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United States Department of Justice  
Los Angeles, California.

July 20, 1939

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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

RE: ROCOL

Dear Sir:

Kindly be informed that on July 15, 1939, three  
mail covers in the above entitled case were renewed through  
Postoffice Inspector E. D. Chance, Los Angeles, California  
as follows:-

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- (1) ~~FAY ROE~~, 58 St. Joseph Street,  
Arcadia, California;
  - (2) MR. and MRS. ~~FRED COLE~~,  
Woodlake, California;
  - (3) MR. and MRS. G. I. ~~DAWSON~~ or ~~GOLA I~~ DAWSON,  
3238 Gifford Avenue,  
Bell, California.

MRS. G. I. DAWSON is the half-sister of Subject COLE,  
and FAY ROE is the sister-in-law of Subject ROE.

Very truly yours,

*R. B. Hood*  
R. B. HOOD, Jr.  
Special Agent in Charge

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

FILE NO.

76-471

REPORT MADE AT <b>KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7-20-39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7-14-19-39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>R. H. HALLERBERG</b>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472</b> <b>THEODORE COLE with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

FRANK NIGRO, Kansas City, Missouri, denies knowing Subjects or information regarding them. NIGRO going straight past five years. Further investigation being made. DEL CARPENTER, former inmate U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, in 1936 removed by State of Texas to Fort Worth for prosecution State Court. No information at U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, as to identity of "SLIM" BAILEY. Acting Warden C. J. SHUTTLEWORTH has no additional information of interest.

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**REFERENCE:**

Reports of Special Agent F. S. SMITH, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 6-17-39 and 6-27-39.

**DETAILS:**

- At Kansas City, Missouri -

A review of the Kansas City files regarding FRANK NIGRO disclosed that FRANK CHARLES NIGRO, 407 East 9th Street, was born on 5-10-90 and was reported as proprietor of a cafe at 7110 Prospect Avenue. This cafe is run in conjunction with one TONY CIPOLLA, and they are alleged to be doing gambling and handling narcotics. NIGRO is described as being

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COPIES OF THIS REPORT 3-Bureau 2-Oklahoma City 2-Dallas 2-Kansas City	<div style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">JUL 22 AM</div> <div style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">FUG SUB</div> <div style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">PARDO</div>

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Age - 49 years  
Height - 5 feet 6 inches  
Weight - 140 pounds  
Hair - black, graying  
Eyes - brown  
Build - medium  
Complexion - medium  
Race - white  
Nationality - American, Italian descent

A search of the Kansas City, Missouri, telephone directory regarding numbers 1389 resulted in the number being listed to the following exchanges:

Chestnut 1389 issued to Mrs. WILLIE BEEKS, 2016 Montgall.  
Harrison 1389 issued to Mrs. ANNA PATTERSON, 2620 Charlotte.  
Hiland 1389 issued to J. E. WINEGAR, 704 East 61st Street.  
Jackson 1389 issued to ROBERT A. BLOGGNER, 5543 Virginia.

Lieutenant LEW MYERS, Police Department, Kansas City, Missouri, who is well informed in the activities of the Italians in Kansas City, Missouri, and who has frequently assisted the Bureau in various cases and is considered reliable, advised that FRANKIE NIGRO is well known to him, inasmuch as FRANKIE has done several stretches for narcotics in and about Kansas City, Missouri. However, since his release from the penitentiary about five years ago he has successfully operated a tavern which was started by the Goetz Brewing Company in Kansas City, Missouri, inasmuch as NIGRO was broke at the time of his release from the penitentiary. MYERS further stated that he believed if NIGRO was confronted with questions regarding the desired information, NIGRO would inform MYERS whether he knew anything about it.

Lieutenant WILLIAM GORDON, Identification Division, Police Department, Kansas City, Missouri, checked his records regarding FRANK NIGRO with negative results.

On interview FRANK NIGRO stated that he had been at Frank's and Chip's Place, 7140 Prospect Avenue, for the past three years and that for two years prior to that he was located in the same business at 7148 Prospect Avenue. He stated that he has been going straight and making a living the "hard way" and did not desire to become involved in any suspicions or crimes involving the federal

government's investigations. Photographs of ROE and COLE were shown to NIGRO after he denied knowing anyone by those names and he stated that neither ROE nor COLE was familiar to him.

NIGRO was questioned regarding his contacts from the penitentiary at which time he stated that since his release he has made it his business not to associate with or contact any former convicts whom he met in the penitentiary. NIGRO stated he did not know anyone by the name of TANG HALL and requested to be shown a photograph of HALL. A photograph of TANG HALL is being requested from the Oklahoma City office to assist in further investigation regarding FRANK NIGRO.

NIGRO denied knowing anyone by the name of GRACE CUNNINGHAM, BILLIE BROWN or BILLIE FREEMAN.

He was questioned closely regarding the note referred to in reference report dated 6-17-39 to which he answered that he was at a loss to understand how this note could have come into the possession of Federal Agents with regard to ROE. He stated he could recall no telephone number, house address or significance connected with the number 1389. NIGRO'S business phone is Jackson 9513 and his home phone is Victor 5009. A card advertising Frank's and Chip's Place was provided Agent, however, there is no number 1389 printed on this card. Inquiry as to whether anyone had ever been at NIGRO'S place who resembled ROE or COLE or whether he had received any information regarding Subjects while he was in the penitentiary resulted in NIGRO advising that he had not.

A request is being made of the Oklahoma City office to furnish the Kansas City office with a photostatic copy of the note received from the informant bearing NIGRO'S name, address and the number 1389.

After the interview Lieutenant MYERS stated that inasmuch as NIGRO had been advised of the harboring statute it was his opinion if NIGRO was now in possession of any information regarding ROE he would recontact MYERS in the near future and in the event such was the case MYERS would immediately notify the Kansas City office.

Inasmuch as reference report stated that the NIGRO mentioned by the informant was recently involved in narcotic investigations in Kansas City, it is assumed that BOSSIE NIGRO was meant instead of FRANKIE NIGRO. BOSSIE NIGRO will be interviewed along the same lines as FRANK NIGRO in the near future.

- At Leavenworth, Kansas -

At the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, Special Agent H. L. SCOTT made diligent search in an attempt to learn the identity of any present or past inmate who was known as "SLIM" BAILEY but with the information available such individual could not be located.

DELMAS (DEL) CARPENTER, former inmate #47152, was subject for conditional release on 4-8-36 and upon release was taken into custody by the Sheriff at Leavenworth, Kansas, who apparently was accompanied by Deputy Sheriff E. C. WATSON of Fort Worth, Texas. The file of this former prisoner at the penitentiary indicates that he was wanted by the State Attorney, Fort Worth, Texas, and apparently was extradited to that point in custody of the aforementioned Deputy.

C. J. SHUTTLEWORTH, Associate Warden of the penitentiary and who was formerly in the same position at the U. S. Penitentiary, Alcatraz, is at present Acting Warden at the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, and has advised that he has received no other or further information concerning matters of interest in instant investigation. It will be recalled that Mr. SHUTTLEWORTH is thoroughly familiar with this case, has interviewed numerous inmates and has used every means at his command to ascertain any information that might be of interest to instant investigation.

Mr. SHUTTLEWORTH advised that there had recently been received at the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, several prisoners transferred from Alcatraz and that it was his intention, as soon as his duties would permit, to interview each of these individuals in what would appear to them to be a routine matter but that one of the ideas that he had in mind was to ascertain if they knew anything of interest in instant case. Mr. SHUTTLEWORTH, of course, has a source of information throughout the penitentiary alive to any possibilities as to information concerning instant investigation.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

DALLAS FIELD OFFICE

At Fort Worth, Texas, will ascertain through the office of the State Attorney disposition made as to DELMAS (DEL) CARPENTER, locate him and interview him concerning any possible information that he might have concerning the fugitives.

OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD OFFICE

Will furnish the Kansas City Field Office with photostatic copy of the note received from the informant regarding FRANKIE NIGRO to be used in further questioning NIGRO regarding information he possesses as to ROE and COLE.

Will furnish the Kansas City Field Office with a photograph of TANG HALL, known to informant #13.

KANSAS CITY FIELD OFFICE

At Kansas City, Missouri, will keep in contact with Lieutenant LEW MYERS, Police Department, regarding further information from NIGRO.

At Kansas City, Missouri, will make discreet inquiry at 72nd and Prospect to ascertain if ROE or COLE has been in that locality.

At Kansas City, Missouri, will interview BOSSIE NIGRO, presently being held in the Jackson County Jail awaiting sentence on narcotic charges.

At Leavenworth, Kansas, at the U. S. Penitentiary will endeavor to obtain information to show that NIGRO and TANG HALL were associated together at that place. Upon receipt of this information will reinterview FRANK NIGRO regarding his acquaintance with TANG HALL.

At Leavenworth, Kansas, at the U. S. Penitentiary on or about 8-10-39 will contact C. J. SHUTTLEWORTH, Associate Warden, for any information that he may have obtained that would be of interest to this investigation.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **76-50**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Seattle, Washington</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7/19/39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7/12/39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>ALBERT C. BISE</b>
TITLE <b>RAIPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE - I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE - I.O. #1471</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** ~~ELMER HUTCHINSON~~ COLE presently living at Wells, B. C. under name of ~~ELMER HUTCHINSON~~. Recalls vaguely that he was either working as cook or as trusty at Warden's office at time of escape. Has not seen nor heard of any of his prison acquaintances since his release. Recalls belief general among prisoners that subjects used halves of automobile inner tubes under their clothing for buoyancy and allowed tide to carry them to north arm of Golden Gate. He also heard "rumor" that ROE's sister, location unknown, disappeared soon after subjects' escape and belief was that ROE and sister were together. Mail cover on MR. and MRS. WILLIAM COLE, Roy, Washington, removed.

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**REFERENCE:** Reports of Special Agents RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 5/25/39, and J. P. MacFARLAND, Seattle, 6/30/39.

**DETAILS:** On July 13, 1939 the following letter was received by the Seattle Bureau office from MR. W. H. COLE:

"July. 11/39

"Dear Sir.

"My Son Elmer came home last night.  
If you want to see him you better come right out.

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"I don't know how long he is going to stay.

s/ "MR. W. H. COLE.

Roy

Wash.

Route 1

Box 170."

Agent was advised on July 12, 1939 by MRS. WILLIAM COLE, Route 1, Box 170, Roy, Washington, that her son, ELMER HUTCHINSON COLE, had come from his residence at Wells, B. C. in response to this Bureau's inquiry. She stated that he was presently employed by a neighbor in the harvesting of hay, but that he would be available for interview at dinner time that evening.

ELMER HUTCHINSON COLE, interviewed that same day, stated that he was presently living at Wells, B. C., Canada, under the name of ELMER HUTCHINSON; that certain other members of his family live in that vicinity and that he has been employed there as a cook and in other capacities since his removal to that section about one year ago.

With respect to the escape of these subjects, he stated that he was employed as either a cook in the prison or was a trusty around the Warden's office, one of the two trustees, he advised, on the island. He stated that he knew both RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE, but that he was never intimately acquainted with them. He recalled that there was a general belief among the prisoners that the subjects had secured inner tubes from the prison garage, had cut them in two and vulcanized the ends, thereafter attaching them under their clothing, and that they used this for buoyancy and allowed the tide to carry them to the north arm of the Golden Gate. He stated that he had further heard a general "rumble" that ROE's sister, whose location this informant was unable to furnish, had disappeared soon after ROE's escape, and that it was the consensus of opinion that they were together.

COLE stated that he had been released from the penitentiary at Alcatraz on October 25, 1938; that two days later he arrived at his parents' home in Roy, Washington, and that on November 18, 1938 he went to Wells, B. C., where he had constantly remained. He stated that he had done this to remove himself completely from all previous criminal associations, and to get somewhere for the purpose of establishing himself as a substantial citizen and not an ex-convict. He advised that his parents had written to him regarding the inquiry made by Special Agent J. P. MacFARLAND, as reported in referenced report, and that he realized that there would be an investigation to find him made in Canada. To avoid the repercussions of such an investigation, COLE stated he had made the trip from Wells, B. C. to Roy immediately, a distance of some 750 miles, and stated that he was returning to Wells, B. C. within a few days, where he could be contacted under the name of ELMER HUTCHINSON at any time. He especially

requested that if it were necessary to recontact him for some purpose his prior criminal record not be disclosed to anyone, including the B. C. police, in that he was doing his very best to "go straight", and that he was a respected citizen in the community. He verified this statement by showing numerous papers, including a credit rating received when he purchased an automobile at Wells, B. C.

COLE stated that he had quit a \$75.00 a month job to come to Roy, Washington, and that he thought that the Bureau should reimburse him for his travel. It was explained to him that this was impossible, but that he could get many times that amount if he could secure and furnish to an Agent of this Bureau information which would ultimately result in the apprehension of either or both these subjects. It was emphasized that he should furnish any such information to an Agent of this Bureau. COLE stated that he would certainly cooperate if ever he had such an opportunity, but that he believed the possibility was slight of his ever coming in contact with either of these subjects due to his isolation in northern British Columbia.

In that the mail cover placed upon the mail of Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM COLE, this informant's parents, has served its purpose, a letter is being written to the postmaster at Roy, Washington discontinuing it.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **76-244**

REPORT MADE AT <b>SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7-18-39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>5/29, 6/23, 7/11, 17/39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>GEORGE J. ROSS</b> <span style="float: right;">NLR</span>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** MRS. THOMAS R. FADDIS, sister of WINNIE E. METCALF, has no further information as to her brother's whereabouts. Reiterates promise of cooperation with Salt Lake City office.

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**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent GEORGE J. ROSS, Salt Lake City, 5/20/39.

**DETAILS:** AT SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.

MRS. THOMAS R. FADDIS, Subject's sister, has been contacted by the writer on numerous occasions at her residence, 208 Canyon Road in Salt Lake City. When last contacted she informed the writer that her brother, WINNIE METCALF, had in fact been in Salt Lake City on April 27, 1939 when she was first contacted; that she had informed him of Agent's inquiry and that he professed to have violated no Federal law and could not understand why he should be sought by a Bureau Agent. In this connection, it should be noted that the writer in requesting her cooperation at the time of the original interview with her had informed her that it was merely sought to question her brother as a possible source of information, and that he was not wanted in connection with the violation of any Federal Statute. She stated that she had so informed her brother and had requested him to come to the Salt Lake City office; that he stated he had some business to attend to in Colorado and would thereafter return to Salt Lake City and call at the Salt Lake City office.

MRS. FADDIS stated that she had not heard from her brother since that date, and although she has been contacted on numerous occasions

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sions as stated, she has been unable to furnish information concerning him, and stated further that she has received a number of inquiries from her mother as to the possible whereabouts of METCALF.

In view of this fact, the apparent reluctance of METCALF to be interviewed by a Bureau Agent is being brought to the attention of the office of origin for consideration as to the advisability of placing a wanted notice for him in the Bureau's files. It is also being left to the discretion of that office as to whether or not the Salt Lake City and Denver Divisions should place mail covers on the addresses of METCALF'S relatives.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE

Will consider the advisability of placing a wanted notice for WINNIE E. METCALF alias MACK SMITH and placing of mail covers on mail addressed to his relatives in the Salt Lake City and Denver Divisions.

THE DENVER OFFICE

At Hotchkiss, Colorado will interview WILLIAM METCALF in an effort to ascertain the whereabouts of his brother WINNIE METCALF.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA.

Kansas City FILE NO. 76-471-

REPORT MADE AT <b>KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7-22-1939</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7-20-1939</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. W. CORE      ebc</b>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1472 THEODORE COLE with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1471</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

**HAZEL UNDERHILL** is unknown at Great Bend and Hoisington, Kansas.

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**REFERENCE:**

Bureau letter dated May 15, 1939.

**DETAILS:**

**AT GREAT BEND AND HOISINGTON, KANSAS -**

As a result of reference letter, efforts were made through the police departments and post offices in both Great Bend and Hoisington, Kansas, to locate **HAZEL UNDERHILL** with negative results. In fact there is no person by the name of **UNDERHILL** in or near either of these cities according to the information received.

<p>APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Thurston Brantley</i></p> <p>COPIES OF THIS REPORT</p> <p>3 - Bureau</p> <p>2 - Oklahoma City</p> <p>2 - Kansas City</p>	<p>DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</p> <p style="font-size: 1.5em; text-align: center;">76-2686-735</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">JUL 26 1939</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">JUL 24 P.M.</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">FUGITIVE</p>
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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 attempt to identify and interview SLIM BAILEY.
- \* Will interview JACK F. WILLIAMS, alleged by FLINT C. BRANDON 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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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **76-51**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Springfield, Illinois</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7-20-39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>6-25; 7-3, 5-39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>P. C. DUNNE</b> <span style="float: right;">PCD:ejc</span>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1471</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Surveillance conducted as to activities of informant R from Edwardsville, Illinois to Salem, Illinois from 6-26-39 at approximately 10:30 A.M. to 7-3-39 at approximately 11:00 A.M. Informant R, residing in [redacted] with married sister and sister's husband. Information secured through LOU SHAW employee Kingwood Oil Company, Salem, Illinois reflects informant R's sister bears married name of [redacted] first name unknown; husband of informant R's sister operates Model A Ford Coach, 1928 model, Illinois 1939 license #805-313. License issued to [redacted] Illinois. Informant R and her daughter remained at [redacted] at time of discontinuance of surveillance. Information secured through LOU SHAW reflects Informant R, together with daughter, married sister, sister's husband and small infant, left Salem, Illinois in Model A Ford Coach 7-4-39 returning late at night same date and again departed, destination unknown. No information as to Mrs. DEE FREEMAN, nee Billie Brown, Centralia, Illinois. Mail cover placed, Salem, Illinois 7-3-39 on mail of VIRGIL D. SHANK, RUTH CRAWFORD, and Mrs. DEE FREEMAN. Arrangements made at Salem, Illinois to have Springfield Office notified of departure of Informant R.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent F. S. SMITH, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated June 27, 1939.  
Report of Special Agent F. S. SMITH, Oklahoma City,

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dated June 17, 1939.

DETAILS:

At Springfield, Illinois, June 25, 1939.

At About 7:00 o'clock tonight, Special Agent in Charge G. B. NORRIS of the St. Louis Office telephonically contacted the Springfield Office and advised that one [redacted] Informant R, [redacted] had left Tulsa, Oklahoma at 10:30 A.M. today for Chicago, Illinois, on a Greyhound Bus, on Missouri Highway #66. Mr. NORRIS stated that upon her arrival at Conway, Missouri she changed to a 1935 Chevrolet Sedan, black in color, Missouri license #91,222, with yellow wire wheels, accompanied by a man.

Special Agent in Charge NORRIS stated that this woman had been under surveillance by Agents of the Oklahoma and Kansas City Offices, but failed to state for what reason.

Mr. NORRIS stated that this woman would be leaving St. Louis shortly, at which time she would be trailed by Special Agents HUGH SMALL and J. D. GOOD of the St. Louis Office as far as Springfield, Illinois; that the Agents from the St. Louis Office will be in a Plymouth, bearing licence #489-092; that at Springfield, Illinois, Agents of the Springfield Office are to pick up the trail and follow this woman into the Chicago Division on Route #66. Mr. NORRIS requested that contact be had with the Chicago Office and arrangements made whereby Agents of that office could pick up the trail when the Agents of the Springfield Office left off.

Mr. NORRIS described this woman as being forty years of age, wearing a black dress trimmed in white, and five feet two inches in height.

Special Agent in Charge NORRIS stated that he would contact the Springfield Office as soon as Agents SMALL and GOOD left en route to Springfield, at which time it should be ascertained what this woman is being trailed for.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent in Charge B. F. FITZSIMONS.

Immediately upon receipt of information as furnished by Special Agent G. B. NORRIS, Special Agent in Charge B. F. FITZSIMONS communicated with Special Agent in Charge NORRIS, by telephone, and ascertained that in further conversation with Oklahoma City, he had been advised that [redacted] was traveling in a 1935 black Chevrolet Coupe; that she was with a man whose description is unknown, and was possibly accompanied by her twelve year old daughter. Special Agent in Charge FITZSIMONS advised Special Agent in Charge NORRIS that

Special Agents P. C. DUNNE, and D. D. JOHNSON would be located at the intersection of highways 66 and 36 in Springfield, for the purpose of picking up the automobile in which [ ] was traveling, in the event they came into Springfield, Illinois, and to follow the car into Chicago, or wherever it might go. Special Agent M. W. MEEKINS and Special Agent in Charge FITZSIMONS were located in a Bureau Plymouth on Highway 66 near the south city limits of Springfield.

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The foregoing information, together with the descriptions of Bureau automobiles was furnished to Special Agent in Charge D. M. LADD, Chicago, Illinois, by Special Agent in Charge FITZSIMONS, by telephone at about 8:45 on Sunday evening, June 25, 1939. Special Agent in Charge LADD advised Special Agent in Charge FITZSIMONS that he had been informed by the Kansas City Office, that [ ] was at Waynesville, Missouri at about eight o'clock on Sunday evening, and that Waynesville is approximately two hundred miles from St. Louis; that under those circumstances it was not likely that [ ] could reach Chicago Sunday night. However, Special Agent in Charge LADD was advised that we would continue our surveillance at Springfield, pending receipt of further information from the St. Louis Office.

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At about midnight on Sunday, June 25, Special Agents DUNNE and JOHNSON advised Special Agent in Charge FITZSIMONS and Special Agent MEEKINS that [ ] had stopped at a tourist camp at Sullivan, Missouri, apparently for the purpose of remaining overnight, and, accordingly, the surveillance at Springfield was discontinued.

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Special Agent in Charge FITZSIMONS immediately communicated with Special Agent in Charge NORRIS, by telephone, and he advised that apparently [ ] was hitch-hiking; that she had been picked up by a doctor, who brought her to Sullivan, Missouri; that she is said to have informed the doctor that she was broke; that she had only eight cents; that she was going to visit a sister who is ill at Salina, Illinois. Special Agent in Charge NORRIS further advised that Special Agents SMALL and GOOD would maintain a surveillance on the tourist camp at Sullivan throughout the night, and would follow [ ] into Illinois, where it was requested that Agents of the Springfield Office take up the surveillance, and follow [ ] to her destination.

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In accordance with this plan, Special Agents P. C. DUNNE and D. D. JOHNSON were instructed to proceed to East St. Louis, immediately, to register at the Broadview Hotel, and to await further instructions from Special Agent in Charge NORRIS, who advised that he would communicate directly with Special Agent DUNNE at East St. Louis, and with Special Agent in Charge FITZSIMONS as soon as [ ] left the tourist camp at Sullivan.

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At 8:20 on the morning of Monday, June 26, 1939, Special Agent in Charge NORRIS telephoned and stated that [redacted] who was on the highway, apparently ready to hitch-hike, and accompanied by her daughter, was picked up by Special Agents SMALL and GOOD, in a Bureau Plymouth; that they would proceed with her to Edwardsville, Illinois where they would let her out of the car, and communicate with Special Agents DUNNE and JOHNSON for the purpose of continuing the surveillance of [redacted]

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Special Agent in Charge NORRIS subsequently telephoned, and stated that he had talked with Special Agent HOOD at Oklahoma City, and Special Agent HOOD informed him that although Mrs. CRAWFORD was formerly used by the Oklahoma City Office as an informant, nevertheless, she has proven herself unreliable, and her trip to Chicago is alleged to be for the purpose of contacting ROE and COLE, after which they will pull a payroll robbery and [redacted] is supposed to receive a cut. This information is said to have been furnished to the Oklahoma City Office by an informant, who claims to have been a former sweetheart of [redacted]. Special Agent in Charge NORRIS was advised that Special Agents DUNNE and JOHNSON would follow [redacted] but that under the circumstances, they would make no attempt to pick her up in a Bureau automobile.

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At about 9:15 on the morning of Monday, June 26, 1939, Special Agent DUNNE telephoned from Edwardsville, and stated that he and Special Agent JOHNSON were stationed on the highway there, but as yet Special Agents SMALL and GOOD had not made their appearance. Special Agent DUNNE was instructed to remain in his location, and to communicate with Special Agent in Charge FITZSIMONS as soon as he had located [redacted] and Special Agents SMALL and GOOD of the St. Louis Office.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent M. W. MEEKINS.

On the afternoon of June 28, 1939, Special Agent P. C. DUNNE communicated with Special Agent MEEKINS by long distance telephone, from Centralia, Illinois, and advised that [redacted] was still visiting at that point, and that there were no indications that she would leave in the immediate future. Further, their observations had failed to develop any information indicating the possibilities of either fugitive being in that vicinity, and that the activities of [redacted] and others were not suggestive of anything unusual.

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In agreement with prior instructions of the Special Agent in Charge, the suggestion was made to Special Agent DUNNE that attempts be immediately made to ascertain a way to obtain facilities



through which the surveillance of [ ] and the family she was visiting might be less conspicuously made, and in that regard, Special Agent DUNNE advised that there appeared to be only one home in the immediate vicinity from which a surveillance might be maintained advantageously, that being a house across the street and approximately fifty yards from the trailer house being occupied by [ ]

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Accordingly, it was suggested that Special Agent H. G. MAYNOR conduct investigations with a view of determining if accommodations could be obtained at the house in question for surveillance purposes.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent H. G. MAYNOR.

As directed, Agent contacted Mr. DAVE SHENNEFELT, a farmer whose address is R.F.D. Salem, Illinois, and whose farm house is directly across the road from the Kingwood lease where [ ] informant [ ] in the ROE and COLE case, is located. Agent contacted Mr. SHENNEFELT for the purpose of determining whether he would rent agents a room in the front part of his house for use in surveillance purposes. He stated that he did not have a room he could spare as his daughter and son-in-law and their two children live with him; also that he and his wife are old and his wife is very nervous and did not want anyone around.

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[ ] and her daughter were brought directly to a trailer which is located across the road from the SHENNEFELT farm house and also about fifty feet from another house which is known as a boarding house, at which a large number of the oil field workers take their meals.

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Agent inquired who lived in the trailer of Mr. SHENNEFELT and he stated that a man and woman lived in said trailer who had a baby born to them on last Monday; that these people are oil field workers and carry drinking and cooking water from his cistern. He stated he did not know their names but that the boy who carried the water stated that a sister of his mother, from Seminole, Oklahoma, and her daughter, had come to stay with his mother and take care of the baby and would probably be there about a month, the sister of the boy's mother referred to being [ ]

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It has been noted by Agents on the plant that [ ] has not been away from the immediate premises on which the trailer is stationed; that there is an old, small, unpainted shack and this shack is used by a man and woman, who are in all probability relatives of [ ] and may be her sister, as [ ] and her daughter go to and from this shack and the trailer in which they sleep at night.

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It was also noted that the people in the shack and the trailer do not mix with the people who patronize the boarding house near by.

Aside from the house of Mr. SHENNEFELT, there is no other house in which a room for surveillance purposes could be obtained.

The following investigation was conducted jointly by Special Agents P. C. DUNNE and D. D. JOHNSON.

On the morning of June 26, 1939, Special Agent in Charge G. B. NORRIS of the St. Louis Field Division, telephonically contacted Special Agents DUNNE and JOHNSON at the Broadview Hotel at East St. Louis, Illinois, advising them that Special Agents SMALL and GOOD of the St. Louis Field Division had arranged to transport Informant R from Sullivan, Missouri to Edwardsville, Illinois, at which point Agents DUNNE and JOHNSON were to continue the surveillance of Informant R believed to be en route to Chicago, Illinois. Accordingly, Agents DUNNE and JOHNSON observed Informant R and her daughter in a St. Louis Field Division car accompanied by Special Agents SMALL and GOOD at Edwardsville, Illinois, and as per instructions took up the surveillance as requested above.

While Informant R and her daughter, both of whom were hitch-hiking, were waiting in a gas station at Edwardsville, Illinois for a ride, Agents SMALL and GOOD discreetly contacted reporting Agents and advised them that Informant R was proceeding to Salem, Illinois to visit with her sister, who, according to Informant R, had recently given birth to a child. According to Agents SMALL and GOOD, informant R had not stated how long she was to remain in Salem, Illinois and did not advise the St. Louis Agents where her sister lived in Salem, Illinois.

Informant R and her daughter caught a ride with an unknown individual in a 1938 or 1939 model Ford Sedan, Illinois license 1334-818, for 1939, and proceeded directly from Edwardsville, Illinois to a point approximately four miles west of Salem, Illinois, this area being occupied by numerous oil wells in the Centralia, Illinois oil fields. Reporting Agents closely followed Informant R and observed that she left the car in which she was riding at a point one mile south of U.S. highway #50 and entered a home made wooden trailer. Agents immediately secured a vantage point located in front of the business office of the Kingwood Oil Company's Lease for the purpose of observing the future activities of Informant R. The information as set out above was immediately furnished to Special Agent in Charge B. F. FITZSIMONS.

Continued surveillance of the activities of Informant R has been maintained by reporting Agents and Special Agents DAVID R. SCRUGGS, JOHN WILLIAMS, and H. G. MAYNOR with negative results to date.

A detailed map of the Kingwood Lease area and a diagram of the structure housing informant R and her daughter has been prepared by Special Agent D. D. JOHNSON.

During the course of the surveillance of Informant R it has been observed by reporting Agents that there are no indications whatsoever that Informant R intends to contact the subjects in this case at Chicago, Illinois. It has been observed that she confines herself to the home made trailer and busies herself with the duties of keeping house and washing clothes. Furthermore, Informant R has at no time left the premises of the trailer, not even to enter the Coffee Shop located approximately twenty-five feet south of the trailer. In fact, Agents have observed Informant R's daughter making all necessary purchases of food stuffs and running errands about the place. It has further been observed that apparently Informant R's sister, name unknown at this time, together with her husband, occupy a small frame building located near the trailer. Due to the fact that Agents received explicit instructions not to conduct any open investigation as to the name of the sister of Informant R, no active investigation has been conducted concerning the relatives of Informant R residing in the oil fields near Salem, Illinois.

On the evening of June 28, 1939, reporting Agent telephonically contacted Special Agent M. W. MEEKINS, the latter acting in charge during the absence of Special Agent in Charge B. F. FITZSIMONS, at which time Agent was instructed to ascertain whether or not an indoor plant could be instituted for the purpose of maintaining a more discreet surveillance of Informant R for the reason that the present plant was of necessity being conducted out of doors and due to the sparsely settled condition of the country surrounding the dwelling place of Informant R, Agents' presence in this locality was very obvious. Agent was instructed to direct Special Agent H. G. MAYNOR to conduct necessary investigation tending toward the establishment of an indoor plant. However, efforts to establish an indoor plant were unsuccessful.

It has been observed that a 1928 Model A Ford, Two door Sedan, identity of owner unknown at this time, has been parked in front of the dwelling place of Informant R. Efforts are being made to secure the license number of this car, but due to the fact that both the car and the license plates are thickly coated with oil and mud, efforts to secure the license number have been unsuccessful to date, due to the fact that it would be necessary to approach the car, closely scrutinize the same, thus arousing the suspicions of Informant R and her relatives.

It will be noted in the diagram as prepared by Special Agent JOHNSON that a house occupied by the Farm Manager of the Kingwood Oil Company appears to be a vantage point for the purpose of observing Informant R. However, this house is of no value due to the fact that it is occupied by the Farm Manager and his wife and small son which family occupies the entire house and also in view of the fact that the only entrance to the trailer in which Informant R is living is out of sight when viewed from this residence. Further reference to the diagram reflects that the tool house and tractor shed located to the north of the trailer at a distance of approximately seventy-five yards might be considered points of vantage, however the tool house is occupied by a Mr. HUNT who is in charge of the tool house and tractor shed, and the tractor shed houses several tractors and numerous tools and is also occupied during the day and night by four men in the employ of Mr. HUNT and for these reasons it is not considered by reporting Agents as suitable for a plant.

A continued surveillance of the dwelling place of Informant R was maintained by Special Agents D. D. JOHNSON, H. G. MAYNOR, JACK WALDMAN, GROVER C. THOMPSON, JOHN H. WILLIAMS, and reporting Agent. The said surveillance failed to reflect that Informant R had any intention whatsoever to leave Salem, Illinois and no person visiting in the vicinity of the dwelling place of Informant R bore any resemblance to the subjects in this case.

With reference to the Ford car parked in front of the trailer housing Informant R, it has been ascertained that this car bears 1939 Illinois license 805-313. A subsequent check of this license plate at the Bureau of Motor Vehicle Registration reflected that 1939 Illinois license #805-313 was issued on February 9, 1939 to VIRGIL D. SHANK, residence 521 East Locust, Salem, Illinois, for a 1928 model A Ford Coach, motor number A392169. The records of the Motor Vehicle Registration Bureau reflect that this car was purchased as a used car on December 21, 1938 from NORMAN W. HOLSINGER, residence 2151 Grand Avenue, Granite City, Illinois.

It was observed that another car, a 1928 Buick Sedan, bearing 1939 Illinois license 1-430673 was seen in the vicinity of the dwelling place of Informant R every day. A check at the Motor Vehicle Registration Bureau, Springfield, Illinois, reflected that this license was issued to L. O. BARNGROVER, April 29, 1939 for a Buick Sedan, 1928 model, factory number 2361638, motor number 2474460. The residence of BARNGROVER is given as general delivery, Salem, Illinois. This car was purchased from GEORGE BONAHOON, Seminole, Oklahoma, on February 13, 1939, as a used car, and according to the records, this car was brought into the State of Illinois on March 1, 1939. It was observed that the driver of

this car was apparently a working man employed in the oil fields and that the driver of the car visited frequently with the occupants of the small frame cabin, the cabin being located very near the trailer occupied by Informant R. It has previously been reported in the body of this report that the original observation of surveilling Agents at Salem, Illinois, reflected that Informant R's sister resided in the small frame cabin. However, subsequent observation reflected that Informant R's sister resided with Informant R in the small trailer and not in the small frame cabin.

It was observed that the driver of the Buick car made morning and night trips from the cabin to the oil fields, from the oil fields to the cabin, carrying two male occupants of the small frame cabin. Nothing suspicious on the part of this car or the occupants of this car was noted, and it was further noted that the driver of the car had little to do with the occupants of the trailer and apparently had no connection with Informant R or her sister.

Efforts were made on the part of Surveilling Agents to ascertain the identity of the persons residing in the small frame cabin. However, these efforts were made with negative results, due to the fact that Agents were instructed not to conduct any open investigation in that territory, due to the fact that open investigation would arouse the suspicions of Informant R.

#### At Centralia, Illinois

Inquiry at the Centralia Police Department and Post Office failed to reflect any information as to any Mrs. DEE FREEMAN or D. FREEMAN, nee BILLIE BROWN, as having any record at the Centralia Police Department or receiving any mail at the Centralia Post Office.

#### At Salem, Illinois

Inquiry at the Sheriff's Office, Salem, Illinois, failed to reflect any information concerning Mrs. DEE FREEMAN, or D. FREEMAN, nee BILLIE BROWN, and likewise no information was available concerning VIRGIL D. SHANK, resident of Salem, Illinois, in whose name the Model A Ford Coach, parked in front of the dwelling place of Informant R, was issued.

A thirty day mail cover was placed on the correspondence of [redacted] and VIRGIL D. SHANK with Postmaster W. A. MILLS, Salem, Illinois, who agreed to furnish the Springfield Office with mail tracings of all mail coming to these individuals. As to the name of FREEMAN, Mr. MILLS stated that although he had no definite

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information, due to the bulk of mail received in the Salem Post Office, he did recall a party named FREEMAN, believed to be an oil field worker, receiving mail in care of General Delivery, Salem, Illinois. In the hope that the FREEMAN referred to by Mr. MILLS is Mrs. DEE FREEMAN, or D. FREEMAN, a thirty day mail cover was likewise placed on the mail addressed to the FREEMAN party. Mr. MILLS agreed to furnish the Springfield Office with mail tracings with reference to the mail received by FREEMAN. The mail cover was placed on the correspondence of VIRGIL D. SHANK, Salem, Illinois for the reason that if SHANK is related in any way to Informant R or her married sister, in the event Informant R leaves Salem, Illinois she may attempt to correspond with her sister through VIRGIL SHANK of Salem, Illinois. The Bureau has been advised of the placing of the above mentioned mail covers.

Due to the fact that no open investigation was authorized, Agent contacted LOU SHAW, head mechanic for the Kingwood Oil Company on the Kingwood Oil lease near Salem, Illinois, in an effort to ascertain the name of the married sister of Informant R. Mr. SHAW stated that he was well acquainted with FRANK SKINNER and Mr. WILLIAM McDOUGALL, both of whom operate the Coffee Shop located approximately twenty-five yards south of the trailer occupied by Informant R and that he would endeavor to ascertain from these individuals the name of the married sister of Informant R. Contact by Mr. SHAW with Mr. McDOUGALL and Mr. SKINNER reflected that the sister of Informant R bears the married name of CRAWFORD, but Mr. SHAW was unable to secure either the first name or initials of the sister of Informant R.

For the general information of the Bureau and interested offices, the population of the towns of Centralia, Salem, and St. Elmo, Illinois, all three towns being located in the center of the oil boom in the State of Illinois, has increased approximately three fourths in the last year. Most of the workers in the oil fields are from the States of Oklahoma and Texas, and it has been ascertained from interrogation at the post offices at St. Elmo, Centralia, and Salem, Illinois that due to the bulk of the mail received for the workers in the oil fields it is practically impossible to secure any information as to who might be receiving mail at the various post offices. For example, the town of St. Elmo, Illinois has grown from 1500 to 7500. It was further ascertained that it is a common practice among the oil field workers to have one individual secure mail for four or five individuals, and that the names of the four or five individuals receiving mail through one person are generally not known to the post office employees of the three towns. For the above reason, no effort was made to place any mail covers at St. Elmo, Illinois, and efforts to place mail covers at Centralia, and Salem, Illinois have been reported in the body of this report.

On the morning of July 3, 1939, at approximately 11:00 A.M. the surveillance of Informant R was discontinued upon authority of the Bureau and arrangements were made with LOU SHAW of the Kingwood Oil Company to advise the Springfield Field Division in the event Informant R left the premises. The nature of the inquiry concerning Informant R was not disclosed to Mr. SHAW.

On July 4, 1939, Mr. LOU SHAW telephonically advised the Springfield Field Division that all the occupants of the trailer, informant R, her married sister, her daughter, her sister's husband, and a small infant, left the trailer in the Model A. Ford Coach, and returned to the trailer, it was later ascertained from Mr. SHAW, on the evening of July 4, 1939, and then they again left, destination unknown. The information concerning the departure of Informant R and the mode of travel were telephonically furnished the Oklahoma City Field Division by Special Agent in Charge B. F. FITZSIMONS of the Springfield Field Division.

Unless otherwise instructed, the lead for the Springfield Office at St. Elmo, Illinois will not be covered pending more definite information from the Oklahoma City Office as to the location of Mrs. DEE FREEMAN, nee BILLIE BROWN.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS

##### OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE

At Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, will endeavor to ascertain through informants who are operating in connection with the Oklahoma City Office, information as to the location of Mrs. DEE FREEMAN, or D. FREEMAN, nee BILLIE BROWN, so that appropriate investigation may be conducted by the Springfield Field Office tending toward the placing of a mail cover on the correspondence of this person.

##### SPRINGFIELD OFFICE

At Springfield, Illinois, will report the results of the thirty day mail cover placed at Salem, Illinois on July 3, 1939 on the correspondence of RUTH CRAWFORD, VIRGIL D. SHANK, and the party known as FREEMAN.

PENDING.

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

EAT:GVC

July 24, 1939

Time: 3:35 p.m.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

RE: ROCOL

Special Agent Hood of Oklahoma City called and furnished the following information:

The Oklahoma City office has located and interviewed Ruth Crawford, who was connected with the above named case. During the interview, Ruth Crawford said that during the latter part of February, 1939, she met one Lee Roberts in Seminole (Oklahoma) with a letter from one "Sleepy" Johnson, who had formerly aided Roe and Underhill, which told Ruth Crawford that Roberts was "all right". Roberts and Crawford became enamored with each other and later Roberts came to her place with two men whom he did not introduce to her. Then about two months ago he returned to Seminole with the same two men and this time he introduced them as Roe and Cole.

Lee Roberts asked Ruth Crawford to meet him in Joliet, Illinois, on July 6, 1939, and she met him there at the bus station. At the time, Roberts was driving a black 1937 or 1938 Chevrolet Coupe bearing a Kansas license. After meeting Roberts, they proceeded on to Chicago from Joliet and there they met Roe and Cole in a drug store on the East Side. These two had said before that they were going to "pull a job" but because of some slip-up and failure to contact the inside man on the job, and also because of a killing of some gangster there, they couldn't do it. It was supposed to have been a payroll robbery.

Ruth Crawford then stated that the same day (July 6, 1939) she and Roberts left Chicago in his automobile and went to Decatur, Illinois, and Roe and Cole followed them for a distance in a green Pontiac and it was agreed that they would meet Roberts in some small town about forty miles from Decatur. Ruth Crawford left the car and Roberts in Decatur and hitch-hiked to Salem, and then returned to Seminole.

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While Ruth Crawford was in Chicago on July 6th, she wrote a post card to Frank Jackson, the Bureau's informant, which was postmarked 11:00 a.m., July 6, 1939, at the Stockyard's Station. In this card she merely mentioned that she would be home soon and for him to be careful.

Prior to the time Ruth Crawford left Roberts, he asked her to meet him in Long Beach, California, on the 29th of July. He also told her he would send her some money and last week she is alleged to have received \$38.00 from Roberts. At the present time her daughter is ill and so she

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can not and will not go out there at this time.

Ruth Crawford was going to visit a friend, Bill Williams, who resided at 132 Maryposa Avenue, Long Beach, California. This was where she was to meet Roberts on July 29.

Mr. Hood asked for authorization to contact the Los Angeles office and instruct them to cover this place on July 29th and I told him to do this.

Ruth Crawford also stated that the two men, supposed to be Roe and Cole, are living within about thirty miles of Long Beach at the present time.



E. A. TAMM

# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Los Angeles, California,

July 20, 1939

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

Re: <sup>0</sup> ROCOL

Dear Sir:

Kindly furnish the known criminal record of the following:

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Name (inc. aliases)	City, Police Arrest, or Other Number.	Approximate date Fingerprints forwarded Federal Bureau of Investigation.	Fingerprint Classification.
FRANK H. PORTER,	ALCATRAZ 305 AZ Fresno County, Calif. #3553,	12-8-24	

Please also furnish copies of criminal record to the Oklahoma City and the San Francisco Field Divisions.

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cc: Oklahoma City  
cc: San Francisco  
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Very truly yours,

R. B. HOOD

Special Agent in Charge,

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

940 First National Building  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
July 25, 1939

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

ATTENTION: TECHNICAL LABORATORY

RE: ROCOL

Dear Sir:

*Ralph Roe*

There is being enclosed herewith photograph of THEODORE COLE furnished by one LEON DeSHA, who states he made this photograph with a box camera from a position about 150 yards away from COLE, by taking same through a pair of high-powered binoculars.

DeSHA stated he developed this print himself although upon being questioned he possessed very little information concerning photography. It is not thought that this picture was made during April, 1939 as stated by DeSHA.

It will be noted that handwriting appears on the reverse side of this photograph and DeSHA states his wife wrote same after he developed the print.

It is requested that a comparison be made of the handwriting appearing on the reverse side of this photograph with the known handwriting of Subject COLE. It is also requested that the Laboratory attempt to determine whether this photograph could have been made with a cheap, box-camera during April, 1939 in the manner related by DeSHA, in an effort to prove or disprove his statements.

It is further requested that copies of this photograph be made and that two copies of same be furnished to each field office and that the original be returned to this office.

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Very truly yours,

*H. E. Andersen*  
H. E. ANDERSEN  
Special Agent in Charge. 28 1939

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

940 First National Building  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
July 25, 1939

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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

RE: <sup>0</sup>ROCOL

Dear Sir:

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Please be advised that in connection with instant investigation, a thirty day cover was requested on all mail received in P. O. Box #413, Stroud, Oklahoma.

Very truly yours,

H. E. Andersen  
H. E. ANDERSEN, RSH  
Special Agent in Charge.

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AIR MAIL  
REGISTERED MAIL

August 10, 1939

76-2686-739

Mr. H. E. Andersen  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
940 First National Bank Building  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Re: ROCOL

Dear Sir:

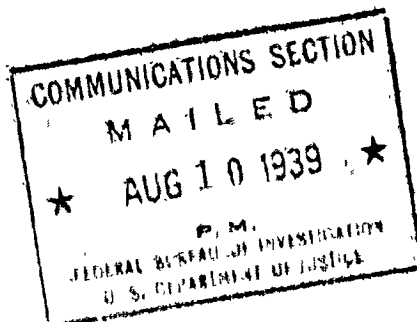
There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Bureau July 28, 1939.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosure:



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
August 12, 1939

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Laboratory Report

ROCOL

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Case:

Number:

Specimens:

Q36, Photograph of one Theodore Cole containing the following writing on the back: "Taken June 24, 1929, Ted Cole".

Oklahoma City

Examination requested by:

7-28-39

Date received:

Document - Photographic

Examination requested:

Result of examination:

Examination by:

Clark

The photograph reported to depict one Theodore Cole, specimen Q36, has been examined to determine whether or not this photograph could have been taken with a box camera through a pair of high-powered binoculars of the subject depicted located about 150 yards away and it is believed that it is not possible that this photograph could have been taken in the manner described. From the lighting arrangement, the pose of the subject, and the general appearance of the photograph, it appears that it was probably taken by one of the automatic machines usually found in department stores and places of amusement.

The original photograph, specimen Q36, is being transmitted herewith. Two copies of this photograph are being furnished to each Field Division, including your office, by form letter.

The results of the document examination are being submitted separately.

1 Bureau  
2 Oklahoma City  
1 Laboratory

EEB:EG

August 10, 1939

AIR MAIL

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Special Agent in Charge  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Re: Abel

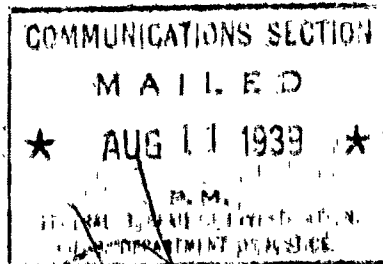
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the examination of material listed below received from your office on July 28, 1939 in the above-entitled case.

76-2686-739 436. Photograph of one Theodore Cole containing the following writing on the back: "Taken June 24 - 1929 Ted Cole."

For your confidential information, the opinions of three document examiners in this matter are being set forth below. It will be noted that two of the examiners are of the opinion the questioned writings are not identical with the known, whereas the third examiner is unable to reach a conclusion. Therefore, unless some other reasons exist, it would not seem necessary to seek further handwriting specimens from this individual. This information is furnished for your investigative use only and is not to be incorporated in reports being furnished to others outside of the Bureau's service.

Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. Nathan .....  
Mr. E. A. Tamm .....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
Mr. Coffey .....  
Mr. Crowl .....  
Mr. Dawsey .....  
Mr. Egan .....  
Mr. Foxworth .....  
Mr. Glavin .....  
Mr. Harbo .....  
Mr. Lester .....  
Mr. McIntire .....  
Mr. Nichols .....  
Mr. Quinn Tamm .....  
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Special Agent in Charge  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
August 10, 1939

Mr. Miller, the #1 examiner, reports that the handwriting appearing on specimen Q36 was not written by Theodore Cole whose known handwriting specimens are designated in the Laboratory as 76-2686-138 K2.

Mr. Dingle, associate examiner, reports that he was unable to reach a conclusion as a result of this comparison.

Mr. Pickering, additional associate examiner, concurs with Mr. Miller that the handwriting appearing on specimen Q36 was not written by Theodore Cole.

It is noted from Laboratory Report #29563 that specimen Q36 was returned to the Oklahoma City field division under date of August 3, 1939.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

DETROIT FILE NO. 76-297

REPORT MADE AT <b>DETROIT, MICHIGAN</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7/26/39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7/13/39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>WALTER M. MORRIS</b>	CED
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, w.a. FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472 THEODORE COLE, w.a. FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>	

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

**JOHN HICKEY**, uncle of **RALPH ROE** has no information regarding him since his escape.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent **RALPH T. HOOD** at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated June 2, 1939.

**DETAILS:**

**AT CARSON CITY, MICHIGAN.**

**JOHN HICKEY**, who resides two and one-half miles east and three miles north of Carson City, Michigan advised that he is an uncle to **RALPH ROE** and that he positively has never heard anything about him other than newspaper comment since his escape from Alcatraz, in fact, it is his belief that **ROE'S** escape was not successful.

He stated that he believes **ROE** would not know where he now resides, and that even if he did, would not attempt to contact him because when **ROE** was a youngster he, **HICKEY**, had turned him over to the authorities in Duncan, Oklahoma, for burglarizing a store and that **ROE** was incarcerated in the Reformatory for this offense.

He related that **ROE** had been on his own since about the age of fifteen, this being caused by the fact that his mother died when he was a young boy and his father remarried to a woman who did not care for the children.

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He advised that he did not know any contacts that ROE might have and, in fact, he had not seen him since about two or three years prior to the time he was sent to Alcatraz. However, he verified the names and locations of ROE'S brothers and advised that he was well aware of the provisions of the Harboring statute and, regardless of this, he would make no attempts at assisting him in the event ROE should ever contact him, and would notify the Detroit Field Office in the event he ever received any information about him.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

The DETROIT OFFICE at DETROIT, MICHIGAN, will contact confidential informants and sources of information and informants connected with the underworld for rumors regarding the escape or the presence of subjects in the vicinity.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICELaboratory Report

July 26, 1939

Case: Rocol

Number: 76-2686-711

## Specimens:

- Q35. Sheet taken from the registry book of the Ramona Hotel bearing the names "Jove Brown, Garden City, Kans." and "Lester Willon, Garden City, Kans." under date of Sunday, June 25, 1939.

Examination requested by: Denver  
Date received: 7/14/39  
Examination requested: Document  
Result of examination:

Examination by: Miller

The known handwriting of Theodore Cole, listed in the Laboratory as K2, was compared with the signatures on the registry book of the Ramona Hotel listed above as specimen Q35, but no identification was effected. A similar comparison was made with respect to the known handwriting of Ralph Roe, listed in the Laboratory as K1, and no identification was effected with the exception of the signature "Ralph Goman" appearing as an entry under date of June 28, concerning which no conclusion was reached.

The signatures on fingerprint cards of Paul Wayne Brewer, #FBI-215499, and Earl McGuire, #FBI-119813, were compared with the signatures on specimen Q35 and no identification was effected with the exception of the signature "Earnest Adams" appearing under date of June 28 with respect to McGuire, and the signature "P. W. Saxton" under the same date with respect to the signatures of Brewer. Satisfactory comparison in these instances could not be made due to the absence of comparable letters and combinations of letters between the questioned and known specimens.

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

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AIR MAIL

Special Agent in Charge  
Denver, Colorado

Re: *O* 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

July 14, 1939.

Very truly yours,

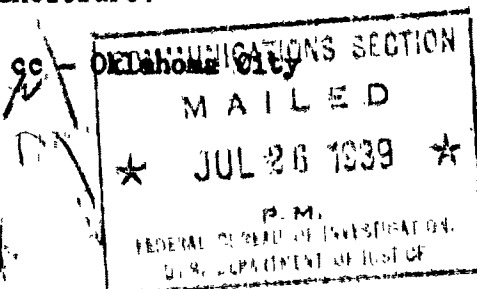
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John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Enclosure:



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

940 First National Building  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
July 25, 1939

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

RE: ROCOL

Dear Sir:

It is requested that a wanted notice be placed in the files of the Identification Division against the record of the following individual:

Name PAUL WAYNE BREWER  
Aliases

FBI number 215499 (or) Local Registry number  
F. P. C. Okla. City PD #5570

The above individual is wanted for Murder, SO, Syracuse, Kansas

In the event of the apprehension of this individual notify  
The Oklahoma City Field Office so he may be questioned in connection  
with the above-captioned matter.  
The above individual may be described as follows (not necessary  
if FBI number is furnished):

Sex  
Color  
Height  
Weight  
Complexion  
Hair  
Eyes  
Age  
Build

Scars, marks, and peculiarities  
Residence  
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Very truly yours,

H. E. Andersen  
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Special Agent in Charge

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

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

REPORT MADE AT <b>Kansas City</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7-26-39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7-22-39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. M. JONES</b>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1471.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

**CHARLES POWELL**, driver for Crocker Meat Company, Joplin, Missouri, probable contact of **MARIE COLE**, presently in Pensacola, Florida. **JAMES T. "MICKEY" CAREY** died June 2, 1939. Mr. and Mrs. **HERBERT ALLEN FARMER** have no information on Subjects. **EARL UNDERHILL**, only remaining brother of **UNDERHILL** family, advises he has no information as to Subjects' escape or whereabouts.

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**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent **RALPH T. HOOD**, Oklahoma City, dated 6-2-39. Report of Special Agent **J. W. CORE**, Kansas City, dated 7-22-39.

**DETAILS: AT JOPLIN, MISSOURI:**

At the Crocker Meat Company, Joplin, Missouri, it was ascertained that the following individuals are employed as drivers: **CHARLES ROBINSON**, **ROY ARTERBURN**, **PAT McCANN**, **ARCH DIMLSEY**, **ROY SLAYTON**, **SAM GRIFFEY**, **CECIL CARLIN** and **CHARLES POWELL**. **POWELL** covers the route into Arkansas and is no doubt the individual mentioned in first reference report as a friend of **MARIE COLE**. It was ascertained that **POWELL** at the present time is at Pensacola, Florida, with the Coast Artillery and is attached to Battery G, 203rd Regiment.

At the Joplin Police Department a search was made of official

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records and it was ascertained that JAMES T. "MICKEY" CAREY died at 8:30 A.M., June 2, 1939, as a result of an attempt to commit arson in a vacant house located at 1512 Grand Avenue. A premature explosion apparently caused CAREY to be trapped, but he refused to make any statement prior to his death in a local hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. HERBERT ALLEN FARMER were interviewed at their farm located outside of Joplin, Missouri, at which time Mrs. FARMER denied any knowledge of the Subjects other than that learned from her husband and from reading newspaper accounts of their attempt to escape. Mr. FARMER advised he had only met COLE three or four times while serving time at Alcatraz but had worked in the same shop with ROE. FARMER definitely indicated his doubt that either Subject made his escape good and advised that although he, FARMER, was a crack swimmer he would never try to complete the escape by attempting to buck the tide that prevails around the island. FARMER further advised that he had never heard any rumor that either Subject was alive nor had he ever been contacted in any manner by Subjects or any of their associates. Mrs. FARMER advised that her husband's activities centered around gambling and that he had never associated with the class of criminal represented by COLE and ROE, and would not have anything to do with that type of person at any time, let alone when they were so "hot". Mrs. FARMER stated she would not hesitate to advise the Kansas City Field Office if any help was requested of her husband on behalf of Subjects or their associates. For the information of the file, the FARMERS live in an isolated section and there are no houses in the immediate neighborhood where it would be possible to develop informants that could be expected to notice the arrival or departure of any visitors.

Mr. EARL UNDERHILL was interviewed at his home, 1043 Kentucky Avenue, Joplin, Missouri, and advised that he is the only remaining brother of the UNDERHILL family. Mr. UNDERHILL stated he has never heard of a CLYDE UNDERHILL other than at one time he believes a CLYDE UNDERHILL was arrested for the robbery of a bank at Hot Springs, New Mexico, which robbery took place about six or seven years ago. Mr. UNDERHILL stated he knows nothing of the Subjects of this case other than the information he has gathered from reading newspapers, and has never heard even a rumor that the Subjects are still alive. Mr. UNDERHILL is apparently trying to make an honest living doing odd jobs of plastering and is in such physical condition that he is not even eligible for WPA work. Chief of Detectives ED PORTLEY at Joplin advised that there is nothing to indicate that EARL UNDERHILL is doing other than trying to make an honest living.

Mr. EARL UNDERHILL was supplied with the Kansas City Field Office telephone number and advised that he would communicate with that office if he receives any information as to the Subjects being alive or of their whereabouts.

In this connection Mr. UNDERHILL was advised that upon receipt of any information as to the Subjects' whereabouts supplied to the Bureau, suitable compensation would be forthcoming.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The MIAMI FIELD OFFICE, at Pensacola, Florida, is requested to contact CHARLES POWELL, who is attached to Battery G, 203rd Regiment, U. S. Coast Artillery, and interview him along the lines requested of the Kansas City Office in reference report of Special Agent HOOD.

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\* The KANSAS CITY FIELD OFFICE, 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.

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

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\* Will interview JACK F. WILLIAMS, alleged by FLINT C. BRANDON 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.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **76-539**

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REPORT MADE AT <b>BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7-26-39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7-4-39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>HOWARD H. MILLER</b>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O.#1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE; I.O.#1471</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** No relatives or contacts of subjects located Birmingham district. No confidential informants located Birmingham territory who would have information re underworld rumors of subjects' whereabouts.

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**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 6-2-39.

**DETAILS:** AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA:

Inasmuch as a check of the confidential informants file of this office reveals no informants in this territory who are of the type who would hear of any underworld rumors of the character referred to in lead in reference report, and because of the further fact there are no relatives of subjects or any persons with whom subjects might make contact, located in the Birmingham district, no further investigation will be conducted relative to this matter within the jurisdiction of this office, based on lead set forth in reference report.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

This Case Originated At <u>OKLAHOMA CITY</u>		O.C. File <u>76-348</u>	
Report Made At	Date	Period	Report Made By
<u>OKLAHOMA CITY</u>	<u>7-21-39</u>	<u>6-27-7-7-39</u>	<u>RALPH T. HOOD</u>
Title			
<u>RALPH ROE with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472;</u> <u>THEODORE COLE with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.</u>			<u>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</u>

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

EARL McGUIRE, custody SO, Syracuse, Kans., charged with murder, states Subjects and he pulled jobs in Colo.; that ROE was present at time of murder and that he was with Subjects in Pueblo, Colo., 6-30-39. Admits falsity of statement that ROE present at time of murder and that he and Subjects committed criminal acts together, saying PAUL BREWER was his associate and present at murder. He insists he saw Subjects in Pueblo from June 27 to June 30, 1939 and was on party and dice game with them, 2 unidentified men and several prostitutes at Ramona Hotel, Pueblo, 6-30-39. Also alleges Subjects in possession 1937 Studebaker Sedan, bearing Texas license and that ROE is in contact with one OMA JENNINGS alias GILL, Bartlesville, Okla. LEON DeSHA, Stroud, Okla., cousin of COLE by marriage, advises COLE visited BRACE home, Stroud, during March, April and June, 1939, alone, driving Mercury automobile, and promises cooperation. Furnishes photograph of COLE which he claims he made in April, 1939. FRANK JACKSON has received no additional information from Informant R, who is still out of Seminole. PETE NICHOLS, Muskogee, claims he received information that Subjects contacted unidentified filling station proprietor at Vian, Okla. JIM GIBBONS

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Wewoka, Okla. identified Subjects' photographs as being in his tavern. Informant 14 now positively states ROE at her premises during forepart of 1939 with Informant 13. GEORGE TAYLOR, Okla. City, advised Informant J. R. RICHARDSON that ROE on party at his night club with 13.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent F. S. SMITH, Oklahoma City, 6-27-39; Telegrams from Springfield Office, 6-29-39 and 7-3-39; Teletypes to Bureau, 7-5 and 7-7-39; Teletype to Denver, 7-7-39; Letter from Kansas City, 7-5-39.

