited at Seminole, Oklahoma during the first part of 1939.

SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE

* AT ALCATRAZ ISLAND, CALIFORNIA, at such time as the tension is relieved among the inmate population at Alcatraz, will interview FRANK GOUKER, #156, for any information he may desire to furnish concerning the escape of ROE and COLE. It is noted that GOUKER has been named by the various guards as being the most reliable of the prisoners who were assigned to the mat shop at the time of the escape.

* Will interview JOSEPH SINGLETON, Superintendent of the Laundry, and learn from him any results he may have obtained in his efforts to get additional information from a prisoner named ANDY.

* Will arrange to be notified when Mrs. M. T. PETTYJOHN, wife of Alcatraz inmate, M. T. PETTYJOHN, visits the latter in order that she may be intercepted and interviewed as to her knowledge of instant prison break. It is suggested that if the above is not feasible, arrangements to have authorities at Alcatraz secure Mrs. PETTYJOHN'S address when she visits her husband be made so that it may not be apparent to her how her whereabouts were ascertained. (See report of Special Agent O. H. PATTERSON, San Francisco, 4/8/39.)

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762* Will consider direct interview with inmate VOLNEY DAVIS, noting information furnished by his parents, set forth on Page 12 of the report of Special Agent F. S. SMITH, Oklahoma City, 3/22/39.

- * Will check the correspondence record of inmate CLARENCE SPARGUR, as requested by letter from this Division dated 3/28/39.
- * If it has not already been done, will make an investigation to determine the possibility that each of the subjects passed through the prison garage while making their escape and obtained an innertube. (See report of Special Agent H. B. DILL, Salt Lake City, 3/27/39.)
- * AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, will locate and interview DANIEL SULLIVAN, Alcatraz #170, who was released from Alcatraz on 8/30/38 and furnished transportation to his legal residence of San Francisco, for any information he may have relative to instant escape or the present location of ROE or COLE.
- * Will locate and interview PET REED, #182, who was released on 10/13/38 into custody of the San Francisco parole authorities, attempting to learn from him any information he may have concerning the escape or the present location of ROE or COLE. It is noted that this individual has either been writing or furnishing information to a ghost writer for the San Francisco Examiner upon which feature articles have been published under the name of REED. These articles deal with the conditions on Alcatraz. A series of these articles dealt with the escape of ROE and COLE and certain information contained in them was at variance with the information obtained by Agents investigating this case. The Bureau by letter dated 11/12/38 has requested that efforts be made to locate REED and suitable arrangements made to interview him thoroughly concerning his knowledge of the escape.
- * Will locate and interview GEORGE THOMPSON, #49, released 11/17/38 and furnished transportation to his legal residence at San Francisco. His wife is reported to reside at 247 - 19th Ave., San Francisco. THOMPSON is also supposed to be reporting to the Federal Probation Officer at San Francisco and information concerning his present address should be available at that office.
- * Will locate and interview FRANK ANDERSON, Alcatraz #167, released from Alcatraz 1/26/38, through his sister, Mrs. M. HAYWARD, 2461 Fulton St.
- * Will conduct the additional investigation regarding AL BARRY and LEE MACK. In this connection see Bureau letter dated 12/30/37 and Page 50 of the report of Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 12/2/38.

- * Will interview Mrs. GABRIEL BERTA, 526 - 36th Ave., mother; GLADYS BERTA, 980 Bush St., wife; VINCENT MARKOVITZ, 184 Park St., correspondents and visitors of CARL BERTA, #132, as requested on Page 9 of the report of Inspector M. E. GURNEA, San Francisco, 12/28/37.
- * Will interview the following visitors and correspondents of JOHN PAUL CHASE, #238, as requested in the above-mentioned report of Inspector M. E. GURNEA: CHARLES B. and AMBROSE CHASE, brothers, 715 - 42d St.; FRANK CHASE, brother, 14 Crescent Ave.
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- * Will locate and interview LOUIS FAUGUNDAS, #168, through his sister, ROSE FAUGUNDAS, 2605 - 21st Ave. (See Page 51 of report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 12/2/38.)
- * Will interview the following visitors and correspondents of JAMES SARGEANT, Alcatraz #129. (See report of Inspector GURNEA, San Francisco, 12/28/37, Page 10):
 - MRS. ANNA FRAVEGA, Mother, 2769 Bryant St.
 - LEO FRAVEGA, Brother, 1258 Alabama
 - GEORGE FRAVEGA, Brother
 - Mrs. MARY BOTTANO
 - Mrs. MAMIE BOTTANO
 - Mrs. STELLA BACIGALUPI, aunts, 2867 - 22d Street
- * Will interview Mrs. GEORGE W. JOHNSON, 1618 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 12th St., sister of EDWARD BENTZ, #307. (See report of Inspector GURNEA, 12/28/37, San Francisco, Page 24.)
- * Will interview Mrs. WILLIAM LEVIN, 1267 Filbert, wife of WILLIAM LEVIN, #186. (See above report of Inspector GURNEA.) Attention is also directed to the information regarding this woman as set forth on Page 50 of the report of Special Agent J. E. THORNTON, San Francisco, 1/17/38.
- * 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 report of Inspector GURNEA, above mentioned.)
- * Will interview Mr. and Mrs. J. J. MORRIS, SR., 57 Paradise Ave., and Mr. and Mrs. J. J. MORRIS, JR., 43 Richland Avenue, relatives of DANIEL J. MORRIS, #113. (See report of Inspector GURNEA, San Francisco, 12/28/37.)

- * Will interview PALMER OTTERBECK and Mrs. ANNA OTTERBECK, 19 Dearborn St., and JOHN and ESTHER LALLY, relatives and correspondents of JAMES COLSON, #60. (See Inspector GURNEA'S report above mentioned.)
- * Will interview Mrs. WILLIAM M. RITCHEY, Roosevelt Hotel, wife of WILLIAM M. RITCHEY, #99, who goes under the name of Mrs. HELEN ROBINSON. (See above-mentioned report of Inspector GURNEA.)
- * Will interview Mrs. P. J. SULLIVAN, 299 Dolores, and P. J. SULLIVAN, 85 - 4th St., relatives of HARRY SULLIVAN, #198. (See report of Inspector GURNEA above mentioned.)
- * Will interview Mrs. MARION VAN GLAHN, mother of GEORGE VAN GLAHN, #337, address 47 Costa St. (See report of Inspector GURNEA above mentioned.)
- * Will conduct inquiry regarding a boat called Slocum and the employees thereon for information regarding this escape. (See report of Special Agent F. S. SMITH, Oklahoma City, 3/22/39.)
- * AT ALCATRAZ ISLAND, CALIFORNIA, will interview inmate JOHNSON who furnished information to Warden JOHNSTON regarding BUTCHER if he is still a prisoner. If not, will check his file and set out leads in order that he may be located and interviewed regarding BUTCHER and JACOBS.
- * AT SAN QUENTIN, CALIFORNIA, will interview CAL YOUNG, Alcatraz #181, whose sentence expired 10/13/38 and who at that time was turned over to officials at San Quentin as a parole violator. This interview should be for the purpose of ascertaining whether YOUNG has any information indicating the present location of ROE or COLE.
- * Will check the records of the penitentiary and determine the present whereabouts of Mrs. ED (JEAN) DAVIS, wife of deceased inmate.
- * AT NEWCASTLE, CALIFORNIA, 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 NAPA, CALIFORNIA, will interview L. J. and W. F. DICKERSON, 523 Brown Street, and MINNIE and ADA DICKERSON, 915 Third St., relatives and correspondents of HOWARD C. DICKERSON, #103. (See report of Inspector GURNEA, San Francisco, 12/28/37.)

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* *Conceded 770* AT TULELAKE, CALIFORNIA, will conduct the investigation requested by letter from this Division dated 2/21/39.

* *See 762* AT ALCATRAZ ISLAND, CALIFORNIA, will determine the identity of the inmate to whom ROUBIDEAUX refers and question him concerning the alleged meeting between COLE and FRANK NASH'S wife. (See report of Special Agent JOSEPH J. PIEPER, Seattle, 5/24/39.)

Will consider the advisability of direct interview with inmate BERNARD P. COY regarding statements made by ROUBIDEAUX.

SEATTLE OFFICE

* *Conceded 690* AT CENTRALIA, WASHINGTON, will ascertain whether RALPH YOUNG sent a Christmas card to Mrs. HASKELL RANNALS as she has claimed. He should be considered as possibly being identical with fugitive ROE. (See report of Special Agent H. T. ARTERBERRY, Dallas, 1/19/39.)

* *Conceded 733* Will locate and interview ELMER H. COLE, Alcatraz #35, whose term expired 10/25/38, concerning the escape of subjects relative to contacts of subjects outside the Penitentiary, as well as pertaining to the present whereabouts of subjects, and for such information as he can furnish concerning the activities of subjects and other prisoners prior to the escape that might have a bearing on this case.

* AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, ascertain the identity of R. E. KULHNER, 900 Yakima Place, and WILLIAM S. SMITH, 710 N. 73d St., to determine if either of the individuals might be subjects in this case, related to them, or be a contact for them. (See report of Special Agent J. P. McFARLAND, Seattle, 3/11/39.)

* *Conceded 521658* Will interview ARTHUR FERNANDEZ, U. S. Army Signal Corps, and endeavor to obtain the present address of HAL FERNANDEZ. Thereafter the appropriate lead should be set out to interview HAL FERNANDEZ in compliance with leads set forth in the report of Special Agent R. T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, dated December 2, 1938. (See report of Special Agent JOSEPH J. PIEPER, Seattle, 3/31/39.)

* *Conceded 690* AT VANCOUVER BARRACKS, WASHINGTON, will interview Private E. L. WILSON to ascertain if he has any knowledge of this case. (See report of Special Agent GEORGE J. ROSS, Salt Lake City, 5/20/39.)

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SPRINGFIELD OFFICE

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(See Ser. 696 & 697) *
AT DANVILLE, ILLINOIS, will locate and reinterview [redacted]
for further and full information regarding his letter dated 4/2/38 not pre-
viously covered. IT IS REQUESTED THAT THIS LEAD BE GIVEN IMMEDIATE ATTENTION.

Will disregard the lead to interview Mrs. BILL SPURGEON at Mount
Vernon, Illinois as she is now residing at Mount Pleasant, Texas.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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REPORT MADE AT Springfield, Illinois	DATE WHEN MADE 6-6-39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5-28-39	REPORT MADE BY G. C. CALLAN DEB
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: <p>Efforts to locate [redacted] at Watska, Illinois, unsuccessful. [redacted] alleged to presently be in Chicago. He is the person who claims to have been in Leavenworth Penitentiary at the same time as the subjects, and to have overheard one RUSSELL KENNETH DOWNING, I.O. #1452, planning the escape of the subjects from Alcatraz.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-P-</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, dated 12-2-39, at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Reports of Special Agent J. H. NICHOLSON, dated 9-20-38 and 10-26-38, at Peoria, Illinois.</p> <p>DETAILS: <u>AT WATSEKA, ILLINOIS</u></p> <p>This investigation is based on the following facts:</p> <p>[redacted] an informant, furnished the Springfield Division with information that he was in Leavenworth Penitentiary with the subjects of this investigation, one RUSSELL KENNETH DOWNING, I.O. #1452, and one BOB BRIDGES. He stated that he had heard DOWNING planning the escape of subjects while they were in Leavenworth, under transfer orders to Alcatraz. He also claims to have been in communication with BOB BRIDGES, relative to the disposal of some bonds supposedly in the possession of BILLIE BROWN, a former sweetheart of subject ROE. This information was allegedly furnished [redacted] in a letter</p>			
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written by BOB BRIDGES, who was a convict in the State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma. This was in 1936, when [] obtained this information. BILLIE BROWN is supposed to live in the 100 block of South Fourth Street, Sapulpa, Oklahoma. The bonds in question are supposed to have been the property of subject ROE.

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Under date of December 30, 1938, [] wrote the Peoria Division advising that his address was [] Watseka, Illinois. Efforts were made to contact him at that address, but no one was at home. Deputy Sheriff WILSON of Iroquois County, was contacted, and advised that one F. C. BERTRAND resided at that address. He remembered informant [] and stated that [] BERTRAND and BERTRAND'S wife were all supposed to be narcotic addicts, and that none of them were any good. [] resided with the BERTRANDS during January, 1939, but he ran off with MRS. BERTRAND, and returned several days later, after which he left the BERTRAND home, and has not been seen in Watseka, Illinois since. This occurred on January 4, 1939, and information furnished the Sheriff's office by BERTRAND at that time, revealed that [] had a brother [] Chicago, Illinois.

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Efforts were made to contact BERTRAND, and his brother and son were finally located in a tavern at what is known as Cottage City, about half a mile east of Watseka, Illinois, on Route #1. They advised that [] had returned to Watseka about two months ago, but had left again in a few days, saying that he was going to visit his brother in Chicago, Illinois. Nothing has been heard of him by the BERTRANDS since.

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It is noted from the reference reports of Special Agent NICHOLSON that [] has relatives located at Westville and Danville, Illinois. Leads are being set out for investigation looking toward his location at these two places. Agent was unable to conduct investigation at these cities due to other emergency matters.

It is also noted from the reference report of Agent NICHOLSON dated October 26, 1938, that [] furnished some totally unfounded information to United States Marshal WILLIAM RYAN, at Danville, Illinois, to the effect that the subjects were at Oakwood, Illinois. It is also noted in the report of Special Agent FRANK L. CRUBBS, dated 8-31-38, at Cleveland, that [] is a psychopathic case. These facts should be borne in mind when he is being interviewed.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE CHICAGO OFFICE, at Chicago, Illinois, will contact [] brother of [] in an attempt to locate the present address of the latter. In the event he is located in Chicago, he should be interviewed along the lines of determining what information he has relative to the bonds above referred to, and attention should be given to page twenty-four of the reference report of Special Agent HOOD, dated 12-2-38, at Oklahoma City.

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THE SPRINGFIELD OFFICE, at Danville, Illinois, will interview [] mother of [] or Mr. JOHN G. STEWART, a nephew of MRS. ALLEN, who reside at 914 North Collett Street, to ascertain the present whereabouts of [].

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At Westville, Illinois, will make similar inquiries at the home of JOHN WATSON, a relative of [] who resides at Route #1, Westville.

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

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RE: R O C O L b7D

On June 2, 1939, [redacted] was contacted at her home, Bowlegs, Oklahoma, and at that time was furnished the sum of \$60.00 to cover her expenses in making inquiry as to the possible location of RALPH ROE based on the recent information in possession of [redacted] office.

This informant advised she would make every effort to secure information of value as to the location of ROE and indicated that she would make contacts at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, St. Cloud, Oklahoma, Fort Worth, Texas and possibly Kansas City, Missouri. She would not indicate the names of these contacts but it is believed she contemplated contacting brother of TANG HALL, who was supposed to be the companion of RALPH ROE during the time he was at Seminole, Oklahoma, and that at Oklahoma City she planned to contact GEORGE TAYLOR, night club operator and reputed to deal in narcotics. Her contact at Fort Worth, Texas is unknown and the contacts she planned at Kansas City, Missouri are unknown. The information furnished by this particular informant is being placed in report form.

It is noted in contacting this particular informant that she is apparently at odds with JAKE SIMS, Chief of Police at Seminole, Oklahoma, who brought to the attention of this office the original information reflecting the presence of ROE at Seminole, Oklahoma. For the information of the Bureau, the informant [redacted] has been in the past closely associated with JAKE SIMS and at one time served on his Police Department. In the past year she ran for Sheriff in her county and was defeated and she reports that JAKE SIMS actively campaigned against her. She further states that she is afraid of JAKE SIMS and that members of the criminal element who formerly were free in talking with him have now become frightened to the extent that they do not voluntarily furnish him information. However, she stated that she would personally furnish any information that JAKE SIMS requested of her because she knew that he could make it so hard

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for her that it would be necessary for her to give up her place. She stated, however, in direct opposite to this, that she did not trust him and would be inclined to withhold any information which would be damaging to her.

In this connection, no unlawful activity on the part of this particular informant is known. She has been operating a beer garden on a small scale and has been actively interested in law enforcement and is a member of the Oklahoma Peace Officers' Association. However, she has been cast with several undesirable elements, particularly individuals engaged in narcotic traffic and she, as JAKE SILS, has many confidential informants from whom she secures information. For reasons unknown it appears that such individuals as TANG HALL, a rather notorious narcotic peddler, are free in talking with her, and all her information concerning the presence of RALPH ROE in Seminole in late January and early February, 1939, is based primarily on statements made to her by TANG HALL.

This informant is apparently frightened concerning possible harboring charges and it is noted in this connection that she will not admit knowing the identity of the individual with TANG HALL who called at her place on two different occasions and stayed for a short time, and she will not make a definite identification of the photograph of RALPH ROE as the individual calling at her place, though her brother, who was also present at the time, is very positive in his identification of the photograph of ROE.

She further informed that on each occasion she was contacted by Agents of this office she was shortly thereafter contacted by JAKE SILS who questioned her as to what she told the Agents and what they told her. For the information of the Bureau, JAKE SILS is considered an unknown quantity but he appears to be sincere in gathering information concerning RALPH ROE and in no instance has it been ascertained that he has in any manner doubled Agents or hold back information that they requested.

In connection with her efforts to act as confidential informant [redacted] stated she would endeavor to secure information of value as to the location of RALPH ROE and would furnish same to the writer. She would not guarantee information but stated she would endeavor to get it but under no circumstances would anyone know the contacts she would make with a possible few exceptions. It is further noted this informant has complete

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confidence in Special Agent C. O. HURT and is prone to contact him in preference to any other Agent, although she also apparently indicates confidence in Special Agents R. T. HOOD and F. S. SMITH, who are actively handling the investigation at Seminole, Oklahoma.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "H. B. Fletcher". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

H. B. FLETCHER
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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June 2, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Theodore Cole

While talking to SAC Fletcher of Oklahoma City Field Division concerning another matter, I inquired as to the development of the leads on the above individual. Mr. Fletcher advised that in Bureau letter of June 1st the Kansas City Bureau Office is instructed to conduct a discreet investigation concerning one Frank Nigri (Phonetic) whose name and address was furnished indirectly by [redacted] Informant. Mr. Fletcher suggested that this Informant be allowed to work there for about a week and not have the Kansas City Office do anything temporarily on the above individual. He said that he would contact the Kansas City Office and advise them of the above.

SAC Fletcher said that he personally believed that [redacted] was down there actually; that there is nothing to indicate otherwise; that all the information tends to verify original information. He said that this Informant won't identify [redacted] photographs or make any statements about knowing him, but everything that is known about [redacted] life and her contacts would indicate that she would have to know him.

I advised SAC Fletcher to keep on this matter and he said that he had two Agents working on it now and that every two days reports would be forwarded the Bureau concerning any developments.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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REGISTERED AIR MAIL

Mr. H. B. Fletcher
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
940 First National Building
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Re: Rocol.

Dear Sir:

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

May 26, 1939.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

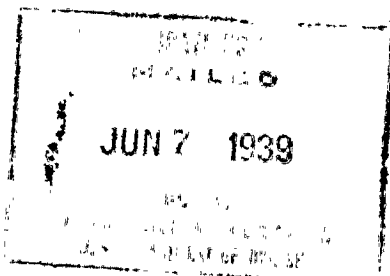
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Laboratory Report
June 7, 1939

Case: Rocol

Number: 76-2686-657

Specimens: Q33. One registration sheet of the New Dorricks Hotel, #6,
dated April 26, 1939.
Q34. One registration sheet of the New Derricks Hotel, #7,
dated May 8, 1939.

Examination requested by: Oklahoma City

Date received: 5/26/39

Examination requested: Document

Result of examination:

Examination by: Miller

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As a result of the comparison of the handwriting appearing on the specimens listed above as Q33 and Q34 with the known handwriting of Ralph Roe, listed in the Laboratory as K1, it was concluded that this individual did not write the questioned registrations.

The original evidence is being returned herewith, photographic copies having been made for the completion of the Laboratory's files.

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June 21, 1939

Special Agent in Charge
Kansas City, Missouri

Re: ROCOL

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent
H. L. Scott, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, on June 7, 1939.

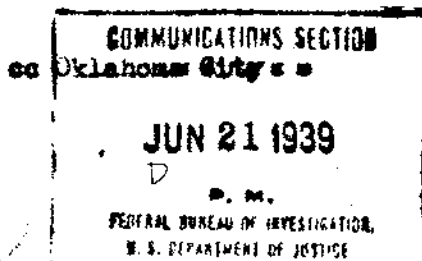
It is noted that in response to an undeveloped
lead for your office to interview Dell Carpenter at the United
States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, it is reflected in
the reference report that this individual was released on
April 8, 1936. No information is set forth, however, to indicate
the present location of Carpenter, and it is suggested that
investigation be conducted at the United States Penitentiary,
Leavenworth, Kansas, in an effort to determine the place to which
Carpenter was released. In this connection it should be determined
whether he was released upon the expiration of his sentence or
whether he was released on conditional release or parole, in which
latter case he would have reported to a Probation Officer and
investigation may be conducted along this line to determine his
present location.

This matter should receive prompt attention, as should
the other undeveloped leads which are presently outstanding in
your office.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Nathan
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA**

FILE NO. **76-171**

REPORT MADE AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI	DATE WHEN MADE 6-7-39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4-17-26-39 6-3-39	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:

DAVE CONNOR, former inmate U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, said that in December, 1937, RAY TERNALL, tavern owner, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, indicated to him that a party, possibly ROE, was at his place but CONNOR said he never went there to see him and he had no definite information as to this. Others interviewed U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, no information of interest secured.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent in Charge E. P. GUINAN, Kansas City, Missouri, 1-4-39.
Report of Special Agent F. S. SMITH, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 3-22-39.

DETAILS:

Agent from time to time has been keeping in touch with Deputy Warden SHUTTLEWORTH, U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, who it will be remembered held a like position at the U. S. Penitentiary, Alcatraz, and who is thoroughly familiar with the instant investigation. He has advised that he has not obtained any additional information of interest and is at present on vacation, but his secretary, Mr. WILLY, advised Agent that there did not appear to be any additional information concerning the fugitives that

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had come to them from inmates of the penitentiary.

DELL CARPENTER, former inmate, was released on 4-8-36.

DAVE CONNOR, inmate #46,323, who was to be released on or about 4-15-39, stated that at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, in December, 1937, as he recalls, RAY THERELL, who operates, he believed, on East 29th Street, had met him on the streets of that city and said, "Come on up to the place, RALPH is there." That he took this to mean that it was ROE. CONNOR said he had repeated this to his sister who was waiting across the street, she being Mrs. M. G. OSBORN, 831 East 39th Street, Oklahoma City. Her husband is a machinist connected with the Medco Tool Company, Oklahoma City. CONNOR stated he did not go to the tavern and did not pursue the matter any further and that this was the only information he had concerning either fugitive.

CONNOR was not questioned concerning the statements of his father as it was not believed it would serve any useful purpose at this time, especially in view of the fact that CONNOR at that time indicated that upon release from the penitentiary he expected to call at the Kansas City office and then he would return to Oklahoma City, indicating that he might desire to become an informant. However, he never has called at the Kansas City office.

JACK P. WILLIAMS, inmate #48,927, was interviewed but advised he did not have any information in reference to either Subject and that none of the members of his family would be contacted by Subjects.

In reference to BUCK MARTINDALE in the report of Special Agent in Charge GUINANE, he is in fact BUCK LEWIS, inmate #53,640.

STEPHEN WELCH, inmate, does not appear to have any inmate contacts in the penitentiary, according to Captain of the Guards THOMAS who looked into the matter for Agent.

The identity of SHIM BAILEY, supposed to be an inmate of the penitentiary, has not as yet been established.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

KANSAS CITY FIELD OFFICE

- * At Joplin, Missouri, will locate the truck driver for the Crocker Meat Company who comes to Alpena, Arkansas, to visit MARY COLE and will interview him concerning his knowledge of MARY COLE.
- * Will interview the following individuals who were transferred from Alcatraz to Leavenworth Penitentiary on 1-26-38 (refer report of Special Agent L. H. RICHMOND, San Francisco, 2-2-39.)
- * At Joplin, Missouri, will verify information regarding HERBERT ALLEN MARLER and MICKEY CARRY as furnished by informant "Z". Will attempt to develop an informant who will be in a position to watch MARLER and CARRY and their activities in order that the Bureau will know should they assist Subjects.
- * Will interview CLYDE UNDERHILL for information regarding Subjects, after determining whether they have been in contact with him.
- * Will attempt to identify and interview SLIM BAILEY at the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas.
- * Will interview JACK F. WILLIAMS, alleged by CLINT C. BARNON to be friendly with JAMES and RALPH ROE, for any information he may possess.
- * Will locate and interview JEWELL (BUDDY) EVERSOLE, alleged to be employed at the County Court House, along the lines as requested in the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 12-2-38.
- * At Hayes, 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 so that the Bureau will be advised as to his activities.
- * Will recontact Mrs. ROE as suggested in a letter to the Kansas City Division from the Bureau dated 5-15-39.

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA
JUNE 2, 1939

Special Agent in Charge
Dallas, Texas

RE: ROCOL

Dear Sir:

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent G. C. THOMPSON, Springfield, dated May 29, 1939 in connection with the above-entitled case, which states a lead for your division at Mount Pleasant, Texas to conduct investigation concerning Mrs. BILL SPURGEON, formerly LENA STEWART.

In view of the activity in connection with this matter in this division at the present time, and indication which involves Mrs. SPURGEON, it is requested that this lead be disregarded pending future investigation in this district.

Very truly yours,

H. B. FLETCHER
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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BUTTE, MONTANA
June 1, 1939

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Special Agent in Charge
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to report of Special Agent in Charge W. G. Banister, Butte, Montana, May 16, 1939, and letter of the Seattle Field Office to Butte dated May 8, 1939.

A review of the Butte Field Division file in this case does not reveal that Mrs. EUGENIE K. GILDER, Potlatch, Idaho, has ever been contacted with reference to the information set out in the letter of reference. Accordingly, this case remains pending in the Butte Field Division at this time.

Very truly yours,

W. G. BANISTER
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 6/9/39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6/2/39	REPORT MADE BY D. P. SULLIVAN <div style="text-align: right;">LNH</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:

Narcotic Agent JOHN VAN TREEL, Albuquerque, New Mexico, has no information concerning whereabouts of JACK "Fats" MILES.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent ROGER W. LEVERTON, El Paso, Texas, dated 3/29/39.
Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 6/2/39

DETAILS :

AT ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO:

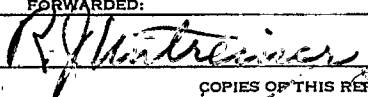
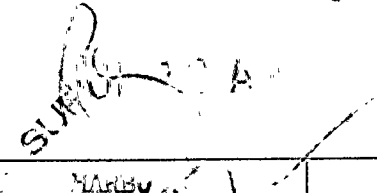
Narcotic Agent JOHN H. VAN TREEL advised that he recalled obtaining information some time ago, probably from Lieutenant LYONS, deceased, formerly of the United States Coast Guard, that JACK "Fats" MILES of Oklahoma was reported to be hanging around Roswell, New Mexico, and engaged in smuggling narcotics into the United States from Mexico. Mr. VAN TREEL made no active investigation of this report and had no information concerning MILES' whereabouts or associates.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

*THE EL PASO OFFICE

*AT JAL, NEW MEXICO:

*Will interview C. H. S. McCLENDON, Box 998,

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regarding his letter to the Bureau dated April 27, 1939.

*AT ODESSA, TEXAS

*Will continue investigation regarding JAMES ROE and his possible connection with instant escape. Will maintain contact with City Officer DICK CHAPMAN and through him develop a confidential informant who is in position to obtain information of value from ROE.

*Will conduct immediate and continual investigation concerning JAMES ROE to determine if fugitive ROE is in contact with him or has contacted him since his escape.

*Will locate MARIE BLACKWELL, alias MARIE BLACKBURN, at the Lafonda Club and interview her along lines suggested in the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, dated at Oklahoma City 12/2/38.

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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
June 1, 1939

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Special Agent in Charge,
El Paso, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Re: ROGOL

Reference is made to your letter dated May 12, 1939 in connection with the above-entitled matter, and furnishing information concerning an informant JIM POE.

Please be advised that at this time there is no such lead as mentioned in your letter which might require the assistance of POE. If such assistance is required in the future you will be advised.

Very truly yours,

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H. B. FLETCHER,
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 MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE	DATE WHEN MADE 6-12-39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5-8,10,11,13, 30-39	REPORT MADE BY G. O. PICKARD
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: Confidential informant contacted at Nashville with negative results. KYLE DAVENPORT, proprietor of Kyle's Place, Murfreesboro, Road, Nashville, Tennessee, rendezvous of criminals, contacted with negative results.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent Ralph T. Hood, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 12-2-38.</p> <p>DETAILS: <u>At Nashville, Tennessee:</u></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 20px; margin: 5px 0;"></div> <p>confidential informant, was interviewed with reference to instant matter and he stated that he has not heard any rumor of any kind indicating the possibility that either fugitive may have been in the vicinity of Nashville and that the only rumor or speculation he has ever heard is that the fugitives were drowned while making their escape from Alcatraz. He stated that this has been merely conjecture. He advised that if either of the fugitives ever came to Nashville they would more than likely go to Kyle's Place operated by KYLE DAVENPORT on the Murfreesboro Road inasmuch as that roadhouse is generally regarded as a place where criminals can meet their friends or make contacts.</p> <p>Several members of the Police Department at Nashville were contacted with a view to developing informants for assistance in this matter and particularly contact was had with Detectives J. D. EURANK and H. D. VERNON who stated that Kyle's Place is the most likely source of information, but that they do not trust KYLE DAVENPORT for any information.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Sergeant J. M. WEST and Patrolman J. M. MURRAY of the County</p>			
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Police Patrol, Shaeffer's Office, Nashville, who were known by Agent to be able to obtain any desired information from KYLE DAVENPORT, accompanied Agent to Kyle's Place where an interview was conducted with KYLE DAVENPORT and photographs of fugitives displayed. He stated that he has heard no rumor whatsoever regarding the fugitives, but that he will bear their photographs in mind and should either put in an appearance at his place or should he have any information concerning them he will immediately advise of same. WEST and MURRAY advised Agent that they could depend upon DAVENPORT to give them correct information in this matter. While at Kyle's Place, Agent and Patrolman MURRAY also interviewed one LEWIS REED, a gambler, in the presence of KYLE DAVENPORT, and whose reliability was vouched for by DAVENPORT and he gave similar information to that furnished by DAVENPORT.

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THE MEMPHIS FIELD DIVISION

Will contact other informants in the Memphis Division as suggested in reference report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 12-2-38.

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June 30, 1939

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Special Agent in Charge
Memphis, Tennessee

Re: BOCOL

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent O. O. Pickard, dated at Memphis, Tennessee, on June 12, 1939, which reports investigation conducted in your district and containing an undeveloped lead for your office to contact other informants.

However, it is noted that the undeveloped lead for your office set forth in the report of Special Agent Ralph T. Hood, dated at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on June 2, 1939, is not contained in the reference report of Special Agent Pickard.

The investigation requested in the reference report of Agent Hood should receive prompt investigative attention by your office.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Nathan _____
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Mr. Clegg _____
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

This Case Originated At OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

File No. 76-348

Report Made At OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.	Date 5/25/39	Period 5/22-24/39	Report Made By RALPH T. HOOD	cgc
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Title RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1471.	Character of Case ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.
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Synopsis of Facts: Photograph of ROE positively identified by MELVIN GRAHAM and CLARENCE KELLY, negro Policemen, Seminole, Oklahoma, A. L. JOHNSON and Informants 14 and 15 as being that of individual seen at Seminole during the first part of 1939. Mrs. VIRGINIA MAYS makes tentative identification of ROE'S photograph as individual registering at her hotel on two occasions during May, 1939.

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Reference: Report of Special Agent F. S. SMITH, Oklahoma City, 5/24/39.

Details: This is a joint report of Special Agents F. S. SMITH and RALPH T. HOOD.

AT SEMINOLE, OKLAHOMA

Mr. JAKE SIMS, Chief of Police, advised Agents that as Informant 13 formerly gambled at the Chicago Tool Company located in the colored section of Seminole, he had contacted two negroes on the Police force, MELVIN GRAHAM and CLARENCE KELLY, who had informed him that they had seen RALPH ROE in Seminole during January, 1939. SIMS further advised Agents that one MARIE HART, a prostitute at the Derrick Hotel, Seminole, had informed him that she saw ROE in Seminole with Informant 13 during the first part of 1939 and that about two or three weeks before, while she was in Ada, Oklahoma, she met him in the Harris Hotel.

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SIMS stated that while he was exhibiting photographs of ROE to MARIE HART, Mrs. VIRGINIA MAYS, Proprietor of the Derrick Hotel, came up and advised him that ROE'S photograph appeared to be the photograph of an individual who had registered at her hotel on two occasions during May, 1939 with a red-headed woman.

MELVIN (BILL) GRAHAM, negro Policeman, who is uneducated, informed Agents that about 1930 to 1932 he was employed as a porter at various hotels in Seminole and that he worked for a considerable period of time at the Main Hotel. He stated that the Arcade Rooms were located adjacent to the Main Hotel and that this rooming house was [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Informant 13, and that on numerous occasions he would be called in to assist in the serving of drinks and perform other duties while parties were being held. He further advised that the Arcade Rooms was a hang-out for criminals in that vicinity and that it was also a place where whisky and narcotics were sold. He stated that he would often see Informant 13, PAUL DENTON, "BIG" JOHNSON and a man he knew only as Mr. RALPH at this hotel. He stated that Mr. RALPH was the individual who was with UNDERHILL at the time UNDERHILL was wounded and killed in Shawnee, and that Mr. RALPH was also injured in that affray. He mentioned that he had seen Mr. RALPH only on one occasion after UNDERHILL'S death until 1939.

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He was questioned closely concerning the description of Mr. RALPH and the description fitted the description of fugitive ROE in every detail. Under questioning he stated that while Mr. RALPH would drink on occasions, he had never seen him intoxicated and this information is verified by information furnished by other individuals who stated that fugitive ROE was not the kind who would drink to excess.

GRAHAM also advised Agents that about two or three weeks after Christmas, 1938, he was walking in the residential section of Seminole in colored town, and about 8:00 p. m. as he was passing near the Miley Rooming house which is located about one block from the residence of JOHNNIE "FATS" MOORE, a negro associate of Informant 13 who was thought to be connected with Informant 13 in the dope racket, he saw a 1936 Ford Sedan, black in color, parked nearby containing three men and three women. As he passed by the car, one man whom he stated positively was "BIG" JOHNSON, whom he had known in Seminole about 1930 or 1931 and who formerly operated a taxi-cab there and whom he knew to be a close associate of Informant 13, and Mr. RALPH spoke to him and said, "BILL, when did you become a cop?"

JOHNSON then asked GRAHAM if he knew him, whereupon GRAHAM stated that he was Mr. JOHNSON but had lost a great deal of weight. He then noticed Mr. RALPH sitting in the middle of the front seat, whereupon he asked JOHNSON who the other man in the car was and JOHNSON replied that it was his brother. He stated Mr. RALPH and the other man spoke to him. About this time JOHNSON mentioned something about getting some whisky so he walked off and left the car and did not notice the action of the car or the parties therein.

When questioned concerning the description of the parties in the car, he stated that Mr. RALPH was about six feet tall, weighing about 190 to 200 pounds, was very well dressed and had a small mustache. He was unable to furnish the description of JOHNSON'S brother or of the women in the car, but stated that one of the women was rather small and black-headed.

GRAHAM was questioned at length concerning the party he identified as Mr. RALPH. He stated that he could not be mistaken and that he was the same Mr. RALPH whom he had known around the Arcade Rooms and who was mixed up with UNDERHILL at the time of UNDERHILL'S death. Numerous photographs, including the photograph of fugitive ROE, were exhibited to him and he positively identified the Oklahoma State Penitentiary photograph of ROE, saying that he could not be wrong and that was the photograph of the man seen in the car with "BIG" JOHNSON as well as the man he knew who associated with Informant 13 and PAUL DENTON around the Arcade Rooms. He made an examination of the Alcatraz photograph of ROE and stated it was not a good picture of him.

GRAHAM stated that the last time he saw Mr. RALPH before 1939, fugitive advised him that he was all cleaned up. GRAHAM stated that he did not know that ROE had been in Alcatraz and he did not know that ROE had escaped from that institution and that he did not connect the name of Mr. RALPH with RALPH ROE. However, he stated that he was unable to read and that was probably the reason he did not know of the escape.

GRAHAM was questioned to determine whether Informant 13 or PAUL DENTON could have been in the car with him whereupon he stated that he knew those parties well and that they were not in the car.

Mr. JAKE SIMS who was present during the interview with GRAHAM informed Agents that "BIG" JOHNSON was formerly a bootlogger and oil field worker and that he had operated a taxi-cab service in Seminole for some

time; that about 1930 to 1932 JOHNSON was a close associate of Informant 13 and his gang; that JOHNSON returned to Seminole about Christmas, 1938, and that it was thought that he was associated with Informant 13 in the narcotic racket. SIMS further advised that JOHNSON does have a brother, as related by GRAHAM, and that JOHNSON was thought to be in Oklahoma City.

SIMS further advised in connection with JOHNNIE "FATS" MOORE, that MOORE'S place was near the point where GRAHAM stated he saw this automobile and that MOORE was supposed to be with Informant 13 in the dope racket. He further advised that GRAHAM and CLARENCE KELLY had maintained a watch on MOORE'S place to determine if they could get evidence of a violation. MOORE has recently left Seminole for Oklahoma City and SIMS was unable to furnish his address at that time.