DETAILS:

This is the joint report of Special Agents F. S. SMITH and RALPH T. HOOD.

Reference is made to the reference report of Agent SMITH, wherein information is set forth on Page 10 obtained by JAKE SIMS Chief of Police, Seminole, Oklahoma from one McGUIRE, advising that ROE was present on the preceding Sunday night at a place operated by one XAMY, a bootlegger and underworld character at Bartlesville, Oklahoma. It was subsequently learned that McGUIRE'S first name is EARL and that the AMY referred to was one AMY JENNINGS. Contact has been maintained with Mr. SIMS in connection with EARL McGUIRE as it will be noted that McGUIRE was supposed to have returned to Seminole about June 25, 1939, at which time SIMS expected to arrest him in connection with a burglary at Shawnee. However, McGUIRE did not return to Seminole and in no manner had contacted SIMS prior to incidents later set forth in this report.

- at Bartlesville, Oklahoma -

Inquiry of Mr. TURNER, Chief of Police and GREENIE McCLANAHAN, State Game Ranger, well known to Agent HOOD, failed to reveal any information concerning AMY JENNINGS as being in that vicinity.

Contact was made on June 28, 1939 with Informant Z, who advised that he recently made contact with HERB FARMER at Joplin, Missouri and talked at length with him concerning the escape of Subjects from Alcatraz Prison. He stated that FARMER informed him that Subjects perfected their escape through a camouflage count of prisoners when being brought from the cells and assigned on the date of their escape;

that they waited a long period for a rookie to be on the job in the capacity of counting the prisoners; that the prisoners were counted by heads and numbers and on the date of the escape Subjects were counted in to the shops where they were supposed to work, when as a matter of fact they actually did not go into the shops but instead went below or into a basement; that there had been an arrangement by which they received the assistance of a plumber who furnished them drums on which to make their escape. He stated FARMER stated celled prisoners were in with the camouflage counting of Subjects into the shops as were some employees; that as a matter of fact, they did not go out of the window as indicated but effected their escape from a basement under part of the building.

Informant Z stated that his conversation with FARMER was interrupted by his being called to dinner and he thereafter had no opportunity to go into further detail with him. He stated FARMER appeared to be confidentially confiding true facts to him in this connection, stating he had known FARMER for many years and that he did not feel FARMER would concoct a fabulous story for his benefit. He stated further that MICKEY CAREY, who has previously been referred to by this informant as closely associated with FARMER and probably in information in connection with this case, was recently killed in an explosion at Joplin while he was attempting to commit arson. Informant Z stated he had no opportunity to discuss the present whereabouts of Subjects with FARMER; that FARMER did not bring up the subject. He further stated that at the earliest possible time he would again talk with FARMER in an effort to secure additional information.

For the information of the Bureau this informant is a noted underworld character operating a night club in the vicinity of Bartlesville, Oklahoma and makes many trips out of the state by automobile, probably in the interest of handling liquor and narcotics.

Attention is also called to the fact that on the paper furnished Special Agent in Charge H. B. FLETCHER by Informant 14 regarding FRANKIE NIGRO in Kansas City, there appeared on the reverse side thereof, the name of this informant. Informant 14 stated to Special Agent in Charge FLETCHER that Informant Z was a contact for Informant 13.

On July 3, 1939 JAKE SIMS, Chief of Police, Seminole, telephonically advised Agent SMITH that he had received information that EARL McGUIRE was in custody, having been arrested at Syracuse, Kansas on a charge of murdering an officer, and had been removed to Garden City, Kansas for protection against a mob; that in view of his acquaintance with McGUIRE and the fact that McGUIRE had previously furnished him some information concerning ROE'S being in Bartlesville, that he felt McGUIRE should be questioned and that the latter would probably divulge information to him if he had same, concerning ROE. He further stated he had received information from officers at Garden City that McBRIDE was accompanied by a man answering the description of ROE at the time of the murder.

The Oklahoma City Office on receipt of this information immediately communicated with the Kansas City Office making inquiry as to whether McGUIRE had divulged any information concerning his associates in the crime, for which he was being detained. Acting Special Agent in Charge L. B. REED of the Kansas City Office stated that he knew of no information having been furnished by McGUIRE to the officers, however that he would immediately communicate with the Sheriff at Garden City in this connection. Subsequently Agent REED telephonically advised the Oklahoma City Office that the Sheriff at Garden City had informed him that McGUIRE had made a statement to the effect that he had been with RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE at Pueblo, Colorado on Friday previous in a dice game at the Ramona Hotel; that ROE was with him at the time of the killing of a deputy sheriff at Syracuse; that the Sheriff advised that McGUIRE expressed the desire to talk with Agent SMITH and JAKE SIMS Chief of Police of Seminole.

Authority was requested from the Bureau for Agents SMITH and HOOD, accompanied by JAKE SIMS, to go, on July 6, 1939, to Garden City for the purpose of interviewing McGUIRE.

On July 6, 1939 the above Agents and JAKE SIMS proceeded to Garden City and there conferred with Sheriff TOM REED, who stated McGUIRE had admitted to him that he killed Deputy Sheriff RAY KUMPF on July 2, 1939, and insisted that ROE was with him at the time of the killing; further that ROE associated with him in a series of burglaries in Colorado prior thereto; that he was in a dice game with ROE at the Ramona Hotel at Pueblo on Friday, June 30, 1939.

Agents interviewed McGUIRE singularly and jointly and Chief SIMS talked with him individually and jointly with Agents. McGUIRE for a period steadfastly stuck to the story that he and PAUL BREWER drove from Oklahoma City to Pueblo in BREWER'S automobile; that he had obligated himself to JAKE SIMS to locate RALPH ROE; that he had ascertained through BREWER'S wife, ROSELINE BREWER, that she had obtained information from OMA JENNINGS or GILL of Bartlesville, an ex-convict and close associate of ROE that the latter had been in connection with her at Bartlesville and had gone to Pueblo. He stated he made the trip to Pueblo in the interest of locating ROE; that he and PAUL BREWER arrived at Pueblo on Tuesday, June 27, 1939 and that he accidentally ran into RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE, both of whom he knew well. He stated he met them near the depot in Pueblo and entered into an agreement with them to pull some jobs; that PAUL BREWER agreed for them to use his automobile. He stated BREWER was to get a one-fourth cut from the loot obtained. He advised PAUL BREWER had been drinking and for this reason had left him behind, using his car however and robbing a store at Fowler, one at Lamar and went on a third job at Holly, Colorado on July 1, 1939. He stated that while they were loading loot from this burglary, a voice from the dark asked "What are you fellows doing?" He stated they dropped the loot and ran; that he told ROE and COLE he would meet them at the next town; that he caught a train and rode to Syracuse and COLE and ROE walked all the way. He stated he met ROE

at the depot and ROE stated COLE had gone up town and would be back soon. He stated that while he and ROE were lying on the ground near the depot, an officer came up and questioned them as to whether they got off a train standing near. He stated he told the officer he got off the train and would like to get back on it; that the officer then told them to get up and walk north. He stated that they obeyed his instructions and after walking a few feet he pulled a pistol from his shirt. He stated this pistol belonged to COLE. He stated he told the officer to pull up his hands; that the officer uttered an oath, reached for his pistol and that he shot and killed the officer.

He then stated that RALPH ROE had an automatic pistol which he drew but did not fire; that they ran from the shooting in a different direction. He denied emphatically that PAUL BREWER was present.

After several hours of questioning and handling, McGUIRE finally broke and stated to Agent SMITH in the presence of JAKE SIMS that he had lied concerning ROE being with him at the time of the killing and further stated, however, that he had been with ROE in Pueblo but that neither of them were connected with him in any of the burglaries. He stated he and PAUL BREWER committed the burglaries and that PAUL was with him when he killed the officer. He then gave a detailed statement concerning his knowledge of ROE, which is as follows:

He advised he was in Oklahoma on a date forgotten, probably 30 to 60 days ago; that he met an ex-convict on the streets in Oklahoma City, whose name he never knew. He stated he entered into conversation with this man who remarked "Guess who I ran into". He said this man stated he met RALPH ROE on the streets; that he was surprised to see him as he thought he went down. McGUIRE stated this fellow is unreliable and he attached very little importance to his statements concerning ROE; that later JAKE SIMS came to him and told him he was anxious to get some information of RALPH ROE and asked him if he had ever heard anything to indicate that ROE was out and in this country. He stated he told SIMS he had heard ROE was out and he probably could get some lineup on him, bearing in mind the talk he had with the ex-convict. He stated that he promised SIMS he would try to get some information and would go to Oklahoma City. He stated SIMS brought him to Oklahoma City and he endeavored to again contact this ex-convict for information. He stated he left Oklahoma City in company with PAUL BREWER and his wife, ROSELINE, both ex-convicts. He stated they made a trip to Memphis, Louisville, Kansas City and into Bartlesville, Oklahoma; that BREWER'S wife, on the trip, talked about her friend, OMA JENNINGS or GILL at Bartlesville. (It will be noted that previous information received was to the effect this individual's name was AMY JENNINGS.) He stated that on reaching Bartlesville she told PAUL she would like to go see OMA but PAUL objected, stating he did not care for anyone to know where they were. He later agreed for her to go see OMA; that she went to OMA'S place and spent the night and he and PAUL picked her up the next morning.

McGUIRE described the place where OMA resided as  $1\frac{1}{2}$  blocks off Main Street on a street running north and south, in the rear of a large white apartment house on which is a large sign. He further advised

that OMA lives in the lower part of a small garage house in the rear of the premises. He stated OMA JENNINGS had previously lived at 416 Mill Street, from where she moved to her present address, stating that ROSELINE BREWER located her by making inquiry at the former address.

He advised that after they picked up ROSELINE she remarked "If we had been here a little sooner we would have seen RALPH." He said he asked her what RALPH and her answer was RALPH ROE, OMA'S friend. He stated this was the extent of any information he had concerning RALPH ROE emanating from ROSELINE and that his previous story that she had stated she had received information from OMA that ROE was in Pueblo was false. He stated PAUL BREWER wanted to go to Pueblo, that being a good field for their operations; that after their arrival in Pueblo he, McGUIRE accidentally ran into ROE on the streets and was very much surprised to see him there; that ROE was standing in front of a Safeway Store located in the downtown section of Pueblo; that he, McGUIRE was advised by ROE that THEODORE COLE was with him and he observed COLE sitting in a four-door Studebaker Sedan bearing Texas license across the street from where ROE was standing. He stated the following day he again met ROE on the street near the depot and at that time observed this same car parked down the street a short distance with a man sitting at the wheel. He stated he could not recognize this man but he assumed it was TED COLE; that this Studebaker Sedan was black in color, probably a 1937 model, and bore Texas license with the letter F, digits unknown. He stated that ROE was much thinner but that COLE was much heavier than he had formerly been.

He further stated he was present with ROE and COLE and two strangers and five girls on a party on the night of June 30, 1939 at the Ramona Hotel in Pueblo; that this occurred about 9:00 P.M. He stated he did not talk to COLE but that the latter knew him and he knew COLE, and COLE remarked at one time "you are from down there", meaning McAlester. He stated these girls were prostitutes and probably either lived at the Ramona Hotel or plied their vocation there. He stated that on this occasion they had a dice game. He stated he heard a remark made between ROE and COLE in which one of them referred to some incident as similar to the skiff they were in, but he did not get the full drift of this remark, but knew it referred to a skiff. He stated ROE told him he was going to Oklahoma and said they would take him along if he wanted to go, but he said he was going to stay there for awhile. He stated he also met one BOOTS LADD, an ex-convict, at Pueblo; that LADD is an underworld character and was probably in contact with Subjects. He stated LADD occupies Room #6 in a two-story, mediocre hotel situated next door to the Safeway Store above

referred to. He stated further it is highly probable that ROE and COLE were staying at this same hotel, but he had no information to this effect.

He stuck with his story as above stated concerning meeting ROE and COLE at Pueblo and persistent efforts on the part of these Agents failed to shake him in this connection. He stated that while he had lied in the interest of protecting PAUL BREWER, his partner, in placing ROE and COLE in the burglaries committed or ROE with him at the time of the killing, that he had now told the full truth concerning BREWER and his connection and had also told the truth concerning his having met Subjects at Pueblo.

While McGUIRE is a very competent provaricator, at the same time he indicated sincerity in his statements concerning having seen ROE and COLE. He wrote a note and gave it to JAKE SIMS, telling him that if he would take this note to ROSELINE BREWER, that she would give him all the information concerning her connection with OMA JENNINGS, her location and the information OMA had furnished her concerning ROE. He stated that in his opinion RALPH ROE would continue to keep in touch with OMA JENNINGS and that if Agents would cover OMA JENNINGS' movements that ROE would probably be caught. The note he wrote and handed SIMS reads as follows:

"2222 $\frac{1}{2}$  Exchange

Roseline - This is ok to straighten things out.

A Pal - Earl "

The above address is in Oklahoma City and is the address of PAUL BREWER'S mother, with whom his wife is staying.

While being questioned by Agent HOOD, McGUIRE stated he had known ROE for approximately eight years although he stated he had not known COLE very well. He was questioned concerning the description of ROE, particularly as to any tattoos about his hands, whereupon he stated he recalled ROE had a tattoo on one of his hands and he thought the tattoo consisted of the word "Love" on the fingers of the right hand. He did not recall any tattoos on ROE'S left hand. It will be noted that ROE has a star tattooed on the left forefinger and two stars tattooed on the back of his left hand. The tattoos mentioned by McGUIRE do not appear anywhere in any of the descriptions available at this office. When questioned about general items of description of ROE and COLE, he furnished descriptions substantially correct as contained in the files of this case.

He also informed Agents that OMA JENNINGS served a term in the penitentiary at McAloster during the time that BODIE DENTON, wife of



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PAUL DENTON, was an inmate. He called attention to the fact that BODIE was a very close friend of Subject RCE.

During the time of the interview with McGuire, he was in a highly emotional state, informing Agents that he was afraid he would receive a death penalty for his connection in the murder of KUMPF.

While in Garden City in connection with this matter, a telegram was received from the Kansas City Office requesting that information and complete description of PAUL BREWER be obtained as that office was anticipating a possible Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution case against him. Sheriff ROM REED, Garden City, informed Agents he had received information from the Sheriff's Office, Chickasha, Oklahoma advising him that BREWER, whose full name is PAUL WAYNE BREWER, is described as follows:

AGE	27 years
HEIGHT	6 feet
WEIGHT	170 lbs.
EYES	Blue
HAIR	Brown
COMPLEXION	Medium

Information received from JAKE SIMS regarding BREWER revealed he has the appearance of a blonde individual who has a heavy case of suntan, but that this is natural; that he is very neat in appearance, a smooth talker and has a highschool education. His relatives reside in Oklahoma City and it was thought that he would return to Oklahoma City as soon as possible. He is Oklahoma City PD #5570.

As it is thought possible that BREWER will be able to corroborate or prove McGuire's statements false, a stop notice is being placed in the files of the Identification Division in order that this office may be notified of his apprehension in order that he may be interviewed.

This information was telephonically furnished to Agent REED at Kansas City. The Bureau and the Denver Office were advised by teletype regarding information furnished by McGuire in connection with Subjects and by return teletype the Denver Office advised that information at Pueblo indicated that only two prostitutes were residing at the Ramona Hotel and that photographs of Subjects were exhibited to them with negative results.

Investigation had also disclosed that there was no dice game going on at the Ramona Hotel and that the descriptions of McGuire and BREWER

were given to the prostitutes who could not identify them from the descriptions. However, one JOVE BROWN and LESTER DILLON registered at the Ramona Hotel on June 25, 1939 from Garden City, and it was thought they might be identical with McGUIRE and BREWER.

It was noted that by press dispatch of the AP that BREWER entered a plea of guilty on July 7, 1939 at Syracuse, Kansas to a charge of murder and was immediately given a life sentence.

In view of the fact that efforts are being made to apprehend PAUL BREWER for his participation in the murder of Deputy Sheriff KUMPF, it is not thought advisable to contact his wife, ROSELINE at this time in connection with OMA JENNINGS. However, at the appropriate time, inquiry will be made and investigation conducted upon same. However, immediate inquiry will be made in Bartlesville concerning the background of OMA JENNINGS and an appropriate cover will be placed upon her mail.

While at Garden City, Sheriff TOM REED informed Agents that on the preceding Friday, June 30, 1939 two men, one of whom would roughly answer to the description of ROE, appeared at the Coca-Cola Bottling Company in a Studebaker Sedan bearing 1939 Missouri license 66-075. A check on the license had revealed same was issued to one JOE MALLIN, 2840 Euclid, Kansas City, for a 1936 Studebaker, Motor No. D-135,150.

Mr. A. J. JOHNSON manager of the Coca-Cola Bottling Company was contacted by Agents at which time he stated that about 12:00 Noon on June 30, 1939 a man who gave his name as PEEK or PETE, telephoned him in connection with the purchase of some coils. After JOHNSON returned to his place of business, this man came to him and attempted to purchase the coils but they were unable to arrive at a price. JOHNSON stated this man appeared very anxious to get behind the counter in his office and kept eyeing the safe. He described this man as being 6 feet 1 inch tall, weighing 145 pounds, dark brown hair and dark complexion. Photographs of Subjects were exhibited to him with numerous other photographs and he selected the Alcatraz picture of ROE as having some similarity in a profile view to the man who attempted to purchase the coils. However, he stated that in his opinion it was not the same individual.

LESTER WOLF, EDWIN WHITE and Mrs. S. BRODER, employees of this concern, advised substantially as did Mr. JOHNSON concerning the appearance of the man to purchase coils, and they also furnished the description the same as Mr. JOHNSON. They each made examination of numerous photographs, including the photographs of Subjects and each advised there was a great deal of similarity in the profile view of ROE, appearing in the Alcatraz picture, with the man who attempted to purchase the coils, however they could not be positive and advised Agent they doubted if it was the same man. It was noted that they passed other photographs of ROE by, which are considered better photographs of this Subject.

WHITE informed Agents that while this man came into the place of business to attempt to purchase the coil, another man sat in the Studebaker Sedan bearing Missouri license 660-075. He described this individual as being 26 or 27 years of age, about 5' 8" in height, heavy build, having very dark, wavy hair and very dark complexion. He thought this man was probably an Italian. He was unable to find any photograph among those exhibited to him, of this individual.

This information was furnished to Agent L.B. REED with the request to conduct inquiry regarding the automobile to see if the occupants could have been these Subjects.

With reference to EARL McGUIRE, Informant J. R. RICHARDSON was contacted by Agent HOOD at which time he volunteered the information he had known McGUIRE for a number of years and he mentioned that McGUIRE served a term with ROE in the penitentiary at Leavenworth and would have occasion to know him very well. However, he stated he doubted if McGUIRE was friendly enough with ROE for ROE to furnish him any information and he stated that McGUIRE and ROE would naturally be brought to the same cities and into the same places because of their criminal activities. RICHARDSON was questioned in regard to the tattoos appearing on ROE'S hands, at which time he stated they were old and faded and he doubted if he would have been able to notice those tattoos unless there was some special reason for them being called to his attention.

On June 26, 1939 Sheriff R. B. CONNORS, Pawhuska, Oklahoma, telephonically advised the Oklahoma City Office that he desired an Agent to contact him immediately in connection with this case as he had received information regarding Subject COLE. Agents proceeded to Pawhuska where contact was had with Sheriff CONNORS at which time he stated he had received information from one of his deputies concerning ROE; that this deputy had received information from a person alleged to be a resident of Stroud, Oklahoma in the past and that the son of the man, whose name he was unable to furnish, saw COLE at the home of a relative at Stroud. While talking with CONNORS, Chief of Police LAYTON MITCHELL came to the car and furnished the same information, advising he had received the information from one W. A. "BROWNIE" BARGER, Bartlesville, whose son, PAUL, was alleged to have seen COLE. Both CONNORS and MITCHELL informed Agents that BARGER was very reputable and very reliable although they knew nothing regarding his son. They stated he had acted as a special officer on numerous occasions for their departments.

Accompanied by Chief MITCHELL, Agents located W. A. "BROWNIE" BARGER and interviewed him, at which time he stated he was an uncle by marriage of one LEON DeSHA, who had married a cousin of THEODORE COLE; that DeSHA was residing on the river bottom south of Stroud, Oklahoma with his father-in-law, Mr. BRACE, the uncle of COLE, and in the immediate vicinity of PAULINE CORNETT (COLE'S sister). He further in-

formed Agent that his son, PAUL, age 22, had visited his cousin, DeSHA, and worked in that vicinity and that upon his return home he informed Mr. BARGER that he saw Subject COLE near the home of PAULINE CORNETT and that her husband, REBEL CORNETT was present at the time. Mr. BARGER was of the opinion that he would be able to obtain any information possessed by DeSHA and he thought he could enlist the cooperation of DeSHA in connection with this matter. He also thought that a brother-in-law, named CHARLES GRAY, residing south of Dewey, Oklahoma, might possess information.

Accompanied by Mr. BARBER, Agents proceeded to the home of CHARLES GRAY where he was questioned. He stated he had received no information regarding COLE having been in that vicinity. However, it was necessary to talk to DeSHA away from his residence and there was no other means of communicating with him, therefore GRAY accompanied Agents and Mr. BARGER to the vicinity of the ERNEST BRACE home. GRAY proceeded to the BRACE home and returned with DeSHA.

Upon interview by Agents, LEON DeSHA stated that about three or four months before he married the daughter of ERNEST BRACE, an uncle of THEODORE COLE, and that since his marriage he had resided at the home of his father-in-law, located about 1 mile from the home of PAULINE CORNETT, sister of Subject COLE. He then informed Agents he had seen COLE on several occasions in the vicinity of the BRACE home, stating that COLE first appeared about March, 1939 but that he also had appeared in the BRACE home during April and the first week of June, 1939. On these occasions COLE was alone at the time of contacting Mr. BRACE, although he had determined that COLE parked his automobile in the river bottom near the BRACE home. He had observed this car and stated same was a 1939 Mercury Sedan, gunmetal grey in color. He had not observed the license on the automobile in a manner to determine the numbers or the state of issuance, but he recalled that on the rear license of the car appear two Magnolia "Flying Horses". Those are small advertisements issued by the Magnolia Petroleum Company. DeSHA drew a map of the countryside showing where COLE would park his automobile and same is being maintained at the Oklahoma City Office in this file for future reference.

DeSHA further informed Agents that on each of the several occasions when COLE was in that vicinity he did not go to the BRACE home, and on each occasion it appeared that Mr. BRACE had received prior information that he would be in the vicinity. On each occasion COLE arrived about 4:00 or 5:00 in the afternoon and remained there about one or 1½ hours. He was never in the immediate presence of COLE, and BRACE during their conversations but did overhear a conversation in which Tulsa and St. Louis were mentioned and on one occasion he heard COLE mention something about having his face lifted in order to avoid detection. On each occasion that COLE appeared, he was

nicely dressed, wearing a gray felt hat and white shirt, and DeSHA was of the opinion on one occasion that COLE was wearing a blue suit with a pin-stripe.

DeSHA then stated that during April, 1939 while COLE was present, he took a photograph of COLE without the latter knowing of same, and he mentioned that he still had the print and negative of this photograph. He did not think it advisable to proceed to the BRACE home at that time to get the photograph but stated he would meet Agents at Stroud on the following afternoon, July 1, 1939 and furnish same to them.

DeSHA mentioned he did not think COLE had contacted REBEL CORNETT as he had heard CORNETT mention on several occasions that he was afraid of COLE and would kill him at the first opportunity. He stated CORNETT usually carried a gun and believed he carried this gun for protection against COLE. However, he stated that he was of the opinion that CORNETT knew COLE was coming into the vicinity. It should be noted in this connection that information has been received from CORNETT as well as his neighbors, that he is afraid of COLE and has made the remark that he will kill COLE should he return to that vicinity. It should also be noted at this time that when CORNETT was first interviewed after the escape of Subject, he was carrying a gun and informed Agents of his fear of COLE.

DeSHA also advised Agents that Mr. BRACE had received a letter from Mrs. FRED COLE, Subject's mother in California, about the first of 1939, in which she expressed her doubts that Subject COLE was alive. He mentioned that the BRACE family no longer receive letters from Mrs. COLE and her sister, Mrs. ALPHA COLLINS, both of Woodlake, California, at their rural route box, mentioning they were receiving mail from those individuals from one RHETTA MORRILL, P. O. Box 413, Stroud, Oklahoma and stated that a letter was received about every two weeks at that address. He stated Mrs. MORRILL was a very religious person and very friendly with the BRACE family and he did not think she would furnish any information if contacted.

DeSHA informed Agents he would cooperate in this matter and would attempt to cause COLE'S apprehension for a monetary remuneration. He doubted if COLE would remain in the vicinity long enough for him to be apprehended but he was sure that he could obtain the license numbers of COLE'S automobile. On several occasions he mentioned that the BRACES apparently did not trust him and would give him no information regarding COLE. The telephone number of the Oklahoma City Office was furnished him and he stated he would immediately communicate with Agents should he receive additional information.

On July 1, 1939 DeSHA met Agents by agreement in Stroud, at which time he stated he had been unable to get the photograph of COLE as same was in an album and this album was in the possession of his sister-in-law at Cushing, Oklahoma. He was questioned in regard to the taking of this photograph as it was apparent from his previous statement that he was

not sufficiently close to COLE to obtain a close-up photograph as he had described same. He informed Agents that COLE did not know he took same as he was some 150 yards away, and that he took same through a pair of powerful binoculars. He also informed Agents that REBEL and BRACE had talked with him since the last interview and warned him that under no circumstances was he to furnish any information about COLE to any person and that in the event he attempted to collect a reward that he would never be able to reap the benefits, and that his wife would be the only survivor. He stated that in his opinion CORNETT was not as fearful of COLE and would not kill him but would probably harbor him and assist him in any manner possible.

He stated he took the photograph with a box camera and that he developed his own negatives. However, he was questioned concerning photography and did not apparently possess much information regarding same. He agreed with Agents that he would proceed to the home of his sister-in-law at Cushing and obtain this photograph.

On July 3, 1939 Agents proceeded to Cushing with DeSHA, at which time he obtained the photographic album from his sister-in-law. He exhibited to Agents a small photograph which appears to be a portrait photograph of TED COLE in which he appears younger than recent photographs. It was noted on the reverse side appeared the following: "Taken 6-24-29. Ted Cole". It was noted that there is some similarity in the handwriting of COLE with the handwriting appearing on the reverse side of this photograph.

DeSHA upon being questioned concerning same, stated he and his wife wrote these words on the back of the photograph in order to prevent his father-in-law, ERNEST BRACE, from knowing that he, DeSHA had taken a photograph of COLE. DeSHA was accused of fabricating a story in regard to the photograph but he still insisted that the photograph was made by him as related above during April, 1939 and invited a Laboratory test by the Bureau in the interest of establishing the truth of his statements. This photograph was obtained by Agents and is being forwarded to the Bureau in order that copies of same may be furnished to each office as it appears to be a good photograph.

The Laboratory is being requested to make a comparison of the handwriting appearing on the reverse side of this photograph with the known handwriting of Subject COLE, and to conduct any available test to substantiate or disprove the statements made by DeSHA concerning the date of same.

DeSHA was questioned by Agents in connection with the possibility of PAUL BARGER being present at the time COLE was in that vicinity and he stated BARGER was there but he did not know whether BARGER saw COLE, stating he could have. He mentioned that during one occasion when COLE was present he and BARGER went to the REBEL CORNETT home, at which time CORNETT was carrying a gun and he was afraid CORNETT might kill BARGER,

not knowing who he was. On that occasion CORNETT asked BARGER if he was the man that TED had been staying with in Tulsa. He stated his wife was familiar with the fact that TED COLE was there and that he, DeSHA, had taken a photograph of COLE.

While it is not known how much value can be placed upon the information furnished by DeSHA, it is true he is in a position to know should COLE return to that vicinity. Close contact will be maintained with him in this regard. DeSHA further stated that in a conversation with REBEL CORNETT he heard CORNETT refer to R. F. COLE, Shawnee, Oklahoma as a relative of Subject COLE, and further referred to Subject COLE'S wife now being in Tulsa.

Mr. GEORGE LYNCH, Postmaster, Stroud, Oklahoma, was contacted by Agents at which time he verified the information furnished by DeSHA that Mrs. BRACE was receiving mail through an alternate mailing address of Mrs. RHETTA MORRILL at P. O. Box 413, saying that she had been using that address for several months. He was requested to place a 30 day cover on the mail addressed to that box and on July 3, 1939 he furnished Agents with a tracing of a letter to Miss VESTAL BRACE, P. O. Box 413, Stroud, bearing the return of ALBERT FREEMAN, Bokoshe, Oklahoma. DeSHA informed Agents that FREEMAN was not identical with COLE. There was another letter bearing the postmark of Ft. Sumner, New Mexico, July 1, 1939 and return address of Mrs. LIZZIE PARK, addressed to Mrs. METTIE BRACE. This letter was not addressed to Box 413, and being of a personal nature, did not refer to Subjects.

Contact was had with Chief of Police VAN SICKLE who has been cooperative in this matter, at which time he stated he had been ill in bed for several months and that he had received no information that COLE was in that vicinity, which could be verified, but that he had heard rumors that COLE had been visiting in that vicinity. He was questioned regarding the identity of the man operating the Cottage Camp where Informant R alleges she stayed with Subjects but he did not think that inquiry should be made at that place at this time, stating he would endeavor to obtain information from this man.

- at Tulsa, Oklahoma -

PAUL BARGER, 715 East 13th Place, previously referred to as being at the home of BRACE, visiting his cousin DeSHA, was questioned in the presence of his father and he furnished the following information. He stated he was visiting DeSHA and working in the vicinity, as he recalled in about April, 1939; that on a date forgotten, TED COLE drove in to the bottoms near the BRACE home and there conferred with REBEL CORNETT. Subsequently he was at the CORNETT home and CORNETT came out with a rifle and looked him over in a very suspicious manner and asked him who he was and if he was a friend of TED COLE, and if he was the man TED COLE had been with in Tulsa. He mentioned at this time he saw COLE, the latter was carrying

a Winchester rifle, and he described him as being around 5' 9 or 10" in height, weighing 150 or 170 pounds. Agents exhibited numerous photographs, including the photographs of these Subjects to BARGER, who was unable to select any photograph who appeared to be identical with the man he saw, and said he believed was COLE, although a photograph of COLE appeared therein. He informed Agent that LEON DESHA had a photograph of COLE but he was of the opinion that this photograph had been given to DESHA'S wife by TED COLE.

- at Seminole, Oklahoma -

Contact has been maintained with WALLACE WALKER but he has been unable to develop any further information concerning these Subjects and their whereabouts. However, he had determined that the sister of LENA STURGEON, nee STEWART, who was reported to have received a watch from ROE, is presently married and her name and address are Mrs. MAURICE DELISLE, Paradis, Louisiana. WALKER stated it was his information that ROE gave her a watch prior to his incarceration, when she was quite young.

Mr. L. S. CROCKER, Seminole, who according to local officers is thoroughly unreliable and who has furnished a great deal of information to local officers in the past which could not be depended upon, contacted Agents at the Police Department and advised that on the preceding night while he was leaving the Nazarene Church, a woman came to him begging for some money; that when she stated she was hungry, he promised to take her and a child in her automobile to a restaurant, but upon going to the automobile, which he said was a 1938 two door sedan, dark color, two men were lying down in the seat. He described these men as follows:

NAME	No. 1
AGE	35 years
HEIGHT	5' 7-9"
BUILD	Slender
HAIR	Very dark, curly
COMPLEXION	Dark

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NAME	No. 2
AGE	35 years
HEIGHT	5' 7-8"
BUILD	Slender- slightly larger than No. 1.

CROCKER stated he had noticed photographs of these Subjects in detective magazines and was of the opinion that the two men in the auto-



mobile were identical with ROE and COLE. He stated he took them to a restaurant where he purchased some food for them and that he had not seen those persons since that time. Agents exhibited numerous photographs, including photographs of Subjects, but he was unable to identify any of the photographs as being identical with the men seen on the previous night. In view of this fact and the reputation of CROCKER, it is not thought that his information is of any value.

Attention is called to the information furnished by Informant 14 concerning LENA STURGEON and the photograph furnished to this office. This photograph, which has since been identified as that of LENA STURGEON, appears to be a cheap portrait and on the reverse side it is noted that same is a souvenir of The Diamonds, located at the junction of U. S. 50 and 66 Highways, Villa Ridge, Missouri. It is thought that some inquiry should be made at that place in an effort to determine when that photograph was made and if since the escape of these Subjects, the persons accompanying LENA at this time as it has been indicated that she has been with Subject ROE during recent months.

Informant J. R. RICHARDSON advised Agent HOOD that he was of the opinion he could obtain further information from GRACE CUNNINGHAM, former wife of Informant 13 and from GEORGE TAYLOR, who was reported by Informant 14 to have stated that ROE was present at his place. RICHARDSON stated he made arrangements with GRACE CUNNINGHAM to take her to the Midnight Sun, operated by TAYLOR in an effort to obtain an introduction to TAYLOR. However, she was very late in arriving and RICHARDSON prepared to leave and told TAYLOR to advise GRACE that he would return. TAYLOR asked him his name and upon revealing his identity, TAYLOR asked him if he was present with ELMER INMAN in the house at Shawnee where UNDERHILL was killed a few days prior to his death and when RICHARDSON admitted this to be true, TAYLOR told him he remembered him as he, TAYLOR drove Informant 13 and GRACE CUNNINGHAM to Shawnee to make connections with RICHARDSON. Without any solicitation on the part of RICHARDSON, TAYLOR began discussing Informant 13 and told RICHARDSON that 13 and RALPH ROE were on a party at that night club. TAYLOR did not divulge any further information and discreet inquiry of GRACE CUNNINGHAM had failed to reveal any additional information.

- at Bowlegs, Oklahoma -

Informant 14 on recently being questioned admitted that she had seen Subject ROE in the presence of Informant 13 at her premises on two occasions in the first part of 1939. She had not previously admitted this fact.

- at Seminole, Oklahoma -

Subsequently Informant 14 contacted Agents at the Police Department and stated that she had been talking with one JIM GIBBONS who operates the Green Gable Tavern about 3 miles from Wewoka, Oklahoma and that he in-

formed her that ROE and COLE were on a party with Informant 13 at his place and that subsequently COLE had been at his place with an unidentified woman. She also informed Agents that she had received information from a confidential source, whose identity she did not desire to divulge, that ROE was planning to contact one CLAUSSA MILLER. She was questioned at length concerning the identity and other pertinent information concerning MILLER, at which time she stated she had never heard that name prior thereto.

JAKE SIMS, who was present, advised Agents that GIBBONS was considered honest and reliable and that he was running a decent tavern. He was of the opinion that any information which GIBBONS might furnish would be the truth. He was questioned concerning CLAUSSA MILLER whereupon he stated he had never heard that name. He made inquiry of sources of information and was unable to determine any information whatsoever regarding CLAUSSA MILLER.

JIM GIBBONS was contacted at the Green Gable Tavern at which time he advised Agents he had known Informant 13 for several years and knew his reputation well; that during the past winter, probably about February, 1939, 13 came to the Green Gable Tavern accompanied by two men and two women and that they stayed for a time. 13 appeared to be the extra man, GIBBONS referring to him as "free wheeling." GIBBONS further stated that one of the men with 13 was about 5' 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " tall, medium slender build, about 24 to 25 years of age and had a turned up nose. The other man was about the same height but was heavier and big chested with medium dark complexion. GIBBONS stated he watched this party very carefully as he knew Informant 13's reputation and as he did not like for that kind of character to be around his place. He said that one of the women accompanying them was the daughter of a man who operated a red rooming house on South 4th Street in Seminole. He described this woman to JAKE SIMS and Agents at which time SIMS stated the description was the same as that of BILLIE FREEMAN nee BROWN, and that her father formerly operated a red front rooming house on South 4th Street. GIBBONS described the other woman as being of medium height, weighing 120-130 pounds with dark hair. He recalled that she was called BODIE, undoubtedly BODIE DENTON, the wife of PAUL DENTON.

GIBBONS stated that Informant 13 had some dice and that he started rolling them on the table whereupon GIBBONS told them they could not shoot dice at his place so the party talked of going to Cromwell, Oklahoma and engaging in a dice game. This occurred about 11:00 P.M. and the party did not stay long after GIBBONS refused to let them shoot dice at his place.

GIBBONS also informed Agents that about two or three weeks before the interview, which would make it about June 1, 1939, the man with the

turned up nose who had been there previously with 13, returned to the Green Gable Tavern with a woman who GIBBONS said formerly lived with CLARA BELL SWAN and worked for EVA MAY NICHOLS (deceased), describing her as being small, heavy set with dark hair and dark complexion.

Mr. SIMS, who was present, stated that this description, as well as the particulars as to where she resided, could only answer the description and history of LENA STURGEON. He had received information that LENA had been in Seminole during the past month. It will be noted that LENA is the sister of EMMA MAY NICHOLS who was killed at the time UNDERHILL and ROE were apprehended at Shawnee. Information has been developed that she was with ROE at Seminole on several occasions during the forepart of 1939.

Mr. GIBBONS stated that on both of these occasions he was afraid that his place was going to be wrecked or hijacked, so he got his gun and he noticed particularly that the men were very alert and looked the tavern over carefully. He made an examination of numerous photographs, including the photographs of ROE and COLE, and positively identified the photograph of COLE as being the man with the turned-up nose at his place on two occasions and he also identified the photograph of ROE as being the other man with Informant 13 at his place during the winter.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent F. S. SMITH dated at Oklahoma City, June 27, 1939 concerning a surveillance being maintained on Informant R after her departure from Tulsa, Oklahoma. The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents E. F. ELMRICH and MARVIN B. PASH:

Upon arriving at the Union Bus Station at Tulsa about 9:45 A.M., Agent ELMRICH contacted Assistant Manager MORGAN, who advised that the next and only Greyhound bus leaving for St. Louis and Chicago was at 10:30 A.M. A hurried survey of the waiting room in the bus station was made, but no persons answering the description of either informant or Mrs. RUTH CRAWFORD were found to be therein. At approximately 10:30 A.M. the car of this informant was noted to pull up in front of the station and Mrs. CRAWFORD and her daughter purchased a ticket and got in the second section of the St. Louis Greyhound bus. It was learned that she had purchased 1½ tickets for Springfield, Missouri.

A surveillance was maintained on this bus by this Agent and Agent PASH from the time it left the Union Station in Tulsa until it reached the Union Station in Springfield, Missouri, these Agents following the bus in a Bureau automobile, and were joined about 50 miles outside of Springfield by Special Agents JONES and KINNY of the Kansas City Office.

At Springfield, Mrs. CRAWFORD and her daughter, after getting their bags, went into the station and sat down as though waiting for someone. After a while Mrs. CRAWFORD left the station and went into the adjoin-

ing filling station and made a telephone call. Upon returning to the station she got her daughter and her bags and took a taxicab. This cab was tailed by the Kansas City Agents in Agent JONES' personally owned car and those Agents in the car of Chief of Detectives RUELL WOMMACK, who had been contacted in the matter by Special Agent L. B. REED of the Kansas City Office.

The cab took Mrs. CRAWFORD to the outskirts of Springfield on Highway #66 where, after standing along the highway for a short time, a 1934 Chevrolet Coupe drove up and stopped. Her bags were placed in the turtle back of the car and Mrs. CRAWFORD and her daughter got in. This car was thereupon tailed by the aforementioned Agents in two automobiles from that point to Rolla, Missouri where, upon instructions received from Acting Agent in Charge REED of the Kansas City Office, the writer, Agent PASH and Chief of Detectives WOMMACK dropped off and returned to Springfield, Missouri.

On June 29, 1939 Special Agent MEEKINS of the Springfield Office, telephonically advised Special Agent in Charge ANDERSEN that Informant R was living in a trailer near Salom, Illinois, located in the vicinity of the Centralia oil fields. It had been determined that R was visiting either a woman relative or close friend and contemplated staying with her for a month. The woman who she was visiting had recently given birth to a child. Agent MEEKINS desired to be advised whether the surveillance should be continued. Inasmuch as Informant R's story appeared fictitious and since there was no point in maintaining the surveillance, Special Agent in Charge ANDERSEN communicated with the Bureau and Mr. SEARS stated he would take the matter up with Assistant Director E. A. TAMM and notify the Springfield Office of the action the Bureau desired taken.

On July 5, 1939 Special Agent in Charge FITZSIMMONS of the Springfield Office telephonically advised that the plant and surveillance of Informant R had been called off on July 3, 1939 in accordance with Bureau instructions but that on July 4, 1939, about noon, R and her friends with whom she was visiting, left in a 1928 model Ford Coach bearing 1939 Illinois license 805-313 and it was not known where they went. They had not returned at the time of the telephone call. He also stated that mail covers were placed and that on the preceding Saturday, about noon, they apparently went on a picnic but returned home that evening, being under surveillance at all times.

Close contact has been maintained with FRANK JACKSON, who furnished information concerning Informant R since her departure from Tulsa, Oklahoma but he had received no information or communication from her. JACKSON is presently employed at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, as a guard. He has advised Agents he would immediately communicate with them should he receive any communication from her and should she return to the vicinity of Seminole.

With reference to the information furnished by FRANK JACKSON that Informant R had advised him she had been with Subjects in the vicinity of

Sallisaw, Mr. JAKE SIMS, Chief of Police informed Agents that if Subjects had been in the vicinity of Sallisaw and Muskogee, Oklahoma one PETE NICHOLS, who operates a bootlegging establishment and bar at Muskogee would probably know of same. He stated NICHOLS was a very close friend of SIMS and had furnished information on numerous occasions. He also stated that NICHOLS was well known to the criminal element in the vicinity of Muskogee and he considered him very reliable. SIMS telephonically communicated with NICHOLS in the presence of NICHOLS and made inquiry as to whether NICHOLS had heard any rumors concerning the presence of these Subjects in that vicinity. NICHOLS informed him that a few days before the conversation, a man who operates a filling station and a tourist cabin at Vian, Oklahoma, and who was a bootlegger and had connections with the criminal element in the vicinity, had been at NICHOLS' place of business, at which time he became intoxicated. He informed NICHOLS that about 10 days or two weeks before, ROE and COLE stopped at his cabin. NICHOLS was unable to identify this man by name, but stated that he did not believe Subjects were successful in their escape and as a result had placed no value in the information.

Agents proceeded to Muskogee for personal interview with NICHOLS, at which time he advised substantially as he had by telephone. He expressed a willingness to cooperate in this matter and said that he would be in the vicinity of Vian in a few days, on business and would attempt to get additional information from the individual operating the filling station and tourist cabin.

Subsequently, he telephonically advised JAKE SIMS that he had talked with his source of information concerning Subjects being at Vian and was advised that three men in an automobile, one of whom was RALPH ROE left his place stating they were going to Louisiana. On a subsequent date JAKE SIMS advised he proceeded to Muskogee and questioned NICHOLS for details as to the description of the men seen by his informant. He stated he described ROE in detail, stating he knew him personally and a second man he described as fitting the description of PAUL BREWER. The third man in every manner fitted the description of EARL McGUIRE according to the description furnished by the Informant. NICHOLS informed JAKE SIMS that he would continue in his efforts to obtain additional information from this informant when the opportunity presented itself.

SIMS further stated that while at Muskogee he visited the County Jail, accompanied by WALTER MILLER, special agent of an oil company, and there talked with PAUL DENTON who they both knew, and in the interest of securing information of interest to this case. He stated DENTON told them if they wanted to catch ROE, to go to the ranch of FRED

KOONTZ located in the Cookson Hills in the vicinity of Tahlequah. He said he further stated that KOONTZ had a good ranch and on one occasion Informant 13 and his associates were invited and went there for a party; that he and his wife were invited but did not go down. He stated DENTON repeated that if they wanted to locate ROE they should look there as it would be a good place to find him as it is an excel-

lont hideout. KOONTZ is known to Agent SMITH as having been in Oklahoma for many years, closely associated with bandits or bank robbers in and around Shidler, Oklahoma in 1924 and 1925, and subsequently in New Mexico associated with the same element of criminals. However, he has no known criminal record. Until recent months he was located at Seminole, Oklahoma, operating the Commission Hotel. SIMS advised KOONTZ married a woman who owned this hotel and subsequently sold same and bought a ranch in the vicinity of Tahloquah and is now located there.

Agents, in conjunction with Chief of Police SIMS, are endeavoring to obtain more complete information as to the location of this ranch operated by KOONTZ and the authenticity of the statements of DENTON.

Contact was had with Mr. FRANK LOFTIS who resides near Wewoka, Oklahoma in an effort to obtain information regarding Subjects, it being noted that he previously informed JAKE SIMS that he had received definite information that ROE had been in Seminole with a woman named PEARL. LOFTIS informed Agents that sometime prior to the interview, he was in a restaurant in Seminole with a woman whose identity he did not wish to disclose, at which time he was investigating cattle thefts in an effort to obtain a reward. While in this restaurant, his companion was talking to a prostitute known to him only as PEARL, at which time PEARL informed his woman companion that if he, LOFTIS, wished to make a big reward he should start working on instant caso. PEARL also informed his companion that she had been with ROE in Seminole. LOFTIS stated he doubted the statements of PEARL at the time, as he was of the opinion that ROE and COLE were not successful in their escape. He had since seen PEARL, whose last name he was unable to furnish, at McAlester, stating she was around the hotel near the depot. He thought that his companion could obtain full information from the woman named PEARL and he expressed a willingness to have her contact PEARL for information, by taking her at the earliest possible time to McAlester, stating she could be located there. No further information has been received from LOFTIS although he agreed to immediately contact Agents with reference to the results of his efforts. Further contact will be had with LOFTIS in this regard in an effort to establish the true identity of PEARL and the possibility of her having been in contact with ROE.

LOFTIS stated this woman formerly worked as a prostitute at the Worth Hotel in Seminole. JAKE SIMS stated he does not recall such a woman, but stated he would make inquiry in order to establish her identity.

In this regard, reference is made to the report of Special Agent SMITH dated June 27, 1939 concerning information furnished by JAKE SIMS, obtained from one CAL, a negro porter at the Grisso Hotel, next door to the Worth Hotel. It was determined that CAL'S full name is CAL CURRY and he was interviewed by Agents. He informed that some time prior to the inter-

view he saw TED COLE and another man in an automobile in front of the Grisso Hotel, at which time they requested him to send them a couple of girls and that he made a date with them with two prostitutes named BILLIE and MARIE, who have since departed from Seminole and whose whereabouts he does not know. He was unable to furnish any information concerning the full names or past history of these girls. He was questioned at length regarding these individuals whereupon he stated he knew TED COLE several years before when COLE was running with WILBER UNDERHILL and "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD; that he, CURRY, was working at the Worth Hotel at that time and and he used to let COLE and UNDERHILL in the back door so they could see GRACE CUNNINGHAM and EMMA MAY NICHOLS. His statements were apparently contradictory and preposterous as there has never been any information to indicate that TED COLE was associated in any manner with either UNDERHILL or FLOYD. He was also unable to describe the man he referred to as TED COLE or the party accompanying him.

In view of this information obtained, to the effect that TED COLE had been in the vicinity of Stroud, Agents proceeded to Milfay to see BRUCE PAYNE who has previously furnished information in connection with this matter, and who has promised to cooperate in the apprehension of COLE. It was ascertained through his father that PAYNE is now in Colorado where he is employed; that he has not been in Oklahoma for the past 60 days. Mr. PAYNE, who has been very friendly with the COLE family in the past, stated he had heard no rumors of the appearance of COLE in the vicinity or anything to indicate he was alive. He stated however that he would make inquiry and in the event he obtained any information he would furnish same to the Oklahoma City Office. He was given the telephone number and address of the Oklahoma City Office.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

## THE BUFFALO FIELD OFFICE

\* At Ottawa, Ontario, will contact Chief Constable J. P. DOWNEY, 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. GURLEY, San Francisco, dated 12-28-37. 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 (Rpt. of SA JOSEPH J. PIEPER, Seattle, 4-30-39).

## THE BUTTE FIELD OFFICE

\* At Potlatch, Idaho, will interview Mrs. EUGENIE K. GILDER, as requested in letter from Seattle dated 5-8-39.

## THE CHICAGO FIELD OFFICE

\* At Chicago, will interview LEONA BRADY, Room 819 Chelsea Hotel. It is possible that she might be registered as LEONA DEFER which is her maiden name. She is Oklahoma City PD #15581, and was the wife of an Oklahoma outlaw named BOB BRADY who was killed by officers at Paoli, Kansas on 1-22-34. (Report of SA R. E. LETHERT, San Francisco, 3-16-39.)

\* At Aurora, will contact [redacted] brother of [redacted] in an attempt to locate the present address of the latter. If he does not know the address of his brother, [redacted] his mother, who resides with him at the above address, should be interviewed for any information she might have as to her son's address. In the event [redacted] 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 ROE. Attention in interviewing [redacted] should be given to the 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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## THE DALIAS FIELD OFFICE

\* At Fort Worth, will interview the family of DELL CARPENTER, 1213 N. 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 Ennis, 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.

\* At Mount Pleasant, will conduct appropriate discreet investigation to determine if subjects are in contact with LENA SPURGEON, General Delivery, and will request 30-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.

\* At the State Prison Farm, Eastham No. 1, Weldon, interview ROLLIE RECTOR concerning escape or present location of Subjects.

#### THE DENVER FIELD OFFICE

\* At Monto Vista, will follow the mail cover placed on HERSCHEL WING. If HERSCHEL 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, 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 as to the whereabouts of WINNIE METCALF.

\* At New Castle, 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.

At Pueblo, calling attention to statements set forth in this report, of McGuire, on Pages 4, 5 & 6 with special attention to information therein concerning one BOOTS IADD alleged to be an acquaintance of Subjects, and said to reside in a hotel next door to the Safeway Store down town. Will discreetly contact IADD and question him in the interest of determining if he knows Subjects and if they were seen by him at Pueblo, and such other information as he may be able to furnish.

#### THE DES MOINES FIELD OFFICE

\* At West Burlington, Iowa, will interview MARTIN W. MAY, 241 Spring Street, as requested by letter from this Division dated 4-24-39.

#### THE DETROIT FIELD OFFICE

\* At Carson, Michigan will locate JOHN HICKEY residing with his daughter, Mrs. GUY GOSSETT, 5 miles from Carson, and interview him relative to any information he may possess regarding ROE since his escape.

## THE EL PASO FIELD OFFICE

- \* At Jal, New Mexico, will interview C. H. S. McCLENDON, Box 998, regarding his letter to the Bureau dated 4-27-39.
- \* 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.

## THE KANSAS CITY FIELD 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.
- \* Will recontact Mrs. ROE as suggested in a letter to the Kansas City Division from the Bureau dated 5-15-39.
- \* At Joplin, 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 Leavenworth, Kansas will interview the following individuals who were transferred from Alcatraz to Leavenworth Penitentiary on 1-26-38; (See report of SA L. H. RICHMOND San Francisco, 2-2-39.)
  - \* At Joplin, will verify information regarding HERBERT ALLEN FARMER and MICKEY CAREY as furnished by Informant Z. Will attempt to develop an informant who will be in a position to watch FARMER and CAREY and their activities in order that the Bureau will know should they assist Subjects. (It will be noted in this report that MICKEY CAREY is presently deceased.)
- \* Will interview CLYDE UNDERHILL for information regarding subjects, after determining whether they have been in contact with him.
- \* At Leavenworth will endeavor to determine DELL CARPENTER'S present whereabouts from the records of that institution.
- \* At Leavenworth, will interview JACK F. WILLIAMS alleged by FLINT C. BRANNON to be friendly with JAMES and RALPH ROE, for any information he possesses.
- \* At Kansas City 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.

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

#### THE LITTLE ROCK FIELD OFFICE

\* At Hot Springs, will conduct appropriate investigation concerning the information furnished by CONNOR as set forth on Page 12 of the report of SA F. S. SMITH, 3-22-39, 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.

#### THE LOS ANGELES FIELD OFFICE

\* At Bell and Woodlake, will recontact all sources of information and informants to determine whether subject COLE could be contacting his relatives.

\* At Arcadia, will conduct further investigation regarding FAE ROE to determine if subject is contacting her. Will consider the advisability of further interview.

\* 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 of the report of SA RALPH T. HOOD, Okla. 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 SA 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 report of SA RALPH T. HOOD, 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 Mrs. and Mr. PETE NEWBERRY regarding RALPH ROE. (See report of SA A. W. MILLER, Dallas, 10-25-38).

\* At Los Angeles, will interview VOLYA COSSACK, 243 S. Carondelot, sister, and R. H. COSSACK, 1137 Magnolia Avenue, North Hollywood, father, correspondents of LOEB L. COSSACK, #313-AZ, as requested in report of SA M. E. GURNEA, San Francisco, 12-28-37, Page 25.

\* Will conduct inquiry at 619 S. 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 SA 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 SA R. H. SIMONS, Los Angeles, 10-12-38).

\* Will interview RUTH KERN, 117 N. Avenue, who is a sister of HENRY YOUNG, #244-AZ, who visited him at Alcatraz. (See page 49 of report of SA RALPH T. HOOD, 12-2-38.)

\* Will interview Mrs. DIXIE and PETER MARTINET, 822 E. 104th Street regarding their relative, ARTHUR H. YOUNGBERG, #195-AZ, as requested in the report of SA 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 SA R. H. SIMONS, Los Angeles, 10-12-38.)

\* Will locate EDWARD & BENJAMIN PISTELL, Avenhurst, Hollywood, to ascertain if they are related to COLE. (Report of SA 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 5-15-36. (See report of SA M. E. GURNEA, San Francisco, 12-28-37, Page 19.)

\* Will determine whether PAUL STULGES, 413 East 7th, is identical with COLE. (Report of SA R. H. SIMONS, Los Angeles, 10-12-38.)

\* Will locate MARYON JEANNETTE DARLING through her mother, JEANNETTE DARLING, 1711 W. 23d, and interviewer regarding the whereabouts of JACK O'BRIEN (See report of SA 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.
- \* 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 SA RALPH T. HOOD, Okla. City, 12-2-38, Page 50, and report of SA O. H. PATTERSON, San Francisco, 4-8-39.)
- \* 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.
- \* At Pasadena, California will determine if LARRY BUTCHER, Telephone #1708, has any connection with JAMES HUGH BUTCHER (See pages 49 and 44 to 48, incl. of report of SA RALPH T. HOOD, 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, 3309 Cleveland Street, as requested in the report of SA M. E. GURNEA, San Francisco, 12-28-37, Page 25. Will interview Mrs. LITTLEWOOD.
- \* At San Pedro, will contact FRANK BARCOTT, JR., 325 West 15th. (See report of SA 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 SA 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 SA RALPH T. HOOD, Okla. 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.

#### THE MEMPHIS FIELD OFFICE

- \* At Memphis, 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 5-5-39.

#### THE NEW ORLEANS FIELD OFFICE

- \* At Rodessa, will locate and interview I. B. BROOKS, alias ARKANSAS BROOKS, employed by Brewster Supply Company, concerning the information allegedly furnished Informant 14.

## THE 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 SA 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 SA J. F. McDEVITT, Philadelphia, 1-27-39.)

## THE OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD OFFICE

\* Will attempt to identify and locate SLIM BAILEY through informants and persons interviewed in order that he may be interviewed.

\* Will interview RUSSELL KENNITH DOWNING, I.O. #1452, upon his apprehension concerning information furnished by DWIGHT O. PUGH (See page 23 of the report of SA RALPH T. HOOD, 12-2-38).

\* At Ada, 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, will determine if subjects are contacting BIRDIE FRUITT and will then interview her especially for information regarding possible contacts of subjects.

\* At Ardmore, will locate MARIE BROWN, alias MARIE BLACKWELL, alias MARIE BLACKBURN, and interview her along the lines suggested in the report of SA RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, dated 12-2-38.

\* 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, will interview ORIE TURNBULL for any information he may possess regarding subjects.

\* At Drumright, will conduct appropriate investigation to determine the possible connection between C. H. CUMMINGS and HAZEL UNDERHILL.

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

\* At Guthrie, 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 SA J. C. WHITE, San Antonio, 4-30-39.)

\* At Ketchum, 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 DWIGHT O. PUGH. (See Page 28 of the report of SA RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 12-2-38.)

\* 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 SA 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 SA RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 12-2-38.)

\* At Miami, will interview LEE JACOBS for information regarding JAMES HUGH BUTCHER, JOHNSON and COLE and will question him concerning the alleged bonds and his associations with "DOC" BAKER. (See pages 44-48 inclusive of report of SA RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 12-2-38.)

\* At Okemah, 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 will maintain contact with A. B. COOPER and MILDRED WELCH for any information they may obtain. (See report of SA F. S. SMITH, Oklahoma City, 1-9-39.)

\* At Pawhuska, will locate and interview BEULAH CLARK through her father, CHARLIE JOHNSON. She is named as a possible contact of subjects. (See Page 29 of the report of SA RALPH T. HOOD, 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 report of SA RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 12-2-38.)

\* At Sapulpa, will locate and interview Mrs. TIM (JEAN) HYATT, COLE'S cousin, for information. (See Page 14 of the report of SA RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 12-2-38.)

\* At Seminole, Oklahoma, will determine the identity of DAVIE mentioned by LEONARD JOHNSON in order that he may be interviewed.

\* At Henryetta, will conduct appropriate investigation regarding MYRTLE KERRIGAN to determine if she is a contact of ROE.

\* At Stroud, will interview the following relatives of COLE:

Mrs. FANNIE BAUGH  
ERNEST BRACE & MRS. NELLIE BRACE  
MRS. WILLIAM GRAVES  
R. B. and PAULINE 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.

\* Will interview LOVELL ROBERTS for any information he may possess regarding COLE'S probable whereabouts.

\* At Tecumseh, will interview ETHEL McCLAIN at the Dixie Pocom Farm near that place with reference to the statements made by MELVIN GRAHAM and A. L. JOHNSON.

\* At Tulsa, 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 Street, and his connection with fugitives of HAZEL UNDERHILL. (See report of SA F. J. LACKEY, San Antonio, 2-23-39.)

\* At Tulsa and vicinity (probably Sand Springs), will interview CLYDE BOLE and sons, names unknown, as contacts and relatives, as requested in Bureau letter dated 4-10-39.

At Bartlesville, will discreetly ascertain the location and occupation of OMA JENNINGS or GILL, referred to by McGUIRE, sentenced in Kansas for murder, and reported by him to have resided at 416 Mill Street. Will place mail cover and take such other action as developments may justify.

Will keep in touch with Informant Z and continue his contact with HERBERT FARMER at Joplin.

At Oklahoma City will discreetly contact and interview ROSELINE BREWER, wife of PAUL BREWER, wanted in connection with McGUIRE for murder in Kansas, this with a view of corroborating McGUIRE'S statements with regard to information conveyed to her by OMA JENNINGS. Will ascertain the true name of OMA JENNINGS and her criminal record, bearing in mind that ROSELINE'S husband, PAUL, is now a fugitive and that in approaching her she must be questioned cautiously. She is reported to reside with her mother-in-law at 2222 1/2 Exchange Avenue in Oklahoma City, better address probably known to the Oklahoma City Police Department.

At Stroud, will maintain contact with LEON DeSHA and with mail cover placed at that point.

At Seminole will keep in touch with all known sources of contact. Efforts should be made to obtain further information relative to the location of FRED KOONTZ in the Cockson Hills, whose ranch has been named as a hiding place for subjects.

#### THE PORTLAND FIELD OFFICE

\* 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.

#### THE SALT LAKE CITY OFFICE

\* At Salt Lake City, 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, 12-2-38.)

## THE SAN ANTONIO OFFICE

\* At Refugio, Texas will maintain contact with Sheriff IRAHEARD 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.

\* At Austin, will determine the identity of the person to whom 1939 Texas license F 92354 was issued and will conduct appropriate investigation regarding this individual.

## THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE

\* At Alcatraz Island, 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, Sup't. 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 consider direct interview with inmate VOLNEY DAVIS, noting information furnished by his parents, set forth on Page 12 of the report of SA F. S. SMITH, Oklahoma City, 3-22-39.

\* 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 SA H. B. DILL, Salt Lake City, 3-27-39.)

\* At San Francisco, will locate and interview DANIEL SULLIVAN, Alcatraz #170, who was released from there 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 Subjects. 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 Street.

\* 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, 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. & AMBROSE CHASE, brothers, 715 - 42d Street; FRANK CHASE, brother, 14 Crescent Avenue.

\* Will locate and interview LOUIS FAUGUNDAS, #168, through his sister, ROSE FAUGUNDAS, 2603 - 21st Ave. (See Page 51 of report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, 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 St.

\* 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 SA 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. (Report of Inspector GURNEA San Francisco, 12-28-37.)

\* Will interview PALMER OTTERBECK and Mrs. ANNA OTTERBECK, 19 Dearborn St., and JOHN & 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 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).

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

\* Will conduct inquiry regarding a boat called Slocum and the employees thereon for information regarding this escape. (See report SA F. S. SMITH, 3-22-39.)

\* At Cleatraz Island, 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 & JACOBS.

\* At San Quentin, 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, 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 SA J. R. McCULLOCH, San Francisco, 10-19-38.)

\* At Napa, will interview L. J. & W. F. DICKERSON, 523 Brown Street, and MINNIE & ADA DICKERSON, 915 Third St., relatives and correspondents of HOWARD C. DICKERSON, #103. (See report of Inspector GURNEA, 12-28-37)

\* At Tulalake, will conduct the investigation requested by letter from this Division dated 2-21-39.

\* At Alcatraz Island, 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 SA JOSEPH J. PIEPER, Seattle, 5-24-39.)

\* Will consider the advisability of direct interview with inmate BERNARD P. COY regarding statements made by Roubidcaux.

\* 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 there, for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not she may have any information concerning the escape of Subjects.

At Alcatraz Island, calling attention to information furnished by Informant Z on Pages 2 and 3 of this report. Appropriate check should be made in the interest of determining if there is any foundation or truth in the information allegedly obtained by Informant Z from Herbert FARMER, formerly an inmate of Alcatraz.

#### THE SEATTLE FIELD OFFICE

\* At Seattle, will 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 SA J. P. McFARLAND, Seattle, 3-11-39.)

\* At Seattle, will examine the tracings of the mail received by the COLES 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.

#### THE SPRINGFIELD FIELD OFFICE

\* At St. Elmo and Centralia, 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 30-day 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.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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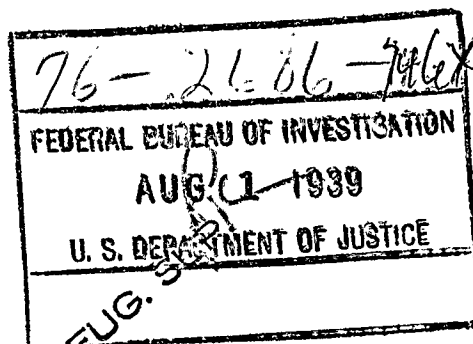
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

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

<b>REPORT MADE AT</b> <b>KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI</b>	<b>DATE WHEN MADE</b> <b>7-27-39</b>	<b>PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE</b> <b>7-21-39</b>	<b>REPORT MADE BY</b> <b>G. H. TREADWELL</b>
<b>TITLE</b> <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1472;</b> <b>THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1471</b>			<b>CHARACTER OF CASE</b>  <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 25%;"> <b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> </div> <div style="width: 75%;"> <p>Mrs. RAYMOND ROE, Hays, Kansas, advises she is barely acquainted with HAZEL UNDERHILL but knows her by reputation to be a "dead beat" and unreliable. Mrs. ROE stated she did not feel qualified to express an opinion as to advisability of interviewing HAZEL UNDERHILL. She disclaims knowledge as to present whereabouts of HAZEL UNDERHILL.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-P-</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Report of Special Agent H. O. HAWKINS, Kansas City, April 24, 1939; Bureau letter of May 15, 1939 (76-2686).</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> <u>AT HAYS, KANSAS</u></p> <p>Mrs. RAYMOND ROE was interviewed at her residence one mile west of Hays, Kansas, on United States Highway #40. Mrs. ROE stated that Mr. ROE was absent from home for several days on a business trip, and that she did not know just when he would return. However, Mrs. ROE stated that she quite well recalled the occasion when HAZEL UNDERHILL left a note at her home near Hays while she and her husband were at Great Bend, Kansas, on a business trip. Mrs. ROE stated that she is positively satisfied that this note was written by or at the instance of HAZEL UNDERHILL. She</p> </div> </div>			
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stated it was positively not in the handwriting of Subject ROE, and that the phraseology in it did not sound as though he had written it, and that the manner in which her husband, RAYMOND ROE, was addressed was not the way in which Subject ROE addressed his brother, RAYMOND. Mrs. ROE further advised that prior to the death of the father of RAYMOND ROE and Subject ROE, HAZEL UNDERHILL had called on the old gentleman several times and mooched small sums of money from him on the pretext of getting it to Subject ROE; that she feels confident that HAZEL UNDERHILL intended to visit her, Mrs. RAYMOND ROE, and her husband when she left the note and tried to obtain money from him for her own personal use under pretext of delivering it to Subject ROE. Mrs. ROE stated she has not seen HAZEL UNDERHILL since the time this letter was left at her home and for sometime prior thereto; that he has practically no acquaintance with her except from family gossip; that she has no idea where she can be located at the present time.

Mrs. RAYMOND ROE did not commit herself as to her opinion as to the advisability of interviewing HAZEL UNDERHILL, stating she did not feel she knew her well enough to express an opinion. Mrs. ROE stated that she nor her husband have heard nothing concerning Subject ROE, and that they both firmly believe him to be dead.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

#### KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION

\*At Leavenworth, Kansas, at the United States Penitentiary, 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 January 26, 1938 (Refer report of Special Agent L. H. RICHMOND, San Francisco, February 2, 1939).



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

\*Will interview JACK P. WILLIAMS, alleged by BLINT C. BRANDON 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 R. T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, December 2, 1938.

\*At the United States 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, March 22, 1939, to determine the reliability of CONNOR's father, as well as any information he may possess regarding these Subjects.

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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 <b>DENVER, COLORADO</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7-28-39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7-6-14-39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>D. M. BRIGHTMAN</b> <div style="text-align: right;"><b>MGM</b></div>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1472; THEODORE COLE with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1471.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Additional investigation Pueblo, Colo. failed to disclose Subjects have been there. BOOTS LADD unknown Pueblo. RUTH MILLS presently in Rawlins, Wyoming.

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**REFERENCES:** Report of Special Agent D. C. SPENCER, Denver, Colorado, dated 6-13-39;  
Teletype from Oklahoma City Office, dated 7-7-39;  
Report of Special Agent D. M. BRIGHTMAN, Denver, Colorado, dated 7-11-39.

**DETAILS:**

Reference teletype from the Oklahoma City Office requested investigation at Pueblo, Colorado. This teletype also indicates that McGUIRE advised that a person by the name of BOOTS LADD, an ex-convict, who resides at Pueblo, Colorado, had seen Subjects in a parked automobile across from the hotel in Pueblo at which LADD was residing.

**AT PUEBLO, COLORADO**

Identification Officer RICHARD ANDERSON searched the card index file of the Pueblo Police Department and advised that BOOTS LADD's name did not appear therein; that he did not know anyone by the name of BOOTS LADD who frequents Pueblo, Colorado. The description as given by McGUIRE of BOOTS LADD was made known to MR. ANDERSON, and he advised that he was not acquainted with any ex-convict answering this description. The Identification files disclosed only one LADD on an

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index card and this was a pick-up notice on ERNEST LADD alias "Bugs" Moran, dated October 11, 1932, indicating this man was wanted by the Hartford, Connecticut, Police Department.

Captain EVERETT HORNE and Detective DEWEY ROBERTS were again contacted and both advised that they do not know BOOTS LADD and the description of LADD as given by Agent failed to recall to either of these detectives any person. They were advised of the location of the unknown hotel as given by McGUIRE and both stated that the hotel could be none other than the Odell hotel, which is located at 115 $\frac{1}{2}$  West 4th Street, Pueblo; that they of their own knowledge knew this hotel adjoined a Safeway Grocery Store.

Both Detectives accompanied Agent to the Odell Hotel where interview was had with MRS. FRANK RIDGEWAY. MRS. RIDGEWAY advised that she had been the proprietress of this hotel for a number of years and upon inquiry advised that she had never known a person by the name of BOOTS LADD. She was given the description of BOOTS LADD and advised that she had no one answering this description staying at her hotel and had not had such an individual there since June 25, 1939. She stated that a man with a pockmarked face stayed at her hotel for one night only but did not register in that he slept at the hotel but stayed with other persons. The hotel register was made available and all names were noted and no name appeared thereon which might remotely suggest the name of LADD. It was also noted that the hotel rooms which were for the patrons of the hotel were in the rear of the hotel and do not face the front street. Therefore, it would have been impossible for any person to notice a parked automobile across from the hotel. The Odell Hotel is not known as a house of prostitution to the Detectives.

Agent together with Detectives HORNE and ROBERTS proceeded to the Ramona Hotel at which time it was ascertained that MR. KRONBERG was not available and could not be located. MRS. KRONBERG was again interviewed and stated that at no time during the past three years had there been as many as five prostitutes operating at the Ramona Hotel. This fact was also known to the Detectives, both advising that they had never known of more than one or two prostitutes staying at the Ramona Hotel. MRS. KRONBERG stated that between June 20 and June 30, 1939, of course, she was gone but she knew that ADDIE TEMPLE, who was left in charge of the hotel, would not have allowed more than one or two girls into the hotel for prostitution purposes. Photographs of Subjects together with a photograph of McGUIRE and BREWER, which had heretofore been secured, were exhibited to MRS. KRONBERG. She was unable to make an identification. It was ascertained from MRS. KRONBERG that the second girl staying at the Ramona Hotel was named BLANCHE STARK.

BLANCHE STARK was called into the room and questioned closely as to all guests at the hotel from June 23 until July 1, 1939. She was also shown the pictures of Subjects of this case as well as the pictures of BREWER and McGUIRE and BLANCHE STARK stated that she did not remember having seen any of these persons at any time. She further stated that there had not been as many as five prostitutes operating from the hotel at any time; that she and ADDIE TEMPLE were the only woman present in the hotel from June 20 to July 1, 1939. She further advised that at no time had she seen a dice game in operation at the hotel.

ADDIE TEMPLE was again interviewed and was shown the photographs of Subjects of this case and those of McGUIRE and BREWER and she again reiterated her former statement advising that she did not know these persons and could not recognize their photographs as persons who had registered or stayed at the Ramona Hotel. She further stated that there were only two girls at the Ramona Hotel, they being she and BLANCHE STARK, from June 20 to July 1, 1939.

Inquiry was made of both ADDIE TEMPLE and BLANCHE STARK relative to BOOTS LADD and both advised that they had never known of a man who frequents Pueblo, Colorado, by the name of BOOTS LADD nor did they know of anyone answering his description. BOOTS LADD is also not known to MRS. KRONBERG.

Inquiry was made at the TONY RAUSCH Garage, located at 212 Santa Fe and at the R. W. T. Motor Company, located on Santa Fe and at both of these places photographs were exhibited of the Subjects of this case and also of McGUIRE and BREWER. The photographs were not identified at either of these garages nor was it possible to ascertain if any of the persons involved in this case had stored an automobile at either of the garages. Inasmuch as the license number of the Studebaker automobile is not known to this office further inquiry at Pueblo regarding this automobile was not made.

Captain EVERETT HORNE had a recollection of having read in the Pueblo Chieftain of the recovery of an automobile which had been driven by EARL JACKSON McGUIRE. He advised that he was of the opinion the automobile was recovered near Lamar, Colorado, and that it contained a stolen torch and garage tools, which were identified as being stolen from the Fowler Motor Company of Holly, Colorado.

Agent called at the Pueblo Chieftain office and on the date of July 7, 1939, there appeared an article describing the recovery of a certain automobile by the Sheriff of Prowers County. This article alleged that the automobile belonged to McGUIRE and had been abandoned at Holly, Colorado, and that the car contained many tools etc which had been identified as being stolen from the Fowler Motor Company, Holly, Colorado.

A telephonic communication was had with Sheriff W. C. McGUINN of Prowers County, Lamar, Colorado. Sheriff McGUINN advised that on July 2, 1939, he had recovered in Holly, Colorado, a Tudor Ford V8 automobile, engine #18-4,921,899, that this automobile was the property of ELDEN GOUGH, whom subsequent investigation proved to be a brother-in-law of EARL JACKSON McGUIRE. The Sheriff stated that this automobile bore 1939 Oklahoma license plates 2G83; that it had tools in it which had been identified by the Fowler Motor Company of Holly, Colorado; that these tools were stolen during a recent burglary by McGUIRE and BREWER.

As the facts regarding the association of McGUIRE and GOUGH are not known to this office it is being left to the discretion of the office of origin to contact ELDEN GOUGH for information pertaining to this case.

Special Agent D. C. SPENCER ascertained from the Postmaster at Craig, Colorado, that RUTH MILLS, an associate of WINNIE METCALE, is presently residing at 116 West Cedar, Rawlins, Wyoming.

On July 10, 1939, this office was in receipt of a letter from SAM FABRIZIO, Superintendent of Special Service of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company, La Junta, Colorado. A copy of this letter has been transmitted to the Oklahoma City Office. This letter in substance advises that the writer, SAM FABRIZIO, had a confession from McGUIRE relative to the killing of Undersheriff RAY KUMPF of Syracuse, Kansas by EARL McGUIRE on July 3, 1939; that McGUIRE had informed him that information to the effect that he had seen RALPH ROE in Pueblo, Colorado, was not true; that he never saw RALPH ROE in Pueblo but that he had seen him since his escape; that he knew him as he had served time with him. This letter also advised that McGUIRE had seen RALPH ROE in Oklahoma and that OMA GILL or OMA JENNINGS, who formerly lived at 416 Mill Street, Bartlesville, Oklahoma, was one of his places of contact but that the woman had since moved and her address was not known to McGUIRE.

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 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.

AT RAWLINS, WYOMING

Will locate RUTH MILLS and interview her for any information she may have relative to the whereabouts of WINNIE METCALF.

P E N D I N G

RPK:TD

76-2686 - 747 August 17, 1939

FORWARDED

Special Agent in Charge  
Kansas City, Missouri

Re: ROCOL

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the reports of Special Agents G. H. Treadwell, dated at Kansas City on July 27, 1939, and J. M. Jones, dated at Kansas City on July 26, 1939, in each of which it is noted that undeveloped leads are set out for your office, which leads have already been completed. In addition, it is noted that undeveloped leads which are presently outstanding in your office are not restated in these reports.

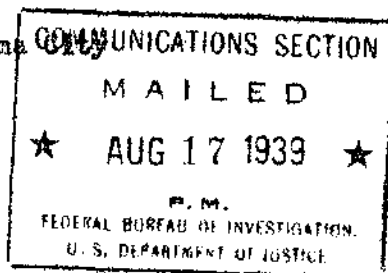
It appears that some confusion exists as to the exact status of this case in your office and it is desired that a complete review be made of your file and that a report be prepared bringing up to date all outstanding leads in your district.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nathan \_\_\_\_\_  
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cc Oklahoma City



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76-2686 - 748 August 17, 1939

Special Agent in Charge  
Denver, Colorado

Re: ROCOL

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent D. M. Brightman, dated at Denver, Colorado, July 28, 1939, which contains information to the effect that your office was advised by letter that Sam Fabrizio, Superintendent of Special Service of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company, La Junta, Colorado, had received a confession from Earl McGuire to the effect that he had not seen Ralph Roe in Pueblo, Colorado, which is contrary to statements made by McGuire to Bureau Agents.

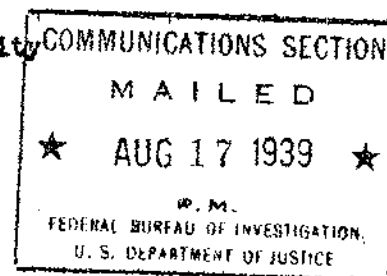
It is desired that Fabrizio be interviewed in the immediate future for complete information in regard to this matter and that if possible a copy of the statement made by McGuire be obtained.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

FILE NO. 76-290

REPORT MADE AT <b>SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7-25-39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7-10-39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. R. McCULLOCH -- GH</b>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.</b>
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 30%;"> <p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> </div> <div style="width: 70%;"> <p><b>WARREN H. MADELEY, Newcastle, Calif., and Sheriff ELMER H. GUM, Auburn, Cal., interviewed with negative results relative to possible suspects referred to by them.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p><b>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent R. E. LETHERT, San Francisco, Calif., dated 3/16/39.</b></p> <p><b>DETAILS: AT NEWCASTLE, CALIFORNIA.</b>                      Inquiry at Newcastle having elicited the information that <b>WARREN H. MADELEY</b> was employed at the American Fruit Company warehouse, he was located and interviewed at that place relative to his having written a letter to the Bureau in which he had stated that he had information of possible value in instant case.</p> <p><b>MADELEY</b> advised that in approximately February, 1938, a month or two after subjects had made their escape, he had been skiing in the vicinity of Emigrant Gap, California, and while walking along the main highway near Emigrant Gap, he had noticed two individuals also walking along the road, apparently hitch-hiking. He stated he had not particularly closely observed these individuals, but it had later occurred to him that they might possibly be the subjects in this case. Shortly thereafter, he had written his letter to the Bureau aforementioned. After having written this letter he had received photographs of subjects, which he carefully studied, but was unable to state whether either the men observed by him while skiing were the subjects in this case.</p> </div> </div>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>H. J. R. Pieper</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <div style="font-size: 2em; font-family: monospace;">                     76-2686 749 AUG 2 1939                 </div>	
COPIES OF THIS REPORT 3-Bureau 2-Okla. City 2-San Francisco <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; transform: rotate(-5deg); display: inline-block;">                     COPIES DESTROYED                      21 SEP 12 1946                 </div>		<div style="text-align: center;">                         JUL 21 AM                          FUG. SY...                          HARRIS                     </div>	

MADELEY stated that since that time, he has made it a point to observe hobos and transients who loiter about the railroad yards in Newcastle, in the belief that he might observe one or both of the subjects in this case, and in the event he is successful in identifying such individuals, he intends to immediately notify the San Francisco Field Division or local authorities, depending upon the urgency of the circumstances at the time.

It is Agent's opinion that MADELEY, who is a young man of college age, definitely has a detective complex.

AT AUBURN, CALIFORNIA.

Sheriff ELMER H. GUM, of Placer County, having by letter advised the San Francisco Field Division that he might have possible information of value in this case, and at the same time having requested photographs and descriptions of subjects, he was contacted by the writer.

Sheriff GUM advised that CHARLES GEISENDORFER, County Supervisor, had been advised by two waitresses employed at a mine near Iowa Hill, California, that they had observed two men in that vicinity, who, in their opinion, acted as if they might be wanted men, and it had occurred to them that these men might be the subjects in this case.

Upon receipt of the photographs of subjects from the San Francisco Field Division, Sheriff GUM had transferred them to GEISENDORFER who in turned had displayed them to his two women informants, whose names were unknown to Sheriff GUM. GEISENDORFER had subsequently advised GUM that the women had advised him that their suspects had left the Iowa Hill vicinity; furthermore, that they bore no resemblance whatsoever to the photographs of the subjects in this case, the suspects in question having been much older men and otherwise not answering the description of subjects.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

K.C. FILE NO. 76-471

<p>REPORT MADE AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI</p>	<p>DATE WHEN MADE 7-29-39</p>	<p>PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 7-14-39</p>	<p>REPORT MADE BY H. O. HAWKINS      <i>daj</i></p>
<p>TITLE RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.</p>			<p>CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</p>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <i>*</i> EARL JACKSON McGUIRE, Kansas State Penitentiary inmate, #6866, advises he met and talked to RALPH ROE, an old acquaintance of his, in Pueblo, Colorado on June 29, 1939, ROE having in his possession at that time a 1937 or 1938 dark colored Studebaker Sedan bearing Texas license plates with the prefix "F", numerals unknown.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-P-</p> <p>REFERENCE: Letter from Oklahoma City dated July 14, 1939.</p> <p>On July 14, 1939, Special Agent in Charge H. E. ANDERSEN of the Oklahoma City Field Division telephonically contacted Acting Special Agent in Charge M. B. RHODES of the Kansas City Field Division and advised that one EARL McGUIRE, who was recently sentenced in the state court at Syracuse, Kansas to life imprisonment in the Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, for the murder of a western Kansas undersheriff, had stated prior to his sentence that he had seen Subjects COLE and ROE in Pueblo, Colorado a few days prior to the murder of the undersheriff; that they had in their possession a black Studebaker Sedan with Texas license tags, exact numerals unknown, with the prefix "F". Mr. ANDERSEN stated that the Bureau had requested the San Antonio Field Division to check all license plates in the State of Texas having the prefix of "F" and to check the ownership of all of these automobiles. Mr. ANDERSEN further advised that this would necessitate the checking of approximately 100,000 automobiles in the State of Texas and that he had been informed that after McGUIRE was sentenced he had made a statement to the effect that he did not see</p>			
<p>APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Dwight Brantley</i> <i>mjr</i></p>		<p>DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</p> <p style="font-size: 1.5em; text-align: center;">76-29861-750      AUG 3-1939</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3:31 P.M.</p>	
<p>COPIES OF THIS REPORT</p> <p>3 - Bureau 2 - Oklahoma City 2 - Denver 2 - San Antonio 2 - Kansas City</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>COPIES DESTROYED</b> <b>51 SEP 12 1966</b></p>		<p><i>HAWKINS</i></p>	

COLE or ROE as above stated. Mr. ANDERSEN suggested an immediate interview with McGUIRE at the Kansas State Penitentiary and in the event he denied that he had previously seen Subjects COLE and ROE in Pueblo, Colorado to be immediately advised in order to eliminate the necessity of the San Antonio Field Division making the above check.

Immediately upon receipt of this information, the writer proceeded to the Kansas State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas.

AT LANSING, KANSAS.

EARL JACKSON McGUIRE, Kansas State Penitentiary #6866, was interviewed and he advised that on June 25, 1939, he departed from Seminole, Oklahoma, arriving in Amarillo, Texas on June 26, 1939, and that on the following day, June 27, he proceeded to Lamar, Colorado and on June 28 to Pueblo, Colorado.

McGUIRE advised that he was in company with PAUL BREWER; that they were driving a 1939 V-8 Ford Sedan bearing Oklahoma license plates #2-G-83. McGUIRE, continuing, advised that approximately 9:30 a.m. on June 29, 1939, while in the vicinity of the depot at Pueblo, Colorado while he was endeavoring to locate a blacksmith shop in an effort to have some burglary tools made, that he accidentally bumped into RALPH ROE, an old acquaintance of his, and had a short conversation with ROE, ROE advising McGUIRE that he would be back at the same place at approximately 9:00 p.m. the same night and that if McGUIRE desired to further contact him they would meet at the depot that evening. McGUIRE stated that at the time he first met ROE at the depot he, McGUIRE, was by himself and that as far as he knew RALPH ROE was likewise by himself. McGUIRE further stated that on the same evening at approximately 9:30 p.m. as previously arranged he met his old friend RALPH ROE at the depot in Pueblo, Colorado, at which time ROE inquired of McGUIRE if he, McGUIRE, had a car. McGUIRE replied that he did not, but was in company with a friend of his who did possess an automobile. McGUIRE asked if he, ROE, had an automobile and ROE pointed across the street and advised that that was his automobile. McGUIRE stated that this car which ROE had pointed to was a 1937 or 1938 dark colored Studebaker Sedan with a Texas license tag, numerals unknown, but he did observe that the license on this car had the prefix "F".

McGUIRE further advised that after he and ROE had conversed a short while he departed and has not seen nor heard of ROE since. McGUIRE did state, however, that he was personally

acquainted with THEODORE COLE and that at the time ROE pointed to the Studebaker car which was across the street from them he noticed another man under the wheel of this automobile, but could not recognize this person as being THEODORE COLE. McGUIRE further advised that he was incarcerated in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma in company with THEODORE COLE in 1933 and 1934 and that he became acquainted with RALPH ROE in Seminole, Oklahoma and has known ROE since 1931 or 1932.

Approximately twelve photographs were displayed to McGUIRE, among which were photographs of RALPH ROE, Fugitive, I.O. #1472, and THEODORE COLE, Fugitive, I.O. #1471, at which time McGUIRE immediately picked out the photographs of Subjects and pointed to the photograph of ROE and stated that this was the individual with whom he had talked at Pueblo, Colorado on June 29, 1939. He pointed to the photograph of COLE and identified him as being the individual with whom he had served time in McAlester, Oklahoma in 1933 and 1934.

The following is the description of RALPH ROE as furnished by EARL McGUIRE:

Nationality	American
Color	White
Sex	Male
Age	35 to 38
Height	5 ft. 10 in.
Weight	170 lbs.
Hair	Brown or dark brown
Eyes	Unknown
Complexion	Dark
Build	Medium stocky
Scars and Marks	Cut scar right cheek near eye.

Under date of July 14, 1939, a letter was received from the Oklahoma City Field Division supplementing the telephone conversation previously had with Acting Special Agent in Charge M. B. RHODES, in which letter Special Agent in Charge H. E. ANDERSEN advised that he was skeptical as to the truthfulness of McGUIRE'S allegations in this connection and he thought it advisable that an Agent from the Kansas City Field Division should again contact McGUIRE questioning him minutely with the view to having him correct his statements concerning his meetings with Subject ROE in Pueblo, Colorado on June 29, 1939. In this letter, Special Agent in Charge ANDERSEN also advised that

McGUIRE should be in more of a mood now than he was previously when interviewed by Agents at which time he feared the death penalty. A lead is therefore being set forth for the Kansas City Field Division to again contact EARL JACKSON McGUIRE at the Kansas State Penitentiary in an effort to have him truthfully state whether or not he observed Subject ROE in Pueblo, Colorado June 29, 1939, and in the event McGUIRE admits that he has lied in connection with seeing ROE in Pueblo, Colorado, will immediately notify the San Antonio Field Division in order that the San Antonio Office might cease checking all Texas license plates with the prefix "F".

#### 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 MARIE COLE and will interview him concerning his knowledge of MARIE COLE.
- \* At Leavenworth, Kansas, will interview the following individuals who were transferred from Alcatraz to Leavenworth Penitentiary on 1-26-38; (See 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. (It will be noted in this report that MICKEY CAREY is presently deceased.)
- \* Will interview CLYDE UNDERHILL for information regarding Subjects, after determining whether they have been in contact with him.
- \* At Leavenworth, Kansas, will endeavor to determine DELL CARPENTER'S present whereabouts from the records of that institution.
- \* At Leavenworth, will interview JACK F. WILLIAMS, alleged by FLINT C. BRANNON to be friendly with JAMES and RALPH ROE, for any information he possesses.
- \* At Kansas City, 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 (See report of Special Agent F. S. SMITH, Oklahoma City 6-27-39), 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.

\* 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 Lansing, Kansas, will reinterview EARL JACKSON McGUIRE, Kansas State Penitentiary #6686, along lines as suggested in this report.

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REQUESTED INTERVIEW TO CORROBORATE OR DISPROVE STATEMENT  
EARL MCGUIRE MENTIONED REPORT SA R T HOOD OKLAHOMACITY  
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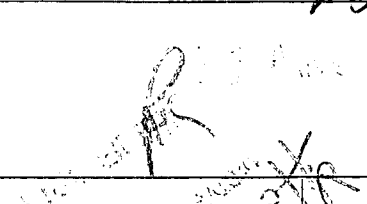
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

FILE NO. 76-290

REPORT MADE AT  San Francisco, Calif.	DATE WHEN MADE  7-25-39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 6/23/39 & 7/18/39	REPORT MADE BY  O. H. PATTERSON - WDR
TITLE RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.			CHARACTER OF CASE  ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="margin-left: 150px;">X BILL HARTMANN, 16 year old boy, Sonora, Calif., advises strange man, about 40 years of age, in April, 1939, accosted several boys at Columbia, Calif., and in discussion mentioned having been in a military prison and also mentioned he swam from Yerba Buena Island, San Francisco Bay, to mainland. Stranger not identified as either ROE or COLE.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-P-</p> <p>DETAILS: This investigation is predicated upon a letter dated 4-12-39, to the Director, from BILL HARTMANN, #2, Sonora, California, stating that a man had talked to him and several other boys relating his experiences in swimming with grease on his body. HARTMANN requested that photos of ROE and COLE be sent to him. The Bureau, by letter of 4-21-39, acknowledged HARTMANN'S letter, advising that he would be contacted by a Bureau agent.</p> <p>AT SONORA, CALIFORNIA:</p> <p>On 6-23-39, Mrs. SARAH HARTMANN, mother of BILL HARTMANN, was located and interviewed at the WPA sewing project at the Catholic Church, at which time she advised her son was away in the mountains with friends for two weeks. She explained that her son had encountered a strange man at Columbia, near Sonora, who had talked of swimming with grease on his body, and her son had thought of the two men who had escaped from Alcatraz, and had accordingly written to this Bureau.</p> <p>On 7-18-39, WILLIAM HARTMANN, 16 years of age, was interviewed at his home, Shaws Flat, 3 miles from Sonora, and advised that early in April, 1939, he</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  <i>H. J. L. Pieper</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES  76-2686-751 AUG 2 1939	
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and four other young boys had been at a service station at Columbia one morning when a strange man came along, alone. This man was walking, said he was going to Angels Camp, 20 miles from Sonora, and had relatives in Coulterville, about 50 miles from Sonora, near Yosemite Valley. This man came up to the group of boys and just started talking about several things, including unclean stories. He also attempted to get some of the boys to accompany him on the road to Angels Camp, but none did so. The man mentioned that he had been in a military prison, name or place or time unstated. He then later talked about swimming and said he had once swam from Yerba Buena Island in San Francisco Bay to the mainland, with his body covered with grease. He made this swim with 3 other men. Later, in the conversation he stated he had been in the Army and mentioned Alcatraz Island during the conversation, but HARTMANN could not recall what he said in this regard. He did not mention the names of ROE and COLE, and did not mention any names that HARTMANN could recall. HARTMANN stated that the man talked for about half an hour, rambling on various subjects, and very obviously was not telling the truth in many of his statements. HARTMANN said he thought the man was "crazy".

HARTMANN was exhibited the photos of ROE and COLE but stated the man was not either of these.

HARTMANN described this strange man as follows:

Name: Unknown (never seen before or since).

Age: 40

Ht: 5-6

Wt: 160

Bld: Chunky

Hair: Dark and grey around edges, under hat.

Comp: Ruddy

Dress: Overalls - neat.

Nose: Long and large.

HARTMANN was requested to get in touch with the Sheriff's Office if he saw this man again, in order that the individual could be checked out as possibly being identical with the subjects in this case.

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940 1st National Building  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
July 14, 1939

76-348

Special Agent in Charge  
Kansas City, Missouri

Re: RUCOL

Dear Sir:

With reference to EARL McGUIRE, who was recently sentenced to life on a murder charge in the State Courts of Kansas, who alleged he was with subjects at Pueblo, Colorado, I am skeptical as to the truthfulness of McGUIRE's allegations in that connection, and I think it advisable that an agent of your office again make contact with McGUIRE, questioning him minutely, with a view of having him correct his statements concerning his associating with subjects, if false. As McGUIRE has been settled with in full for the murder committed by the sentence imposed, he should be in a more receptive mood now than when previously interviewed by agents, at which time he feared the death penalty, and may have told a fabulous story concerning subjects in a feeble effort calculated to help himself.

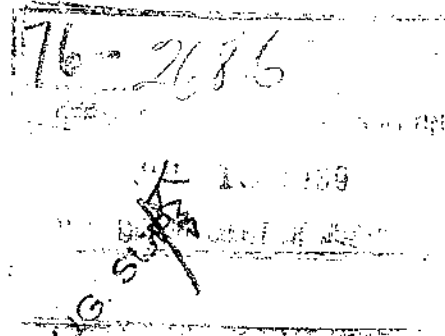
If McGUIRE's allegations concerning subjects are determined to be false, it will curtail extensive investigation and considerable expense. Every effort should be made, therefore, to either confirm or refute the allegations of McGUIRE by direct interview.

Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA  
JULY 25, 1939

AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

Special Agent in Charge  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

RE: ROCCOL

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An informant in this case, designated as Informant "R", on this date divulged information to Special Agents F. S. SMITH and R. T. HOOD, which is as follows.

She stated that a man by the name of LEN ROBERTS, unknown to her, appeared at her home in Seminole, Oklahoma, sometime about February 15, 1939, and presented a letter signed "SLEEPY JOHNSON", introducing ROBERTS and stating ROBERTS was O.K. and not "hot", his friend, and to treat him right.

For the information of the Los Angeles Office, the true name of JOHNSON is SEDALL JOHNSON alias SLEEPY JOHNSON, an ex-convict, a harbinger of criminals and closely associated with WILBUR UNDERHILL and Subject ROE prior to the apprehension of UNDERHILL, a notorious bandit subsequently killed in Oklahoma.

She stated ROBERTS was then driving a Ford Coach, dark color. He left her home, returning a few days later accompanied by two men and stopped at her place. ROBERTS came in and remained a short time. On leaving she accompanied him to the car and there met his associates. However, she was not introduced to them and was not advised by ROBERTS of their identity. The trio left and returned to Seminole about a week later. On this occasion ROBERTS introduced his associates as RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE. They remained at her home a short time and when they left stated they were going to stop at a tourist camp at McCloud that night. About two months ago they again appeared at Seminole, Oklahoma, parked their car on a side street; that she went in and bought some Coca Colas for them and talked with them a short time. At this time they were in a brown Pontiac Sedan. ROBERTS told her they were going to Chicago and gave her some money and told her to meet them there; that they were figuring on pulling a job in Chicago.

She stated she met ROBERTS as per arrangement at Joliet, Illinois, on July 6, 1939, at which time he was driving a black Chevrolet Coupe; that they drove into Chicago and there met ROE and COLE in front of a drug store, both of whom were in the brown Pontiac she had previously observed at Seminole. She stated that the job contemplated by ROBERTS and Subjects was a payroll robbery. They advised her that they had been unable to make contact with the "inside man" and further, that because of a gang killing in Chicago about that time Chicago was too "hot" for them.

She left Chicago with ROBERTS in his coupe, driving to Decatur, Illinois that evening, followed by ROE and COLE in the Pontiac. ROE and COLE had an understanding with ROBERTS that they would meet him about forty miles West of Decatur. ROBERTS remained with her a short time at Decatur, leaving there to connect with Subjects. Before leaving ROBERTS told her they were going to Long Beach, California, and requested that she meet him at Long Beach on July 29th; that ROE and COLE would be staying about 24 miles from Long Beach and he, ROBERTS, and SLEEPY JOHNSON would meet her and take her out to ROE and COLE; that there was plenty of room where they were staying and she and ROBERTS would have accommodations there.

She stated she is well acquainted with BILL WILLIAMS and his wife, formerly of Seminole, Oklahoma, who now reside at 132 Hariposa Avenue, Long Beach; that she gave ROBERTS the address of BILL WILLIAMS, telling him that she would be at Long Beach on July 29th and for him to get her at that address. ROBERTS stating he would send her the money to come to Long Beach. She stated that on July 20, 1939, she received a letter with \$38.00 enclosed. This letter came to her under an assumed name at Henryetta, Oklahoma, where she receives her mail, especially mail of importance. She stated she had written Mrs. WILLIAMS, advising her of her intended visit there. She stated she was perfectly willing to proceed to Long Beach and cooperate fully with the Bureau in the interest of causing the apprehension of Subjects. She stated that ROBERTS advised her that SLEEPY JOHNSON is the only one of the JOHNSON family of several boys that ROE has confidence in; that ROE, COLE, JOHNSON and ROBERTS contemplate making some money by hijacking and robbing payrolls and filling stations. She stated from the line of talk she overheard, these boys have not made any money since their escape; that they have been engaged in petty jobs such as holding up filling stations and small payrolls.

She stated her young daughter was taken seriously ill on July 23, 1939, and therefore she would be unable to make the trip

at this time to Long Beach, but suggested that she could write a letter to MRS. WILLIAMS enclosing a letter to ROBERTS for delivery by MRS. WILLIAMS when he calls for her on the morning of July 29th. In the presence of Agents SMITH and HOOD she wrote a letter to MRS. BILL WILLIAMS, 132 Mariposa Avenue, Long Beach, explaining that she could not reach there as scheduled due to the illness of her daughter, but she expected to make her a visit in the very near future, and enclosed a letter addressed to LEE ROBERTS in which she made full explanation to ROBERTS regarding her delay in coming and requesting that he send her a little more money, advising him of her child's illness and sending her best regards to the boys. She requested that he communicate with her upon receipt of this letter, at which time she would probably be ready to make the trip.

Informant "R" is of the opinion that LEE ROBERTS will call at the WILLIAMS' home on July 29, 1939, as per their agreement and that when he is unable to contact her he will immediately write her arranging for the contact. She is also of the opinion that ROBERTS is in contact with ROE and COLE, as well as SLEEPY JOHNSON, at Long Beach, California, but she was unable to furnish any information which would assist in determining their present whereabouts. She thought that their hideout was a private home near Long Beach. She was unable to give sufficient information regarding ROBERTS to identify this individual from the files of this case. She described ROBERTS as follows:

NAME	LEE ROBERTS
AGE	32
HEIGHT	5'8" or 5'9"
WEIGHT	160 lbs.
HAIR	Brown
EYES	Brown
COMPLEXION	Olive, dark
PECULIARITIES	None
DRESS	Usually well dressed
NATIVITY	Missouri

This informant was furnished with the address and telephone number of the Oklahoma City Field Division, and stated she would, upon receipt of a letter from MRS. WILLIAMS or ROBERTS, immediately advise the Oklahoma City Division so that Agents could observe same, and would keep the Oklahoma City Office advised of any developments in this case.

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For the information of the Los Angeles Division a surveillance was maintained on this informant from the time she left Seminole, Oklahoma until approximately July 5, 1939, as information had been received that she planned to meet Subjects at Chicago, Illinois. The plant was discontinued prior to her departure from Salem, Illinois to Chicago, but it is known that on July 6th she addressed a postcard to one FRANK JACKSON, Seminole, Oklahoma, which reveals that she was in Chicago, Illinois on that date. It is not known what value can be placed on the information furnished by Informant "R", but it should be noted that she informed Agents that she would like to obtain remuneration for giving information leading to the apprehension of these Subjects. She has not requested any financial assistance.

For the further information of the Los Angeles Division, attention is called to the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, dated at Oklahoma City December 22, 1938, in which report, under "Contacts" is listed pertinent information concerning SILENT JOHNSON.

Assistant Director E. A. TAMM was telephonically advised of the statements made by Informant "R", at which time he stated that pertinent information should be furnished your office in order that a plant might be maintained at the residence of BILL WILLIAMS on July 29, 1939 so that ROBERTS would be placed under surveillance should he appear at the WILLIAMS' residence to contact Informant "R". It is suggested that if ROBERTS does call at that place that a cover be placed upon him in an effort to determine whether or not he contacts these Subjects, and for any information of value in connection with this investigation.

Informant "R" has requested that no direct inquiry be made of either Mr. or Mrs. BILL WILLIAMS in connection with this matter.

Close contact will be maintained with Informant "R" and if she should receive any additional information you will be immediately advised. She has stated that she does not think she will hear from ROBERTS prior to Monday, August 31, 1939.

Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

FES:os  
cc - Bureau  
San Francisco



*Bureau*

San Antonio, Texas  
July 20, 1939

FJL/ML

Special Agent in Charge,  
Oklahoma City, Okla.

RE: ROCOL

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your telegram of July 9, 1939, and subsequent instructions from the Bureau, there are today being forwarded to your office under separate cover cards listing the license numbers, motor numbers, and names and addresses of licensees for all Studebaker sedans licensed in Texas under the prefix letter "F".

These registrations total 1,027 distributed in 20 counties and of this total 688 are in the San Antonio Field Division, 315 in the Dallas Field Division and 24 in the El Paso Field Division.

The following schedule indicates the distribution of these license plates:

<u>County</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>San Antonio</u>	<u>Dallas</u>	<u>El Paso</u>
Titus	1		1	
Tom Green	84		84	
Travis	401	401		
Trinity	6	6		
Tyler	1		1	
Upshur	3		3	
Upton	5			5
Uvalde	10	10		
Val Verde	31	31		
Van Zandt	10			
Victoria	18	18		
Walker	11	11		
Waller	5	5		

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July 20, 1939

<u>County</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>San Antonio</u>	<u>Dallas</u>	<u>El Paso</u>
Ward	19			19
Washington	25	25		
Webb	163	163		
Wharton	18	18		
Wheeler	6		6	
Wichita	181		181	
Wilbarger	29		29	
	<u>1,027</u>	<u>689</u>	<u>315</u>	<u>24</u>

In accordance with your instructions, this information is being directed to you so that your office may set out leads desired.

In this connection, Miss BESSIE BERGSTROM, Chief Clerk, Automobile Registration Division, State Highway Department, Austin, Texas, stated that this list is as complete as is possible from her records but is not necessarily all inclusive inasmuch as Tax Collectors in the various counties very often hold the registration certificates for various periods of time. She further stated that this would be particularly true if a set of "F" plates were stolen and that in that event it might be several weeks before this information would reach her office. It will be noted that the cards forwarded herewith include lost or stolen "F" plates as indicated by Miss BERGSTROM'S records. She states that if the car in question bears a set of "F" plates stolen within the past few weeks these plates probably would not appear in her records due to the slowness of the various Tax Collectors in furnishing her information concerning re-issue plates.

She called attention to the further fact that if a set of "F" plates were stolen from a car and the owner had a set of re-issue plates issued in a county not using the "F" prefix, this loss of plates would not come to light until the Tax Collector, who reissued the plates made his report and that to determine this prior to the receipt of each report it would be necessary to examine all of the re-issue plates issued by each Tax Collector in the State of Texas.

For instance, if a set of "F" plates issued in Travis County were stolen in Anderson County and a set of re-issue plates issued in Anderson

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County, this fact would probably not appear in the "F" registrations at Austin for a period of several weeks and the only way the loss of these plates would be discovered would be through a check of licenses issued in Anderson County.

Inasmuch as there are approximately 100,000 registration cards bearing the prefix "F" and requires approximately 11 man-days to check these registrations, it does not appear practicable to check them at frequent intervals.

Miss BERGSTROM has been requested to and has advised that she will advise this office of any loss or stolen "F" plates which comes to her knowledge in the future.

The original cards prepared in this check are being forwarded to you and no duplicate copies have been made. It is therefore suggested that you forward to the San Antonio, Dallas, and El Paso offices respectively the cards covering the cars that you desire to be checked.

Very truly yours,

Gus T. Jones,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Bureau-3  
cc Dallas-2  
cc El Paso-2  
cc Oklahoma City-3

Memphis, Tennessee  
August 3, 1939

SSA:SSN  
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Mrs. ~~A~~ M. S. T.  
Post Office Box #799  
Memphis, Tennessee

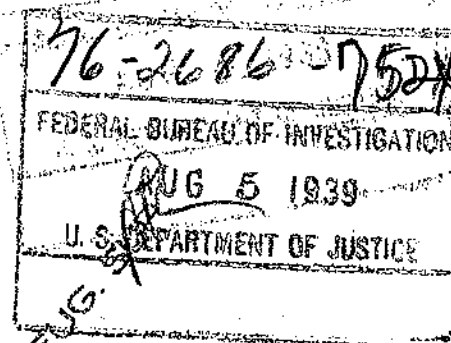
Dear Madam:

In connection with your communication with Mr.  
J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investiga-  
tion, dated May 5, 1939, it is desired that you immediately  
communicate with me at the Memphis office of the Federal  
Bureau of Investigation.

Very truly yours,

J. W. VINCENT  
Special Agent in Charge

cc: Bureau



Charge to the account of

CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED	
DOMESTIC	CABLE
TELEGRAM	ORDINARY
DAY LETTER	URGENT RATE
SERIAL	DEFERRED
NIGHT LETTER	NIGHT LETTER
SPECIAL SERVICE	SHIP RADIOGRAM

Patrons should check class of service desired, otherwise the message will be transmitted as a telegram or ordinary cablegram.

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ACCOUNTING INFORMATION

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PRESIDENT

NEWCOMB CARLTON  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

J. C. WILLEVER  
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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

FBI OKLAHOMA CITY OKLAHOMA 7-27-39 1:40 PM  
RTH:men 76-348

R. B. HOOD  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
810 SOUTH SPRING, ROOM 603  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

BETEL ROCOL. PONTIAC THOUGHT BEARING MISSOURI OR ILLINOIS LICENSE.

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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 unrepeat-message rate beyond the sum of five hundred dollars; nor for mistakes or delays in the transmission or delivery, or for non-delivery, of any message received for transmission at the repeated-message rate beyond the sum of five thousand dollars, unless specially valued; nor in any case for delays arising from unavoidable interruption in the working of its lines; nor for errors in cipher or obscure messages.

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

3. The company is hereby made the agent of the sender, without liability, to forward this message over the lines of any other company when necessary to reach its destination. 4. Domestic messages and incoming cable messages will be delivered free within one-half mile of the company's office in towns of 5,000 population or less, and within one mile of such office in other cities or towns. Beyond these limits the company does not undertake to make delivery, but will, without liability, at the sender's request, as his agent and at his expense, endeavor to contract for him for such delivery at a reasonable price.

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

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9. No employee of the company is authorized to vary the foregoing.

**THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY**  
INCORPORATED  
R. B. WHITE, President

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### CLASSES OF SERVICE

#### DOMESTIC SERVICES

##### TELEGRAMS

A full-rate expedited service.

##### DAY LETTERS

A deferred service at lower than the standard telegram rates.

##### SERIALS

Messages sent in sections during the same day.

##### NIGHT LETTERS

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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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
940 FIRST NATIONAL BANK BLDG  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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REPORT MADE AT <b>Chicago, Illinois</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7/29/39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7/27/39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>G. C. WOLTZ GCW:BM</b>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px auto; width: 80%;"> <p>Illinois has no information relative to the location of his brother [redacted]. [redacted] has not heard from him in over a year and has no information of how to get in touch with him.</p> </div> <p style="text-align: center;">R.U.C.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma dated 12/2/38; report of Special Agent G. C. CALLAN dated at Springfield, Ill. 6/6/39; report of Special Agent G. C. WOLTZ dated at Chicago, Ill. 7/19/39.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>AT AURORA, ILLINOIS</u></p> <p>On July 27, 1939 the writer located [redacted] at which time [redacted] stated that he has no information as to the present location of his brother [redacted] that he has not seen [redacted] in over a year; that the last occasion was about a year ago when [redacted] spent one night with him in Chicago; that the next morning they rode down the street in Chicago on the "L" train and that [redacted] left him at the Kimball Building. At this time [redacted] was broke and [redacted] stated that he gave him what change he had and told [redacted] to hang around a few days until he got work. He stated that [redacted] spoke of trying to</p>			
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get a job that day with some of the printing concerns as [ ] is a printer by trade. He stated that [ ] never did come back to his house and he has not seen [ ] since. He does not regard this unusual because [ ] for the past several years has been accustomed to hopping in and out in this same manner; that he would be gone a year or two years and then all of a sudden appear; leave the next day and not be seen or heard from until he again made his appearance.

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[ ] stated he would be at a loss to offer any suggestion as to how to get in touch with [ ] because he has no knowledge of any of [ ] contacts or friends and does not know where he is. All leads in the Chicago Area have been covered and this case is considered

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

**Washington, D. C.**

EAT:GVC

July 29, 1939

Time: 3:50 p.m.

*George J. F.S.*

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

RE: RCOL

While engaged in telephonic conversation with Special Agent Ellsworth of Los Angeles he discussed the communication from Oklahoma City which was in regard to setting a plant around an address on Mariposa Street, Long Beach, California. This address was supposed to be the residence of one Bill Williams and Ruth Crawford, a woman who was supposed to have traveled with Roe and Cole, was to have been there on July 29, but due to the illness of her daughter, she could not leave Oklahoma. Ruth Crawford had told Agents in Oklahoma City that Roe and Cole lived nearby and she would probably see them if she went to California.

said

Mr. Ellsworth a plant had been on this place for three days, that it was in a very bad part of town on a dead end street and an Agent would probably be spotted if around there too long. I told Mr. Ellsworth to discontinue this plant after tonight.

*E. A. TAMM*  
E. A. TAMM

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*Walter R. Cole*

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202 U. S. COURT HOUSE  
EL PASO, TEXAS

ROCOL REPORTS INDICATE PAUL BREWER HELD BY SHERIFF PHOENIX, ARIZONA. ARRANGE IMMEDIATE INTERVIEW TO CORROBORATE OR DISPROVE STATEMENT EARL McGUIRE MENTIONED REPORT SA RT HOOD OKLAHOMA CITY JULY TWENTY FIRST. ADVISE TELEGRAPHICALLY.

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## CLASSES OF SERVICE

### TELEGRAMS

A full-rate expedited service.

### NIGHT MESSAGES

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

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

### DAY LETTERS

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

#### SPECIAL TERMS APPLYING TO DAY LETTERS:

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
AUGUST 3, 1939

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Special Agent in Charge  
Los Angeles, California

Re: ROCOL

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your teletype of July 27, 1939, requesting information as to the registered owner of Chevrolet Coupe bearing 1939 Kansas license #2-7001. In confirmation of the Kansas City Field Division teletype of the same date, this is to advise that Special Agent J. W. CORE telephonically contacted Night Captain RALPH STRICKLIND of the Wichita, Kansas, Police Department, who checked his records and advised the 1939 Kansas license #2-7001 was issued to A. M. PHIPPS, 156 Mariposa, Long Beach, apparently California, although the State was not designated, for a 1931 Chevrolet Coupe, Motor #2,730,811.

Captain STRICKLIND advised that the Wichita, Kansas, Police Department, files reflect no wanted notice on the car license or owner, and after examining the City Directories, he stated that there was no such street as Mariposa in Wichita nor is there any A. M. PHIPPS listed in the Wichita Directories.

In view of the above information, it appears that there is no further investigation to be conducted by the Kansas City Field Division relative to this car unless further information is developed by your office.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY  
Special Agent in Charge

JWC:MF  
76-471  
cc - Bureau  
Oklahoma City

76-2186-754X  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
AUG 5 1939  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

FILE NO.

76-259

REPORT MADE AT  Dallas, Texas	DATE WHEN MADE  7/31/39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE  7/13/39	REPORT MADE BY  D. L. McCORMACK
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:**

BOBBIE LOU HILL and the DELL CARPENTER family not located Fort Worth, Texas.

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**REFERENCE:**

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

**DETAILS:**

The address of 3321 Burton Street, Fort Worth, Texas, is occupied by C. P. BURNSIDE, who stated that he does not know BOBBIE LOU HILL and that no one by that name has received mail at this residence to his knowledge. BURNSIDE has lived in this residence approximately one year and did not know the former occupants.

A check of the City Directory and the Post Office, Fort Worth, Texas, failed to reveal any information concerning BOBBIE LOU HILL.

The Police Department, Fort Worth, Texas, has no record of BOBBIE LOU HILL, and the officers of the Vice Squad did not know the name.

The City Directories and the Post Office Department could furnish no information relative to the DELL CARPENTER family at Fort Worth, Texas. The address 1213 North Peach Street is non-existent. Peach Street runs east and west in Fort Worth, and there is no 1213 either east or west.

No information could be obtained at the Fort Worth, Texas Police Department concerning DELL CARPENTER or family. It would appear that the Identification Division of the Police Department should have information concerning DELL CARPENTER if he were formerly a resident of Fort Worth, Texas, and is

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RE: RCOL; Dallas #76-259;  
SA D.L.McCORMACK.

now in Leavenworth Penitentiary. However, if such is the case, it is  
filed under another name.

P E N D I N G.

OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nathan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Crowl \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Egan \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Kleinlauf \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Lester \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. McIntire \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Q. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Record of Telephone Call or Visitor.

August 3 1939.

Time 10:18 am

Name Mr. Mulcahy tele

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

Details:

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Advised United Press have a report from Phoenix Arizona that an ex-convict named Paul Wayne Brewer is being questioned by FBI agents regarding a "killing in Kansas City". They can get no information at Phoenix and therefore appeal to Washington.

After checking with Mr. Tamm I called Mr. Mulcahy and advised him no comment should be made.

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(Roe and Cole case)

Brewer is being questioned re ROCOL case - a stop had been placed against his prints in Ident and he was located in Phoenix.

no comment

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO: **76-89** SSN

REPORT MADE AT <b>MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8-3-39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8-2,3-39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>SCOTT ALDEN</b>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Post Office Box #799, Memphis, Tennessee, listed in the name of LOIS MARTIN who is not found in the city or telephone directories. Reference given in securing this box, GRACE HAGAN, who denies knowing any LOIS MARTIN. Communication addressed to Informant, Box #799, requesting contact with the Memphis Field Office.

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**REFERENCE:** Bureau letter dated May 11, 1939.

**DETAILS:** **AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE**

For the sake of continuity it may be noted that the Bureau, as reflected by reference letter, received a letter dated May 15, 1939, from an individual signing herself only, MRS. M. S. T., Memphis, Tennessee, in which it was stated that RALPH ROE got away from Alcatraz Prison and was boarding last year at the Jefferson Hotel, Dyersburg, Tennessee. This woman further gave her address as Box #799. The reference letter instructed that an appropriate investigation be conducted by the Memphis Field Division.

Inquiry at the Superintendent of Mails's office of the Memphis Post Office, revealed that Post Office Box #799 is listed in the name of LOIS MARTIN who gave as a reference GRACE HAGAN, 466 N. Watkins Street, which address was apparently used also by the applicant, LOIS MARTIN. The city and telephone directories of Memphis reflect no one by the name of LOIS MARTIN.

At 466 N. Watkins Street, which is a beauty shop, known as the Grace-Ann Beauty Shop, MISS GRACE HAGAN advised that she knew no LOIS MARTIN or any individual who might give her name as a reference in securing a post

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September 2, 1939

Special Agent in Charge  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

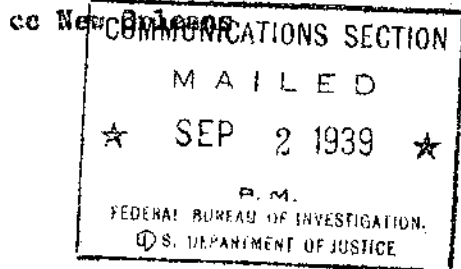
RE: RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I. O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1471;  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent  
C. W. Toulme, dated at New Orleans, Louisiana, on August 5,  
1939, and specifically to page 3 of this report where in-  
formation is set forth that a woman had contacted I. E.  
Brooks, of Rodessa, Louisiana, and advised him that she was  
working for the FBI.

Your attention is being directed to this information  
in view of the fact that your office is presently employing  
a confidential informant who may possibly be the woman referred  
to, and it is suggested that you impress upon the informant  
the fact that she should at no time make representations to any-  
one that she is employed by the FBI.

Very truly yours,  
For the Director

Harold Nathan  
Assistant Director



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

Oklahoma City, Okla.