CLARENCE KELLY, negro policeman, informed Agents about the first of the year he and GRAHAM talked to SIMS about "FATS" MOORE and Informant 13's being mixed up in the dope racket, whereupon SIMS advised them to maintain a watch on MOORE'S place. One day shortly thereafter which he thought to be in January, 1939, about 4:00 or 5:00 o'clock while he, KELLY, was walking toward the MOORE place, saw Informant 13 drive his car, a Ford Coupe automobile, out of First Street on to the highway. It appeared as if Informant 13 was coming from MOORE'S place. Informant 13 was accompanied by a stranger to KELLY whom he described as being heavy, light complexioned, well dressed, with a small mustache. He thought it was strange that this man was with Informant 13 as he was much better dressed than the usual companions of Informant 13. No one was with them at the time.

The following evening about 6:00 or 7:00 p. m., while KELLY was in the vicinity of MOORE'S place, he saw Informant 13 drive up to MOORE'S place and stop. The same man was with Informant 13 on this occasion as on the preceding afternoon. Informant 13 got out of the car and went into MOORE'S place while the stranger sat in the car. KELLY did not watch the occupant or the car but walked away and he did not know the actions of the men or the car thereafter.

KELLY made an examination of numerous photographs, including the photograph of ROE, and he positively identified the Oklahoma State Penitentiary photograph of ROE as the man he saw with Informant 13. He did not think that he could be mistaken. KELLY further advised that a few days before this interview he was talking with GRAHAM concerning this and asked him if he had seen any strangers with Informant 13, whereupon GRAHAM stated, "Do you mean Mr. RALPH?"

Efforts were made to locate MARIE HART for interview, but she was away from Seminole at the time.

Mrs. VIRGINIA MAYS, Proprietor, Derrick Hotel, informed Agents that several days before the interview a man and woman came to her hotel during the late morning and the man registered for himself and wife. They remained two days and subsequently returned to her hotel and registered, remaining over night. She was unable to recall the name under which the party registered or the place he was from. She described the man as being about five feet, eight or nine inches in height, heavy-set with broad shoulders, medium complexion, fairly well dressed and clean shaven. The woman was described as being about five feet four inches in height, fair complexion, slightly freckled with reddish hair. On the first occasion these parties remained for two days and during that time a small unknown man came to the hotel and picked them up in what she thought was a maroon colored Hudson Coach. She did not know as to the means of transportation used by the man registering and the wife as she did not see them with an automobile.

About two weeks later and about one week or ten days before the interview, she stated the same parties came back and again she did not see the means of transportation used. She stated that during the time this man was at the Derrick Hotel, he played cards in the lobby and was drinking. She and Agents made an examination of the register of the hotel and it was determined that on May 2, 1939, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. YOUNG of Chickasha registered at the hotel. It was also discovered that on May 16, 1939, Mr. and Mrs. B. D. YOUNG of Dallas, Texas registered at the hotel and the handwriting of the two registrations appeared similar. Mrs. MAYS was of the opinion that these were the registrations of the individuals referred to above and stated that if not, she was sure that the registration of these individuals would appear on the registry sheets. She furnished Agents with these registry sheets and the same are being forwarded to the Bureau for comparison with the known handwriting of subject ROE.

Mrs. MAYS was shown numerous photographs, including the photograph of ROE, and she picked the photograph of ROE, same being Oklahoma State Penitentiary photograph, as being similar to the man registering at her hotel. It should be noted that the description furnished by Mrs. MAYS of this individual does not answer the description of fugitive ROE, and further, she stated that he sat in the lobby and played cards and was intoxicated. It is further noted that prior to Agents' interview she had observed ROE'S picture which JAKE SIMS had, and it would be very natural for her when running through the photographs presented to her to see a familiarity of this particular photograph.

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Mrs. MAYS further advised Agents that Informant 13 was a resident of her hotel for some time before Christmas, 1938. She did not recall seeing any individual contacting him who would answer the known description of fugitive.

Efforts to determine the address of JOHNNIE "FATS" MOORE and "BIG" JOHNSON in Oklahoma City were unsuccessful. Mr. SIMS stated he had an informant whom he was sure could obtain their addresses. He stated that he would immediately furnish same to Agents.

AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

In view of the fact that Mr. ROY BRIDGESS, Narcotic Agent, Oklahoma City, had conducted numerous investigations in the vicinity of Seminole in connection with Informant 13 and his associates, and as a result of his investigation, had developed twelve violations of the Narcotic Act against these individuals, and further, as JAKE SIMS had informed Agents that he had talked with ROY BRIDGESS, it was thought that BRIDGESS might be able to give information concerning a gambler or a narcotic salesman or addict who might have been in Seminole during the course of his investigation and who might be identical with the person mentioned in this and reference report as being of the description of ROE, wearing a small mustache. It was thought also that it would be of value to contact BRIDGESS to determine if he could furnish any addresses or notes obtained from PAT HARRIS at the time of his arrest.

BRIDGESS was thereupon contacted by Agents at which time he stated that during the course of his investigation at Seminole during the months of January, February and March, 1939, he did not recall any individual about six feet in height wearing a mustache who was usually well dressed. However, he advised Agents that he had a confidential informant who had developed the cases against Informant 13 and his associates, and he expected him to arrive at the office momentarily. While discussing this matter with Mr. BRIDGESS in an effort to identify the person seen with Informant 13, his informant, who is being referred to hereinafter as Informant 15, came into his office. The Bureau is being advised by letter as to the identity of Informant 15.

Without revealing to Informant 15 the reasons for the inquiry, he was questioned concerning the associates of Informant 13 whereupon he stated that during the course of his work at Seminole, he had found that Informant 13, PAT HARRIS, PAUL DENTON and "BIG" JOHNSON appeared to be

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associated together in the narcotic racket; that shortly before Informant 13 was returned to the penitentiary and about the time he was making purchases of narcotics, one RED TEAGUE was released from Leavenworth Penitentiary and returned to the vicinity of Seminole and that he afterwards associated with Informant 13 and his associates. He also mentioned that BLACKIE MCGUIRE and ROMA WATSON could usually be found with Informant 13 or PAUL DENTON.

He further advised Agents that during the first part of December, 1938, one "BONY" SPENCER who was a narcotic addict and salesman was around Oklahoma City and Seminole and that SPENCER was seen with Informant 13 on several occasions. He described SPENCER as being approximately six feet in height, weighing 160 pounds, well dressed, wearing a large white hat with a gold chain across his vest, and also wearing a small mustache; however, he stated that SPENCER was very stooped and was suffering from tuberculosis. He had subsequently heard that SPENCER returned to Phoenix, Arizona and is now deceased and this information was verified by ROY BRIDGESS. He also informed Agents that SPENCER was formerly connected with the underworld and big money in Dallas, Texas, and that he operated the Maple Courts tourist camp a year or so ago which was a known hide-out for criminals.

Informant 15, without being questioned, mentioned that he met RALPH ROE with Informant 13 about 1931 at which time he was trying to make a narcotic case against Informant 13.

After he had furnished a detailed description of SPENCER, it was thought that he might be the individual seen in Seminole. The photograph of ROE was shown to him and he was asked if there was any similarity in the facial features of ROE'S photograph whose name was not disclosed, and "BONY" SPENCER, whereupon Informant 15 stated, "Well, G____D____, that's the man I saw with PAUL DENTON and TEAGUE in DENTON'S automobile in Seminole. He was questioned at length and stated that he did not think that he could be mistaken in regard to this identification, stating that he had contacted DENTON in an effort to make a purchase of narcotics and that DENTON offered to talk with him in the presence of TEAGUE and the man identified as ROE; that he, Informant 15, refused to talk in their presence, whereupon DENTON advised him that TEAGUE had just been released from the penitentiary and that the other man was an outlaw and it would be safe for him to talk in their presence. Informant 15 stated that the photograph of ROE was not identical with "BONY" SPENCER and in no way resembled him.

It should be noted that he did not know the identity of ROE'S photograph at the time of the above identification, but then stated, "Why that is ROE and I saw him and didn't recognize him. It didn't occur to me at that time that this man was ROE as it had been so long since I had seen him."

When questioned as to the time of the above occurrence, he stated that he thought it was about ten days before Informant 13 was returned to the penitentiary, and he estimated the time as being between February 15th and 25, 1939; however, he stated that ROE was clean shaven and he did not think he had a mustache at the time.

Mr. ROY BRIDGESS stated that before Christmas, 1938, JOHN ANCANO, alias JACK ANCANO, whom he described as being about fifty years of age, 5 feet, 8 inches in height, weighing about 150 pounds, an Italian who was partially bald and spoke broken English, was in Oklahoma City and Seminole with another Italian known as TONY. He said that ANCANO was one of the largest narcotic salesmen in the United States and was a close associate of BOSS NIGRO in Kansas City; that ANCANO and TONY were in this vicinity in an effort to develop the field. BRIDGESS further advised that they contacted Informant 13 and his associates in Seminole while on this visit. BRIDGESS also stated that he knew to his knowledge that on one occasion Informant 13 made a trip to Kansas City in an effort to obtain a large amount of narcotics, but became afraid that he would be hi-jacked and returned to Oklahoma City without making the purchase. He was of the opinion that Informant 13 used PAUL DENTON'S automobile on this trip.

It will be noted that in reference report information was set forth concerning an address and name of NIGRO as furnished to Agents, alleged to have been found in the effects of Informant 13.

When questioned concerning any addresses or like information found on PAT HARRIS at the time of his arrest, BRIDGESS exhibited to Agents a sheet of paper bearing the following notations:

"Steno, 14 Holmes,
14 Cherry Saloon
530 Forest Street, Kansas City
JACK ANCANO, 504 Wabash, residence, no street"

HARRIS also had a card bearing the name of HINKLE, 217 East Custer Street, North town Mc, Potts, and a card bearing the following "CAMY BUMGARNER, Eufaula, care BELT Rooms, phone 421; GLEN CLARK, phone 277 or 2107 after 8 to 5, north of walls, Mc." The references to "Mc" undoubtedly refer to McAlester, Oklahoma, while Eufaula refers to Eufaula, Oklahoma.

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BRIDGESS also mentioned that "BIG" JOHNSON whose true name is A. L. JOHNSON, was in the Oklahoma County Jail, Oklahoma City, awaiting indictment on charges of violation of the Narcotic Act. He mentioned that JOHNSON had been trying to talk with him, but he had not contacted JOHNSON.

BRIDGESS stated that he considered his informant to be very reliable, stating that he had a college education; however, he mentioned that Informant 15 was a narcotic addict and might be prone to be imaginative.

A. L. "BIG" JOHNSON was interviewed by Agents at the Oklahoma County Jail at which time he stated that during 1930 and 1931 he operated a taxi-cab company in the vicinity of Seminole, Oklahoma and that he often associated with GRACE CUNNINGHAM and Informant 13, mentioning that he had been on several parties at the Arcade Hotel. He also mentioned that during that time he became acquainted with one BILL, last name unknown, who was a porter at various hotels. Without being informed as to the facts of the possession of Agents, he was questioned concerning an incident when he saw BILL. He then stated that he returned to Seminole, Oklahoma about Christmas, 1938 and stayed at the Derrick Hotel for some time. One evening, date not recalled, he and his sister-in-law whose name he stated was ETHEL McCLAIN, and who he stated resided about one mile west of the "Y", seven miles south of Tecumseh, Oklahoma, were in Seminole, Oklahoma in ETHEL McCLAIN'S automobile which he said was a 1932 Chevrolet Coach. They were drinking and had gone into South town, Seminole, for some whisky. While parked he saw BILL who formerly was a porter and he called him to the car and asked him when he became a copper. JOHNSON stated that he was sure that only his sister-in-law was in the car at the time. He did not recall any other incidents in connection with his seeing BILL who is now a negro policeman at Seminole and who has been previously referred to as MELVIN GRAHAM. He did not think that he saw this policeman except on that one occasion, though he stated he did own a 1936 Ford Coach while at Seminole and he recalls at one time he and CHARLES TREEWATER, who is presently in jail at Norman, Oklahoma, and MERLE McCLAIN, accompanied by ETHEL McCLAIN, IONA WILLIAMS and a girl from Shawnee named GLADYS were together in South town, Seminole, which is the negro section, and were doing some drinking, but he did not think that he saw the colored policeman at that time.

He further advised Agents that he had a brother, LEONARD JOHNSON, who was with him on one or two occasions in Seminole; that LEONARD JOHNSON is in Oklahoma City and can be located through BEULAH CARTER, O. K. Cafe.

JOHNSON was questioned at length concerning any associates of Informant 13 or PAUL DENTON who would answer the description of ROE and he denied having seen such an individual, but stated that numerous persons who were strangers to him were in contact with DENTON and Informant 13. JOHNSON further advised Agents that he met RALPH ROE in Seminole during 1930 or 1931, but described him as being about 5 feet, eight inches in height, weighing 150 or 160 pounds, and he denied having seen ROE since that time. He stated positively on several occasions that he was never in an automobile with RALPH ROE.

Numerous photographs, including the photograph of ROE, were exhibited to him, and it was noted that while running through the photographs when JOHNSON came to the photograph of ROE, he hurriedly threw it aside and stated, "I never saw that fellow." This was the only photograph exhibited to him which he handled in that manner and which he denied having seen. It should be noted that no solicitation was made by Agents to effect an identification of the photograph at that time. After making a further examination of the photographs, he stated that he had seen a man whom he thought was identical with ROE'S photograph though he did not know the photograph of ROE and finally advised Agents that he was an individual seen with BILLIE BROWN and BOLEY DENTON, wife of PAUL DENTON, in DENTON'S automobile at Cushinberry's Tavern in Seminole several months before.

JOHNSON denied knowing that ROE was an inmate of Alcatraz or that he had escaped from that institution. He denied that he had ever discussed ROE with anyone or had heard anyone talking, but he then stated that he was talking to BILLIE BROWN about ROE and she advised him that she had corresponded with ROE, but that some officers came to her and talked to her about her correspondence and that she thereupon quit corresponding with ROE.

JOHNSON impressed Agents by his general demeanor that he was either very dumb or purposely non-communicative. ROY BRIDGESS advised that JOHNSON'S operations in the narcotic business prior to his apprehension indicated cleverness, and it is to be noted that he associated with Informant 13, PAUL DENTON and PAT HARRIS who are all considered "smart" boys among the criminals.

Further contact will be had with JOHNSON and efforts are being made to substantiate the information furnished by him. The persons mentioned as being with him at various times will be contacted in an effort to determine the truth or falsity of his statements.

The writer conducted an investigation in the vicinity where JOHNSON stated his sister-in-law, ETHEL McCLAIN, resided, and it was determined that no such person had lived or had resided in that vicinity. That district is covered by the Macomb Post Office and inquiry at that Post Office failed to reveal any information regarding ETHEL McCLAIN. Subsequently Agents were advised by PERRY BLANE, Perry, Oklahoma, and JAKE SIMS that MERLE McCLAIN resided south of Seminole and that he is presently an inmate of the United States Southwestern Reformatory, El Reno, Oklahoma.

It should be noted in connection with the interview of JOHNSON, as well as with HARRIS and DENTON, that Informant 13 bears the reputation among the underworld as being a desperate, vicious character who would not stop at having a man killed who furnished information against him, and Agents conducting this investigation have been advised that PAUL DENTON lived in fear of this individual and for that reason would, under no circumstances, divulge correct information in this case. It is not improbable that "BIG" JOHNSON was influenced by his fear of this individual when interviewed.

Agents have been advised by PAT HARRIS and PAUL DENTON, without any solicitation on the part of Agents, that they were of the opinion that if both ROE and COLE made their escape that ROE would kill COLE in order to benefit himself due to the fact that COLE is the type of character who would not remain out of trouble, and by eliminating him, ROE would naturally feel that he would be in less danger of apprehension.

On May 24, 1939, contact was again made by Agent SMITH with PAT HARRIS in the County Jail at Shawnee, Oklahoma. PAT HARRIS reiterated his previous statements that subject ROE was at his home in Seminole on December 19, 1938 with a black-haired woman and stated that he had furnished all the information he had and had no way of corroborating this information; however, that he had asked for no favors with respect to his being put on the ground, and that he naturally felt that in the event he did aid the Government he would be rewarded; that he had made up his mind not long ago that if he was released to aid in every way he could to bring about the apprehension of ROE who he knew was alive; that he felt positive that he would be able when the opportunity afforded, to secure the information through the black-haired woman at Henryetta, Oklahoma which would lead him to a connection with ROE. He further stated that he knew that he was doomed to go to the penitentiary; that he has served many years there and he had made up his mind to quit rackets and that he would make an honest endeavor to go straight and that he felt that by aiding the Government in

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this matter, he would be greatly benefited and he assured Agent SMITH that he could depend on him to function as quickly as he got on the ground; that he would, under no circumstances, double cross the Government in that connection.

On May 24, 1939, confidential Informant 14 called at the Oklahoma City Office and was interviewed by Special Agent C. O. HURT, advising as follows:

She advised that she formerly knew EVA MAY NICHOLS prior to the time EVA MAY NICHOLS started doing beauty parlor work; that EVA MAY NICHOLS started going with RALPH ROE about that time and she and RALPH ROE, accompanied by WILBUR UNDERHILL and his wife, HAZEL, appeared at her home one night about two days after UNDERHILL and his wife were married at Coalgate, Oklahoma and drove the car up against the window, smashing the headlights through the window. She stated EVA MAY NICHOLS and RALPH ROE got out and came into the house and bought some drinks; that UNDERHILL and HAZEL stay in the rear seat of the car.

She stated she advised EVA MAY NICHOLS at this time that she was headed straight for the "pea patch" and EVA MAY NICHOLS told her she didn't give a damn -- she wasn't doing any good anyhow.

Three different views of photographs of RALPH ROE were exhibited to this informant and she picked out the photograph taken of ROE while at the penitentiary which is a front view without a hat and stated this photograph resembled RALPH ROE much more than the other two photographs. She stated she was quite positive that RALPH ROE is the individual who was at her home sometime ago when ALLEN STANFIELD, Deputy United States Marshal, drove in the yard and ROE left, going out the back door and hid behind the bank of the frog pond until after STANFIELD left.

The leads are not being set forth herein as close contact is being had with various informants. Copies of reference reports will be mimeographed and furnished to all division offices in the immediate future. Undeveloped leads are not being brought up in this report as another report is in process of dictation and all leads will be restated at that time.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA
MAY 25, 1939

Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. E. A. Tamm.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Coffey.....
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Mr. Egan.....
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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: ⁰ ROCOL

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the reports of Special Agent F. S. SMITH dated at Oklahoma City, May 15, 1939 and Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, dated at Oklahoma City, May 24, 1939 and to the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD dated May 25, 1939 at Oklahoma City which is transmitted herewith.

It is noted that all of these reports deal with the development of information reflecting the presence of fugitive RALPH ROE at Seminole, Oklahoma early this year, and that the investigation, as it proceeds, more strongly indicates that this fugitive actually effected his escape, as all information received tends to verify the initial information and in no way disproves it.

This matter is receiving continuous attention as to investigation and is presently being handled by Special Agents RALPH T. HOOD and F. S. SMITH who are well acquainted with many of the persons being contacted and who appear to be securing their confidence. Chief of Police JAKE SIMS of Seminole, Oklahoma, who has demonstrated a live interest in the development of this information, has complete confidence in these two Agents and it is known that he has many underworld contacts and has closely associated himself with those individuals who are in a position to give information.

At the present time it appears that these two Agents will be able to handle the proper development of the investigation in this Field Division but in the event it becomes necessary, having proper regard for the importance of this case, Special Agents C. O. HURT and D. A. BRYCE will also be assigned to this case to reach a logical conclusion at the earliest possible date.

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It is respectfully suggested that the Bureau consider advising the various Field Divisions of the necessity of giving undeveloped leads in this case appropriate and expeditious attention, it being noted that the investigation of this case has not been receiving expeditious attention.

In this connection another report is presently in the process of preparation which will bring up all outstanding undeveloped leads and the investigation in this Field Division is presently proceeding on the theory that fugitive ROE did effect his escape.

Undeveloped leads have not been set out in reference reports for the reason that it was desired to bring to the Bureau's attention as rapidly as possible the developments of this investigation in the past few days.

All Field Divisions will be furnished copies of the reports dated May 15, 1939 and May 24, 1939 for their information and for their assistance in developing probable investigation which might arise in the various Field Divisions in the future.

Very truly yours,

H. B. Fletcher

H. B. FLETCHER
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 5/25/39	Period 5/22-24/39	Report Made By RALPH T. HOOD cgc
Title RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1471.			Character of Case ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.

Synopsis of Facts: Photograph of ROE positively identified by MELVIN GRAHAM and CLARENCE KELLY, negro Policemen, Seminole, Oklahoma, A. L. JOHNSON and Informants 14 and 15 as being that of individual seen at Seminole during the first part of 1939. Mrs. VIRGINIA MAYS makes tentative identification of ROE'S photograph as individual registering at her hotel on two occasions during May, 1939.

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Reference: Report of Special Agent F. S. SMITH, Oklahoma City, 5/24/39.

Details: This is a joint report of Special Agents F. S. SMITH and RALPH T. HOOD.

AT SEMINOLE, OKLAHOMA

Mr. JAKE SIMS, Chief of Police, advised Agents that as Informant 13 formerly gambled at the Chicago Tool Company located in the colored section of Seminole, he had contacted two negroes on the Police force, MELVIN GRAHAM and CLARENCE KELLY, who had informed him that they had seen RALPH ROE in Seminole during January, 1939. SIMS further advised Agents that one MARIE HART, a prostitute at the Derrick Hotel, Seminole, had informed him that she saw ROE in Seminole with Informant 13 during the first part of 1939 and that about two or three weeks before, while she was in Ada, Oklahoma, she met him in the Harris Hotel.

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June 19, 1939

Special Agent in Charge
San Francisco, California

Re: ROCOL

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated April 21, 1939, addressed to Mr. Bill Hartmann, #2, Sonora, California, advising him that an Agent from your office would contact him in the near future concerning this case and his possible knowledge of the Fugitives.

The Bureau file fails to reflect that the requested interview has been conducted with Mr. Hartmann, and it is desired that you afford this matter attention in the near future.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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

FILE NO. **76-282**

REPORT MADE AT EL PASO, TEXAS	DATE WHEN MADE 6/15/39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6/7/39	REPORT MADE BY G. H. FRANKLIN 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:

DICK CHAPMAN, police Officer, Odessa, Texas, has no further information of value. JAMES ROE, brother of Fugitive, advised he has not heard from Subject, and is of the opinion that he is deceased. Informant who is in constant contact with JAMES ROE, will advise El Paso Division Office if Subject contacts brother. MARIE BLACKWELL left Odessa, Texas, 5/30/39, for Ardmore, Oklahoma.

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Reference:

Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 6/2/39;
Report of Special Agent ROGER W. LEVERTON, El Paso, Texas, dated 3/13/39.

Details:

DICK CHAPMAN, Police Department, Odessa, Texas, advised that he has no information of any value. He advised that he has been constantly on the lookout for Subjects, should they appear in Odessa, but to date has not noticed anyone answering their descriptions or resembling their photographs. He advised that in the event he receives any information, he will immediately communicate with the El Paso Division Office.

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W. A. FIELDS, Police Department, Odessa, Texas, who has been quite active in an effort to ascertain any information relative to Subjects, and who has been constantly on the lookout should they make their appearance in Odessa, advised that he is personally acquainted with a Mr. R. E. THROCKMORTON, who is District Manager of the Bethlehem International Supply Company at Odessa, and is the employer of Subject ROE'S brother, JAMES ROE.

Accompanied by Police Officer WEST, the writer interviewed Mr. THROCKMORTON while the latter was at the filling station away from his office, and talked with him pertaining to instant case.

Mr. THROCKMORTON advised that JAMES ROE has been employed by the Bethlehem International Supply Company for the past two years, and in his opinion, is one of the best employees that they have. ROE recently has been promoted to Office Manager of the Supply Company at Odessa. Mr. THROCKMORTON advised that ROE is married, resides with his wife at 507 West Ada Street, Odessa, Texas. He is a person of good moral habits, and a hard worker. Sometimes he will work until midnight in the office, going over supplies, etc. Mr. THROCKMORTON advised that he is anxious to aid the Government in this case, and that in the event either of Subjects made their appearance at the offices of the Bethlehem International Supply Company, in an effort to contact JAMES ROE, he would immediately contact the El Paso Division Office, which address was furnished him by Agent, or would get in touch with Officer WEST of the Odessa Police Department.

Mr. THROCKMORTON requested that in the event the El Paso Division Office wanted to contact him, that they communicate with him through his office at Midland, Texas, Post Office Box #1449, at his residence at 1911 College Street, Midland, Texas, or Telephone #1100. He advised that although he resides at Midland, twenty miles East of Odessa, he is constantly in the office at Odessa, Texas, and is in close contact with JAMES ROE.

I.O. #1472, which contains the photograph of RALPH ROE, and I.O. #1471, which contains photograph of Subject COLE, are being forwarded to Mr. THROCKMORTON at Midland, Texas.

In view of the fact that JAMES ROE has been previously contacted by Bureau Agents in regard to instant case, the writer

discreetly contacted him at the office of the Bethlehem Supply Company, Odessa, Texas, and questioned him.

ROE advised that he has not received any information whatsoever since last interviewed by an agent of this Bureau, and that in his opinion, Subject ROE is now deceased, as if he were alive he, in all probability, would contact his brother, RAYMOND ROE, now located at Hayes, Kansas, as RAYMOND and Subject ROE were very close, and he perhaps indirectly would have found out through his family if ROE had contacted RAYMOND.

JAMES ROE further advised that the escape of his brother has been very embarrassing for him in view of the fact that he is presently getting along very well with the Bethlehem International Supply Company, which organization he has been with during the past two years, and has recently been promoted to the position of Office Manager. He further stated that he is endeavoring to establish a home at Odessa, Texas, where he and his wife live, and that his job and his wife mean more to him than Subject ROE, who has always been more or less the "black sheep" in the family; that in the event Subject ROE is alive, he doubts very much whether he would contact him at all, only in the case of a dire emergency, and in this event, he would not harbor his brother in any way, and believes everyone would be better off if his brother were quietly arrested and returned to the penitentiary, than if he were at large and committed more crimes which would undoubtedly embarrass him with his employers, and his family.

ROE requested that in the event it is necessary for him to be reinterviewed, that same be done in a discreet manner, so that his employers would not know the identity of the Agent, or the purpose of the inquiry, as to his knowledge, his employers do not know that he is the brother of Subject ROE, who is badly wanted by the Government.

He advised that in the event an Agent wanted to contact him in the evening after office hours, he could do so at his residence, 507 West Ada Street, or by telephoning him at his residence phone No. 594.

JAMES ROE was very emphatic in advising that he would immediately contact the El Paso Division Office, in the event he should receive any information pertaining to his brother, the Subject of this case.

Accompanied by Officer WEST, Agent interviewed an informant at Odessa, named LUCILE, who resides at the LaFonda Club, Odessa, Texas. She advised that MARIE BLACKWELL, who was known to her as MARIE BROWN, accompanied by the latter's sister, JACKIE BROWN, came to Odessa by bus, and worked at the LaFonda Club for approximately a week. LUCILE advised that this was the first time she had met either MARIE or JACKIE BROWN; that during this week's acquaintance with her, she learned that MARIE BROWN was her maiden name, and that she had formerly been married to a man named BLACKWELL, and that both MARIE and JACKIE BROWN, her sister, were from Ardmore, Oklahoma.

She advised that during her stay at the LaFonda Club, no acquaintances of their's called upon them, and that apparently they were strangers in Odessa. MARIE at one time mentioned that they had been over at Winslow, Arizona, and had taken the bus from Winslow to Odessa.

LUCILE stated that on Tuesday, May 30, 1939, both MARIE BROWN, alias BLACKWELL, and her sister JACKIE BROWN, took a bus, advising that they were returning to their home in Ardmore, Oklahoma.

The following description of MARIE BROWN, alias BLACKWELL, and that of her sister, JACKIE BROWN, as secured from Informant LUCILE, is as follows:

Name:	MARIE BROWN, alias BLACKWELL
Age:	About 35 years.
Height:	5'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Weight:	135-140.
Build:	Large
Hair:	Dark brown or black.
Eyes:	Brown.
Complexion:	Very dark; appears to be part Indian.

Name: JACKIE BROWN
Age: 24 years
Height: 5'8".
Weight: 125-130 lbs.
Build: Tall and slender.
Hair: Black (Boyish bob).
Eyes: Brown.
Complexion: Very dark; appears to be
part Indian.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE EL PASO DIVISION OFFICE:

AT ODESSA, TEXAS:

Will keep in touch with Officers W. A. FIELDS and DICK CHAPMAN of the Odessa Police Department.

AT MIDLAND OR ODESSA, TEXAS:

Will keep in touch with R. E. THROCKMORTON, District Manager of the Bethlehem International Supply Company, for any information that he might develop relative to instant case.

*AT JAL, NEW MEXICO:

Will interview C. H. S. McCLENDON, Box 998, regarding his letter to the Bureau, dated April 27, 1939.

THE OKLAHOMA CITY DIVISION OFFICE:

AT ARDMORE, OKLAHOMA:

Will locate MARIE BROWN, alias MARIE BLACKWELL, alias MARIE BLACKBURN, and interview her along the lines suggested in the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, Okla., dated December 2, 1938.

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REPORT MADE AT Dallas, Texas	DATE WHEN MADE 6/19/39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6/5-6-7-9/39	REPORT MADE BY H. T. ARTERBERRY
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. HASKELL RANNALS, Palace Hotel Coffee Shop, Denison, Texas, declares she has not heard from FRANK YOUNG since early 1938; that he was then residing in Centralia, Washington, and was engaged in the photographic business. Leads at Sulphur Springs & Mt. Pleasant, Texas, held in abeyance, as per request of office of origin. MRS. RUTH HOWARD, wife of M. T. PETTYJOHN, Alcatraz Penitentiary Inmate #128, presently in Honolulu, Hawaii, but will return to Ballinger, Texas, for sixty-day visit in September, 1939, and then settle in California permanently.

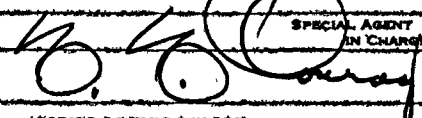
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REFERENCES:

Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated June 2, 1939; report of Special Agent A. E. FARLAND, San Francisco, California, dated May 27, 1939.

DETAILS:

MRS. HASKELL RANNALS, Palace Hotel Coffee Shop, Denison, Texas, advised that she had not heard from RALPH YOUNG since early January, 1938, when he made inquiry of her as to why she had not replied to his 1937 Christmas postcard greeting; that he was then residing in Centralia, Washington, and was supposed to be engaged in operating a photograph studio of some kind; that she believed his business was more along the postcard line. MRS. RANNALS stated that after she married she dropped all correspondence with men friends. In this connection it will be noted that MRS. RANNALS has recently left her husband and is

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presently employed as a waitress in the coffee shop at the Palace Hotel in Denison, Texas, and that she will soon be in a position to resume correspondence with her former gentlemen friends. MRS. RANNALS has a brother named WINCHESTER who is a member of the Denison, Texas, Police Department.

As per request of the office of origin, the leads for the Dallas Field Division at Sulphur Springs and Mount Pleasant, Texas, are being held in abeyance pending further instructions.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent R. S. GARNER:

At the Post Office, Ballinger, Texas, Assistant Postmaster ALEX SAUNDERS advised the Post Office Box #381 is registered in the name of T. M. MARSH, 300 South 6th Street, Ballinger, Texas. A call at that location found nobody home; but the grandmother, MRS. HATTIE JANE MARSH, located on the next street, stated that MRS. RUTH PETTYJOHN, the wife of M. T. PETTYJOHN, Alcatraz Penitentiary Inmate #128, who sometimes calls herself RUTH HOWARD, is now in Honolulu, Hawaii, exact address unknown. She said further that MRS. T. M. MARSH, MRS. PETTYJOHN'S mother, married T. M. MARSH about a year ago, and that her former name was MRS. RALPH (ETHEL) WYNN or WINN; that MRS. T. M. MARSH is presently making repairs to a house she owns in San Angelo, Texas, address unknown, preparatory to renting it.

At the office of the Tax Collector, San Angelo, Texas, RUBEN HANKS, Tax Assessor and Collector, ascertained that a MRS. RALPH WYNN owned a house in the 900 block on East Harris Street, San Angelo, Texas. Inquiry in the neighborhood disclosed that MRS. MARSH had returned to Ballinger shortly before the writer arrived there, having completed the repair work.

At Ballinger, Texas, a day later, her husband, THOMAS M. MARSH advised that MRS. MARSH was still in San Angelo visiting friends.

MRS. MARSH was finally located at a friend's house. While she was reluctant to divulge any information regarding her daughter's whereabouts at first, she ultimately stated that her daughter, under the name of MRS. RUTH HOWARD, presently owns and operates a beauty parlor in Honolulu, Hawaii, having gone to that city the first of this year. Her Post Office Box in Honolulu is #3025. MRS. MARSH added that her daughter is planning definitely to return to the States in September for sentimental, maternal reasons, and that she will stay in Ballinger, Texas, for approximately sixty days, whence she will go to California to work. MRS. MARSH said her daughter plans an early divorce from PETTYJOHN.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS: THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION

At Honolulu, T.H., will discreetly interview MRS. RUTH HOWARD, wife of M. T. PETTYJOHN, Alcatraz Penitentiary Inmate #128, who owns and operates a beauty parlor in Honolulu, for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not she may have any information concerning the escape of Subjects.

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THE OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD DIVISION

At Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, in the event MRS. RUTH HOWARD is not interviewed at Honolulu before she returns to Ballinger, Texas, in September or October, 1939, will make appropriate notation for the Dallas Field Office to interview her upon her return to Ballinger.

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3. The company is hereby made the agent of the sender, without liability, to forward this message over the lines of any other company when necessary to reach its destination.
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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.
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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 30 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:

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OKLAHOMA CITY	6-17-39	5-27 to 6-10, 14-1939	F. S. SMITH
Title			Character of Case
RALPH ROE with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.			ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

EPHRIAM HARRIS, MARIE TURPIN and BLACKIE McGuire advise ROE has been in contact with Informant 13 since escape. Informant 14 reports ROE in Oklahoma City on 6-5-39 but same not verified. She also alleges ROE at her place twice but that Informant 13 contacted ROE through FRANKIE NIGRO, Kansas City. FRANK JACKSON claims to have seen ROE at Seminole 6-5-39 and advised that Informant R is in contact with ROE. No further information developed through PAT HARRIS, A. L. JOHNSON or PAUL DENTON. One LOFTIS, Wowoka, Okla. alleged to possess information regarding ROE but efforts to locate him have been unsuccessful.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 6-2-39; Bureau letters dated June 1st and 7th, 1939.

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DETAILS:

The following is the investigation of Special Agents F. S. SMITH and RALPH T. HOOD at Seminole, Oklahoma.

Mr. JAKE SIMS, Chief of Police, informed Agents that he had received information through MELVIN GRAHAM and one KELLY, colored policemen, that one EPHRIAM HARRIS, who formerly was employed at the New Derrick Hotel as a porter, had informed them that he saw a man who he thought was RALPH ROE, at the Derrick Hotel.

EPHRIAM HARRIS was interviewed by Agents in the presence of Chief of Police JAKE SIMS at which time he stated he worked at the New Derrick Hotel for Mrs. VIRGINIA MAYES and was working during December, 1938 and January, 1939. He further advised that one night while so employed, about 1:30 A.M. he saw one BEN COZAR (phonetic spelling) and another man sitting in a black automobile which HARRIS thought was a Ford V-8, in front of the hotel. After sitting in this car for a short while COZAR got out of the car and came in the hotel, inquiring for Informant 13 who was rooming at the hotel at that time. Informant 13 was not at the hotel so COZAR requested that HARRIS call Informant 13 at PAUL DENTON'S place and immediately thereafter Informant 13 came to the hotel and talked with COZAR in the alley near the hotel. The man sitting in the car had remained therein. After talking with COZAR for a short period of time, Informant 13 proceeded to his room whereupon COZAR went back to the car, talked to the occupant and then followed by the other occupant of this car, COZAR re-entered the hotel and went up the stairs to Informant 13's room. HARRIS further advised he was paying attention to COZAR and the other stranger particularly, to see if they stayed with Informant 13 overnight as he was required to charge those individuals room rent. Afterwards Informant 13 had HARRIS get some whisky but upon delivering this whisky, Informant 13 received same at the door and did not allow HARRIS to enter the room as usual, on such deliveries. About 4:30 A.M. HARRIS went to his home for breakfast and returned to the hotel about 5:30 A.M. He was of the opinion that COZAR and the stranger must have departed during that time as he did not see them again.

Agents exhibited photographs of numerous individuals to HARRIS, including photographs of ROE and he immediately selected the photograph of ROE as being the individual who was with COZAR on the above occasion. However, he stated that he could be mistaken as he had never seen the individual before or after this one occasion. He described this man as being very well dressed, wearing blue suit and a brown snap-brim hat pulled down over his eyes, and he recalled that he was smooth shaven. He further advised that the man was approximately 6' 1" or 2" in height, and would weigh 180 or 190 pounds.

HARRIS further advised he had known BEN COZAR before as COZAR was friendly with Informant 13 and had visited him in his room. He was of the opinion that COZAR resided at Ardmore, Oklahoma.