FILE NO. 76-257 WH

REPORT MADE AT <b>New Orleans</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8-5-39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7-24-39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>C. W. TOULME</b>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1471.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <i>I. B. BROOKS, Rodessa, La., who identified photograph of ROE to informant, states he identified photograph when woman who picked him up showed him the photograph and stated she worked for FBI. No identification made at Columbia Cafe and Bar, Rodessa, La.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>R. U. C.</b></p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent F. S. SMITH, Oklahoma City, 6-27-39.</p> <p>DETAILS: At Rodessa, Louisiana.</p> <p>I. B. BROOKS was located at the Brewster Company where he is employed, and he was exhibited the photographs of subjects COLE and ROE, and he picked out the photograph of ROE, bearing the Oklahoma City #15589 and stated that about two and a half months ago he walked into the Columbia Cafe and Bar at Rodessa about midnight, at which time there were about twenty people in there at tables and at the bar. The crowd was quite noisy and BROOKS asked a man who was leaning against the bar close to the door what was going on and the man answered "Start something and you'll see ". Shortly thereafter BROOKS walked out of the place. He stated that he noticed a man in the rear of the cafe dancing with a woman and that the woman the man was dancing with seemed to be with two or three other women who were seated at a table at the rear of the cafe. All of these women had on evening clothes according to BROOKS. The man who was dancing with the woman in the rear of the cafe, according to BROOKS, looked like the above mentioned photograph of RALPH ROE. He did not see the man at the bar speak to the man dancing in the rear, however, BROOKS thinks that they were together. The man leaning on the bar appeared to be keeping his eye on a Buick four door sedan, black color, with Texas license plates, which was</p>			
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parked outside of the cafe. Seated in the back of the Buick sedan was a person whom BROOKS could not see well enough to say whether it was a man or woman, however, he believes it may have been a woman.

BROOKS stated that when he walked into the cafe the man who was dancing looked him square in the eye, and as BROOKS considers himself somewhat of a psychologist, he figures that there was some good reason for this man to look at him that way. As BROOKS did not want to get into any trouble, and as the cafe was quite noisy, he stayed only a very short time and then left.

BROOKS described the man who was dancing, and whom he states was ROE, as being about 35 or 40 years of age, 5'11", or 6', 180-190 lbs., wore gloves and was well dressed in a bluish colored suit. He described the man who was leaning on the bar close to the door as being about 35 years of age, 5'10" in height, 180 lbs., chunky build, light brown hair and light brown mustache. BROOKS did not identify the photograph of COLE as resembling anyone seen in the cafe. He states that he has not seen either one of the men above mentioned in Rodessa or elsewhere since that time.

BROOKS was questioned as to the first time he saw the photograph of ROE, and he stated that he was on his way to Ada, Oklahoma to see his two children, and that a woman picked him up at Colgate, Oklahoma and gave him a lift; that while they were riding she showed him the photographs of ROE and COLE and asked him if he had ever seen either one of them and he immediately told her that he had seen ROE in the Columbia Cafe in Rodessa. BROOKS states that he had never seen a photograph of ROE or COLE before the time it was showed to him by this woman who picked him up. He also states he never knew ROE and never heard of him before this woman showed him the photographs. BROOKS states that this woman, whose name he did not inquire or ascertain, told him that she was working for the F. B. I., and that her job was to go around and drink beer and dance and get information. He also states that she showed him a badge which he thought was an F. B. I. badge which she had pinned under the lapel of her dress. She also made him write down his name, residence address and business so that she could find him again.

In regard to I. B. BROOKS it may be mentioned that he stated to the writer that he is over forty five years of age and that the insurance companies are reluctant to insure men for compensation insurance at his age and that he is trying to get some publicity so that he can get on the radio. In an effort to get such publicity he states that some time ago he wrote to MR. HAMILTON, the Chairman of the National Republican Committee, when HAMILTON was trying to pick out a good man for the Republican nomination for President of the United States, and stated his qualifications for president, and that MR. HAMILTON wrote him a nice letter in reply. He states that he did not intend to run for president and did not think that the Republicans would nominate him, but he thought he would get some publicity out of it, however, the newspapers would not

publish anything about it. In view of the fact that Mr. McNUTT of Indiana has now been prominently mentioned as a possible candidate for nomination by the Democratic Party for President, MR. BROOKS thinks he will write to President ROOSEVELT and tell him that he, BROOKS, would be a stronger opponent for Mr. ROOSEVELT than MR. McNUTT would and that if the President would give him a good job like he gave Mr. McNUTT, he would withdraw from the Presidential race in favor of President ROOSEVELT.

Although the above has no bearing on this case as to the locations of the subjects, it is set out so that the office of origin may consider it in view of BROOKS' identification of subject ROE'S photograph and the type of information furnished by the informant in reference report.

Photographs of subjects were exhibited to MR. PANOS, operator of the Columbia Cafe and Bar at Rodessa and he stated that no one resembling these photographs had been in this cafe to his knowledge. He stated that he is in the cafe and bar each night until closing time and also acts as cashier.

These photographs were also exhibited to MR. ROWELL, taxi driver, who has his stand at the Columbia Cafe and who spends a great deal of his time there each day and night, and he could not make an identification of either subjects' photograph. He stated that several months ago he saw someone at the Snow Hill Honkytonk who somewhat resembled the photograph of ROE, however, the resemblance was not enough for him to say that it might have been the same man. He could not recall any description of the person he referred to and stated that he had not seen him in several months.

The photographs of subjects were exhibited to J. J. ROGERS, operator of the Snow Hill Honkytonk, several miles southwest of Rodessa, and he could not make any identification.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO DIVISION OF ORIGIN

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

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

# WESTERN UNION

R. B. WHITE  
PRESIDENT

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CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

J. C. WILLEVER  
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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

FBI EL PASO, TEXAS AUGUST 3, 1939 8:40 PM LW hcf

H. E. ANDERSEN,  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
940 FIRST NATIONAL BUILDING,  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA.

ROCOL. BREWER STATES MCGUIRE SPENT NIGHT OF JUNE TWENTY NINTH WITH UNKNOWN WOMAN ROMONA HOTEL PUEBLO. BREWER SLEPT IN CAR AT COLORADOSPRINGS. MCGUIRE NEVER MENTIONED SEEING SUBJECTS OR OTHER DETAILS MENTIONED HOODS REPORT JULY TWENTY FIRST. BREWER DOES NOT RECALL SEEING ANY STUDEBAKER CAR OR OTHER CAR WITH TEXAS LICENSE DURING TRIP. MCGUIRE SAW BOOTS LAD ON MAIN STREET IN PUEBLO TWENTY EIGHTH AND BELIEVED TO HAVE VISITED LAD LATER AT UNKNOWN HOTEL HALF BLOCK OFF MAIN STREET IN BUSINESS SECTION WHERE LAD RESIDED. SUGGEST INTERVIEW BREWERS WIFE ROSELINE RESIDING TWO TWO TWO TWO AND HALF EXCHANGE AVE OKLAHOMACITY. WHERE SHE RETURNED FROM PHOENIX DAY BREWER ARRESTED HERE.

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS  
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CHARGE FBI EL PASO

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76-1111
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
AUG 8 1939
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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

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

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

3. The company is hereby made the agent of the sender, without liability, to forward this message over the lines of any other company when necessary to reach its destination.

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

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

6. The company will not be liable for damages or statutory penalties in any case where the claim is not presented in writing within sixty days after the message is filed with the company for transmission. In the case of intrastate messages in Texas the company will not be liable for damages or statutory penalties in any case where the claim is not presented in writing within ninety-five days after the cause of action, if any, shall have accrued.

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

8. Special terms governing the transmission of messages according to their classes, as enumerated below, shall apply to messages in each of such respective classes in addition to all the foregoing terms.

9. No employee of the company is authorized to vary the foregoing.

### THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY

INCORPORATED  
R. B. WHITE, PRESIDENT

## CLASSES OF SERVICE

### TELEGRAMS

A full-rate expedited service.

### NIGHT MESSAGES

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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EL PASO, TEXAS  
AUGUST 3, 1939.

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

CONFERENCE TELETYPE TO:

SAC OKLAHOMA CITY

SAC DENVER, COLO.

76-1111  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

AUG 8 1939

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
EUG. ST.

ROCOL. PAUL BREWER CLAIMS HE LEFT HIS HOME IN OKLAHOMA CITY WITH MCGUIRE MORNING JUNE TWENTY SEVENTH ARRIVING PUEBLO, COLORADO EIGHT PM. ABOUT NINE PM MCGUIRE SAW TWO MEN IN A POOL HALL WHOM HE CLAIMED WERE FROM OKLAHOMA, AND ONE OF WHOM WAS THE BEST SHORT CHANGE MAN IN THE COUNTRY. BREWER SLEPT IN CAR OUTSIDE OF TOWN AND DOES NOT KNOW WHERE MCGUIRE SLEPT. ON JUNE TWENTY EIGHTH THEY WENT TO LAMAR, COLORADO AND STAYED AT POSTLEWAITES SERVICE STATION AND TOURIST COURT. THAT EVENING BREWER TOOK AN UNKNOWN GIRL TO THE AMBASSADOR HOTEL IN PUEBLO AND RETURNED TO LAMAR. MCGUIRE'S ACTIVITIES UNKNOWN THAT NIGHT. THEY SLEPT ALL DAY THE TWENTY NINTH AND CASED THE STORE AT HOLLY THAT NIGHT. ON THE THIRTIETH THEY SPENT THE DAY DRINKING IN PUEBLO. MCGUIRE DOES NOT REMEMBER ANYTHING DEFINITE. ON NIGHT OF THE FIRST OF JULY THEY AGAIN CASED THE HOLLY JOB. ON THE SECOND, THEY WENT TO GARDEN CITY AND THEN TO HOLLY WHERE THEY KNOCKED OVER THE STORE EARLY MORNING OF THE THIRD. MCGUIRE AT NO TIME MENTIONED ROE OR COLE TO BREWER, WHO KNOWS BOTH. MCGUIRE was known AS A WRONG GUY AND A LIAR IN THE PENITENTIARY, AND BREWER CLAIMS ROE AND COLE WOULD NEVER ASSOCIATE WITH HIM, PARTICULARLY WHEN THEY WERE HOT. BREWER IS EVASIVE AND

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

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Transmit the following Teletype message to:

PAGE #2 - CONFERENCE TELETYPE TO OKLAHOMA CITY AND DENVER.

AGENTS PHOENIX ARE STILL QUESTIONING HIM WITH REGARD TO STUDEBAKER  
AUTOMOBILE. WITH EXCEPTION OF TOURIST CAMP, LAMAR, COLORADO, BREWER  
CLAIMS NIGHTS WERE SPENT IN AUTOMOBILE. DENVER REQUESTED CHECK  
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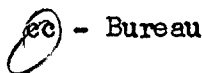
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Special Agent in Charge

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940 First National Building

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

August 4, 1939

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Special Agent in Charge  
El Paso, Texas

Dear Sir:

Re: ROCOL

Reference is made to telegram from the El Paso Field Office dated August 2, 1939, which reflects that PAUL BREWER characterizes EARL McGUIRE as a prevaricator who is not intimate with the subjects in this case.

Confirming my telephonic request of August 3, to Special Agent L. WHITSON of your office, it is requested that you have BREWER reinterviewed at the Sheriff's Office at Phoenix, Arizona, to definitely establish through him, if possible, where he and McGUIRE were from June 27 to June 30, 1939.

By referring to the report of Special Agent R. T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated July 21, 1939, you will note that when interviewed, EARL McGUIRE stated that he was at Pueblo, Colorado, from June 27 to June 30 at which time he saw subjects in this case who had in their possession a 1937 Studebaker Sedan bearing a Texas license with an "F" prefix. In consequence of this information, the San Antonio Office has checked the State Registration Bureau for all Studebaker cars having "F" prefix and each car will necessarily have to be investigated unless the story of McGUIRE can be positively refuted.

In questioning BREWER every effort should be made to have him give definite information which will enable his whereabouts and the whereabouts of McGUIRE to be established without doubt. Upon completion of investigation by your field division, the necessary leads will be set out by this field division.

Very truly yours,

HMA:br  
cc - Bureau

H. E. ANDERSEN  
Special Agent in Charge

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **OKLAHOMA CITY OKLAHOMA**

FILE NO. **76-95**

REPORT MADE AT <b>DENVER COLORADO</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8-7-39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7-26, 28-39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. J. STARKE</b>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

JOHN METCALF, father, and BILL METCALF, brother of WINNIE METCALF, claim no contact with WINNIE but promised co-operation. Post Office at Hatchkiss, Colo., reports no communications have been received for relatives of METCALF in past 4 months. Secret Service, Denver, Colo., also attempting to locate METCALF as suspect for counterfeiting. Mail cover on HERSELD WING, Monte Vista, Colo., unproductive.

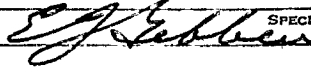
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**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent J. J. PIEPER, dated at Seattle, Washington, February 16, 1939; Report of Special Agent D. C. SPENCER, dated at Denver, Colorado, June 3, 1939; and Report of Special Agent GEORGE J. ROSS, dated at Salt Lake City, Utah, July 18, 1939.

**DETAILS:**

**AT HATCHKISS COLORADO**

MRS. BRUCE DUKE, Assistant Postmistress, stated she has been watching for mail coming to the relatives of WINNIE METCALF very closely, both from her own interest and in an attempt to co-operate with the Secret Service, Denver, Colorado. She stated that the Post Office had been requested by the Secret Service to cover

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all of the mail for the METCALF family in Hotchkiss and further, she had a personal interest in locating WINNIE METCALF. She stated there has been no mail come in for any of the family during the past four months but believes they must be receiving mail through some other source and up to this time she has been unable to determine where they might be getting mail. She stated that in the event it was determined by her from where they get mail, she would furnish it to both the Denver Field Division of this Bureau and to the Secret Service. She was not requested to place a mail cover upon mail addressed to JOHN METCALF, the father, nor BILL METCALF, the brother, inasmuch as the Secret Service had already requested this mail cover, and she stated in the event anything of value was received, she would furnish it to both offices.

Through MRS. DUKE's assistance, JOHN METCALF was located living in a run-down shack back of the pool hall at Hotchkiss and he stated that he would co-operate fully with this Bureau, in an attempt to locate his son, WINNIE. However, he stated he had not heard from him for more than six months and could not recall from where he received the last letter. He stated he expects eventually that his son will show up at Hotchkiss again and in the event he does, he will notify the Denver Office. Although JOHN METCALF appeared to be co-operative, it is not believed from conversation with MRS. DUKE that he will actually co-operate and turn his son in. However, it was made clear to him that this Bureau was not looking towards the apprehension of his son for the violation of any criminal law, but merely for information purposes.

Through JOHN METCALF's assistance, BILL METCAL, the brother of WINNIE METCALF, was located at the local pool hall where he stated that he had not heard from his brother since he last left Hotchkiss in the summer of 1938 and at which time it was believed he had gone to Silverton, Colorado. He also promised co-operation.

#### AT MONTE VISTA COLORADO

MR. JOHN A. BURGETT, Assistant Postmaster, stated they had received no mail in the local Post Office addressed to HARRIS WING. This mail cover was not requested to be continued by MR. BURGETT and he stated in the event he could develop any information in this case, he would furnish it to the Denver Office.

#### AT DENVER COLORADO

MR. GRADY L. BOATWRIGHT, Secret Service Agent at Denver, Colorado, telephonically contacted the Denver Office and stated he

had made investigation at Glenwood Springs, Colorado, looking towards the location of WINNIE METCALF and had learned that an Agent of this office had also been making investigation there. He stated they were looking for METCALF for the reason they suspected him of manufacturing counterfeit currency inasmuch as he was known to have been in possession of certain tools and machinery which are used in counterfeiting. MR. BOATWRIGHT stated he would appreciate it if the Denver Office would notify his office when and if METCALF is located and further advised that in the event they located METCALF, they would immediately notify the Bureau.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

**Newark** FILE NO. **76-69 EAR**

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEWARK, NEW JERSEY</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8-14-39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7/29/39 8/2,3/39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>LLOYD W. ARMS</b>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases-FUGITIVE, I. O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases-FUGITIVE, I. O. #1471</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Informants in District of New Jersey contacted by no information relative to subjects obtained.

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**REFERENCE:**

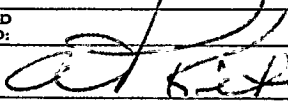
Report of Special Agent Ralph T. Hood, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 7-21-39.

**DETAILS:**

Several underworld informants in the District of New Jersey were contacted by the writer relative to the subjects in this case and it might be noted that all the informants contacted stated that they had no personal knowledge of the subjects and were of the opinion the subjects had drowned in attempting to escape.

Detective ARTHUR WELLER, of the Newark, New Jersey, Police Department, who has numerous contacts in the underworld in the vicinity of Newark, New Jersey, was also contacted relative to this matter and later advised the writer that he was unable to obtain any information relative to the subjects in this case and is of the opinion they are unknown in the vicinity of Newark. There being no further investigation in this District, this case is being

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Mr. Ivan Keener  
Prairie City, Illinois

Dear Mr. Keener:

I desire to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated August 11, 1939, and to advise that copies thereof have been furnished to Mr. E. F. Fitzsimons, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, 1107 Illinois Building, Springfield, Illinois, in order that he may communicate directly with you concerning the matter about which you wrote.

In accordance with your request, I am pleased to enclose herewith a wanted circular including photographs and descriptive data concerning Louis Buchalter.

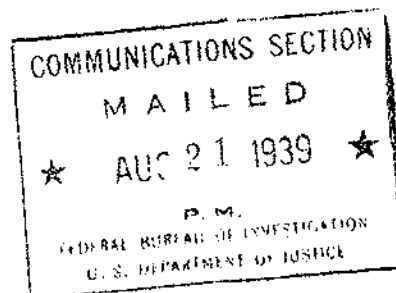
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosure

cc-Springfield (with copies incoming communication)

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Mr. Egan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Crowl \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Lawler \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. McIntire \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Sears \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Q. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Hendon  
Mr. Pennington  
Mr. Quinn  
Mr. Nease  
Mr. Gandy



Prairie City, Ill.  
Aug 11 - 1939

J. B. I.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Did you send a federal  
man here to see me about a case  
in Richmond, Calif.

There a man here  
the other day that said he  
was with the Department of  
Justice. He said he was  
cover all Illinois Counties  
except Cook County. I should  
of made him shown his  
credentials before I gave him  
any information. This man  
if not sent by you has a re-  
semblance of the man you  
want for \$30,000.00. This case  
he was seeing about was about

Ash-cc Springfield 8-21-39 C. H. C.

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Ralph<sup>o</sup> Roe and Theodore<sup>o</sup> Cole  
those two men who escape  
Aleatraz Island in the fall  
of 1937. I spent about 60 days  
getting clues on this case but  
things got so tough that I had  
move out, I have a scar on  
top of my head where they  
tried to kill me so I thought  
it was time to move out.

Can you give me any  
information about this (Lepke)  
that might help me to make  
his arrest, also tell me his  
business. How does he start  
his business, Does he start  
on green innocent people  
In what way does he start  
on these people Try and give  
me a complete picture of  
this man and all the in-  
formation that you have

that you think suitable to  
give me a lead on this man.  
I do a lot of traveling over  
the country & may accidentally  
run across this man.

Would like to become  
F.B.I. <sup>man</sup> & have a right to  
arrest a man or woman or  
kid that has committed a  
Big or major crime.

If I can be of any  
service any other way then  
let me know.

Please let me hear  
from you by return mail.

Sincerely Yours

Joan Kline

Prairie City,  
Ill



(Personal)

J. Edgar Hoover  
Washington

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U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation

to cooperate with the Bureau in any way possible.

MRS. WINELAND upon interview advised that she had visited her son, THEODORE J. AUDETTE on one or two occasions; that a guard of the Penitentiary was always present and that it would have been impossible for AUDETTE to impart to her any information concerning the two fugitives. She stated that she is quite certain that even though a guard had not been present her son would not have furnished her any information or endeavor to have her take any action to assist ROE or COLE. She further advised that neither she nor her husband had ever been visited or contacted in any way by any parties who had been released from the Penitentiary; that should she at any time receive any information which might be of help to the Bureau she would be glad to furnish the same. Photographs of the fugitives were shown to both MR. and MRS. WINELAND, who failed to make an identification. They appeared to be sincere and cooperative. They reside in a small house on the South side of the Umatilla River, it being noted that Cayuse is a small town approximately twelve miles East of Pendleton, Oregon.

Peace officers in the vicinity, as well as officers on the Umatilla Indian Reservation, are acquainted with WINELAND and stated that he bears a good reputation. The WINELANDS advised Agent that they expect to go to California in the near future.

A review of the file in the Portland Office fails to indicate that any further investigation is pending here at this time. It is not believed that all of the automobiles which passed through the California checking stations on December 15th and 16th have been fully checked out, but it is noted that the Bureau has authorized the termination of this phase of the investigation.

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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 <b>San Francisco, Calif.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8-5-39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7/26, 27, 31/39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>H. W. HANKINSON - WDR</b>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE I.O #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE I.O. #1471</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Photographs of nine prisoners received at Alcatraz November 29, 1938, being forwarded Seattle Office for exhibition to JEFFERSON ROUBIDEAUX. ARTHUR H. YOUNG-BERG transferred from Alcatraz to Leavenworth July 10, 1938. CHARLES B. CHASE, brother of JOHN PAUL CHASE has no information concerning ROE or COLE.

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REFERENCES: Report of Special Agent JOSEPH J. PIEPER, May 24, 1939, Seattle, Wash.

Report of Special Agent D. W. MCGEE dated July 18, 1939, at Los Angeles, California.

Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD dated June 2, 1939, at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Report of Special Agent L. H. RICHMOND dated February 2, 1939, at San Francisco, Calif.

Report of Special Agent M. E. GURNEA dated December 28, 1937,

## DETAILS:

RE: JEFFERSON ROUBIDEAUX

Reference is made to report of Special Agent JOSEPH J. PIEPER, dated May 24, 1939, at Seattle, Washington, in which it is reported that JEFFERSON ROUBIDEAUX, Alcatraz #342, stated that he heard from one prisoner at Alcatraz that COLE was acquainted with FRANK NASH'S wife and that COLE had contacted her in Kansas City.

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Missouri, since the escape. This information came from a prisoner who supposedly was brought to Alcatraz between December 15, and 20, 1938, or about the time that ROUBIDEAUX left Alcatraz. The prisoner was supposed to have been sent up from Wichita, Kansas for a six-year term and ROUBIDEAUX believed his number to be #466, but he was not certain of this.

AT ALCATRAZ ISLAND:

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent A. E. FARLAND. The information was obtained from the Record Clerk, W. F. DORRINGTON, at the Federal Penitentiary:

On December 20, 1938, JEFFERSON ROUBIDEAUX was transferred from Alcatraz Island to McNeil Island. The only prisoners who were received in Alcatraz near that date were the following nine prisoners who were received November 29, 1938:

HARRY EDWARDS	AZ	#461
HARRY (PECK) MURRY		#464
RAMOND HOWARD PYLE		#465
JOHN RICHARD BAYLESS		#466
RAY LOYD BARKER		#467
JOHN COUCH		#468
LEWIS MORSON		#470
ROBERT BURNS		#472
HERMAN VACCA		#473

It is noted that none of these prisoners were sent up from Wichita, Kansas. It is also noted that one of these prisoners is JOHN RICHARD BAYLESS, #466, whose number is identical with the number that ROUBIDEAUX believed to be the number of the prisoner who gave him the above information about COLE contacting FRANK NASH'S wife in Kansas City, Missouri, subsequent to the escape. Photographs of all the above nine prisoners were obtained from DORRINGTON so that if when ROUBIDEAUX is next interviewed he is unable to identify BAYLESS as being the prisoner in question, it will then be possible to exhibit the photographs of the other eight who were received at Alcatraz at the same time in a further effort to identify the prisoner. Lead to this effect is being set forth for the Seattle Office with a request that the investigation be expedited, inasmuch as these photographs were borrowed from the authorities at Alcatraz with the understanding that they would be returned as quickly as possible.

RE: ARTHUR H. YOUNGBERG

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent A. E. FARLAND:

W. F. ~~DORRINGTON~~, record clerk at Alcatraz, advised that on July 10, 1938, ARTHUR H. YOUNGBERG, #195, had been transferred from this prison to Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, and that nearly all the records concerning him had been transferred there with him. DORRINGTON advised that YOUNGBERG is due to be released from prison in 1944. However, he was to become eligible for parole in October, 1938. Inasmuch as it is desired that YOUNGBERG be located for interview concerning any knowledge he may have of instant escape, the lead is being set forth for the Kansas City Office for that purpose.

RE: VOINEY ~~DAVIS~~

Special Agent A. E. FARLAND has made numerous attempts in the past, and also recently, to interview VOINEY DAVIS in regard to this escape, and also regarding other official matters. However, DAVIS consistently refuses to be interviewed and for this reason no further attempts will be made for this purpose.

AT SAN QUENTIN, CALIFORNIA:

RE: CAL ~~YOUNG~~

Special Agent A. E. FARLAND inquired at the penitentiary concerning CAL YOUNG and he was advised that this prisoner is presently confined to the prison hospital so the lead to interview him concerning any information he might have concerning the present whereabouts of ROE or COLE is being set out at the end of this report.



AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

In reference report of Special Agent M. E. GURNEA dated December 28, 1937, at San Francisco, California, a lead was set forth requesting that the visitors and correspondents of JOHN PAUL CHASE, #238 be interviewed. Among these visitors were CHARLES B., FRANK, and AMBROSE CHASE, all brothers of the above mentioned prisoner.

CHARLES B. CHASE is presently living at 715 - 42nd Avenue, San Francisco, California; telephone number EVERgreen 2466, and he is employed by the Southern Pacific Golden Gate Ferries, Limited, where he can be reached through telephone number DOUGlas 1212, local 2936. In an interview at the San Francisco Field Office, he advised the following: He visits his brother JOHN PAUL CHASE at Alcatraz usually at least once every two months, and sometimes once every month. FRANK and AMBROSE visit JOHN PAUL CHASE about the same amount, inasmuch as the prisoners are allowed only one visit and two visitors per month, they necessarily have to take turns in visiting their brother. At no time during any of these visits has JOHN PAUL ever indicated to CHARLES that he has any information concerning the success or failure of instant escape. As a matter of fact, CHARLES stated that during any of these visits there are always two guards standing at their side so that if JOHN PAUL did have any information concerning this escape which he desired to convey to him, such would be impossible in view of the close proximity of the prison guards. He also made the remark that in his opinion if his brother JOHN PAUL CHASE did have any information concerning this escape, that he (JOHN PAUL) is not the type of a man who would tell his brother about any activities of any of his criminal associates. He also stated that if JOHN PAUL CHASE had known about the plans for the escape, he feels certain that JOHN PAUL would not have suggested to them that they contact him CHARLES CHASE, or FRANK and AMBROSE, the other two brothers. CHARLES CHASE stated there was absolutely no information concerning this escape that he was able to furnish to Agent.

According to him, AMBROSE CHASE can be located through FRANK CHASE who lives in Sausalito, California, and he has a telephone there. He works for the Pacific Telegraph and Telephone Company as a "trouble shooter", in Marin County. He suggested that it would be most suitable to interview FRANK after 5 P.M.

RE: GEORGE THOMPSON

Inquiry was made at the office of the Federal Probation officer located in the Post Office Building, and it was determined there that GEORGE THOMPSON, Alcatraz #249, is presently reporting to Probation Officer and his listed address was 119 Haight Street. Accordingly a lead is being set forth at the end of this report to interview him concerning any knowledge he might have concerning this escape.

ENCLOSURES TO THE SEATTLE OFFICE:

The following photographs:

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE KANSAS CITY OFFICE:

AT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS, will interview inmate ARTHUR H. YOUNGBERG relative to his knowledge of instant escape. It is noted that this prisoner was scheduled to become eligible for parole October, 1938, (reference is made to report of Special Agent E. M. GURNEA, San Francisco, California, 12-28-37.)

SEATTLE OFFICE:

AT McNEIL ISLAND, will exhibit the photograph of JOHN RICHARD BAYLESS #466 to JEFFERSON ROUBIDEAUX to determine whether this is the prisoner he referred to in report of Special Agent JOSEPH J. PIEPER, Seattle, Washington, May 24, 1939, who allegedly made the statement that COLE had contacted FRANK NASH'S wife in Kansas City, Missouri, subsequent to the escape. Photographs of the other eight prisoners received at Alcatraz at the same time BAYLESS arrived there are being forwarded to the Seattle office for exhibition to ROUBIDEAUX in the event BAYLESS is not identified. These photographs are to be returned to the San Francisco Office for transmittal to the authorities at Alcatraz. Inasmuch as these photographs were borrowed, it is requested that this lead be expedited, and the photographs returned as soon as possible.

THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD OFFICE

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, will interview GEORGE THOMPSON at 119 Haight Street, relative to instant escape. THOMPSON is presently reporting to the Federal Probation Officer in San Francisco.

AT SAN QUENTIN, will interview CAL YOUNG for the purpose of determining whether he has any information concerning the present location of either ROE or COLE.

AT SAUSALITO, CALIFORNIA, will interview FRANK CHASE, brother of JOHN PAUL CHASE; will locate AMBROSE CHASE, another brother, through FRANK and will interview him in the same regard. FRANK works for the telephone company, and it is suggested that he be contacted after 5 p.m.

P E N D I N G

HMK:EE  
76-2686

August 12, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER  
TOLSON  
NATHAN  
CLEGG  
TAMM, E. A.  
GLAVIN

HARBO  
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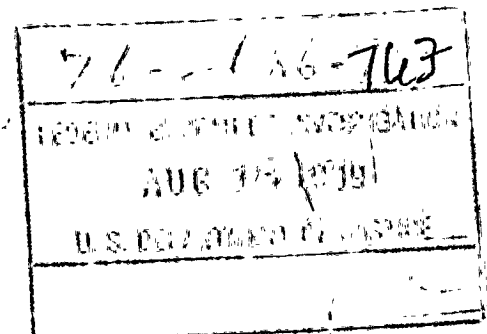
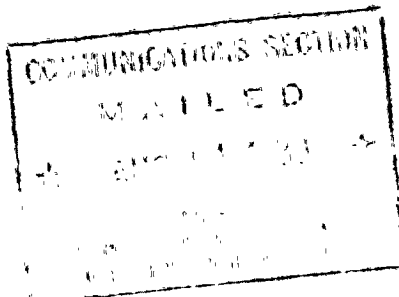
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Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosures



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	BOSTON	EL PASO	NEWARK	SAN FRANCISCO
	BUFFALO	HUNTINGTON	NEW ORLEANS	SEATTLE
	BUTTE	INDIANAPOLIS	NEW YORK	SPRINGFIELD
	CHARLOTTE	KANSAS CITY	OKLAHOMA CITY	ST. LOUIS
	CHICAGO	KNOXVILLE	OMAHA	ST. PAUL
	CINCINNATI	LITTLE ROCK	PHILADELPHIA	WASHINGTON, D. C.
	CLEVELAND	LOS ANGELES	PITTSBURGH	
	DALLAS	LOUISVILLE	PORTLAND	

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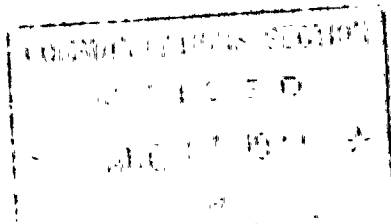
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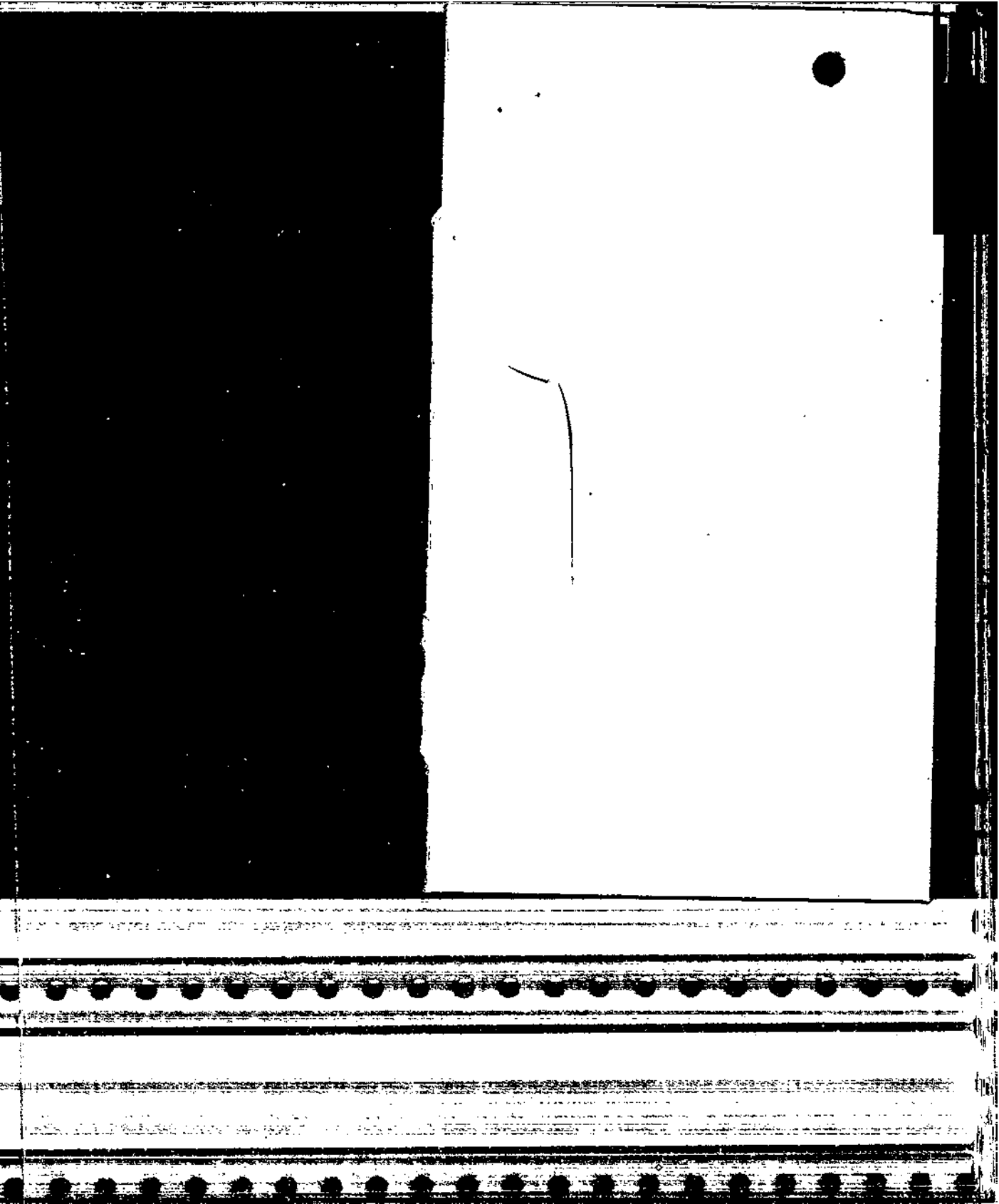
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **OKLAHOMA CITY**

FILE NO. **76-348**

REPORT MADE AT <b>OKLAHOMA CITY</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8-10-39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8-8-39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>R. H. COLVIN</b> <span style="float: right;">wb</span>
TITLE <b>0</b> <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 30%;"> <p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>2m</p> </div> <div style="width: 65%;"> <p>ROSELINE BREWER states her husband told her neither he nor EARL McGUIRE saw ROE and COLE in Colorado; states McGUIRE'S wife told BREWER'S mother EARL was lying about having seen them. ROSELINE BREWER admits visiting OMA GILMORE or GILL at Bartlesville, Okla.; denies that any mention was made of ROE or COLE.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 7-21-39. Teletype from El Paso Office to Denver and Oklahoma City, 8-3-39. Telegram from El Paso Office to Oklahoma City Office, 8-3-39.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">At Oklahoma City.</p> <p>ROSELINE BREWER was interviewed at the Exchange Avenue Hotel, 2222½ Exchange Avenue, where she is residing with PAUL BREWER'S mother. She stated that while she was at Phoenix, Arizona, visiting her husband, that she took occasion to question him about the printed reports that he and McGUIRE had contacted ROE and COLE at Pueblo, Colorado, and that her husband had declared that such was not true and was a pure fabrication on the part of McGUIRE. She said she did not secure any information from her husband about where he and McGUIRE stayed while on the Colorado trip.</p> </div> </div>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive;">H. E. Anderson</div>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive;">76-2686-764</div>	
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ROSELINE BREWER stated that McGUIRE'S story was ridiculous, because it was well known among criminals that he was a liar and a snitch for JAKE SIMS, Chief of Police at Seminole, Oklahoma, and he had got several of the boys in trouble through SIMS, and that if COLE and ROE were alive, which nobody believed, that McGUIRE would be the last person they would contact. She stated that McGUIRE is a braggart and a boaster; that if he picked up a paper and saw something in it about JOHN DILLINGER, PRETTY BOY FLOYD, or any notorious outlaw, he would immediately begin telling how well he had known and associated with them.

ROSELINE BREWER further stated that EARL McGUIRE'S wife had visited PAUL BREWER'S mother and told her that EARL'S story about having seen ROE and COLE was all a lot of "hooley". ROSELINE stated that when PAUL BREWER left for the Colorado trip, he apparently left alone, as she went out to say good-bye to him and there was no one with him when he drove off. She said she thought at the time that he was going after a load of whiskey as he had been hauling that. She stated that she had for some time been trying to keep her husband from running with McGUIRE as she knew that sooner or later they would get in trouble and get caught. She claims that she did not know that PAUL was with McGUIRE until he had come home after escaping from the officers at Garden City.

With respect to McGUIRE'S statement that she had visited OMA GILL at Bartlesville, Oklahoma, she stated that this woman's name is OMA GILMORE and has been a friend of hers for a long time; that about a week or so before PAUL started on the trip to Colorado, she had persuaded him to take her to Bartlesville to visit OMA and that they had run across McGUIRE in Bartlesville, but that McGUIRE did not know OMA and had not gone into the house where OMA lived. She declared that no such conversation as related by McGUIRE took place between her and OMA and that the matter of ROE and COLE was not even mentioned. She stated that at the time of this visit, McGUIRE had his own car and that she showed up in Oklahoma City about the next day after she and her husband got back. This was just a day or two before PAUL left on the trip which wound up in Colorado and Kansas.

ROSELINE BREWER stated that she knew positively that if her husband and McGUIRE had even seen ROE or COLE that he would have told her about it when she asked him as he would have no reason to conceal the fact from her and that her husband had told her that the story told by McGUIRE was ridiculous. Mrs. BREWER appeared frank and cooperative and stated that she was glad that an Agent had come to talk to her as she had been somewhat worried about the story McGUIRE had told and had been afraid that the officers might believe her husband had been with ROE and COLE which she knew was not true.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

**NY** FILE NO. **76-276 JH**

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK CITY</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8/14/39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7/27/39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>R. H. SIMONS</b>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases-FUGITIVE, I.O.#1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases-FUGITIVE, I.O.#1471.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Criminal record of **CHARLES REISS**, U.S.P. Alcatraz #98. FBI #517633 reflects that upon release from Alcatraz he was sentenced to the Attica Prison at Attica, New York, as **CHARLES KOWIT**, #T-4983, as a parole violator to serve 9 years and 9 months.

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**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent R. H. Simons dated at New York City, 7/1/39.

**DETAILS:** The following criminal record was received from the Bureau of **CHARLES REISS**, FBI #517633:

CONTRIBUTOR	NAME & NO.	ARRESTED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD, Elizabeth N.J.	George Reed #5	10/19/19	burg.	*10/31/19, 4-7 yrs. Trenton Pr.
SP, Trenton N.J.	Geo. Reid #5791	11/3/19	B. and E. with int.	4-7 yrs.
Ident. Div., Mineola, N.Y.	Charles Reiss Nassau Co. PD	12/18/31	ctf. money	
USSS, N.Y., N.Y.	Charles Reiss #--	12/19/31	Sec. 15, USCC	

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: *[Signature]* SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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August 17, 1939

PERSONAL

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

Re: ROOOL

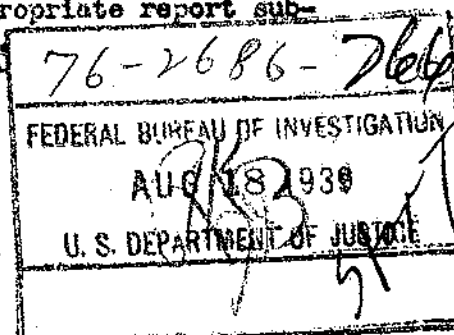
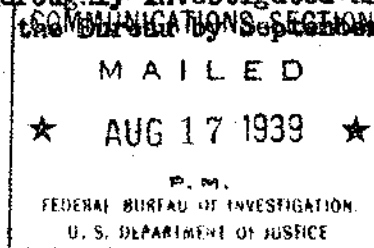
Dear Sir:

Your attention is directed to Bureau letter dated June 2, 1939, which instructed that the captioned case should receive immediate attention, in view of recent developments indicating that the subjects may possibly be alive. You are also referred to my letter dated July 7, 1939, in which you were advised that there were pending in your office thirty-seven undeveloped leads, the majority of which had not received attention for many months. You were instructed in this letter to provide this case immediate attention and to submit a report to the Bureau by July 20, 1939.

Since the date of this last mentioned letter, your office has submitted one report, which reflected the completion of one of the undeveloped leads pending in your office. No information has been received to indicate that the other thirty-six leads have received attention.

This case is not only extremely delinquent in your office, but it is evident that the Bureau's instructions have been utterly disregarded. There is no excuse for the continuance of this situation and you are instructed to have all of the undeveloped leads presently pending in your office thoroughly investigated and an appropriate report submitted to the Bureau by September 9, 1939.

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nathan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Lawler \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. McIntire \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Sears \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Q. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_



Mr. N.J.L. Pieper

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It is also desired that you submit by return mail an explanation as to why this case has not received the attention which you were instructed to give it.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
New York, N. Y.

MEG:CD  
76-276

August 16, 1939.

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

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Re: ROCOL

Dear Sir:

I was recently advised by Special Agent A. B. Leckie that he was going to interview one A. H. COTTRELL who was a former inmate of the Federal Penitentiary at Alcatraz, California. I requested Mr. Leckie to question him particularly regarding the escape of RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE.

In response to this request Special Agent Leckie submitted the following memorandum:

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"At your request I am furnishing you with this memorandum concerning an interview had with one, A. H. COTTRELL, a former inmate of Atlanta Penitentiary, Springfield, McNeil and Alcatraz. He has recently been released after spending ten years in the above penitentiaries in connection with an armed robbery in Washington, D. C.

I questioned COTTRELL during the interview concerning any information he might have concerning the escape of COLE and ROE from Alcatraz some months ago. COTTRELL stated that he was not in Alcatraz at the time of this alleged escape although he stated that in his opinion it would have been absolutely impossible for either of these men to escape alive from "The Rock". He stated also that he talked to a number of convicts who had been transferred from Alcatraz to McNeil after the alleged escape of COLE and ROE, and they were also of the opinion that ROE and COLE did not make their escape good. He stated further that practically all of the convicts at Alcatraz knew that COLE and ROE had few contacts in the criminal world outside, and that they had no money to arrange an escape of this sort. He made the statement that if BAILEY and the rest of the so-called "big shots" among the racketeers can't make arrangements

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for an escape from Alcatraz, that COLE and ROE could never have made an escape from Alcatraz, due to the lack of outside contacts. He stated, however, that it was comparatively easy to have a letter uncensored, leave the island and that was the reason that AL CAPONE had so much difficulty while at Alcatraz, because he made arrangements with several of the guards to sneak letters out for him; that as soon as he would have them in the "middle" he would request other favors from them.

He advised that several guards have lost their positions due to AL CAPONE.

COTTRELL tells rather a convincing story, and it is my opinion that he is endeavoring to go straight, and it is possible that should you desire to talk to him at some other date, he will come to the New York Office for an interview, however, he made the request that he be contacted through his attorney, BENJAMIN B. STERLING, 59 Pearl St., New York City. At the present time COTTRELL is working as Petty Officer at the HOFFMAN ISLAND TRAINING STATION. He is preparing himself to go aboard a merchant marine vessel."

Very truly yours,



M. E. GURNEA,  
Inspector.

cc- San Francisco

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Oklahoma City**

FILE NO. **76-326**

REPORT MADE AT <b>St. Louis</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8/15/39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7/17;8/9/39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>JOHN E. BRENNAN</b> opw
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> <b>THEODORE MURDOCK, Alcatraz #101, left St. Louis two months ago, stating was going to Cleveland or California. Present location unknown.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> <b>Report of Special Agent R. L. CHAPMAN, dated at Detroit, May 24, 1939</b></p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> <b>Agent contacted U. S. Probation Officer MILTON WEIFFENBACH, St. Louis, who, after examining his records, stated that his office had no supervision over THEODORE MURDOCK, and accordingly he had no record of MURDOCK'S St. Louis address. His file showed that his office had assisted in securing employment for MURDOCK in March, 1939, at a White Rose filling station on Grand and Carter Avenues, St. Louis, but that MURDOCK only worked there two or three days and quit.</b></p> <p><b>More recently Mr. WEIFFENBACH advised that Mrs. CATHERINE MURDOCK, mother of THEODORE, is residing at 1542 Benton Street, St. Louis; it is understood that MURDOCK had not remained in St. Louis, as he was more or less ordered out of town by the police. Agent interviewed MURDOCK'S sister at 1542 Benton Street, who stated that THEODORE had left St. Louis about two months ago stating he was going either to Cleveland, Ohio or California, and that he has not as yet communicated with his relatives and his present location is unknown.</b></p> <p><b>UNDEVELOPED LEADS:</b> <b>The ST. LOUIS OFFICE, after a reasonable time will interview Mrs. CATHERINE MURDOCK, 1542 Benton Street, St. Louis, to secure the location of THEODORE MURDOCK, her son, who should be interviewed for any information he may have concerning the escape or present whereabouts of subjects. --PENDING--</b></p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>[Signature]</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE <i>[Signature]</i>	
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RECORDED 76-2686-769X September 2, 1939

Mr. Spellman Marshall  
Postmaster  
Oakland, Maine

Dear Mr. Marshall:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated August 17, 1939, requesting photographs of Theodore Cole and Louis Buchalter.

Inasmuch as Buchalter has now been apprehended and is in custody, it is presumed that you no longer desire a copy of his photograph. There is being transmitted herewith a copy of Identification Order #1471 issued by this Bureau for Theodore Cole which contains a copy of his photograph.

Should you obtain any information concerning this individual, I would suggest that you communicate with Mr. V. W. Petersen, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 10 Post Office Square, Room 1016, Boston, Massachusetts.

Very truly yours,  
For the Director

Harold Nathan  
Assistant Director

Enclosure

cc Boston

Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. E. A. Tamm.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Coffey.....
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C O P Y (gmr)

UNITED STATES POST OFFICE

OAKLAND, MAINE

August 17, 1939

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

If you have photographs to spare of the following I would appreciate your forwarding same to me, would like both the side view of face and front views of

Theodore Cole of Guthrie, Okla.  
Louis Buchalter of New York City.

Respectfully yours,

S/ Spellman Marshall  
Postmaster

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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76-2686 - 769 September 6, 1939

Special Agent in Charge  
El Paso, Texas

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

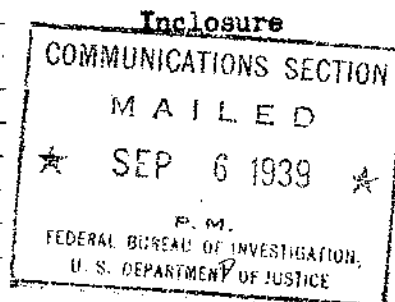
Dear Sir:

There is being returned to you herewith for your  
approval and signature the original of the report of  
Special Agent W. E. Miller, dated at El Paso, Texas, on  
August 16, 1939.

Very truly yours,  
For the Director

Harold Nathan  
Assistant Director

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nathan \_\_\_\_\_  
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **76-282**

REPORT MADE AT <b>EL PASO, TEXAS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8/16/39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8/2,3/39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>W. E. MILLER</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>DF</b></span>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O.#1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O.#1471.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p>PAUL WAYNE BREWER interviewed at Phoenix, Ariz., and furnished information concerning his travels with EARL McGUIRE between June 27 and July 3, 1939. BREWER denies seeing or hearing of Subjects ROE and COLE and states they were not seen by McGUIRE insofar as known to BREWER. He also contradicts McGUIRE's statements concerning OMA JENNINGS; he and his wife do not know this woman.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b></p> <p>Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 7/21/39. Telegram from Oklahoma City Office dated 8/1/39. Letter from Oklahoma City Office dated August 4, 1939.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b></p> <p>JACK SMITH, Deputy Sheriff, Phoenix, Arizona, advised that on July 31, 1939, he and VERN LaMORE, Deputy Sheriff, Phoenix, took into custody PAUL WAYNE BREWER, who at that time was residing with his wife at 1118 N. Central Avenue, Phoenix. The landlady advised that BREWER and his wife began rooming at that place July 15, 1939. BREWER's wife, who had obtained employment as a waitress at the Seventh Avenue Cafe, was also picked up but was released that evening in order that she might return to the</p>			
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home of BREWER's mother at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Inquiry at the cafe disclosed that she began working there July 21, 1939, and had applied for work about ten days prior thereto. SMITH advised that BREWER was picked up after receipt of a "tip" obtained through the mails by the Sheriff at Syracuse, Kansas. The landlady at 1118 N. Seventh Avenue, Phoenix, advised that no one had visited BREWER and his wife at that place.

It appears desirable to state that when the writer arrived at the Sheriff's Office for the purpose of interviewing BREWER it was learned that he had already been questioned concerning newspaper reports to the effect that EARL McGUIRE had stated he had seen RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE recently. BREWER advised the officers that he had not seen ROE and COLE and that McGUIRE had never mentioned seeing ROE and COLE prior to the time BREWER and McGUIRE separated in Kansas.

BREWER was interviewed in the Sheriff's Office, Phoenix, Arizona, stated his full name is PAUL WAYNE BREWER, and gave the following account of his travels with EARL McGUIRE:

They became acquainted when both were serving sentences in the Oklahoma Penitentiary several years ago, BREWER being employed in the power house and McGUIRE being the prison barber. In recent months BREWER has been operating a bootlegging place in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. McGUIRE has been residing at Seminole, Oklahoma, but on several occasions has come to BREWER's place to get whiskey. On these infrequent occasions he became acquainted with BREWER's wife but the two had only a speaking acquaintance. They were never away from Oklahoma City on any trips together. During the early part of June, 1939, BREWER and McGUIRE made a trip to Kansas City, Missouri, together by automobile and both were picked up for investigation at Nevada, Missouri. At that time McGUIRE had in his possession a drill stolen at Seminole, Oklahoma, and was returned to that place. He was released later on bond at Seminole. BREWER was able to show that he was in jail at Chickasha, Oklahoma, when the drill was stolen and in this way obtained his release. Upon being advised that Sheriff R. D. WARNER, Syracuse, Kansas, E. H. MURRAY, Kansas Highway Patrol, Garden City, Kansas, and Sheriff W. C. McGUIN were then in Phoenix for the purpose of returning BREWER to Kansas on state charges, and that these men had stated BREWER's car when found at Holly, Colorado, bore a sticker showing it entered Colorado through the Courtesy Patrol Station at Springfield, Colorado, on June 27, 1939, BREWER stated he is not sure of the date but

for the purpose of outlining his travels would assume that the date was correct. He then stated he and McGUIRE left Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, about 7 A. M., June 27, 1939, in BREWER's 1939 Ford coach. McGUIRE had arrived in Oklahoma City early that morning from Seminole pursuant to appointment. The trip resulted from an earlier trip of BREWER to Colorado, at which time he "spotted" the Safeway store at Holly, Colorado, and thought it could be easily burglarized, as well as business houses in several other small Colorado towns. He discussed the possibilities with McGUIRE and they planned the trip to Pueblo for the express purpose of burglarizing the store at Holly and looking over some other places in the same vicinity. They passed through the checking station at Springfield, Colorado, June 27th and reached Pueblo about eight o'clock the same evening. After eating they went into a pool hall and while BREWER was standing at the soda fountain drinking a coca cola, McGUIRE walked over to the third pool table and engaged in conversation with two men playing at that table. He rejoined BREWER after a short time, remarked that the two men were crooks out of Oklahoma and that one of them was one of the slickest short change artists in the country. McGUIRE added that these men had an old car but that they could work their racket much easier if they could use BREWER's new car, BREWER being assured of a split on all jobs pulled as payment for use of his car. He refused to have anything to do with the matter and McGUIRE returned to advise the two men accordingly. BREWER explained that he knew McGUIRE had been in Pueblo previously and that he appeared to know a number of people there whom he met from time to time.

The writer questioned BREWER thoroughly concerning the physical appearance and description of each of the two men in the pool hall as aforementioned. He was unable to give any definite description aside from the fact that they were of medium build, about thirty years of age, and one was slightly taller than the other. During this questioning BREWER suddenly remarked that these men were not RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE and explained this remark by stating that before the writer's arrival in Phoenix to question BREWER he was interviewed by officers from the Sheriff's Office at Phoenix and also by a newspaper reporter. All of these parties questioned him concerning prior newspaper reports emanating from Kansas in which McGUIRE was quoted as saying ROE was with him at the time McGUIRE killed the Deputy Sheriff at Syracuse, Kansas, on July 3, 1939, and that McGUIRE had gambled with both ROE and COLE a few nights prior thereto. BREWER stated emphatically



that the newspaper accounts were the first information he had concerning ROE and COLE being connected with the killing of the officer or having any contact with McGUIRE immediately prior thereto. Although BREWER admitted being with McGUIRE continuously from June 27th to July 3, 1939, McGUIRE at no time mentioned having seen ROE and COLE since their attempted escape from the prison at Alcatraz. BREWER added that ROE and COLE were confined in the Oklahoma Penitentiary at the same time he and McGUIRE were there and that all of them were acquainted. McGUIRE, however, was distrusted by the other prisoners and was known as "yellow". Consequently BREWER feels that ROE and COLE would not trust McGUIRE and would do everything possible to avoid him.

BREWER also feels that if the two men in the pool hall had been ROE and COLE they would have recognized BREWER and spoken to him, as they never had any reason to distrust him. BREWER repeatedly denied having heard anything concerning ROE and COLE since their attempted escape and added that he had assumed that they had drowned, this view also being expressed by members of the underworld who have been heard discussing the matter around Oklahoma City since that time. BREWER added that he feels certain that with his connections in the underworld at Oklahoma City he would have heard something of these men prior to this time if they had succeeded in effecting their escape.

Continuing his account concerning his travels with McGUIRE, BREWER gave the following information:

Upon leaving the aforementioned pool hall in Pueblo about 9 P. M., June 27, 1939, he and McGUIRE separated, BREWER going to a picture show and McGUIRE stating he was going to see a girl friend, BREWER assuming it was some prostitute that McGUIRE knew. They met pursuant to appointment about 1 A. M., June 28, 1939, at BREWER's car, which was parked on the main street of Pueblo in the business district. After leaving the last picture show BREWER had to wait for a considerable period of time before McGUIRE arrived at the car. At that time McGUIRE was carrying a suitcase and a package of clothes, which BREWER assumed had been left in Pueblo by McGUIRE on his previous trip. It is believed these clothes were still in BREWER's car when it was abandoned at Holly, Colorado, the night of July 2, 1939. The remainder of the night was spent by them in the car on the road just outside of Pueblo. The next day they went to Lamar, Colorado, and rented a cabin at a Shell Station, which is understood to be Postlewaite's Station. That evening BREWER picked up a prostitute, (name not obtained by him), spent the evening with her and then

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This signature was inadvertently left off this report, and care will be exercised in the future to see that such an error does not again occur. This report, properly signed, is transmitted herewith.

Very truly yours,

*R. J. Untreiner*  
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FBI EL PASO, TEXAS AUGUST 2, 1939 9:10 PM DPS hcf

H. E. ANDERSEN,  
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
940 FIRST NATIONAL BUILDING,  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA.

ROCOL. PAUL BREWER INTERVIEWED SO PHOENIX ARIZONA DENIES MCGUIRES STATEMENTS  
REPORT RT HOOD OKLAHOMA CITY JULY TWENTY FIRST LAST. STATES MCGUIRE PREVARICATOR  
AND MCGUIRE NOT INTIMATE WITH SUBJECTS. WIRE IF DESIRE HOLD AND QUESTION  
BREWER FURTHER.

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS  
GOVT. RATE.  
CHARGE FBI EL PASO

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To guard against mistakes or delays, the sender of a cash remittance order is responsible for the order being sent with sufficient funds on order. For this, one-half the unrepaid mortgage rate is charged in addition. Loans are made on a cash basis and the borrower is responsible for the loan being repaid on time. The lender is not responsible for the borrower's failure to repay the loan.

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5. No responsibility attaches to the company concerning the liability of any person for any act or omission of any person in connection with the company's business, except for the purposes of the following:

6. The company will not be liable for damages or statutory penalties in an event of reflection of the advertisement in the company within sixty days after the newspaper is filed with the company for transmission; provided, however, that this responsibility shall not be affected by the provisions of the provisions of Section 115 of the Communications Act of 1934.

7. It is agreed that in any action by the company to recover the tolls for any use of a ship or for a prompt and exact transmission and delivery thereof shall be presumed, subject to rebuttal by competent evidence.

8. Special terms governing the transmission of macrologs according to their class, as indicated below, shall apply to macrologs in each of such respective classes in addition to all the foregoing terms.

9. No employee of the company is authorized to vary the foregoing.

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY

INCORPORATED  
B. B. WHITE, PRESIDENT

### CLASSES OF SERVICE

### DOMESTIC SERVICES

## TELEGRAMS

**A full-rate expedited service.**

## DAY LETTERS

A deferred service at lower than the standard telegram rates.

## SERIALS

Messages sent in sections during the same day.

## NIGHT LETTERS

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## SHIP RADIOGRAPHS

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

## CF 01152415

The normal service, at full rate. Code messages, consisting of 5-letter groups only.

## REFERENCES

Plan early for a mortgage, subject to being deferred in favor of full-rate mortgages.

## Abstract

Original Date: 04/23/2008

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## TELEGRAMS OF PRESCRIBED FIXED TEXT

## TELEGRAMS OF SENDER'S OWN COMPOSITION (first 15 words)

HOTEL or TRANSPORTATION RESERVATIONS  
TOURATE TELEGRAMS, for TRAVELERS

(first 15 words)

## MEETINGS AT

Christmas	New Year	Easter
Valentine's Day	Mother's Day	Father's Day
Fourth of July	New Year	Thanksgiving

CONGRATULATIONS ON

Anniversaries      Weddings  
Birthdays      Commencement  
Birth of a Child

## MISCELLANEOUS

Ben Voyer's telegram: "Pop" telegrams.  
 Bright's telegram: "Thank You" telegrams.

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Charge to the account of \_\_\_\_\_ \$

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DOMESTIC	CABLE
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DAY LETTER	<input type="checkbox"/> URGENT
SERIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> RATE
NIGHT LETTER	<input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED
SPECIAL SERVICE	<input type="checkbox"/> NIGHT LETTER
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EL PASO, TEXAS, AUGUST 3, 1939.

D. BRANTLEY, SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
1612 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BLDG.  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

ROCOL. ADVISE IMMEDIATELY IF PROCESS ISSUED FOR PAUL BREWER CHARGING UFAP.

BREWERS WIFE HARBORED BREWER IN PHOENIX, ARIZONA

GOVT. RATE

CHARGE: FBI, EL PASO, TEXAS

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AUG 8 1939
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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ALL MESSAGES TAKEN BY THIS COMPANY ARE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS:

To guard against mistaken or delays, the grantor of a lease, mortgage or other instrument shall file the original of the instrument for comparison. For this, one-half the unreported mortgage rate is charged. In addition, if the instrument is not filed, the grantor shall pay the full mortgage rate and paid for such, in consideration whereof it is agreed between the lender of the mortgage and this company as follows:

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5. No possibility attached to this company concerning the... the company is then... the company is then...

6. The company will not be liable for damages or statutory penalties in any civil action brought by the company within 60 days after the message is filed with the company for transmission; provided, however, that this limitation shall not apply to damages or overcharges within the purview of section 415 of the Communications Act of 1934.

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

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## 080225175

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## DEFINITIONS

**Plan-2 messages, subject to being deferred in favor of full-rate messages.**

**RIGHT LETTERS**

Over the last 100 years, there has been

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5 telegrams (50¢ rate) "Thank You" telegrams

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

FILE NO. 76-282

REPORT MADE AT <b>EL PASO, TEXAS.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8/19/39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7/28/39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>A. R. GERE</b> <span style="float: right;">BJW</span>
TITLE <b>THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O.#1471 RALPH ROE, with aliases, - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

C. H. S. ~~Mc~~CLENDON, of Jal, New Mexico, believed he recognized the photograph of Subject THEODORE COLE which he saw in a detective magazine as being a likeness of a man seen by him at Jal, New Mexico, in the fall of 1937, but places the time prior to the escape of Subjects from the penitentiary at Alcatraz Island, California, on December 16, 1937.

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**REFERENCE:**

Letter from the Bureau dated May 3, 1939, addressed to C. H. S. McCLENDON, Jal, New Mexico.

**DETAILS:**

At Jal, New Mexico.

CHARLES HADDON SPURGEON ~~Mc~~CLENDON, aged 47, employed at the EL PASO NATURAL GAS CO. camp west of Jal, New Mexico, stated that he saw a photograph of Subject THEODORE COLE with his personal description during 1938, in either the TRUE DETECTIVE or the OFFICIAL DETECTIVE magazine and that during the fall of 1937 and prior to Thanksgiving Day before the weather got cold, and about the time that the Japanese and Chinese war started, he saw a man in Jal, New Mexico who looked exactly like the photograph in question, and answered the description given, including the scars mentioned and that the man also exhibited other scars not mentioned in the magazine description; that he remembers the man showed him an 8-inch scar above his left knee, and numerous scars on his face and head, and the

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*R. J. Lintner*

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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and the man told him that he got his scars in Shanghai and that he had been there with the U. S. Marines. He stated that the man also talked to PRESTON D. ANDERSON, who is also employed by the EL PASO NATURAL GAS CO., but that the man in question did not say what he was doing or where he was staying in Jal. Mr. McCLENDON stated that he fixed the time that he saw the man in question at Jal by the fact that his neighbor, HAYDEN D. SMART, went to the Lubbock, Texas, Sanitarium for an examination or operation for removal of gall stones, and during his absence from Jal, he (McCLENDON) received his daily Fort Worth paper, which told about the Japanese-Chinese war news, and that it was about 30 days before the FROME murder case in Texas that he talked to the stranger in Jal who resembled the photograph of THEODORE COLE, and he now believes that it must have been in the summer of 1937 that he saw the stranger in question at Jal.

PRESTON D. ANDERSON was unable to furnish any additional information as to the time when he and McCLENDON talked to the stranger at Jal, New Mexico and efforts to locate HAYDEN SMART, a carpenter, at Eunice, New Mexico, were unsuccessful.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS

##### THE EL PASO 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.

P E N D I N G

1612 Federal Reserve Bank Building  
Kansas City, Missouri  
August 15, 1939

Warden Robert H. Hudspeth  
United States Penitentiary  
Leavenworth, Kansas

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

Dear Sir:

It is requested that you please advise whether inmate Arthur H. Youngberg, who was transferred to your institution from the United States Penitentiary, Alcatraz Island, San Francisco, California, on July 10, 1938, has been released from your institution.

In the event of his release, if you have information please advise where he may be found at this time, inasmuch as it is desired that he be interviewed by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

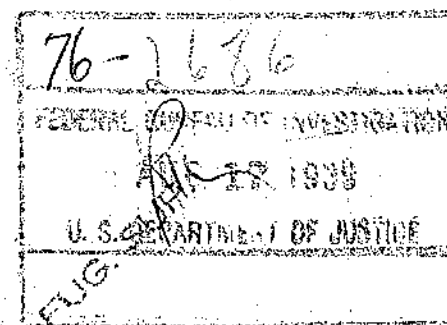
Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

ATD:B

cc - Bureau —  
Oklahoma City

76-471





940 First National Building  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

August 3, 1939

Mr. Willie M. Whitterker  
General Delivery  
Lucedale, Mississippi

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated July 24, 1939, in which you indicate that you have information regarding Ralph Roe. Our office at New Orleans, Louisiana, will have an Agent confer with you for more details in order that such investigation as may be justified can be conducted.

Your addressed envelope with the picture of suspect and addressed envelope in his handwriting are being returned to you herewith.

Your cooperation in bringing this matter to our attention is appreciated.

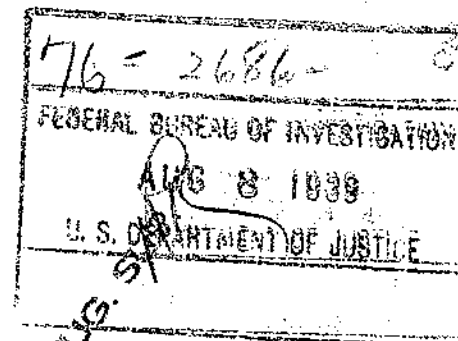
Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN  
Special Agent in Charge

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New Orleans

Re: ROCOL



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

FILE NO. 76-313

REPORT MADE AT <b>Chicago, Illinois</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8/17/39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8/12/39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>M. H. PRICE      MHP:BM</b>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Anonymous telephone call received advising occupants room 221, Statley Hotel, 6150 Greenwood Ave. Chicago closely answered descriptions of subjects. Investigation disclosed room 221 occupied by race track tout named ANTHONY RUSSO whose description does not fit ROE or COLE. Photographs of subjects exhibited hotel employees without identification.

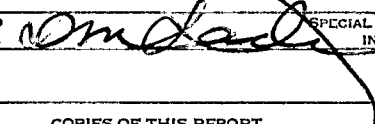
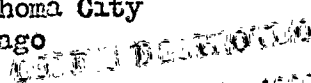
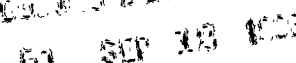

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**DETAILS:**

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

On August 11, 1939 an anonymous telephone call was received advising that two persons who looked like the photographs of RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE had checked into the same hotel at which the informant lived; namely, the Statley Hotel, 6150 Greenwood Avenue, and were in room 221.

This individual who refused to give his name stated that he occupied room 222 and that he had called the clerk's attention to the similarity of the occupants in room 221 to photographs of ROE and COLE and that the clerk had agreed that these men did look something like the subjects.

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The writer together with Special Agent A. S. REEDER interviewed MR. ABE KRAVITZ, Manager of the Statley Hotel at 6150 Greenwood Avenue. MR. KRAVITZ advised that room 221 was occupied by one ANTHONY RUSSO who was a race track tout; that he had checked in July 29, 1939 and gave as a reference the Stevens Hotel in Los Angeles, California. MR. KRAVITZ produced the registration card signed by ANTHONY RUSSO whose signature was compared with the signatures of RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE and which were noted to be entirely dissimilar.

MRS. JOSEPHINE ALLEN, Switchboard Operator, at the Statley Hotel, described RUSSO as being 5'5½" tall, dark wavy hair and of apparently Italian extraction. She stated that he had not received any long distance telephone calls or any suspicious calls to her knowledge and no room service; that he leaves the hotel about 10:30 a.m. and returns about 4:00 p.m. each day and that he followed the races and in this connection MR. KRAVITZ stated that there were a number of individuals connected in some way or other with the Washington Park Race Track who stayed at the hotel. The photographs of RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE were exhibited to MR. KRAVITZ, JOSEPHINE ALLEN and the colored maid FANNIE POOL who stated that the photographs did not resemble anyone staying at the hotel and did not resemble the occupant of room 221.

The maid FANNIE POOL advised that there was only one person in room 221 and the records of the hotel disclosed that only one person is registered to that room and that is ANTHONY RUSSO.

With the cooperation of MR. KRAVITZ the effects in room 221 were examined and there were located two or three letters and other papers indicating that the occupant's name actually is ANTHONY RUSSO and it appears that he had also stopped at the Alton Hotel in Cicero, Illinois.

No opportunity was afforded to observe RUSSO as he had already left the hotel to go to the race tracks.

MR. KRAVITZ informed that room 222 was occupied by one JOSEPH SNITLW, butcher, employed at Wieboldt's Department Store, 63rd and Green Streets.

The writer together with Agent REEDER interviewed JOSEPH SNITLW at Wieboldt's Department Store. He stated that he had called

the Chicago Office after observing in the Herald and Examiner the photographs of RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE together with a story of their escape from Alcatraz Prison and that it struck him that these photographs resembled a man stopping at the hotel and who occupied room 221 and also that the photograph of RALPH ROE he thought somewhat resembled another individual at the Statley Hotel who occupied room 224.

SNITLW stated that he had exhibited the pictures in the newspaper to the clerk at the hotel who agreed with him that there was some similarity in the photographs.

In view of the fact that photographs of subjects ROE and COLE had already been exhibited to the employees at the Stateley Hotel who advised that there was no similarity between the two photographs and any guests at the hotel, which is a rather small establishment, no further investigation is being conducted.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN

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August 18, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR THE IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

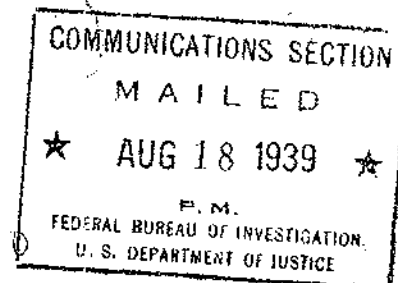
Re: Ralph Roe, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O.#1472;  
Theodore Cole, with  
aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O.  
#1471 - ESCAPED FEDERAL  
PRISONERS.

In connection with the above captioned case, Bureau file #76-2686, it is requested that an appropriate wanted notice be placed against the record of WINNIE E. METCALF, #FBI-737153, stating that this person is wanted for questioning by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and that the Fugitive Supervisor should be notified of any current arrest.

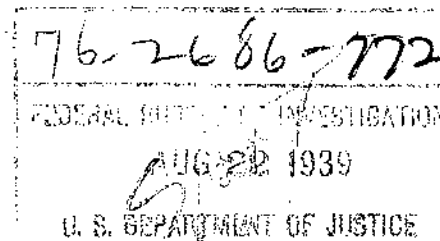
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nathan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **76-51**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Springfield, Illinois</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8-19-39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7-22; 8-2, 4, 9-39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>LOUIS C. BECK</b>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1471.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

IVAN WALTER KEENER advises EVELYN MORGAN is aunt of PRETTY BOY FLOYD and that shortly before subject's disappeared, she discussed with her husband and son subjects' means of escape from Alcatraz. DAVE BOYD, Oakland, California, said to have information concerning this matter. 1939 Illinois license 846-376 issued on 2-15-39 to AUSTIN PHILLIPS, Onarga, Illinois, for a 1932 Ford Sedan, motor #339,871. Car purchased as a used car by PHILLIPS on 2-2-39 from PAUL LANG, Kankakee, Illinois. No lost or theft report on this license. Investigation, Onarga, Illinois, indicates AUSTIN PHILLIPS is not identical with subject ROE or COLE and identification of the PHILLIPS party by MARK MAY as the subjects is apparently in error. Report of 30-day mail cover reported.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent M. E. Shaeffer, Des Moines, Iowa, 7-11-39.  
Report of Special Agent D. W. MAGEE, Los Angeles, California, 7-18-39.  
Report of Special Agent P. C. DUNNE, Springfield, Illinois, 7-20-39.

**DETAILS:**

**AT PRAIRIE CITY, ILLINOIS:**

IVAN WALTER KEENER, berry picker, Post Office Box 872, advised that about November 10, 1937, he secured employment at the rooming house of EVELYN and LUTHER MORGAN, 320 First

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Street, Richmond, California, as a general manager. During the first part of December 1937, he overheard the latter part of a conversation between EVELYN MORGAN, LUTHER MORGAN, SR., their son, LUTHER, and LUTHER'S fiancée. MORGAN SR. and his wife were discussing the best method of getting a speed boat to Alcatraz Island without drawing attention to it, how to detract the attention of the guards while ROE and COLE made their escape, and how to finally make their escape effective. KEENER did not hear much of the conversation as they soon discovered that he was listening and terminated their discussion. He heard no specific plans at any time. KEENER advised that he had previously heard the names ROE and COLE mentioned by these persons, although he does not remember in just what regard.

After learning of the disappearance of subjects, KEENER went to the Richmond City Police and gave them the above information. Also, he told his story to an agent at the San Francisco Field Office. Instead of investigating his story, the Richmond police allegedly came to the MORGAN rooming house and told the MORGANS what KEENER had said concerning them. Being fearful of his life, KEENER left the rooming house at about 7:00 o'clock that evening, intending to move to the home of his friends, HARRY and GERTRUDE, last names not remembered. As he came to an alley a block removed from the MORGAN place, Mr. and Mrs. MORGAN, SR., LUTHER, JR., and a son-in-law of the MORGANS attacked him and struck him unconscious. Also, they removed \$35.00 from his person. When he regained consciousness an hour later he was in the city hospital, where he told the police of the attack. He understands that EVELYN MORGAN and her son-in-law were arrested, although he does not know what the outcome of the case was, as he left for Southern California as soon as he was released from the hospital four days later.

KEENER stated that when he first came to the MORGAN rooming house HARRY and GERTRUDE, whose last name he has forgotten, were living there. These persons told him that EVELYN MORGAN is an aunt of "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD; also, that LUTHER MORGAN, SR., once killed a man at McAllister, Oklahoma, as well as at a place near Kalso, Washington. He is said to have a criminal record in Richmond, California. HARRY and GERTRUDE are said to have considerable information concerning the MORGANS. They now live on 4th Street, near the edge of the city. A close friend of HARRY and his wife is said to be DAVE BOYD, 400 or 500 block, Oakland, California. DAVE BOYD is a member of the Coast Guard and supposedly knows a good deal about the facts of this case.

IVAN WALTER KEENER advised that he is planning to return to California the latter part of this August, and that he can be reached at the ranch of RAYMOND ABEL, Tule Lake (twenty-five miles south of Klamnet Falls), California.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent P. C. DUNNE.

AT SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS:

The records of the Automobile Department, Secretary of State, State of Illinois, as presented by Mr. FLOYD PHILLIPS, clerk, reflected the following information concerning 1939 Illinois license plates 846-376. These plates were issued to a Mr. AUSTIN PHILLIPS, Onarga, Illinois, on 2-15-39 for a 1932 model

Ford Sedan, motor number 839,371. The car was purchased as a used car by PHILLIPS on 2-2-39 from PAUL LANG, Kankakee, Illinois. However, the records do not reflect whether LANG is a dealer in cars. There is no lost or stolen report in the records concerning these license plates.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent G. C. GALLAN.

AT ONARGA, ILLINOIS:

In the absence of the Postmaster, Mrs. IRENE HANSON, clerk, was interviewed at the U. S. Post Office. Mrs. HANSON was acquainted with the PHILLIPS family, and advised that the family had lived in Onarga constantly for the past seven or eight years. She stated that she had been on the home-assistance committee of the Onarga Women's Club some years ago, and remembered visiting the PHILLIPS family, which at that time resided on Wilson Avenue. She stated that they were very poor and needed blankets, clothing, etc., which she arranged to furnish through the Women's Club. She stated that the family consisted of a middle-aged man, who since committed suicide, his wife, approximately forty-five or fifty years of age, who is half Indian, a son about twenty-seven years of age, and his wife. She also stated that she remembered that this family had gone to Oklahoma during the winter of 1938-39, and it was her recollection that they had gone to Red Fork, Oklahoma. She was shown a group of photographs in which were photographs of the subjects, and she positively stated that none of these photographs of subjects even remotely resembled any of the PHILLIPS family. She was requested to furnish the names of any persons who could furnish additional information relative to this family, and she stated that SAMUEL LYONS, an elderly man, who tended the city park, was friendly with the family. She also stated that Mr. LYONS was a reputable man, and could be depended on to furnish correct information.

Mr. SAMUEL LYONS was located at the office of the Onarga Oil Company, directly opposite the public park on Main Street. He advised that the PHILLIPS family had resided in Onarga for at least ten years, constantly. He stated that the father had committed suicide, or at least had died in circumstances indicating suicide, about a year ago. He also stated that the family was in poor circumstances. They came from Oklahoma, originally, and had never seemed to be able to become self-supporting since coming to Onarga. After the death of the father, the widow, a woman of approximately fifty years of age, her son, his wife, and a young man of approximately twenty-four years of age, one REIF, first name unknown, had gone back to Oklahoma, during February of 1939. He stated that they had purchased an old trailer from one CHASE, whose first name was unknown to Mr. LYONS, and had set out with a Ford automobile for Oklahoma. He had received occasional letters from Mrs. PHILLIPS, and stated that they had finally settled in Sand Springs, Oklahoma, where they are presently residing. Mr. LYONS was shown a group of photographs containing the photographs of the subjects and on examining them advised that none of them even remotely resembled the members of the PHILLIPS family. Apparently, Mr. MARK MAY selected REIF and young AUSTIN PHILLIPS as resembling the subjects of this investigation. Mr. LYONS very positively stated that the PHILLIPS family had lived in Onarga for the past ten years, constantly, and all of them were well known to him.



Mr. J. D. WILSON and Mr. JOSEPH R. GIBSON were also present at the time and they also were acquainted with the PHILLIPS family, and advised that none of them resembled either of the subjects of this investigation. They also corroborated the statements of Mr. LYONS relative to the continued residence of the members of the PHILLIPS family in Onarga for the past ten years. It appears, therefore, that Mr. MAY is mistaken in his identification of REIF and AUSTIN PHILLIPS as being the subjects of this investigation and no further investigation along this line is being conducted by this Division.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent P. C. DUNNE.

AT SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS:

The Springfield Office, on August 4, 1939, was in receipt of two mail tracings from the Postmaster, Salem, Illinois, concerning the correspondence of VIRGIL D. SHANK, Salem, Illinois, which tracings read as follows:

1. Letter addressed to V. D. Shank, Kilgore, Texas, postmarked Kilgore, Texas, 7-13-39; return address P.O./Box 1011, Kilgore, Texas, which letter was evidently forwarded to Salem, Illinois.
2. Letter addressed to Virgil Shanks, Salem, Illinois, postmarked Kilgore, Texas, 7-16-39; return address Box 1011, Kilgore, Texas.

The Springfield Office has not been in receipt of any information concerning any mail tracings with reference to Informant "R", who is RUTH CRAWFORD, or any person residing at Salem, Illinois, by the name of FREEMAN or Mrs. DEE FREEMAN. An additional 30-day mail cover has not been placed at Salem and will not be placed, unless a request to the contrary is received from the office of origin in this case to place an additional 30-day cover on the mail of RUTH CRAWFORD, Salem, Illinois.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE at Oakland, California, will interview DAVE BOYD, 400 or 500 block, and ascertain what information he has concerning the facts of this case and the possible contacts of EVELYN MORGAN. Will also secure from him the present address and last name of HARRY and GERTRUDE, the persons referred to in this report by IVAN WALTER KEENER.

At Richmond, California, if identity of HARRY & GERTRUDE is ascertained from BOYD, will interview them and learn what information they have concerning the facts of this case and possible contacts of EVELYN MORGAN. If the results of these interviews make it appear advisable, will re-interview EVELYN & LUTHER MORGAN, 320 - 1st St., for such information as they may have.

The DALLAS OFFICE at Kilgore, Texas, will ascertain the identity of the individual to whom Post Office Box 1011 is issued in an effort to ascertain if this person is identical with either fugitive in this case, or has any connections with the fugitives in this case.

The SPRINGFIELD OFFICE at the Kingwood Lease Oil Company, Salem, Illinois, will ascertain through Mr. LEW SHAW of the Kingwood Lease Oil Company if Confidential Informant "R" is still residing in the trailer on the Kingwood Lease. However, no further investigation will be conducted with reference to the activities of Informant "R" unless directed to do so by the office of origin in this case.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

76-2686  
RPK:TD

Washington, D. C.  
August 16, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM

Re: ROCOL

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Nathan  
Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Carson  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Gurnea  
Mr. Hendon  
Mr. Pennington  
Mr. Quinn  
Mr. Nease  
Mr. Gandy

There is attached for your approval a letter to the San Antonio Office, with copies for Oklahoma City, Dallas and El Paso, instructing that they may discontinue the investigation concerning Studebaker automobiles registered in the State of Texas.

You will recall that this line of investigation was instituted after Earl McGuire furnished information to the effect that he had seen Ralph Roe in Pueblo, Colorado, at which time Roe was in possession of a Studebaker automobile bearing a license beginning with the letter "F" issued in the State of Texas. A review of the Texas registrations has disclosed 1027 Studebaker automobiles bearing such a license plate. McGuire has been interviewed on a number of occasions and has given conflicting statements as to the facts in this matter and has, as a matter of fact, made a confession to the Superintendent of the Special Service of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company that he did not see Ralph Roe in Pueblo, Colorado. In talking with Bureau Agents, however, McGuire has continued to insist that he did see Roe. He furnished information to the effect that he and Paul Brewer were with Cole and Roe and several other persons at the Ramona Hotel in Pueblo on the night of June 30, 1939. Investigation at this hotel fails to substantiate this story and, in fact, the records of the hotel indicate that the alleged party at the hotel could not possibly have taken place. Paul Brewer has been interviewed and has contradicted the story told by McGuire.

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In view of these facts, it is not believed that further investigation should be made upon the basis of the original statement made by McGuire.

Respectfully,

R. P. Kramer

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September 7, 1939

Mr. Ivan Keener  
Prairie City, Illinois

Dear Mr. Keener:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated August 21, 1939, in which you advise that you have not received an answer to your earlier letter to this Bureau.

I have to advise that under date of August 21, 1939, your first communication was acknowledged and the information requested by you was set forth therein.

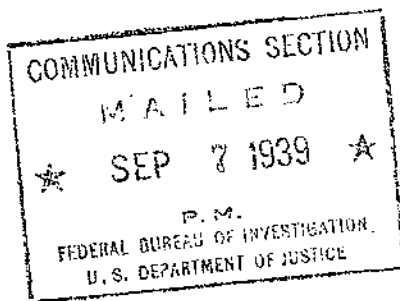
For your further information, Louis Buchalter, for whom a wanted circular was furnished you with my letter of August 21, has been apprehended.

Very truly yours,  
For the Director

Harold Nathan  
Assistant Director

cc Springfield

Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. E. A. Tamm.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Coffey.....
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Glavin.....
Mr. Crowl.....
Mr. Harbo.....
Mr. Lester.....
Mr. Lawler.....
Mr. Nichols.....
Mr. Rosen.....
Mr. Sears.....
Mr. Quinn Tamm.....
Mr. Tracy.....
Miss Gandy.....



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Prairie City, Ill.  
Aug 21-1939

Federal Bureau Investigation

Sm Washington D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Previous  
letter amended  
8/11/39 P.P.K.

I wrote to <sup>you</sup> about 10 days  
ago. But fail to have no answer.

What I wanted to know  
is. Did you send a federal  
man here to see me about  
a case in Richmond, Calif.

The Case was about  
Ralph Roe + Theodore Cole those  
two men that escape Alcatraz  
Island in the fall of 1937. I  
spent nearly 60 days on that  
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Case on my own. trying to get  
what information I could get on them.

The man that was here  
looked something like the man  
you are offering \$30,000.00 for  
Can you give me any  
ad 29-7-39 cc Springfield

information which might help me to get a lead on (Lepke) and to his arrest.

What is his business, How does he start this business. Does he work on innocent people. In what way does he ~~start~~<sup>go</sup> on these people.

Try and give me a complete picture of this man and all the information you think that will lead to his arrest.

I do a lot of traveling over the country & may accidentally run into him.

Would like to become a G man or have the right to arrest a man that has committed a crime.

Please let me hear from you at once.

P.S. If you don't answer, may accidentally come to Washington this fall.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover  
to  
J. Edgar Hoover  
Prairie City, Ill.

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76-2686-774 August 17, 1939

Special Agent in Charge  
San Antonio, Texas

76-2686-775

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
AUG 23 1939
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FUG. SUP. TWO

Re: BOGOL

Dear Sir:

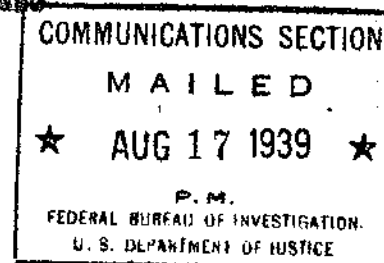
With reference to the investigation conducted by your office to locate registrations for the current year in the State of Texas for Studebaker sedans on which licenses with the prefix "P" were issued, you are advised the Bureau is of the opinion that developments in this case are such that a continuance of investigation relative to the registrations mentioned above is unnecessary.

You are, therefore, instructed to hold such investigation in abeyance at the present time.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

cc Oklahoma City  
Dallas  
El Paso



Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nathan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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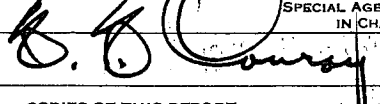
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

Oklahoma City, Okla.

FILE NO. 76-259

REPORT MADE AT Dallas, Texas	DATE WHEN MADE 8-21-39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8-2,9-39	REPORT MADE BY H. T. Arterberry
TITLE RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, IO #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, IO #1471.			CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Mrs. HASKELL RANNALS, Denison, Texas, has no information of value and does not know RALPH YOUNG'S present whereabouts. Mrs. LENA STURGEON unknown at Mt. Pleasant, Texas. Mrs. O. D. SPURGIN left forwarding address July 6, 1939, for 321 Water Street, South, Wichita, Kansas. Her identity not known here.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p>References: Report of Special Agent J. P. McFARLAND, Seattle, Washington, dated 6-30-39; report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 7-21-39.</p> <p>Details:</p> <p>Mrs. HASKELL RANNALS, Denison Hotel Coffee Shop, Denison, Texas, says she has received no further communication of any kind from RALPH YOUNG since last interviewed by reporting agent; that she last heard from him at Centralia, Washington; that she believes he was engaged in the photo post card business in that city, but she could not be sure of this statement. It will be noted that Mrs. RANNALS and her husband are not residing together.</p> <p>W. E. McCLINTOCK, postmaster, Mt. Pleasant, Texas, called a conference of all general delivery clerks in his office, but no information could be obtained with reference to the identity of Mrs. LENA STURGEON or Mrs. SPURGEON. It is noted that both names are mentioned in reference report. A Mrs. O. D. SPURGIN had left a forwarding address on 706039 for 321 S. Water Street, c/o R. L. WHITE, Wichita, Kansas. Mr. McCLINTOCK advised that at the time Mrs. SPURGIN was accompanied by two men but their names and descriptions were not obtained. Mr. McCLINTOCK advised that the oil boom had passed at this place and that the Post Office force knew at sight practically all of the patrons of this Post Office at this time; that he very much</p>			
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REPORT- 8-21-39  
ROCOL.

whether Mrs. O. D. SPURGIN, above referred to, was identical with Mrs. LENA SPURGEON or STURGEON, whose identity is presently desired.

Mr. CLYDE KEITH, Chief Deputy Sheriff and Mr. MELVIN WOOTEN, Chief Field Deputy Sheriff, Mout Pleasant, Texas, could furnish no information of value. Mr. WOOTEN advised that he made the rounds daily of the beer joints in the community but that he was unable to be of service in instant case.

P E N D I N G

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
San Francisco, California  
August 22, 1939

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.


Re: <sup>0</sup>ROCOL

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter of August 17, 1939 (76-2686).

Please be advised that the Bureau's instructions have not been utterly disregarded, and a very earnest effort has been made to comply with the instructions to cover all the leads in this district, but this has not been possible up to this time because of many specials, requested telegraphically and by teletype from the Bureau and other offices. The leads in this district will be reported to the Bureau by September 9th.

Very truly yours,

  
N. J. L. PIEPER  
Special Agent in Charge

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY

FILE NO. 76-166

REPORT MADE AT <b>OMAHA, NEBRASKA</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8/24/39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8/21/39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>H. G. WILTSE</b> <span style="float: right;">TMH</span>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472: THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

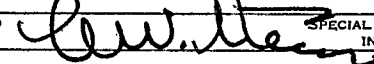
GEORGE HERBST reported as resembling RALPH ROE. HERBST interviewed and fingerprinted, showing he is not identical with Subject.

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**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent R. T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, July 21, 1939.

**DETAILS:** At Omaha, Nebraska

On August 21, 1939, JOHN W. BOYLE, Manager, Omaha Club, 20th and Douglas Streets, Omaha, telephonically contacted Special Agent in Charge C. W. STEIN and advised that the Omaha Club had in its employ, one GEORGE HERBST, who worked in the kitchen and who was believed by MRS. GEORGIA GARLER, employee of the Omaha Club, to be very similar in appearance to RALPH ROE, and possibly identical with him.

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At the Omaha Club, Agent contacted GEORGE HERBST, who was found to be working as a dish washer in the kitchen. He advised he has lived in Omaha for approximately three years and that before coming to the Omaha Club, a couple of months ago, he was employed at the Kozy Inn, 3555 Farnam Street, in Omaha.

HERBST'S description is as follows:-

Name - GEORGE HERBST  
Age - 35 years, born July 23, 1904  
Height - 5' 7"  
Weight - 186 pounds  
Hair - Brown  
Eyes - Blue  
Complexion - Reddish  
Build - Stocky  
Scars & Marks: Limp on left leg;  
has been broken.  
Occupation - Electric welder, Flint, Mich.;  
Dish washer, Omaha Club, Omaha;  
Farm hand.  
Nationality - American  
Race - White  
Criminal Record - ADMITS; held 24 hours by  
Flint, Mich., PD, 1935, for investigation;  
released.

His fingerprints were taken and are obviously not identical with the fingerprints of either RALPH ROE or THEODORE COLE, and a copy of his prints are being forwarded to the Bureau. A copy is also being retained in the Omaha File.

MR. BOYLE, of the Omaha Club, was later telephonically contacted by Agent and he was advised it had been determined HERBST is not identical with either Subject. He was thanked for the interest taken by himself and MRS. GARLER in this matter.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

940 First National Building

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

August 23, 1939

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

RE: ROCOL

Dear Sir:

In view of the apprehension of PAUL WAYNE BREWER, FBI-  
215499, it is requested that the wanted notice requested  
by letter from this division dated July 25, 1939 be removed.

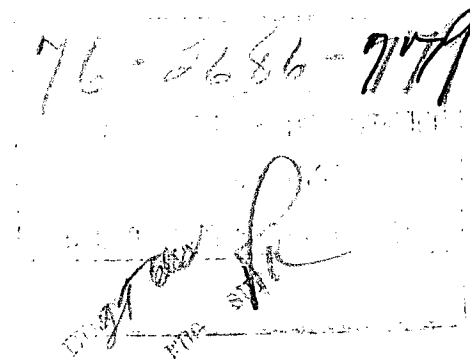
Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN

Special Agent in Charge.

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76-2686

August 24, 1939

Special Agent in Charge  
El Paso, Texas

Re: ROCOL

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated June 27, 1939, calling your attention to the fact an interview with Mr. C. H. S. McClendon at Jal, New Mexico, requested by Bureau letter dated May 3, 1939, had not been conducted.

The Bureau file fails to reflect that the requested interview has been had, and it is desired that you provide this matter immediate attention.

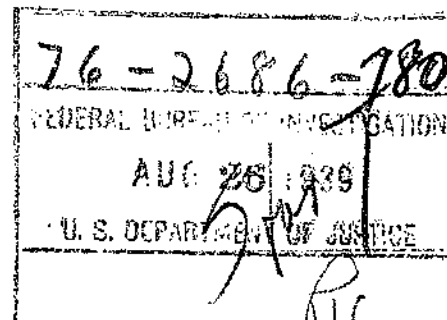
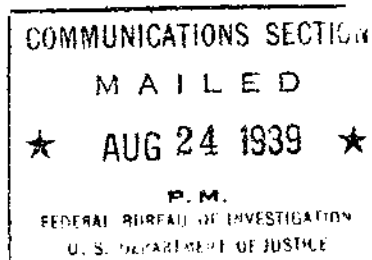
Very truly yours,  
For the Director

Harold Nathan  
Assistant Director

cc Oklahoma City

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Q. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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Springfield, Illinois  
August 29, 1939

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: IVAN WALTER KEENER  
Information Concerning

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated August 21, 1939, addressed to IVAN KEENER, Prairie City, Illinois, (Bureau files 60-1501 and 76-2886), which is in answer to his letter dated August 11, 1939, copies of these letters having been forwarded to the Springfield Office. Reference is also made to the report of Special Agent D. W. MAGEE, Oklahoma City, dated July 18, 1939, and to the report of Special Agent LOUIS C. BECK, Springfield, Illinois, dated August 19, 1939, in the ROCOL case.

In the reference report of Special Agent MAGEE, a lead is set out requesting that IVAN WALTER KEENER, Prairie City, Illinois, be interviewed for such information as he had concerning RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE. Accordingly, Special Agent BECK, of this office, interviewed Mr. KEENER concerning this matter on August 4, 1939. Mr. KEENER, a transient farmhand, was informed by Mr. BECK of his identity. The interview was an entirely cordial one. Mr. KEENER appeared to our Agent to be telling a story of his actual experiences in Oakland, California, and at no time indicated that he had been collecting evidence or working on the case with an intention of securing a reward. He displayed what appeared to be a general interest in the activities of the Bureau, and he was given appropriate information concerning our work. He did not indicate at any time that he was interested in entering our profession. He did not mention LOUIS EUCHALTER or any other person wanted by the Bureau, and he was not questioned concerning any matter other than such as might relate to the ROCOL case.

In view of the facts surrounding this matter, Mr. KEENER is not being re-interviewed, in the absence of further instructions from the Bureau.

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Very truly yours,

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
AUG 31 1939
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
B. F. FITZSIMONS, Special Agent in Charge.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

FILE NO. 76-313

REPORT MADE AT Chicago, Illinois	DATE WHEN MADE 8/24/39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/18/39	REPORT MADE BY M. H. PRICE (A) MHP:BM
TITLE R. RALPH ROE with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.			CHARACTER OF CASE  ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="margin-left: 150px;">E. J. TOBIN, Editor of Tavern News, 4165 Elston Avenue, Chicago, Ill. called at Chicago Office and informed that an employee of the Retz Beverage Corporation, South Bend, Indiana closely resembles photograph of RALPH ROE.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">R.U.C.</p> <p>DETAILS: <u>AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS</u></p> <p>On August 17, 1939 MR. E. J. TOBIN of 4165 Elston Avenue advised that he edits a paper called "The Tavern News" which is distributed to various taverns and called at the Chicago Bureau Office to advise that recently while in South Bend, Indiana and calling on the Retz Beverage Corporation, he observed an employee of this concern which employee evidently was not an officer of the company but who apparently served to prospective customers for officers of the company; that it struck him that there was a remarkable resemblance between this individual and the photograph of RALPH ROE which photograph he had seen in a newspaper.</p> <p>MR. TOBIN stated that the description of the person he had seen did not exactly tally with the description of RALPH ROE but that this employee of the Retz Beverage Corporation was about 35 to 38 years old, approximately 5'10 in height, weight 160 pounds; that he had hair</p>			
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which appeared to be very similar to RALPH ROE'S hair.

MR. TOBIN stated that RETZ Beverage Corporation is a comparatively new concern and that he ascertained from apparent officers of the company whose names he was not able to furnish that they had probably come from Oklahoma or the southwest and he observed that they were reluctant to discuss their past activities.

It was observed that TOBIN probably has a "detective complex" inasmuch as he was carrying with him newspaper clippings of the photographs of numerous wanted persons.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

INDIANAPOLIS FIELD DIVISION - at South Bend, Indiana

At the Retz Beverage Corporation will ascertain the identity of the individual referred to by MR. TOBIN to determine whether he could possibly be identical with RALPH ROE.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

**LA.** FILE NO. **76-362**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Los Angeles, California</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8/22/39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7/17, 20, 27, 28, 29 &amp; 8/8, 9, 12/39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>D. W. MAGEE</b>	<b>ERM</b>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1472; THEODORE COLE with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1471;</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>	

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

MARY DARBY, a lady barber at Borger, Texas, reported to be a former close associate and friend of Subject ROE when he was arrested there, according to MRS. B. W. (PETE) NEWBERRY, also known as CAROLYN or BERNICE NEWBERRY. FRANK H. PORTER reported to be in Boston, Mass., by his brother. Subject ROE was sentenced to Ione, California, Reformatory in 1923. Mail cover on ROE's half sister, MRS. G. I. DAWSON, produces leads at Laguna Beach and Lindsay, California, and peculiar transfer on her Buick car made recently. ROSS W. MOORE, ex-Alcatraz inmate, claims no knowledge of escape or whereabouts of Subjects ROE and COLE. JOHN FRANCIS ROWAN former guard at Alcatraz now at Federal Jail, Terminal Island, believes Subjects drowned in escape. Surveillance on MILES WILLIAMS at 132 Mariposa, Long Beach, didn't disclose LEE ROBERTS visiting there on July 29, 1939, as Oklahoma Informant "R" expected. Residence address of ELMER DILLARD being watched by landlord.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent Ralph T. Hood, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated July 21, 1939.  
Report of Special Agent F. S. Smith, Oklahoma City, dated June 27, 1939.

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REFERENCE Continued: Report of Special Agent D. W. Magee,  
Los Angeles, dated July 18, 1939.  
Oklahoma City Field Division letter  
to Los Angeles dated July 25, 1939.  
Kansas City Field Division letter to  
Los Angeles dated August 3, 1939.

DETAILS;

AT BELL GARDENS, CALIFORNIA

An effort was made to locate CHARLES C. HAMBLIN at 5564 East Gage, Bell Gardens, California, which is adjacent to Bell, California. This was ascertained to be the residence of MR. GEORGE CONEVEST. MRS. CONEVEST is reported to be employed at the Bell Mission Hospital and MR. CONEVEST is reported to be employed at the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles as a carpenter. On two occasions, no one was found at home and inquiries of neighbors there disclosed that CHARLES C. HAMBLIN was unknown. It is noted that the original address given for HAMBLIN was 5568 Gage. There is, however, no such address. Inquiry concerning HAMBLIN was made of all the residents in the 5500 block on East Gage Street. It is to be noted that the purpose of an interview with CHARLES C. HAMBLIN was to determine whether he knew Subjects. His car license, 1939 North Dakota, 932-436, was furnished by the San Francisco Field Division as being on the car that entered California about the time of the escape of Subjects.

MRS. C. F. PRINCE, who resides at 5556 East Gage, was interviewed by Agent and stated that she thought HAMBLIN might be a friend or relative of the CONEVEST family as she remembered that there was a foreign license car in front of the residence about a year ago. Further effort will be made to determine whether HAMBLIN is a friend or relative of MR. and MRS. GEORGE CONEVEST, and whether he is a relative of, or connected with Subject COLE's half sister, MRS. G. I. (VIOLET) DAWSON, who resides at Bell, California.

AT BELL, CALIFORNIA

Chief of Police W. B. STEELE was interviewed by Agent and advised that he and his men had been watching the DAWSON residence at 6238 Gifford Avenue in an effort to learn whether Subject COLE has visited his half sister, MRS. G. I. (VIOLET) DAWSON. Chief

STEELE advised that G. I. DAWSON is employed with the SIEL Optical Company in Los Angeles, the address of which Agent ascertained to be 318 East 5th Street, Los Angeles, telephone TUCKER 5688.

Chief STEELE was questioned whether COLE had other relatives of whom he knew. He thought there might be a relationship between the Subject and one WESLEY L. ROBERTSON, who is a barber and resides somewhere in Los Angeles.

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Effort was made to locate WESLEY L. ROBERTSON at 481½ East 49th Street, Los Angeles, but it was ascertained that the ROBERTSON family had moved from this address. MR. J. E. ALBERT, who owns the apartment rooming house at this address, stated that WESLEY L. ROBERTSON, a young man, had moved shortly after the officers were looking for him concerning a stolen automobile. He stated that the family moved sometime in August, 1937, and that the father, also named WESLEY L. ROBERTSON, was a barber residing in Bell Gardens, California, at 5622 Live Oak Street.

AT LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

Captain C. E. PETERSON of the Long Beach Police Department advised that WESLEY ROBERTSON, son of WESLEY ROBERTSON the barber, is known to his Department as a petty thief and that he was last known to drive a truck to Imperial Valley, California. The young WESLEY ROBERTSON is a friend of TOMMY WALKER, also a petty thief and half-blood Indian who bears Long Beach Police Department Number 16,725. Captain PETERSON did not know the location of either young WESLEY ROBERTSON or TOMMY WALKER.

There is a memorandum in the Los Angeles file, dated January 25, 1938, to the effect that WESLEY L. ROBERTSON, Room 481½ East 49th Street, is a cousin of Subject THEODORE COLE, and that his father is a W. P. A. school crossing watchman, badge 147, and that the latter's name might be SAM ROBERTSON instead of WESLEY L. ROBERTSON, Sr. Further effort will be made to locate SAM and WESLEY ROBERTSON for any information they might have relative to Subject COLE.

AT BELL, CALIFORNIA

Agent, in making observations at the G. I. DAWSON residence at 6238 Gifford Avenue, Bell, noticed two automobiles; one a 1925 Studebaker Sedan bearing 1939 California license 7K 6223. It was ascertained that this car was registered to ESTER COLE, Box 215, Woodlake, California. It is noted that the father and mother of Subject COLE resided at Woodlake, California. The other car seen at the DAWSON residence, a 1935 Chevrolet Sedan bearing 1939 California license 3C 9624, is registered to HAROLD R. DAWSON, Route 1, Box 368, Lindsay, California. It was later ascertained that HAROLD R. DAWSON is a brother of G. I., or GOLA I. DAWSON.

[redacted] who was a confidential informant relative to the DAWSON family and who resides at [redacted] but whose place of business, [redacted] is at [redacted] was interviewed. He advised that about 30 days ago MRS. DAWSON went north to Woodlake, California, in her Buick Sedan and came back later with the old Studebaker car aforementioned. He stated that MRS. DAWSON claimed to have lost the car but did not advise whether it was stolen or taken for nonpayment. [redacted] advised that HAROLD R. DAWSON, a brother of G. I. DAWSON, is visiting the family. [redacted] hasn't noticed any other cars visiting at the DAWSON residence and has not seen any strange visitors there. [redacted] was advised that should he develop information on the location of COLE or ROE, he would be given suitable nominal remuneration.

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Additional inquiry was made concerning the Buick Sedan formerly registered to GOLA I. DAWSON and last known to bear 1939 California license 4N 8317. The California State Automobile License Bureau at Los Angeles advised that there was a transfer on this car from GOLA I. DAWSON to VIOLET C. B. DAWSON, address 6238 Gifford Avenue, on March 29, 1939. Because this is a peculiar switch of ownership and because the car has not been seen at the DAWSON residence, it is possible that MRS. DAWSON has traded this car, or given this car to the father of Subject COLE at Woodlake, California, as the DAWSONS are now using the 1925 Studebaker Sedan registered to ESTER COLE of Woodlake, California.

AT TERMINAL ISLAND and NAPLES, CALIFORNIA

It was ascertained at the Federal Jail that JOHN FRANCIS ROWAN, a guard at the Federal Jail, Terminal Island, resides at 62 Corinthian Walk, Naples, California, which is adjacent to Long Beach, California. It is to be recalled that JOHN FRANCIS ROWAN was to be interviewed concerning his knowledge of Subjects and their associates, as MR. ROWAN was formerly a guard at Alcatraz.

JOHN FRANCIS ROWAN was interviewed at his residence and stated that at the time of the escape of Subjects he was at home with a broken leg and that when he again returned to Alcatraz to work he was not placed back in the laundry. He stated that at the time of their escape, there was a heavy fog at Alcatraz and that no one could see beyond 15 feet. He recalls that during the investigation at Alcatraz some of the prisoners claimed that Subject ROE was seen to go down while in the water before the fog line had been reached to make view of them invisible. He stated that the guards at Alcatraz on the model tower apparently did not see the two Subjects escape because at the time of the escape, guards on this tower in line of duty were instructed to watch the line of prisoners who were in the yard, and that from the point of escape of COLE and ROE, they could not be seen by a guard on the model tower. MR. ROWAN advised that Subject ROE worked in the Mat Shop and that COLE worked in the Blacksmith Shop, and that ROE had to pass through the Blacksmith Shop on the way to the Mat Shop.

MR. ROWAN advised that he personally has always been a swimmer and that even though he is capable of swimming five miles a day, he could not have swum to shore from Alcatraz at the time of escape, when the tide was running out at the Golden Gate from 8 to 10 knots per hour. MR. ROWAN thought it was not unusual that the bodies of Subjects were not found as, he said, there have been numerous incidents where persons drowned in the Bay are not found. He mentioned a time when a group of employees on a bridge were thrown into the water when a net broke and stated that only those bodies which were enmeshed in the net were ever recovered. MR. ROWAN was of the opinion that both Subjects drowned. He mentioned the fact that prisoners JOHN PAUL CHASE and CHARLES BERTI, both of whom have

friends and have resided at San Francisco, never made any attempt to escape, and he thought that, at the time of the escape of COLE and ROE, if any outside help had been arranged, both BERTI and CHASE would also have attempted to escape. MR. ROWAN had no other information bearing on the escape of COLE and ROE.

AT LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

ROSS W. MOORE, a former Alcatraz inmate, residing with his wife at 35 Daisy Street, was interviewed by Agent and stated that he secured a straight discharge from Alcatraz on November 21, 1937, and was not in the prison at the time of the escape of Subjects COLE and ROE. He advised he resided at Bakersfield, California, he believes, in December, 1937, at the time of the escape. He stated he is endeavoring to lead a quiet life and has never met any of the former inmates of Alcatraz since his release. He advised, however, that he knew of Subject COLE, who was very quiet, and Subject ROE, who was a friendly sort of a prisoner. He knew of no relatives of these Subjects. He stated that San Quentin, Folsom and Alcatraz ex-inmates, he has heard, used to hang around Catalina, Brooklyn and Los Angeles Streets in Los Angeles. ROSS W. MOORE is about 60 years of age and is on W. P. A. at Long Beach, California. He is also known under the aliases of MICKEY McFADDEN, WILLIAM HAYDEN and WILLIAM ARMOUR, Los Angeles Police Department Number 20,761A, Folsom Number 12,250. He could furnish no additional information concerning COLE and ROE, but would not promise to assist in the event he should learn of their location.

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Prior reports have requested the Los Angeles Field Division to check the Juvenile Court record on Subject ROE, who was arrested under the name of PAUL SULLIVAN and reported to have been arrested with one KNUD I. SOMMERVILLE. It was ascertained that the Los Angeles Police Department Identification Bureau had only a correspondence file, Number C104,481, on Subject RALPH ROE aliases: PAUL SULLIVAN, JACK MCCARTHY, RAYMOND ROY. At the time of inquiry this file was in the possession of Detective H. H. MITCHELL, Badge 46, at the 77th Street Precinct Station.

The Los Angeles Sheriff's Office had a record on Subject THEODORE ROE of an arrest under the name of PAUL SULLIVAN, Los Angeles Sheriff's Office Number 34,134. He was arrested on May 1, 1923 for robbery by a Constable (name not given), at Pomona, California. The original arrest, however, was apparently made by the Pomona Police Department, where he bears Number 98. The Los Angeles Sheriff's Office records show a rearrest of Subject ROE on May 19, 1923, for robbery and grand larceny, with an indication that Subject ROE under the name of PAUL SULLIVAN on July 6, 1923, was sent to Ione State Reformatory at Ione, California. A copy of a photograph of Subject ROE under the name of PAUL SULLIVAN, Los Angeles Sheriff's Office Number 34,134, will be secured and furnished the Oklahoma City Field Division.

The Los Angeles Sheriff's Office record did not disclose that K. I. SOMMERVILLE was arrested with Subject ROE. SOMMERVILLE bears Los Angeles Sheriff's Office Number 34,133 and was arrested on May 21, 1923 for forgery. He was described as -

Age	23 years in 1923
Height	5' 6"
Weight	148 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Residence	Arkansas
Occupation	Painter
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K. I. SOMMERVILLE was sent to San Quentin Penitentiary under Number 38,026 in the year 1923. An effort will be made to locate him to ascertain whether he has any knowledge concerning Subject ROE, as their original arrest dates in the Los Angeles Sheriff's Office was on May 1, 1923.

The Los Angeles Police Department record on K. I. SOMMERVILLE disclosed that he was paroled on April 8, 1925, and given a final discharge January 23, 1927.



AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

In an effort to locate FRANK H. PORTER, who was mentioned in the report of reference prepared by Special Agent D. W. Magee, an interview was had with his brother, WARREN J. PORTER, at 7007 Haas Street, Los Angeles. He advised that FRANK H. PORTER and his mother were in the East, possibly Boston, Massachusetts, and that he had no definite address for them. He promised to advise the Los Angeles Office when he heard from FRANK H. PORTER.

AT REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA

The report of Special Agent F. S. Smith, Oklahoma City, dated June 27, 1939, on page 5, reflects that Informant "R" of the Oklahoma City Office had told FRANK JACKSON that Subjects are residing in a town in California, in which the name "Moon" appeared. The only town of this name is Moon, California, which is in San Bernardino County, quite distant from Los Angeles. It is noted that Oklahoma City reference letter of July 25, 1939, states that Subject COLE and ROE were staying 25 miles from Long Beach. No town with the name of Moon is located this distance from Long Beach.

PETE NEWBERRY, also known as B. W. NEWBERRY, and his wife CAROLYN, also known as BERNICE W. NEWBERRY, presently reside in Redondo Beach, California, and when MRS. NEWBERRY was interviewed she was then residing at 514 Strand Boulevard, Redondo Beach, in the Moonstone Apartments. It is significant to note that the Redondo Beach area where the NEWBERRYS then lived, was years ago known as the Moonstone Beach area. This area, however, is only 14 miles and not 24 miles from Long Beach, California.

MRS. BERNICE NEWBERRY advised that she has been caretaker at the Moonstone Apartments since about January, when the landlady was away. She advised that five or six years ago she operated the Carolyn's Barber Shop at Borger, Texas, and that her husband, PETE NEWBERRY, was then working at Borger, Texas, at the McMillan Refinery. She stated that her husband's brother about five or six years ago had met Subject ROE, and ROE had been brought to their

place of residence where he resided for a time and where ROE posed as a car salesman. She stated that ROE brought an automobile into their garage which she noticed did not have license plates; that ROE left without taking the car, and that when she and her husband were about to report the matter to the local sheriff, the Sheriff appeared and arrested her husband for having possession of a stolen car. She advised that her husband told the officers the circumstances and her husband was released, and that ROE was shortly thereafter caught and placed in jail at Panhandle, Texas. She advised that neither she, nor her husband, has since seen Subject ROE; further, that she did not know Subject COLE and did not think her husband ever knew Subject COLE.

MRS. NEWBERRY suggested that possibly MARY DARBY, a woman barber, aged about 30 who looks much older, might know Subject ROE and his location if he is alive. She stated that MARY DARBY made an effort at that time to get Subject ROE out of jail and that ROE had tried to get her to deal in dope and to get saws into the Jail to effect his release at that time. She stated that when she and her husband had informed the officers concerning the car, ROE had written MARY DARBY threatening her husband's (NEWBERRY's) life. She described ROE at that time as in his twenties, tall and slender, dark complexioned, with black straight hair, thin face, and looking like an Indian. She stated that MARY DARBY (present name unknown), could be located easily in Borger, Texas, where she was known to have last worked at MRS. RUTH MARTIN's barber shop.

MRS. NEWBERRY stated that OLIN NEWBERRY, who had brought Subject ROE to their residence, is now deceased. She recalled that OLIN NEWBERRY had met Subject ROE in some barroom and that the NEWBERRYS had only known ROE about two weeks. At that time ROE said he had come from Kansas City, Missouri, where he had a brother.

MR. PETE, or B. W. NEWBERRY, MRS. NEWBERRY states, is working nights as a mechanic in a tool manufacturing company near Compton, California. He was not located at the time of investigation at Redondo Beach.

MRS. NEWBERRY advised that she and her husband were moving soon, but that she could always be located through MRS. A. M. RIDGEWAY, a real estate woman who resides on Hermosa Avenue in Redondo Beach.

MRS. A. M. RIDGEWAY was located at the real estate office on Hermosa Avenue, where she maintains a telephone, Redondo Beach 3017, interviewed personally by Agent, and shown photographs of Subjects COLE and ROE, and stated she did not recall ever having seen them at the Moonstone Apartments. She advised, however, that she did not live at this place, but only placed tenants in the apartments through rentals.

MRS. CAROLYN NEWBERRY stated that MARY DARBY might be located through ETHEL MARTIN at Borger, Texas; however, MARY DARBY might be at Kilgore, Texas, and, if she were not located in either of these towns, her present address might be secured through the State Barbers License Board at Austin, Texas. She informed that MARY DARBY had written to Subject ROE after he left Borger, Texas; that her aunt in Borger, Texas, had seen a letter in a tool drawer of MARY DARBY at the barber shop in Borger, received from ROE soliciting her help to sell dope through the jail.

MR. and MRS. NICHOLAS STEINFELD, owners and managers of the Moonstone Apartments at 514 Strand Boulevard, Redondo Beach, were interviewed by Agent at a subsequent time and were shown photographs of Subjects ROE and COLE, as well as of "SLEEPY" JOHNSON. MRS. STEINFELD stated she was away from January 5 to about August 1, 1939, and had never seen COLE, ROE, or "SLEEPY" JOHNSON at her apartment. MR. NICHOLAS STEINFELD, a mature and reputable citizen, advised that he has been residing some time in the Moonstone Apartments and that he never recognized COLE or ROE, or "SLEEPY" JOHNSON as ever having lived or visited the apartment, or of having visited MR. and MRS. PETE NEWBERRY. MR. and MRS. STEINFELD advised that PETE and MRS. NEWBERRY moved to the Ridgeway Apartments at 228 North Carolina, Redondo Beach, when MRS. STEINFELD returned to the Moonstone Apartments.

An endeavor was made to locate PETE NEWBERRY and wife at the Ridgeway Apartments at the aforementioned address, where they reside in Apartment 5. They were not at home during the period of investigation, but will be interviewed in the near future for further information from PETE NEWBERRY concerning Subject ROE.

AT LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

Oklahoma City Division reference letter indicated that a surveillance should be maintained at the residence of BILL WILLIAMS, 132 Mariposa Avenue, Long Beach, from the date of July 29, 1939, so that LEE ROBERTS could be placed under surveillance should he appear at the WILLIAMS residence to contact Informant "R", as it was believed that ROBERTS would be in touch with Subjects ROE and COLE at his alleged place of residence about 24 miles from Long Beach, California. It was alleged that LEE ROBERTS and "SLEEPY" JOHNSON would meet Informant "R" and take her out to the residence of ROE and COLE where they had plenty of room and accommodations. It is noted, however, that Informant "R" was unable to make the trip to California and that she had written a letter to MRS. WILLIAMS enclosing a letter to ROBERTS where ROBERTS was supposed to meet her on the morning of July 29, 1939.

It was ascertained from the Postal carrier, CARLTON C. TIPPING, that the aforementioned letter had been delivered a day or so before the reference letter was received by the Los Angeles Division. A surveillance, however, was maintained on the address of 132 Mariposa Street on July 28, 1939. On July 29, 1939, the date ROBERTS was to appear at the BILL WILLIAMS residence, Agents MAGEE, and DENCE and SMITH maintained a surveillance of Court No. 6, where WILLIAMS resides. For the information of the Oklahoma City Division, this address is a very cheap auto court apartment of ten units. Mariposa Street is a one block dead end street not far from the Navy landing pier, and numerous sailors reside in the small houses and inexpensive courts. A complete check was made of all automobiles entering that street on July 28, 1939, and the identity of the owners of the cars ascertained.

It is noted that one ERICK ROBERTS, his wife and mother-in-law reside in Court No. 5. It is possible that he is related to LEE ROBERTS, mentioned by Informant "R". ERICK ROBERTS is employed by the P. W. A.

BILL WILLIAMS possesses a 1934 Dodge Coach bearing 1939 California license LX 6397, which is registered under the name of MILES WILLIAM WILLIAMS, the legal owner being General Motors, Long Beach.

No car was observed entering the street, or in the vicinity of Mariposa Street, bearing any Missouri, Illinois, Michigan, or Kansas license, similar to the cars described in the reference reports and reference letter from Oklahoma City. One car, a Chevrolet Coupe parked in front of 132 Mariposa Street, bore 1939 Kansas license 2-7001, and the Kansas City Field Division by letter of August 3, 1939, advised that this ~~car~~ was registered to A. M. PHIPPS, 156 Mariposa, Long Beach, California, for a 1931 Chevrolet Coupe. It was later ascertained that A. M. PHIPPS is an ex-Service man residing with his family presently at 132 Mariposa in Court No. 3. He has recently been on W. P. A.