HARRIS was questioned at length concerning any stranger visiting or contacting Informant 13, answering the description of ROE and also wearing a mustache, in view of the information developed herein that the individual thought to be ROE was wearing a mustache during the time he was in Seminole. Although HARRIS stated that a lot of strangers visited Informant 13, he could not recall ever seeing him with a man wearing a small mustache and further stated that the individual above referred-to wore no mustache as he recalled.

While talking to ACE FOLEY, Deputy Sheriff and Jailer, Wewoka, Oklahoma, he advised that a night or two preceding, he was talking with MARIE TURPIN formerly MARIE HARTE, about PAT HARRIS, PAUL DENTON and Informant 13 and during the conversation she mentioned she saw RALPH ROE at Seminole and Ada, Oklahoma. FOLEY stated he had always doubted that ROE and COLE were successful in their escape and he did not make any inquiry of MARIE TURPIN concerning this phase of her story.

FOLEY further advised that a month or two before, one RAYMOND "COTTON" FARRELL, a juvenile, 15 or 16 years of age, was in jail at Wewoka on charges of burglary and while in jail he advised FOLEY that he saw RALPH ROE in Seminole. FOLEY thought FARRELL was lying and was merely trying to get out of his difficulties, and did not question him further. However, a few days later Mr. ROACH, County Judge and Juvenile Officer, informed FOLEY that he had talked with FARRELL who advised him he saw RALPH ROE at PAT HARRIS' place in Seminole. ROACH stated he believed FARRELL'S story and considered giving him some relief in an effort to obtain his cooperation but FARRELL was later sent to the State Training School for Boys at Pauls Valley, Oklahoma where he is now confined.

FOLEY and JAKE SIMS, who was present, advised Agents that FARRELL had been in a lot of trouble, his parents being divorced, but that he is usually close-mouthed. SIMS stated he had used him as an informant on one or two cases and found him generally reliable although he stated that FARRELL was a petty thief. FOLEY also advised that while FARRELL was in jail, DEE FREEMAN, husband of BILLIE BROWN FREEMAN, tried to contact FARRELL in jail without success.

Agents were advised by JAKE SIMS that one WALLACE WALKER, an ex-officer, 529 Russell Street, Seminole, had furnished him some information of which he was skeptical in that he had no particular confidence in WALKER. However, he stated that WALKER bore a fairly good reputation and SIMS suggested that Agents talk with WALKER.

SIMS brought WALLACE WALKER to Agent SMITH to whom WALKER stated that he on an occasion, the date forgotten, but sometime in the early part of 1939, was sitting across the street from the New Dorrick Hotel at the office of a Justice of the Peace; that he observed Informant 13 and a stranger come out of the hotel, and cross the street, the stranger being a man answering in every particular to the description of ROE. He

stated the stranger was wearing a short, stubby mustache and that they disappeared. He stated he has since seen a photograph of RALPH ROE and he is reasonably positive that the stranger with Informant 13 on that occasion was Subject ROE.

Subsequently WALKER advised Agent SMITH that one BLACKIE McGUIRE had related a story to him which he desired Agent SMITH to hear. Through WALKER contact was made with McGUIRE by Agent SMITH. BLACKIE McGUIRE stated that sometime in the early part of January, 1939 he went to the Dorrick Hotel to make contact with Informant 13; that in passing through the lobby he observed a man, well dressed, sitting in the east side of the lobby with his hat pulled down over his face, reading a paper. He stated he proceeded to the room of Informant 13 and met the latter; that Informant 13 stated he had to be gone about an hour and had a party waiting for him. He stated he followed Informant 13 down in the lobby of the hotel where 13 made connection with the stranger above-referred to and the two left the hotel together. BLACKIE stated that recently he was shown the photograph of RALPH ROE by JAKE SIMS, Chief of Police and while he did not tell JAKE SIMS what he had seen, that he readily recognized the photograph of ROE as being one and the same person as the party above mentioned, and that there is no question in his mind but that he is the person he saw with Informant 13. He stated he had been "jobbed" in Seminole and therefore did not feel inclined to place confidence in JAKE SIMS; that he had explicit confidence in WALLACE WALKER and for that reason he was relating the facts above set out. He further added that he was in close touch with the underworld and that in the event he again observed this stranger who he thought to be RALPH ROE, that he will immediately advise Mr. WALKER, and through Mr. WALKER the Bureau will be advised. BLACKIE is a known underworld connection, unreliable and a petty thief and has been in trouble for many years. He has a brother who is also located at Seminole and who is an underworld character of bad reputation.

Concerning Informant 14, Agents conferred with Special Agent in Charge H. B. FLETCHER and it was decided that better cooperation could be received from her by having her deal directly with Special Agent in Charge FLETCHER. Therefore Agent SMITH made contact with Informant 14 on June 1, 1939 and presented this matter of contact. She readily agreed to the manner of handling the matter, stating it might be better to deal with one person rather than several. At this interview Agent SMITH pressed Informant 14 for a direct answer as to whether she actually knew that ROE was on the ground to which she replied that she was sure he was on the ground. She was asked by Agent SMITH if she had seen ROE but she did not commit herself to a direct reply to this question.

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Confidential Informant 14 was contacted by Special Agent in Charge H. B. FLETCHER and she advised concerning the presence of RALPH ROE in the Seminole, Oklahoma vicinity in January and February, as follows:

She stated that two days prior to the time she was first contacted by Agents of the Oklahoma City Office, accompanied by JAKE SIMS, Chief of Police at Seminole, Oklahoma, an unknown individual had stopped by her place stating he was just out of Leavenworth Penitentiary; that TANG HALL had told him to stop and ask her if she had been questioned. She asked this individual about what and he said that's all he was told to ask - "Have you been questioned?". She told him she had not been questioned and this individual told her TANG HALL said she would be questioned and that two days later Agents HOOD and SMITH, accompanied by JAKE SIMS, had contacted her and questioned her concerning the presence of RALPH ROE at her place with TANG HALL.

She stated that TANG HALL had been brought to her place at the instance of JAKE SIMS after he had been released from Leavenworth Penitentiary on parole; that she had taken care of him for several days and he assisted by helping clean up around the premises; that one of her best friends called and advised her that her reputation would be ruined with TANG HALL hanging around and suggested to her that she get rid of him. She took the matter up with TANG HALL and he said he would leave; that he realized his presence would do her no good; that her friend had also talked to TANG HALL and told him to get away or he would have his parole revoked; that TANG HALL had actually left and had not bothered her. She stated when TANG HALL had been arrested for parole violation the United States Marshal had stopped by her place with him momentarily and she noticed he was crying and asked TANG HALL what was the matter and in that way ascertained he had been arrested and was being returned to the penitentiary for parole violation. She stated HALL had indirectly blamed her for the fact his parole had been revoked, stating he could not understand why it had been revoked when he had not returned to her place in accord with his promise. She stated this was true. She contacted her friend and asked him if he had caused the parole revocation and he had said "no" and she sincerely believed he told the truth; that she believed she had sufficient information in her possession to satisfy herself that the parole revocation was declared through the activity of JAKE SIMS, and she does not know his reason for it.

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In this connection she advised JAKE SIMS, his wife, TANG HALL and GRACE CUNNINGHAM, the former wife of TANG HALL, were very close friends at one time and that she could not understand why JAKE SIMS would be now working against TANG HALL. She did advise, however, that TANG HALL had not trusted JAKE SIMS when he was last living at Seminole, Oklahoma and had avoided him when possible.

She stated that the individual identified as RALPH ROE was at her place twice, once when Deputy United States Marshal ALLEN STANFIELD had called and the individual ran out of the door and hid in the shrubbery, and the second time was three days later when he drove in again with TANG HALL in a large new Buick Sedan; that TANG HALL was driving the automobile but she knew he did not own it. She stated the individual identified as ROE was very well dressed, had a mustache which made him somewhat distinguished looking. It is noted that this informant would not admit knowing the identity of RALPH ROE on the occasion of these two visits and she has never identified a photograph of ROE as being identical with the individual accompanying TANG HALL. However, everything this particular informant has to state is to the effect that RALPH ROE has made good his escape and her conversation does not assume any other aspect. She stated that RALPH ROE when he was well dressed would favor the Alcatraz picture, and in normal attire he favors the McAlister picture, copies of which are available in all field offices.

She stated that TANG HALL had informed her that 48 hours after he was out of Leavenworth on his parole he had been in contact with RALPH ROE and firmly indicated this contact was effected through FRANKIE NIGRO, 72nd and Prospect, Kansas City, Missouri. She furnished to this Agent a piece of paper reading as follows:

" 72nd Prospect, Frankie Nigro

Call me if you care to 1389

Good friends of

"

It is not known whether the number refers to a telephone number but it is assumed it is a telephone number less the exchange prefix. She stated further ROE and HALL had gone to Galveston, Texas and secured a load of dope which had been delivered by airplane and that this narcotic traffic by airplane was well known to a Texas Ranger who was being paid off. She knew also ROE and HALL had made trips to Fort Worth, Dallas and Kansas City and that they had been on a party at Oklahoma City, which included

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the girls BILLIE BROWN alias BILLIE FREEMAN and GRACE CUNNINGHAM, and another party was held at Wowoka, Oklahoma, consisting of ROE, HALL and a girl she identified as DOPEY MARIE and a woman who runs or operates the Main Rooms located over a cafe at Wowoka. She stated DOPEY MARIE was a narcotic addict and peddler and was associated with TANG HALL as a result of this activity. She further advised this girl could be located either at McAlester or Henryetta, Oklahoma; that she plays around those two towns and vicinity. She further advised very confidentially that ACE FOLEY, the jailer at Wowoka, Oklahoma, was also in the party with ROE, HALL and MARIE; that ACE FOLEY is an exconvict out of McAlester, Oklahoma. She advised under no circumstances did she desire that ACE FOLEY be contacted by any Agent or that in any way information come to his attention to the effect that he might be involved in this matter. In this connection it is believed informant hopes to contact FOLEY for information. She advised that she believed Agents could secure information from DOPEY MARIE and the woman who operates the Main Rooms.

She stated that judging from what TANG HALL told her he undoubtedly contacted ROE through the Kansas City address and that ROE had a contact at Shawnee, Oklahoma, unknown to her, and that ROE had stayed overnight at Shawnee, Oklahoma with this particular contact. She stated it was possible the contact at Shawnee, Oklahoma was ROLLIE PHILLIPS, an exconvict from McAlester, Oklahoma. She could not imagine any other contact for ROE at Shawnee unless it was an individual by the name of EVANS, a former Sheriff at Shawnee who dealt in narcotics in a wholesale way, though she did not believe ROE would ever be in contact with EVANS.

She stated further that HALL had informed her that ROE had stayed five days with HAZEL UNDERHILL in Texas and had also stayed several days with PAUL DENTON and his wife. She stated further that ROE must have some contact at Ada, Oklahoma and she also believed he stayed several days at the home of TANG HALL'S brother at St. Louis, Oklahoma. She stated ROE also had a good contact at Fort Worth, Texas but would furnish no information as to this contact.

She stated she really believed RALPH ROE was either hiding at Kansas City, Missouri or New Orleans, Louisiana, or in the immediate vicinity of New Orleans; that undoubtedly his contact in the vicinity of New Orleans is a sister of EVA MAY, the girl who was killed at the time ROE was apprehended with WILBUR UNDERHILL; that

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this girl believes her sister was killed without cause and that ROE has been unjustly convicted and abused, and the girl is also in love with ROE.

X She stated other possible contacts would be CLARENCE NEAL and JOHN BLEW, of the 66 Club at Bartlesville, Oklahoma, those individuals being engaged in narcotics. It is also possible ROE and HALL had contacted MICKEY CAREY at the Rollins Night Club, Joplin, Missouri. She stated if they went to Muskogee, Oklahoma, they probably contacted MABEL BUSH, dope peddler and head of the narcotic traffic in that section. She stated, however, that she had no information they had actually gone to Muskogee, Oklahoma.

She stated further that HALL had told her ROE had received outside help so far as money was concerned to make the break from Alcatraz; that ROE and COLE were reported to have been picked up by a boat; that they separated and went different ways at the Golden Gate, San Francisco, California and that she has never heard anything of COLE other than this information..

She stated at this time the best lead she could give as to the present whereabouts of ROE would be to begin at 72nd and Prospect, Kansas City, Missouri, or through the sister of EVA MAY residing at New Orleans, Louisiana..

For the information of offices receiving copies of this report, informant 14 is cooperating and working with Agents of this Bureau and if her identity has become known to Agents handling this investigation through reports received in this matter under no circumstances should her identity be disclosed to anyone.

On June 5, 1939 Informant 14 contacted Special Agent in Charge H. B. FLETCHER at which time she advised him that she had contacted GEORGE TAYLOR who operates a night club on South May Avenue in Oklahoma City and that he informed her that he had been contacted by RALPH ROE at 4:00 A.M. on that date, but that he did not know where ROE had gone. Informant 14 believed that ROE was in Oklahoma City at this time. She stated she told TAYLOR that the Federal men were jumping on her and making it hot for her, and were after ROE closely and that she wanted to protect him and help him get away, but that she was unable to obtain any additional information from TAYLOR. However, Mrs. TAYLOR informed her that she had known that ROE was out for some time. She further stated she mentioned to TAYLOR that Informant 13 had advised her that he and ROE were on a party at GEORGE TAYLOR'S place whereupon TAYLOR informed her that the party did not take place at his establishment, but that they went to Anadarko.

In an effort to determine if ROE was in Oklahoma City at this time, contact was had with various individuals who should be in a position to know if same is true, and the following investigation was conducted by Special Agents D. A. BRYCE and C. O. HURT.

On the night of June 5, 1939 BOB WATSON, 1025 West Washington Street, who is known to have been very friendly with RALPH ROE at one time, was interviewed and stated that he has not heard anything from ROE since the time ROE attempted to escape; that since that time BUSTER BARRETT and numerous other persons formerly associated with and acquainted with ROE have been to his house and he has discussed with them on many occasions the attempted escape of ROE and it is the consensus of opinion among these people that both ROE and COLE were drowned in their attempt to escape.

It might be mentioned here that BOB WATSON is an old-time bootlegger, and is known to have harbored numerous criminals in Oklahoma; that after the penitentiary break in Kansas at the time WILBUR UNDERHILL, HARVE BAILEY, BOB BRADY and JIM CLARK escaped, they came directly to BOB WATSON'S place in Capitol Hill, where WATSON took care of them and afforded medical aid and attention to HARVE BAILEY, who was wounded in the leg at that time. WATSON took care of these people until BAILEY recuperated and the gang was reorganized.

WATSON is very friendly with both Agents who interviewed him and he promised he would notify these Agents in the event he heard anything at all concerning ROE.

On June 7, 1939 these same Agents contacted CHARLES PATTERSON, ex-convict and bank robber, who is well acquainted with both ROE and COLE. PATTERSON stated that he served time with ROE and COLE in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary and was rather close to ROE but had no use for COLE. He advised that in the event ROE had been successful in escaping

from Alcatraz, he undoubtedly would have contacted him, PATTERSON. PATTERSON said that soon after ROE and COLE made their break from Alcatraz, there was considerable talk among a certain class of people relative to them; that none of these people seemed to know whether or not ROE and COLE were successful in their escape; that since that time he has had occasion to contact various people and has on several occasions discussed this case with them and none of the people with whom he has talked believe that ROE and COLE were successful in their escape.

PATTERSON agreed to telephonically communicate with these Agents in the event he heard anything in connection with ROE or COLE.

Surveillance was conducted by Agents HURT, BRYCE, HOOD and Special Agent in Charge FLETCHER at GEORGE TAYLOR'S place, as well as the residence of GRACE CUNNINGHAM, known to be a close friend of RALPH ROE and a former wife of Informant 13, with negative results.

It will be noted that the contacts above-mentioned were immediately made on the basis of the information furnished by this informant, and they both stated that ROE, to their knowledge, was not out and that they believed him dead. These informants are deemed very reliable by the Agents and it is known that they are known contacts and close friends of ROE and it would appear that of all people in Oklahoma City having information concerning ROE, these two informants would have such information.

On June 8, 1939 Special Agent in Charge H. B. FLETCHER contacted Informant 14 at which time she advised she had no additional information other than she heard that ROE was in Seminole in the past two weeks and was partying with a girl by the name of PEARL and had stayed overnight at the Worth Hotel, Seminole. She could not advise what license was on the automobile.

She further informed she contacted W. M. (BILL) HALL in Asher, Oklahoma, together with his wife and they were unable to give any additional information other than there was a man there with Informant 13; he had not stayed at their home, and Mrs. HALL gave RUEY a photograph which she stated was either that of EVA MAY or her younger sister in Louisiana. It is noted that this photograph was made on an automatic photo-taking machine and bears an address in Missouri on a highway intersection.

She stated she had planned to go to Fort Worth but she didn't have funds and did not believe it would be of value to presently go. She was told to keep in contact with either Agents HURT, SMITH or HOOD. If she deemed it advisable, thinking she could get information at Fort Worth, she could contact them and they would furnish her necessary funds. She said if she got any information she would contact these Agents and that she would come to Oklahoma City to report.

She was informed that other contacts known to this office and other offices working on this case had not resulted in any information at all reflecting ROE was out and this did not seem to be consistent with the information she was furnishing. She stated she couldn't understand it

but she was sincere in stating that RALPH ROE had made good his escape.

Inquiries will be made at Seminole in an effort to definitely identify the individual whose photograph was furnished to Special Agent in Charge FLETCHER by Informant 14.

Contact has been maintained with Informant 14 with negative results. Contact will be maintained with her in the future.

Reference is made to information previously furnished by JAKE SIMS as to MARIE HARTE. It will be noted that efforts have been made to contact her without results. On June 7, 1939 JAKE SIMS informed that MARIE HARTE, whose correct name he had determined to be MARIE TURPIN, also known by the alias of "DOPEY-MARIE", had returned to Seminole and was residing at the Derrick Hotel. Contact was made with MARIE TURPIN by Agent SMITH and she was questioned in the presence of JAKE SIMS. She stated that on a date forgotten, just prior to Christmas, that she was at the home of PAUL DENTON and there observed PAUL DENTON lying across the bed in an intoxicated condition. She stated several others were present, among whom were GEORGE FRANKS, BODIE DENTON, wife of PAUL, Informant 13 and a man whose name she did not recall but who she understood was connected with a supply company; that all of them were drinking. She stated there was also present a man who in every way answered to the description of RALPH ROE, wearing a mustache; that subsequently in the early part of January, 1939 she again saw this man who resembled ROE, sitting in the lobby of the Derrick Hotel; that VIRGINIA MAYES, proprietor of the Derrick Hotel, asked her who this stranger was, stating that he was stopping at the hotel with a blonde woman, and as she recalled, occupied Room 5, remaining two or three days. She said she next saw this man, thought to be ROE, about four weeks ago at Ada, Oklahoma, passing through the lobby of the Harris Hotel; that she readily recognized him as the same person she had seen at PAUL DENTON'S place and spoke to him as he passed. She stated she did not know whether this man was registered at the Harris Hotel at that time. Subsequently Agent HOOD questioned this woman, at which time she advised substantially as she had to Agent SMITH in connection with seeing a man whose photograph she had identified as that of RALPH ROE at PAUL DENTON'S place and at the Harris Hotel in Ada. However, she stated she was not sure that the man she saw at Ada in the hotel lobby was ROE, admitting she had been influenced by the information previously furnished by VIRGINIA MAYES in connection therewith. She stated she had previously furnished all the information above related to JAKE SIMS, Chief of Police.

In view of the information furnished by Informant 14, she was accused of having been on a party with Informant 13, ROE and an unidentified woman, whereupon she emphatically denied she had been on same. She was also questioned concerning statements made by RAYMOND "COTTON" FARRELL whereupon she said that she saw a man who she identified as RALPH ROE with PAUL DENTON and Informant 13 at the Derrick Hotel. She stated on one occasion she was with 13 and PAUL DENTON and a woman whose name she was unable to furnish, but whose first name was MARIE, and that FARRELL came to the room to talk to PAUL but that PAUL went out in the hall

and stated he talked to FARRELL about buying some whisky.

In view of the apparent discrepancy in her statement to Agent HURT and Agent SMITH, MARIE HARTE was again questioned whereupon she stated she could not be positive that the man she saw at the Derrick Hotel was identical with the man she saw at PAUL DENTON'S place and the Harris Hotel. She further advised she thought she would be able to definitely determine the date she saw this individual at the Harris Hotel by writing to a salesman with whom she had been on a party. She would not furnish the identity of this salesman. She also stated she would furnish any information she might receive to JAKE SIMS, Chief of Police and she was of the opinion that she might have something to relate to him within the near future. Close contact will be maintained with this individual.

WALLACE WALKER was recontacted and advised he had talked with one YODER, an uncle of a man named YODER, an underworld connection who is known in and around Seminole, but who at present is away from there; that YODER stated to him that he had practically raised a sister of LENA STEWART, who is also a sister of the woman who was with ROE and was killed at the time of the apprehension of WILBUR UNDERHILL. He stated that YODER told him that his nephew had been in Old Mexico but had obtained no information in that country concerning ROE and COLE; however that young YODER mentioned ROE having made a present of a wristwatch to the sister of LENA STEWART, this girl being about 16 years of age. He had no information as to the date this watch was presented, stating this girl is now residing in the state of Louisiana. On a subsequent date Agent again contacted WALKER, who had promised to obtain the location of LENA STEWART'S sister in Louisiana. He advised he had ascertained through YODER that the watch above-referred to was presented to this girl when she was a mere child, by RALPH ROE.

JAKE SIMS advised that Informant 14 recently came to him and stated that she had some information that she had never divulged which she obtained from Informant 13; that in talking with 13 on one occasion concerning RALPH ROE, Informant 13 drew a diagram on a paper, showing how ROE escaped from Alcatraz, stating that he "made it" to a pier and thereafter, biding his time, went from one pier to another until he was finally successful in getting away. JAKE SIMS informed Agent that Informant 14 had divulged this information to Agents. Informant 14 has never been questioned in this connection.

On June 7, 1939 Agents were advised by JAKE SIMS that FRANK JACKSON, former peace officer who is closely associated with Informant R, told him that Informant R had furnished him some information concerning ROE and suggested that Agents again talk with Informant R. At Agents' suggestion FRANK JACKSON was brought into contact by JAKE SIMS with Agent SMITH, to whom he related the following.

JACKSON stated he personally knows Informant R who appears to be infatuated with him; that recently she related a story to him, after swearing him to secrecy, to the effect that she had been with RALPH

ROE near Tahlequah, Oklahoma at the home of an Indian family, friends of ROE, where ROE had been spending some time. She stated however that she didn't want JAKE SIMS to know her connection with ROE; that while she likes SIMS, if he obtained this information he would immediately have her questioned by Agents and for this reason she wanted her information kept secret. JACKSON stated that Informant R is the type of character with whom he did not want to be seen in company; however that she persistently endeavors to be in his presence and have him associate with her. He stated that after relating her story to him about seeing ROE she subsequently wanted him to drive her to Tahlequah, Oklahoma, stating that she would introduce him to ROE. He said he told her he was not in a position to make the trip. She told him she mentioned him to RALPH ROE, stating she wanted him to meet ROE; that ROE had remarked that he had better not bring her over there; that regardless of how good a friend he was to her, he could not take a chance of killing her or her friends in the event something went wrong. JACKSON stated that Informant R further advised him that ROE has a brother in west Texas near the New Mexico border, who he had visited; that he also had a woman friend living about 25 miles from Corpus Christi, Texas named HAZEL UNDERHILL, who he had visited.

JACKSON stated on the evening of June 5, 1939 he met a girl employed in a cafe; that she asked him to take her home when she got off at 6:00 P.M.; that he parked his car about one block away and sat in the car and waited for her; that while there Informant R subsequently appeared from around the corner and as she passed the car she observed him. He stated she came close to the car and appeared to be excited and remarked to him that she was in trouble and asked that he drive a way with her. She stated she had something important to tell him. He stated he explained he was waiting to drive a girl home and that when the girl came out, the three of them drove to the girl's home; that he returned with Informant R to the main part of town and on the return ride she told him that the matter she wanted to discuss with him concerned RALPH ROE. He further stated she had to go to a certain place and that she would meet him, JACKSON, at 10:00 P.M. and for him not to fail her as she needed his advice; that she would tell him about it when they met. He stated she left the car, went down a side street and that his curiosity became aroused and he drove around the block and observed her going into a certain place; that soon after she disappeared he noticed two men go toward this place where Informant R had entered.

He stated that one of the two men was 6 feet tall, weighed 175 pounds, had a small mustache and wore khaki pants, brown shirt and light hat. The other was a much smaller man and they appeared to be in deep conversation and did not raise their hats. He stated that before they reached the entrance of this place Informant R went out and immediately went back in, followed by these two men. JACKSON stated that in his

opinion the tall man was RALPH ROE and that they made contact with Informant R at that place. He stated that prior to this occurrence he had kept secret all information furnished him by Informant R, due to the fact that he felt if he divulged it to JAKE SIMS, Chief of Police that JAKE SIMS would cause contact to be made with Informant R, which he realized would tip his hand and probably cause Informant R to withhold any future information in this connection; that the appearance of the tall man who he thought to be ROE and his connection with Informant R came up so suddenly that he did not know how to handle the situation. However, he stated he felt the matter had reached the stage where he should take some action and that he talked to JAKE SIMS and related in part to him the information he had obtained from Informant R, however he did not relate to SIMS the incident of having seen the tall man's contact with Informant R. He stated he was ambitious and that he had confidence in information furnished by Informant R and that he would like to participate in the development of the case and would closely work in connection with Agents. He was advised by Agent SMITH that the Bureau offered no rewards in connection with this case however that they would pay well for information which would lead to the apprehension of Subjects ROE and COLE. He also was advised that the only way anyone could expect to receive any compensation from the Bureau would be for information furnished to the Bureau which would enable Agents to apprehend Subjects of this case. JACKSON stated Informant R did not meet him on the night of June 5, 1939 as she promised and that she has disappeared from Seminole and in his opinion she probably left with the man she contacted that night. He stated that he knew on her return he would see her and he would immediately endeavor to obtain all information possible from her. He stated he would prefer to make contact with Agents in confidence in the future and that on receipt of any information he might be able to obtain, he would communicate with Agents and meet them on the highway somewhere between Oklahoma City and Seminole; that it was not his desire to run around JAKE SIMS, who was his friend, however that he would prefer the meetings to be handled in confidence so far as his connection is concerned. He was furnished the telephone number of the Oklahoma City Office and also the telephone number of Agent SMITH'S residence.

Investigation has been conducted at Seminole and various persons have been contacted in an effort to determine the present whereabouts of Mrs. DEE (BILLIE) FREEMAN, formerly BILLIE BROWN. A definite address has not been ascertained but it is thought that she is either at St. Elmo or Centralia, Illinois where her husband is employed in the oil fields. It is thought that a definite address for BILLIE FREEMAN will be obtained.

RAYMOND (COTTON) FARRELL, inmate of the State Training School for Boys at Pauls Valley, Oklahoma was interviewed at that institution, at which time he stated that during the first part of 1939 he resided in the vicinity of Seminole and that he, with two other boys, had been stealing whisky in large amounts from the bootleggers; that

on one occasion he and his companions stole 20 cases of whisky from a bootlegger and in an effort to dispose of the whisky he went to the room of PAUL DENTON at the Derrick Hotel at Seminole to try to sell him this whisky. Upon arriving at the room he discovered the door to be open and while remaining at the door for a few minutes without revealing his presence, he heard Informant 13 mention the name of RALPH ROE several times, further mentioning that ROE had been in Seminole the preceding night. When FARRELL walked into the room no further mention was made of ROE but they did continue talking about an individual who they called RALPH and he heard Informant 13 againststate that RALPH had been inSeminole onthe preceding night; that he, Informant 13, gave RALPH part of \$60.00 that he, 13 had received for putting him on the spot. FARRELL stated that a woman who he thought was MARIE HARTE was in the room as well as an individual whose identity he did not know but who he thought was a bootlegger working on an alley in Seminole. He also related that PAUL DENTON had apparently passed out on the bed. He denied that DEE FREEMAN had tried to talk with him while he, FARRELL was in jail at Wewoka.

In an effort to determine if FARRELL'S statements were true, numerous bootloggers who could answer to the description furnished by FARRELL were questioned without developing any information.

Mr. JAKE SIMS informed Agents that he had been talking with one LOFTIS, formerly a constable at Wewoka, Oklahoma who had a close contact with members of the underworld in that vicinity; that LOFTIS told him that ROE and a woman named PEARL had been in that vicinity during the past few days and that he, LOFTIS, was of the opinion that he could definitely learn the identity of the woman who had disappeared, as well as information concerning ROE'S probable whereabouts.

Attempts were made on several occasions to locate and interview LOFTIS with negative results as he was traveling in various parts of Oklahoma. However, contact will be made with LOFTIS upon his return home, in connection with this matter.

While Agents were in Wewoka, contact was made with JOE CONNOR who was previously contacted and mentioned seeing ROE in company with a woman and two children at Wewoka in the early part of 1939, and also with reference to the connection with ROE in Hot Springs, Arkansas at the time when his stepson, DAVE CONNOR, who had been an inmate at the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, was closely associated with ROE. JOE CONNOR advised he had obtained no information since he was last interviewed but stated that his son, DAVE, has returned from Leavenworth and is now at Wewoka. He stated he had approached his stepson concerning ROE, figuring that he might be able to get some information from him; that DAVE was reluctant to discuss ROE; that he, JOE, related to DAVE the information he had furnished this Bureau concerning his having seen ROE at Wewoka; that DAVE told him he was wrong; that he had not seen ROE; that ROE went down and did not escape. He stated every time he

mentioned ROE to DAVE CONNOR, the latter would say that ROE was dead and did not make his escape and would change the subject. JOE CONNOR stated that DAVE'S attitude in this connection was very suspicious but that he would continue to endeavor to obtain some information from him.

Further contact was had with PAD HARRIS and A. L. JOHNSON in connection with this matter, with negative results. They stated they did not have any information other than that previously furnished to Agents.

PAUL DENTON, inmate of the City-Federal Jail at Muskogee, Oklahoma was again contacted by Agents at which time he stated he did not have any information in connection with ROE which he had not previously furnished. He stated that in his opinion ROE did not make a successful escape. He also stated that he possessed no information regarding the identity of the tall man with the mustache referred to by various individuals at Seminole, and that he did not recollect ever seeing such a man with any of the underworld at Seminole. He again advised if he should be convicted on charges on which he is being held, and if he is sent to Leavenworth, he will try to make contact with Informant 13 in an effort to develop information.

He was questioned regarding BEN COZAR and stated that he did not know BEN by name but that one "GENERAL" COZAR, formerly associated with criminals in Seminole. He was of the opinion that GENERAL COZAR lived in the vicinity of Atoka, Oklahoma. He did state that he recalls this man COZAR coming to Seminole on one occasion at which time he was driven there by a taxi-cab driver, whose name he does not recall, and that he never saw him connected with Informant 13 at any other time. He requested the address of Agent SMITH in order that he could communicate with him in the event he obtained information at Leavenworth on his arrival there. He stated that if he went to Leavenworth, he would be placed in a detention cell for a 30 day period and would have no opportunity to make contact with Informant 13, but that at the first chance, he would approach him discreetly and if he learned anything of interest he would communicate same to Agent SMITH.

CLIFF KIERSEY, Seminole Police Department, informed Agents that BEN COZAR formerly worked for BENNIE SETTLES in connection with a saloon and rooming house at Seminole. He was of the opinion that COZAR was located in the vicinity of Ardmore. It will be noted that RUEL FRANK furnished the name of BENNIE SETTLES as a good contact for subject RALPH ROE.

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated June 1, 1939 suggesting certain investigation in connection with this investigation and requesting that the Kansas City Office immediately conduct investigation regarding FRANKIE NIGRO. Assistant Director E. A. TAMM was contacted by telephone concerning the instructions contained in that letter and Mr. TAMM

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instructed that no inquiry should presently be made at Kansas City concerning the probable associates of ROE and NISRO pending the development of inquiries being made by Informant 14. The Kansas City Office was immediately advised by telephone to this effect.

The Bureau also advised by Laboratory report dated June 7, 1939 that as a result of the comparison of the handwriting appearing on the registration sheets of the New Derrick Hotel with the known handwriting of ROE, it had been concluded that ROE did not write the questioned registrations. These registration sheets are being returned to Mrs. VIRGINIA MAYES.

On June 14, 1939 JAKE SIMS, Chief of Police, Seminole, telephonically advised Agent SMITH that Informant 14 returned on that date from Fort Worth, Texas where she had been in connection with this matter.

Leads are not being set forth for auxiliary offices in connection with this matter pending contact with Informant 14 regarding her trip, in an effort to determine the present whereabouts of ROE. She will be contacted, immediately after which leads will be set forth for offices. This office will also maintain close contact with all sources of information and contacts in this vicinity in an effort to determine the present whereabouts of ROE.

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June 27, 1939

Special Agent in Charge
El Paso, Texas

Re: ROCOL

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated May 3, 1939, addressed to Mr. C. H. S. McClendon, Box 998, Jal, New Mexico, advising him that an Agent from your office would contact him in the near future concerning information which he purports to have relative to the escape of the Subjects in this case.

The Bureau file fails to reflect that the desired interview has been had and it is, therefore, requested that you afford this matter prompt attention.

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
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LAST CONCERNING INFORMATION FURNISHED BY FRANK JACKSON REGARDING

INFORMANT R. ON JUNE SEVENTH JACKSON ADVISED INFORMANT R TOLD HIM

SUBJECTS ROE AND COLE AT SEMINOLE NIGHT OF JUNE FIFTH, BECAME

SUSPICIOUS OF MOVEMENTS OF LOCAL OFFICERS AND LEFT DRIVING GREEN

PONTIAC SEDAN. ALLEGES R DISAPPEARED AND GONE FIVE DAYS AND ON

RETURN INDICATED SHE HAD BEEN WITH SUBJECTS. JACKSON ADVISES THAT

ON JUNE EIGHTEENTH INFORMANT R ADVISED HIM SHE HAD RECEIVED MESSAGE

FROM ROE IN CALIFORNIA ADVISING THEY WOULD BE IN SEMINOLE OKLAHOMA

SUNDAY NIGHT. SHE STATED THEY WOULD BE DRIVING A GREEN PONTIAC SEDAN

AND ACCOMPANIED BY A WOMAN. HER CONDUCT INDICATED SHE WAS EXCITED

AND FEARFUL, TELLING JACKSON THIS CONNECTION WOULD RESULT IN HER

MURDER OR PLACE HER IN PENITENTIARY. JACKSON OBSERVED GREEN

PONTIAC SEDAN PARKED NEAR RS HOME THAT NIGHT. CAR AND R ~~DISAPPEARED~~ DISAPPEARED

FROM SEMINOLE NIGHT OF EIGHTEENTH. RS DAUGHTER ALLEGED TO HAVE INFORMED

JACKSON ON TWO OCCASIONS THAT R HAD TELEPHONED AND REQUESTED HIM TO

STAND BY FOR IMPORTANT MESSAGE. JACKSON ADVISES THAT AT ELEVEN THIRTY

AM. TODAY HE RECEIVED TELEPHONE MESSAGE FROM R AT OKLAHOMA CITY, SAYING

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THAT SHE WAS GOING TO CHICAGO BY BUS FROM TULSA TEN AM TOMORROW AND SHE WOULD BE AT SEMINOLE AT THREE OR FOUR AM TOMORROW. SHE REQUESTED THAT HE TAKE HER TO TULSA IN HIS CAR FROM SEMINOLE, LEAVING SEMINOLE AT SEVEN AM AND ARRIVING AT TULSA BEFORE ~~TEN~~ TEN AM. SHE STATED SHE PLANNED TO TAKE DAUGHTER, TWELVE OR THIRTEEN YEARS OF AGE, TO SOME PLACE IN ILLINOIS, NAME NOT GIVEN, ON HER WAY TO CHICAGO.

ADVISED JACKSON SHE WOULD GIVE HIM COMPLTE^E STORY ON WAY TO TULSA.

JACKSON OF OPINION R HAS BEEN WITH SUBJECTS SINCE EIGHTEENTH AND THAT HER TRIP T O CHICAGO IS IN CONNECTION WITH THEM. BUS STATION AT TULSA WILL BE COVERED BY AGENTS TO SEE IF SHE IS CONTACTED AND TO DETERMINE HER DESTINATION. JACKSONS AUTOMOBILE WILL BE MET OUTSIDE TULSA TO DETERMINE IF SHE GOES TO BUS STATION. JACKSON WILL BE INTERVIEWED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER ARRIVAL. AGENTS M B PASH AND E F EMRICH WILL CO₂VER BUS FROM AUTOMOBILE UPON ITS DEPARTURE FROM TULSA PENDING. INTERVIEW WITH JACKSON UNLESS ADVISED TO THE CONTRARY BY BUREAU. DURATION OF TAILING BUS WILL DEPEND UPON RESULTS OF INTERVIEW WITH JACKSON. END.

ANDERSEN

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

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June 29, 1939

Time: 5:05 p.m.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

RE: RCOL

SAC Andersen telephoned from Oklahoma City in connection with Informant R., who was supposed to have left Tulsa on June 25 with her daughter en route to Springfield, Illinois, from which point she was to go to Chicago.

Mr. Andersen has received a call from the Springfield Office to the effect that Informant R is staying near Salem, Illinois, in a trailer and apparently visiting relatives. It is indicated she intends to remain there a month.

Mr. Andersen stated that the surveillance being maintained on the informant has two men out of the Springfield Office tied up. The surveillance is very difficult to maintain and due to the fact that the informant apparently is not reliable, Mr. Andersen does not think it advisable to continue the surveillance.