The registration book of the court apartment at 132 Mariposa was secured from MRS. ED NOLAN, who has an identical auto court at 156 Mariposa, without advising her the nature of the inquiry other than that the residence of a sailor was desired. It was ascertained that the following people reside at 132 Mariposa:

JOHN KELLENBERGER	Court No. 1
Court No. 2 empty; formerly the residence of a sailor named DAILEY.	
A. M. PHIPPS and family	Court No. 3
MRS. WRIGHT	Court No. 4
ERICK ROBERTS and family	Court No. 5
MILES W. WILLIAMS and family	Court No. 6
HERMAN BROCK, ex-Marine, now with California Relief in the Commissary	Court No. 7
MRS. NORTHERN and MR. and MRS. STROUD	Court No. 9
Ex-Sailor named SIMS, aged 19	Court No. 10

No one was seen in the vicinity of 132 Mariposa, in Mariposa Street, or adjacent thereto, who resembles Subjects COLE or ROE, and no one was seen entering Court No. 6 of MILES WILLIAMS who would answer the description of LEE ROBERTS. The only individual to visit the WILLIAMS family was a youth 25 years of age, 5' 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ " tall, slender build, dark brown or black hair brushed back, weighing 150 pounds, with a scar on the lower left side of his face. He left the residence with MILES WILLIAMS and was followed by Agent to the Walker Shoe Store on Pine Street in Long Beach, where they made a purchase of women's hose, and returned to the WILLIAMS Court No. 6. This individual possessed a 1929 Ford Convertible Coupe, bearing 1939 California license 5M 1428, which was registered to JOHN A. KIELS, 3301 Highland Avenue, Manhattan Beach, California.

AT MANHATTAN BEACH, CALIFORNIA

Agent ascertained that the address of 3301 Highland is a drug store operated by JOHN A. KIELS, who did not answer the description of the individual who drove the car. MR. KIELS, a mature businessman, advised that in June this particular car had been traded to the Studebaker dealer at Inglewood, California, a MR. FRANK AFTON.

FRANK AFTON, address 240 North Market, Inglewood, was interviewed telephonically through ORchard 7-2103, and informed that he traded this particular Ford Convertible Coupe to the Value Motor Sales Company at 3434 South Main Street, on June 1, 1939.

MR. GEORGE TEDDY, who operates the Value Motor Sales, was interviewed through telephone number ADams 9415 and stated that he sold this car on a conditional sales contract to ANDY OTT, who is relief man at the Wilshire Palms Apartment, 10331 Wilshire Boulevard, and who receives mail through a friend (name unknown) residing at 732 South Normandie, Los Angeles. FLOYD OTT, address 4045 North Monroe Street, Hollywood, is reported to be the father of ANDY OTT. A description of ANDY OTT as furnished by GEORGE TEDDY identified him as the individual who visited MILES WILLIAMS.

Inasmuch as the Oklahoma City Office reference letter reflected that Informant "R" did not desire the WILLIAMS family contacted, <sup>direct</sup>no investigation was made with the WILLIAMS family. Subsequent investigation did not disclose any foreign licensed cars or any individuals answering the description of LEE ROBERTS as having visited the WILLIAMS family. However, it is probable that ROBERTS had received the letter from Informant "R" prior to the surveillance. The Oklahoma City Field Division is requested to advise whether direct contact is desired with the WILLIAMS family at Long Beach.

Reference report of Special Agent Ralph T. Hood, (page 19), seems to indicate that Informant "R"'s story appeared fictitious. On the night of July 29, 1939, Acting Special Agent in Charge J. C. Ellsworth advised that the surveillance could be discontinued.

ERICK V. ROBERTS possesses a 1932 Chrysler Sedan bearing 1939 California license 8X 6451.

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

The Oklahoma City Office has not identified an arrest record on LEE ROBERTS. The Los Angeles Police Department has an arrest record on an Italian named JOSEPH L. LARRIGN with aliases: JOSEPH IAREGINA, JOE ROBERTS, LEE ROBERTS, L. A. P. D. No. 26,806, San Quentin Penitentiary No. 74,555, Folsom No. 16,646, who was discharged there on November 13, 1937. He answers the general description of LEE ROBERTS. This individual may be identical with the JOE ROBERTS, whom the Los Angeles Office has been trying to identify as being a former correspondent of JAMES ROE (See page 49 of report of Special Agent Ralph T. Hood, Oklahoma City, dated December 2, 1938). A copy of the photograph of this individual is being forwarded the Oklahoma City Field Division to determine whether he is the particular LEE ROBERTS who is associating with Informant "R" and alleged to be in contact with Subjects ROE and COLE.

ELMER DILLARD, mentioned in reference report of Special Agent Ralph T. Hood, dated July 21, 1939, resides in Apartment 206, at 944 West 11th Place, Los Angeles. It was ascertained from the

apartment house managers, MR. and MRS. TRUDY KREAMER, that EIMER DILLARD and wife had resided there for about eight months and that he is a conductor for the Los Angeles street railway. They were shown photographs of Subjects COLE and ROE and advised they had never seen either visit EIMER DILLARD, whom they state leads a quiet life. It was noted that MRS. EIMER DILLARD is reported to be a cousin of FRED W. COLE. MR. and MRS. KREAMER advised that the DILLARDS are very friendly with a SHERMAN DOWDY and wife OPAL from Oklahoma, who formerly resided in that apartment but moved to the Amity Apartment at 943 West 11th Place, and who hurriedly left that apartment the night of August 4, 1939.

MISS ROSE MARSH, Manager of the Amity Apartment, who was visiting the KREAMERS, stated she heard that SHERMAN DOWDY was skipping out on a warrant on an Oklahoma charge. DOWDY, however, was not identified at either the Los Angeles Police Department or Sheriff's Office Identification Bureaus.

MR. and MRS. TRUDY KREAMER and ROSE MARSH advised they will observe the DILLARD family and endeavor to get information concerning COLE and ROE, and inform the Los Angeles Bureau Office.

The mail cover on MR. and MRS. G. I. DAWSON and on VIOLET DAWSON, half sister of Subject COLE, at the residence address 6238 Gifford Avenue, Bell, California, has developed three letters which are described as follows:

Letter to Mr. DAWSON postmarked Los Angeles, August 7, 1939, from E. EVANS, return address 716 West 18th Street, Los Angeles.

Letter to Mrs. VIOLET DAWSON, Bell, California, postmarked Laguna Beach, California, August 8, 1939, with the return address 567 Thorough, Laguna Beach, California.

Letter addressed to Mr. and Mrs. G. I. DAWSON, at Bell, California, postmarked Lindsay, California, August 9, 1939, from BELLE MORRIS, Route 1, Box 485.



ENCLOSURE FOR THE OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD DIVISION:

Photograph of JOSEPH L. LARRIGN with aliases,  
Los Angeles Police Department Number 26,806.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS: THE DALLAS FIELD DIVISION

AT BORGER, TEXAS, will endeavor to locate and interview MARY DARBY, a barber, through MRS. ETHEL MARTIN, who runs a barber shop in Borger, Texas, and will interrogate MARY DARBY concerning her information on Subject ROE.

THE OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD DIVISION

Is requested to advise whether open inquiry is desired on MILES WILLIAMS at 132 Mariposa Street, Long Beach, California.

Is requested to advise whether the photograph of JOSEPH L. LARRIGN with aliases: Joseph Iaregina, Lee Roberts, Joe Roberts, is identical with the LEE ROBERTS associating with Informant "R".

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, will place a mail cover on the mail of WARREN J. PORTER, 7007 Haas, in an effort to locate his brother, FRANK H. PORTER, so that he may be interviewed along the lines suggested in reference report of Special Agent D. W. Magee dated July 18, 1939.

Will ascertain the identity of the individual writing to MRS. VIOLET DAWSON, Subject COLE's half sister - the return address E. EVANS, 716 West 18th Street, Los Angeles.

Will, after permitting MR. and MRS. TRUDY KREAMER, Managers of the apartment at 944 West 11th Place, and ROSE MARSH, Manager of the apartment at 943 West 11th Place, Los Angeles, to observe the visitors of MR. and MRS. ELMER DILLARD, reinterview them for information and thereafter interview MR. and MRS. ELMER DILLARD for their information concerning the escape of Subject COLE, bearing in mind that MRS. DILLARD is reported to be a cousin of FRED W. COLE.

(Undeveloped leads at Los Angeles continued)

Will interview Detective H. H. MITCHELL, Badge No. 46, at the 77th Street Precinct Station, who charged out the correspondence file No. C104481 of the Los Angeles Police Department relative to Subject RALPH ROE alias Paul Sullivan, ascertaining all information in his possession concerning Subjects.

Will interview G. I. DAWSON at the Siel Optical Company, 318 East 5th Street, concerning information he may have on Subject COLE, bearing in mind that his wife is a half sister of Subject COLE.

AT LAGUNA BEACH, CALIFORNIA, will ascertain the identity of the individuals writing to MRS. VIOLET DAWSON, Subject COLE's half sister, with the return address 567 Thorough, Laguna Beach.

AT LINDSAY, CALIFORNIA, will ascertain the identity of the individual named BELLE MORRIS, address Route 1, Box 485, who has written to MR. and MRS. G. I. DAWSON at Bell, California.

AT REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, will interview PETE (or B. W.) NEWBERRY and CAROLYN (or BERNICE W.) NEWBERRY, Apartment 5, Ridgeway Apartments, 228 North Carolina Street, concerning any information they may have on Subject COLE or ROE, particularly Subject ROE whom PETE NEWBERRY knew years ago in Borger, Texas; ascertain whether LEE ROBERTS or "SLEEPY" JOHNSON is known to them, and whether they were visited by Oklahoma people when they resided at the Moonstone Apartments.

\* AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, will endeavor to locate and interview RUTH KERN, noting there is no such address as 117 N. Avenue in Los Angeles. She is a sister of HENRY YOUNG, No. 244-AZ, who visited YOUNG at Alcatraz. (See report of Special Agent Ralph T. Hood, 12/2/38 - page 49.)

\* AT PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, will determine if LARRY BUTCHER, telephone number 1708, has any connection with JAMES HUGH BUTCHER. (See pages 44, 48 and 49, 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, 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.

\* 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.

\* Will endeavor to develop new confidential informants at Arcadia, California, 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 W. P. A. 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 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 WOODLAKE, CALIFORNIA, Will make arrangements to develop new confidential informants on MR. and MRS. FRED COLE, parents of Subject COLE.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY

FILE NO. 76-95

REPORT MADE AT  <b>DENVER</b>	DATE WHEN MADE  <b>8-16-39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE  <b>8-24-39</b>	REPORT MADE BY  <b>D. C. SPENCER</b> <div style="text-align: right;">RO</div>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. # 1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. # 1471.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

**EARL McGUIRE** and another man, probably **PAUL BREWER**, stopped at Postlewaite Service Station and Cottage Camp, Lamar, Colo., on night of 6-27-39. McGUIRE only registered, using name **C. L. CANTRAL**, Chichasha, Okla.

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**REFERENCES:**

Report of Special Agent D. M. BRIGHTMAN, Denver, 7-28-39.  
Teletype from El Paso Office, 8-3-39.

**DETAILS:**

**AT LAMAR, COLORADO ---**

At the Postlewaite Service Station and Cottage Camp, 601 North Main Street, JACK HOLT, attendant, produced the register which showed that an individual registered on June 27, 1939, as **C. S. CANTRAL**, Chichasha, Oklahoma, and that there were two persons in the party, who were driving a Ford automobile, bearing Oklahoma license plates, number 2G83, that they occupied cabin # 3, stayed one night and paid \$1.25.

Mr. HOLT advised that Sheriff WILLIAM R. McGUIN exhibited photographs to the night attendant, HERBERT TOMBLESON, who identified the photograph of **EARL McGUIRE** as the individual who registered, but could not identify other photographs. Mr. HOLT further advised that he did not see the two men and he could, therefor, not identify the photographs of **EARL McGUIRE**, **RALPH ROE** or **THEODORE COLE**. Mr. HOLT could not recall that **BREWER** is supposed to have taken out a girl on the night they stayed at the camp.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>E. J. Totten RB</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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		<b>RTK</b>	

HERBERT TOMBLESON, 309 West Washington Street, could not identify the photographs of EARL McGUIRE, RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE, but stated the photograph of McGUIRE was very familiar. When reminded that the Sheriff had previously shown him McGUIRE's photograph, Mr. TOMBLESON recalled him as the man who registered as C. L. CANTRAL. He stated two men came into the service station at the time, but only one registered. They talked with Mr. TOMBLESON about unimportant matters. He recalled that they were away and returned quite late, he believed about 10:00 o'clock. He recalled they were at the camp for one night only and could not recollect that BREWER had a date with a girl. Mr. TOMBLESON went off shift at 6:00 A.M., and they were still at the camp.

Sheriff WILLIAM R. McGUIN stated that he was present when PAUL BREWER was interviewed at Phoenix, Arizona, and that the information contained in reference teletype is exactly the same as BREWER gave when the Sheriff was present. Sheriff McGUIN recalled that Mr. TOMBLESON could only identify the photograph of McGUIRE.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The DENVER OFFICE ---

\* 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. Will obtain all information as to the present whereabouts of WINNIE METCALF.

\* At Rawlins, Wyoming, will locate RUTH MILLS and interview her for any information she may have relative to the whereabouts of WINNIE METCALF.

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1437 Ferndale N.W.  
Canton, Ohio  
August 18, 1939

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Gentlemen:

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

A few days ago I was  
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of his appearance and  
any little peculiarities  
he might have.

Sincerely yours,  
Karl Hunter

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1437 Ferndale N. W.  
Canton, Ohio  
August 18, 1939

Gentlemen:

A few days ago I was waited on by a man in a small restaurant near Buffalo whose features bore a striking resemblance to a recently published photograph of a certain Ralph Roe. I believe I could identify the man with more certainty if I had a more detailed description of his appearance and any little peculiarities he might have.

Sincerely yours,

Karl Kreuter



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76-2686-783X August 31, 1939

Mr. Karl Kreuter  
1437 Ferndale, N. W.  
Canton, Ohio

Dear Mr. Kreuter:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated August 18, 1939, in which you state that you have information concerning a person believed by you to be possibly identical with Ralph Roe, a fugitive whose apprehension is desired by this Bureau.

Your cooperation in communicating with this Bureau is sincerely appreciated and I wish to advise you that Mr. E. P. Quinane, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 1448 Standard Building, Cleveland, Ohio, has been instructed to have an Agent from his office contact you to obtain any further information which you may have in this regard.

In the meantime it is suggested that you say care to communicate with Mr. Quinane, furnishing further information which you may have with respect to the individual observed by you.

Very truly yours,  
For the Director

Harold Nathan  
Assistant Director

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

cc Cleveland (Enclosures - copies incoming letter)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,  
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Mr. Tolson.....  
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

August 30, 1939

EAT:LCJ

8:25 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

RE: OROCOL

SAC Scheidt called from Charlotte and advised that this morning Sheriff Kreuger (phonetic) of Concord, North Carolina brought an informant into the office who made a photographic identification of a man working in a mill there as being identical with Ralph O'Rourke.

Mr. Scheidt advised that he is going to Concord, which is twenty-two miles from Charlotte, with a party of agents to determine whether there is anything to this lead.



E. A. Tamm

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940 First National Building  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

August 30, 1939

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Special Agent in Charge  
Dallas, Texas

Dear Sir:

Re: ROCOL

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent D. W. MACEE, dated at Los Angeles, August 22, 1939, setting forth a lead for your Division to conduct investigation at Berger, Texas, to interview MARY DAREY, alleged to be friendly with subject ROE.

For your information, MARY DAREY who is presently Mrs. DOYLE WILLIAMS, resides at Freer, Texas. She was interviewed, as reflected in the report of Special Agent C. R. DAVIS, San Antonio, July 23, 1938, and denied knowing RALPH ROE but admitted her friendship with ROY ROE, his brother. The Dallas Division will disregard the lead at Berger, Texas.

The San Antonio Division is requested to locate and reinterview Mrs. DOYLE WILLIAMS in line with the information she furnished in the report of Agent MACEE, a copy of same is being forwarded herewith.

A copy of the report of Agent DAVIS is enclosed herewith for the Los Angeles Division. It is requested that in further interview with PETER NEWBERRY that it be ascertained if the NEWBERRYS are discussing RALPH ROE or his brother, ROY.

Very truly yours,

RTH:br  
cc - Bureau  
Los Angeles, Eng.  
San Antonio, Eng.  
San Francisco

H. E. ANDERSEN  
Special Agent in Charge

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

San Francisco, California  
August 14, 1939

Special Agent in Charge,  
Honolulu, Hawaii.

Re: <sup>C</sup>ROCOL

Dear Sir:

~~San Francisco~~ **Oklahoma City** is the office of origin in the above entitled case. Investigation is pending at Honolulu, T. H., and I am transmitting herewith the following serials for your information in conducting the necessary investigation:

Ext. Special Agent H. T. ARTHUR, Dallas, 6-19-39.

Very truly yours,

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

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cc-Bureau

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY

FILE NO.

76-166

REPORT MADE AT <b>OMAHA, NEBRASKA</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8/31/39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8/31/39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>G. W. STEIN (SAC)</b>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

WILLIAM J. PARROTT, Omaha, identifies ROE'S photograph as being very similar to R. W. KEILLER, stove lid salesman, apparently employed by WM. H. PEARCE & CO., Philadelphia, Pa. PARROTT saw KEILLER in Omaha 7-24-39.

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**DETAILS:**

At Omaha, Nebraska

On August 31, 1939, WILLIAM J. PARROTT, 1807 Dorcas Street, Omaha, a retired postal employee, called at this office. He said that on July 24, 1939, an individual called at his home, stating he was selling stove lids for certain types of gas ranges, and that he was a representative of the WM. H. PEARCE & CO., 52 S. Second St., Philadelphia, Pa. PARROTT agreed to purchase a lid for \$2.00, which he paid to this salesman, R. W. KEILLER, obtaining receipt for same. This receipt was inadvertently dated June 24, 1939, when it should have been July 24, 1939.

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The receipt in question promises delivery will be made on or about August 15, 1939. PARROTT has never received his goods. He said he does not mind the loss of the \$2.00, but when he saw ROWE'S photograph recently in the newspaper, he thought it resembled KEILLER.

PARROTT described KEILLER as follows:

Name - R. W. KEILLER  
Age - 35 years  
Height - 6 feet  
Weight - 180 pounds  
Complexion - Very fair  
Hair - Dark brown, curly.

MR. PARROTT believes KEILLER was driving an automobile but he did not observe it. He furnished this office the receipt mentioned, which is being retained in the Omaha file.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS

#### PHILADELPHIA OFFICE

##### AT PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

At the WM. H. PEARCE & COMPANY, 52 South Second St., determine whether R. W. KEILLER is an employee or representative of that firm, and if so, conduct the necessary investigation.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

Butte FILE NO. 76-107

REPORT MADE AT <b>BUTTE, MONTANA</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8/31/39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8/18/39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. F. TROST</b> <span style="float: right;">PH</span>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE - I. O. #1472. THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE I. O. #1471.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Mrs. ~~EUGENIE K. GILDER~~, Route 3, Palouse, Washington states two men riding on bus going north from San Francisco, California on 3/7/39 appeared suspicious. Descriptions of men indicate little possibility that they are identical with Subjects. Photographs of Subjects exhibited and not identified.

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**Reference**

Letter from Seattle Field Office to Butte Field Office 5/8/39.

**Details**

**NEAR POTLATCH, IDAHO:**

Mrs. EUGENIE K. GILDER stated that during the winter of 1939 she and her husband took a trip to California and on March 7, 1939 they were proceeding via the Greyhound bus line from San Francisco, California to Eureka, California. Mrs. GILDER stated that while the bus was preparing to leave from San Francisco, a man boarded the bus whom she described as follows:

Age	50 years
Weight	180 pounds
Height	6'
Build	Heavy
Hair	Grey
Eyes	Unknown
Speech	Slight English accent.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:

*A. B. Baister*

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Shortly after, a second man, who from his actions appeared to be a stranger to the first man, boarded the bus and asked the first man if it was all right for him to occupy the seat with him, since there were no other seats available in the bus. Mrs. GILDER described the second man as follows:

Age	50 or more
Weight	170 pounds
Height	5' 10"
Build	Medium to husky
Hair	Light and slightly bald
Eyes	Unknown

Mrs. GILDER stated both of the men were dressed in grey clothing and wore feathers in their hats. They boarded the Greyhound Bus which left the Terminal Depot at San Francisco, California at 8:00 A. M. on March 7, 1939. They did not have regular tickets, but had white pieces of paper which Mrs. GILDER described as being longer and wider than a Government Transportation Request. Mrs. GILDER stated that just before the bus left San Francisco, two men apparently connected with the Bus Company came on the bus and asked for the two men, who were going to Eureka, California and the two above described men indicated they they were the men and they were given the slips of paper which they used for tickets. Mrs. GILDER stated that when the bus got under way, the two men engaged in general conversation and when the bus passed San Quentin the course of their conversation turned to penitentiaries and the possibility of escape from penitentiaries. The two men spoke of escape from the United States Penitentiary on Alcatraz Island and the second described man stated that it was said that it was impossible to escape from Alcatraz but that he had accomplished the impossible. Mrs. GILDER stated that she was not certain as to this statement because from where she sat, it was not possible for her to hear exactly what the two men said. Mrs. GILDER stated that from the conversation she overheard, it was evident that the two men had travelled quite extensively because they spoke of various places where they had been. Mrs. GILDER could not recall the places the men spoke of, but stated she heard the first described man say that he had been to Australia and to the Phillipine Islands. The first described man spoke of obtaining about \$3,000.00 on a check which a woman cashed for him, but Mrs. GILDER could not recall anything further he said in this regard. The first described man talked about having a car in Seattle, Washington, which he intended to drive into Canada and Mrs. GILDER stated that she gathered that both men were planning to go to Canada, however, they did not announce any destination in Canada.

Mrs. GILDER stated that upon arriving at Santa Rosa, California the bus stopped for a short time during which Mrs. GILDER made an effort to study the first described man. She stated that she looked at him very closely and he seemed to become very uncomfortable



and when the bus left, he was not on it. Mrs. GILDER stated she looked for the man in the bus but could not find him, and is certain he did not board the bus after the stop at Santa Rosa. Mrs. GILDER stated the other man continued to ride on the bus to Eureka, California.

It will be pointed out in regard to the information given by Mrs. GILDER that she is a woman of a very suspicious nature, which was evidenced by the fact that she had a shot gun propped next to her front door because a strange man had passed along the road earlier in the day. She reads Detective Stories and is under the impression that every stranger she encounters is a criminal. She had read of the Subjects' escape, but had not seen pictures of the Subjects and was particularly anxious to do so. The pictures of the Subjects were exhibited to Mrs. GILDER at the close of the interview, and she seemed very reluctant to admit that there was no resemblance between them and the two men on the bus.

It is not felt that the information furnished by Mrs. GILDER is of sufficient value to warrant setting forth undeveloped leads in an effort to ascertain the identity of the two men whom she observed on the bus.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN

810 South Spring Building, Room 603  
Los Angeles, California

August 24, 1939

Postmaster  
Long Beach  
California

Re: RCOL

Dear Sir:

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this Bureau, kindly place a thirty-day mail cover on mail addressed to MILES WILLIAM WILLIAMS, or the WILLIAMS family, whose residence is -

Court No. 6  
132 Mariposa Street  
Long Beach, California.

When forwarding mail tracings to this office, please refer to L. A. File 76-362.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Hood,  
Special Agent in Charge

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CC Bureau  
Oklahoma City

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

Inspector Connelley

Serial 231 contained in the file, and attached to memorandum of Special Agent J. C. ELLSWORTH dated August 17, 1939, apparently being a memorandum of supposed information furnished by a prisoner at Folsom Penitentiary, is obscene and should have been handled accordingly in the file.

S.A.C. Hood      This serial will be handled as obscene matter.

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76-362  
Inspection Report  
Los Angeles Office  
Inspector Connelley  
August 17, 1939

RHL:MLJ

September 1, 1939

Special Agent in Charge  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

There are enclosed herewith copies of letters addressed to the Postmaster at Long Beach, California, and to the Postmaster at Los Angeles, California, dated August 24, 1939, requesting that thirty-day mail covers be placed on mail addressed to Miles Williams Williams or the Williams family, Court No. 6, 132 Mariposa Street, Long Beach, California, and on mail addressed to Warren J. \*Porter, 7007 Haas Street, Los Angeles, California. Contrary to instructions in the Manual of Rules and Regulations, this correspondence does not contain the title of the case involved.

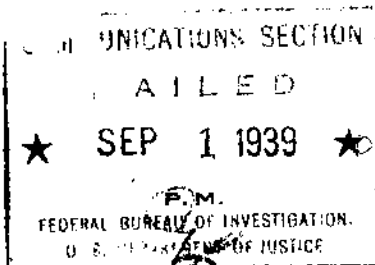
The Bureau is unable to identify the file in which these communications should be placed and it is therefore desired that you immediately place the title of the case involved on the enclosed communications and return them to the Bureau.

Very truly yours,  
For the Director

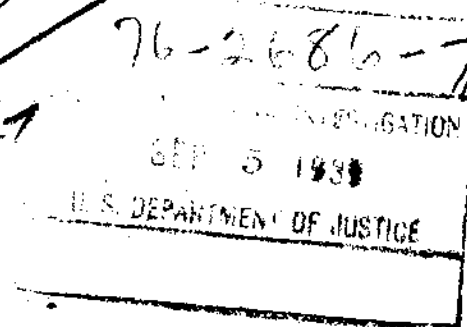
Harold Nathan  
Assistant Director

Enclosures

Mr. Tolson  
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Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Sears  
Mr. Quinn  
Mr. Tracy  
Miss Gandy



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Buffalo, N.Y., 9/7/39

Special Agent in Charge  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Re: RALPH ROX, with aliases - Fugitive  
I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with  
aliases - Fugitive, I.O. #1472.  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.

Dear Sir:

On September 7, 1939 Mr. W. W. GUSTINE of Gray, Georgia, Associated Press correspondent, stopped at the Buffalo Field Division and advised that on September 6, 1939, while passing through the 12th Street Fruit Market at Erie, Pa. he observed THEODORE COLE, fugitive in instant case.

He described COLE as being 6', slight build, yellow complexion, and appears as though he had been ill.

GUSTINE stated that he has a "photographic mind" and that through his newspaper reporting, he had seen COLE'S picture on several occasions. Therefore, the features registered immediately upon his seeing COLE.

He was unable to advise the particular booth or store into which COLE had disappeared or any other pertinent information that might assist the Pittsburgh Field Division in the investigation. He stated that he attempted to find a police officer to give him this information, but had been unsuccessful until he arrived at Buffalo.

The Pittsburgh Field Division was notified of the above facts by telegram dated September 7, 1939.

Very truly yours,

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SPECIAL DELIVERY!

cc: Bureau  
Oklahoma City

W. V. McLAUGHLIN  
Special Agent in Charge

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

940 First National Building

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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76-348

Special Agent in Charge  
Dallas, Texas

Dear Sir:

Re: GORUM

Mr. JAMES SHERS, Chief of Police, Seminole, Oklahoma, informed Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD that one GUY GORUM, who was originally from Fort Worth, Texas, and who has a bad reputation in the vicinity of Seminole, had furnished him with information concerning Subjects ROE and COLE. SHERS stated that he had used GORUM as an informant and had found him usually reliable. SHERS stated that GORUM had returned to the vicinity of Seminole several months before and was operating a filling station, but that an old fine of \$30 was pending against him in Seminole County and efforts were being made to collect this fine and as a result, GORUM was usually unavailable for interview. He also mentioned that GORUM made numerous trips to Fort Worth, Texas, and was attempting to obtain sufficient money to pay off the fine.

GORUM was located at Seminole and interviewed by Special Agents HOOD and T. D. WHEED in the presence of Chief of Police SHERS. GORUM stated that during the latter part of June and the first part of July, 1939, he was advised by one LIVINGSTON, a Jew who operates the Rosedale Grocery at Main and Rosedale Streets, Fort Worth, and who was formerly a large liquor operator, but who is presently operating a legitimate grocery catering principally to negroes and who is a good contact for the underworld in Fort Worth, that ROE and COLE had been at his place of business. LIVINGSTON also informed him that ROE and COLE were in contact with one LALLY (phonetic) a dago who operates a safe and policy racket in the 600 or 700 block on Jones Street. LALLY informed LIVINGSTON that ROE and COLE were in Fort Worth cooling off and that they were residing in a cabin, thought to be owned by LALLY, at Lake Worth. GORUM also informed that ROE and COLE were planning on a job and desired assistance and that they were willing to take GORUM with them on the job. However, GORUM stated that Subjects had nothing to offer and he did not go with them.

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COHEN also informed Agents that he understood that COLE formerly operated, with LOVELY and other degoes in Fort Worth, a slot machine racket and that this gang usually hangs out in LOVELY's restaurant and at the 8th Street Drug Store at about 8th and Throckmorton Streets, Fort Worth.

With reference to the job that Subjects plan to pull, LIVINGSTON informed COHEN that they planned to hijack a payroll in Ohio or Pennsylvania.

He indicated that Subjects had been hiding out at another place, but became so "hot" that they had to leave.

COHEN informed Agents that he planned to make a business trip to Fort Worth in the next few days and would see members of the underworld in an effort to obtain information. He mentioned that his father-in-law, whose name he did not offer, operated a liquor store in Fort Worth, and had the confidence and trust of the underworld.

Subsequently, Mr. NICH informed Agent HEND that COHEN had returned to Seminole for a short time thence returning to Fort Worth, and that while in Seminole, COHEN informed him that COLE had been in Fort Worth during the past few days and that he, COHEN, had had an opportunity to drive to California, definite place unknown, in COLE's Buick Coupe automobile.

Efforts have been made to locate COHEN for further interview but same have been unsuccessful as he has not returned to Seminole.

COHEN also informed NICH that Subjects were definitely staying in a cabin at Fort Worth owned by LOVELY.

While it is not known the extent of truth or veracity of COHEN's statements, it is suggested that a discreet inquiry be made in connection with this matter. As soon as COHEN returns to Seminole, he will be contacted as to full and complete information, and his assistance will be obtained. Mr. NICH states that if COHEN possesses any information, he could be persuaded to put Subjects "on the spot."

Very truly yours,

RTH:br  
cc - Bureau

H. E. ANDERSON  
Special Agent in Charge

San Francisco, California  
September 16, 1939

Special Agent in Charge  
Los Angeles, California

Re: ROOOL

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent D. W. MAGEE, Los Angeles, California, dated 7/18/39, in which there is contained a lead for this office to ascertain the names of visitors of ABE ALLEN at San Quentin Penitentiary 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, 1937.

There are being transmitted herewith a list of receptions granted to ABE ALLEN, San Quentin Penitentiary No. 56,684, and a list of his correspondents during his incarceration at that prison.

It is requested that these lists be exhibited to ABE ALLEN, William Penn Hotel, West 8th Street, Los Angeles, for the purpose of identifying any of the individuals who might have resided in the apartment building at 2421 Post Street, San Francisco.

It is noted in the report of Special Agent C. H. OLSON, San Francisco, California, dated 1/3/38, at pages 11 and 12, that a Mr. and Mrs. J. ROSE had registered at the foregoing apartment on September 13, 1937, and had remained until December 18, 1937, at which time they left without saying anything to the manager of the apartment. It is also noted on page 12 of the enclosed list of receptions that a JANE ROSE, 1735 5th Street, Oakland, California was a visitor of ALLEN on September 27, 1937, and a JACK THOMPSON, 368 Ellis Street, San Francisco, California, also visited ALLEN on the same date. It is thought possible that JANE ROSE and JACK THOMPSON might be identical with the Mr. and Mrs. J. ROSE, who registered at the apartment, although it is noted that their addresses are different and do not correspond with the address 2421 Post Street.

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Very truly yours,

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N. J. L. FIERER  
Special Agent in Charge

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DAY LETTER	DEFERRED CABLE
NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT CABLE LETTER
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THE INTERNATIONAL

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S. K. McKEE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
620 NEW FEDERAL BLDG.  
PITTSBURGH, PA.

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cc: Bureau

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# POSTAL TELEGRAPH-CABLE COMPANY

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

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

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

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3. Domestic messages and incoming cable messages will be delivered free with one-half mile of the Company's office in towns of 5,000 population or less, and with 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 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 offices, he acts for that purpose as the agent of the sender.

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

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

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

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

## POSTAL TELEGRAPH-CABLE COMPANY

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

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**FAST TELEGRAMS.** A full-rate expedited service.

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

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

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### CLASSES OF SERVICE

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

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

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

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

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

REPORT MADE AT <b>BUFFALO, NEW YORK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>9/7/39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8/25/39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>JESSE C. PARKS, Jr.</b>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472</b> <b>THEODORE COLLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

**ROBERT B. MOXON** not residing **Ottawa, Ontario**, according to **ROBERT A. MOXON**, Father, who was interviewed with negative results. Present address of **ROBERT B. MOXON** unknown. Stops placed with   and **Ottawa, Ontario** Police Department.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent **RALPH T. HOOD**, Oklahoma City, Okla. dated **7/21/39**.

**DETAILS :**

The following investigation was conducted with the assistance of Detective Sgt. A. A. MacDONALD of the Ottawa Police Department.

**MR. ROBERT A. MOXON**, 335 Lyon Street, informed that his son, **ROBERT B. MOXON** visited him at his home in April, 1939 in company with his wife, **JANE BUTLER MOXON**. **MR. MOXON** stated that his son only remained at his home for approximately three days during April and that he had not heard from him since and therefore did not know where he was residing at the present time. **MR. MOXON** stated, however, that he was under the impression his son had gone to Boston, Mass. but he did not have any information to verify this fact. He further stated that he understood **MRS. ROBERT B. MOXON**, also known as **JANE BUTLER MOXON**, his son's wife, had returned to her home in Vancouver, B.C. He stated he did not know her address in British Columbia.

**MR. MOXON** further informed the only thing he had ever heard his son **ROBERT** mention in regard to the prison break at Alcatraz was to

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the effect that he, ROBERT, had kept out of the break entirely and had made enemies among the inmates of the prison because of his attitude. MR. MOXON said that he had never heard ROBERT mention the break in any other way except to make this statement. MR. MOXON also stated that ROBERT visited in his home during November, 1938 for approximately ten days and that this visit and the visit in April, 1939 were the only two times that he had been in Ottawa for a number of years. He said further that ROBERT never corresponded with him and he had no way of ascertaining his present whereabouts. He further advised the writer in the event he received any word from his son concerning his present or future address that he would promptly notify the Buffalo Field Office.

MR. MOXON furnished the writer with the following names of relatives that ROBERT might possibly contact.

Mrs. G. W. STEGMAN, St. Johns, New Brunswick  
 Mrs. CEDIL MARKHAM, Rathesay, New Brunswick, sister  
 A. W. MOXON, brother, who is presently residing in Montreal.

MR. MOXON stated he did not know the street addresses of these individuals.

[redacted] informed that he would have a stop notice placed in [redacted] and would promptly notify the Buffalo Field Office in the event [redacted] received notice that ROBERT B. MOXON had been picked up on any charge so that he could be interviewed.

Chief Constable J. P. DOWNEY of the Ottawa Police Department informed that his records did not reflect that ROBERT B. MOXON was presently incarcerated in Ottawa or was wanted for any charge by that Department. Chief DOWNEY further stated that he would see that a stop notice was placed with his Department and the Buffalo Field Office promptly notified in the event MOXON was picked up on any charge so that he could be interviewed.

No leads are being set out to interview the foregoing relatives of ROBERT B. MOXON and it is being left to the discretion of the office of origin as to whether these relatives should be interviewed.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS

\* THE BUFFALO FIELD OFFICE AT ATTICA, NEW YORK will interview CHARLES REISS for any information he may have concerning the escape or present location of RALPH ROE or THEODORE COLE.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

ORIGINATED AT <b>OKLAHOMA CITY</b>		FILE NO. 76-72 g1b	
AT <b>OKLAHOMA CITY</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>9/6/39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8/22/39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>F. C. WOOD</b>
SUBJECT: <b>COLE with aliases; Fugitive, I.O.#1472;          RE COLE with aliases, Fugitive, I.O.#1471.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>

OF FACTS:

WILLIAM L. URMSON, 4968 Victoria Ave., Montreal, P.Q. Canada advises that he has seen a person resembling subject in the Drummond St. Y.M.C.A. twice in the past year and again about 2 or 3 months ago on a nearby street. I.O. photographs of subject displayed at the Y.M.C.A. with negative results. Further investigation to be conducted.

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Instant investigation is predicated on information supplied by Sergeant Detective GEORGE GOULDTHORPE, Police Department, Montreal, P.Q., Canada, who advised agent while engaged in other investigation that he had had a complaint entered that day concerning THEODORE COLE, escaped Federal prisoner, and inquired if agent desired to handle it or let the Montreal police take care of the matter.

AT MONTREAL, P.Q., Canada

In company with Sergeant Detective GOULDTHORPE agent interviewed WILLIAM L. URMSON, 4968 Victoria Avenue, Montreal, who is employed by the Canadian Silk Products, Ltd., advertising division at the Dominion Square Building, Room 1109, St. Catherine at Peel Streets, Montreal, and had notified the Police Department he believed he had some information of importance in connection with subject Cole.

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Mr. URMSON is a young man of about 26 years of age and appears to be an intelligent person of good judgment. He advised that he viewed subject's photograph in the August 21, 1939 issue of Time magazine which carried the photographs of several of the more notorious fugitives presently sought in the United States; that when he saw this photograph he recalled having seen a man who closely resembled subject in the Drummond Street Y.M.C.A. in Montreal. The first time he saw this person was in the early part of the summer of 1938 and he saw him once or twice more but the dates were not known, nor was the approximate period known. Mr. URMSON declared he saw suspect last during the fore part of the summer of 1939 and the place was St. Catherine Street near Stanley Street which is the vicinity of the Drummond Street Central Y.M.C.A., as this "Y" is known.

Mr. URMSON stated he paid no attention to the dates of the occurrences and would not have recalled the person at all but for the fact he was "foppishly" dressed, wearing sports slacks and coat, with a scarf knotted loosely at his neck instead of a neck tie. The scarf knot was so large it was not possible to see whether or not he wore a shirt. His hair was dark and combed sleekly down and straight back on his head. He wore suede shoes and was smoking a cigarette in a long holder. Mr. URMSON stated it was this exaggerated clothing that attracted his attention and instant dislike; that, in addition, this person had dark complexion as though of Italian extraction, yet his features did not resemble the average Italian facial countour. Suspect walked with his head held somewhat back and in general had a conceited appearance.

Mr. URMSON declared he did not see this person talk with anyone nor did suspect go in swimming for which purpose Mr. Urmson had joined the Y.M.C.A. during the summer. It was noted that Mr. URMSON gave a fairly close general physical description of subject. He declared that in the event he again saw this person he would keep him in view until he could learn something about him or his place of residence and notify Mr. GOULDTHORPE who will make certain this office is promptly notified. Mr. Urmson could supply no information as to whether suspect was a member of the Y.M.C.A. and no further pertinent information could be secured.

At the Central Y.M.C.A., in the 1400 block on Drummond Street, Agent interviewed Mr. D. G. ROSS, desk clerk, and exhibited the I.O. photograph of subject without effecting any identification. Mr. Ross exhibited this photograph to the other employees available at this time with negative results. It was learned that desk clerks JOHN BRIBNER and HENRY SEYWORD were on vacation and were not expected to return until about the end of the month; that they have been here at this Y.M.C.A. for an extended period of time and would have been in a position to view those frequenting the place.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD

THE BOSTON OFFICE, AT MONTREAL, CANADA, will again interview Mr. WILLIAM URMSON, Room 1109, Dominion Square Bldg., St. Catherine and Peel Streets, for any further information he may secure.

At the Central Y.M.C.A., 1400 block on Drummond Street, will exhibit the photographs of subject at the desk for any available information.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **OKLAHOMA CITY**

O.C. FILE NO. **76-348**

REPORT MADE AT <b>OKLAHOMA CITY</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>9-12-39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9-6-39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>T. D. WEBB, JR.</b>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Thorough investigation in Ada, Okla. fails to disclose that BRUCE BRADY is presently residing there.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent in Charge E. P. GUINANE, Kansas City, 1-4-39.

**DETAILS:**

- at Ada, Oklahoma -

MR. J. W. ROPER, Post Office Clerk, was interviewed and stated that his records disclose no information to the effect that BRUCE BRADY is presently or has ever received mail through that Post Office.

Sergeant DREW THOMAS of the Police Department, advised that he knows nothing of a BRUCE BRADY being located in Ada nor did his records reflect any arrest of such a person.

A check of the telephone directory at Ada was made and same failed to disclose the name of BRUCE BRADY as residing there.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORT MADE AT <b>Charlotte, N.C.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>9-14-39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8-30-39; 9/7/39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J.D. SULLIVAN</b> <span style="float: right;">gd</span>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Sheriff RAY C. HOOVER, Concord, N.C., brought informant ZEB PLOTT to the Charlotte Office and PLOTT advised that he had recognized subject ROE as a man working with him at Brown's Mill, Concord, N.C., from a picture he saw in the newspaper. PHILLIP WILLIAM BODE, JR., and WILLIAM HENRY GLASGOW, associate of BODE, questioned and fingerprinted; ascertained not to be identical with subject. Bureau advised 9-7-39 no criminal record for GLASGOW or BODE.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RUC</p> <p>DETAILS: <u>AT CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA</u></p> <p>Sheriff RAY C. HOOVER of Concord, N.C., came to the Charlotte Office and brought with him one ZEB PLOTT, who, according to Sheriff HOOVER, claims to have seen subject RALPH ROE at Concord, N.C.</p> <p>PLOTT advised that he had recognized a man working with him as subject ROE and wanted to give the information to the FBI so that if there was any reward for him he would get it. PLOTT advised that several months ago a man whom he identified as ROE came to the Brown Mill in Concord, North Carolina and is presently operating a dryer in the dye house. PLOTT advised that this man's facial features greatly resembled the newspaper picture of ROE and that he has talked to this man many times and that during his conversations he had mentioned the fact that he hitchhiked all over the West and mentioned in particular the State of California. PLOTT advised that he had shown this newspaper picture to a negro, who is also working with him, and that this negro felt sure it was the picture of the man known to them as "ROBERT". PLOTT described ROBERT as being exactly identical with subject ROE in physical description and it was ascertained that PLOTT had already viewed</p>			
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the Identification Order on subject ROE. PLOTT advised that this man relieved him on the third shift, starting at 11:00 P.M. at night.

The writer proceeded to Concord, N.C., and interviewed LOUIS C. CAMPAYNER, superintendent of Brown Manufacturing Company, who advised that he also saw a very striking resemblance between the newspaper picture of subject ROE and one P.W. BODE who worked on the third shift at the mill. CAMPAYNER advised that BODE had been recommended to him about three months ago and that he was acting as Scoutmaster in the mill village; that he was married and owned an automobile. It was later ascertain that this automobile was a 1937 blue Chevrolet sedan, bearing North Carolina license plate 632-152. CAMPAYNER advised that this man lived in a one-story house on the Concord-Charlotte highway, approximately one mile South of Concord. CAMPAYNER advised further that a boy by the name of WILLIAM GLASGOW had been recommended to him by BODE several months ago and that on BODE'S recommendation he was hired and is also employed on the third shift in the dye house, together with BODE. CAMPAYNER furnished descriptions of BODE and GLASGOW as follows:

Name	P.W. BODE, Jr.
Age	25 - 30
Height	5'10 or 11"
Complexion	Dark
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown
Place of Birth	Texas
Residence	Charlotte Road, near Concord, N.C.

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Name	BILL GLASGOW
Age	about 20 or 21 years of age
Height	5'3 or 4"
Weight	120 - 125 lbs.
Complexion	Dark
Occupation	Claimed to be formerly employed in the advertising business.
Residence	Believed to be same as BODE'S.

A preliminary survey was made of the dye house and due to the fact that both of instant suspects came on duty at 11:00 P.M., arrangements were made by Special Agent in Charge SCHEIDT that these boys would be picked up and questioned. The following persons participated in picking up BODE and GLASGOW: Special Agent in Charge, EDWARD SCHEIDT, Special Agent A.J. BRYLEN, P.B. McGIVERN, J.M. TARRANT, L.L. MITCHELL; Sheriff RAY C. ECOVER and Deputy Sheriffs SMALL and BALL. After suitable arrangements had been made with Superintendent CAMPAYNER, GLASGOW and BODE were picked up at the back of the

mill without causing any disturbance whatsoever and were taken to the rear gate of the mill where they were fingerprinted and questioned. Their fingerprints were compared with the fingerprints on the Identification Orders of instant subjects and found to be not identical. These fingerprints are being forwarded to the Bureau under separate cover.

At this time it was ascertained that suspect BODE'S name was PHILLIP WILLIAM BODE, JR.,

Place of birth	Texas
Age	23
Date of birth	4-25-16
Height	5'11"
Complexion	Dark
Hair	Brown
Weight	180 lbs.
Eyes	Blue
Build	Muscular
Scars	Small scar, left eyebrow; small scar above left eye and hairline; appendectomy scar; 1" diagonal scar beneath right knee cap, inner.

BODE advised that he had been in the State of North Carolina since March 16, 1939, coming from Texas, and that during the time he had been in North Carolina he had worked mostly at Kannapolis at the Cannon Mills and that approximately three months ago he had come to the Brown Manufacturing Company, where he is presently employed. BODE advised that he is living with his mother and wife and brother on the Charlotte road, just South of Concord. BODE claimed no criminal record.

WILLIAM HENRY GLASGOW advised on interview that he has only been in North Carolina for a short period; that he came to North Carolina directly from New York, which is his present home, and that he has never been in any kind of trouble in his life and has never been arrested. The following physical description of GLASGOW was obtained at this time:

Name	WILLIAM HENRY GLASGOW
Age	22
Date of Birth	December 15, 1916
Height	5'6"
Complexion	Fair
Hair	Brown
Weight	138 lbs.
Eyes	Blue
Build	Medium
Scars and marks	Small leader bone back right hand malformed from a former break.
Residence	New York City
Nationality	English (has taken out second citizenship papers in the U.S.)
Place of birth	Barrow-in-Furnace, England

Due to the fact that it is apparent from the fingerprints of the above mentioned suspects they are not identical with the subjects in this case, no further investigation is being conducted to eliminate them. However, the Bureau was requested to furnish copies of their criminal record to the Charlotte Field Division and to the Office of Origin, and in a letter dated 9-6-39, the Bureau advised the Charlotte Office that examination of the fingerprint records failed to disclose any criminal record on either WILLIAM HENRY GLASGOW or PHILLIP WILLIAM BODE, JR.

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L. R. FILE NO. 76-86

REPORT MADE AT <b>LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>9-18-39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8-23, 24-39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>W. C. SPEARS</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>RR</b></span>
TITLE  <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O.#1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O.#1471</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Inquiry of Mrs. WELLS at 325 Benton Street; in vicinity of Murphy's garage; and at Alhambra Bath House, failed to reveal any information of value with respect to Subject's having ever frequented these addresses.

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**REFERENCE:**

Reports of Special Agents E.A. SMITH, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 3-22-39; DEAN R. MORLEY, Little Rock, Arkansas, 4-19-39; H. W. SEGURA, Little Rock, Arkansas, 5-27-39; and M. E. SHAEFFER, Des Moines, Iowa, 7-11-39.

**DETAILS:**

On page twelve of the report of Special Agent F. S. SMITH, dated 3-22-39, at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, it is reported that one JOE CONNOR informed of RALPH ROE residing with a woman at Mrs. WELLS' premises, 325 Benton, Hot Springs, Arkansas, at a time given as six years ago.

**AT HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS:**

Mrs. W. M. WELLS, 325 Benton, advised her name is now Mrs. W. J. MITCHELL and that she has operated the premises at 325 and 335 Benton, as a rooming house since the year 1926. Mrs. MITCHELL as well as her husband, who has resided at 325 Benton since 1927, were unable to identify photographs of either ROE or COLE as resembling persons who had ever resided at her rooming house. Mrs. MITCHELL was questioned directly if she recalled a person resembling the photograph

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of RALPH ROE as being a tenant at her home about six years ago, at which time he (ROE) may have been living with a woman who had two little girls, ages 1 and 5 years. She claimed to be unable to make an identification.

Mrs. MITCHELL was unable to find all of her rooming house records, but she did locate account records for period of time from July 17, 1932, to November 5, 1934 (which dates approximate a date given as six years ago). These records were examined by reporting agent and nothing was observed to indicate that RALPH ROE was a resident of her rooming houses.

Mrs. MITCHELL as well as her husband were unable to recall anyone of their acquaintance or a former resident of their house by the name of JOE CONNOR.

In the report of Special Agent M. E. SHAWPHER, dated 7-11-39, at Des Moines, Iowa, it is set out that an informant, [REDACTED] reported that persons resembling ROE and COLE parked their camping trailer in the vicinity of Murphy's Garage at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and that these persons accompanied by DORA KENNEDY were taking baths at the Alhambra Bath House.

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At Murphy's Garage, 109-115 Garden, (Just off Malvern Avenue) the photographs of ROE and COLE were exhibited to the garage employees listed below and none were able to identify as resembling persons residing in the vicinity of Murphy's Garage.

JESSE B. MURPHY, J. C. JORDAN, JAMES WACASTER, HERMAN HAMILTON, JAMES A. STEVENA, CHARLES EVERETT BRIDGES.

Directly across the street from Murphy's Garage is a two-block square vacant lot on which was formerly situated the old Park Hotel. This hotel, according to Mr. MURPHY, burned down in 1913. The above named persons were questioned to determine if they had ever seen anyone residing in a trailer on the above vacant area and their answers were negative. The entire two-block square area is, with two exceptions, void of any business houses or residences.

Mrs. OPAL COLLINS operates the White Spot Cafe at 620 Malvern, directly in the center of the semi-vacant area. She recalled that a house trailer was parked on the back end of the lot a short time in March, 1939. She said a man, described as 40, 5' 6", 160 lbs, short in build, and dark haired, resided in the trailer with two women, one of whom had a small baby. She was unable to describe the woman, likewise, she claimed to be unable to identify the photographs of either ROE or COLE as resembling the man described by her.

EDWARD COMSTOCK, an employee of Mrs. COLLINS, also recalled the trailer being parked on the rear of the lot in March, 1939. He said the occupants of the trailer were a man described as an Indian, age 30, Height 5' 10", weight 175 pounds, short build, black hair and dark eyes, and two women who he was unable to describe other than they were white women who were very dirty and untidy about their appearance. COMSTOCK said this party remained on the lot for about three weeks and then departed.

Neither COLLINS or COMSTOCK were able to describe the car the above mentioned parties drove.

At the rear and center of the above mentioned semi-vacant lot is situated an old ramshackle building which is inhabited by CHARLES OSCAR VAN CAMP, an elderly man, grey hair and whiskers who is known by the writer to be a daily frequenter of the horse back joints in Hot Springs.

VAN CAMP said during the spring of this year a young man, who bore a strong resemblance to the photograph of ROE, appeared at the vacant lot in about March, 1939, driving a car drawing a trailer and accompanied by two women. VAN CAMP was unable to describe the car, trailer or women. He said after they had camped on the lot for one week the man mentioned above and described as about 29 and heavy build, departed in the car for supposed destination of Oklahoma and returned a short time later with another man, description not recalled. He said the entire party remained for about five weeks and then departed for the "berry country", presumably northern Arkansas. VAN CAMP, who allows other indigent old men to reside in his shack with him, called one FRANK CASTLE, who similarly recalled the above facts. CASTLE showed an indication to identify the photograph of the young man driving the car as resembling the photograph of ROE. Both stated that one CHARLEY HILL, Rowell's Shoe Shop, could probably furnish additional details concerning the above-mentioned parties.

CHARLEY HILL, Rowell's Shoe Shop, advised he had visited FRANK CASTLE, at Van Camps place numerous times during March, 1939, and observed that four persons were camped nearby. He said they drove a green four-door Ford V8 sedan with either Oklahoma or Arkansas license plates and lived in a large-sized house trailer.

HILL described these persons as follows:

Number 1: A young man, age 19, 5' 10", weight 175 to 180, from Illinois and wore khaki shirts and trousers.



Number 2: An indian, age 50, 5' 10", 165 pounds, stocky build, dark hair, wore khaki shirts and trousers.

Number 3: A big, heavy set woman with a baby.

Number 4: Another woman described as age 55, little and skinny.

HILL was unable to identify photographs of ROE or COLE as bearing any resemblance to any of the persons he ever saw in or near the above mentioned trailer.

At the Alhambra Bath House, the patient record was searched from February 15, 1939, to April 30, 1939, and nothing was observed to indicate that any one by the name of DORA KENNEDY or any one by similar name had been a patron of that bath house during that period of time.

Mr. R. J. HOOKS, manager, was unable to recall any patron by the name of DORA KENNEDY, nor was he able to identify the photographs of ROE or COLE as having been a patron of the bath house during March, 1939, or any other time.

Mrs. R. J. HOOKS likewise was unable to identify photographs of ROE or COLE as resembling any of their bath house patrons, particularly during March, 1939. She had no recollection of ever having served any one by the name of DORA KENNEDY. She inquired of her attendants at the bath house for information concerning anyone by the name of KENNEDY with negative results.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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FILE NO. 76-290

REPORT MADE AT  San Francisco	DATE WHEN MADE  9/18/39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE  8/8,29-9/1,5/39	REPORT MADE BY  RALPH V. HARMAN - MIA
TITLE  RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1471.			CHARACTER OF CASE  <u>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</u>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Correspondents, relatives and visitors of certain Alcatraz inmates and releasees interviewed, with negative results.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 6/2/39. Report of Special Agent H. W. HANKINSON, San Francisco, 8/5/39. Report of Special Agent LOUIS C. BECK, Springfield, 8/19/39.</p> <p>DETAILS: AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Through the assistance of CHARLES H. UPTON, Chief Probation Officer, Post Office Building, it was ascertained that DANIEL SULLIVAN, Alcatraz #170, is presently employed at the Club Marino, 372 Ellis Street, San Francisco.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">At the above address, it was ascertained that SULLIVAN was not presently there, and a note was left requesting him to contact the San Francisco office. On September 1, 1939 SULLIVAN called at the office and was interviewed by Special Agent H. I. BOBBITT. SULLIVAN advised that he is presently residing at the Burbank Hotel, at the corner of Leavenworth and Eddy Streets in San Francisco, and that he is employed at the Marino Club as a porter and bartender. He stated he was released from Alcatraz on September 6, 1938 and that at the time of instant escape he was resting in his cell after lunch and that about 3 PM he went to the bakery to take up his regular duties, at which time he noticed some disturbance and upon making inquiry of some of the other convicts, was informed that there had been an escape. SULLIVAN stated that he knew ROE from the time ROE had worked as a cook in the bakery shop, and had known COLE from seeing him in the</p>			
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penitentiary; however that he did not know anything of their plans and had heard nothing to indicate they were alive since the time of their break. He stated he did not believe either of the subjects of this case were alive and stated it was the consensus of the inmates that they had drowned in their attempted escape.

CHARLES H. UPTON advised that "PET" REED, Alcatraz #182, who was released on October 13, 1938, was not on parole and that he did not know REED'S present whereabouts although he informed he was well acquainted with officials of the San Francisco Examiner and could contact the proper party there to obtain information concerning REED'S whereabouts at this time. Subsequently Agent telephonically contacted Mr. UPTON who advised that "PET" REED is presently residing at 1105 2nd Street in Sacramento, California.

A lead is being set out to interview REED concerning his knowledge of instant escape and the articles which he wrote for the San Francisco Examiner.

Mr. UPTON advised that GEORGE THOMPSON, Alcatraz #249, is presently residing at 1119 Haight Street in San Francisco. Several attempts were made by reporting agent and Special Agent H. W. HANKINSON and on each occasion agents were unsuccessful in locating THOMPSON at home. It is apparent that neither THOMPSON'S sister, JOSEPHINE GREMMINGER, nor his wife, is willing to cooperate with Bureau agents in arranging an interview with THOMPSON. For this reason no further attempts will be made to locate THOMPSON at his home, and Mr. UPTON is being advised to notify this office the next time THOMPSON reports to him, in order that arrangements can be made for an interview.

FRANK ANDERSON, Alcatraz #167, was located through his brother-in-law, RAYMOND B. HAYWARD, 1837 15th Avenue. ANDERSON advised that he knew nothing about the case other than general gossip among the inmates. He stated he is a baker by occupation and had been transferred from Leavenworth to Alcatraz because they needed bakers at the latter institution. He stated that the time he served was for violation of the Narcotic Act and that he was not generally considered "one of the boys" with the bank robbers and other hardened criminals. ANDERSON advised it was the unanimous opinion among the inmates that neither subject succeeded in the attempted escape. He said there was rumor that they had used cans to effect their escape but that in his opinion this was a lot of gossip without any factual basis. He further advised that although he did not know either subject very well, inasmuch as they were inclined to be clannish, it was his opinion that if they had been successful in their attempt they would have committed some crime almost immediately.

He stated he thought both subjects rather stupid and that they made their escape without any forethought or planning. He advised that he knew of no help they might have received, either on the outside or from the inside. During the course of the interview with ANDERSON, he mentioned the articles in the San Francisco Examiner, written by "PET" REED, and stated that REED was "full of hot air" and did not know anything about the case other than general gossip among the convicts. He said REED was less likely to know what was going on than anyone else inasmuch as the rest of the inmates did not talk around REED because he was always "shooting off at the mouth".

MRS. GABRIEL BERTA, mother of CHARLES BERTA, Alcatraz #132, was located at 129 Fillmore Street, and informed that she had absolutely no information concerning the escape of subjects. She stated she never talks with her son about prison subjects and further that during all the time she has visited with her son, there is a prison guard and that she has been specifically instructed not to talk about the escape. Mrs. BERTA stated that she did not know where CHARLES' wife, GLADYS, is presently residing, but knows that she left San Francisco a year or so ago and she has no information concerning GLADYS' parents or any place where she might have gone.

WALTER DORRINGTON, record clerk, Alcatraz Penitentiary, advised that CHARLES BERTA'S wife last visited CHARLES on March 15, 1938, and that she last wrote to him in January 1936.