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I advised Mr. Andersen I would discuss this with you and that Springfield would be advised direct if the surveillance is to be discontinued.

Respectfully,

J. J. SEARS

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S.A. McKinney
Springfield advised
to keep plant on
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any developments indicate
leaves plant then to
advise Bureau.
J. J. Sears

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

June 30, 1939.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated June 13, 1939 forwarding a memorandum of information to be furnished to "Hank" Mesarus, a reporter for the Philadelphia Evening Ledger, said memorandum dealing with the activities and escape of RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE from the Alcatraz Penitentiary.

In accordance with the Bureau's instructions Mr. Mesarus was furnished with details of this information as set forth in the memorandum.

No article has yet been noted written by Mr. Mesarus on the escape of these individuals but should same come to the attention of this office same will be promptly forwarded to the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

H. B. Fletcher

H.B. FLETCHER,
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 6/27/39	Period 6/14, 18, 22, 24, 26/39	Report Made By F. S. SMITH cgc
Title RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.			Character of Case ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.

Synopsis of Facts:

FRANK JACKSON alleges Informant "R" advised him that both subjects were in Seminole, Okla. 6-13-39 and 6-18-39 and that she was with them from 6-19-39 to 6-24-39. Informant "R" left Tulsa, Okla. at 10:30 p.m., 6-25-39, allegedly to meet subjects at Chicago, Ill. to pull payroll robbery. Proper cover is being maintained of her activities. Informant 14 has been unable to develop any information as to ROE'S whereabouts and her reliability is questioned. Subjects allegedly at Los Angeles, Calif., exact date unknown, and Informant "R" alleges received post-card from them in Calif., advising they were returning to Seminole, Okla. on 18th instant.

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Reference:

Report of Special Agent F. S. SMITH, Oklahoma City, 6/17/39; Bureau letter dated June 1, 1939; Teletype to Bureau 6/24/39.

Details:

The following is a joint report of Special Agents F. S. SMITH and RALPH T. HOOD:

Referring to information set forth in reference report of Special Agent F. S. SMITH, dated June 17, 1939, concerning information furnished by JACKSON, in that connection contact was again made with JACKSON by Agents SMITH and HOOD on June 14, 1939. JACKSON stated that he was in the company of Informant "R" for several hours on the night of June 13, 1939; that she brought up the subject of ROE and COLE, stating they were both in Seminole, Oklahoma on the night of

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June 5, 1939, driving a green Pontiac four-door sedan; that while parked in this car near a drug store on Main Street in Seminole, they observed Police Officer CLIFF KIERSEY walk into the drug store and take a drink; that they became suspicious and told Informant "R" if they were tipped off she would be killed; that they left Seminole immediately going to Prague, Oklahoma where they spent the night. She further stated they spent a week in the vicinity of Shawnee, Oklahoma and during this time they visited her at her home in Seminole on three different occasions.

JACKSON stated she mentioned JAKE SIMS' sending one GEORGE SNYDER, a Police Officer, to her home several weeks ago requesting that she come to the Police Station. She stated that at the time SNYDER came to her house one of the boys, meaning one of the subjects, was in her room; that she told SNYDER to tell SIMS she was very busy and would come later and that she had later gone to see SIMS and there met Agent SMITH; that she referred to an instance where she double-crossed JAKE SIMS and Agent SMITH in connection with ROE and COLE, stating that she promised to make a trip to Phoenix, Arizona and that instead she went to Dallas, Texas; that she figured that the Government would have her checked and that at Dallas she spent considerable money to sidestep the imaginary cover by Government Agents. She stated she telephoned JAKE SIMS from Dallas, giving him a fictitious telephone number in Kansas City where the sources of information she expected to contact were located and commented on how easy it was to fool JAKE SIMS and how she threw both SIMS and the Government Agents off the track. JACKSON stated that she at that time warned him not to tell SIMS anything; that SIMS would immediately convey it to Government Agents and they would follow her.

JACKSON stated that Informant "R" commented on how tough TED COLE was, stating that both he and ROE were armed and were continually on the lookout. He stated that the informant repeatedly referred to her uncle named JACKSON WOLFE, an Indian who lives ten miles from Tahlequah, Oklahoma, and by her remarks, indicated that subjects were receiving protection in that vicinity. JACKSON stated that during his conversation with Informant "R" he remarked that he expected to go to work in a few days and would like to take a little trip with her, suggesting that they go into the Tahlequah country and fish and lay around for a few days; that her reply was, "Hell, no. If we go into that Tahlequah country we will both be killed."

Contact was again made with JACKSON at Seminole, Oklahoma on June 19, 1939. He advised that on Sunday, June 18, 1939, he accompanied Informant "R" to a rodeo at Seminole. On this occasion she informed him that she had just received a card from the boys, meaning subjects, from California and they would be in Seminole on that night, June 18th; that she appeared very

nervous and excited and remarked that she was going to get herself killed or in the penitentiary on account of these boys; that later in the evening he was driving Informant "R" to her home; that when they reached a point near her home, the informant suddenly told him to duck down in the seat as low as possible and keep out of sight; that he observed a green Pontiac car sitting in front of her house; that she told him to stop the car and she got out before the car quit running; that he drove around a block and when he returned, the Pontiac had disappeared.

On June 24, 1939, contact was again made with JACKSON by Agents SMITH and HOOD. JACKSON at this time stated that Informant "R" had been "out of pocket" for approximately a week; that her daughter came to his hotel on two occasions in the past few days and advised him that her mother had sent him word to stay close at hand; that he would receive a message from her most any minute. Subsequently on the same date, JACKSON informed these Agents that he had just received a telephone call from Informant "R" at Oklahoma City in which she stated that she would probably be in Seminole sometime around 4:00 a. m. and that she was leaving immediately for Chicago; that she wanted him to drive her to Tulsa to make connections with a bus at 10:30 a. m., June 25, 1939, stating that she would tell him everything when they met; that Informant "R" further advised him she was taking her little girl with her and would drop her off some place in Illinois; that she would proceed on to Chicago. Arrangements were made with JACKSON to communicate with him later with respect to handling the situation.

This information was discussed with Special Agent in Charge H. E. ANDERSEN and it was decided that proper coverage at the bus station at Tulsa should be made and that the bus should be covered after departing from Tulsa pending interview with JACKSON as to the information furnished by Informant "R" and also to the termination of her destination. The Bureau was advised by teletype dated June 24, 1939 as to the precautions and plans to be taken.

Agent SMITH then communicated with FRANK JACKSON and arrangements were made with him that immediately upon the departure of the bus from Tulsa he would be available for interview as to information obtained from Informant "R".

AT TULSA, OKLAHOMA

Proper coverage of the bus station at Tulsa was made from 8:30 a. m. by Agents F. S. SMITH, E. F. EMRICH, M. B. PASH and R. T. HOOD. It was noted

that JACKSON arrived at the bus station with Informant "R" and her little daughter at 10:25 a. m. and she immediately purchased tickets for herself and daughter for Springfield, Missouri and departed on Greyhound bus 425 with their baggage on Bus 422 which was due to arrive in Springfield at 4:28 p. m. Agents EMRICH and PASH covered the bus upon its departure to Springfield, Missouri by automobile. The coverage of Informant "R" is being maintained at this time and same will be reported subsequently.

Immediately upon departure of the bus, FRANK JACKSON was interviewed by Agents HOOD and SMITH. He stated that Informant "R" reached Seminole at 11:00 p. m. and sent her little daughter to his room at 6:00 a. m., June 25, 1939, advising that she desired to leave at 7:00 a. m.; that he made connection with her as scheduled and enroute to Tulsa she stated that she was going to Chicago to meet ROE and COLE; that they had a job which they expected to pull there, a payroll which would net them a good bankroll, mentioning \$7,000.00; that she, Informant "R", was personally acquainted with a watchman who was in some manner connected with the protection of this payroll and that her functioning would be to aid the boys in getting access to this payroll; that when she came back, which would be within a week from that date, she would have some finances.

She further stated to JACKSON that her connection with subjects was brought about through the JOHNSON boys, "SLEEPY" and LON JOHNSON, both of whom are familiar characters in this investigation, both having been connected with WILBUR UNDERHILL who was captured and killed, having afforded asylum for UNDERHILL and ROE.

It will be noted in this connection that Informant "R" was employed at one time to make connection at Phoenix, Arizona with the JOHNSON boys in the interest of securing information which she felt they might possess concerning the escape of subjects. Full information regarding the background of Informant "R" is set forth in the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, dated at Oklahoma City, December 2, 1938.

JACKSON stated further that Informant "R" told him that after they pulled the job contemplated in Chicago they were figuring on returning to Oklahoma and had a job picked out at Seminole where they stated they had a bankroll located in a safe which would net them several thousand dollars. JACKSON stated that in conversation with Informant "R" he told her that it would only be a matter of a little while until these men would be knocked off; that he had received information that the Government and other officers were working overtime in the interest of catching them and that it would only

be a matter of time until they were captured, and suggested that she and he make a bankroll by turning these men; that her remarks were that as soon as the Chicago job was over she felt it would be a good thing to turn them at Seminole and that there would be no trouble in putting them on the spot; that she would have the location of the place they expected to rob and that the proper set-up could be made there with no possibility of tipping them off. He stated that by her remarks he strongly believed that she would function in turning these subjects after the completion of the job in Chicago and on their return to Seminole.

He stated that she went into some detail concerning subjects' whereabouts for the past week, stating that she was with them and made a trip down to Sallisaw, Oklahoma, into Muskogee, Oklahoma and back to Sallisaw, and he stated further that she told him that she and subjects stopped in a tourist camp pointed out by Informant "R" on their trip to Tulsa. This tourist camp is located in the outskirts of Stroud, Oklahoma at the east end of the town. She stated that she and subjects spent one night in this tourist camp and that there was also present a woman who accompanied subjects from California; that she further stated that subjects told her they had been at a town (the name of which was not recalled, but in which the word Moon appeared) just out of Los Angeles, California. She was uncertain as to the exact name.

JACKSON stated that knowing Informant "R" as he did and having observed her talk, he was convinced beyond a question of a doubt that she had been with subjects and was going to Chicago to make connection with them and that her story concerning their operations was the truth. He expressed confidence in being able to subsequently secure sufficient information concerning subjects to place them on the spot in the event they returned to Oklahoma. He also informed Agents that he was only interested in obtaining a monetary reward for the apprehension of subjects. He stated that in conversation with Informant "R" when he approached her on the subject of turning subjects, she inquired the amount of reward or compensation they would receive for turning them. He stated that he remarked that probably they could get \$8,000.00 and she stated that the boys had informed her that there was \$10,000.00 reward offered for their apprehension and that they stated that it would only be a matter of time until they were knocked off and expected it most any time. JACKSON stated that Informant "R" told him when she departed that she would slip out of Chicago to some suburb, the name of which he had forgotten, and drop him a card at the first opportunity.

Immediately after interview with JACKSON, the information was furnished Special Agent in Charge H. E. ANDERSEN by telephone, who furnished the information to Mr. TAMM. Mr. TAMM suggested continual surveillance into Chicago. Special Agent in Charge ANDERSEN then telephonically furnished the information to Special Agent L. B. REED of the Kansas City Division, giving him the descriptions of Informant "R" and her daughter, and furnishing the description and license number of the Ford automobile driven by Agents EMRICH and PASH. He was requested to furnish Agent from that division to meet Agents EMRICH and PASH at Springfield, Missouri to assist in the tail. REED was also advised of the fact that Informant "R" and her daughter were riding in Bus #425 while their baggage was in Bus #422.

At 6:00 p. m., Agent EMRICH telephonically advised this office from Conway, Missouri, advising that "R" was traveling in a 1935 Chevrolet, black in color with yellow wire wheels, bearing 1939 Missouri license #91-222, with a man and that they were driving toward St. Louis, Missouri on Highway #66. He further advised that he and Agent PASH were in a Plymouth Sedan, license number unknown, and that Agents from the Kansas City Office were covering the car from a 1939 Studebaker President automobile, 1939 Missouri license 662-110. They planned to continue the tail until Informant "R" stopped for the night or arrived at St. Louis.

Pertinent information was furnished to Special Agent in Charge NORRIS of the St. Louis Division by Special Agent in Charge ANDERSEN who was requested to take over the tail to Chicago and also to notify the Chicago Division which he agreed to do.

On the morning of June 26, 1939, Special Agent in Charge NORRIS telephonically advised Agent HOOD that Informant "R" and her daughter were hitch-hiking and that Agents of that Division would continue coverage to Edwardsville, Illinois where Agents from the Springfield Division would continue same. He also advised that she had informed the man with whom she had been riding that she planned to leave her daughter in Illinois. b7D

In the above connection, on a recent date Informant whose identity has been furnished to the Bureau and whose background can be found in the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, dated at Oklahoma City December 2, 1938, appeared at the Oklahoma City Office and informed Agents HOOD and SMITH of the following facts: He stated that he recently returned from Los Angeles, California; that while there he came in contact with one WALTER WALT SUMMERS and wife, JEAN SUMMERS, both of whom had formerly lived in Oklahoma at Sapulpa, Oklahoma; that SUMMERS is a semi-criminal or outlaw with no bad criminal record; that JEAN has been involved in forgeries; however, is not wanted; that both are located at Hollywood, JEAN being employed

in a cafe, the name of which he could not recall. He stated that while in conversation with WALT SUMMERS, past history and the subject of Alcatraz came up; that SUMMERS remarked, "Guess who JEAN saw the other night." The informant remarked that he had no idea and SUMMERS then stated that JEAN had seen RALPH ROE; that RALPH ROE and another man came into the cafe where she was employed about midnight; that immediately she observed and recognized RALPH ROE, having known him for many years; that realizing he was "hot", she refrained from speaking to him; that ROE and his associate sat at a table adjoining her station; that ROE did not appear to have observed her and completed his meal and left the place. Informant RICHARDSON stated that about that time JEAN came up and SUMMERS brought up the subject and JEAN related practically the same story as told by SUMMERS. She stated she had known RALPH ROE for many years; that he had spent on different occasions as much as a week at a time in her company and that naturally, being of the opinion that he was drowned, she was greatly surprised to see him in person, and realizing that he was "hot", she refrained from recognizing him, and that unquestionably ROE did not observe her, as he did not indicate it by his conduct.

In this connection it will be noted that in the information obtained from FRANK JACKSON Informant "R" is alleged to have told him that she received a postcard from subjects from California recently, and further, that they had been at a town near Los Angeles in which the word Moon appears in the name of the town. It will be further noted that "SLEEPY" and LON JOHNSON, the associates through whom Informant "R" alleged she was put in contact with subjects, were known to have resided at or in the vicinity of Los Angeles.

As it was known that Informant RICHARDSON was a very close friend and contact of [redacted] Informant 13, and who b7D has been reported on numerous occasions during this investigation to have been on parties and in contact with subject ROE, he was requested to endeavor to ascertain some information from GRACE CUNNINGHAM. RICHARDSON, who can be reached through Telephone No. 7-99396, subsequently contacted Agent HOOD stating that he had contacted GRACE CUNNINGHAM who informed him that RALPH ROE was alive and had been in Oklahoma, and that he and Informant 13 had been on a party at the night club operated by GEORGE TAYLOR on South May Avenue in Oklahoma City. RICHARDSON will endeavor to obtain further information from GRACE CUNNINGHAM and will immediately advise this office regarding same.

With reference to the information allegedly furnished to RICHARDSON by GRACE CUNNINGHAM, attention is called to the report of Special Agent F. S. SMITH, dated at Oklahoma City June 17, 1939, wherein it is reported information was obtained from Informant 14 that ROE had been in contact with GEORGE TAYLOR. Efforts to substantiate that information at the time were unsuccessful.

AT SEMINOLE, OKLAHOMA

Contact was had by Agents with Informant 14 at her residence, at which time she stated she left Seminole about Monday, June 12, 1939, and proceeded to Dallas and Fort Worth, Texas in an effort to obtain information as to the whereabouts of subjects; that she had received confidential information that ROE had been in Dallas. She said that she made numerous contacts at Dallas and Fort Worth without discovering any information, but had heard there was a possibility that ROE might have departed from the United States by boat at Galveston, Texas. She stated that she thereupon went to Galveston, Texas where she made inquiries of several underworld sources of information, but ROE had not been seen. Inquiry at various steamship offices failed to reveal any information about ROE'S having sailed from that port.

She further advised Agents that as she was going through Ennis, Texas, she heard that a hi-jacking had been committed at a night club in the vicinity in which some man was shot, so she stopped at the Bonita Filling Station at the Bonita Courts, located just south of Ennis, Texas, and in talking with O. A. COLVIN, a night employee, he told her that about 9:30 or 10:00 p. m. on June 10, 1939, two men driving a maroon-colored 1939 Chevrolet four-door sedan, bearing Texas license, stopped at his filling station. One of these men was supposed to have a large stomach, being short in height and of medium dark complexion. She alleged that COLVIN was unable to furnish a description of the other party, but that COLVIN thought these men were responsible for the hi-jacking. He said that both of the parties were well dressed men and he identified a photograph of ROE as being one of the two parties.

Informant 14 further advised that she returned to Seminole on Wednesday night and that near Coalgate, Oklahoma she picked up a hitch hiker; that while riding, a book in the seat between them came open exposing a photograph she had of ROE and one of COLE. This man identified himself as I. B. BROOKS, alias ARKANSAS BROOKS, and he informed her that he knew the individuals whose photographs she had in her book, relating that about three weeks before he entered the Columbia Cafe at Odessa, Texas about 11:00 p. m. one evening while he was drinking, and he noticed a heavy-set man at the

front of the cafe watching a four-door Buick Sedan bearing Texas license. Nearby at a table sat a man with three or four women, and he described the man as being about five feet, ten inches in height; weighing 180 to 200 pounds, medium build, with a large stomach. The man and women appeared to be drinking and also appeared to be acquainted with the man watching the door. BROOKS informed Informant 14 that the photograph of ROE was the photograph of the man sitting at the table with these several women. He was unable to furnish her with a description of the women except that one was a red-headed blonde, about 5 feet, five or six inches in height, and one girl was black headed. BROOKS told her he was going to Ada, Oklahoma to see his children at 322 East 15th Street, Ada, but that he planned to return to Rodessa, Louisiana the following week-end, and that he could be located at the Brewster Supply Company in Rodessa.

Informant 14 also advised Agents that a few days prior to the interview a man whom she described as 6 feet, 3 or 4 inches in height, weighing 210 to 215 pounds, dark complexion, dark eyes, full lips, heavy brows, with a one and one-half inch scar at the right side of the chin and his index finger amputated to the first joint, stopped at her tavern and inquired of SILAS RANDLE for PAUL DENTON. He appeared surprised when PAUL DENTON was not present. This man was accompanied by a young blonde girl in his automobile who was about twenty years of age. SILAS RANDLE had obtained the license number of the automobile which he thought was a 1939 Oldsmobile Coupe. The license was 1939 Texas license F-92354. Informant 14 was unable to explain why this man would allegedly stop at her place and make inquiry for PAUL DENTON and she thought that he might be a former companion of DENTON and Informant 13.

When questioned concerning the photograph which she furnished Special Agent in Charge H. B. FLETCHER, she stated this photograph was furnished her by Mrs. W. M. HALL, sister-in-law of Informant 13, who stated that Informant 13 and ROE were at their place one evening and that they were drinking and carousing at a beer tavern across the road from the HALL Grocery Store; that early in the morning Informant 13 came to the HALL home and induced her 17-year-old son to go to the tavern. On the next morning Mr. and Mrs. HALL informed Informant 13 and his companion whom she thought was ROE, not to come back. Mrs. HALL when she furnished the photograph said she did not know for sure who it was, but that it was left by Informant 13 or ROE. Subsequently this photograph was exhibited by Agent to Mrs. JAKE SIMS who stated that it was the photograph of LENA SPURGEON, nee RILEY.

It will be noted that information has been received on several occasions that LENA SPURGEON was on a party with ROE at Seminole, Oklahoma

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during January of 1939 and was a sister of EVA MAY NICHOLS who was killed at the time UNDERHILL was also killed and ROE apprehended.

Leads are being set out for interested offices to check information furnished by Informant 14 though it is doubtful if such information has a great deal of credibility. It will be noted that she is alleged to have left Seminole on Monday and returned on the following Wednesday, and it is not thought that she could have made such a trip and performed the work and inquiries which she claims to have done. It should be further noted that on several occasions she has furnished information which she has requested Agents to keep confidential and not allowed to be known to JAKE SIMS whereupon a later interview with Mr. SIMS would reveal that she had furnished him the same information; however, contact will be maintained with Informant 14 for whatever information she may impart.

Mr. JAKE SIMS, Chief of Police, Seminole, informed Agents that on ~~McGUIRE~~, a brother of BLACKIE ~~McGUIRE~~, referred to in report of reference, had been released at Wewoka, Oklahoma on charges of burglary and he was of the opinion ~~McGUIRE~~ might be able to obtain some information concerning the present whereabouts of ROE; that ~~McGUIRE~~ had made bond and contacted him, and he planned to send him to Oklahoma City in an effort to obtain information. Contact has been maintained with Mr. SIMS in regard to ~~McGUIRE~~ who has been away from Seminole since his release and who has not contacted SIMS. However, on June 24, 1939, Mr. SIMS advised Agents that on the preceding Wednesday night he received a telephone call from ~~McGUIRE~~ requesting that he contact him at a supply house in South Seminole. SIMS immediately proceeded to the supply house and noted that ~~McGUIRE~~ was having various tools repaired and placed in condition. At that time ~~McGUIRE~~ told him that he had been in contact with ROE, intimating that he had been with ROE in Bartlesville, Oklahoma and also in Tennessee. He informed SIMS that on the preceding Sunday night or early Monday morning, he and ROE were at a place operated by one AMY, a bootlegger and underworld character at Bartlesville, Oklahoma. ~~McGUIRE~~ did not furnish any further information at that time, telling SIMS that he was in a hurry.

SIMS has subsequently determined that ~~McGUIRE~~ committed a safe burglary at Shawnee, Oklahoma on that night, using the tools which he was having conditioned at the time. SIMS expected to arrest ~~McGUIRE~~ on Sunday, June 25, 1939. He stated that he would be held in jail at Seminole for two or three days prior to his release to officials at Shawnee, Oklahoma.

JAKE SIMS further advised Agents that he had made inquiry at the Worth Hotel in Seminole in an effort to substantiate the information furnished him by one ~~LOFTIS~~, a former Constable at Wewoka, Oklahoma, that ROE

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and a woman named PEARL had stayed at that hotel. No information was developed at the Worth Hotel, but one CAL, whose last name SIMS was unable to furnish, who was employed at the Grisso Hotel, next door to the Worth Hotel, informed SIMS that he saw ROE sitting in an automobile in front of that hotel a few weeks before, and he identified ROE'S photograph as being the same individual sitting in the car waiting for a woman, further informing SIMS that he knew ROE well prior to the death of WILBUR UNDERHILL. CAL, who is a colored porter, has been ill since that time and not available for interview by Agents, but he will be interviewed at the earliest possible time.

With reference to LOFTIS, Agents have made numerous trips to Wewoka, Oklahoma and LOFTIS' home, but he is doing special work for some oil company in that vicinity and has not been located. Further efforts will be made to locate LOFTIS for interview for full information concerning ROE and PEARL and also to obtain her identity.

Chief of Police JAKE SIMS further advised that he had received information from an undercover source whose name he did not divulge, to the effect that a convict was to be released from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma in the very near future, and that this convict was going to make contact with subject ROE at a place operated by one JUD HATFIELD, an ex-convict who is a friend to ROE and other underworld characters and who worked in the blacksmith shop with ROE while serving sentence at McAlester. SIMS requested that the exact location of JUD HATFIELD be ascertained so that in the event of additional information, the proper cover could be made.

AT TULSA, OKLAHOMA

Agent SMITH ascertained through the Sheriff's Office that JUD HATFIELD, ex-convict and underworld character who bears a very bad reputation, operates a joint at 4900 West Eastern Street, this location being on the north road from Tulsa to Sand Springs, Oklahoma.

Further inquiry has been made of Mr. SIMS concerning his information in the above connection and he advises that he has received no additional information; however, that he will keep in touch with his source of information and advise Agents.

Contact has been maintained with MARIE TURPIN, VIRGINIA MAYS and WALLACE WALKER at Seminole, but they have been unable to furnish any additional information.

ROCOL

Oklahoma 76-348

6/27/39

ENCLOSURES: TO ST. LOUIS OFFICE: Report of Special Agent F. S. SMITH,
Oklahoma City, 6/17/39.

TO CHICAGO OFFICE: Report of Special Agent F. S. SMITH,
Oklahoma City, 6/17/39.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

NEW ORLEANS OFFICE

AT RODESSA, LOUISIANA

Will locate and interview I. B. BROOKS, alias ARKANSAS BROOKS, employed by Brewster Supply Company, concerning the information allegedly furnished Informant 14.

SAN ANTONIO OFFICE

AT AUSTIN, TEXAS

Will determine the identity of the person to whom 1939 Texas license F 92354 was issued and will conduct appropriate investigation regarding this individual.

DALLAS OFFICE

AT MOUNT PLEASANT, TEXAS

Will conduct appropriate discreet investigation to determine if subjects are in contact with LENA SPURGEON, General Delivery, and will request thirty-day mail cover on her mail. It is not thought advisable at this time to make any direct inquiry of LENA SPURGEON or her husband.

SPRINGFIELD OFFICE

AT ST. ELMO AND CENTRALIA, ILLINOIS

Will locate Mrs. DEE FREEMAN or D. FREEMAN, nee BILLIE BROWN, in an effort to determine if subject ROE is in contact with her, and will place thirty-day mail cover on all mail received by her. Her husband is allegedly employed as an oil field worker at St. Elmo or Centralia. It is not thought that any direct inquiry should be made of her or her husband in connection with this matter at this time.

DALLAS OFFICEAT FENNIS, TEXAS

Will interview O. A. COLVIN, Bonita Filling Station, Bonita Courts, regarding information allegedly furnished by him to Informant 14 and his identification of ROE'S photograph.

KANSAS CITY OFFICEAT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Is requested to conduct discreet investigation to determine whether subject ROE may have been in contact with FRANKIE NIGRO. All pertinent information concerning NIGRO should be obtained. Attention is called to the piece of paper mentioned by Informant 14 in reference report which sets forth a number 1389. It is thought that this number may be a long distance telephone number.

It is understood that FRANKIE NIGRO, formerly a "big shot" narcotic operator in Kansas City, closely connected with gangdom, was recently convicted, and is probably now serving sentence. The manner of approach of NIGRO by the Kansas City Office will be left to the discretion of that office in view of the fact that he is now in trouble and may be prevailed upon to furnish information.

OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICEAT SEMINOLE, OKLAHOMA

Will maintain close contact with Chief of Police JAKE SIMS and various sources of information.

Will locate and interview one LOFTIS and one CAL of the Grisso Hotel concerning information they furnished to SIMS.

Will also maintain close cooperation with FRANK JACKSON relative to Informant "R".

AT STROUD, OKLAHOMA

Will conduct inquiry concerning the individuals operating the tourist court where ROE and Informant "R" are alleged to have stayed and if they are reliable, will make inquiry in an effort to verify Informant "R's" statements.

PENDING.

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Seattle, Washington
June 30, 1939

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: ⁰ROCOL

Dear Sir:

This is to advise the Bureau that on June 20, 1939, a thirty-day mail cover was placed on all mail addressed to MR. and MRS. WILLIAM COLE, Route 1, Box 170, Roy, Washington.

The purpose of this cover is to secure the address of ELMER COLE, a former inmate of Alcatraz, whose location is desired for the purpose of interview in connection with this case.

Yours very truly,

R. C. Suran
R. C. SURAN,
Special Agent in Charge

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

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

REPORT MADE AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI	DATE WHEN MADE 6-30-39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6-25/26-39	REPORT MADE BY J. M. JONES JMO
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:

Surveillance conducted as to activities of Informant R from Carthage, Missouri to Sullivan, Missouri, covering period from approximately 3:00 P.M., 6-25-39 to 1:00 A.M. 6-26-39. Surveillance continued by Agents of St. Louis Bureau office.

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DETAILS:

On June 25, 1939, the Kansas City office was in receipt of a telephonic communication from Special Agent in Charge H. E. ANDERSEN of the Oklahoma City Field Division, who advised that Informant R had left Tulsa, Oklahoma at 10:30 A.M. same date on a Greyhound bus, #425, accompanied by her twelve-year-old daughter and that her baggage was on bus #422, following, and that Informant R was due to arrive at Springfield, Missouri at 4:28 P.M., where she was to leave her child and proceed via bus to Chicago, Illinois. Special Agent in Charge ANDERSEN further advised that Special Agents PASH and EMRICH of the Oklahoma City Field Division were following the bus from Tulsa, Oklahoma to Springfield in a black Ford sedan, Oklahoma license #A829. According to Special Agent in Charge ANDERSEN's informant, Informant R intended to contact ROE or COLE in Chicago, and Agents from the Kansas City office were to conduct a surveillance from Springfield, Missouri to Chicago, Illinois.

Acting Special Agent in Charge L. B. REED telephonically advised the writer and Special Agent H. J. KINNEY to proceed to

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Springfield, meet the bus, and conduct appropriate surveillance, and if necessary, follow Informant R to Chicago, Illinois. Acting Special Agent in Charge REED also telephonically communicated with Special Agent in Charge D. M. IADD at Chicago, Illinois and advised him that intentions were for the writer to follow Informant R and that appropriate contact with the Chicago office would be made on arrival in that city.

Special Agent H. J. KINNEY and the writer left Kansas City, Missouri at 12:20 P.M. and picked up Greyhound bus #425 at the intersection of Highways #71 and #66 at Carthage, Missouri, and followed this bus, accompanied by Agents PASH and ENRICH of the Oklahoma City office to the Greyhound bus terminal at Springfield, Missouri. The bus arrived at this point at approximately 4:30 P.M., whereupon Informant R left the bus and hired a taxi cab, #50, and proceeded to the city limits and paid the cab driver at Highway #66. Approximately ten minutes later, Informant R and her daughter were picked up by an individual subsequently ascertained to be Dr. R. C. KITCHELL of Sullivan, Missouri, who was driving a green Chevrolet coupe, 1939 Missouri license 91-222. Dr. KITCHELL drove Informant R and her daughter to Sullivan, Missouri, where he made arrangements for them to secure a cabin gratis, in the Rainbow Park Tourist Cabins, Sullivan, Missouri, which cabins are operated by one E. WHIETIAKE, who was subsequently contacted and advised that Dr. KITCHELL had informed him he had picked up this woman and her daughter at Springfield, Missouri and that they were proceeding to Salina, Illinois, where Informant claimed to have a sick daughter. Mr. WHIETIAKE further advised that Informant R was supposed to have only eighty cents and was unable to pay for her cabin, but that he had supplied same gratis, at the request of Dr. KITCHELL who Mr. WHIETIAKE claimed was a respectable local physician.

Information as to the activities of Informant R were telephonically communicated to Acting Special Agent in Charge L. B. REED, who subsequently called the St. Louis office and requested Special Agent in Charge G. B. NORRIS to have two of the St. Louis Agents continue surveillance from Sullivan, Missouri to Informant R's ultimate destination. At approximately

1:00 A.M., June 26, 1939, Special Agent H. J. KINNEY and the writer were relieved by Special Agent H. F. SMALL and J. O. GOOD at the Rainbow Park Tourist Cabins, who continued the surveillance from that point.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION,

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

FILE NO. **76-50**

REPORT MADE AT Seattle, Washington	DATE WHEN MADE 6/30/39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6/19,20/39	REPORT MADE BY J. P. MacFARLAND EM
TITLE RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1,471			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Private E. L. WILSON, Vancouver, Wash., Barracks, has no material information in this case. Efforts to locate RALPH YOUNG at Centralia and Chehalis, Wash. of no avail. ELMER COLE now said to be residing somewhere in British Columbia. Mail cover placed on mail addressed to parents of ELMER COLE.

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REFERENCES:

Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 6/2/39;

Report of Special Agent JOSEPH J. PIEPER, Seattle, Washington, dated 4/30/39.

DETAILS:

AT CENTRALIA, WASHINGTON:

Postmaster ALFRED WILSON, after inspecting his records advised that he knows of no one by the name of RALPH YOUNG receiving mail through the said post office.

Chief of Police, MILTON JOSTRAM and Desk Sergeant H. E. SOUTHWICK, were contacted and they advised that they know of no one residing in Centralia, Washington by the name of RALPH YOUNG.

Inquiry at the Credit Bureau, Centralia, Washington, developed information to the effect that a man by the name of RALPH YOUNG, who at one time was employed by the Proffitt Store in Centralia,

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is presently operating the MARSDEN GROCERY STORE at Marsden's Corner, Chehalis, Washington. This is the only RALPH YOUNG known to the said Credit Bureau.

RALPH YOUNG, Route 2, Marsden's Corner Grocery, was interviewed and he stated that he knows of no one by the name of Mrs. HASKELL RANFALS; that he did not send a Christmas card to anyone in any section of Texas and that he knows of no one else by the name of RALPH YOUNG in the immediate vicinity.

A search of the City and Telephone Directories at Centralia, Washington reflect that the name of E. R. YOUNG appears, residing at 2000 North Pearl Street. Mrs. E. R. YOUNG, at the address stated, was contacted and she stated her husband's middle name is not RALPH and that she knows of no one by the name of RALPH YOUNG.

AT CHEHALIS, WASHINGTON

Sheriff J. P. COMPTON was interviewed and he stated he knows of no one by the name of RALPH YOUNG in Chehalis, Centralia, or any other place in the said County over which he has jurisdiction.

A. T. JUNKINS, Credit Bureau, was contacted and his files failed to disclose any information concerning RALPH YOUNG other than the RALPH YOUNG who operates the MARSDEN Corner Grocery.

The Police Department at Chehalis failed to reflect therein the name of RALPH YOUNG and had no information concerning him.

An investigation of the City and Telephone Directory at Chehalis failed to reflect the name of RALPH YOUNG.

Assistant Postmaster C. A. BURLINGAME was contacted and he advised after reviewing his records that no one is receiving mail through the said Post Office by the name of RALPH YOUNG.

AT VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON

Mr. E. L. WILSON, Private, U. S. Army, Vancouver Barracks, was contacted and he stated on or about September 21, 1939 he accompanied Privates THOMAS J. WARE and JACK CARTER and LYMAN CARTER from Fort Douglas, Utah to the Vancouver Barracks, Vancouver, Washington. He stated that approximately three years before he re-enlisted in the army he had traveled considerably about the country. He mentioned that by occupation he is a sign painter.

Somewhere, during his period of travel, the exact location of which he does not remember, he recalls having engaged in a conversation

with an unknown individual who told him that the inmates of Alcatraz had contributed money to make possible the escape of the subjects from the said institution. He could not recall further details of the conversation that he had with this individual but he recalls having engaged in conversation with someone while enroute to the Vancouver Barracks during which conversation he mentioned to the said individual that he knew something about the manner in which subjects escaped from Alcatraz.

Mr. WILSON stated that he may have said to this unknown man that after subjects escape from Alcatraz they lived for awhile in San Francisco. As to where the fugitives lived and with whom they lived, Mr. WILSON had no information nor could he recall the identity of the person who had made mention of the matters which he repeated to the unknown man in the Railroad Depot at Salt Lake City, Utah. As of his own knowledge Mr. WILSON stated he was furnish no information in regard to the escape of subjects and does not know anyone who has this information.

It might be indicated here that Mr. WILSON did not appear to be overly bright and seemed to be somewhat susceptible to suggestion.

AT CHEHALIS, WASHINGTON

Investigation previously made at 1035 Washington Street, the alleged address of ELMER COLE, a former inmate of Alcatraz, developed the said COLE was not there.

AT BAKERSFIELD, WASHINGTON

Mr. H. B. TOLSON, Postmaster, was contacted and he stated that when the writer previously contacted him in regard to the address of ELMER COLE he had erroneously furnished to the writer the forwarding address of another person. He advised he regretted that the mistake was made. He advised that the family of ELMER COLE residing somewhere in Roy, Washington and that this information could be secured by contacting the Postmaster at that place.

AT ROY, WASHINGTON

Postmaster H. L. WILSON was contacted and he advised that Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM COLE, the parents of ELMER COLE, reside at Box 170, Route 1, Roy, Washington. As to whether ELMER COLE was residing with his parents Mr. WILSON had no information.

Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM COLE were contacted and they advised that ELMER COLE was not presently at Roy, Washington, but that he was working in Canada. They advised that they did not know where in Canada

he was working; that they would write a letter to Canada in an effort to secure this information and would let this office know when his address was secured.

A letter is being directed to Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM COLE requesting them to furnish the address of ELMER COLE.

It might be indicated here that Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM COLE were not at all cooperative and assumed an extremely hostile attitude. When the writer revealed his official identity, ELMER COLE's father immediately became somewhat harsh in his conversation by stating, "I suppose you want to talk to him to find out where somebody else is", to which inquiry the writer replied in the negative, whereupon Mr. COLE then stated, "If you do you might just as well not talk to him because he don't tell you anyway."

ELMER COLE's mother was no less cordial. For the sake of the record it might be indicated that the COLE's home is a small one story yellow building located about 150 feet from the highway on Postal Route #1, going East from Roy, Washington. Mrs. WILLIAM COLE was exceptionally hard in appearance and had what might be termed a concave face. She had all the appearance of being a hard, uncouth type of individual.

In view of the attitude assumed by Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM COLE, the writer placed a thirty day cover on their mail in an effort to secure the address of ELMER COLE.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE DALLAS OFFICE:

* At Dennison, Texas, will reinterview Mrs. HASKELL RANNALS, 229 West Morton Street and secure from her a more definite address of RALPH YOUNG in Centralia, Washington. It might be well to ascertain the nature of the business or occupation followed by the said YOUNG so further efforts may be made by this office to locate and interview him.

THE SEATTLE OFFICE:

* At Seattle, Washington, will ascertain the identity of R. E. KULHNER, 900 Yakima Place and WILLIAM SMITH, 710 North 73rd St., to determine if either of the individuals might be subjects in this case, related to them, or be a contact for them. (See report of Special Agent J. P. MacFARLAND, Seattle, Washington, 3/11/39).

At Seattle, Washington, will examine the tracings of the mail received by the COLE's and when a lead is secured therefrom, providing in the meantime the address of ELMER COLE is not furnished by his parents, will develop the lead and interview COLE concerning his knowledge of the escape of subjects and the situation prevailing in the institution at the time of the escape, especially with reference to the identity of any individuals who assisted subjects, either on the inside or outside of the institution in effecting the escape.

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Special Agent in Charge
Springfield, Illinois

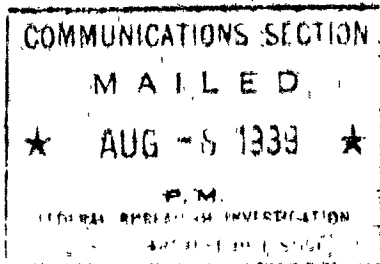
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to a copy of a wire addressed by you to the Special Agent in Charge at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated July 3, 1939, your file 76-51, which contrary to instructions in the Manual of Rules and Regulations, contains several words in code.

The matter of decoding copies of correspondence sent to the Bureau should be given your personal attention to see that this does not occur in the future.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director



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H. E. ANDERSEN,
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
ROOM 940 FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING,
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA.

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POSTAL TELEGRAPH-CABLE COMPANY.

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

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

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

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.

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

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POSTAL TELEGRAPH-CABLE COMPANY

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

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

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

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK CITY	DATE WHEN MADE 7/1/39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/20 & 6/10/39	REPORT MADE BY R. H. SIMONS
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:

Charles Yanowsky, New York Police Department #E 131437 serving a four year sentence at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, N.Y. No record in New York City of Charles X. Reiss, U.S. Penitentiary, Alcatraz #98 who was released on 8/30/38 to "custody, New York City Parole Authorities". Bureau being requested for criminal record.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent L. H. Richmond, San Francisco, California, 2/2/39.

DETAILS:

At the NEW YORK POLICE DEPARTMENT, Special Agent James E. Amos ascertained that CHARLES YANOWSKY, NYC PD #B-131437, who was released to the custody of the New York State Police Department on 4/21/38 from Alcatraz, received a two to four year sentence at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, N.Y. A lead is being set out to interview Yanowsky at that institution as requested in reference report.

The Identification Files of the New York Police Department reflected a record of one CHARLES REESE, #B131735, however, further inquiry at the New York Police Department, disclosed that this individual could not be identical with Charles Reiss, U.S. Penitentiary, Alcatraz, #98 as the Reese referred to in the New York Police Department files was sentenced on July 27,

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1938 to the New York City Penitentiary at Rikers Island, on a petty larceny charge. His record fails to reflect any Alcatraz incarceration number and it was the opinion of Mr. Asrons of the Parole Office, New York City, that this person could not be identical with the Reiss who was released from Alcatraz.

Inquiry at the New York City and New York State Parole Offices failed to disclose any information concerning a CHARLES REISS who had been released to them from Alcatraz Penitentiary. The Bureau is being requested to furnish a copy of the criminal record of Charles Reiss, Alcatraz U.S. Penitentiary #98 as the record would undoubtedly show if this individual was returned to New York, and in what institution he is now incarcerated in the event he received a sentence.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

NEW YORK OFFICE

AT SING SING PRISON, OSSINING, N.Y. will interview Charles Yanowsky who was released to the custody of the New York City Police Department from Alcatraz, U.S. Penitentiary, on 4/21/38. YANOWSKY should be interviewed for any information he might have concerning the escape or present location of RALPH ROE or THEODORE COLE.

* Will obtain photographs of MORRIS MUSH TRACHMER, said to have resided at Picadilly Hotel, New York City, about 3/30/38 and will forward same to Portland, Oregon for identification purposes. (See report of Special Agent J.F. McDEVITT, Philadelphia, 1/27/39.)

PENDING

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

June 27, 1939

MR. TAMM: RE: ⁰ROCOL

With reference to this case, the Director wants you to keep him advised immediately in the event of pertinent developments.

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Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Nathan _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Crowl _____
Mr. Egan _____
Mr. Foxworth _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Harbo _____
Mr. Lester _____
Mr. McIntire _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Q. Tamm _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Miss Beahm _____
Miss Gandy _____

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

JUN 30 1939

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

EAT:COH

June 25, 1939

Time: 12:50 p.m.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: *O*ROCOL

SAC Andersen telephoned from Oklahoma City in connection with his teletype of yesterday concerning the movements of informant *X*.

Mr. Andersen stated that the informant is leaving Tulsa this morning via Greyhound Bus for Springfield and is accompanied by daughter. The daughter is to be left at Springfield and the informant is to proceed to Chicago where she is to meet the two men. It is the opinion of Mr. Andersen that this informant is a double crosser.

I instructed Mr. Andersen to keep the woman under continuous surveillance and to notify the Chicago Office en route. Mr. Ladd is to be requested to keep a tail on her while in Chicago.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM
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**Confidential informant*
Keep her advised - dev.
J
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1920 N. Napa St
Phila. Pa.

July 6, 1939

ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATION
KEEP ENVELOPE ATTACHED

Dear Sir: -

Something ago I sent you a letter
concerning the two escaped convicts
from Alcatraz Island. These men
were believed to have lost their life lives
in escaping. I had a hunch that the
men went to Mexico and they returned
to Colorado; The police of Garden City,
Kansas arrested a man who is an ex-convict -
Earl Maquire he told police that he
played cards with Ralph Roe & Ted Cole
Last Friday night at Pueblo, Colorado.
get his story but use kindness instead
of force. They would take in the small
towns and both of them would wear
glasses. Here is the story the 76-2686-693

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

JUL 7 1939

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Philadelphia Record put out
Police today investigated the possibility
Ralph Roe 28 and Theodore Cole 24 long
term prisoners who disappeared from Alcatraz
Penitentiary December 16, 1937. Are alive.
I got this from the Philadelphia Record

Ralph Roe
Theodore Cole

If you don't believe me get the Philadelphia Record

Respectfully
The Shadow



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D.C.

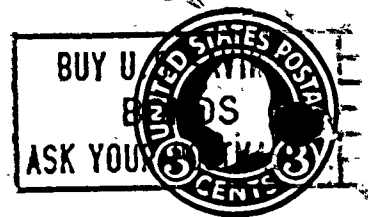
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J. Edgar Hoover
Dept. of Justice.

Bureau of Investigation

Push. Washington, D.C.



KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
JULY 5, 1939

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Special Agent in Charge
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

Re: MOCOL

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	
JUL 7 1939	
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	
FUG. SUP.	

Dear Sir:

This will confirm the telephone conversation between you and Special Agent L. B. REED of the Kansas City Office on the evening of July 5, 1939.

It was understood that the Bureau desired to know how publicity was given statements alleged to have been made by EARL McGUIRE, held in jail at Garden City, Kansas, to the effect that McGUIRE had been in a dice game with ROE and COLE in Pueblo, Colorado recently.

As explained to you over the telephone, Agent L. B. REED, when talking to Sheriff TOM REED, Garden City, Kansas, expressly and emphatically requested that the Sheriff not give the statements made by McGUIRE any publicity. Immediately thereafter telephonic inquiries were made by representatives of the press concerning this matter. Of course no comment was made. Immediately following the press inquiries a telegram was received from the Denver Office and one from the San Francisco Office concerning this matter.

Following the conversation with you, Special Agent L. B. REED telephoned Sheriff TOM REED and the Sheriff explained that although he promised not to give the matter any publicity he later realized that a newspaper man in Garden City had obtained from the Sheriff's Office on July 1, 1939, information concerning the statements made by McGUIRE. The Sheriff said at that time it did not occur to him that the matter should be guarded as he did not consider the matter one of importance. Sheriff REED said that he regretted the publicity, hoped that any investigation made by the Federal Bureau of Investigation would not be injured due to the publicity and promised that the matter would not be discussed by

SAC Oklahoma City

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any member of his office with any newspaper reporter or
anyone else in the future.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY
Special Agent in Charge

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Denver REAND
San Francisco AMASD

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DAY LETTER	DEFERRED
NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT LETTER
NIGHT LETTER	SHIP RADIOGRAM

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

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

DENVER, COLO.
7-5-39
EJG:NK
2-50 p.m.

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

*
ROCOL DENVER POST REPORTS CARL MCQUIRE IN CUSTODY SYRACUSE KANSAS PD. STATES
HE WAS WITH COLE AND ROE LAST WEEK. HANDLE

GEBBEN

cc Oklahoma City
Bureau

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JUL 8 1939
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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3. The company is hereby made the agent of the sender, without liability, to forward this message over the lines of any other company when necessary to reach its destination.
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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.

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

SPECIAL TERMS APPLYING TO DAY LETTERS:

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

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

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

NIGHT LETTERS

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

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

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.

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

July 6, 1939

Special Agent in Charge
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

VIA AIR MAIL

Dear Sir:

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

This letter is to confirm a telephone conversation had on the morning of July 5, 1939, between Special Agent FRANK SMITH at Oklahoma City and Special Agent L. P. BIRD at Kansas City.

Agent SMITH referred to the murder of Deputy Sheriff RAY KUMM, which occurred at Syracuse, Kansas, on June 26, 1939. With reference to MC GUIRE alias "BLACKIE", Agent SMITH called attention to the fact that MC GUIRE had been apprehended and removed to and was being held in the County Jail at Garden City, Kansas, for safekeeping.

Agent SMITH related MC GUIRE had been an informant for JACK SIVS, Chief of Police at Seminole, Oklahoma, and that MC GUIRE has been giving some information concerning ROE and COLE. It was further stated that Chief SIVS was of the opinion, as a result of conversations with MC GUIRE, that MC GUIRE had been with RALPH ROE at Bartlesville, Oklahoma, and other places recently, and that Chief SIVS has information to the effect that MC GUIRE, RALPH ROE and another fellow have been together recently in the Cocksden Hills in Oklahoma. It was further stated that Chief SIVS was of the opinion that RALPH ROE had possibly been with FREDAR and MC GUIRE in the killing of Deputy RAY KUMM at Syracuse, Kansas.

The Kansas City office recently has had correspondence from the Kansas State authorities concerning the killing of Deputy RAY KUMM, but there has been no statement or intimation that ROE or COLE had anything to do with that case, or that MC GUIRE had made any statement to indicate such. BIRD is still being sought.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
JUL 6 1939
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Oklahoma City

Re: ROGOL

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Following the conversation with Agent FRANK SMITH, Special Agent L. E. READ telephonically communicated with Sheriff TOM READ at Garden City, Kansas, who said MC GUINN was being held in the County Jail in Garden City, and that MC GUINN had admitted that he, MC GUINN, and BREWER killed Deputy RAY KEMPE. Sheriff TOM READ said MC GUINN had told the story of having met RALPH ROL and TED COLE in Pueblo, Colorado, about Friday preceding the Monday of June 28, 1939, and that MC GUINN, BREWER, ROL and COLE engaged in a dice game in the Ramona Hotel in Pueblo; that MC GUINN would not say where he left ROL and COLE in Pueblo, but insisted that he, MC GUINN, wanted to talk to an FBI Agent named SMITH from Oklahoma City (undoubtedly Special Agent FRANK SMITH) and Chief of Police SINS from Seminole, Oklahoma; that MC GUINN said he did not want to discuss ROL and COLE further with anyone except Agent SMITH and Chief SINS.

It was also stated by Sheriff TOM READ that MC GUINN first related that TED COLE and BREWER killed Deputy RAY KEMPE, but later changed the story and said that he, MC GUINN and BREWER did the killing. Sheriff READ commented that the descriptions of COLE and MC GUINN are somewhat similar.

Sheriff TOM READ also stated he had established that only two men were involved in the killing of Deputy RAY KEMPE. He also informed he had learned that BREWER and MC GUINN were driving an old blue Studebaker sedan, during the week prior to the killing, in Garden City, Kansas. He said the Studebaker was about a 1935 model; that the car had disappeared, and he had no information to indicate to whom it belonged, or where, or from whom it had been obtained.

In view of the foregoing information, it is suggested that Agent Frank SMITH and Chief of Police JAKE SINS immediately quiz MC GUINN thoroughly at the County Jail in Garden City, Kansas, where the full cooperation of Sheriff TOM READ may be obtained.

It is further suggested that the DENVER OFFICE make a thorough investigation at the RAMONA HOTEL in PUEBLO, COLORADO.

Very truly yours,

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cc(2) Bureau

(2) Denver - cc - San Francisco

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DWIGHT BRANTLEY
Special Agent in Charge

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

July 6, 1939

Special Agent in Charge
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

Re: ROOGL.

Supplementing my letter to you this date, you are advised that this afternoon an Associated Press representative in Kansas City, Missouri, telephoned me and stated he had a wire from the newspaper in Garden City, Kansas, informing that EARL MC CUIRL, in jail at Garden City, Kansas, had given out information that he, MC CUIRL, had been in a dice game in Colorado, with ROE and COLE.

At the time Special Agent L. I. BEED of this office talked with Sheriff TOM REED of Garden City over the telephone, Sheriff BEED was specifically requested not to permit the information given by MC CUIRL to receive any publicity whatsoever, and Sheriff REED promised to see that the matter did not receive any publicity.

You are advised of this so your office and the Bureau will know that the publicity did not result from the activities of any Bureau Agent.

Very truly yours,

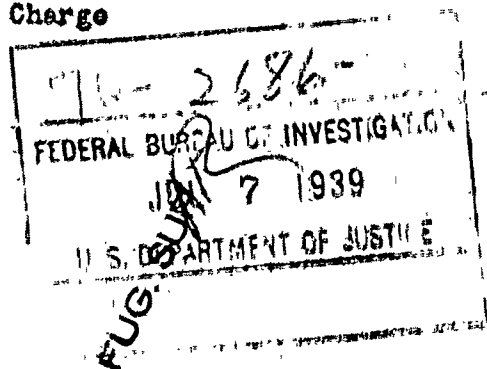
DWIGHT BRANTLEY
Special Agent in Charge

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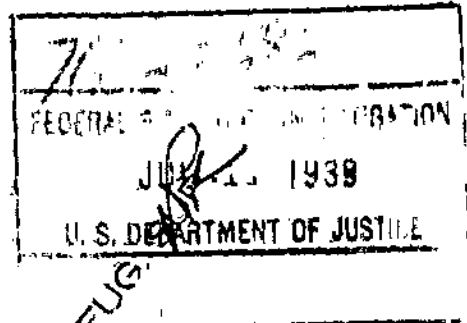
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Denver - cc San Francisco

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Kansas City, Missouri
July 7, 1938



Special Agent in Charge
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

RE: ROCOL

On July 6, 1938, Special Agent RALPH HOOD, accompanied by Special Agent FRANK SMITH, telephoned me from Garden City, Kansas, and stated the Agents had thoroughly interviewed PAUL WAYNE BREWER, who still maintained he, BREWER, had been with ROE and COLE recently in Colorado.

Special Agent HOOD stated that in connection with this matter he had received information that a 1937 Model Studebaker Sedan bearing Missouri license #660-078, motor #DL35150, had been seen in Garden City, Kansas; that this car had two young men in it, concerning whom general descriptions were given. It was requested that appropriate inquiry be made concerning this car.

The above described automobile, according to the Missouri State license records, is owned by JOE MALLIN, 2840 Euclid Street, Kansas City, Missouri, to whom the license mentioned was issued. The Kansas City Police Department advised that its records contained no report of theft of this car or the license tags.

On July 7, 1938, JOE MALLIN was in my office and exhibited his registration certificate and driver's license indicating ownership of the Studebaker Sedan above described. MALLIN stated that he and LEASON PEAK, residing at 3550 Babash, Kansas City, Missouri, left Kansas City on June 27, 1938, and traveled west through Cripple Creek, Denver, Colorado, and to Cheyenne, Wyoming, and back through Denver, Kit Carson, Colorado; Garden City, Kansas, to Kansas City, Missouri; that they were in Garden City during the time in question for about one hour and that the trip they made was for the purpose of buying beer coils which they sell to JOE MALLIN'S brother HARRY. MALLIN said they no doubt created suspicion because he and PEAK were dressed roughly and that they visited all of the beer taverns and saloons in their quest for the coils. He viewed photographs of EARL McGUIRE and PAUL WAYNE BREWER and said he did not recognize either. Police officers said JOE MALLIN was on the police force at one time and is considered reliable.

On July 7, 1939, a letter was received from Chief of Police WILLIAM TOW, Nevada, Missouri, stating that he had McGUIRE and BREWER in custody on May 28, 1939, on a vagrancy charge; that these men were released to officers from Seminole, Oklahoma, who stated they wanted them on charges of burglarizing a garage; that McGUIRE and BREWER had in their possession an electric drill and other tools and were driving a 1937 Ford Coupe, V-8, license and motor numbers unknown. He said the Sheriff from Seminole took these men and the Ford back to Oklahoma. Chief TOW said he could not understand how these men were released so soon in view of the fact that the Seminole officers stated definitely they were wanted for burglary and that he, TOW, gained the impression that one of the men, probably McGUIRE, was an informant for officers at Seminole.

Chief TOW furnished photographs of these men which are PAUL BREWER, Nevada, Missouri, Sheriff's Office #11-39, and EARL McGUIRE, Nevada, Missouri, Sheriff's Office #12-39. A copy of each of these photographs is enclosed herewith. It is noted that the description of PAUL BREWER somewhat fits that of an unknown subject who is alleged to have kidnaped ROBERT ERWIN MAREY at Kansas City on the night of July 4, 1939, about which you have been advised.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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PRESIDENT

NEWCOMB CARLTON
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

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San Francisco, Calif.
July 5, 1939

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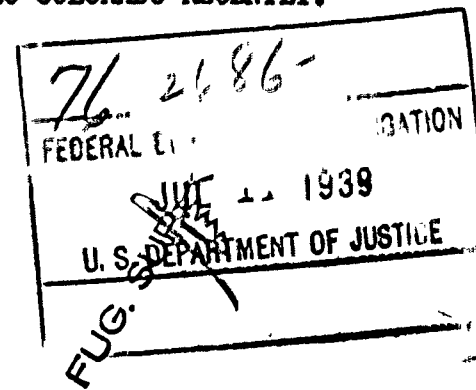
D. Brantley
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1612 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Mo.

ROCOL. PRESS INQUIRIES HERE INDICATE ONE EARL MCGUIRE IN CUSTODY
GARDEN CITY KANSAS CLAIMS SAW SUBJECTS PUEBLO COLORADO RECENTLY.
ENDEAVOR VERIFY

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CLASSES OF SERVICE

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R. B. WHITE, President

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A full-rate expedited service.

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A deferred service at lower than the standard telegram rates.

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Messages sent in sections during the same day.

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Accepted up to 2 A.M. for delivery not earlier than the following morning at rates substantially lower than the standard telegram or day letter rates.

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CONGRATULATIONS ON

Anniversaries	Weddings
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Birth of a Child	

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

CEH:LCB

Mr. Nathan _____
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Date July 7, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

RE: RALPH ROE, Fugitive.
I. O. #1472.

Margaret B. Mitchell, Extension 83, Securities and Exchange Commission, home address 1740 K Street, N. W., called on the phone this morning and stated that she believed she had information which would be of interest to the Bureau concerning the above fugitive.

She advised that her roommate has a boy friend whom she suspects of being identical with this fugitive. She further stated that this individual boarded a plane a few days ago at Washington bound for California and since she had noted an article in the paper to the effect that Roe was supposed to have been seen in Colorado she thought it possible that Roe might be the same individual who is friendly with her roommate. Miss Mitchell stated that she had a photograph of her roommate's boy friend and suggested that an Agent either call on her at Securities and Exchange Commission or she would come to the Bureau to give us all information in her possession.

I called Special Agent Newby of the Washington Field Division and furnished him with the above information. Agent Newby stated that he would contact Miss Mitchell and secure the complete information in her possession.

Respectfully,

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

EAT:COH

Time: 4:35 p.m.

July 5, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: ^OROCOL

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In accordance with your instruction appearing on the attached teletype dated July 5, 1939, received from SAC Andersen, Oklahoma City, I telephonically informed Mr. Andersen it would be satisfactory for Agents Smith and R. T. Hood to proceed to Garden City in company with Police Chief Jake Sims, Seminole, Oklahoma, for the purpose of interviewing one McGuire.

I instructed Mr. Andersen to press this lead vigorously as well as all other leads that come up from time to time in this case.

Respectfully,

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Copy to Mr. Tamm

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J. H. O.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **76-51**

REPORT MADE AT Springfield, Illinois	DATE WHEN MADE 7-5-39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6-13-39	REPORT MADE BY W. A. TEMPLE <div style="text-align: right;">DEB</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:

Relatives of [redacted] at Danville and Westville, Illinois, do not know his whereabouts.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent G. C. CALLAN, Springfield, Illinois, dated June 6, 1939.

DETAILS:

AT DANVILLE, ILLINOIS

MRS. JOHN STEWART, 914 North Collett Street, stated that [redacted] mother of [redacted], left her home about thirty days ago, going with her son, [redacted] to his home, [redacted] Aurora, Illinois. [redacted] moved from Chicago to Aurora, Illinois several months ago. She said that neither she nor her husband had seen [redacted] since he came to their home in January, 1939, with a woman, stating that she was his wife. They later learned she was not, and her husband told [redacted] never to come to his home again. She said [redacted] was a cousin of her husband. Mrs. STEWART stated that if they received any information relative to the whereabouts of [redacted] they would notify the Springfield Office.

AT WESTVILLE, ILLINOIS

JOHN WATSON, Route #1, Westville, Illinois, a cousin of [redacted] stated that the last information he had of [redacted] was that he was at Watseka, Illinois.

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Agent informed him that [] had left Watseka several months ago. He said that he did not know where he could be located, but if he learned his whereabouts he would notify the Springfield Office.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE CHICAGO OFFICE, at Chicago, Illinois, will disregard the lead set out in Agent CALLAN'S report dated June 6, 1939, as [] has moved to Aurora, Illinois.

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At Aurora, Illinois, will contact [] brother of [] in an attempt to locate the present address of the latter. If he does not know the address of his brother, [], his mother, who resides with him at [] should be interviewed for any information she might have as to her son's address. In the event [] is located in the territory covered by the Chicago Office, he should be interviewed along the lines of determining what information he has relative to the bonds BILLIE BROWN had which were supposed to be the property of subject ROE. Attention in interviewing [] should be given to page 24 of report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, dated 12-2-38, and pages 10 and 11 of report of Special Agent HOOD dated 6-2-39.

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Record of Telephone Call or Visitor.

July 6, 1939 1939.

Time 12:22pm

Name Col. Cates tele

Referred to _____

Details:

Inquired about the news items in the paper concerning Cole and Roe. What can be said about it.

I gave him the same information that was given to Mr. Zulcahy earlier this morning that in cases of this kind the policy has been to make no comment of any kind.

The Col. stated he would say there is no comment.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Time: 11:37 P. M.

I talked with Special Agent in Charge Gebben at Denver and asked him what was the source of the story that the FBI was investigating the fact that Roe and Cole were at Pueblo last Friday.

SAC Gebben advised that the first knowledge of it came to him from the Denver Post which called and told him that they had received a news bulletin that the police in Syracuse, Kansas, were holding a man named Earle McGuire who had stated that he had played cards with Roe and Cole last Friday in Pueblo. Mr. Gebben stated that he told the Denver Post that he knew nothing about it.

Subsequently, Mr. Gebben stated, the Associated Press, the United Press and the Denver News telephoned him with reference to the same item and that he made the same statement to them as he had made to the Denver Post. He advised that according to the Denver Post the story came from Syracuse, Kansas, and that according to the other newspapers it came from Garden City, Kansas.

I informed Mr. Gebben that the newspapers here were quoting him as having confirmed the fact that such an investigation was being conducted. He replied that he had not and that the first information he had of it came from the newspapers themselves and that he had told them he knew nothing about it. He also stated that after he had talked to Denver Post he sent a wire to Kansas and that he heard nothing further on the matter until SAC Andersen called him to ask if the statement had originated in Denver.

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he can read it.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

EAT:COH

Time: 7:10 p.m.

July 5, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: *D*ROCOL

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I called SAC Andersen at Oklahoma City in connection with the newspaper publicity indicating that the FBI and the police were investigating a story that Roe and Cole were at Pueblo last Friday.

I instructed Mr. Andersen to contact the Chief of Police at Seminole, Oklahoma, possibly the person giving out the information, and emphatically make it clear to him that Roe and Cole will not be caught by advertising in the newspapers that officials are going out to apprehend them.

Mr. Andersen indicated that Pueblo may have been the source of the publicity. He was instructed therefore to see that the proper person was firmly informed that this information should not have been disclosed and that he is to make no comment in the future.

According to Mr. Andersen, Agent Reed of the Kansas City Office has received several press inquiries from Garden City, Kansas, and it is possible the Sheriff there talked, although he had promised not to do so. I instructed Mr. Andersen to have Mr. Reed inform the Sheriff that the story is coming out which is destroying the possibilities of a good lead, and that such publicity will have to be discontinued.

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

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

REPORT MADE AT San Antonio, Texas	DATE WHEN MADE 7/5/39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6/29/39	REPORT MADE BY C. R. DAVIS
TITLE RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Records of Texas State Penitentiary at Huntsville, Texas, reflect that **ROLLIE RECTOR** is now confined on Eastham Prison Farm, No. 1, Weldon, Texas, which farm is located in the Dallas District.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent **RALPH T. HOOD**, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated June 2, 1939.

DETAILS:

At Huntsville, Texas, the records of the Texas State Penitentiary reflect that Convict **ROLLIE RECTOR** is now confined on Texas State Prison Farm, Eastham No. 1, which is located at Weldon, Texas.

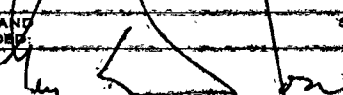
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THE DALLAS OFFICE: At State Prison Farm, Eastham No. 1, Weldon, Texas, interview **ROLLIE RECTOR** concerning escape or present location of Subjects.

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MEMORANDUM TO ALL AGENTS:

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

The Bureau has advised that all communications in connection with this case may bear the code title ROCOL. The Bureau has further advised that this case is of paramount importance and that all leads arising in the future should be given immediate attention.

There are several informative reports on this case in the Louisville File and each Agent is instructed to review these reports when next he is in the Louisville Office in order that this case may be discussed with various informants in Kentucky so that should ROE or COLE appear in Kentucky, or should any of the underworld figures in Kentucky obtain information concerning their whereabouts, the Louisville Office will be immediately advised.

Very truly yours,

J. D. Reynolds
J. D. REYNOLDS

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc All Agents

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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Special Agent in Charge
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Sir:

Re: MOCOL

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated May 15, 1939, requesting investigation by your office in the above captioned case.

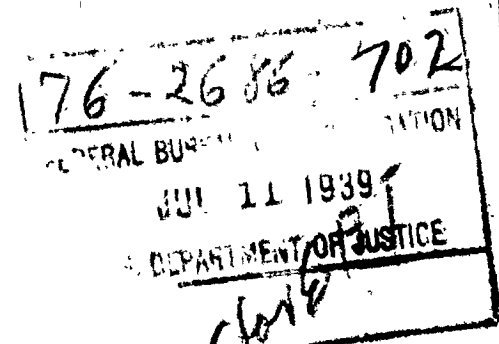
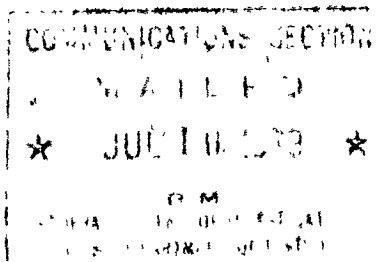
No report has been received by the Bureau to indicate that the necessary attention has been afforded this matter, and it is desired that appropriate action be taken in the near future.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc Oklahoma City

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AIR MAIL -
SPECIAL DELIVERY

July 7, 1939

Special Agent in Charge
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Sir:

Re: ROGOL

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated June 2, 1939, directed to all field offices, requesting that this case receive immediate attention.

The Bureau file reflects that your office presently has 8 undeveloped leads which require investigative attention, and it is desired that you have the necessary action taken in the immediate future, in order that a report may be submitted to the Bureau not later than July 20, 1939.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc Oklahoma City

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July 7, 1939

AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

Special Agent in Charge
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

Re: ROCOL

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated June 2, 1939, directed to all field offices, instructing that this case should receive immediate attention, in view of the recent developments indicating that at least one of the subjects may be alive.

The Bureau file reflects that your office presently has 37 outstanding leads, the majority of which have been pending for many months. No report has been received from your office to indicate that the Bureau's instructions for prompt action in this case have been complied with.

You are instructed to provide this case immediate attention, and to submit a report to the Bureau by July 1939.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc Oklahoma City

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July 6, 1939

AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

Special Agent in Charge
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

Re: ROGOL.

Your attention is directed to Bureau letter to all field offices dated June 7, 1939, which instructs that this case shall receive expeditious attention, and that all leads should be thoroughly developed in the immediate future.

The Bureau file discloses that your office presently has 27 undeveloped leads in this case, and it is further noted that no report has been received from your office since the above mentioned instructions were issued by the Bureau.

You are instructed to immediately comply with the previous instructions issued. A report should be submitted to the Bureau not later than July 20, 1939.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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EAT:MC

July 6, 1939

Mr. E. J. Gebben
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
518 Railway Exchange Building
Denver, Colorado

Dear Mr. Gebben:

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There appeared in today's Washington "Times-Herald" under a Denver date line of July 5, 1939, as a United Press dispatch, the following article:

"PAIR WHO FLED 'ROCK' REPORTED SEEN IN COLORADO"

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

"DENVER, July 5 (U.P.) - E. J. Gebben, head of the Denver field office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, said today that Government agents were investigating a report that Ralph Rowe and Theodore Cole, escaped Alcatraz prisoners, were seen in Pueblo, Col., last Friday.

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"Although Alcatraz prison officials have declared the two men were drowned in their attempt to escape the 'Rock' by swimming to the mainland December 16, 1937, reports have cropped up that the two men have been seen alive."

Upon observing this dispatch in an early edition of the paper, I instructed Mr. Tamm to contact you for the purpose of determining whether you had given out any information upon this case and was subsequently advised that you had furnished absolutely no data to the newspapers, and, as a matter of fact, had informed them that you did not know anything about this case.

In view of the fact that you are positively and affirmatively quoted in this dispatch, I desire that you immediately contact the ranking representative of the United Press at Denver and emphatically express your

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disapproval and displeasure at the misquoting of you and demand a retraction of this story. I desire that you handle this matter in a most vigorous manner, because the publication of such data may on some occasion cause the Bureau great embarrassment.

I want you to handle this matter immediately and advise me of the results of your interview with a representative of the United Press by return air mail letter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

TIMES-HERALD
Washington, D. C.

July 6, 1939

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*Send on to Gebbon
for an explanation
JTH.*

*Letter Gebbon
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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: SAN ANTONIO

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San Antonio, Texas.
July 11, 1939

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

RALPH ROE, w. a. FUGITIVE, I.O.1472
THEODORE COLE, w.a. " , I.O.1471
Escaped Federal Prisoners

Dear Sir:

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
JUL 12 1939
TAMM FUG. SUP.

On July 9, 1939, I received a telegram from the Oklahoma City office requesting immediate check be made to locate all 1939 registrations in Texas for Studebaker automobiles for which licenses beginning with the letter "F" were issued.

A check at the Automobile Registration Division, State Highway Department, Austin, Texas, reflects that there were approximately 100,000 license plates bearing the prefix "F" issued to 20 counties in Texas. These numbers ranged from 00500 to 95701.

Miss BESSIE BERGSTROM, Chief Clerk, Automobile Registration Division, advises that their record is kept by the license number, motor number, and make of the automobile to which issued. Consequently, it will be necessary to check each one of the licenses that have been issued, first to isolate all Studebaker cars by the county in which the license was issued. Miss BERGSTROM call my attention to the fact that some of the Tax Collectors in the different counties are rather slow in submitting their returns on licenses issued to the State Highway Department in Austin. Consequently, there may be some F license plates outstanding concerning which no record has yet been received in Austin, especially if these license plates have been issued in the last 60 days.

Miss BERGSTROM estimates that it will take five clerks approximately four days to make the check of the records that are on file at Austin and they do not have the clerical force available at this time to do that work.

I advised the Oklahoma City office over long distance telephone the magnitude of this check and was advised by SAC ANDERSEN to hold the matter in abeyance until further check was made by that office. If this check is desired, please authorize the employment of five clerks to make this check at an approximate cost of \$75.00. In order to make a thorough check it may be necessary to check the Tax Collectors in the different counties to which these F license plates were allotted.

This matter is being held in abeyance pending further information from the Oklahoma City office.

Very truly yours,

Gus T. Jones
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

CC OKLAHOMA CITY

Denver, Colorado
July 10, 1939

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

✓ Dear Sir:

W Reference is made to Bureau letter dated July 6, 1939, which referred to the United Press dispatch which appeared in the Washington "Times-Herald" under a Denver date line of July 5, 1939, regarding the KOCOL case.

I am transmitting herewith an original letter dated July 10, 1939, addressed to me by Manager LOBERT WEAR, of the Denver Office of the United Press Associations.

Mr. WEAR assured me that he regretted this incident had happened and explained that one of the younger employees of his office had handled this matter, and further stated that this employee's inexperience showed itself in that he misspelled the writer's name. Mr. WEAR informed me that he will personally discuss this matter with all of the employees of his office in order that a similar occurrence will not happen in the future.

It is noted that Bureau letter instructed that this matter be handled immediately and results forwarded by return airmail. However, after Bureau letter arrived on July 8, 1939, and I had arranged for an interview with Mr. WEAR, a bank robbery occurred in this territory which necessitated my remaining at the office. Mr. WEAR was contacted by me at the first opportunity today.

Very truly yours

L. J. GIBSEN
Special Agent in Charge

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July 5, 1939

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

RALPH ROE, w.as. - FUG. I.O. 1472
Re: THEODORE COLE, w.as. - FUG. I.O. 1471
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.

Dear Sir:

Kindly furnish the known criminal record of the following:

Name (inc. aliases)	City, Police Arrest, or Other Number.	Approximate date Fingerprints for- warded Division of Investigation.	Fingerprint Classifica- tion.
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P. E. FOXWORTH,
Special Agent in Charge.

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July 7, 1939

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

Dear Sir:

With reference to the inquiry made of you this morning by Mr. Tamm concerning statements attributed to you in the public press with reference to the investigation involving Theodore Gole and Ralph Roe, I am transmitting herewith copies of an Associated Press dispatch appearing in the "Washington Star" on July 6, 1939.

It will be observed from this dispatch that you are quoted as having stated that the active investigation in this case was being made by the Oklahoma City Office. While I have been advised that you informed Mr. Tamm you did not make any such statements to the press, I desire to bring this press dispatch to your attention, because I believe that the investigation of this particular case has been seriously hampered and hindered by the several unfortunate press statements which have appeared.

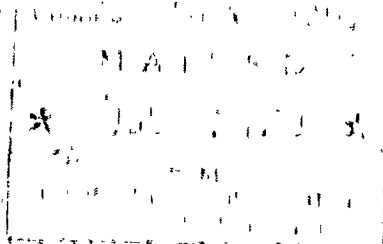
I believe that in all future inquiries of this kind you should state that you have no comment to make with reference to the investigation of such a case.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
July 7, 1939

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Time 9:25 a. m.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: ^OROCOL

I called SAC Pieper at San Francisco in accordance with the instructions contained on the attached newspaper clipping and asked him if he made the statement which is contained in this article.

Mr. Pieper stated that Wednesday he was asked by newspaper men if the Bureau was conducting investigation in this matter and Mr. Pieper replied that we are always seeking to locate Ted Cole and Ralph Roe. He stated no mention whatsoever was made of Oklahoma City and no other comment was made. Mr. Pieper stated he was not in San Francisco yesterday.

I told Mr. Pieper to say, in the event other inquiries are received, that we never comment on a case of this kind. Mr. Pieper said he would do this in the future.

Respectfully,

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E. A. TAMM

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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Send him copy of statement.

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*Letter Pieper
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Alcatraz Escape Mystery Revived by Report of Fugitives

Ex-Convict Tells of
Playing Poker With
Cole and Roe

By the Associated Press.

OKLAHOMA CITY, July 6.—An ex-convict's story he played poker recently with Ted Cole and Ralph Roe, only felons ever to vanish from Alcatraz, injected new mystery today into one of modern crime's most baffling cases.

Although no agent of the law has seen the Oklahoma desperadoes since they melted into the mist December 16, 1937, Nat. J. Pieper, F. B. I. chief at San Francisco, admitted the search persisted in every bureau.

"But, probably," he added, "the most active investigation is being made by the Oklahoma City F. B. I. office."

Non-committal was Harold E. Anderson, F. B. I. chief here, but it was learned reliably that agents had questioned old-time cronies of Roe, 33, at Shawnee and had been looking for Cole, 27, around Seminole.