VINCENT MARKOWITZ, listed on the records at Alcatraz as being a correspondent of CHARLES BERTA, was not located at 184 Park Street, the address as set out in reference report, and therefore agent telephonically contacted WALTER DORRINGTON who advised that VINCENT MARKOWITZ was a correspondent of BERTA while the latter was in Leavenworth prior to the escape in this case and that MARKOWITZ has never visited or corresponded with BERTA since the latter has been incarcerated in Alcatraz. It is believed unnecessary to conduct further investigation to locate MARKOWITZ.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent H. W. HANKINSON:

AT SAUSALITO, CALIFORNIA

FRANK CHASE, brother of JOHN PAUL CHASE, Alcatraz #238, was located and interviewed at his home, 14 Upper Creseent Avenue. He advised that he visits his brother in Alcatraz periodically but that JOHN

PAUL has never mentioned to him anything concerning subjects in this case and that in each of these interviews with his brother, there are always guards present so that it would be impossible for him to discuss this case even if they wanted to. He advised that he has never received any information concerning these subjects through any source and that he has no contact with underworld characters who might be able to furnish him information concerning subjects. He advised that AMBROSE CHASE, another brother who is younger and single, lived with him until about a year ago at which time he left and he has no idea as to where he might be at the present time.

CHARLES CHASE, who has been interviewed previously, has advised the same regarding AMBROSE. CHARLES and FRANK CHASE both advised that AMBROSE has had less contact with JOHN PAUL than either of them. Neither felt he would hear from AMBROSE in the future and inasmuch as there is no indication that AMBROSE is in a position to have knowledge concerning subjects in this case, investigation to locate him for interview is being concluded unless advice to the contrary is received from the office of origin.

The following investigation was conducted by reporting agent: LOUIS FAUGUNDAS, Alcatraz #168, was interviewed at County Jail #1, as it was ascertained through his sister, ROSE FAUGUNDAS, 2603 21st Avenue, that LOUIS had recently been picked up by Narcotic agents and was incarcerated in the County Jail awaiting trial. FAUGUNDAS advised that he was a baker and a butcher while he was incarcerated at Alcatraz and that at the time of subjects' break he was employed in the butcher shop. He stated he knew nothing about the break until one or two hours thereafter and that he knew nothing about it other than the usual rumors. By this he explained that he had heard subjects were seen to have drowned before they got more than 100 yards from shore although he doubted if anyone had actually seen them go under. He said that all of the inmates without exception were of the opinion subjects had drowned. He knew of no one who had actually seen them go under, nor did he recall the source of such rumors. He knew of no possible help subjects could have received, either from inside or outside, and stated he was not much of a friend of either subject and that they never had confided in him.

MRS. MAY BOITANO (NOT BOTTANO) and MRS. STELLA BACIGALUPI were jointly interviewed at their residence, 2867 22nd St., at which time it was ascertained that MAY BOITANO is identical with MAMIE BOITANO. She advised that she has signed the records of the prison both ways when visiting JAMES SARGEANT, Alcatraz #129, her nephew.

She explained, however, that there was no MARY BOITANO in the family and that evidently when she had signed MAY or MAMIE, it had been mistaken for MARY. It is noted, however, that in the report of Inspector GURNEA, dated December 28, 1937, Page 11, the name MARY BOITANO is not listed and the only names set out are MAY and MAMIE BOITANO; therefore the error was probably made in the restatement of the leads.

Mrs. BOITANO and Mrs. BACIGALUPI informed that they had never talked with JAMES about instant case and that he had never mentioned it to them. They stated the only information they had was what they had read in the newspapers or heard over the radio. They advised that they had never been approached by anyone other than reporting agent concerning this case and that they knew absolutely nothing about it other than as previously set out above. They advised that ANNA FRAVEGA, mother of JAMES SARGEART, died about 2 or 3 years ago, and that his brother, GEORGE, was residing at 233 Clara Street, San Francisco, and that they had no information concerning the present whereabouts of LEO FRAVEGA.

They advised that they would have GEORGE call at the San Francisco office for interview by agent, and on September 1, 1939 GEORGE FRAVEGA, brother of JAMES SARGEART, called and advised that he had last visited his brother about one year ago and that in accordance with existing regulations of the prison he had never been permitted to discuss this case and that there is always a guard standing by listening to the conversation and even if he wanted to talk about the case it would be impossible. He stated the only information he had was what he had read in newspaper articles at the time and subsequent to the escape and that he had never been contacted by anyone and knew absolutely nothing concerning this case. He further advised that he did not know where his brother LEO was at present although he usually saw him every two or three months and that the next time he happened to see him he would have him call at the San Francisco office.

A lead is therefore being set out to contact GEORGE FRAVEGA in the near future to ascertain if he has received any information concerning LEO'S present whereabouts.

Through WALTER DORRINGTON, Record Clerk, Alcatraz, it was ascertained that Mrs. GEORGE W. JOHNSON, sister of EDWARD BENTZ, Alcatraz #307, is presently residing at 2065 Oak Street, San Francisco. Several unsuccessful attempts were made by reporting agent to interview Mrs. JOHNSON at the foregoing address; however her husband was interviewed and advised that he ~~will~~ would have her call at the San Francisco office.

He stated, however, that both he and Mrs. JOHNSON had been interviewed so frequently by agents of this bureau that they were not particularly anxious to cooperate and that he did not expect Mrs. JOHNSON to go out of her way in order to be interviewed. Continuous efforts will be made in order to locate Mrs. JOHNSON for interview to determine if she has any information concerning instant case. A lead for this purpose is being set out.

Through WALTER DORRINGTON it was ascertained that BETTY LEVINE, wife of WILLIAM LEVINE, Alcatraz #186, was residing at 1267 Filbert, c/o A. MENJOU, San Francisco. At that address, however, it was determined from tenants of the apartment house that no one by the name of MENJOU or LEVINE had resided there during the past year.

GEORGE AHERNS, Assistant Superintendent of Mails, San Francisco Post Office, advised they had no forwarding address for anyone by the name of LEVINE or MENJOU, at 1267 Filbert Street.

MORRIS LEVINE, father of WILLIAM, 595 26th Avenue, advised that he had no information concerning this case and for the same reasons as others have stated previously in this report, he has been unable to discuss this case with his son who is an inmate at Alcatraz. He also advised that he has received no information concerning this escape through any other source and that although he would be very glad to furnish any information he might obtain concerning this case to the Bureau, he has not obtained any information. He advised he was previously interviewed by two Bureau agents shortly after the escape and he told them he would be willing to interview his son WILLIAM, under suitable circumstances, concerning this case, but that he heard nothing further from the Bureau agents. He again reiterated his willingness to cooperate and arrange an interview with his son so that it would be possible for them to discuss this case; however, nothing further will be done in this regard unless instructions are received from the office of origin or the Bureau. It is not believed that any special reason exists which would make such interview appear logical.

Concerning BETTY LEVINE, MORRIS LEVINE advised that she has no further contact with WILLIAM LEVINE, her husband, and that as far as he knows she has severed all relationship with him. He did not know definitely whether she had secured a divorce but had heard she was going to. In view of the fact that it appears BETTY has no further connection with WILLIAM, and has had no contact with him for quite some time, no further investigation is being conducted to locate her for interview, unless instructions to the contrary are received from the office of origin, or the Bureau.

MORRIS LEVINE was asked for information concerning BETTY'S whereabouts and he was unable to assist in any way, claiming her parents are dead and that the only relative of hers he knew of was a sister whose name and address are unknown to him. He stated the last he heard of BETTY was about a year ago and she was in Los Angeles.

Mrs. JOSEPHINE GREMMINGER was located at 3501 Mission Street and interviewed concerning this case. She advised she had no knowledge of the facts in this case other than what she had read in newspapers and stated she had never discussed this case with GEORGE THOMPSON who has recently been released from Alcatraz and is presently living in San Francisco at 1119 Haight Street. She advised she had never heard anything from GEORGE or any other person concerning the possibility of the success of instant escape. She was cooperative in this interview except for the fact that she claimed she did not know where GEORGE was living although at the time Agent asked her this question he had knowledge of the fact that GEORGE was residing at 1119 Haight Street. She claimed she had practically no contact with GEORGE and it is noted that in one of the efforts to locate him at that address, his wife was interviewed and advised that GEORGE was out with his sister, JOSEPHINE, which plainly shows JOSEPHINE was not telling the truth concerning her lack of knowledge that GEORGE is residing in San Francisco.

She was also questioned concerning the present whereabouts of GEORGE and LILLA MILLER. LILLA MILLER is also a sister of GEORGE THOMPSON. She advised that LILLA was living at 560 Scott Street at Christmas 1938 and she has had no contact with her since that time.

Mrs. EMILY BROWN, Manager of 560 Scott Street, was contacted at 530 Scott where she resides. She advised that her records show GEORGE W. MILLER lived in Apartment 201 at 560 Scott and moved about two or three months ago. She advised that she did not know GEORGE W. MILLER inasmuch as she had only been manager of this apartment house for about 10 days. The party who was in Apt. 201 moved out during the middle of the night and left the apartment in a completely wrecked condition and of course under those circumstances left no forwarding address with the manager of the apartment. She advised that Mrs. CREESEY, Hemlock 4650, was manager of 560 Scott at the time and might possibly be able to inform concerning the present whereabouts of GEORGE W. and LILLA MILLER. An effort was made to contact Mrs. CREESEY at that telephone number but she was not at home.



ROBERT J. CLEMENTS, Postmaster's Office, Post Office Building, furnished the following information concerning forwarding addresses for LILLA or GEORGE MILLER from 560 Scott; apparently one year ago LILLA left a forwarding address from 560 Scott, requesting that her mail be forwarded to 651 37th Ave. CLEMENTS telephonically contacted the postman who delivers mail at that address and was advised that LILLA MILLER received mail there for a couple of months after the above request was made and did not leave a forwarding address from the 37th Avenue address. The postman reported that relatives of LILLA MILLER lived at 651 37th Avenue.

A lead is being set out to contact the relatives of LILLA MILLER at 651 37th Ave., in order that LILLA and GEORGE MILLER may be interviewed.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. MORRIS, JR., 57 Paradise Ave., and Mrs. J. J. MORRIS SR., 43 Richland Ave., were all interviewed at the home of the latter, at which time agent was advised that J. J. MORRIS SR. had passed away approximately 4 or 5 months ago. They advised that at no time during the period of incarceration of DANIEL J. MORRIS, Alcatraz #113, was the escape of subjects ever mentioned. They advised as did others who have been interviewed in connection with this case, that they had specific instructions to refrain from discussing instant escape, and that during all the time they conversed with DANIEL there was a guard present and it would have been impossible to discuss this case in the event they desired to. They further informed that they had no knowledge of the case other than what they read in local papers and had never discussed the case among themselves. They stated they were not in the least interested in any other inmates or releasees of Alcatraz and that they had never heard of subjects until instant escape.

Mrs. ANNA OTTERBECK, 19 Dearborn St., advised that she was a sister-in-law of JAMES COLSON, Alcatraz #60, and that she had never known of him until after her marriage to Mr. OTTERBECK. She stated she would hardly recognize her brother-in-law if she saw him in spite of the fact that she had visited him on rare occasions at Alcatraz. She stated that this case was never discussed with JAMES during any of the visits they had with him, nor did she or her husband ever discuss same other than to make an occasional remark about the time the escape took place. She informed that she was not contacted by anyone at any time since the escape of subjects and that she knows her husband was not contacted by anyone in connection with this case. She stated that Mr. OTTERBECK is a traveling man and at present is in the East and will return to San Francisco the latter part of September. She advised that she would have him call at the San Francisco office to be interviewed upon his return. A lead is being set out, however, to recontact Mrs. OTTERBECK in this regard.

WALTER DORRINGTON, record clerk, Alcatraz, advised that WILLIAM M. RITCHEY, Alcatraz #99, was released in January 1938 and that the last information they have as to his whereabouts was to the effect that he is presently incarcerated in the Providence County Jail at Seward, R. I., where he was received on January 24, 1938 as #32837. Attempts were made to locate RITCHEY'S wife at the Roosevelt Hotel in San Francisco under the name of RITCHEY and also under the name of Mrs. HELEN ROBINSON, with negative results. A check of the forwarding addresses of the hotel and the main Post Office failed to reflect any information concerning her. A lead is being set out for the Boston Office to locate RITCHEY and ascertain the whereabouts of his wife, and to interview him concerning any information he may have regarding instant escape.

Mrs. P. J. SULLIVAN, 1448 6th Ave., was located through her daughter, SISTER CYRIL, at the Childrens' Day Home, 299 Dolores St. Mrs. SULLIVAN advised that she has never at any time discussed this case or anything of such a nature with her son, HARRY SULLIVAN, Alcatraz #198. Mrs. SULLIVAN appeared to be a devoutly religious and refined old lady and she advised she and her husband had been separated for several years and about 3 weeks ago he was in a bad automobile accident and could not be interviewed at the present time. She advised that he is presently residing at the St. Regis Hotel where he may be interviewed in about 3 or 4 weeks. A lead is being set out to interview P. J. SULLIVAN concerning his knowledge of instant case.

WALTER DORRINGTON advised that Mrs. MARION VAN GLAHN, mother of GEORGE VAN GLAHN, Alcatraz #337, was presently residing at 2475 Folsom St. At that address it was ascertained that Mrs. VAN GLAHN moved and a check of the forwarding addresses at the main Post Office failed to reflect her forwarding address. General inquiry in the neighborhood reflected that GEORGE VAN GLAHN is presently residing at 3318 19th St. Several attempts have been made by reporting agent and Agent H. W. HANKINSON to contact him at the foregoing address, without success. The manager of 3318 19th St., lives at 2315 Folsom. She was discreetly contacted and advised that GEORGE VAN GLAHN lives alone at 3318 19th St., in an upstairs room. It is the door to the left going upstairs to the second floor and she stated he is never there in the day time. A lead is being set out to interview GEORGE VAN GLAHN and obtain the address of Mrs. VAN GLAHN in order that both may be interviewed concerning their knowledge of instant case.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent A. E. FARLAND at San Quentin: CAL YOUNG, San Quentin #41747 advised that he knew nothing of the escape other than what he had heard

from gossip. He stated he had no prior information and that at the time of the escape he was employed in the tailor shop located on the second floor of the model shop or over the blacksmith and mat shop. He stated he had heard some convicts say that ROE had turned over on his back near Little Alcatraz and wave his hand and that both of them got into the current and were taken out through the Golden Gate. He was questioned as to who made the remark and he stated he did not remember. He stated he did not see them go into the water and that the first thing he knew there was a lot of commotion and a shot in the prison yard and that several of the guards were running around the prison in their shirt sleeves and one of the guards told them someone had escaped. He stated it was sometime before he or some of the rest of the convicts knew who had escaped. He stated he did not believe subjects made it, that neither man knew much about the water, and that the day they escaped it was very foggy and a fast tide was running and they would have had to be expert swimmers to make it. Upon being questioned as to whether or not they had tin cans used as buoys, he stated he did not know. He was asked whether or not anyone in the tailor shop at the time of escape saw them in the water and he stated he did not know, that it was possible as the side of the tailor shop overlooks the Golden Gate side of the bay which is the same side on which the men made their escape; however he again stated that he did not recall who had made the remark about seeing ROE turn over and wave his hand.

He advised that his brother, "PET" REED, who was also serving time in Alcatraz at the time of the escape, knew nothing about it other than what he had heard. Upon being informed that "PET" had written several newspaper articles for the San Francisco Examiner, he replied that "PET" was making a little easy money. YOUNG advised that he had been returned to San Quentin after his release from Alcatraz on Oct. 3, 1938, as a parole violator, and that if he was not given time off his sentence would expire September 3, 1942.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE BOSTON OFFICE

AT BEWARD, RHODE ISLAND

Will interview WILLIAM RITCHEY, Providence County Jail #32837, for any information he may have concerning instant escape. Will also obtain the address of Mrs. RITCHEY alias HELEN ROBINSON, his wife, in order that she might be located and interviewed concerning her knowledge of this case.

THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE

AT SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

Will interview "PET" REED, Alcatraz #182, at 1105 2nd Street, for any information he may have concerning instant escape and particularly with reference to his articles which were published in the San Francisco Examiner.

Attention is called to Bureau letter dated November 12, 1938, requesting that efforts be made to locate REED and suitable arrangements made to interview him thoroughly concerning his knowledge of the escape.

AT ALCATRAZ ISLAND

Will interview CHARLES BERTA, #132, for any information he may have concerning his wife, GLADYS, in order that she might be located and interviewed concerning her knowledge in this case. In the event that BERTA refuses to be interviewed, arrangements should be made with prison officials to be notified in the event she corresponds with BERTA.

\*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.

\*Will interview FRANK GOUKER, AZ #156, for any information he may desire to furnish regarding this case. It is noted that GOUKER has been named by various guards as being the most reliable of the prisoners assigned to the mat shop at the time of the escape.

\*AT ALCATRAZ

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

\*Will arrange to be notified when MRS. M. T. PETTYJOHN, wife of 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 will not be apparent to her how her whereabouts were ascertained. See report of Special Agent O. H. PATTERSON, San Francisco, 4/8/39.

\*Appropriate check should be made in the interest of determining if there is any foundation or truth in the information allegedly obtained by Informant Z from HERBERT FARMER, formerly an inmate of Alcatraz.

Attention is called to information furnished by this informant on Page 2 and 3 of the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 7/21/39.

AT SAN FRANCISCO

Will make arrangements through CHARLES H. UPTON, Chief Probation Officer, Post Office Building, to notify this office the next time GEORGE THOMPSON, AZ #249, reports in order that he may be interviewed concerning instant escape.

At 651 37th Avenue, will contact relatives of LILLA and GEORGE MILLER for information concerning their whereabouts in order that they may be interviewed. LILLA MILLER is a sister of GEORGE THOMPSON, AZ #249.

Will contact GEORGE FRAVEGA, 233 Clara St., brother of JAMES SARGEART, AZ #129, within the near future, in order to obtain information concerning the whereabouts of LEO FRAVEGA, also a brother of SARGEART, in order that LEO may be interviewed concerning any information he may have about this case.

Will interview MRS. GEORGE W. JOHNSON, sister of EDWARD BENTZ, AZ #307, at 2065 Oak Street.

Will contact MRS. ANNA OTTERBECK, 19 Dearborn St., within the near future, in order that her husband, PALMER OTTERBECK, brother of JAMES COLSON, AZ #60, may be located and interviewed concerning his knowledge of this case.

At the ST. REGIS HOTEL will interview P. J. SULLIVAN, father of HARRY SULLIVAN, AZ #198.

At 3318 19th Street, will interview GEORGE VAN GLAHN AZ #337, releasee, for information concerning this case and also as to the whereabouts of his mother, MRS. MARION VAN GLAHN, in order that she also might be interviewed.

\*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 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 SAN QUENTIN

Will check the records of the prison and determine the present whereabouts of MRS. ED (JEAN) DAVIS, wife of deceased inmate.

\*AT NEWCASTLE *Berkeley*

Will ascertain the address of WARREN H. MADELEY, through the Registrar's Office, University of California, for interview with MADELEY as to any information he may possess. See report of Special Agent J. R. McCULLOCH, San Francisco, 10/19/38.

\*AT NAPA

Will interview L. J. and W. F. DICKERSON, 523 Brown St., and MINNIE and ADA DICKERSON, 915 3rd St., relatives and correspondents of HOWARD C. DICKERSON, AZ #103. See report of Inspector GURNEA, San Francisco, 12/28/37.

P E N D I N G

C O P Y

Montgomery, Ala.

9-6-39

Editor

Dear Sir:

I have been waiting regards to one Ralph Roe, to locate this man. I am positive he was a truck driver for Jack Cole Trucking Co. of Birmingham, Ala., about twenty months ago, under the name of Dan Brown, and is still located some where in City of Alabama, I did not notice any scars, at time he was here so I may be mistaken, I think he is Ralph Roe.

Yours Respectfully,

(Signed) H. R. Hadden  
R.R. #2

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September 27, 1939

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover  
 Director  
 Federal Bureau of Investigation  
 Department of Justice  
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am enclosing herewith copy of letter received from H. R. Hadden, R. R. #2, Montgomery, Alabama, regarding his suspicions as to the possible whereabouts of Ralph Roe, fugitive, whose photograph we published in our Line-Up.

This copy of letter is forwarded to you for your information, and handling, if you see fit to do so.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

*Joseph Corona*  
 Joseph Corona  
 Line-Up Editor

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October 3, 1939

Mr. John Shuttleworth  
Editor  
True Detective Mysteries  
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122 East 42nd Street  
New York, New York

Dear John:

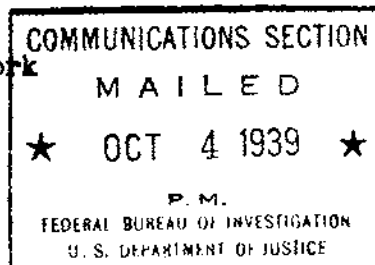
I wish to acknowledge receipt of the letter from Mr. Joseph Corona, Line-Up Editor, dated September 27, 1939, with which he enclosed a copy of a letter dated September 6, 1939, from Mr. E. R. Hadden, R. R. #2, Montgomery, Alabama, in which he furnishes information as to the possible whereabouts of Ralph Roe, a fugitive.

I wish to express my appreciation to you for making this information available.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

cc-New York



Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Nathan  
Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
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Montgomery, Alabama

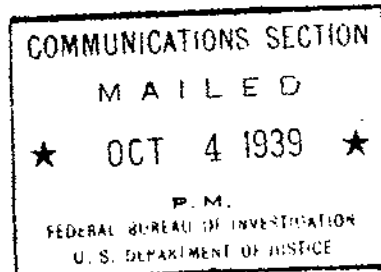
Dear Mr. Hadden:

Information has been received by this Bureau from the True Detective Mysteries that you have information that one Ralph Roe, a fugitive, may be identical with an individual who was driving a truck for the Jack Cole Trucking Company of Birmingham, Alabama about twenty months ago.

I have instructed Mr. E. A. Soucy, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 320 Federal Building, Birmingham, Alabama, to have an Agent contact you in the near future with regard to this matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director



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October 3, 1939

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Special Agent in Charge  
Birmingham, Alabama

RE: ROCOL

Dear Sir:

There are enclosed herewith copies of a letter from Mr. H. E. Hadden, R. R. #2, Montgomery, Alabama, which was directed to the Editor of True Detective Mysteries, New York, New York, and a copy of the Bureau's letter to Mr. Hadden regarding this matter.

It is desired that you have an Agent call on Mr. Hadden with regard to the information which he may have regarding Ralph Roe.

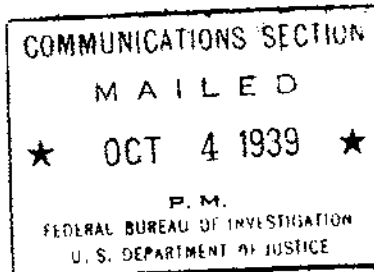
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosure

cc-Oklahoma City (With copies above enclosures)

Mr. Tolson  
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

L. R. FILE NO. 76-86

REPORT MADE AT <b>LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>9/27/39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8/18, 24, 25/39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. H. ZIEGLER</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>ADM</b></span>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1471.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

**RICHARD A. HARMAN** not identical with **COLE**. **PETE WOLFE**, Hardy, Arkansas, not identical with **ROE**.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent **W. C. SPEARS**, Little Rock, Arkansas, September 18, 1939.

**DETAILS:**

**AT HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS**

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent **W. C. SPEARS**:

**VANIS ROSS**, Traffic Officer of the Hot Springs Police Department, advised Special Agent **W. C. SPEARS** that while he, **ROSS**, was in Texarkana, Arkansas, on August 16, 1939, he had occasion to go into a Saddle Shop where he observed a man working at a bench in the rear of the shop. **ROSS** said that the man he observed is a "dead ringer" for subject **COLE**. He advised that he returned to Hot Springs and noticed **COLE'S** photograph in the newspaper as being Public Enemy #3. He further advised that sometimes later his wife, reading the same newspaper, remarked to him that the photograph of **COLE** was a good likeness of the man they saw in the Saddle Shop.

It is noted that **COLE'S** occupation is given on the Identification Order as a tailor and it is not unreasonable to believe that a tailor might easily become a leather worker.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>E. J. Redmond</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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RALPH ROE, w/a - FUGITIVE; et al;  
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AT TEXARKANA, TEXAS

The writer, accompanied by Assistant Chief of Police RICHARD FUNNELS, contacted RICHARD A. HARMAN, 523 Oak Street, Texarkana, Texas. Mr. HARMAN advised that he did not recall his exact whereabouts during the last several years, but that he was in Saratoga, Wyoming, with W. C. CONDUCT in December of 1937. The fingerprints of HARMAN were taken and compared with those of COLE and it was definitely established that he is not identical with COLE. HARMAN'S fingerprints were submitted to the Bureau through the Texarkana Police Department, #2031, on August 25, 1939.

The following is a description of HARMAN as obtained from observation and interrogation:

NAME	RICHARD HARMAN
Age	22 (born 2/23/17 at Denver, Colorado)
Height	5' 6 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> "
Weight	165 pounds
Build	Medium
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Light brown
Occupation	Leather worker
Nationality	American
Residence	523 Oak Street, Texarkana, Texas.
Relatives	Father - C. H. HARMAN, Arvada, Colorado.

The following investigation was reported by Special Agent D. R. MORLEY:

On August 24, 1939, Deputy United States Marshal J. L. McBurnett advised Special Agent in Charge E. L. RICHMOND that Deputy Sheriff JOHN MINTON, Russellville, Arkansas, had received information from an unidentified informant that ROE was seen in Clarksville, Arkansas, on the night of August 13, 1939, at a restaurant. Deputy Sheriff MINTON'S informant had allegedly known ROE in the past and when the informant walked into the restaurant ROE got up and walked out of the back door, went around the restaurant and got into a brown Plymouth automobile bearing 1939 Arkansas license 178768. Mr. McBurnett advised he had ascertained the above license had been issued to PATE WOLFE, Route #1, Hardy, Arkansas.

RALPH ROE, w/a - FUGITIVE; et al;  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.

L. R. FILE 76-36

AT HARDY, ARKANSAS

Special Agents C. M. BEALL, JR. and D. R. MORLEY contacted Assistant Postmaster BURL HORTON who advised that P. W. WOLFE, Route #1, had resided in Hardy for about one year. Mr. HORTON related that WOLFE was apparently a law abiding citizen. He advised that WOLFE bore no resemblance to the photograph of RALPH ROE. Mr. HORTON was unable to identify the photograph of ROE as anyone ever seen by him in Hardy.

Rural Mail Carrier JOHN SELLARS advised Agents BEALL and MORLEY that P. W. WOLFE came to Hardy about October of 1938, purportedly from Wichita, Kansas. SELLARS advised that the only mail received by WOLFE comes from Wichita, Kansas, and that WOLFE'S brother from Wichita had recently visited him.

PETER W. (PETE) WOLFE was contacted by Agents BEALL and MORLEY at his home, Route #1, Hardy, Arkansas. WOLFE related that prior to coming to Hardy on November 3, 1938, he was a horse trader and greyhound trainer for several years out of Wichita, Kansas, having for seven and one-half years operated the Bridle & Saddle Club on Route #4, East Central Avenue, Wichita, Kansas.

A description of WOLFE as obtained by observation and interrogation is as follows;

Age	57 (born December 4, 1882, at Butler, Missouri)
Height	5' 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Weight	120 pounds
Build	Slight
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Brown - thin - turning gray.
Teeth	Bad
Occupation	Former horse trader and greyhound trainer.

Agents observed that WOLFE has an arch type pattern in the ridges of his left thumb and is definitely not identical with RALPH ROE.

RALPH ROE, w/a - FUGITIVE; et al;  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER.

L. R. FILE 76-66

Mr. WOLFE exhibited to Agents 1939 Arkansas license 178-768, which were wired on to a 1931 model green Chevrolet Coupe. He exhibited registration card showing the license was issued on August 9, 1939, for a 1931 Chevrolet Coupe, motor #2,188,670. Mr. WOLFE stated that the above plates had absolutely not been off this automobile since they had been purchased by him.

Concerning the brother who is visiting him Mr. WOLFE stated that this was FRED WOLFE of the Wolfe Auto Top Shop, Wichita, Kansas, and that FRED had returned to Wichita two days prior to Agent's visit.

Both Mr. SELLARS and Mr. WOLFE stated that one ORVILLE GARLAND, a neighbor of Mr. WOLFE and a life-long resident of Hardy, Arkansas, was reported to have been in the vicinity of Clarksville, Arkansas, around the middle of August. Both of these gentlemen stated, however, that GARLAND is not identical with RALPH ROE. Mr. WOLFE was unable to identify the photograph of ROE as that of anybody known to him.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **76-64**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Aberdeen, South Dakota</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>9/30/39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9/27/39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>H. R. TELFORD</b> <span style="float: right;">MN</span>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

ANDREW SAMPSON working on ADOLPH HEMMAH farm, Roslyn, South Dakota. Not available for interview. LORRAINE HOLLAND advises they first entered California from Nevada, their first stop being Pasadena; thence to Long Beach, from there up to Spokane, Washington, and then back to San Francisco, not stopping at the latter, merely driving through. Never heard of Subjects ROE or COLE.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent D. W. MAGEE, Los Angeles, dated 7/18/39.

DETAILS: AT PIERPONT, SOUTH DAKOTA.

At the Postoffice, MISS OLGA OTIS, Postmistress, had no record of ANDREW SAMPSON or LORRAINE HOLLAND ever having received mail through the Pierpont postoffice, and she is not acquainted with either of them.

MR. NELS HOLDEN advised that he is acquainted with ANDREW SAMPSON and LORRAINE HOLLAND, and knew about the trip they had taken with others to California during the winter of 1937. His sons, GUNNER and NORMAN advised that ANDREW SAMPSON was presently employed by ADOLPH HEMMAH, who lives north-west of Roslyn, South Dakota. The HOLDENS live three miles east of the Bergen Church, south-east of Pierpont. They stated that SAMPSON was born in the vicinity of Roslyn, South Dakota and has lived here all his life with the exception of a few years he spent in New York working on a tug boat in the New York Harbor.

MRS. ADOLPH HEMMAH advised that ANDREW SAMPSON had been employed at their farm since last December, but that only yesterday he had taken

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his mother to Chamberlain, South Dakota to visit with relatives, and that he would return next Sunday, October 1. She further stated that there was very little work for him on the farm, and she did not know how much longer he would be there. MRS. HEMMAH was requested to inform SAMPSON upon his return that we would like to talk to him, and that if he left before we had an opportunity to do so, to leave his address with MRS. HEMMAH, or to communicate with the Aberdeen Field Division, which address was left for him.

#### AT WEBSTER, SOUTH DAKOTA

At the home of LORRAINE HOLLAND, Route 2, it was learned that she is presently employed by W. L. BICKNELL, an Attorney, at Webster. An appointment was made with her at Webster, and she was interviewed at the home of her employer, at 818 First St. West.

Miss HOLLAND advised that she left Webster the day after Thanksgiving, 1937, in company with ANDREW SAMPSON, whose car they were riding in, MELVIN, SELMA, and EDMUND HOLDEN, and CLIFFORD TWINNERIEN. They entered California from Nevada, their first stop in California being at Pasadena, where MELVIN HOLDEN stopped with an aunt. From there they drove to Long Beach, where she worked for three weeks while the others went down into Old Mexico. From Long Beach, they drove up to Spokane, Washington, thence back to San Francisco, merely driving through, and not stopping at all. From there they drove directly to South Dakota, without any stopovers at all, arriving at Webster, South Dakota February 2, 1938. MISS HOLLAND was asked about Subject ROE and COLE, and advised that she is not acquainted with them, and never heard of them before. She further stated that SELMA and EDMUND HOLDEN stayed in Los Angeles, and never returned with them.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS

#### THE ABERDEEN FIELD DIVISION

At Roslyn, South Dakota, will interview ANDREW SAMPSON in the near future for information regarding his trip to California, and for any information regarding this case. He is employed at the ADOLPH HEMMAH farm, which is located three miles west, and five miles north of Roslyn. Will ascertain whether the ROE or COLE families are known to him. Will ascertain his whereabouts in December, 1937, particularly ascertaining whether he and LORRAINE HOLLAND resided in an apartment in San Francisco. Will bear in mind that he was formerly employed on a barge or boat in New York, and if he knew the ROE or COLE families, or Subjects, being familiar with boats, he might have been of assistance to Subjects in their escape from Alcatraz.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **76-290**

REPORT MADE AT <b>San Francisco, Calif.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10/4/39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9/15/39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>H. W. HANKINSON</b> <span style="float: right;">MC</span>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases; Fugitive, I. O. # 1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, Fugitive, I. O. # 1471.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**                      Unable to locate DAVE BOYD for interview at Oakland, California.

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**REFERENCE:**                      Report of Special Agent LOUIS C. BECK, Springfield, Illinois, dated August 19, 1939.

**DETAILS:**                      AT OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA:

A lead was set out in reference report to interview DAVE BOYD in the four or five hundred block in Oakland, California, and to ascertain from him what information he had concerning the facts of this case, and the possible contacts of EVELYN MORGAN. It was also desired that the present address and last name of HARRY and GERTRUDE, the persons referred to in reference report by IVAN WALTER KEENER, be obtained from him.

After this information was obtained, it was desired that HARRY and GERTRUDE be interviewed to determine what information they had concerning the facts of this case, and the possible contacts of EVELYN MORGAN. After this interview, if it appeared advisable, it was suggested that EVELYN and LUTHER MORGAN, 320 First Street, Richmond, California, be interviewed for such information as they might have.

It is noted that in the undeveloped lead there is no street given for the address of DAVE BOYD in Oakland, California, and that his address was simply listed as four or five hundred block.

A review of the details of the case reflected the same information concerning his address.

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Inasmuch as this address was indefinite, Agent searched the 1939 telephone directory, with negative results. A search of the 1939 City Directory was made, and there was listed therein a DAVID BOYD, 522 - 22nd Street. Agent contacted Mrs. JAMES CLARKE at this address, and she advised that she has lived there for seven years and has never known anyone by the name of DAVID BOYD.

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA:

The details in reference report mention that DAVE BOYD, according to IVAN WALTER KEENER, is a member of the Coast Guard. Accordingly, O. TEGNER of the United States Coast Guard Custom House, was telephonically contacted in an effort to locate DAVE BOYD, who is supposed to be a member of that organization. He caused a complete search of his records to be made, and advised that there is no one by that name, employed by the Coast Guard, and never has been, as far as the records are concerned. He advised that the records he searched covered the entire area around San Francisco, including the East Bay area.

Inasmuch as the address given by KEENER was inadequate, and the information given by him to the effect that DAVE BOYD was a member of the Coast Guard has been determined to be erroneous, a lead is being set forth for the Springfield Office to re-interview him for more specific information concerning the whereabouts of DAVE BOYD.

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SPRINGFIELD FIELD DIVISION:

At Prairie City, Illinois: Will re-interview IVAN WALTER KEENER, Post Office Box 872, for additional information concerning the whereabouts of DAVE BOYD, so that he may be located and interviewed.

P E N D I N G

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY OKLAHOMA

FILE NO. 76-95

REPORT MADE AT <b>DENVER COLORADO</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10-5-39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9-22-39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>W. W. KLEMP</b>	<b>KS</b>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases; Fugitive, I.O. 1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1471.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>	

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

RUTH MILLS left forwarding address of Mills' Jewelry Co., Nephi, Utah, at Rawlins, Wyo.

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**REFERENCE:**


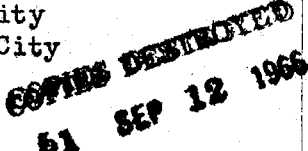
Report of Special Agent D. M. BRIGHTMAN, dated at Denver, Colorado, July 28, 1939.

**DETAILS:**

**AT RAWLINS WYOMING**

Deputy Sheriff FRANK L. LEMOINE stated he was not acquainted with an individual named RUTH MILLS and, therefore, could not definitely advise if she was located at Rawlins, Wyoming. Chief of Police HOMER THOMPSON likewise stated he was not familiar with this individual; however, accompanied by Chief THOMPSON, inquiry was made at 116 West Cedar Street, Rawlins, inasmuch as the reference report indicates that the address of 116 West Cedar had been obtained from the Postmaster at Craig, Colorado, for RUTH MILLS.

MRS. ZELLA McGEE, at 116 West Cedar Street, advised she had acquired those premises approximately one month prior to the interview and that the place had formerly been operated as a boarding house by a MRS. MUMM. She stated she had not been acquainted with any of the

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boarders prior to the time she acquired possession of the place and that no one was at that time living at 116 West Cedar who had formerly resided there when the house was operated by MRS. MUMM. MRS. McGEE also stated she was not acquainted with an individual named RUTH MILLS.

MR. EDWARD MUMM, 707 West Cedar Street, advised that the premises at 116 West Cedar had formerly been operated as a boarding house by his mother and that she had sold this place a few weeks previously and had left Rawlins. MR. MUMM stated he was acquainted with RUTH MILLS, a young girl who had boarded with his mother at 116 West Cedar. MR. MUMM discussed this matter with his wife and subsequently advised that it was their opinion that RUTH MILLS had left Rawlins about August 28, 1939, stating she was proceeding to Idaho, as he recalls, at which place her brother was located. MUMM also stated that while in Rawlins, RUTH MILLS had been employed as a waitress at the Rawlins Cafe.

Inquiry of Assistant Postmaster WILLIAM B. PETERS disclosed that RUTH MILLS of 116 West Cedar had left the forwarding address of Mills' Jewelry Company in Nephi, Utah.

A review of the file in the Denver Office indicates that information concerning the reason for contacting WINNIE METCALF, who was incarcerated at Alcatraz Penitentiary during part of the period of the incarceration of ROE and COLE at that place, has been set out in the report of Special Agent J. J. STARKE, Denver, Colorado, dated July 11, 1939, and also in the report of Special Agent J. J. PIEPER, dated at Seattle, Washington, February 16, 1939, copies of both reports having been furnished to the Salt Lake City Office. The location of RUTH MILLS is desired inasmuch as she is listed in the report of Special Agent J. J. PIEPER referred to above as a friend of WINNIE METCALF in the records of the McNeil Island Penitentiary at which place METCALF has been incarcerated, and interview with RUTH MILLS is desired in an effort to establish the present location of METCALF in order that he in turn may be interviewed regarding his knowledge of the activities of ROE and COLE and their present whereabouts.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE SALT LAKE CITY FIELD DIVISION, at NEPHI, UTAH, at the Mills' Jewelry Company will locate and interview RUTH MILLS to obtain information in her possession regarding the present location of WINNIE METCALF.

THE DENVER FIELD DIVISION:

\*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; will obtain all information available as to the present whereabouts of METCALF.

\*AT LA JUNTA, COLORADO, will interview SAM FABRIZIO, Superintendent of Special Service of the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railway Company, regarding the confession he obtained during an interview from EARL McGUIRE to the effect that he had not seen RALPH ROE in Pueblo, Colorado, which is contrary to statements made by McGUIRE to Bureau Agents, as requested in Bureau letter dated August 17, 1939.

P E N D I N G

# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **76-338**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>San Antonio, Texas.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>10/6/39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>10/5/39</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>F. J. LACKEY</b>
TITLE: <b>RALPH ROE with aliases - Fugitive, IO #1472; THEODORE COLE with aliases - Fugitive, IO #1471.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

No information of value yet developed through  
mail cover and informant covering activities  
of **HAZEL UNDERHILL** at Refugio, Texas.

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**REFERENCE:** Report of SAC GUS T. JONES, San Antonio, Texas, dated July 13, 1939.

**DETAILS:**

To date nothing of value has developed from the mail cover being maintained on **HAZEL UNDERHILL** at Refugio, Texas.

Frequent contacts in this case is had with Sheriff **IRA HEARD** and Deputy Sheriff **E. D. BARBER**, Refugio, Texas, who have informants maintaining close surveillance on the activities of **HAZEL UNDERHILL**. They stated that she has had no visitors who in any way resemble either of the subjects and that there has been nothing whatever unusual in any of her actions.

**DETAILS:** Mr. **BARBER**, through one of his informants obtained a copy of a letter written by **HAZEL UNDERHILL**'s brother, **FLOYD JARRATT**, dated at Ardmore, Oklahoma September 20, 1939. Although this letter has no apparent connection with the instant case it is being set forth verbatim for the information of the Oklahoma City Office:

"Dear Sis:-

"I guess you think I wasn't going to answer your

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letter but will fool you once. I never got your letter until I came back. It was sent on to me but never did catch up with me. Glad to hear from you and that all are well. I am fine. Yes, I have been out since Jan. 8th. I came here, got a job feeding cattle for a fellow until grass. Then I got a job riding after cattle for NELL FRUITT, have been here ever since. Don't pay much but beats nothing, see. Have you heard from B-. He is in a -J- again, he hasn't any sense. I was up to HOWARD'S for about a week and several other places. I was gone three weeks. Things don't look like they used to though. You know where mother lived on BYRD'S place here. Well in case you want to come up here you know where the Pruitt School house is. Well go north until the gravel road goes east, come north, don't turn on the gravel road there. I live about a half a mile up this road the first house on your right sets up in a pasture among some trees. Can't miss it.

"I keep batch here. Just me and myself. Ha ha. Will write more next time. Address Box 200 FLOYD JARRETT, Ardmore, Oklahoma.

Love to all."

Mr. BARBER further advised that through his informant he had gotten a copy of a letter written to HAZEL UNDERHILL from Roderfield, West Virginia headed "Dear Sis and signed "Your Sis" reading as follows:

"Dear Sis:

"Thought I would write you again and see if the heat down there had dried you up and blown you away.

"BERNARD slipped in on us about six o'clock Wednesday morning. He left there Monday the 14th at 5:30 PM.

"He said he didn't decide what to do 'till the last minute, then he just came on out here and that's the reason he hadn't ans'd your last letter.

"They got BUSTER again on Friday before BERNARD



left on Menday. BUSTER and another fellow was supposed to have taken \$50.00 from a negro and a white man at Grand River Dam. They got BUSTER at the Brady Hotel in Navata and he was identified as one of the fellows that did the stickup. GOLDIE said she would send clippings out of the paper to us. I am going to drop her a card soon as I finish this. GOLDIE is talking of coming out on a visit before long. JUANITA & O. C. haven't appeared on the scene yet but our noses sure have been itching - BERNARD says these people around here don't know how to 'henkey-tonk'.

"We just don't have any henkey-tonks. We went out looking for some and we all had a two or three day 'hangover.' LUTHER is on the night shift now and will be for a couple of weeks.

"My birthday was Sunday. LUTHER got me a locket and bracelet and BERNARD got me some towels and wash cloths and two pretty tea towels. Mrs. WILLIAMS and LOUISE took dinner with us.

"Well, sis, I'll cut this one short. I have to shampoo my hair, clean up and to to the store.

Love to all

Your Sis."

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

SAN ANTONIO FIELD OFFICE: Will maintain close contact with Sheriff IRA HEARD and Deputy Sheriff E. D. BARBER in order to obtain any information of value that their informants might develop from the surveillance of HAZEL UNDERHILL.

PENDING.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **OKLAHOMA CITY**

FILE NO. **76-166**

REPORT MADE AT <b>OMAHA, NEBRASKA</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10-6-39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9-3,4,5-39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>C. D. COLLIER (A) GEP</b>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

R. W. KEILLER, stovetid salesman for Wm. H. Pearce & Company, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, reported by WILLIAM J. PARROTT as resembling photograph of Subject ROE, identified as RICHARD CHVAL, 3819 North 18th Street, Omaha. CHVAL found to be not identical with ROE.

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**REFERENCES:**

Telegram Omaha to Philadelphia, September 5, 1939.  
Report of Special Agent in Charge C. W. STEIN, Omaha, August 31, 1939.

**DETAILS:**

At Omaha, Nebraska

WILLIAM J. PARROTT called at the Omaha Office on September 1, 1939, stating that an individual giving his name as H. M. AEBI, 4902 Capitol Avenue, telephone Glendale-4835, called at his home stating that his call was in response to PARROTT'S letter to the William H. Pearce & Company, Philadelphia, that he had not received his stovetid. This individual desired to be shown the receipt left by the salesman, R. W. KEILLER. Due to the confusion, PARROTT told him he had furnished it to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and AEBI scolded him for furnishing it to the Bureau without giving the company a chance to straighten up the matter.

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AEBI furnished the above address, stating that he would return to see PARROTT the middle of the following week. PARROTT'S receipt was returned to him so that he could secure his money from AEBI.

H. M. AEBI, 4902 Capitol Avenue, Apartment 207, stated that he was employed by the William H. Pearce Company, 52 South Second Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, manufacturers of Pearce's Improved Heat Distributor, as the Distributing Agent for the Western Division of that Company; that he had been employed by said company for fourteen years; that his duties were similar to Crew Manager of the salesman; that it was the custom when working a new city to place an advertisement in the local paper for "Specialty Men--Demonstrate the fastest selling kitchen necessity on the market"; that those men answering the ad were interviewed at some local hotel by he or B. H. HARRIS, the Sales Manager; that the better salesmen were selected, instructed in the use of the stovelid, and immediately put on the streets selling the device.

He further stated that the stovelid was sold by means of house to house canvassing; that the salesman were issued a number of order books, the pages of which were divided into two sections, each section bearing the order number, the left-hand section which remains in the book constitutes the order, while the right-hand section was issued to the purchaser as a receipt, and that this right-hand section contained the official price list, statement as to the name and address of the purchaser, date of purchase, amount of deposit received by the salesman, the balance due, the delivery date, and the name of the salesman issuing the receipt.

In the instant case, he observed that the receipt given to PARROTT by KEILLER did not contain the official price list or a statement as to the balance due. He was, therefore, of the opinion that Suspect KEILLER had removed this receipt from his order book, cut off the official price list before presenting it to PARROTT, and then had accepted the \$2.00 and pocketed it. Agent observed that the receipt given to PARROTT was not similar to those receipts issued at the present time by the salesman of the William H. Pearce Company, and AEBI, when questioned in this regard, stated that shortly after July, 1939, his company had issued a new type of order book on which was placed the above information. AEBI also advised that due to the nature of the article being sold, and in view of the fact that the salesman were allowed to keep the amount of the deposit as their salary, his company had never considered it necessary to maintain any complete record of the names or addresses of the salesman, but as they appeared at the hotel they were met by B. H. HARRIS, who made a note of their names and addresses and then assigned them a territory for the day.

AEBI further stated that he had talked to PARROTT regarding the circumstances of instant case at which time he had obtained the name of R. W. KEILLER from PARROTT as the individual accepting the \$2.00 deposit in the name of the William H. Pearce Company; that he had subsequently searched his records but had failed to find anyone by that name listed. AEBI pointed out that it was perfectly possible that the name of R. W. KEILLER had simply been written down on a piece of paper and had then been lost in some manner, which would account for the fact that he had no record of this individual. He suggested that HARRIS, the Sales Manager, was familiar with all of the men, and he was quite certain that he would be able to inform Agent as to whether or not R. W. KEILLER had been employed during July, 1939, and in the territory of 1807 Dorcas Street, PARROTT'S home address, but unfortunately HARRIS was out of the city temporarily and would not return until the following day.

The following day Agent received a telephone call from AEBI informing that B. H. HARRIS was then at his apartment and would be glad to talk over the case. B. H. HARRIS was, therefore, interviewed at Apartment 207, 4902 Capitol Avenue, at which time he advised that he was familiar with all the men, but to the best of his recollection, they had never employed anyone by the name of R. W. KEILLER; that he had talked the incident over with PARROTT and had obtained a description from him of the salesman to whom he had paid the \$2.00 deposit, but that it did not fit any individual in the employ of his company; but that he had gone over the order books of the salesmen who had worked the territory of 1807 Dorcas St., during July, 1939, and had reached the conclusion that it could only be one R. CHVAL. He then produced the order book of R. CHVAL, and upon examination, it was noted that there was a great similarity in the handwriting of R. CHVAL and that of the individual signing the receipt R. W. KEILLER.

It was, therefore, suggested that the writer accompany HARRIS in his car as he took the men to the territory for the day, and thereby surreptitiously observe CHVAL, to which HARRIS readily agreed. HARRIS was then exhibited the photograph of Subject ROE, whereupon he stated that he was sure that he had never employed anyone resembling the photograph or answering the description of Subject ROE. Agent nevertheless deemed it advisable to attempt to establish the identity of R. W. KEILLER, if possible, and then eliminate him as being identical with Subject ROE.

On September 5, 1939, the writer appeared at the temporary office of the William H. Pearce Company, 2906 Leavenworth Street, where he was introduced to all of the salesmen, but failed to find anyone answering the description of ROE. It was noted, however, that CHVAL did not appear at the office, but HARRIS assured Agent that this was not unusual as it was customary for HARRIS to meet CHVAL near his home and then drive him to the territory. Accordingly, Agent accompanied HARRIS to 24th & Pratt Streets, where CHVAL was picked up by HARRIS. While riding in the car, Agent questioned

CHVAL concerning his knowledge of the above incident, to which CHVAL at first claimed to have no knowledge whatsoever, but when the spurious receipt was exhibited to him, he readily admitted that he had made out same, signing the name of R. W. KEILLER. It was his intention, he stated, to only borrow the \$2.00, and then return it at a later date at which time he would inform PARROTT that the sale could not be consummated as the price of the article had been increased. CHVAL was then taken by Agent and HARRIS to the home of PARROTT, who readily identified him as the salesman who accepted the \$2.00 deposit, and issued the receipt therefore.

CHVAL was then taken to the Field Office where he stated that his true name was RICHARD CHVAL; residence 3819 North 18th Street; that he was born November 18, 1910, at Omaha; that he was a graduate of Technical High School, Omaha, in 1929; that subsequent to that time he had been employed as a stockman and later as a manager for Neisner Bros., Inc.; that during the period of employment by Neisner Bros. he had worked in their stores in the following cities for the periods indicated: Omaha, 1½ years; Denver, 2 months; Columbus, Ohio, 1 month; Chicago, Illinois, 9 months; Waukegan, Ill., 1 year, 1 month; St. Paul, 7 months; Cincinnati, 2 months; Berwyn, Illinois, 5 months. He was made manager at the last named store, from which position he resigned because of ill health.

He further advised that subsequent to this period of ill health, he had worked for four or five months in 1938 for Montgomery Ward & Company, Omaha, but was unable to maintain his position because of his ill health; that he had recently been employed by B. H. HARRIS as a salesman for the William H. Pearce Company, Philadelphia. He assured Agent that his employment by Neisner Bros., Inc., could be verified by either Mr. TANNENBAUM, Manager, or Miss HANSON, Cashier, for that company in Omaha.

Miss CHRISTINE HANSON, Cashier, Neisner Bros., Inc., 308 South 16th Street, Omaha, was telephonically contacted by Agent while CHVAL was in the office, whereupon she advised that she did not have complete records available, but to the best of her recollection CHVAL had been employed by them for five or six years, and that more recently by Montgomery Ward & Co.

CHVAL further advised that he had been arrested on two previous occasions. The first was in January, 1932, by the Omaha Police Department, at which time he was charged with driving while drunk and was given a thirty-day suspended sentence. The second time was on June 26, 1939, by the Police Department at Sleepy Eye, Minnesota, where he was charged with selling mortgaged property, but this was settled out of court.

There was obtained from CHVAL the following signed statement, which is being retained in the Omaha File:

"Sept. 5, 1939  
Omaha, Nebr.

I, RICHARD CHVAL, wish to make a statement to OLIVER D. COLLIER who I know to be a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation U. S. Dept. of Justice. I make this statement freely knowing that anything I say may be used against me in a court of law. I am 28 years of age was born in Omaha Nebr. at 3819 North 18 St. Nov. 18, 1910. I sold at the address of 1807 Dorcas St. to Mr. PARROT a Pearce stove top for \$2.00. The regular price is \$10.90. I intended to repay the \$2.00 but never had the money. This was not done to defraud this person willfully. I had signed the name of R. W. KEILLER to this receipt instead of my own signature. This was an order which was never turned into the Co. of W. H. Pearce Co. Phil. Penn. I have read the above statement written in my own handwriting and it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

(Signed) RICHARD CHVAL  
Sept. 5, 1939  
Omaha, Nebr.

Witness:  
Special Agent OLIVER D. COLLIER  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Dept. of Justice  
629 1st Natl. Bank Building  
Omaha, Nebraska"

The fingerprints of Suspect CHVAL were obtained and forwarded to the Bureau with the request that a copy of his known criminal record be furnished the Omaha and Oklahoma City Field Divisions. Accordingly by letter, dated September 11, 1939, the Bureau furnished the following criminal record of RICHARD CHVAL, #FBI-1833831:

Jan., 1932; RICHARD CHVAL; PD, Omaha, Nebr.; driving while drunk;  
30 days S.S.

June 25, 1939; RICHARD CHVAL, #---; SO, Aurora, Nebr.; Removing mortgaged property from St. without permission; Settled out of Court.

Sept. 5, 1939; RICHARD CHVAL, #76-166; Bu. Field Div., Omaha, Nebr.; Criminal inquiry to establish identity; (not arrested) released.

The following description of Suspect CHVAL was obtained by questioning and general observation:

Name - RICHARD CHVAL  
Age - 28 (November 18, 1910, Omaha)  
Height - 6' 3"  
Weight - 220  
Build - Heavy  
Complexion - Fair  
Eyes - Blue  
Hair - Dark Brown

In view of Suspect CHVAL'S employment record, his description, and finally because his fingerprints were dissimilar to those of Subject ROE, it was determined that CHVAL was not identical with ROE.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

FILE NO. **76-51**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Springfield, Illinois</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10-6-39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8-30-31; 9-29-39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>LEO J. KENNEDY</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>KG</b></span>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Informant identifying himself as Justice of the Peace <b>SIMS</b>, Pekin, Illinois, on 8-23-39, telephonically advised the Springfield Office that on 8-21-39, he had picked up two hitch-hikers, one of whom resembled the picture of <b>COLE</b> he saw in the Pekin Post Office on 8-23-39. The hitch-hikers advised informant that they were going to Minneapolis, Minnesota. Efforts to locate informant for further details unavailing due to fact he is unknown in vicinity of Pekin, Illinois. [REDACTED] designated as Confidential Informant "R", departed from [REDACTED] Whereabouts unknown.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-RUC-</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent <b>LOUIS C. BLACK</b>, Springfield, Illinois, dated 8-19-39.</p> <p>DETAILS: On the morning of August 23, 1939, a man, identifying himself as Justice of the Peace <b>SIMS</b> of Pekin, Illinois, telephonically advised the Springfield Office that on August 21, 1939, while driving his truck he picked up two hitch-hikers who informed him that they were going from Oklahoma to Minneapolis, Minnesota; that they had recently attended the State Fair at Springfield and hoped to reach Minneapolis within the near future, by hitch-hiking. Informant stated that he left the individuals at an intersection on the highway near Pekin, Illinois, inasmuch as they informed him that they did not desire to go into town since they would not have as much opportunity to get a ride in town as they</p>			
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would on the highway. Upon visiting the local Post Office at Pekin, Illinois, on August 22, 1939, informant stated that he observed Identification Orders on RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE and he believed that one of the hitch-hikers, above mentioned, resembled the photograph of COLE. Informant was advised that an Agent would contact him in the immediate future for such further information as he might be able to offer, in an effort to determine the possible location of the hitch-hikers in question, and whether they may be identical with the fugitives in this case, or either of them.

AT PEKIN, ILLINOIS:

Chief of Police WILLIAM GRANT said that there was no Justice of the Peace by the name of "SIMS" or similar name in Pekin or vicinity. According to the Chief, there are only four Justices of the Peace in Pekin, namely: STUEM, LAUDERBACH, KAHN, and GSCHWEND. The Police Magistrate is named JANSSEN. Chief GRANT further advised that no person had spoken to him about picking up hitch-hikers under the circumstances before recited.

Sheriff GUY DONAHUE gave information identical with that of Chief GRANT. He also furnished the current year book of Tazewell County (in which Pekin is located), but this failed to reveal the name of SIMS in the list of Justices of the Peace for the entire county. Moreover Sheriff DONAHUE was unable to recall any former Justice by such a name, either in Pekin, Illinois or in the vicinity thereof.

An examination of the city and telephone directories, currently in use, failed to reflect the name of the alleged justice.

Personally contacted, each of the Justices and the police magistrate, aforementioned, denied being the author of the telephone call in question. They, likewise, had heard of no justice of the peace by the name of SIMS in Tazewell County.

At the Post Office, it was noted that Identification Orders for ROE and COLE are affixed to the bulletin board by means of a spindle and are maintained in numerical sequence with the most recent therefore on top. The alleged identification of COLE consequently necessitated an examination by the informant of the approximately fifty Identification Orders issued since those pertaining to ROE and COLE. It would appear, therefore, that informant's alleged recognition of COLE was not accidental, but was the result of a search of the Orders.

Inasmuch as the information as to the hitch-hikers appears to be extremely questionable and forms no basis for practical leads, further investigation of this particular phase of instant case is being discontinued.

AT SALEM, ILLINOIS:

Mr. LEN SHAW, upon interview at the Kingwood Oil Company, located about four miles west of Salem, advised that the woman and her young daughter, who were residing with the couple just off his company lease in a trailer, departed from Salem, Illinois, around the middle of July, 1939, and that he had no idea where they had gone. The woman referred to as leaving is [REDACTED] b7D [REDACTED] who is designated as Confidential Informant "R". SHAW also advised that the couple [REDACTED] have moved their trailer to a point across the road about fifty yards from their original location and are residing alone since their child, born [REDACTED] died.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **OKLAHOMA CITY**

FILE NO. **76-284**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Pittsburgh, Pa.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10-10-39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9/7,8,15/39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. H. BAILEIDGE</b>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O.#1472; THEODORE COLE with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O.#1471.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Investigation in vicinity of 12th Street Market, Erie, Pa. and exhibition of COLE'S photograph failed to indicate he was seen that vicinity. Investigation as to suspect reported in vicinity of Pittsburgh, Pa. unproductive.

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**REFERENCE:** Letter from Buffalo Office to Pittsburgh, 9-7-39.

**DETAILS:** AT **ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA.**

MR. H. A. SORENSEN, Manager of the 12th Street Market, was exhibited the photograph of THEODORE COLE, as well as that of RALPH ROE, at which time MR. SORENSEN advised Agent after carefully observing these photographs that neither of these parties had been observed by him in that vicinity and pointed out also at this time that inasmuch as this market covers approximately one square block with many concessions housed therein, it was quite possible that a party might be within the market for quite some period of time and not have been observed by either himself or many of the various concessionaires in the market. MR. SORENSEN stated, however, that it was quite possible that if THEODORE COLE had entered the market or was in that immediate vicinity, he would have been most likely observed by the concessionaires who have space located near the main entrance to the market, or he might possibly have frequented the

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skating rink located directly above the market, or the bowling alleys located the market also.