Tells of Poker Game.

Seminole is the oil field home town of Earl McGuire, Oklahoma ex-convict who told Garden City (Kans.) officers yesterday of the purported poker game at Pueblo, Colo., last Friday.

McGuire sprang his story as he was being questioned about the slaying of Undersheriff Ray Kumpf of Syracuse, Kans.

"These wild stories pop up all over the country," said Fred Smith, veteran officer, who worked in the county jail here when Cole's persistent attempts to escape forced jailers to install amplifiers to pick up the slightest sound.

"Some guy gets arrested," Mr. Smith continued, "and wants to create a sensation, so he says he saw Cole and Roe."

Mr. Smith recalled, however, how Cole almost got free by hiding in a garbage can and how he slipped out of handcuffs and leg irons as a daily joke.

Once Escaped in Bag.

Once Cole made his way safely out of McAlester (Okla.) Penitentiary in a laundry bag.

It was there that he met Roe, who tried to escape in a tightly nailed box but almost suffocated and was forced to bang for help.

Both later wound up at Alcatraz, Rose to do 99 years for robbing a Sulphur (Okla.) bank, Cole to do a 50-year stretch for kidnaping James Rutherford near Cushing, Okla.

When in 1937 they vanished from Alcatraz, Warden James A. Johnston said one of the strongest ebb tides of the year was sweeping by the island.

Jack Grear, an expert swimmer, who breasted the more than a mile of current, to shore in 1933 to show it could be done, said there was "not one chance in a thousand" they made it safely without aid.

But admittedly on the G-men's books Kidnaper Cole and Bank Robber Roe are officially alive until their bodies are found.

Jamm:

Find out if Pieper
said this -

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
Denver, Colorado
July 11, 1939

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: ROCOL

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter from the Kansas City Office to the Oklahoma City Office, dated July 5, 1939, in the above captioned matter which contained information to the effect that EARL McGUIRE claimed to have played dice with ROE and COLE at the Ramona Hotel, Pueblo, Colorado, on June 25, 1939.

I am enclosing herewith a sheet taken from the registry book of the Ramona Hotel. This sheet contains the names of persons who registered at the hotel from June 17 to July 5, 1939. Particular attention is called to the registrations of JOVE BROWN and LESTER DILLON, Garden City, Kansas, on June 25, 1939, and the registration of RALPH GOMAN, registering from an unknown address on June 28, 1939.

The handwriting of these persons as well as all persons registering at the hotel should be compared with the known handwriting of Subjects RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE. If no identification is made the handwriting of JOVE BROWN and LESTER DILLON should be compared with the known handwriting of EARL McGUIRE and PAUL WAYNE BREWER, if it is in the possession of the Bureau. The findings of the Bureau should be furnished the Oklahoma City and Denver Offices.

Very truly yours,

E. J. Gebben

E. J. GEBBEN,
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Oklahoma City

cc Technical Laboratory

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AIR MAIL

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Special Agent in Charge
Denver, Colorado

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of July 11, 1939, submitting one "Wanda" twenty-five watt electric light bulb for latent fingerprint examination and requesting that any latent impressions of value be compared with the fingerprints of Theodore Cole and Ralph Hoe in connection with the above-entitled case, your file #76-95.

You are advised that the light bulb submitted has been examined and one fragmentary latent impression, which is that of the extreme tip or side of a finger, was developed. This has been compared in as far as possible with the fingerprints of Theodore Cole, I. O. #1471, and Ralph Hoe, I. O. #1472, but no identification could be effected.

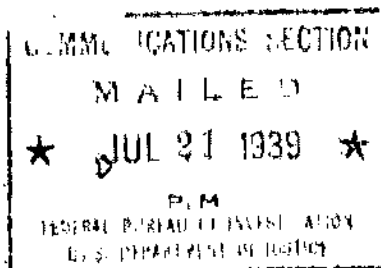
The light bulb is being returned to your office under separate cover, photographic copies of the latent impression having been made for inclusion in the Bureau's files.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
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cc - Oklahoma City (AIR MAIL)



W. J. P. K.

Handwritten signatures and initials, including a large "K" and "S".

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Date Recorded: 7-17-39 1100 A.M.

Single Fingerprint Report

Case: Re: ROCOL

Number: 76-2686-712

Specimens: One "Mazda" 25 watt electric light bulb.

Requested that the above specimen be examined for latents and that any latents be compared with the fingerprints of the following named suspects:

THEODORE COLE I.O. 1471

RALPH ROE I.O. 1472

Examination requested by:

Denver

Date received:

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Examination requested:

Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: Upton

cc Oklahoma City

Sent copy of letter to C. I. for cards, 7-17-39 fja

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1 fragmentary latent, extreme tip or side of a finger, for
comp. only

Not identified fpts above Comp. insofar as possible

Dictated 7-20-39

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
Denver, Colorado
July 11, 1939

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: RCOL

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting under separate cover a small electric light globe which was taken from a room at the Ramona Hotel, Pueblo, Colorado. There appear to be a few fragment latent fingerprints on this globe.

It is respectfully requested that in the event there are sufficient characteristics in these latent prints the same be photographed and the latent fingerprints compared with the known fingerprints of THEODORE COLE and RALPH ROE. The results should be furnished to the Oklahoma City and Denver Offices.

Very truly yours,

E. J. Gebben

E. J. GEBBEN,
Special Agent in Charge

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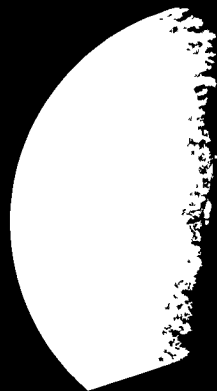
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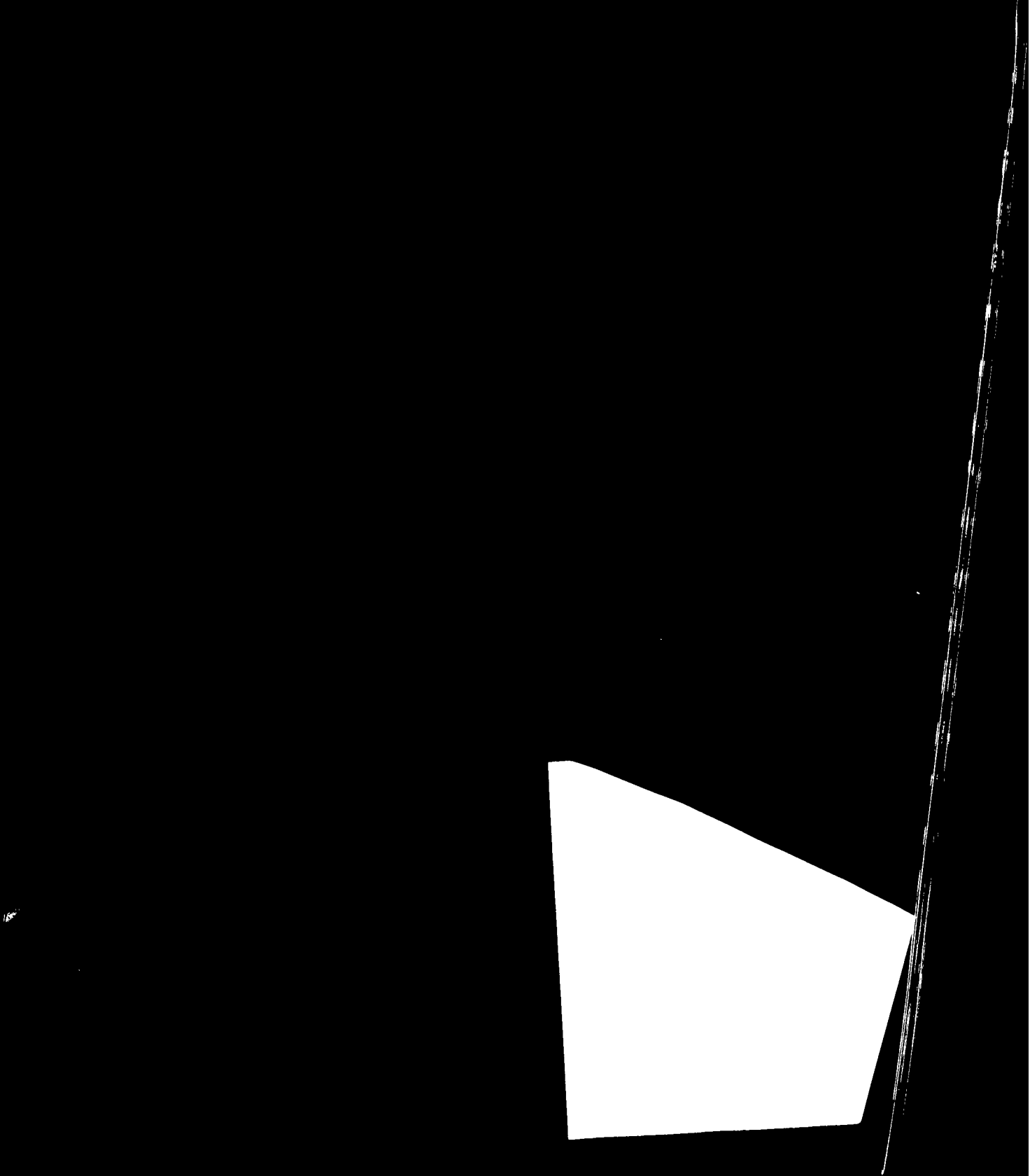
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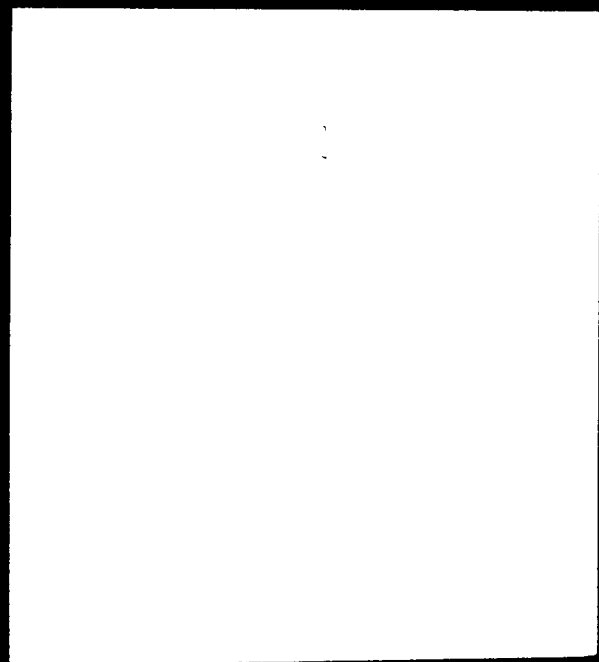
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518 Railway Exchange Building
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**Director,
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Pennsylvania Ave. at 9th St., N. W.
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 A. T. Potter
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: **SAN ANTONIO**

JULY 12, 1939

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Per

P. O. Box 1881
Seattle, Washington

July 19, 1939

Mr. H. L. Wilson, Postmaster
Roy
Washington

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the conversation had between you and Special Agent J. P. MacFarland of this Bureau, at which time Agent MacFarland requested that a mail cover be placed upon all mail delivered to and mailed from the residence of Mr. and Mrs. William Cole, Box 170, Route 1, Roy, Washington.

You are advised that this mail cover has served its purpose and may be discontinued.

I take this opportunity to thank you sincerely for your courtesy and cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

R. C. SURAN
Special Agent in Charge

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PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

July 10, 1939.

Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Re: ROCOL

Dear Sir:

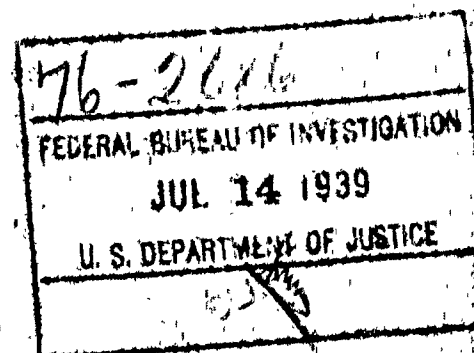
Reference is made to Bureau letter dated June 2, 1939, file #76-2686, instructing that a review of the above file be made to ascertain the investigation pending and instructing that the undeveloped leads should receive expeditious attention.

Please be advised that a review of the Philadelphia Field Office file does not reflect there is any outstanding investigation in this field office and you are advised the matter is Referred Upon Completion to the Office of Origin.

Very truly yours,

H.B. FLETCHER,
Special Agent in Charge.

HB:AG
76-224
cc:Bureau



Denver, Colorado
July 12, 1939

Special Agent in Charge
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

RE: HOOGL

Dear Sir,

I am transmitting herewith a copy of a letter, dated July 8, 1939, which was forwarded to this office by MR. SAM FABRIZIO, Superintendent of Special Service, The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company.

You will note that in his letter MR. FABRIZIO states that EARL McGUIRE informed him that he did not see RALPH ROE in Pueblo, Colorado, but that he has seen him several times since the latter escaped from Alcatraz Penitentiary.

This matter is being referred to you for any attention deemed appropriate.

Very truly yours,

E. J. OGDEN,
Special Agent in Charge

RJG:MGM

Encl.

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

July 5, 1939

MR. TALL

Re attached memorandum. The Director desires that you telephone Oklahoma City and advise the Special Agent in Charge of the fact that the United Press has a report from Pueblo, Colorado. Inform the SAC that he must keep the Chief of Police quiet, that information must not get out in this case.

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

Record of Telephone Call or Visitor.

July 5, 1939.

Time Mr. Mulcahy tele

Name _____

Referred to _____

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Stated the United Press has a report that Roe and Cole were at Pueblo, Colorado on Friday last. He inquires what can be done as to this report.

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TAMM **FUG. SUP.** **MASS. GAUBY**

With reference to the request of Mr. Lester concerning the name of the head of the Identification Division, he stated that the Washington Merrygo-round is pressing him for an answer.

I told him Mr. Hoover had been around in the Attorney General's office and I had not had an opportunity to call his attention to the previous call.

He asked to be advised.

I telephoned Mr. Mulcahy and advised the Bureau knew nothing about report from United Press re head of Identification Division Mr. Mulcahy informed Mr. Harold Nathan head of Ident Div. FBI.

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- Mr. Tolson _____
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76-2686 - 716 ✓ August 17, 1939

Special Agent in Charge
Springfield, Illinois

Re: ROCOL

Dear Sir:

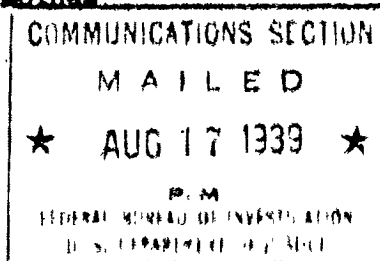
Reference is made to the report of Special Agent W. E. Shaeffer, dated at Des Moines, Iowa, on July 11, 1939, which contains an undeveloped lead for your office to conduct appropriate inquiry relative to 1939 Illinois license #846-376.

The Bureau file does not reflect that the requested investigation has been conducted and it is desired that you afford this matter attention in the immediate future.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc Oklahoma City
Des Moines



Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Nathan _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
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Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY

FILE NO.

76-41

REPORT MADE AT DES MOINES, IOWA	DATE WHEN MADE 7-11-39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6-20-39	REPORT MADE BY M. E. SHAEFFER MES:MFG
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:

MARK MAY, West Burlington, Iowa, positively identified photographs of ROE and tentatively identified photograph of COLE as being persons who purchased trailer from him in Hot Springs, Arkansas in March of 1939, at which time there were two women with them. MAY states that they were driving a 1932 Ford Coach or Sedan bearing 1939 Illinois license number 846-376.

- R.U.C. -

REFERENCE:

Letter from Oklahoma City to Des Moines dated April 24, 1939.
Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, June 2, 1939.

DETAILS:

AT WEST BURLINGTON, IOWA

MARK W. MAY, 201 Spring Street, advised the writer that about the middle of March, 1939, he and his wife were camping in their trailer in Hot Springs, Arkansas, at which time he was taking treatments at the Government Hospital. MAY stated that he was approached by two men who were accompanied by an elderly woman about 45 years of age who went by the name of DORA KENNEDY and was supposed to be their mother. They were also accompanied by a younger woman who was very flashingly dressed and they were interested in purchasing his trailer.

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He advised that an agreement was reached and he sold them his trailer for \$70. MAY further advised that they were driving a 1932 Ford Coach or Sedan bearing 1939 Illinois license number 846-376 which number he had written down for future reference. He stated later he had observed photographs of ROE and COLE and was positive that they were identical with the two men mentioned above.

The writer exhibited glossy photographs of RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE to Mr. MAY and he positively identified the photograph of RALPH ROE as being one of the men and tentatively identified photograph of THEODORE COLE as the other. He advised that this man appeared like the facial features had been changed somewhat in order to try and cover his identity. Mr. MAY further described these men as:

RALPH ROE
Age: 27 to 28
Weight: 170
Height: 6'
Hair: Dark

THEODORE COLE
Age: 23 to 24
Weight: 155
Height: 5' 7" or 8"
Hair: Light brown

At this point Mrs. MAY put in an appearance and she was exhibited the photographs of COLE AND ROE and she also positively identified the photograph of RALPH ROE as being one of them although stated that photograph of THEODORE COLE did not resemble the other. Mr. MAY went on to say that after they purchased the trailer from him they first camped at the tourist camp then moved the trailer to a place on Malvern Street to a vacant lot opposite Murphy's Garage next to where a bath house burned down. He further stated that he believed that some of the party were taking baths in a bath house known as the Alhambra Bath-house. Mr. MAY could furnish no description of the two women other than to advised that one was very flashingly dressed and the other was approximately 45 years of age whose name was DORA KENNEDY, and was supposed to be the mother of the two boys.

In conclusion Mr. MAY advised that he intends very shortly to return to Hot Springs, Arkansas, and may be reached at 740 Spring Street in the event it is desired that he be further contacted.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE SPRINGFIELD OFFICE

AT SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

Will make appropriate inquiry to determine the name of the person to whom 1939 Illinois license number 846-376 is

issued and thereafter determine their present whereabouts, ascertain whether or not the party to whom the license is issued is identical with either subject ROE or COLE or whether they have any connection with them.

THE LITTLE ROCK OFFICE

AT HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS

Will conduct investigation in the vicinity of Murphy's Garage, which is located on Malvern Street across from which the persons believed by Mr. MAY to be identical with ROE and COLE parked their trailer next to where an old bath house had burned down.

At the Alhambra Bath house will exhibit photographs of subjects to the appropriate parties in charge to determine whether or not they can identify them as being identical with anyone taking treatments there and also whether or not they have a record of DORA KENNEDY having taken treatments there.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

JULY 12, 1939

76-348

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ROCOL

It is respectfully requested that this Division be
furnished with one hundred copies each of Identification
Orders Number 1471 and Number 1472.

Very truly yours,

H. E. Andersen

H. E. ANDERSEN
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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August 18, 1939

Special Agent in Charge
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Re: ROCOL

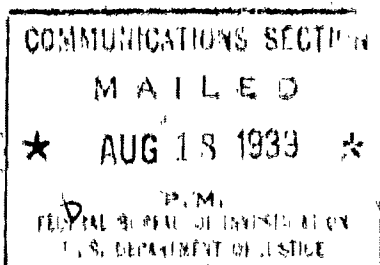
Dear Sir:

This is to advise that an appropriate wanted notice has been placed against the record of Winnie E. Metcalf, #FBI-737153, so that your office will be notified in the event this person is arrested. Appropriate action should then be taken to have Metcalf interviewed in connection with this case.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. Nathan _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Coffey _____
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **76-95**

REPORT MADE AT DENVER, COLORADO	DATE WHEN MADE 7-11-39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6-13-15-39	REPORT MADE BY J. J. STARKE
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:

WINNIE E. METCALF not located in Colorado. **MRS. EVVA PLUMMER**, mother of **METCALF**, states he left Colorado in summer of 1938 and has not heard from him since but believes him to be in California. Informs her daughter, **MRS. FADDIS**, Salt Lake City, Utah, has probably heard from **METCALF** recently and will furnish address if known.

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REFERENCES: Report of Special Agent D. C. SPENCER, Denver, Colorado, dated 6-3-39;
Report of Special Agent J. J. PIEPER, Seattle, Washington, dated 2-16-39.

DETAILS:

AT GLENWOOD SPRINGS, COLORADO

Sheriff **ROY TERRELL**, Garfield County, Glenwood Springs, Colorado, stated that he was personally acquainted with **METCALF** but that he had not been around Glenwood Springs or New Castle since prior to his arrest by the Post Office authorities. He stated that **METCALF** hung around New Castle and Glenwood Springs for a short time prior to the robbery of the Kremling Bank. **TERRELL** stated that he did not believe anyone in New Castle would know of the whereabouts of **METCALF** for the reason that he used the town only as a hang-out. **TERRELL** further stated that **METCALF** had a brother living in Glenwood Springs named **OTIS METCALF**.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>E. J. [Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE <i>[Signature]</i>	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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Reference report states that OTIS METCALF is located at Carbondale, Colorado. With the assistance of Sheriff TERRELL the writer located and interviewed OTIS METCALF at Glenwood Springs where he is presently employed digging graves. OTIS METCALF stated that he has not seen or heard of his brother, WINNIE METCALF, otherwise known as CROCKET METCALF, since 1937 when he was in Carbondale and Hotchkiss visiting his mother, EVVA PLUMMER. OTIS METCALF stated that he did not see his brother at that time but that he had heard from his mother who informed him that WINNIE METCALF had been there visiting but had left around Christmas of 1937. OTIS stated that if he received any word as to the whereabouts of his brother he would immediately notify Sheriff TERRELL.

Sheriff TERRELL stated that OTIS METCALF was a straight forward young fellow and that from previous conversations with OTIS, TERRELL had formed the opinion that OTIS had no use whatsoever for his brother, WINNIE METCALF and felt that if he received any information as to his whereabouts OTIS would inform him, TERRELL.

During the interview with OTIS METCALF, he stated that his mother and the mother of WINNIE METCALF is now located at Grand Junction, Colorado at 820 1st Avenue; that her name at the present time is EVVA PLUMMER; but that she is not living with her husband, R. J. PLUMMER.

AT GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO

At 820 First Avenue, it was ascertained that EVVA PLUMMER was no longer residing at this address and that her present permanent address was unknown. However, it was ascertained that she was presently attending a camp religious meeting on the north side of Grand Junction where she was residing in a tent.

EVVA PLUMMER was located at this camp meeting and stated that at the present time she did not have a permanent address but that she intended visiting her son in Glenwood Springs and making a short trip to Hotchkiss, Colorado, to visit her other son, WILLIAM METCALF, and that if the writer wanted to contact her in the future she could be reached through General Delivery at Grand Junction, and if she left the Grand Junction territory permanently she would leave a forwarding address with the Postmaster at Grand Junction. She stated that her son, WINNIE METCALF, who has been a continual burden and disgrace on the family name, returned to Colorado and visited her at Hotchkiss in 1937; that he left there in December or

the first part of January, 1938 and went to Climax, Colorado, where he worked in the mines but that he remained there for only a short period and then went to Silverton, Colorado, where he worked in the Silverton Mines. She had received and exhibited to the writer a letter from WINNIE METCALF which reflected that he was living at Silverton but no address either for Silverton, Colorado, or for the fort was given. She stated that when she wrote her son at Silverton she wrote in care of General Delivery but that since he left Silverton she has had no further word from him and had been worried until the writer had called upon her that her son had been arrested again and sent to prison.

MRS. PLUMMER stated that she has a daughter who is a sister of WINNIE METCALF living at 208 Canyon Road, Salt Lake City, Utah, her name being MRS. THOMAS R. FADDIS. MRS. PLUMMER stated that she talked to her daughter by long distance telephone several days prior to this interview at which time she obtained the impression that her daughter was communicating with WINNIE METCALF. She stated that if anyone in the family would have his address it would be the daughter, MRS. FADDIS. Therefore, a lead is being set out for the Salt Lake City Office to interview MRS. FADDIS relative to the whereabouts of WINNIE METCALF. For the information of the Salt Lake City Office it might be stated that WINNIE METCALF's location is desired in order that he may be interviewed and questioned concerning the possible whereabouts of Subjects ROE and COLE inasmuch as METCALF was incarcerated at Alcatraz Penitentiary during part of the same period that ROE and COLE were there and it has been ascertained that METCALF was very friendly with both ROE and COLE.

It should further be noted that METCALF at one time was wanted for the robbery of the Kramling State Bank on August 29, 1935, but that the Sheriff's Office at Hot Sulphur Springs, Colorado, advised that they would not file charges against him and that he was not wanted at the present time. He should be vigorously interviewed relative to his association with Subjects in this case as to any possible knowledge as to their whereabouts at the present time.

It is noted that considerable investigation is being conducted in several sources in an attempt to locate WINNIE E. METCALF, and it is suggested that the office of origin, if it has not already been done, consider the advisability of placing a wanted notice with the Bureau against this individual, FBI-#737,153, so that he may be located through that source in the event he is ever arrested. It is probable that he is still carrying on his criminal activities some place in the West.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE SALT LAKE CITY FIELD DIVISION

AT SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

Will locate MRS. THOMAS R. FADDIS at 208 Canyon Road and interview her relative to the whereabouts of her brother, WINNIE E. METCALF, in order that he may be interviewed along the lines set out in this report. In the event she does not have the address of WINNIE METCALF the Denver Office should locate and interview WILLIAM METCALF at Hotchkiss, Colorado, for information as to his whereabouts.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

FILE NO. 76-95

REPORT MADE AT DENVER, COLORADO	DATE WHEN MADE 7-11-39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7-6-39	REPORT MADE BY D. M. BRIGHTMAN
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 Ramona Hotel, Pueblo, Colo., failed to disclose either Subject in Pueblo with EARL McGUIRE and PAUL WAYNE BREWER on 6-25-39. Hotel register checked and only 15 persons registered from June 17 to July 5 inclusive. Photographs of Subjects exhibited with negative results. Register sheet obtained for Bureau for comparison purposes.

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REFERENCES: Letter from Kansas City Office, dated 7-5-39;
Teletype from Oklahoma City Office, dated 7-7-39.

DETAILS:

The following investigation was based on information furnished in reference letter which indicated that EARL McGUIRE, who was in custody at Garden City, Kansas, charged with the murder of Sheriff RAY KUMPH had informed the Sheriff at Garden City, Kansas, that he had played dice with the Subjects of this case in the Ramona Hotel at Pueblo, Colorado, on the Friday preceding the Monday of June 26, 1939, which would be on Friday, June 23, 1939. This investigation was conducted prior to the receipt of reference teletype giving additional information and it might be stated here that additional investigation will be made at Pueblo, Colorado, as requested in reference teletype.

AT PUEBLO, COLORADO

Reporting Agent contacted Acting Captain of Detectives

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EVERETT C. HORNE and Detective DENNEY ROBERTS, who on former occasions have been very cooperative with Agents of this Bureau. This case was briefly explained to them and the connection the occupants of the Ramona Hotel had with informants of this case. Captain HORNE advised that the Ramona Hotel was located at 311 1/2 Santa Fe Street in Pueblo and was operated by one ED J. KRONBERG and his wife, MRS. KRONBERG; that it was a cheap hotel and was considered as a house of prostitution; but that there were only two girls kept at this hotel. He advised that on former occasions he had contacted ED KRONBERG and that information obtained from ED was usually reliable. He advised against contacting MRS. KRONBERG.

Reporting Agent, accompanied by Captain HORNE and Detective DENNEY ROBERTS, called at the Ramona Hotel at which time inquiry was made of ED J. KRONBERG. KRONBERG advised that he had left Pueblo, Colorado, on June 28, 1939, for Chicago, Illinois, and did not return until June 30, 1939; that his wife also accompanied him to Chicago; and that the hotel was left in charge of one LUDIE TEMPLE; that she was in sole charge of the hotel and had no assistant while he and his wife were gone. For that reason of course he would not know any person who might have been at the hotel from June 28 to June 30, 1939. He was shown the photographs of the Subjects RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE and advised that as far as he knew he had never seen these persons before. He was also given the best known description that was available as to EARL McGUIRE and PAUL WAYNE BRUNER and advised that as far as he knew these two men had never stayed at the hotel.

The Hotel Register was made available and same disclosed the following information:

Saturday June 17 - 39

J. G. Smith, Anton, Colo.

Room

15

Sunday June 18 - 39

H. C. Freeman

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Thursday June 22 - 39

Ernest Brocher

12

Sunday June 25 - 39

Mr. & Mrs. Herschel Hardin

13

Jove Brown Garden City, Kans.

12

Lester Dillon Garden City, Kans.

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Tuesday June 27 - 39

A. K. Reinhardt Monta Vista 12

Wednesday June 28 - 39

Earnest Adams 11
D. W. Saxton 11
Ralph Goman 14

Saturday July 1 - 39

E. C. Welch Alamosa 14
D. Messer 11

Wednesday July 5 - 39

W. Wheshud Newton Kans. (illegible) 11

This sheet was taken from the register and is being forwarded to the Bureau under separate cover, and the handwriting experts are being requested to compare the different signatures as appearing on this sheet with the known handwriting of Subjects of this case. It appears that the names of JOVE ~~BROWN~~ and LESTER ~~DILLON~~ as appearing on the register from Garden City, Kansas, may possibly be identical with BREWER and McGUIRE. The Oklahoma City Office should, if the Bureau is not in possession of the signatures of these two persons, furnish any of their known handwriting to the Bureau for comparison purposes.

It was noticed that Rooms 12 and 14 were occupied by only one other person from June 26 to June 30, 1939 so both of these rooms were processed for latent fingerprints. All articles in the rooms which might have fingerprints on them were processed and there appeared to be only one article that being a light globe which showed a latent print of possible value. This globe is being forwarded to the Bureau and it is being requested that a comparison of the fragment latent prints appearing on the globe be made with the rolled impressions of the Subjects.

MR. KRONBERG stated that it would have been impossible for anyone to come into the hotel without the knowledge of the manager of the hotel as the front door, which is located at the foot of the steps leading to the hotel, has a connection on it and upon the opening of this door a bell rings in his apartment; that it is requested and required of everyone to register; and that he never knew of anyone failing to register at any time. He further

stated that he is sure there were no dice games in progress at any time in the hotel as he forbids this and had so instructed anyone who keeps the hotel upon his absence.

ADDIE TEMPLE, who was in charge of the hotel upon the absence of MR. and MRS. KRONBERG, was called into the room and questioned and advised that there were no persons staying at the hotel other than those registered. She was shown photographs of seven persons, 3 out of the 7 being Subjects of this case. She closely scrutinized all of the photographs and advised that as far as she knew she had never seen any of these persons. She was then given the photographs of RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE and asked to study them closely and again she advised that she had never seen these two persons and most assuredly they were not at the Ramona Hotel during the time she kept same. She further advised that at no time was a dice game in progress at the hotel. She was particularly questioned about JOVE BROWN and LESTER DILLON who registered from Garden City, Kansas, and were assigned Rooms 12 and 14. She advised that these two persons appeared at the hotel late one night; that she did not know their mode of conveyance or how they got to the hotel; that she heard the bell ring indicating someone was coming up the steps; and that these two persons appeared and registered and were assigned rooms 12 and 14 and immediately went to their rooms. She stated that neither of these persons ~~was~~ RALPH ROE or THEODORE COLE and that she had never seen them before. The descriptions of McGUIRE and BREWER as known to this office were furnished to ADDIE TEMPLE who advised that she did not know BROWN and DILLON well enough to say whether or not they answered these descriptions.

ADDIE TEMPLE stated that she was the only person on duty at any time during the absence of MR. and MRS. KRONBERG and was the only person who checked anyone in and out of the rooms. She advised that no beer or such like was served in the rooms. She stated that there was another girl at the hotel part of the time but she was not available for interview. This girl will be located and interviewed. She stated there were only two girls in the hotel at any time. It might be stated here that ADDIE TEMPLE is a half-breed Mexican and is not intelligent.

It might be stated that the Ramona Hotel is a cheap rooming house located at 311 1/2 Santa Fe Street; that the hotel has 14 rooms and information disclosed that there is rarely ever over one to three persons staying at the hotel. The rooms are situated over the Denver Furniture Company, a used furniture store.

Inquiry was made and same disclosed that there are only two garages located within three blocks of the hotel and that these garages close each night around six or seven o'clock. Therefore, inasmuch as reference letter did not give definite information pertaining to the automobile, further investigation was not made at this time relative to it, but additional investigation will be made inasmuch as a better description of the automobile has been furnished this office in the teletype message from the Oklahoma City Office.

Agent was informed by Captain HORNE that the city prohibits automobiles parking on the streets of Pueblo during the night. Therefore, he was sure that the Night Patrolman did not obtain the registration of any automobiles which might have been parked on the street inasmuch as they would have been parked only for a short time.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD DIVISION

AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

Will furnish this office with the photographs of PAUL WAYNE BREWER and EARL McGUIRE if they have such in order that these photographs might be exhibited to persons at the Ramona Hotel. The Oklahoma City Office should expedite the furnishing of these photographs to the Denver Office.

THE DENVER FIELD DIVISION

AT PUEBLO, COLORADO

Will ascertain the name of the second girl who at times occupies a room at the Ramona Hotel from MR. KRONBERG and will then interview this girl and exhibit to her photographs of Subjects of this case for identification purposes.

Will make inquiry at the various garages located in Pueblo to ascertain if the Studebaker Sedan as described in reference teletype was stored in any of the garages.

Will contact Captain EVERETT HORNE and Detective DEWEY ROBERTS and inquire of them as to the identity of BOOTS LADD, ex-convict. Will then locate BOOTS LADD and vigorously question

him as to his knowledge of RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE being in Pueblo, Colorado and driving a Studebaker Sedan.

Will re-interview ED J. KRONBERG and ascertain from him whether or not at any time he had as many as five girls occupying rooms in the Ramona Hotel and if such is the case will interview each of these girls.

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FILE NO. 76-290

REPORT MADE AT SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.	DATE WHEN MADE 7-11-39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6-19-39	REPORT MADE BY J. D. COLGLAZIER -- GH
TITLE RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O.#1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 25%;"> <p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> </div> <div style="width: 75%;"> <p>JOEL SANDERS unknown at Tulelake, Calif. Photographs of fugitives displayed and no information developed that they have been in that section.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 20px;"> <div style="width: 25%;"> <p>REFERENCE:</p> </div> <div style="width: 75%;"> <p>Letter addressed to the Bureau by the Oklahoma City Division, dated 2/21/39. Letter from the Oklahoma City Division dated 2-28-39. Report of Special Agent F. S. SMITH, dated 3-22-39 at Oklahoma City, Okla.</p> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 20px;"> <div style="width: 25%;"> <p>DETAILS:</p> </div> <div style="width: 75%;"> <p>AT TULELAKE, CALIFORNIA.</p> <p>Mrs. BETTY TAYLOR, Postmaster, advised that she had never heard of anyone by the name of JOEL SANDERS in that vicinity, and advised that she could not recall anyone by that name receiving mail at that post office. She caused a check to be made of forwarding addresses which revealed that a J. W. SANDERS had left a forwarding address on Sept. 15, 1938, of Box #97, Malin, Oregon; and that a RUSSELL SANDERS had left a forwarding address on Sept. 24, 1938, of General Delivery, Malin, Ore. She advised that neither of these two men were known to her but that they apparently were men who had come to Tulelake, Calif., during the fall of 1938 to work in the harvest and had left at the completion of the harvest. Photographs of subjects ROE and COLE were displayed to Mrs. TAYLOR and other postal employees, and they advised they had never seen anyone resembling either photograph.</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">ELZA FITZPATRICK, Chief of Police, and RAY DYSERT, Deputy Sheriff, advised that they could recall but one SANDERS being in that vicinity.</p> </div> </div>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="font-size: 2em; font-family: monospace; text-align: center;"> 76 2686 720 JUL 17 1939 </div> <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: monospace; text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> JUL 15 A.M. </div>	
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that that was one RUSTY or RED SANDERS; that they believed his correct name was RUSSELL; that this SANDERS was in that vicinity about last August and September and claimed to be a fight promoter; that he was picked up in September, 1938, for disturbing the peace and was given a floater; that this man is apparently identical with the RUSSELL SANDERS who left a forwarding address of General Delivery, Malin, Oregon on September 24, 1938. Photographs of subjects ROE and COLE were displayed to FITZPATRICK and DYSERT and they advised that they had never seen anyone resembling either subject in that vicinity.

Others contacted in an effort to obtain information relative to JOEL SANDERS were RED LOUDON, Pastime Club, Tulalake's gambling club; R. M. PYRON, Manager, Bank of America, Tulalake's only bank; and EARL AGERS, Manager of EARL'S Grocery, Tulalake's leading grocery. None of these persons had ever heard of anyone by the name of JOEL SANDERS. Photographs of subjects ROE and COLE were displayed to various persons, including the above, none of whom could recall anyone that resembled either of subjects.

RAY DYSERT, Deputy Sheriff, stated that he would keep the name of JOEL SANDERS in mind and that if he obtained any information relative to this person he would immediately notify this office.

Reference letter from the Oklahoma City Division dated February 21, 1939, sets forth that informant "R" had advised that Tulalake was a mining lawless town with plenty of money in it. Deputy Sheriff DYSERT advised that there is not a mine within 100 miles of Tulalake; that Tulalake is strictly an agricultural section; that the population of Tulalake is around 650. DYSERT stated that at harvest time, especially during the months of August and September, a great number of floaters come to that section and work in the harvest; that they work for a few weeks and then leave; that Tulalake is a law abiding town but that during the harvest time when there are many floaters in that vicinity there is occasionally some disturbances. DYSERT stated that there are no hideouts in that vicinity or questionable places; that Tulalake has no houses of prostitution; and that anyone that remains in that neighborhood for any length of time is known to him.

PENDING.

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

San Antonio, Texas
July 13, 1939

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

RALPH ROE, w. a. FUGITIVE, I.O. 1472
THEODORE COLE, w. a. " , I.O. 1471
Escaped Federal Prisoners

Dear Sir:

This is to advise that on July 10, 1939, a 30
day mail cover was placed on the mail of HAZEL UNDERHILL
alias CONNOR at Refugio, Texas.

Very truly yours,

Gus T. Jones,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Oklahoma City

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FILE NO. **76-89** DDM

REPORT MADE AT MEMPHIS, TENN.	DATE WHEN MADE 7-13-39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6-30-39	REPORT MADE BY GEORGE C. BURTON
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: Subject ROE not known Jefferson Hotel, Dyersburg, Tennessee.

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REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated May 11, 1939.

DETAILS: AT DYERSBURG, TENNESSEE:

This investigation is predicated upon an anonymous letter received by the Bureau in Washington, which stated that RALPH ROE had been boarding at the Jefferson Hotel in Dyersburg last year.

Chief of Police NICK BOND stated that there was no hotel in Dyersburg named Jefferson Hotel; however, up until April 1938 there was a hotel named Jefferson Davis Hotel operated by MRS. FLORENCE BROWN. MRS. BROWN was located in Dyersburg and the picture of ROE was exhibited to her and she stated that she had never seen the individual pictured.

It was also learned from Chief BOND that the building then used by the Jefferson Davis Hotel is now being used as a hotel under the name of Tennessee Hotel and is operated by MRS. R. M. MOORE. The picture of ROE was exhibited to Mr. and Mrs. R. M. MOORE and they were not able to identify him as a person who stayed at their hotel.

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THE MEMPHIS DIVISION:

* Will contact other informants in the Memphis Division as suggested in the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, dated 12-2-38.

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FILE NO.

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REPORT MADE AT San Antonio, Texas	DATE WHEN MADE July 13, 1939	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6/29-7/12/39	REPORT MADE BY Gus T. Jones
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:


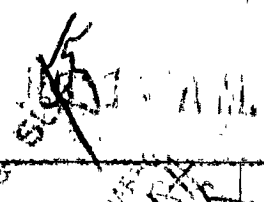
Texas 1939 License #F-92-354 issued March 29, 1939, to L.G.S. Sales Corporation, Burkburnett, Texas, for Oldsmobile coupe. HAZEL UNDERHILL alias CONNOR has returned to Refugio, Texas, where she is operating a rooming house. Close surveillance and mail cover being maintained. Arrangements made to check all Texas 1939 license plates bearing prefix "F" on Studebaker sedans. Necessary to check approximately 100,000 plates, estimated five days time. P.

Reference: Report Special Agent F. S. SMITH, Oklahoma City, Okla. June 27, 1939; telegram from Oklahoma City office July 9, 1939; air mail special delivery letter from San Antonio office to Bureau dated July 11, 1939.

DETAILS:

Undeveloped lead contained in report of reference requested a check of 1939 Texas License plates F92-354. Records in the Automobile Registration Division, State Highway Department, Austin, Texas, reflect these license plates issued on March 29, 1939, to the L.G.S. Sales Corporation, Burkburnett, Texas, for 1939 Oldsmobile coupe.

HAZEL UNDERHILL alias HAZEL CONNOR has returned to Refugio, Texas, where she is now operating a small rooming house. Through the close cooperation of Sheriff IRA HEARD, Refugio, a close surveillance is being maintained over the UNDERHILL woman; also a mail cover is being maintained. To date nothing of interest has developed from the mail cover or the surveillance.

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Sheriff IRA HEARD and Deputy Sheriff BARBER are giving this matter their undivided personal attention and this office is constantly in communication with these officials by long distance telephone.

Concerning telegram of reference from the Oklahoma City office requesting a check be made to locate all 1939 registrations in Texas on Studebaker automobiles for which license plates were issued beginning with the letter "F", reference is had to air mail special delivery letter to the Bureau dated July 11, 1939, advising that there are approximately 100,000 license plates bearing the prefix "F" which were issued to 20 counties in Texas during 1939. These numbers range from 00500 to 95701. Miss BESSIE BERGSTROM, Chief Clerk, Automobile Registration Division, State Highway Department, Austin, Texas, advises that their record is kept by the license number, motor number, and make of automobile and that it would be necessary to check each duplicate registration card in order to make up a list of the Studebaker cars registered under a license bearing the prefix letter "F". Miss BERGSTROM estimated that it would take five clerks approximately four days to make this check and that it would be impossible for the clerical force of the Automobile Registration Division to make the check. This information was furnished the Oklahoma City office by long distance telephone and that office requested that the check be held in abeyance until further advice was received from that office.

On July 12, 1939, the Bureau instructed that this check be immediately undertaken. Arrangements were made for the employment of five clerks in the Automobile Registration Division to start this check immediately and it was started on the evening of July 12, 1939. The Oklahoma City office was requested to advise the type of Studebaker car involved in the check as it would simplify matters to some extent to know whether the car was a sedan or coupe. On July 12, the Oklahoma City office advised by wire that the check should be confined to Studebaker four door sedans. Consequently the check will be confined to that type of car.

After the check is completed at Austin, Texas, there is a possibility that it will not reflect all Studebaker automobiles registered in Texas during 1939, as it is common practice for the local Tax Collectors in the different counties to which license plates are allotted to delay making returns to the Automobile Registration Division at the capitol at Austin, Texas, especially in cases where the ownership of an automobile was transferred, that is, where a person purchases a used car. In such a case a transfer certificate is filed with the local Tax Collector in the county where the sale was consummated and as it does not involve any collection of automobile registration tax the Tax Collectors with whom the transfer is filed generally takes his time in forwarding a duplicate of the transfer to the central office at Austin, Texas.

Estimating that possibly one out of 50 automobiles registered in Texas during the period mentioned will be a Studebaker car, it is expected that approximately 2,000 Studebaker cars had been registered in Texas during the period checked. Consequently it will be necessary to check in the different counties where these cars are registered in order to identify the person registering them. This work

will be expedited as much as possible.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

San Antonio office: Will report immediately when check is completed at the Automobile Registration Division at Austin, Texas, relative to all Studebaker sedans registered in Texas for the year 1939 with license plates bearing the prefix "F". Will keep in close touch with Sheriff IRA HEARD at Refugio re surveillance of the Underhill woman.

Dallas office: At Burkburnett or Wichita Falls, Texas, in accordance with undeveloped lead contained in report of Special Agent F. S. SMITH, Oklahoma City, dated June 27, 1939, will check with the L.G.S. Sales Corp, Burkburnett, Texas, disposition made by them of 1939 Oldsmobile coupe bearing license plates F92-354.

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

FILE NO. **76-72. EPL.**

REPORT MADE AT BOSTON, MASS.	DATE WHEN MADE 7-15-39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7-6-39	REPORT MADE BY H. J. CRONIN.
TITLE 6 RALPH ROX, with aliases -FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases -FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Informant ~~HARRY~~ **PARKER** and Detectives **JOE DECKER**, Hotel Squad and **DAN GOOD**, Bank Squad, shown photographs of Subjects. They promised to be on the alert for Subjects but furnished no information of value.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent Ralph T. Hood, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated June 2, 1939.

DETAILS: AT BOSTON, MASS:

HARRY PARKER, an informant of the Boston Field Office, who furnished information in connection with auto theft cases, was located through inquiries at the LaSalle Hotel, 68 Warrenton Street, and the photographs of both Subjects were exhibited to him. It is known that Parker associates with the underworld element at Boston and spends considerable time in and around race tracks. He stated that he did not recognize the photographs as being those of any persons he had ever seen, but promised to be on the alert for them, and to report immediately to the Boston Field Office if he should receive any information regarding them.

Detective **JOES DECKER**, Boston Police Department in charge of the Hotel Squad, was shown photographs of both Subjects and he too stated that he had not seen them. He said that he would make a special effort, through inquiry at various hotels in Boston, to ascertain if any such persons are there or have been there recently.

Detective **DAN GOOD**, in charge of the Bank Squad, Boston Police De-

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partment was also shown the photographs of both Subjects. He stated that he had not seen any persons resembling them but would make a special effort to ascertain if either of them have been seen associating with any known criminals in Boston.

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July 18, 1939

Special Agent in Charge
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

RE: ROCOL

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your telegram dated July 11, 1939, advising that it will be necessary for the San Antonio Office to check approximately 100,000 registrations to locate the license number of the Studebaker automobile allegedly in possession of subjects.

By wire dated July 12, 1939, the San Antonio Office was instructed to proceed with this check. It is believed that any effort expended in this connection will be adequately compensated for by the development of one substantial lead in this case.

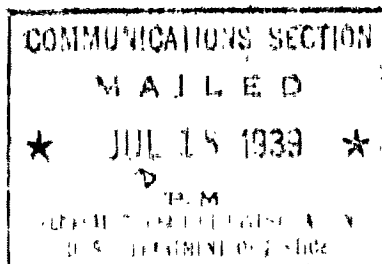
You should continue to afford the investigation of this matter your close personal supervision, and all leads should receive prompt and vigorous attention.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc-San Antonio

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Nathan
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Post Office Drawer 670,
Springfield, Illinois,
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Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
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Re: RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE,
I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with
aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that on July 3, 1939 a thirty day mail cover was placed at Salem, Illinois with Postmaster W. A. MILLS on the mail of RUTH CRAWFORD, VIRGIL D. SHANK, and Mrs. DEE FREEMAN, also known as D. FREEMAN, nee, BILLIE BROWN, for the following reasons.

RUTH CRAWFORD is known as Informant R in the instant case; Mrs. DEE FREEMAN, alias D. FREEMAN is reported to be an associate and acquaintance of subject ROE of the instant case, and VIRGIL SHANK is the person in whose name the Illinois license #805-313, for a Model A Ford Coach, 1928 model, was issued. This car has been parked in front of the dwelling place of Informant R and her sister at Salem, Illinois, during a recent surveillance of Informant R's activities, which was conducted by the Springfield Field Division.

The mail cover on the mail of VIRGIL SHANK was placed for the reason that in the event Informant R leaves Salem, she may correspond with her sister through SHANK at Salem, Illinois.

Very truly yours,

B. F. Fitzsimons
B. F. FITZSIMONS
Special Agent in Charge.

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

Chicago file no. **76-313**

REPORT MADE AT Chicago, Illinois	DATE WHEN MADE 7/19/39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7/10/39	REPORT MADE BY G. C. WOLTZ GCW/ehc
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:

X [redacted] brother of [redacted]
[redacted] has moved to [redacted]
Aurora, Illinois. LEONA DEFER,
widow of ROBERT BRADY, has no informa-
tion relative to former contacts of
her husband or any information of value
to instant investigation.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent G. C. CALLAN,
Springfield, Illinois, dated June 6, 1939;
Report of Special Agent R. E. LETHERT,
San Francisco, California, March 16, 1939.

DETAILS:

At Chicago, Illinois.

On July 10, 1939, the writer visited 1745 McVickers
Avenue in an effort to locate [redacted] whose brother is [redacted]
[redacted] It was desired to question [redacted] with
reference to bonds which are mentioned in the report of Special
Agent R. T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, December 2, 1938. At
this place it was ascertained that [redacted] has moved to [redacted]
[redacted], Aurora, Illinois, and is no longer residing at
[redacted] according to MRS. DOWSEY.

On July 10 the writer visited the Chelsea Hotel, 920
West Wilson Avenue, and without inquiring as to whether or not

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LEONA BRADY or LEONA DEFER was residing there went directly to Room 819 of the hotel, at which place LEONA DEFER was contacted. She stated that she is using the name DEFER at this place as no one at the hotel knows her true name or anything concerning her having formerly been married to ROBERT BRADY, who was killed by the police at Paoli, Kansas, January 22, 1934. LEONA stated that she was married to ROBERT BRADY for about a year prior to his death; that when he died and after he was buried she went to Des Moines and then came to Chicago; that she left to get away from the mess, and that she has not contacted any of her people or any of ROBERT BRADY'S people; that she is working at the present time as a telephone operator at the Chelsea Hotel and does not intend going back to her past. She stated that she has never heard of the names COLE and ROE and knew nothing of ROBERT BRADY'S contacts and activities and, in fact, the first she knew of his activities was at his death; that it was as much shock to her as to anyone else. She stated that she could not give any information which would be of aid in instant investigation.

She seemed quite concerned as to whether or not the writer had made inquiries of the manager or anyone at the desk of the hotel, stating that those people knew nothing about her or her past and they were very nice to her and she was trying to make a living; that she is sure that should they know anything concerning her past it might jeopardize her job; that she has just recently returned from a hospital and she is having quite a struggle to get along. She was told that no inquiry was made at the desk, and she seemed relieved to learn that the writer had not divulged the purpose of the visit.

It is not believed by the writer that LEONA DEFER has any information of value.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION

- at Aurora, Illinois -

At [redacted] will interview [redacted] for the purpose of ascertaining the address or location of his brother [redacted] [redacted] may be questioned concerning the bonds which are mentioned in the report of Special Agent R. T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated December 2, 1938. (See Serial 31.)

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

FILE NO. **76-326**

REPORT MADE AT St. Louis, Missouri	DATE WHEN MADE 7-19-39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6-25-26-39	REPORT MADE BY H. F. SMALL DB
TITLE RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1471.			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Informant "R" and daughter, of Seminole, Oklahoma, kept under surveillance on June 25, 26, 1939 between Sullivan, Missouri and Edwardsville, Illinois. Stated she was going to Salem, Illinois to visit sick daughter.

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DETAILS:

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

On June 25, 1939 Special Agent in Charge H. E. ANDERSEN of the Oklahoma City Office, called the St. Louis Office, and stated that Informant "R" of Seminole, Oklahoma left by Greyhound Bus from Tulsa, Oklahoma at 10:30 A. M., on that date, for Springfield, Missouri, enroute to Chicago, Illinois, where she is to meet both subjects; that she had with her, her twelve year old daughter, whom she was to leave at Springfield, Missouri; that she left Conway, Missouri a short time previously, riding in a 1935 black Chevrolet sedan with yellow wire wheels, and was under the surveillance of Special Agents PASH and EMRICH of the Oklahoma City Office, who were traveling in a Plymouth Sedan, and also accompanied by a 1939 Studebaker sedan of the Kansas City Office, with Missouri license number 662-110; that the Oklahoma City Office car is also carrying Missouri license.

Special Agent in Charge ANDERSEN advised that Informant "R" is 35 to 40 years of age, wearing black dress trimmed in white, and a white hat, and is about 5' 2" in height. Mr.

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ANDERSEN requested that contact be had with the Chicago Office, and that she be placed under surveillance by the Chicago Office in an effort to apprehend subjects.

At 7:40 P. M., Special Agent L. B. REED of the Kansas City Office telephoned the St. Louis Office, on June 25, 1939, and advised that Informant "R", instead of boarding the Greyhound bus at Springfield, Missouri, rode out of town in a taxi and got into another car a green coupe, believed to be a Chevrolet, bearing Missouri license 91-222. It was not known whether she was hitchhiking, or whether this was pre-arranged.

Agent REED stated that she was enroute to Chicago and was traveling on U. S. Highway #66, and presumably would come by St. Louis, but it was not known which route would be taken at St. Louis, whether she would go through the city or go around, via the airport. Agent REED stated that he had just received a telephone call from Special Agent J. M. JONES, who was traveling with Special Agent KINNEY, that they were at that time in Waynesville, Missouri, and were traveling in a 1939 black Studebaker coupe, bearing 1939 Missouri license 662-110, and were following the green coupe carrying Informant "R". Agent REED requested that Agents of the St. Louis Office watch for the above two automobiles, and that surveillance be maintained on the green coupe to Chicago, Illinois.

Agent REED later called the St. Louis Office by long distance telephone and stated that Informant "R" and her child stopped at the Rainbow Park cabins, operated by E. WHITLAK, one half mile from Sullivan, Missouri, on Highway #66, and she told the doctor, with whom she rode to Sullivan, that she was enroute to the home of her sister, who was ill, at Salina, Illinois, and that she had only .08¢ and it was necessary for her to hitchhike. He advised that Agents JONES and KINNEY of the Kansas City Office were presently at the Greyhound Bus Station at Sullivan, Missouri.

Based upon the above information, Special Agent JAMES D. GOOD and the writer contacted Special Agents J. M. JONES and H. J. KINNEY of the Kansas City, Missouri Office, at Sullivan, Missouri, who advised that Informant "R" and her daughter were presently at the Rainbow Park Court, Special Agent KINNEY having kept Informant "R" and her daughter under surveillance at the above court during the time this matter was discussed with Agent JONES.

Accordingly, surveillance was maintained on the tourist cabin which Informant "R" and her daughter were occupying all of the night of June 25, and on the morning of June 26, she and her daughter were observed leaving the tourist cabin and proceeding to Highway #66, at which place they were endeavoring to catch a ride.

Telephonic communication was had with Special Agent in Charge G. B. NORRIS, at St. Louis, and it was considered advisable for Agent GOOD and the writer to pick up Informant "R" and her daughter, without disclosing the

identity of Agents, and proceed with them to Edwardsville, Illinois, where arrangements had been made for them to be placed under surveillance by Special Agents P. C. DUNNE and D. D. JOHNSON of the Springfield Office.

Accordingly, Informant "R" and her daughter, whom she referred to as "Jo" were picked up by Agents who used the successful pretext that they were traveling salesmen and were going to Edwardsville, Illinois to purchase some goods. During the course of the conversation Informant "R" stated that she had come from Seminole, Oklahoma to Springfield, Missouri by bus, and had hitchhiked to Sullivan, Missouri; further that she was enroute to Salem, Illinois, to visit a daughter of hers who was indisposed, and who had recently had a baby.

Informant "R" and her daughter were taken to Edwardsville, Illinois, and on the eastern outskirts of this town were let out at a DX Filling Station, and were immediately placed under surveillance by Special Agents DUNN and JOHNSON of the Springfield, Illinois Office.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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FILE NO. 76-259

REPORT MADE AT DALLAS	DATE WHEN MADE 7/18/39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6/24/39	REPORT MADE BY R. S. GARNER
TITLE RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, IO # 1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, IO # 1471			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Sister of ~~AMIN~~ PIERCE, Alcatraz inmate # 312-AZ, has no knowledge of plans for escape.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent M. E. GURNEA, San Francisco, Cal., dated 12/28/37.

DETAILS: Mrs. ~~NANIE~~ BUCHANAN (not BUCHMAN as reported), 2521 Corinth Street, Dallas, Texas, sister of AMIN PIERCE, Alcatraz Inmate # 312-AZ, stated that she does not recall ever having written to or received letters from her brother while he was incarcerated at Alcatraz. She said that she saw PIERCE the same summer he was released, 1937, but on that occasion he made no mention of any information of value in this case.

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August 19, 1939

Special Agent in Charge
Los Angeles, California

Re: ROUGH

Dear Sirs

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent D. W. Magee, dated at Los Angeles, July 18, 1939.

It is noted from this report that undeveloped leads for your office at Pasadena and San Diego, California, which were contained in the report of Special Agent Ralph T. Hood, dated at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, June 2, 1939, were not covered. It is further noted that these undeveloped leads are not restated in the reference report. It is requested that you advise whether investigation has been made on the basis of the undeveloped leads mentioned.

It is further noted from the reference report that "Sleepy" Johnson when interviewed expressed the opinion that if Roe had been successful in making his escape he would have contacted Hazel Davis within a week. It is possible that the individual referred to as Hazel Davis is identical with Hazel Underhill, who is a known associate of subject Roe and it is desired that you advise the Bureau and the office of origin of any information in your possession to indicate whether these two persons are identical. In the event Hazel Davis is not believed to be identical with Hazel Underhill, further information should be obtained to identify the Davis woman, so that she may be located and interviewed.

The Seattle Office is instructed to disregard the undeveloped lead contained for that office in the reference report, inasmuch as the Bureau has previously authorized the discontinuance of investigation of persons who may have purchased certain tidal charts.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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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:

FRANK H. PORTER ex-Alcatraz inmate, present location unknown, has record of prior escapes, was in San Francisco about time of escape of Subjects ROE and COLE. He should be thoroughly investigated. ABE ALLEN could not explain how his San Quentin number was found in San Francisco apartment in December 1937, but believes occupant might have been LEE ROSENBERG. IVAN KEENER, now located Prairie City, Illinois. VOLVA COSSACK and mother explain visit to Alcatraz stating that LOEB COSSACK was in McNeil Island in December, 1937. BENJAMIN and EDWARD PISTELL probably known to CLARENCE PISTELL in New York. FRANK BARCOTT JR is a fisherman in Everett, Washington. Informants at Bell, California, including Chief of Police STEELE have been unable to develop facts on location of Subject COLE whose half-sister MRS. G. I. DAWSON resides in that City. MRS. DAWSON advised that she and her mother believe Subject COLE is dead, having never heard he was alive. FAE ROE of Arcadia, California, former wife of JAMES ROE, brother of Subject, advises she last saw Subject ROE six years ago in Wichita, Kansas. Leads are set out on her mail cover. Mail cover renewed on all California relatives of Subjects, at Arcadia, Bell and Woodlake, California.

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Reference: Letter from the Bureau to the Los Angeles Division,
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Report of Special Agent Ralph T. Hood,
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Report of Special Agent Ralph T. Hood,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 6-2-39.

Details:

At Los Angeles, California

Inasmuch as there are several reports containing undeveloped leads for the Los Angeles Field Division, other than the reference reports mentioned above, such reports will be mentioned in the paragraph of the subject matter to which they pertain, for the sake of clarity.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent M. E. Gurnea, San Francisco, California, dated December 28, 1937, page 19, wherein it is requested that FRANK H. PORTER be interviewed. PORTER was conditionally released from Alcatraz on 8-12-37.

MR. C. E. SNIVELEY, Room 131 Federal Court House Building, Los Angeles, California, a Federal Probation Officer, advised that he did not know the present location of FRANK H. PORTER, ex-Alcatraz #305 AZ. He advised that PORTER had been sent to Alcatraz on a mail-to-defraud charge. He described PORTER as: age - 49 years; born June 3, 1891.

He stated that PORTER was given a conditional release at Alcatraz on August 12, 1937 and that his final conditional release expired January 14, 1939. He described the movements of FRANK H. PORTER, stating that about November 9, 1937, FRANK H. PORTER came to Los Angeles, California, subsequently returning to San Francisco, California, at which point he believes PORTER was residing at the time the two Subjects ROE and COLE made their escapes. He stated that MR. UPTON, United States Probation Officer in San Francisco, California had jurisdiction of FRANK H. PORTER at the time of the escape of the Subjects.

MR. SNIVELEY stated that PORTER had been hounded by credit bureaus and that on December 15, 1937, PORTER walked into his office advising that his mother and brother WILLARD PORTER had just returned from San Francisco, California. MR. SNIVELEY stated that PORTER advised him at this time he had \$500.00 in cash, and MR. SNIVELEY has always been suspicious concerning the manner by which PORTER secured these funds. He stated that in

view of PORTER's extensive criminal record and especially in connection with his escape and assistance in other escapes, he strongly suspected that FRANK H. PORTER might have some connection with the escape of the two Subjects at San Francisco. MR. SNIVELEY advised that PORTER claimed to have contacted the United States Gypsum Company in San Francisco, California who had recommended that Glendale, California was the best field in roofing work. PORTER claimed this was his reason for coming to Los Angeles.

MR. SNIVELEY stated that for a time PORTER was working on the rehabilitation of houses in Los Angeles. MR. SNIVELEY stated that the Golden State Detective Agency on West 39th Street, Los Angeles, California, has been trying to locate PORTER to repossess a truck which PORTER had taken away. MR. SNIVELEY advised that PORTER's mother, MRS. W. H. PORTER, and his brother, WILLARD J. PORTER, as well as a brother WARREN PORTER, were very loyal to FRANK H. PORTER and would never assist him, MR. SNIVELEY, concerning the location of FRANK H. PORTER.

MR. SNIVELEY advised that when PORTER resided in San Francisco he had a post office box #4588 which was closed January 1, 1939. MR. SNIVELEY advised that the last known address on WARREN E. PORTER was 7006 or 7007 Haas Avenue, Los Angeles, California, business address, the Automatic Tension Screen Co. Inc., 6235 South St. Andrews Place, (Twinoks 9191). MR. SNIVELEY advised that when FRANK H. PORTER resided in San Francisco, California, he resided with his mother and brother WILLARD J. PORTER, 1118 Ellis Street, which was his address at the time of his conditional release, August 12, 1937.

As late as July 8, 1939, MR. SNIVELEY had not secured the location of FRANK H. PORTER. Further endeavor will be made to locate him through his brothers and his mother. MR. SNIVELEY surrendered a copy of a criminal record of FRANK H. PORTER dating from January 21, 1909, through December 8, 1924. In 1914 FRANK H. PORTER escaped from Aljail at Richmond, Virginia. In 1918, he and another prisoner escaped from the Merrimac County Jail at Concord, New Hampshire. On the Richmond, Virginia escape, he was reported to have been assisted by his mother and one brother. It is believed that FRANK H. PORTER should be thoroughly investigated to determine whether he was present at San Francisco, California at the time of the escape of Subject ROE and COLE, as he undoubtedly knew these individuals when he was confined in Alcatraz. A copy of the criminal record of FRANK H. PORTER is being requested from the Bureau to be furnished to the Los Angeles, San Francisco and Oklahoma City Field Division Offices.

Re: ABE ALLEN

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Ralph T. Hood, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated December 2, 1938, page 50, and to the report of Special Agent O. H. Patheon, San Francisco, California, 4-8-39.

wherein an interview is requested with ABE ALLEN, a former inmate of San Quentin Penitentiary who was paroled on December 6, 1937, the interview being for the purpose of ascertaining whether he has any connection with J. L. ROSE or LAWRENCE HOLLAND. It will be noted that when ROSE and HOLLAND abandoned an apartment in San Francisco, California, the San Quentin Penitentiary number of ABE ALLEN was found in the apartment. This apartment was located at 2421 Post Street, and was abandoned hurriedly on December 15, 1937.

Investigation at 5509 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, disclosed that this address is the Glick's Slack Shop, operated by a MR. SAM GLICK telephone WYoming 4436. MR. GLICK advised that ABE ALLEN was representing a news service in Ocean Park, California and was residing at the William Penn Hotel on West 8th Street, Los Angeles.

ABE ALLEN, when interviewed at the Los Angeles Bureau Office advised that he got out of San Quentin Penitentiary December 6, 1937 on parole, and that he went to Stockton, California, under the conditions imposed by the State Parole Offices, and has never been out of Stockton, Calif., except on two occasions when permission was secured to go to Sacramento, California, early in 1938. He advised that at Stockton, California he was employed in the Shoe Department of BEN WARSHAUER. This fact has been verified as set out in the report of Special Agent O. H. Patterson, San Francisco, California, dated April 8, 1939. ABE ALLEN advised that he was at a loss to explain how his San Quentin number could have been found in the San Francisco Apartment. He denied any trip to San Francisco, California. He was questioned concerning any visitors he had at San Quentin who might have resided at the San Francisco address. He advised that the wife of NATE ROSSENBERG, named LEE ROSSENBERG, had visited at San Quentin the latter part of 1936 and again in the early part of 1937. He stated that NATE ROSSENBERG was incarcerated either in Los Angeles or at the Spadra Narcotics Hospital as late as December, 1937. ALLEN is a former user of narcotics. He advised that it was possible MRS. NATE ROSSENBERG, known as LEE, might have been in the aforementioned apartment, and that she visited him right along when he was in San Quentin Penitentiary. He described her as:-

Age:	26 to 27
Height	5 ft. 8 in.
Weight	150 pounds
Hair	Black
Eyes	Black
Characteristics:	A large woman with a full face.

He described NATE ROSSENBERG as:-

Age	29 or 30
Height	5 ft. 10 or 11 in.

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Description of NATE ROSSENBERG (continued)

Weight:	160 or 165 pounds
Hair	Black
Eyes	Black
Build	Medium
Complexion	Dark
Race	Jewish

He advised that NATE ROSSENBERG is a card dealer who has worked on boats in the Los Angeles vicinity, in Emeryville, California, and in Reno, Nevada. He thought that ROSSENBERG was in San Francisco at this time.

A check of the persons known to have visited ABE ALLEN at San Quentin Penitentiary might furnish the identity of the individuals who left the aforementioned San Francisco apartment hurriedly.
(12-15-37).

Re: ROSS W. MOORE

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. H. Simmons, Los Angeles, California, dated 10-12-38, requesting investigation to interview ROSS W. MOORE, a fellow inmate of Subjects ROE and COLE.

MR. CHARLES WOOD, 2407 East Meadowdale Avenue, Los Angeles, California, near Glendale, California (telephone CAPITOL 3338) interviewed by Agent advised that ROSS W. MOORE married his (WOOD's) aunt RUTH ESTHER MOORE and that MOORE was somewhere in the San Joaquin Valley, working as an air-hammer man; that he would secure the exact location of ROSS W. MOORE, through a cousin of his a waitress working in some hospital in Bakersfield, California by the name of MRS. ARVELLA WOOD.

MR. CHARLES WOOD on July 8, 1939 advised that ROSS W. MOORE was presently residing with his wife somewhere on Mariposa Street in Long Beach, California, and that he was working on street repairs for the WPA in that City.

Re: IVAN WALTER KEENER

At Glendale, California

MR. CALVIN KEENER, 2622 Partridge Avenue, Glendale, California, was interviewed by Agent and advised that his cousin IVAN WALTER KEENER is now in Prairie City, Illinois, where he receives mail at box 872. The purpose of the interview desired with IVAN WALTER KEENER is that he was alleged to have made a statement that a MRS. EVELYN MORGAN 320 First Street, Richmond, California, was a contact for Subjects. It was desired that KEENER be interviewed

to determine the basis of this statement. A lead will be set out for the Springfield Division Office for an interview with IVAN WALTER KEENER.

Re: PAUL STULGES

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. H. Simmons, Los Angeles, California, dated 10-12-38, requesting that investigation be made to ascertain whether PAUL STULGES, 413 East Seventh Street, Los Angeles, was identical with Subject COLE.

The aforementioned address is the address of a cheap Japanese Hotel styled the Lyndon Hotel (telephone MADison 3405); a search was made of the register by Agent, and no record was found that PAUL STULGES had ever registered at this hotel. The manager, TOMMY TAKEMOTO, and the night clerk, J. J. DRUMOND, were interviewed by Agent and were shown photographs of the Subjects, but they were unable to identify either ROE or COLE as a resident of this hotel.

Re: JACK O'BRIEN

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Duane A. Taylor, Seattle, Washington, dated January 14, 1939, requesting the interview of MARYON JEANETTE DARLING, concerning JACK O'BRIEN.

MRS. MARYON DARLING, 1711 West 23rd Street (telephone ROchester 6916, was interviewed by Agent, and advised that her daughter MARYON JEANETTE DARLING had married MR. CHARLES RHETTS; that she was traveling with him in the show business, and was either at San Bernardino, California, or El Centro, California; that when her daughter returned to Los Angeles, she would arrange for an interview. She advised that she had heard of JACK O'BRIEN, who formerly was with the AL G. BARNES shows, at the time her daughter was with the show. She stated that about six months ago, O'BRIEN had telephoned their residence on several occasions wanting to locate her daughter.

On March 5, 1939 MARYON JEANETTE DARLING, now MRS. CHARLES RHETTS telephonically contacted reporting Agent advising that she and her husband were leaving immediately to join a circus in Michigan. Interviewed telephonically, she stated that she was with the AL G. BARNES Shows in Seattle, Wash., when she met JACK O'BRIEN. She stated O'BRIEN would become intoxicated and would do a lot of talking. She stated she felt sorry for him and kept company with him on occasions; that when he came back intoxicated he would always discuss matters concerning important criminals he knew to be incarcerated, and on one occasion claimed to have written to some criminals in Alcatraz. She believed he told her on one occasion that Subjects ROE and COLE were living in San Francisco, California. She advised that she did not know the

present location of O'BRIEN, but thought he would "hook up" with some show as an usher. She believed that he had a dishonorable discharge from the Navy. She stated that as of September 30, 1938, JACK O'BRIEN was receiving mail at general delivery Crane, Texas, and that on October 10, 1938, he was in Nome Texas. She stated that she wrote to him to quit writing her because of her marriage.

She stated that JACK O'BRIEN claimed to be from Dallas, Texas; that he was the adopted child of DR. and MRS. SPROUSE (phonetic) of Dallas, Texas. She advised that when O'BRIEN was around Los Angeles he would hang around the Cecil Hotel or around hotels where circus people were located. She thought that RED POWELL who operates a pool hall on Pico Street, and a former elephant man, might know of O'BRIEN's address. She described JACK O'BRIEN as:-

Age	23
Height	6 ft.
Weight	150
Build	Slender
Hair	Sandy
Eyes	Brown
Scars	Scar over right eye (no right eyebrow)

MARYON JEANETTE DARLING advised that she did not think that JACK O'BRIEN had any actual facts on the instant case. She thought he would either again join up with the AL G. BARNES or the HAGENBECK-WALLACE show.

Report of Special Agent R. H. Simmons, Los Angeles, California, dated October 12, 1938, requests an investigation at the garage located at the northeast corner of Wilshire and Figueroa Streets, in an effort to ascertain whether Subject ROE might have rented an automobile at this place shortly after the escape of ROE and COLE. Investigation at this point and interview with MR. ROBERT "TEX" THOMAS, and MR. CLARK, a garage attendant, failed to disclose any information concerning the Subjects. These individuals were shown different photographs of the Subjects and could not identify them. They could not recall the subjects' ever storing a car, or renting a car at their garage.

Report of Special Agent R. H. Simmons, Los Angeles, California, dated October 12, 1938, requests investigation at the garage at 619 South Flower Street, in an effort to ascertain the identity of the individual who rented a car and who is supposed to be a girl friend of ROE. This is the address of the West Coast Automobile Rental Garage. MR. MEAGER and MR. PAGE, Manager and Attendant, respectively, were shown photographs of the Subjects

and they advised that to their knowledge these individuals had never visited their garage. Their records indicated that there was no rental under the known names or aliases of the Subjects. During the course of the investigation, it developed that the original informant on the information concerning this garage was GUY T. GREENSWEIGHT. MR. MEAGER advised that GREENSWEIGHT is a former employee of this garage. He was there in September and October of 1937, but was discharged because he was too talkative. GREENSWEIGHT is known to them as a fellow member of American Legion Post #548. MR. MEAGER advised that to check the rental of any car it would be necessary to have the name of the woman renting the car inasmuch as for the past several years the index cards on rentals have been filed by name instead of by dates.

MR. MEAGER and MR. PAGE were inclined to discount any information that would come from GUY T. GREENSWEIGHT. The last known address on GREENSWEIGHT was 5937 Loveland Street, Bell Gardens, California. MR. MEAGER and MR. PAGE advised that GREENSWEIGHT was originally from Oklahoma, and that if the Subjects or their women friends ever visited that garage they felt certain GREENSWEIGHT would have told them of the incident. They stated that it was GREENSWEIGHT's habit to "build small things up to battle ship size." They last heard of GREENSWEIGHT working on a fishing boat at Santa Monica, California, but have since learned that he disappeared a year ago and that his wife is presently looking for him. GUY T. GREENSWEIGHT has already been interviewed as reported in the report of Special Agent R. N. Franke, Los Angeles, California, dated June 10, 1938.

Re: VOLYA COSSACK

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent M. E. Gurnea, San Francisco, California, dated December 28, 1937, page 25, requesting that VOLYA COSSACK be interviewed for the purpose of ascertaining whether she could be the individual who purchased a map in Portland, Oregon, relative to the tides in the San Francisco Bay.

MISS VOLYA COSSACK resides at 243 South Corondolet, Los Angeles, California, and upon being interviewed there, advised that she is a musician and stated that about July 1, 1937, she visited her brother in Alcatraz; that she then traveled to Yosemite and Yellowstone National Parks, to Glacier National Park and then to Alaska. She stated that she left Los Angeles about June 30, 1937, on this trip, accompanied by her mother and two children traveling by automobile. She advised that she had a conference with the warden of Alcatraz, MR. JOHNSON, at the time of her visit to Alcatraz; that she was attempting to arrange a transfer of her brother LOEB L. COSSACK from Alcatraz to McNeil Island. She stated that her trip to

Alcatraz was before the escape of ROE and COLE. She was shown photographs of the Subjects and she advised she is not acquainted with them and has never seen them or spoken to them. She advised that she did not believe that her brother LOEB L. COSSACK knew these individuals as he had never mentioned them. She stated her brother was transferred to McNeil Island before the escape of the Subjects. She advised that her brother, twenty-three years of age was serving a 50-year sentence on a conspiracy bank robbery charge, having been sentenced at Los Angeles. She stated she never stayed in Portland, Oregon and none of the parties making the trip got out of the car; nor did they ever purchase any maps in Portland. She stated her trip was financed by an old family friend whose name she declined to give. She stated she and her mother and the two children returned to Los Angeles about September 1, 1937, and that it was around August, 1937 when they passed through Portland.

MR. and MRS. R. HENRY COSSACK who reside in the back of a book store which they operate at 11137 Magnolia Avenue, North Hollywood, Calif., (telephone SUNset 2-7777) were interviewed and MR. COSSACK advised that he never visited his son in Alcatraz except in 1938. He stated that his son never mentioned either Subject and to his knowledge his son does not know either ROE or COLE, inasmuch as LOEB has never written concerning these individuals.

MRS. COSSACK, without prompting, mentioned the trip with her daughter, aforementioned, to San Francisco, and thence to Alaska. She produced a diary concerning this trip, which disclosed that on August 9, 1937, they were on a boat going to Alaska; that they were on a boat on August 13, 1937. The diary disclosed that she and her daughter returned to Los Angeles August 29, 1937. She stated that at the time of the escape she and her daughter were both in Southern California. The diary disclosed that on August 22, 1937 she and her daughter went through Portland, Oregon, but did not stop.

Re: EDWARD and BENJAMIN PISTELL

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. H. Simmons, Los Angeles, California, dated October 12, 1938, requesting investigation to locate the above-named individuals at 1240 Avinhurst, Hollywood, Calif. This street was ascertained to be Havenhurst. The address of 1240 Havenhurst is the address of an apartment house operated by a MRS. GALLAGHER who resides at 1241½ Havenhurst. She advised that a MRS. PISTELL formerly resided there and that MRS. PISTELL was from Buffalo, New York, originally, but was last known to be working for an aviatrix MRS. COCHRAN, managing a ranch at Indio, California. MRS. GALLAGHER advised that MRS. PISTELL was

formerly VIOLA STROUSE, and that she was separated from MR. PISTELL and occasionally visited a family in the apartment house by the name of LARRY THERKELSON who resides at 1244 Havenhurst.

MRS. PISTELL was finally contacted by telephone at the LARRY THERKELSON residence (Hillside 4814). She could not be persuaded that the interview requested did not have some connection with her divorce action, and referred Agent to her Attorney HENRY G. LYMAN, Hollywood, California. MR. LYMAN was telephonically informed of the nature of the investigation (Granite 2577) and he advised that he secured a divorce for VIOLA PISTELL in April 1937 at Los Angeles from JOHN N. PISTELL of Buffalo and New York City, who has a grown son CLARENCE PISTELL. MR. LYMAN advised that he had never heard of an EDWARD or a BENJAMIN PISTELL, but that they might be related to JOHN or CLARENCE PISTELL. He stated that JOHN N. and CLARENCE PISTELL were last heard of in November, 1935, at which time they resided in the Ellicott Apartment Hotel, Buffalo, New York; that VIOLA PISTELL has a brother FRED STROUSE located in Buffalo, New York.

MR. LYMAN advised that CLARENCE PISTELL could be located easily in New York City as he is in the brokerage business there and is listed in the New York City telephone directory; that he is believed to be operating under the firm name of PISTELL & WRIGHT.

The original information concerning EDWARD and BENJAMIN PISTELL is in the report of Special Agent CARL J. MARTIN, Buffalo, New York, dated February 9, 1938, which related information secured from a confidential source in Buffalo, New York (name never furnished) that EDWARD and BENJAMIN PISTELL were related to Subject THEODORE COLE. A request will be made of the New York City Division Office to interview CLARENCE and JOHN N. PISTELL to determine whether they know EDWARD and BENJAMIN PISTELL, and whether the latter two are related to Subject THEODORE COLE.

Re: FRANK BARCOTT, JR.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. H. Simmons, Los Angeles, California, dated October 12, 1938, requesting an interview with FRANK BARCOTT, JR., 325 West 15th Street, San Pedro, California. Investigation at this address disclosed there was no house at 325 West 15th Street, San Pedro, California, but investigation disclosed that FRANK BARCOTT, JR., formerly resided at 323 West 15th Street, San Pedro, Calif., and had moved in March 1939 to the address of 1212 Everett Avenue, Everett, Washington. FRANK BARCOTT, JR. is employed as a fisherman and a fish cannery worker.

The original investigation requested relative to FRANK BARCOTT, JR., was concerning the purpose of the title charts or booklets, and the original lead was set out in the report of Special Agent Daniel Currie, Jr., Seattle, Washington, January 7, 1938, at which time BARCOTT JR., had a car with a 1938 Washington license #D-3249.

Re: JOE ROBERTS
(At Santa Monica, California)

FRANCIS JOSEPH ROBERTS has moved from 2506 28th Street, Santa Monica, California; at this address no information was secured relative to his present address.

MRS. KENNEDY residing at 2429 28th Street, Santa Monica, advised she was the former owner of the aforementioned house, and stated that FRANCIS JOSEPH ROBERTS was employed at the Douglas Aircraft Factory in the experimental department.

FRANCIS JOSEPH ROBERTS was interviewed in the employment office of the Douglas Aircraft, Santa Monica, California, and advised that he was not an acquaintance of ROE and COLE, or any of the members of their families, and that he never corresponded with them. He was shown photographs of the Subjects and was unable to identify them as individuals he had ever seen or met. ROBERTS advised that he was not from Oklahoma and advised he was not identical with the JOE ROBERTS whose interview was sought. Employment representatives at the Douglas Aircraft advised that FRANCIS JOSEPH ROBERTS was a reputable employee.

Re: ANDREW SAMSON & LORRAINE HOLLAND
(At Bell, California)

The purpose of the investigation and interview of these individuals is to determine whether they have any connections with MR. and MRS. J. L. ROSE who hurriedly left an apartment house in San Francisco, California, on December 15, 1937 at 2421 Post Street. Prior reports indicate that ANNA GUNDERSON, 1286 North Sierra Bonita Street, Pasadena, California, indicated that the SAMSONS were located at 7000 Sherman Way, Bell, California, which was ascertained to be the address of MRS. A. H. GARDNER.

MR. LEE BOREN, Postmaster at Bell, California, found no record on an ANDREW SAMSON or LORRAINE HOLLAND. Agent accompanied by Chief of Police WILLARD P. STEELE, Bell, California, interviewed H. K. HOPKINSON, a Deputy Sheriff, Los Angeles County, attached to the Norwalk, California sub-station, residing at 6938 Sherman Way, nextdoor to 7000 Sherman Way.

MR. HOPKINSON advised that he did not recall an ANDREW SAMSON or a LORRAINE HOLLAND, but that sometime quite a while ago, a group of young people visited the GARDNER family when they resided at 7000 Sherman Way. It was ascertained that MR. and MRS. A. H. GARDNER moved to 6320 Wilcox Avenue, Bell, California.

MR. and MRS. ALLEN H. GARDNER interviewed at their residence, 6320 Wilcox Avenue, Bell, California, advised that they formerly resided at 7000 Sherman Way, from June 10, 1937 to May 13, 1938. MRS. GARDNER advised that they formerly were from Pierpont, South Dakota, and that while living at 7000 Sherman Way, they were visited by a group of young people, from South Dakota, and Eugene, Oregon. MRS. GARDNER who is a Norwegian listed the following names of the individuals who visited her:-

ANDREW SAMSON;
LORRAINE HOLLAND, relative;
CLIFFORD TRINNERIM;
EDMUND HOLDEN;
SELMA HOLDEN;
GUNDET HOLDEN; (all from Pierpont, S. D.)
SELNER HOLDEN;
NILS HOLDEN;

SOREN HAUSKIN,
VIOLET HAUSKIN, (from Eugene, Oregon)
CARL CARLSON

MRS. GARDNER described ANDREW SAMSON as follows:-

Age 23 or 24 years,
formerly worked on a barge or boat in New York City.

She advised that one of the HOLDEN boys went with the daughter of CARL CARLSON of Eugene, Oregon. She stated that for a time EDMUND HOLDEN worked as a baker at Los Angeles. MRS. GARDNER advised that ANDREW SAMSON left and went back to either Webster or Pierpont, South Dakota, where he could be located. She advised that all the young people in this group were just out for a good time; she felt certain they did not have any connection with either Subject COLE or Subject ROE.

At Bell, California
Re: MRS. G. I. DAWSON

MR. WILLIAM B. McCLURE resides at 6224 Gifford Avenue, Bell, California; business address, a small automobile repair garage located at 6234 Gifford Avenue, which adjoins and is close to the residence of MR. and MRS. "G. I. DAWSON.

Mr. McClure has been used as an informant concerning the DAWSON family. When interviewed at the garage, he advised that he has closely watched the DAWSON residence and has never seen any individual answering the description of Subject COLE at that point. He stated that the DAWSON family have had a lot of visitors, but no automobiles of foreign registration have been seen; that only a few visitors used automobiles. MR. McClure stated that Subject COLE used to attend school at Bell, California when he was young.

MR. McClure advised he would continue watching the DAWSON residence and report any suspicious circumstances. An endeavor will be made, however, to develop other confidential information concerning the DAWSON family at Bell, California. An additional mail request will be made on the G. I. DAWSON family address at 6238 Gifford Avenue, Bell, California. MR. LEE BOREN is the Postmaster at Bell, California, and LOUIS S. STIVERS, the mail carrier delivering mail to the G. I. DAWSON residence. For the information of the interested offices, MRS. G. I. DAWSON is a sister of Subject THEODORE COLE.

MR. McClure, aforementioned, advised that last Christmas, the parents of Subject COLE visited MR. and MRS. G. I. DAWSON for a short time.

WILLARD B. STEELE, Chief of Police, at Bell, California, advised that he has been watching the DAWSON residence, and believes that he would personally recognize Subject COLE. He stated that Subject COLE lived at Bell, California, for a short time and stated this was while COLE was in grammar school; that COLE became involved in a juvenile delinquency matter and left Bell, California, for Oklahoma. He stated that Subject COLE was never arrested at Bell, California.

LOUIS STIVERS, the postal carrier delivering mail to the G. I. DAWSON residence, was interviewed at his residence, 6617 Otis Street, Bell, California. He stated that the DAWSONS occasionally received mail from Woodlake, California, and some mail from Oklahoma. As the prior mail cover has expired, an additional request will be made through postal inspector MR. C. E. CHANCE.

MRS. G. I. DAWSON (nee VIOLET COLE) was interviewed at her residence, 6238 Gifford Avenue, Bell, California. She stated that she is a half-sister of Subject, THEODORE COLE. She stated that he went to school at Bell, California, until about the time he was in the eighth grade, then going to Oklahoma. She stated that both the Subject (COLE) and she have the same mother. She stated she last saw Subject COLE about four years ago. She stated she and her mother (also COLE's mother) visited COLE about four years ago at Alcatraz. She stated that both she and the mother think COLE is dead.

She stated that Subject COLE has a full sister named PAULINE EMMA COLE, who was residing with the grandmother MRS. CORNETT, who resides on a farm near Stroud, Oklahoma.

MRS. DAWSON believed that Subject COLE's mother and his stepfather had visited him at Alcatraz sometime in August, 1937. She was not sure of this fact. She stated she had last seen Subject COLE's mother and stepfather at Christmas, 1938. MRS. DAWSON advised that ERNEST BRACE, a farmer from Stroud, Oklahoma, and LILLIAN and ALVIN TORRANCE, had visited the parents of Subject COLE at Woodlake, California, in the Fall of 1938. She advised that none of these people have ever seen or heard of Subject COLE since his disappearance from Alcatraz.

MRS. DAWSON advised that her step-father, at Woodlake, Calif., had lost his ranch and his World War pension, and had moved into town in Woodlake, California.

MRS. DAWSON advised she felt sure that Subject COLE was dead and she had never heard from anyone who thought he might be alive or who had seen him. Agent asked MRS. DAWSON to immediately inform the Los Angeles Bureau office should she learn definitely that Subject COLE was alive, and she stated she would do right under all circumstances; that she had always told the truth at all times. She then gave a degressive discussion of a religious nature stating that she would never tell an untruth.

Agent noticed in the garage at the Dawson residence, a Buick Sedan, bearing 1939 California license #4-N-8317. This car is registered to GOLA I. DAWSON, 6238 Gifford Avenue, Bell, California, for a 1929 Buick Sedan, motor number 246-3959.

MR. G. I. DAWSON has been employed as a lens grinder for an optician at Bell, California. He will be interviewed away from the presence of MRS. G. I. DAWSON, for any information he may have concerning Subject COLE.

The investigation at Bell, California, was performed in conformance with the report of Special Agent R. H. Simmons, Los Angeles, Calif., dated October 12, 1938, and to the report of Special Agent Ralph T. Hood, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 12-2-38.

At Arcadia, California

FAY ROE, sister of Subject RALPH ROE resides at a small house located at 58 St. Joseph Street, Arcadia, California. The Los Angeles Bureau Office has used ELMER BURCHILL as a confidential informant. MR.

BURCHILL operates a grocery store at 233 North First Avenue, Arcadia, California, the back door of which is located within about thirty feet of the FAY ROE residence. Interviewed at his grocery store, he stated that MRS. HAZEL SMITH resides with FAY ROE and is a sister of FAY ROE. He stated that HAZEL SMITH has a daughter about twelve or thirteen years old and that HAZEL SMITH is divorced from her husband; that the divorce was granted in Oklahoma. He stated that both FAY ROE and HAZEL SMITH work as waitresses in Arcadia and that HAZEL SMITH also does sewing for a livelihood.

MR. BURCHILL advised that for a time CHARLES DENNY, age about 60 (a WPA worker) had lived at the FAY ROE residence as a roomer. MR. BURCHILL advised that FAY ROE worked as a waitress at the PAT'S RACE INN, in Arcadia.

MR. BURCHILL stated he did not like the Arcadia Police Department and would be willing to watch the FAY ROE residence provided the information which he furnished was not given to the Arcadia Police Department. BURCHILL stated his father when alive was an officer of the Canadian Royal Mounted, and that he would be quite willing to assist the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

MR. BURCHILL furnished the following license number of car seen at the FAY ROE residence:-

1939 California #3-E-629

It developed that this car was registered to CHARLES DENNY, 58 St. Joseph Street, Arcadia, California. The car is a 1927 Dodge Sedan; the legal owner is the Pacific Finance Company, 621 South Hope, Los Angeles.

When MR. BURCHILL was unable to develop any information of definite value, an interview was had by Agent with FAY ROE and HAZEL SMITH, which will be reported in subsequent paragraphs.

Agent observed a 1934 Chevrolet Coupe at the residence of FAY ROE, bearing 1939 California license #6-P-7028. This car is registered to MRS. FAY ROE at that address, and belongs to her.

ELMER BURCHILL advised that MR. F. O. PIERCE, Station Agent of the Santa Fe Railway was quite friendly with HAZEL SMITH, and often visits the FAY ROE residence. In this connection, the Santa Fe Railway Depot faces the FAY ROE residence. MR. BURCHILL, however, did not believe that either CHARLES DENNY or F. O. PIERCE would assist in the instant investigation, stating that they were too friendly with FAY ROE and HAZEL SMITH. They have not been interviewed inasmuch as BURCHILL thought they would tell FAY ROE of any inquiry concerning this matter. They will be

interviewed, however, in the near future in view of the fact that BURCHILL was uncovered as an informant when he approached the landlord of the ROE residence MR. ROGERS, who in turn questioned FAY ROE concerning her relationship to Subject ROE.

For the information of the interested offices, FAY ROE is the former wife of JAMES ROE, a brother of Subject RALPH ROE.

FAY ROE and HAZEL SMITH were interviewed jointly at the residence of FAY ROE. FAY ROE stated she married JAMES ROE, brother of Subject ROE, at Kansas City, Missouri; that she left him about two years ago. She stated that JAMES ROE was out of the Leavenworth Penitentiary and she believed he was at Odessa, Texas, with the International Oil Well Supply Company. She advised that she never corresponds with him or with any of the ROE family. FAY ROE stated she has only seen Subject RALPH ROE a few times, during the time she was married to JAMES ROE. She stated she did not like the looks of Subject RALPH ROE and has not seen him for six years; that on the occasion when she saw RALPH ROE he was in Wichita, Kansas.

She stated she did not think RALPH ROE was alive and she had never received any information concerning the fact of whether or not he was alive and could not assist in the investigation. She stated that the ROE family relatives near Duncan, Oklahoma are an uncle and an aunt of Subject ROE named HICKEY. She advised that Subject ROE has another brother RAYMOND ROE. She thinks RAYMOND resides near or in Hutchinson, Kansas.

FAY ROE advised that her mother and father visited her and returned to Oklahoma last New Years Day. She stated she had no information concerning the ROE family and was not interested in them. FAY ROE advised that she was going to divorce JAMES ROE in California.

FAY ROE seemed perturbed over this interview, stating that she had no connection with, and no desire to correspond with any of the members of the ROE family; that she did not wish to have her reputation at Arcadia, California affected by any investigation concerning Subject ROE.

HAZEL SMITH stated that she is divorced from her husband CLAUDE ELLIS SMITH, and that the divorce was secured at Kansas City, Missouri. She stated she had no information concerning the ROE family.

The mail cover maintained on the mail of MRS. FAY ROE has now expired. It developed the following information:- (leads will be set out in this report concerning this correspondence).

- 1) A letter postmarked New Orleans, La., March 21, 1938, from MRS. C. M. SMITH, 2117 Louisa Street, New Orleans, La.

- 2) A letter postmarked March 16, 1939 from Tulsa, Oklahoma. B&C, address 7 South Zuni Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma;
- 3) A postcard from Fred, Texas, dated January 27, 1939; no return address or name of sender.
- 4) A letter postmarked KANE, Carnegie, Oklahoma, February 3, 1939; no return address or name of sender.
- 5) A letter postmarked Fred, Texas, February 6, 1939, from MRS. O. W. YATES, return address PO Box 126, Silsbee, Texas;
- 6) A letter postmarked Los Angeles, California, February 8, 1939, from ROBBINS & POLLACK, Attorneys -at -law, suite 606 Taft Bldg., Hollywood, California.
- 7) Letter postmarked, Tulsa, Oklahoma, February 8, 1939, return address, MRS. CARL KENNEDY, 7 South Zuni Street (or Zuni Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma.
- 8) Letter postmarked Tulsa, Oklahoma, February 11, 1939; no return address or sender;
- 9) Letter postmarked Tulsa, Oklahoma February 20, 1939, from MRS. C. P. KENNEDY, 7 South Zuni Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma.
- 10) Letter postmarked Odessa, Texas, March 6, 1939; return address International Supply Company, Box 1478 Odessa, Texas.

A new mail cover will be requested on the FAY ROE residence through the local postoffice inspectors.

Additional confidential informants will be developed at Arcadia, California, particularly D. W. COFFMAN who operates a registration service at 231 North First Avenue, whose place of business from the rear door faces the FAY ROE residence.

The above investigation relative to FAY ROE was made in compliance with reference report of Special Agent Ralph T. Hood, Oklahoma City, Okla., December 2, 1938, and report of Special Agent R.H. Simmons, Los Angeles, California, dated October 12, 1938, as well as report of Special Agent Ralph T. Hood, June 2, 1939.

Re: PETER MARTINETT and
DIXIE MARTINETT

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent M. E. Gurnea, San Francisco, California, dated December 28, 1937, page 27, wherein investigation is requested for the purpose of locating ARTHUR H. YOUNGBERG, a relative of the MARTINETTS. ARTHUR H. YOUNGBERG was an inmate of Alcatraz, #195-AZ.

The MARTINETTS are reported to have formerly resided at 822 East 104th Street, Los Angeles, California. Investigation there disclosed that the MARTINETTS had moved in the early part of 1938. MR. PAUL CULPEPPER and daughter LORRAINE, interviewed at that residence advised they have resided there since April, 1938, and never heard of the MARTINETT family.

MRS. MYRTLE STERLING residing at 838 East 104th Street, and a MRS. AVERY residing at 830 East 104th Street, advised that if the MARTINETT family lived at 822 East 104th Street, it must have been for a very short period of time because they did not recall the family.

The Postmaster at Watts, California, which postoffice covers mail delivered at 822 East 104th Street, advised that they had no forwarding address on a DIXIE or PETER MARTINETT. A lead will be furnished the San Francisco Field Division to secure other names of relatives and correspondents of ARTHUR H. YOUNGBERG through whom he might be located for interview concerning Subjects ROE and COLE.

Re: PETE NEWBERRY

(At Compton, California)

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent A. W. Miller, Dallas, Texas, dated October 25, 1938, wherein interview is requested with Mr. and Mrs. PETE NEWBERRY, regarding Subject RALPH ROE. The NEWBERRYS were reported to reside at Compton, California. Assistant Postmaster, H. A. TAYLOR, Compton, California, advised that he did not know and did not have a record on PETE NEWBERRY or his wife. He caused a search to be made through the carriers, and advised that on November 21, 1938, a family by the name of B. W. and CAROLYN NEWBERRY had moved from 215 East Arbutus Street, leaving a forwarding address to 120 Second Street, Hermosa Beach, California.

It is not known whether this NEWBERRY family is identical with PETE NEWBERRY, but investigation will be made at Hermosa Beach to determine whether it is the same family.

Re: SLEEPY JOHNSON, and LON JOHNSON.
(At Bakersfield, California)

Special Agent E. G. Fitch conducted the following investigation at and near Bakersfield, California, on March 27, 1939:-

Inquiry at the Bakersfield Postoffice, Farm Security Administration and State Relief Administration, Bakersfield, failed to disclose any information on the JOHNSONS or EARL CRUZ.

MR. ROBERT W. EVANS, Director, California Employment Service, 1300 18th Street, Bakersfield, California, checked records and determined that both LON and SLEEPY JOHNSON had filed applications early in 1938. The application of LON JOHNSON was dated February 11, 1938, and gave his address as Route #4, Box 413, Bakersfield. This card indicated JOHNSON was born in Ducktown, North Carolina, April 27, 1903, and had, until February 9, 1938, been employed at Camp West Lowe, California.

Through JERRY SHIELDS, Postmaster, it was learned that Box 413, Route #4, was assigned to J. W. TOTTAN and inquiry at that place reveals that JOHNSON is no longer there and is not recalled by TOTTAN or his foreman. SLEEPY JOHNSON later advised agent that LON was last heard from about a month previous at which time LON was at Paden, Oklahoma.

The records of the California Employment Service, pertaining to SEDELL B. JOHNSON were dated March 14, 1938, and indicated his address at that time as General Delivery, Shafter, California. This card also showed JOHNSON's previous employment as "Arizona Fruit & Vegetable Company - three months - left on March 12, 1938." It was noted that SLEEPY JOHNSON's card carried under General Comments "Drunkard and mentally weak."

At the Identification Bureau, Bakersfield, California, W. C. YOUNG produced records for LON J. JOHNSON #12264 showing arrest date October 17, 1937 at Buttonwillow, California; drunk and petit theft, with LAWRENCE AUSTIN JOHNSON #12265.

No record was found for SLEEPY JOHNSON. Deputy Sheriff JERRY LEAHE who had arrested LON and LAWRENCE JOHNSON was contacted and advised the JOHNSON family, including "Sleepy" was then in the vicinity of Shafter.

At Shafter, California

At JERRY LEAHE's suggestion, Agent contacted Constable JOHN C. REILLY, Box 464, Shafter, California, who accompanied Agent to the JOHNSON place, where both SLEEPY and SAM JOHNSON were interviewed. SAM advised he did not think ROE and COLE had succeeded in escaping but flatly stated he would like to hear they had succeeded in so doing just to show the Government that it could be done. SAM stated he and the balance of his family, except "SLEEPY" worked for H. H. HAIR, Buttonwillow, California, at the time of the Subjects' escape. "SLEEPY" was said to be in Arizona at the time. H. H. HAIR was contacted relative to verifying the employment of various JOHNSONS during the pertinent period and advised he had

employed these parties but did not believe there would be an exact report available. He promised to check his records and will notify the Los Angeles Office in the event he finds same.

"SLEEPY" JOHNSON was interviewed near Shafter, California, his address being General Delivery, Shafter, California. "SLEEPY" expressed the opinion that he did not believe ROE made it to the mainland; that if ROE was successful he would have contacted HAZEL DAVIS within a week; that except for HAZEL DAVIS, the JOHNSONS were probably the only other parties ROE would contact, and he hoped if ROE did "hit the ground" he would not come around him (SLEEPY) as he has had enough trouble on harboring charges; that at the time of ROE's break, all the JOHNSON family were on the H. H. HAIR Ranch near Buttonwillow, California, but he was in Phoenix, Ariz., where he worked for the Arizona Fruit & Vegetables Company until just about Christmas of 1937; that he lived at 321 West Jefferson Street, Phoenix, Ariz., with a MRS. TABOR during that period and made almost daily trips to the County Hospital, where he received treatment for lung trouble caused by an accident.

"SLEEPY" JOHNSON advised that although he thinks ROE failed in his attempted escape, LON is inclined to believe ROE made it; however, "SLEEPY" stated he has heard nothing of any nature to indicate ROE had been successful. "SLEEPY" admitted to Agent that he didn't know whether he would divulge any information if he had any, but so far he has none. He advised that LON JOHNSON, because of more numerous contacts with "ex-cons," would likely get information of ROE before he would. He advised that LON was last heard of in Peden, Oklahoma, when he wrote home for money.

"SLEEPY" JOHNSON advised that it was ridiculous to think that he had considered assisting ROE in escaping; that he had more sense than to plan anything of that nature.

All the JOHNSON family including MRS. JANE JOHNSON (mother), SEEDALL, SAM, LAWRENCE and JACK, are now living near Shafter, California.

The following investigation was conducted by reporting Agent:-

MR. H. H. HAIR of Buttonwillow, California, under date of March 28, 1939, directed a letter to the Los Angeles Bureau Office to the attention of Special Agent E. G. Fitch, relative to the employment records of JACK JOHNSON, LAWRENCE, SAM and LON JOHNSON. MR. HAIR informed that he had no record of any employment on LON JOHNSON in December, 1937, but he believed LON JOHNSON was in a road camp at that time.

He stated that SAM JOHNSON worked on December 6th, 7th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, and one hour on the 17th, in the year 1937. He advised that LAWRENCE JOHNSON worked on December 8th, 9th, 11th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, and one hour on December, 17, 1937. He advised that JACK JOHNSON worked on December 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 14th, 15th, 16th, and one hour on December 17, 1937.

At Long Beach, California

An endeavor was made to locate ROSS W. MOORE, Alcatraz ex-convict aforementioned, reported to be employed by the WPA on street work in Long Beach, California. This individual is not registered as an ex-convict with the Long Beach Police Department according to Captain PETERSON of the Detective Bureau.

ROSS W. MOORE was not known to the Long Beach Retail Credit Bureau according to MR. SECRIST. Captain PETERSON will endeavor to locate the address of ROSS W. MOORE and advise the Los Angeles Division Office so that he may be interviewed relative to Subjects COLE and RCE who were acquaintances of his at Alcatraz.

On July 15, 1937, reporting Agent in telephonic conversation with postal inspector E. D. CHANCE renewed the mail covers on the mail of MRS. G. I. DAWSON, Bell, California, on the mail of FAY ROE Arcadia, Calif., as well as on the mail of MR. and MRS. FRED COLE, Woodlake, California.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE SPRINGFIELD FIELD DIVISION

AT PRAIRIE CITY, ILLINOIS (in McDonough County) will locate and interview IVAN KEENER, a.k. a. IVAN WALLER KEENER, in view of the fact that he made a statement that MRS. EVELYN MORGAN, 320 First Street, Richmond, California was in contact with Subjects. Investigation on this information has been negative and it was desired that KEENER be reinterviewed to determine the basis of his statement.

THE SEATTLE FIELD DIVISION

AT EVERETT, WASHINGTON, will locate and interview FRANK BARCOTT, JR. address 1212 Everett Avenue, Everett, Washington, and will question BARCOTT as to whether he purchased title booklets or charts (in this connection reference is made to the report of Special Agent Daniel Currie, Jr., Seattle, Washington, dated January 7, 1938). It is noted that FRANK BARCOTT, JR.

possessed an automobile bearing 1938 Washington license #D-5295.

THE NEW ORLEANS FIELD DIVISION

Will interview MRS. C. M. SMITH, 2117 Louisa Street, New Orleans, La., who is a correspondent of FAY ROE. Will determine her identity and whether Subject ROE is at that address. Will discreetly ascertain from her any information she may possess concerning subjects ROE and COLE.

THE ABERDEEN FIELD DIVISION

AT WEBSTER and at PIERPONT, SOUTH DAKOTA will locate and interview ANDREW SAMPSON as well as LORRAINE HOLLAND, concerning their trip to Oregon, thence to San Francisco and thence to Bell, California. Will ascertain whether the ROE and COLE families are known to them. Will ascertain the location of ANDREW SAMPSON or SAMSON in December, 1937, particularly ascertaining whether he and LORRAINE HOLLAND resided in an apartment in San Francisco.

Will bear in mind that ANDREW SAMPSON (SAMSON) was formerly employed on a barge or boat in New York, and if he knew the COLE or ROE families or the Subjects, being familiar with boats he might have been of assistance if the Subjects escaped in this manner.

THE NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

AT NEW YORK CITY, N. Y. will locate and interview CLARENCE PISTELL who is reported to be listed in the telephone directory in the brokerage business under the firm name of PISTELL & WRIGHT. Will ascertain whether he is related to or knows an EDWARD or a BENJAMIN PISTELL who were reported by a confidential informant at Buffalo, New York to be related to Subject THEODORE COLE. (This information is carried in the report of Special Agent CARL J. MARTIN, Buffalo, New York, December 9, 1938.

THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION

AT SAN QUENTIN PENITENTIARY will determine the names of the visitors of ABE ALLEN, when he was confined to that institution, for the purpose of checking the identities of the individuals in the San Francisco apartment at 2421 Post Street, which individuals checked out hurriedly on December 15,

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1937. ABE ALLEN was San Quentin inmate #56684, and was released December 6, 1937. A card bearing his inmate number was found in the apartment aforementioned. It is possible that LOUAINNE HOLLAND and ANDREW SAMPSON (SAMSON) and others mentioned in the body of this report as associates of SAMPSON (SAMSON) used this apartment. (in this instance reference should be made to the report of Special Agent C. H. Olson, San Francisco, California, dated January 3, 1938 (page 11); it has been noted that the report of Special Agent O. H. Patterson, San Francisco, dated 4-8-39 records an interview with BEN WARSHAUER, reflecting the activities of ABE ALLEN in December, 1937.)

Will further examine the inmate record of ARTHUR H. YOUNGBERG, ascertaining the names and addresses of relatives through whom he may be located for interview with relation to Subjects COLE and ROE. (Reference is made to the report of Special Agent E. M. Gurnea, San Francisco, California, dated December 28, 1937).

THE EL PASO FIELD DIVISION

AT ODESSA, TEXAS

At the International Supply Company, will discreetly ascertain who corresponded with FAY ROE at Arcadia, California, this probably being JAMES ROE, brother of Subject RALPH ROE. The mail in this connection had a return of box #1478, Odessa, Texas.

THE OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD DIVISION

AT DUNCAN, OKLAHOMA,

Will locate the aunt and uncle of Subject ROE known as MR. and MRS. HICKEY (phonetic), interviewing them relative to their knowledge of Subject ROE and Subject COLE, and determining the address of RAYMOND ROE believed to reside at Hutchinson, Kansas.

AT TULSA, OKLAHOMA

Will ascertain whether either Subject is in contact with MRS. CARL KENNEY, address 7 South Zunis or Zunik or Zunick street, bearing in mind that this party corresponds with FAY ROE at Arcadia, California.

Will ascertain the identity of B. & C., who corresponded with FAY ROE from the address of 7 South Zunis Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

THE OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD DIVISION (continued)

AT CARNEGIE, OKLAHOMA, will determine who corresponds with FAY ROE at Arcadia, California from Carnegie, Oklahoma; no return address or name of sender was given in this connection.

In the event the Oklahoma City Division Office is conducting further investigation relative to LON JOHNSON, it is noted that he was reported to have been in PADEN, OKLAHOMA (OKFUSKEE COUNTY)

THE DALLAS FIELD DIVISION

AT FRED TEXAS, and AT SILSBEE, TEXAS

Is requested to endeavor to ascertain who corresponds with FAY ROE, sister-in-law of Subject ROE, at Arcadia, California. One letter to FAY ROE from Fred, Texas had a return address of MRS. O. W. YATES, P. O. box #126, Silsbee, Texas, at which point the Dallas Division is also requested to make investigation, to determine whether Subjects ROE and COLE are in that vicinity, and will discreetly interview MRS. O. W. YATES.

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

AT LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA,

Will endeavor to locate ROSS W. MOORE, ex-Alcatraz inmate who is reported to be employed on WPA at Long Beach, California, and resides somewhere on Mariposa Street. In the event he is not located at Long Beach, Calif., will contact MR. CHARLES MOORE, 2407 Meadowvale Avenue, Los Angeles, Calif., near Glendale, California (telephone Capitol 3338) for the address of MOORE.

AT HERMOSA BEACH, CALIFORNIA

Will locate and interview B. W. and CAROLYN NEWBERRY, address, 120 Second Street, Hermosa Beach, California to ascertain whether they are identical with PETE NEWBERRY and wife who formerly resided at Compton, California, and whose interview is desired. (see the report of Special Agent A. W. Miller, Dallas, Texas, dated October 25, 1938).

AT ARCADIA, CALIFORNIA

Will recontact ELMER BURCHILL, to ascertain what additional information he may possess relative to FAY ROE and her contacts with the ROE family.

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION (continued)

AT ARCADIA, CALIFORNIA (continued)

Will endeavor to develop new confidential informants at Arcadia, Calif., to observe FAY ROE; will interview MR. D. W. COFFMAN, 231 North First Avenue, where he operates a refrigeration service.

Will discreetly interview MR. CHARLES DENNY, (age 60) a WPA worker who has resided at the FAY ROE residence.

Will interview MR. F. O. PIERCE, Station Agent of the Santa Fe Railway, relative to any information he may possess concerning Subject ROE or Subject COLE.

Will report the results of the mail cover placed on the mail of FAY ROE at 58 St. Joseph Street.

AT BELL, CALIFORNIA

Will develop new confidential informants to observe MR. and MRS. G. I. DAWSON, she being a half-sister of Subject COLE.

Will reinterview MR. WILLIAM B. McCLOURE, 6224 Gifford Avenue (business address 6234 Gifford Avenue) relative to his recent observations of the DAWSON family who reside at 6238 Gifford Avenue.

Will discreetly interview MR. G. I. DAWSON away from MRS. DAWSON relative to his information concerning Subject COLE, and relative to information concerning the travels of the ROE family.

Will report the result of the mail cover placed on the residence of MR. and MRS. G. I. DAWSON, 6238 Gifford Avenue.

- * Will conduct further investigation to determine whether CHARLES C. HAMBLIN, 5568 East Gage Street, has any connection with VIOLA DAWSON also known as MRS. G. I. DAWSON (see page 50 report of Special Agent Ralph T. Hood, Oklahoma City, Okla, dated December 2, 1938).

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

- * Will interview MRS. ELMER DILLARD, reported to be a cousin of FRED W. COLE, residing at 944 West 11th Place, Los Angeles, California (see report of Special Agent A. W. Miller, Dallas Texas, 5-12-39).

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Will conduct further investigation at Los Angeles Juvenile Court concerning the arrest of Subject RALPH ROE under the name of PAUL SULLIVAN on April 28, 1923, at which time he was arrested with KNUDE I. SOMMERVILLE, San Quentin State Penitentiary #38026. Through the Los Angeles Police Department, Identification records, will endeavor to ascertain the present location of KNUDE I. SOMMERVILLE so that he may be observed and interviewed relative to Subjects ROE and COLE (refer to the report of Special Agent R. H. Simmons, Los Angeles, California dated November 28, 1933).

Will ascertain the present address of FRANK H. PORTER, a former Alcatraz inmate to determine whether he had any knowledge or assisted in the escape of ROE and COLE. FRANK H. PORTER is Alcatraz No. 305-AZ. He may be located through discreet investigation of his mother MRS. W. H. PORTER, his brother WILLARD J. PORTER, or his brother WARREN E. PORTER, last known to be residing at 7007 or 7006 Haas Street, Los Angeles, Calif. The mother MRS. PORTER is sometimes known as MRS. CARRIE M. PORTER, and reportedly resided with her son WILLARD J. PORTER at 1118 Ellis Street, San Francisco, California, at least until August 12, 1937, when FRANK H. PORTER was released from Alcatraz.

WARREN E. PORTER might be located at the Automatic Tension Screen Company, Inc., 6235 South St. Andrews Place, Los Angeles.

AT TERMINAL ISLAND, CALIFORNIA

Will interview Guard JOHN FRANCIS ROWAN, who was formerly a guard at Alcatraz Penitentiary, for any suggestions of leads relative to Subjects COLE and ROE, it being noted that prior reports have stated that ROWAN enjoyed the confidence of several ex-inmates of Alcatraz.

AT HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

Will discreetly ascertain what attorney represented FAY ROE through inquiry of the Firm of ROBBINS & POLLACK, Suite #606, Taft Building, Hollywood, California. Will ascertain from this source, if possible, any information concerning Subject ROE.

* AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Will interview RUTH KERN, 117 North Avenue, a sister of HENRY YOUNG, Alcatraz inmate #244-AZ, who visited YOUNG at Alcatraz (see page 49 of report of Special Agent Ralph T. Hood, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 12-2-38).

AT WOODLAKE, CALIFORNIA

Will make arrangements to develop new confidential informants on MR. and MRS. FRED COLE parents of Subject COLE.

Will determine through informants an identification of visitors who visited the COLE family (see reports of: Special Agent A. D. Horn, Los Angeles, California, dated 2-12-38; R. H. Simons Los Angeles, 10-12-38; A.D.Horn, Los Angeles, California 12-28-38; R. P. Kramer, Los Angeles, 12-27-37; R. N. Pranke, Los Angeles 12-22-37.

Will report the results of renewed mail covers.

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