In company with MR. SORENSEN Agent contacted MR. A. O. JOHNSON, Manager of the 12th Street Market Skating Rink who observed the above mentioned photographs and stated that he had never seen, to the best of his recollection, anyone resembling either THEODORE COLE or RALPH ROE.

MR. FRANK SNYDER, Manager of the Commodore Bowling Alleys, in the 12th Street Market Building, was also contacted and exhibited the photographs of COLE and ROE and after careful observation of same, also stated that he was quite sure that neither party had frequented his bowling alleys.

MR. P. E. YOFSE, proprietor of the Modern Grocery, located in the 12th Street Market near one of the main entrances, examined the photographs of COLE and ROE and stated that neither was familiar to him.

MRS. AGNES POWELL, who is located at the extreme end of the market building near one of the main entrances, was also exhibited the photographs of COLE and ROE and stated that neither looked familiar to her.

A copy of Identification Order #1471 on THEODORE COLE was left in the possession of MR. SORENSEN of the 12th Street Market, as well as the address and telephone number of the Pittsburgh Field Division, with the request that in the event THEODORE COLE was observed near this vicinity the Pittsburgh Office be telephonically advised immediately.

During the investigation conducted at the 12th Street Market arrangements were made whereby any of the parties contacted would immediately contact the Manager, MR. H. A. SORENSEN, if they observed or developed any information reflecting that THEODORE COLE was presently in that vicinity or had in fact been in that vicinity recently.

AT PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents E. J. ROSE and I. J. KELLOGG of the Pittsburgh Office.

Deputy United States Marshals JESS RHODES and JOSEPH EASLEY, of Pittsburgh, advised the Pittsburgh Field Division that at a small private club located between Crafton and the Allegheny County Airport they had observed on several occasions an individual whom they thought closely resembled the photograph of fugitive THEODORE COLE. Accordingly, Agents accompanied by Deputy Marshals RHODES and EASLEY proceeded to this club where the suspect previously mentioned was observed. The two Deputies who had previously visited this place had never disclosed their identities and as the suspect did not in any way appear to resemble the fugitive a discreet observation was made, the Agents also not revealing their identities. It was noticed that the suspect in no way resembled Fugitive COLE. Very definite peculiarities which could not have possibly been changed, such as low forehead, low hairline on this suspect, which is definitely contra to the description of fugitive COLE, absolute absence of any scars and in fact a much younger individual and of obvious eastern nativity, made identification impossible. When these points were noted it was deemed advisable not to question the suspect and cause the investigative officers to reveal their identities.

On September 15, 1939, Inspector of Detectives WALTER MONAGHAN of the Pittsburgh Police Department, telephonically communicated with the Pittsburgh Field Office to state that he had an individual incarcerated on a burglary charge whom he thought might possibly have some information concerning Fugitives COLE and ROE. Inspector MONAGHAN requested two photographs of fugitives which were conveyed to him by Agent Kellogg. Inspector MONAGHAN stated that he would communicate with the Pittsburgh Office when this individual would be available for questioning as he felt that due to the fact that he was recovering from a narcotic and alcoholic spree it would be a couple of weeks before detailed question could be had with him. Accordingly, a lead is being set out for the Pittsburgh Office to contact Inspector MONAGHAN regarding this person.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE PITTSBURGH FIELD DIVISION at PITTSBURGH, PA., will contact Detective Inspector WALTER MONAGHAN of the Pittsburgh Police Department in reference to the individual incarcerated on the burglary charge regarding any information this suspect might have regarding these fugitives.

- P E N D I N G -

940 First National Building

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

October 4, 1939

76-438

Special Agent in Charge  
Dallas, Texas

Dear Sir:

Re: ROCOL

Reference is made to letter from this division dated September 15, 1939, regarding information furnished by one SAM GORUM concerning the possible whereabouts of Subjects.

Mr. JAKE SIMS, Chief of Police, Seminole, Oklahoma, advised Special Agent E. T. HOOD that about September 23, 1939, GORUM, who has not returned to Seminole, but who is presently residing at Fort Worth, telephonically requested SIMS to contact him in Fort Worth on September 24, 1939, which date SIMS was to be in Fort Worth to attend a baseball game. However, GORUM did not keep his appointment with SIMS. SIMS is of the opinion that GORUM desired to furnish information in connection with this case.

Mr. SIMS was unable to furnish the address of GORUM in Fort Worth, but inquiry of LEE VINSON, Seminole, by Agent HOOD revealed that GORUM is supposed to be residing with his mother-in-law, a Mrs. COOPER, at 4020 North or Northwest 5th Street, Fort Worth, Texas. VINSON did not think that GORUM planned to return to Seminole in the near future.

It is respectfully requested that efforts be made to locate GORUM in order that he may be interviewed for any information he may possess. It is suggested that a Special Agent contact GORUM in this respect.

Very truly yours,

RTU:br

cc - Bureau  
San Francisco

H. E. ANDERSEN  
Special Agent in Charge

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

PITTSBURGH, PA.

October 10, 1939.

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

re RALPH ROE w.a.-FUG. I.O.#1472;  
THEODORE COLE w.a.-FUG. I.O.#1471.  
Escaped Federal Prisoners.

Dear Sir:

It is requested that the Pittsburgh Field Division be furnished with fifty copies each of Identification Orders Nos. 1471 and 1472 for use in conducting investigation in instant matter.

Very truly yours,

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*S. K. McKee*  
S. K. McKEE.  
Special Agent in Charge.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **76-282**

REPORT MADE AT <b>EL PASO, TEXAS.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10/9/39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10/4/39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. R. CALHOUN</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>BJW</b></span>
TITLE <b>THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUG. I.O. #1471 RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUG. I.O. #1472.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

R. E. THROCKMORTON, employer of JAMES ROE, Odessa, Texas, has no additional information. Police at Odessa have no information concerning fugitives.

- R. U. C. -

**REFERENCE:**

Report of G. H. FRANKLIN, El Paso, Texas, dated June 15, 1939.

**DETAILS:**

Mr. R. E. THROCKMORTON, employer of JAMES ROE, Bethlehem International Supply Co., Odessa, Texas, was contacted by telephone at his office, and met Agent at the Hotel Elliott in Odessa, Texas. Mr. THROCKMORTON said that he had watched carefully, but had found nothing to indicate that RALPH ROE had been in touch with JAMES ROE; that he had implicit confidence in JAMES ROE; that in the event any information came to him concerning the fugitives, whose pictures he has in his possession, he will advise the El Paso Field Office.

Police Officers DICK CHAFMAN and W. A. FIELDS, Odessa, Texas, stated that they had received copies of the wanted notices for ROE and COLE and had dedidely kept close watch, but had found nothing to indicate that the fugitives were in the vicinity.

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

October 10, 1939

76-348

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: ROCOL.

SAM SELLERS, Chief of Police, Idabel, Oklahoma, requested this office some time ago to furnish him with the photographs of subjects in this case, but did not state for what purpose he wanted these photographs. He was recently contacted by an Agent of this office and Chief SELLERS stated he had a positive identification on the photograph of RALPH ROE.

He advised a stranger corresponding with the description of ROE appeared in the vicinity of Idabel about the time ROE and COLE are alleged to have made their escape; that recently he has had two or three positive identifications on the photograph of ROE; that the individuals furnishing this information desire to know exactly what they could make in the way of a reward before arranging for the apprehension. Therefore, it is requested that the Bureau advise definitely what could be paid as a reward for the apprehension of either or both of the subjects in this case.

Very truly yours,

*H. E. Andersen*  
H. E. Andersen, RCH  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Re: ROOOL

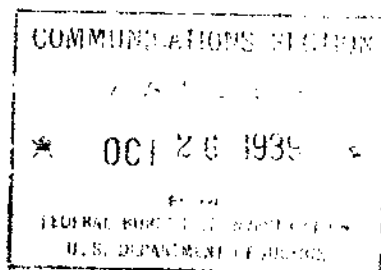
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of October 10, 1939, requesting advice as to the amount of reward which the Bureau will pay to informants of Chief of Police Sam Sellers of Idabel, Oklahoma, who claim to have information concerning the whereabouts of the two fugitives in this case.

You are advised that the Bureau will pay a sum not to exceed one thousand dollars each for information furnished exclusively to Bureau representatives which results in the apprehension of either of these individuals by representatives of the Bureau. You may convey this information to Chief of Police Sellers.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director



Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Nathan  
Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Coffey  
Mr. Egan  
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **76-326**

REPORT MADE AT <b>St. Louis, Missouri</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10-12-39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10-3-39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>JOHN E. BRENNAN</b> <span style="float: right;">cpw</span>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** **THEODORE MURDOCK, Alcatraz #101, has not been in touch with relatives in St. Louis for past three months, present location unknown.**

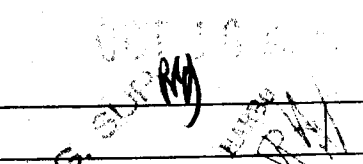
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**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent John E. Brennan, St. Louis, dated August 15, 1939.

**DETAILS:** Agent interviewed Mrs. ADA BRAY, sister of THEODORE MURDOCK, Alcatraz #101, at her residence, 1542 Benton Street, St. Louis, who stated that subsequent to the release of her brother he made his home here for a couple of weeks, during which he secured employment as a mechanic at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri; that the Army authorities learned of his record, whereupon he was discharged; that he stayed at her home for a time thereafter, but was unable to secure employment; that she was unable to support him (she is now supporting her mother) and told him so, whereupon he left by bus for Detroit, Michigan, stating that if he could not get work there he would go to Cleveland or possibly California; that she has heard nothing from him since, and does not know where he is at this time, but is certain he will not return to her home; that while he was there he mentioned that subjects had escaped from Alcatraz while he was there, but did not indicate in any way that he knew any of the details.

Inasmuch as MURDOCK is not in touch with his relatives in St. Louis, and there is nothing to indicate that he has any information concerning subjects, no further investigation with respect to these relatives will be made by the St. Louis Division unless requested to do so.

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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 <b>SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10-11-39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9/28/39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>RALPH V. HARMAN - GH</b>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O.#1472 THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O.#1471</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

**PALMER OTTERBECK, brother of JAMES COLSON, AZ #60 interviewed without obtaining any information of value to this investigation.**

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**REFERENCE:**

**Report of Special Agent RALPH V. HARMAN, San Francisco, 9/18/39.**

**DETAILS:**

**AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.**  
On September 28, 1939 PALMER OTTERBECK, brother of JAMES COLSON, Alcatraz #60, called at this office in accordance with the request of reporting agent which was made during the conduct of investigation as set out in reference report. Mr. OTTERBECK advised that he is a Chief Engineer employed by the B and L Freight Line which ships out of New York City to Houston, Texas and that he is so employed about ten months out of the year. He informed that his brother JAMES never at any time mentioned instant case, nor had he ever mentioned it to JAMES. Like other visitors of Alcatraz inmates, he informed that he had been specifically cautioned not to discuss this case when visiting at the Penitentiary, by the guards. He denied being contacted by anyone either prior or subsequent to the escape in connection with this case. He further stated that to the best of his recollection he was in the East or on the high seas at the time subjects escaped, and that he knows nothing more about this case than what he has read in the newspapers or heard over the radio.

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FILE NO. **76-78**

REPORT MADE AT <b>CLEVELAND, OHIO</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10/12/39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10/5/39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. W. VINSON</b> <div style="text-align: right;"><b>JWV:MC</b></div>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

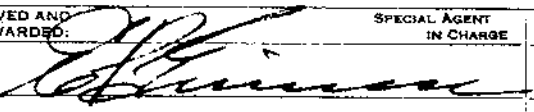
**KARL KREUTER** of Canton, Ohio, presently residing at Kent, Ohio, where he is attending college.

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**DETAILS:**

This report is predicated upon a copy of a letter received from the Bureau, which reflects that **KARL KREUTER** of Canton, Ohio, had written that he had recently been waited on in a little restaurant near Buffalo, New York, by a man whose features bore a striking resemblance to a photograph of **RALPH ROE** and that he desired to have a more detailed description of this individual's appearance.

At 1437 Ferndale, N.W., Canton, Ohio, agent was advised by the housekeeper, who was the only one at home at the time, that **KARL KREUTER** did reside there with his family but that at the present time he was attending Kent State University at Kent, Ohio. She did not know his exact address at that place but stated it could easily be ascertained through the University where he could be located.

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CLEVELAND OFFICE:

At KENT, OHIO, at the Kent State University, will locate and interview KARL KREUTER regarding the man he saw in a small restaurant near Buffalo, New York, who he believes was RALPH ROE.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **76-290**

REPORT MADE AT <b>San Francisco, Calif.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10/12/39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9/19/39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>H. I. BOBBITT</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>MC</b></span>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O.# 1471.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Relatives of **HOWARD C. DICKERSON**, Alcatraz number 103-AZ at Napa, California have no information concerning the instant case.

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**REFERENCE:**

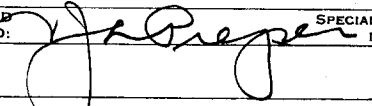

Report of Special Agent **RALPH T. HOOD**, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 12/2/38.

**DETAILS:**

**AT NAPA, CALIFORNIA:**

**EUGENE RIORDAN**, Chief of Police, Napa, California, was interviewed and he advised that, as far as he knew, the **DICKERSONS**, who resided in Napa, California, namely, **L. J., W. F., MINNIE AND ADA DICKERSON**, were good citizens, and had never been involved in any criminal difficulty, to his knowledge.

Inquiry at 523 Brown Street, address furnished in reference report, revealed that the **DICKERSONS** are now living at 549 Brown Street. At that address, Mrs. **MATTIE SMITH** advised that she is the sister in law of **HOWARD C. DICKERSON**, Alcatraz number 103-AZ, but that she had not seen him for a great number of years prior to his incarceration in Alcatraz Penitentiary; that about **three** years ago she visited him in Alcatraz, but that, other than this, she has had no correspondence with him, nor has she had any conversation with him. She stated that her husband is deceased, and has been for approximately fifteen years. She stated that **L. J. DICKERSON** is the brother of **HOWARD C. DICKERSON**, and that he had left Napa, California approximately two years ago, and at the present time is living in Lefors. She stated that she had never

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heard L. J. DICKERSON mention anything concerning either ROE or COLE, and stated that as far as she knew, no information had ever passed between HOWARD C. DICKERSON and L. J. DICKERSON concerning the escape of the two subjects in this case.

Mrs. SMITH's two daughters, WILLA MAE DICKERSON, and ADA DICKERSON, were also interviewed, and WILLA MAE DICKERSON advised that she had never seen her uncle, HOWARD C. DICKERSON, in her life, and had not corresponded with him. ADA DICKERSON advised that she had seen HOWARD C. DICKERSON about four years ago, when she visited him at Alcatraz Penitentiary, and that she has corresponded with him at various intervals. However, she advised that she had received no information concerning the COLE-ROE break, and, in fact, thought that it was odd that he had not written to her concerning it, inasmuch as he was confined in the Penitentiary at that time, and it was the subject of general interest.

She stated that she knew nothing concerning either COLE or ROE, but that if she should ever learn anything from her uncle concerning the case, she would transmit that information to the Bureau Office.

Mrs. SMITH advised that W. F. DICKERSON is her son, FRANK DICKERSON, and she stated that she was sure that he had never received any information from HOWARD C. DICKERSON concerning this case, inasmuch as he did not like HOWARD C. DICKERSON, due to the fact that he was a convict, and FRANK DICKERSON refused to have anything to do with HOWARD C. DICKERSON or to go to see him or to write to him.

She stated that FRANK DICKERSON did not know HOWARD C. DICKERSON personally, as HOWARD C. DICKERSON had not seen FRANK since FRANK was about two years of age. FRANK DICKERSON was not available for interview the night that Agent interviewed the remaining members of the family. FRANK DICKERSON will not be interviewed by this office, in view of the above facts, unless so requested by office of origin.

Mrs. MINNIE WRIGHT, 1510 - 3rd Street, advised that she was formerly MINNIE DICKERSON, and that she had last seen her uncle, HOWARD C. DICKERSON about three years ago, when she had visited him at Alca-



traz Penitentiary. She said that prior to that time she had not seen him for a great number of years; that since that time she has corresponded with him, perhaps more regularly than any of the other members of the DICKERSON family at Napa, but that she has never received any information concerning ROE or COLE from him, either in conversations or in his letters. She further advised that she had no knowledge concerning the case or concerning his knowledge of the case. She advised that within the last year or so, her uncle has been transferred from Alcatraz to Leavenworth Penitentiary, and that since his transfer she has not written to him.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE DALLAS FIELD DIVISION:

At Lefors, Texas: Will locate and interview Mr. L. J. DICKERSON, brother of HOWARD C. DICKERSON, who was formerly Alcatraz number 103-AZ, for any information that he may have concerning the escape of the two subjects, as furnished by HOWARD C. DICKERSON, to him or from any other source.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

FILE NO. **76-206**

REPORT MADE AT <b>ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10/15/39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10/7/39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>G. E. SMART</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>CA</b></span>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1471</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Person selling glass cutters and knife sharpeners at Itasca County Fair, Grand Rapids, Minnesota, reported as identical with RALPH ROE, whose photograph had been observed by Informant in a newspaper. Investigation discloses this person's name as E. O. PETERS.

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**DETAILS:**

This investigation is predicated upon a letter received from EBEN HENDERSON, Town Clerk, Nashwauk, Minnesota, in which he advised that he had observed the picture of RALPH ROE in a daily newspaper, and that this person was the very image selling glass cutters and knife sharpeners at a stand at the Itasca County Fair, Grand Rapids, Minnesota. He advised that he had asked several of his friends concerning him, and they all felt that there was a remarkable similarity between the photograph and instant investigation.

**AT NASHWAUK, MINNESOTA:**

EBEN HENDERSON, upon being interviewed and shown the smooth finish photograph of RALPH ROE, Oklahoma City No. 15589, and the picture of RALPH ROE on Identification Order No. 1472, advised that in his opinion there was practically no similarity between the photograph on the Identification Order and the individual he observed at the Itasca County Fair. He, however, did state that the smooth finish photograph referred to above

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was very similar to instant individual. He furnished the following description of the person observed by him at the Itasca County Fair, which he believes is identical with RALPH ROE:

Age:	40 to 45
Height:	5' 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Weight:	190 pounds
Hair:	Black or dark brown
Comp.	Dark
Build:	Medium heavy
Nation- ality:	Austrian.

He advised that he had not observed any tattoos on the hand of this individual. He also advised that ANNA JOHNSON, employed in the Town Hall at Nashwauk, Minnesota, also observed this individual and might be able to furnish additional information. He stated that O. B. CARLSON, County Treasurer, Itasca County, might have some record of the persons who had concessions at the Itasca County Fair.

ANNA JOHNSON, located at the Town Hall, Nashwauk, Minnesota, stated that the individual which she observed selling glass cutters at the above fair closely resembled the smooth finish photograph of RALPH ROE referred to above. She advised that this person in her opinion was approximately 43 years of age; 5'11" tall; weight 180 pounds; hair straight and bushy; complexion dark; nose normal. She stated that he always wore a hat or a cap and she did not have any opportunity to closely observe his forehead.

AT. GRAND RAPIDS, MINNESOTA:

O. B. CARLSON, County Treasurer, advised that ALLEN J. DORAN, Village Recorder, might have some record of the persons who had concessions at the Itasca County Fair, but that he did not have any.

ALLEN J. DORAN, Village Recorder, Grand Rapids, Minnesota, advised that the Itasca County Fair was held August 17 to August 20, 1939; that there was a glass cutter at the above fair whose name was listed as E. O. PETERS. This name was obtained by DORAN by searching his records where he had noted the names of

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the various concessioners when they signed their receipt in return for which they were granted a right to have a concession at the fair. He advised that he does not have any address for the above mentioned person nor was he able to furnish any information concerning where this person might be located. DORAN made a thorough search of all his records in an effort to obtain a signature of E. O. PETERS, but was unable to locate such. He, however, stated that when the fair moved he found one of the knives which was used by PETERS when he gave demonstrations with his knife sharpener. He retained such in his possession and this was shown to Agent. It is noted on this knife that it is manufactured by E. C. ATKINS & COMPANY, Indianapolis, Indiana; that it is a No. 6 Corn Knife. This knife has been processed for undeveloped latent fingerprints but negative results. DORAN advised that while PETERS was at the fair he occupied a stand thirty or forty feet away from his office; that he observed him numerous times during the day and that there is a high degree of resemblance between the photograph and the individual he observed at the Itasca County Fair. He advised that while at the fair PETERS was accompanied by a rather clean-cut boy 13 or 14 years of age, and that they lived in a trailer. He was unable to advise the license number or State wherein the trailer was licensed. He advised that PETERS acted rather peculiar at the fair in that he did not stay around any more than necessary, but he appeared three or four times a day and gave his demonstration and then would go back to his trailer. DORAN stated that the most outstanding characteristic of this individual was that he was a very fluent speaker appearing to have a southern drawl. DORAN furnished a list of the County Fairs in the State Of Minnesota, and he advised that most of the concessioners at the Itasca County Fair went to the Cass County Fair at Pillager, Minnesota. He advised that P. H. SORG, Pillager, Minnesota, is the Secretary of this fair, and that this fair was held August 21 to August 22, 1939. This list of County Fairs is being retained in the St. Paul Field Division files in this case.

U N D E V E L O P E D   L E A D S :

INDIANAPOLIS FIELD DIVISION:

AT INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, will contact the E. C. ATKINS & COMPANY and endeavor to ascertain if there is any record of E. O. PETERS having purchased a corn knife from this Company, and in the event a record is located, set out appropriate leads to locate and interview.

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ST. PAUL FIELD DIVISION:

AT PILLAGER, MINNESOTA, will interview P. H. SORG, Secretary, Cass County Fair, to ascertain if he has any record if E. O. PETERS appeared at the Cass County Fair and operated a concession where he demonstrated knife sharpeners and glass cutters.

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Mr. Hoover  
Honorable Sir:  
If you will  
publish pictures  
of Crow and <sup>Ralph</sup> Rol  
who escaped from  
Alcatraz, in next  
Sunday's News  
Daily News, N.Y. City  
some information  
will be sent but don't  
mention this request.  
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA**

FILE NO. **76-64**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Sioux Falls, S. Dak.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10/19/39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10/16/39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>H. R. TELFORD</b>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

ANDREW SAMPSON furnishes entire itinerary of trip to Washington, Oregon, and California. Drove through San Francisco twice; was there day Subjects escaped from Alcatraz. Emphatically denies any knowledge of escape or acquaintanceship with Subjects.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of SA D. W. MAGEE, Los Angeles, dated 7/18/39.  
Report of SA H. R. TELFORD, Sioux Falls, dated 9/30/39.

**DETAILS:**

**AT ROSLYN, SOUTH DAKOTA**

ANDREW SAMPSON, who is presently living at the ADOLPH HEMMAH farm, Northwest of Roslyn, upon interview advised that he left Webster, South Dakota on November 26, 1937, in his 1938 Chevrolet, dark blue in color, and bearing New York license plates # 4S-2501, in company with SELMA, EDMUND, and MELVIN HOLDEN, CLIFFORD VINNERTEN, and LORRAINE HOLLAND, his niece, for California. They took the southern from South Dakota, entering California from Nevada through the Yermo, California checking station. Their first stop in California was at Pasadena, where they stopped over night. They proceeded from there to Los Angeles, where they stopped overnight. From there they drove to San Francisco, not stopping over at all, simply driving around to see the sights, and leaving Oakland, California for Silverton, Oregon. From there they went to Spokane, Washington, thence to Seattle, and back to Silverton, where they stayed three or four days. They then returned to San Francisco, arriving there on the day of the escape, this being recalled due to the newspaper extras being sold on the streets. They did not stop over in San Francisco, having proceeded to a tourist camp south of there, where they spent the night. They then continued to Los Angeles, and to Belle, California where they stopped at the home of a relative of the HOLDENS. While at

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Belle, SAMPSON worked for three weeks at the Barbara Ann Baking Co., Los Angeles. The day after the South Dakota State Picnic they left to return to South Dakota with no stop-overs enroute. The return trip was made with LORRAINE HOLLAND and DAVE HANNON (phonetic), the rest of the party having remained in California. It is SAMPSON'S opinion that SELMA HOLDEN, now MRS. CARL BRANBALD, kept a diary during the trip, and could thus verify the exact dates. She is returning to the home of her father, GUNDER HOLDEN, Rural Route, Webster, South Dakota for a visit, they having left California October 14, 1939. This was his first trip to the West Coast.

SAMPSON advised that he was born in the vicinity of Roslyn, South Dakota and has lived in that section all of his life except for three or four years immediately prior to the above-described trip to California, during which time he was employed operating on tug boats of the Hawkinson Towing Co. and the Republic Transportation Co. operating in New York harbor. During this time he was a member of the Seaman's Union, but since has allowed his membership to drop.

SAMPSON further stated that he was unacquainted with either subject in this case, and was unable to identify their photographs. He emphatically denied any knowledge of their escape. He claimed that he has never been arrested or fingerprinted.

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

FILE NO. **76-290**

REPORT MADE AT <b>San Francisco, Cal.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10/19/39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9/20, 10/17/39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>A. E. FARLAND - MLA</b>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

ROY JOHNSON, Alcatraz #289, released on 5/25/39; records reflect he went to his home at Webb City, Mo. M. T. PETTYJOHN, Alcatraz inmate, transferred to Leavenworth 9/12/39. Last known address of Mrs. M. T. PETTYJOHN, Ballinger, Texas, no street or PO box number given. Records at San Quentin Prison reflect Mrs. ED DAVIS now at Monahans, Texas. JOSEPH SINGLETON, Superintendent, Laundry, Alcatraz, states he has no information.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent RALPH V. HARMAN, San Francisco, 9/18/39

**DETAILS:**

**AT ALCATRAZ ISLAND, CALIFORNIA**

At the U. S. Penitentiary, inquiries were made from the Record Clerk, WALTER DORRINGTON, to ascertain whether or not ROY JOHNSON, who had furnished information to Warden JOHNSTON regarding a convict named BUTCHER, was still an inmate of Alcatraz. Mr. DORRINGTON stated that ROY JOHNSON, Alcatraz #289, had been released from that institution on May 25, 1939 and the records reflect that he went to his home at Webb City, Missouri.

Mr. JOSEPH SINGLETON, Superintendent, Laundry, Alcatraz, was interviewed to ascertain whether or not he had obtained any additional information from a convict known as ANDY and he stated he never had been able to get any information from ANDY who is Convict ANDERSON, #340, relative to instant escape.

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He stated he had talked with ANDERSON on numerous occasions but believed he had no information or that he would have furnished it to him. He stated the only information he received was that the convicts think subjects are still alive, that being the general opinion among the prisoners. He was unable to give any further information.

Mr. DORRINGTON advised that Convict M. T. PETTYJOHN had been transferred to Leavenworth on September 12, 1939. The prison records reflect that the last known address of Mrs. M. T. PETTYJOHN is Ballinger, Texas, no street address or post office box number being shown.

It was ascertained that the boat "SLOCUM" is the U. S. Army Quartermaster boat "GENERAL SLOCUM", docked at the U. S. Army docks located at the foot of Laguna Street. None of the crew of this boat was interviewed.

#### AT SAN QUENTIN, CALIFORNIA

MR. BERNARD HUSE, Secretary to Warden COURT SMITH, San Quentin Prison, produced the records which reflect that the wife of ED DAVIS (who was executed at San Quentin by gas on or about December 15, 1938), Mrs. LOMA DAVIS, was last known to be receiving mail at Post office box 77-A, Monahans, Texas. Prior to her husband's execution she received mail at Route 1, Box 327, Stockton, California. The records further reflect the following relatives and their addresses:

MRS. J. W. PURSER, wister  
MAUDE LONG, sister  
SEBRON DAVIS, son

3564 West 5th St., Ft. Worth, Texas  
Rush Springs, Okla.  
Penwell, Texas

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##### THE KANSAS CITY OFFICE

AT WEBB CITY, MISSOURI will make an effort to interview ROY JOHNSON, former Alcatraz inmate #289, released May 25, 1939, and reported to have returned to his home in Webb City, for any information he may have relative to instant escape.

AT LEAVENWORTH PENITENTIARY will interview convict M. T. PETTYJOHN, transferred from Alcatraz 9/12/39. Will examine the correspondence records to determine Mrs. M.T.PETTYJOHN'S present address in order that she too may be interviewed relative to instant case.

THE DALLAS OFFICE

AT BAILLINGER, TEXAS will attempt to locate and interview MRS. M. T. PETTYJOHN, wife of Leavenworth convict M. T. PETTYJOHN, to ascertain if she has any information relative to instant case.

AT FORT WORTH, TEXAS will interview MRS. J. W. PURSER, sister of ED DAVIS, convict executed at San Quentin in December 1938; she resides at 3564 West 5th Street, and should be interviewed for the purpose of ascertaining the address of DAVIS' wife, Mrs. LOMA DAVIS.

THE EL PASO OFFICE

AT MONAHANS, TEXAS, will attempt to locate and interview MRS. ED (LOMA) DAVIS, PO Box 77-A, to ascertain if she has information pertinent to instant case. Her husband, ED DAVIS, was executed at San Quentin in December 1938.

AT PENWELL, TEXAS, will attempt to locate and interview SEBRON DAVIS, son of ED DAVIS who was executed at San Quentin in Dec. 1938, for any information he might have relative to instant case, and for the address of his mother.

THE OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE

AT RUSH SPRINGS, OKLA., if deemed advisable, will locate and interview MAUDE LONG, sister of ED DAVIS, San Quentin convict who was executed in Dec. 1938, in order to ascertain the present address of DAVIS' wife, Mrs. LOMA DAVIS.

THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF., will interview the Captain of the "GENERAL SLOCUM", at the U. S. Army docks, foot of Laguna St., to determine if there is any basis for the remarks of J. B. PAYNE as set out on Pages 7 and 8 of report of Special Agent F. S. SMITH, Oklahoma City, dated March 22, 1939.

AT ALCATRAZ ISLAND, will interview Penitentiary authorities for the same reason as set out immediately above.

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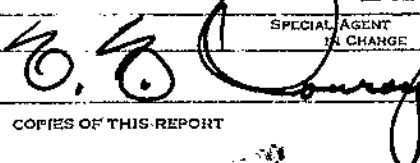
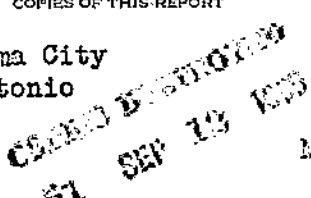
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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FILE NO. 76-259

REPORT MADE AT <b>DALLAS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10/23/39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10/12, 15/39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>ORRIN H. BARTLETT</b>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, IO # 1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, IO # 1471</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: 1939 Oldsmobile Coupe bearing 1939 Texas license F92-354 is in possession of JESS TILLERY, representative of L.G.S. Sales Corporation.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent in Charge GUS T. JONES, San Antonio, Texas, dated July 13, 1939.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p>DON JONES, Monaghan-Jones Motor Company, 814 Travis Street, Wichita Falls, Texas, was contacted to determine if the L.G.S. Sales Corporation, Burkburnett, Texas, purchased a 1939 Oldsmobile Coupe from his company. JONES stated that JESS TILLERY, a representative of the L.G.S. Sales Corporation, is known to him, but that the 1939 Oldsmobile "Eight" Coupe was purchased in Oklahoma. JONES said that the L.G.S. Sales Corporation, Box 830, Fort Worth, Texas, is carried on open account with his company, and that the records showed that his company serviced a 1939 Oldsmobile Coupe bearing 1939 Texas license plates F92-354 on May 23, August 9, September 7, and September 12, 1939, the work being done for and signed by the L.G.S. Sales Corporation representative, JESS TILLERY. JONES described TILLERY as being a big man, well over six feet tall, weighing about 220 pounds, and dark complexioned. It may be noted that TILLERY'S description generally fits that of the man described on page 9 of the report of Special Agent F. S. SMITH, Oklahoma City, dated June 27, 1939.</p> <p>Agent made inquiry at Burkburnett, Texas, relative to the L.G.S. Sales Corporation and JESS TILLERY, and no information was obtained. A check of the Burkburnett telephone directory did not list either the L.G.S. Sales Corporation or JESS TILLERY.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>P E N D I N G</u></p>			
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FILE NO. **76-82 glb**

REPORT MADE AT <b>BOSTON, MASS.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10/25/39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9/27/39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>G. M. ALDERSON</b>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases, Fugitive, I.O.1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, Fugitive, I.O.1471.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

**WILLIAM RITCHEY**, former Alcatraz #99, previously interviewed on 3/14/39, could furnish no information regarding subjects and their escape. Mail records of Rhode Island State Prison indicate mail for Miss Helen Robinson, wife of Ritchey, being sent to 948 Market St., Room 302, San Francisco, Calif.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent **G.M.ALDERSON**, 3/25/39 at Boston, Mass.

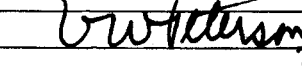
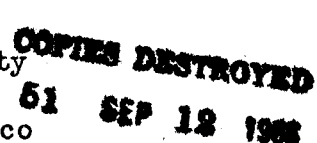
Report of Special Agent **RALPH V. HARMON**, San Francisco, California, 9/18/39.

**DETAILS:**

**AT HOWARD, R.I.**

In view of the fact that **WILLIAM RITCHEY**, former Alcatraz inmate #99, was interviewed by reporting agent March 14, 1939, as set forth in reference report of Special Agent **G. M. ALDERSON**, Boston, Mass., March 25, 1939, he was not re-interviewed at this time relative to the escape of subjects **ROE** and **COLE** from Alcatraz, due to the fact that **RITCHEY** was unable to furnish any information when previously interviewed.

Mr. Martin, clerk of the Rhode Island State Prison, examined mail records of **WILLIAM RITCHEY** and

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advised that at the present time the mail for Miss Helen Robinson, wife of Ritchey, was being addressed to 948 Market Street, Room 302, San Francisco. A letter was received from Robinson on September 25, 1939, and on the same date a letter was addressed to her by Ritchey.

The records also indicate that Miss Helen Robinson has used the address of Beach Hill Inn, Santa Cruz, California.

The mail records also indicate that correspondence has been had with Mrs. E. J. DA VEGA, 5102 Shafter Avenue, Oakland, California.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS

\*THE BOSTON FIELD DIVISION, AT MONTREAL, CANADA, will again interview Mr. WILLIAM URMSON, Room 1109, Dominion Square Bldg., St. Catherine and Peel Streets, for any further information he may secure.

\*At the Central Y.M.C.A., 1400 block on Drummond St., will exhibit the photographs of subject at the desk for any available information.

THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION, at 948 Market Street, Room 302, will locate and interview Helen Robinson for any information she may have concerning the escape of subjects ROE and COIE from Alcatraz.

AT SANTA CRUZ, Calif, if HELEN ROBINSON cannot be located at 948 Market Street, will conduct investigation at the Beach Hill Inn in an attempt to secure her present location.

AT OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, if Miss Helen Robinson cannot be located at San Francisco, or Santa Cruz, will contact Mrs. E. J. DA VEGA, 5102 Shafter Avenue, for any information she may have concerning the present whereabouts of Helen Robinson.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

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

REPORT MADE AT <b>Birmingham, Ala.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10-25-39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10-18-39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>T. H. PIRNIE.</b>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:      Informant expresses belief <b>DAN BROWN</b>, formerly employed by <b>JACK COLE Trucking Company</b>, <b>Birmingham, Ala.</b>, is identical with subject <b>ROE</b>. <b>BROWN</b> is possibly still in <b>Birmingham</b>.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>REFERENCE:      Bureau letter dated October 3, 1939.</p> <p>DETAILS:      <u>AT MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA:</u></p> <p style="text-indent: 40px;">H. R. HADDEN, Rural Route #2, Montgomery, Alabama, was contacted at the warehouse of the Alabama Beverage Control Board, where he is employed. He stated that the Jack Cole Trucking Company, of Birmingham, Alabama, has a contract to haul liquor for the Board, and he said about 20 months ago a truck driver named <b>DAN BROWN</b> frequently appeared at the Montgomery warehouse. HADDEN explained he is an avid reader of <b>TRUE DETECTIVE Magazine</b>, and he said as soon as he saw <b>BROWN</b>, he was positive he had seen his photograph in some issue of this magazine. He said he looked through all his old issues of this magazine without effecting an identification, and some time later it dawned on him that <b>BROWN</b> was identical with one of the two men who had escaped from the U. S. Penitentiary at Alcatraz. He said he then wrote to <b>TRUE DETECTIVE MAGAZINE</b> for photographs of both of the escapes, and upon receipt of these photographs, determined definitely that the man he had in mind was subject <b>ROE</b>. The writer displayed Identification Order No. 1472 to HADDEN and he advised that he is convinced that the facial features appearing in the photograph of the Identification Order are identical with those of <b>BROWN</b>. HADDEN was asked to furnish a description of <b>BROWN</b>, and it was noted that the description he furnished tallied closely with the description appearing on the Identification Order. HADDEN continued that recently he contacted one <b>BALLINGER</b>, who is employed in the main office of the Jack Cole Trucking Company at Birmingham, and <b>BALLINGER</b> advised he had seen <b>BROWN</b> in Birmingham approximately</p>			
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three months ago. He said he discussed his suspicions with BALLINGER, but inasmuch as he did not at that time have a photograph of subject ROE, BALLINGER, of course, was unable to express any opinion on the matter. He advised that BALLINGER holds some sort of supervisory position and would doubtless be a good deal of assistance in locating BROWN.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE BIRMINGHAM FIELD DIVISION at Birmingham, Ala., will contact Mr. BALLINGER in the main office of the Jack Cole Trucking Company for any information he may have concerning DAN BROWN, who was formerly employed as a truck driver by that company.

Will endeavor to locate DAN BROWN and ascertain whether he is identical with subject ROE.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **76-290**

<b>REPORT MADE AT</b> <b>SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.</b>	<b>DATE WHEN MADE</b> <b>10/13/39</b>	<b>PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE</b> <b>9/28/39</b>	<b>REPORT MADE BY</b> <b>J. R. McCULLOCH — GH</b>
<b>TITLE</b> <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases, Fugitive, I.O. #1472</b> <b>THEODORE COLE, with aliases, Fugitive, I.O. #1471</b>			<b>CHARACTER OF CASE</b> <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">*PET* REED, ex-ALCATRAZ #182 names other convicts who allegedly were to have taken part in break. Hearsay information reiterated, as set out in REED'S newspaper articles. Only conjecture as to whether subjects reached shore alive.</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 20px 0;">P.</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Bureau letter dated 11/12/38 (Bureau file #76-2686). Report of Special Agent RALPH V. HARMAN, San Francisco, California, dated 9/18/39.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> AT SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA.  P. F. *PET* REED, ex-A lcatraz #182, upon being contacted at the Standard Employment Agency, 1105 2nd Street, where he is employed, was privately interviewed at length for all information in his possession concerning instant escape.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">REED, who talked with but little reservation, gave the same information as set out at length in his articles in October 1938 issues of the San Francisco Examiner, to the effect that most inmates at Alcatraz felt that subjects were successful in reaching shore; that the break had been planned for some time by others than subjects, who had simply been "counted in on the break", and that there had been a boat furnished by unknown outside contacts, arrangements for the boat having been made through classified ads in magazines, probably the Popular Mechanics Magazine. REED admitted that all his information was simply rumor and prison grapevine. He claimed to be unable to recall from whom he had heard any particular statement.</p>			
<b>APPROVED AND FORWARDED:</b> <i>[Signature]</i>		<b>SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</b>	
<b>COPIES OF THIS REPORT</b> 3-Bureau 3-Oklaoma City 2-Kansas City 3-San Francisco		<p>76-2686-817</p> <p>NOV 1 1939</p> <p>28 AM</p> <p>FUG. SUP.</p>	

He stated that he definitely knew that Guard STEERE liked to visit and talk with other guards and that the information set out in the newspaper article by REED which stated that the escape was made at 1:03 P.M. and not discovered by STEERE until 2:30 P.M. is accurate, according to the convicts who actually witnessed the break. He stated that STEERE was said to have often not made his checks as punctually as he was required to do and the time of the break was one such occasion, giving subjects a good start. REED stated that he had never heard anything to the effect that STEERE or any other guard might have been a party to the escape.

Relative to REED'S story that subjects double crossed the real conspirators, and left without them, REED stated that he had heard, source allegedly not recalled, that DOC BARKER had masterminded the escape and that HARRY SAWYER, "RED" McCAIN, BARNEY COY, and three other inmates, names not now recalled were to have left with subjects accompanying them. He stated that as he had heard it, BARKER and the other conspirators had planned to kill Guard STEERE, and Guard MOCH and SAM BRIGHT, a free man in charge of the tailor shop. According to REED, ROE and COLE were in a position to escape without taking part in this unnecessary bloodshed which might have frustrated their own escape, so they had left when they did without the others knowing they were to go at that time. Due to the different places where the men in on the plan were employed, it was believed by BARKER and the others that it would be necessary to kill STEERE and MOCH to make the escape. BRIGHT, said to be an overbearing Jew, was to be "rubbed out" for the sheer pleasure of it.

REED stated that it was his information that it was HARRY SAWYER and BARNEY COY who had been the two men in the mat shop who were in on the break but didn't try to make it, being too "yellow" according to REED.

REED stated that most convicts at Alcatraz were of the opinion that subjects had made good their escape, even if they had to swim to shore. It was his belief, he stated, that they had been picked up by a boat as pre-arranged, as for several days prior to the escape, a twenty five or thirty foot fishing boat was seen by convicts, himself included, to have floated near the island. This boat was never seen after the escape. He stated that he was reasonably certain that neither subjects had outside contacts who could have arranged this, but that such contacts were those of BARKER or perhaps SAWYER, the latter perhaps having funds with which to finance such a scheme, according to REED'S information.

REED stated that he had of course heard the rumors to the effect that a raft of tin cans had been used in the escape of subjects, but he did not put any credence in this theory, especially as both men were said to have definitely been seen swimming in the water without such support.

He admitted that everything in his newspaper articles had been founded upon rumor and pure hearsay but that he believed there was substantial foundation for all this information. He insisted that he could not recall the source of any of his information.

REED stated that since leaving Alcatraz he has been careful to not be contacted by any of his old associates, and so has no information as to whether subjects ~~actually~~ made good their escape, and if so, where they might now be located. He suggested as a possible source of information concerning the break itself, one AL HARDIN, negro, who had witnessed it from the start to finish. It was REED'S belief that HARDIN ~~may~~ have already given all information in his possession to C. J. SHUTTLEWORTH, former deputy warden, inasmuch as HARDIN was later transferred to Leavenworth Penitentiary, which was probably done for some service rendered.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION AT LEAVENWORTH PENITENTIARY will interview AL HARDIN, negro, former inmate at Alcatraz and C. J. SHUTTLEWORTH, former deputy warden at Alcatraz for any information they may have concerning the break of subjects, as related in the last paragraph of this report.

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Department of Justice  
UNITED STATES MARSHAL'S OFFICE  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

TERMS OF COURT

TULSA—First Monday in January  
VINITA—First Monday in March  
PAWHUSKA—First Monday in May  
BARTLESVILLE—First Monday in June  
MIAMI—First Monday in November

Tulsa, Oklahoma,  
October 27, 1939

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

2m Sometime ago your Department in this part of the State was making some investigation in connection with this office, more directly with our Deputy Smith Leahy at Pawhuska.

This investigation was looking into the escape of Roe et al from Alcatraz.

It seems there is a woman living near Pawhuska who is the moll of one of the inmates of Alcatraz closely allied with the Roe outfit. Some of your men, as well as Deputy Leahy, seemed to have the idea that this woman either knows, or can ascertain perhaps where Roe, et al are now to be found, or that she could get some inside information regarding their escape that might lead to what inside help was given them.

It seems from what Deputy Leahy tells me that some intimation was given her by your men that they would take her to Alcatraz to interview this man of hers, who is serving a twenty-five year sentence, provided she would get some information for them. Nothing was done about this and several months have elapsed and she now comes forward and came to see Deputy Leahy with a proposition.

Her proposition is this: She is willing if she can to get some valuable information from her man, and after a meeting with your representative, Deputy Leahy and myself, then if she thinks she can get the information desired she would be willing to go to Alcatraz and if she gets satisfactory information for you then she would ask that her man be transferred from Alcatraz to Leavenworth to serve his time, but if she failed in getting the desired information then nothing would be expected.

I took this up with Mr. Andersen at Oklahoma City, by 'phone but he informed me that he was leaving at once for Washington and I presume he is there now.

COPIES DESTROYED 51 SEP 20 1966 This matter could be discussed and when Mr. Andersen returns we could see if something could be worked out, and it might be a good plan if satisfactory arrangements could be made to act while

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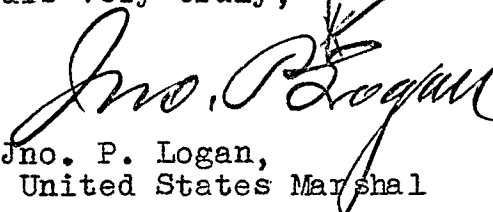
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Hon: J. Edgar Hoover,  
Washington, D.C.

the woman is in the notion. She seems quite certain that she could secure such valuable information ~~such~~ that would warrant her asking the favor of the transferring of her man.

Yours very truly,

  
Jno. P. Logan,  
United States Marshal

JPL/id

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76-2686-818

November 16, 1939

Special Agent in Charge  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

RE: RECOL

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are copies of a letter addressed to the Bureau under date of October 27, 1939, by United States Marshal John P. Logan, Tulsa, Oklahoma, in which he states that a woman living near Pawhuske, Oklahoma, may be able to obtain information of value relative to the whereabouts of the fugitives in this case. Copies of the Bureau's reply to Mr. Logan are also enclosed. You will note that Mr. Logan refers to a previous contact had by Bureau Agents with this woman in the same connection, and that he proposes to include hims lf, as well as his Deputy in any conference that may be held with this woman by Bureau Agents.

The Bureau desires that you contact Mr. Logan in the immediate future and obtain whatever information his informant feels that she possesses, subsequently submitting your recommendation as to future action in the matter to the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosure

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nathan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Sears \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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November 16, 1939

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Mr. John P. Logan  
United States Marshal  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Logan:

I have your letter of October 27, 1939, concerning a woman living near Pawhuska, Oklahoma, who believes she can obtain information of value in locating Theodore Cole and Ralph Roe, who are sought for escaping from the United States Penitentiary at Alcatraz Island, California.

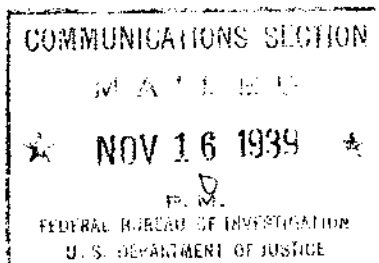
Please be advised that I am instructing Mr. H. E. Andersen, Special Agent in Charge of our Oklahoma City Office, to contact you in the immediate future in line with the suggestion contained in your letter.

I want to express to you my appreciation for your having communicated with me in this matter, and to assure you of my desire to cooperate with you in all matters of mutual interest.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nathan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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*[Handwritten signature]*



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **76-50**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Seattle, Washington</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10/25/39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9/27/39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>JOSEPH J. PIMPER</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>HL</b></span>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROL, with aliases - FUGITIVE I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <b>JEFFERSON ROUBIDEAUX, Alcatraz #342, presently incarcerated U. S. P., McNeil Island, Wn., failed to identify photographs of individuals which were obtained at Alcatraz as the individual from whom he got the information that COLE had contacted FRANK NASH'S wife at Kansas City, Missouri.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>REFERENCE: <b>Report of Special Agent H. W. HANKINSON, San Francisco, California, dated 8/5/39.</b></p> <p>DETAILS: <b>JEFFERSON ROUBIDEAUX, Alcatraz #342, who is presently incarcerated in the U. S. Penitentiary, McNeil Island, Washington, #13,942, was shown the photographs of the various prisoners who were received at Alcatraz on November 29, 1938 and he failed to make an identification of any of these, on the individual from whom he learned that COLE had contacted FRANK NASH'S wife at Kansas City, Missouri. He advised that he believed the chief reason he could not make an identification was the fact that this individual when he was received at Alcatraz had his hair cut very short and all of the photographs of these prisoners are old photographs taken prior to the time they were received at Alcatraz.</b></p> <p><b>He advised as best he can recall, there were a group of 12 prisoners who came in, 6 from Leavenworth, and 6 from Atlanta, 2 of the prisoners from Atlanta being negroes. He stated he had occasion to see all of them at the time as he was working in the hospital and they went in for quarantine. He also believed it was the last bunch of prisoners who went in before he left. He further advised that possibly the last name of the individual from whom he got the information was ARTHUR and he had a sort of</b></p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>R. E. Sullivan</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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hooked nose. The various photographs were gone through separately with ROUBIDEAUX by Agent and he advised that he thought Alcatraz #461 came in about July 1, 1938 and that #462, whose picture was absent, is SAM SHOCKLEY, who came from Washington; that #463 whose photograph is also missing is a negro. It is also noted that number 469 is missing as is also #471. He further advised he believed the numbers that came in the group just before he left Alcatraz were numbers 463 - 474.

It is to be noted that the photograph of HARRY EDWARDS, U. S. Penitentiary, Alcatraz #461, who is listed as having been received at Alcatraz on November 29, 1938 in the report of reference, shows on the back of the photograph that he arrived on July 8, 1938 and not on November 29, 1938. It appears that some of these photographs of the individuals who were received are missing and that possibly a full list was not obtained at Alcatraz.

ENCLOSURES: TO THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE: The following photographs:

HARRY EDWARDS	#461
HARRY (PECK) MURRY	#464
RAYMOND HOWARD PYLE	#465
JOHN RICHARD BAYLESS	#466
RAY LOYD BARKER	#467
JOHN COUCH	#468
LEWIS MORSON	#470
ROBERT BURNS	#472
HERMAN VACCA	#473

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS

#### THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE:

At the U. S. Penitentiary, Alcatraz Island, will make further check to determine exactly what prisoners arrived during a period of approximately a month or more prior to December 20, 1938 when JEFFERSON ROUBIDEAUX was transferred from Alcatraz Island to McNeil Island. It is to be noted that in previous information furnished the Seattle Field Office, HARRY EDWARDS, whose photograph shows he arrived on July 8, 1938, is listed as having arrived in a group of prisoners on November 29, 1938.

Will also obtain photographs of the individuals who appear to be missing from the group which was furnished the Seattle Field Office in the report of reference and find out an explanation why several numbers are missing. If possible, will determine whether all of the prisoners are photographed when they arrive at Alcatraz, and if so, obtain their photographs through the Bureau so that they can be furnished to the Seattle Field Office to exhibit to JEFFERSON ROUBIDEAUX. In this respect, it is best to obtain the latest photographs of these prisoners which would show more closely how they actually looked at the time they were received at Alcatraz in November or December, 1938 when ROUBIDEAUX saw them.

Will return the above enclosures to W. F. DORRINGTON, Record Clerk, Alcatraz Island.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Post Office Box #2944,  
Boston, Massachusetts.

October 30, 1939.

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Permission is hereby requested for Special Agent  
FRANK C. WOOD of this Office to proceed to Canada for the purpose  
of conducting investigation in the following cases:

1. VIRGIL STANLEY UPTON; ALIEN APPLICANT; Origin,  
Los Angeles, Boston file 96-1.
2. ALFRED WALLELEY, was - FUGITIVE; REVTA; Origin  
Cleveland; Boston file 26-313.
3. EDWARD J. ADLER, was - FUGITIVE; ESCAPED FEDERAL  
PRISONER; Origin Chicago; Boston file 76-122.
4. ABRAHAM COHEN - FUGITIVE; THOMAS SIKAR, was -  
FUGITIVE; ISIDORE BACHMAN, was - FUGITIVE;  
NATIONAL BANKRUPTCY ACT; Origin Chicago; Boston  
file 49-202.
5. RALPH ROE, was - FUGITIVE; I. O. 1472; THEODORE  
COLE, was - FUGITIVE; I. O. 1471; ESCAPED  
FEDERAL PRISONERS; Origin Oklahoma City; Boston  
file 76-72.
6. HOWARD L. LAWRENCE, Teller - FUGITIVE; First  
National Bank of Danville, Danville, Ill.;  
IIB #16; NATIONAL BANK ACT; Origin Springfield,  
Illinois; Boston File 29-30.

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Very truly yours,

/s/

V. E. Peterson

V. E. PETERSON  
Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter dated October 30, 1939, Bureau authorization is hereby granted for Special Agent Frank C. Wood to proceed to Canada for the purpose of conducting investigation in the cases set out in reference letter.

Agent Wood is instructed to report to the nearest American Consul and local police at the time he is making the investigation.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **76-50**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Seattle, Washington</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10-27-39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>9/25, 26, 30 - 10/4/39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. P. MacFARLAND</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>MB</b></span>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472</b> <b>THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>Escaped Federal Prisoners</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

R. E. KUEHNER, Seattle, Washington, not identical with subject. WILLIAM S. SMITH, a former army man, living at 710 N. 73rd Street, is about fifty years of age. Subjects not observed at the residence of SMITH.

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**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent J. P. MacFARLAND, Seattle, 3-11-39.

**DETAILS:** At Seattle, Washington

WILLIAM S. SMITH  
710 N. 73rd Street, Seattle, Wash.

The report of Special Agent R. T. HOOD dated at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, December 12, 1938, page 52, indicates that on March 2, 1938, a man between 45 and 50 years of age visited the home of VIOLA DAWSON at Bell, California. This man was driving a Pontiac sedan, Washington tags #A105,925.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>R. C. Suran</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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	<i>[Handwritten initials and signatures]</i>	

Washington 1938 and 1939 <sup>License</sup> tag number A105-925 is issued to WILLIAM S. SMITH, 710 North 73rd Street, Seattle, Washington.

The records of the Seattle Credit Bureau reflects that WILLIAM S. SMITH, 710 North 73rd Street, is a retired army man of about fifty years of age who is drawing a pension of \$135.00 a month. Mr. SMITH'S wife is employed as a junior clerk in the U. S. Treasury Department at Seattle, Washington.

Mr. H. A. JAMES, 703 North 73rd Street, Seattle, Washington, whose home is located directly across the street from the residence of WILLIAM S. SMITH advised that SMITH is a retired army man of about fifty years of age. As to whether SMITH was presently employed, Mr. JAMES had no information.

The pictures of both subjects were displayed to Mr. JAMES who advised that no one resembling subjects lived at the SMITH residence or had to his knowledge visited there. Mr. JAMES advised that the SMITH family have resided at the address stated for a number of years.

Mr. F. W. WALLACE, 551 N. 73rd Street, Seattle, was contacted and he stated that he knows SMITH; that SMITH is about fifty years of age; that SMITH has resided at 710 N. 73rd Street for a number of years; that SMITH is a retired army man and that no one resembling either subject resided at the SMITH residence. An attempt was made to contact Mr. SMITH for an interview but he was not available.

RAYMOND E. KUEHNER  
900 Yakima Place, Seattle, Wash.

In 1937 Washington tag #A105-925 was issued to the above named individual.

The records of the Seattle Credit Bureau reflect that KUEHNER, whose first name is RAYMOND instead of ROY was employed on WPA. No further information appears in the files concerning this man other than that he traded at the Diamond Grocery Company, 2723 Jackson Street, Seattle.

Mr. J. T. NEAL, payroll department, WPA, Alaska Building, from his records advised that KUEHNER'S WPA identification number is 5617-41054. It appears from the records that KUEHNER was employed on the WPA on the following dates:

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Project No.</u>
First employed	Dec. 1935	615
	Nov. 21, 1936	4097
	Dec. 11, 1936	4087
	March 21, 1937	4202

Feb. 14, 1938	3335
Oct. 21, 1938	3428
Dec. 27, 1938	Bremerton Navy Yard
Jan. 1, 1939	2376
July 6, 1939	4155
Aug. 29, 1939	Cut off WPA

It is apparent that KUEHNER is not identical with either of the subjects.

Mrs. JESSIE BOYD, Diamond Grocery Company, 2723 Jackson Street, stated that Kuehner is about thirty years of age and when shown the photographs of subjects she advised that neither subject resembled KUEHNER.

LEWIS YOST, 940 - 27th Street S., Seattle, stated he knows KUEHNER; that KUEHNER is about thirty years of age; that KUEHNER has not been absent from Seattle for any period and that KUEHNER does not resemble either subject.

In that it would appear that KUEHNER has no connection with this case, he was not interviewed.

Mr. WILLIAM S. SMITH, 710 North 73rd Street, Seattle, was interviewed and he stated that he is retired from the U. S. Army; that he was in Bell, California, a little over a year ago; that he visited with a DAWSON family; that after viewing the pictures of subjects he stated he does not know them; that he does not know anyone who might be acquainted with them; that he has never had a conversation with anyone relating to subjects and that he did not see anyone resembling subjects while he was in California.

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# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

940 First National Building

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

November 1, 1939

76-348

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: ROCOL

It is requested that the most recent photograph of RAYMOND HENRY ~~HALL~~ alias TANG ~~HALL~~, who is Oklahoma City Police Department number 3845, be furnished to the Kansas City and Oklahoma City Divisions.

Very truly yours,

RTH:br  
cc - San Francisco  
Kansas City

H. E. Andersen  
H. E. ANDERSEN RSN  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: Kansas City  
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November 15, 1939

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Special Agent in Charge  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

RE: RUCOL

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your letter of November 1, 1939, three copies of the photograph of Raymond Henry Hall, FBI-#346642, are furnished herewith to the Oklahoma City and Kansas City Field Divisions.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosure

cc-Kansas City

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Ralph T. Hood, Oklahoma City, dated November 1, 1939.

Very truly yours,

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

NY FILE NO. **76-276 SKL**

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK CITY</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>11/2/39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10/30/39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>MAXWELL CHAFFETZ</b>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Charles Yanowsky presently incarcerated Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, NY, states has no knowledge whatsoever concerning escape of subjects from Alcatraz Island.

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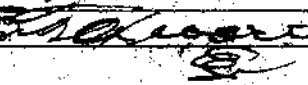
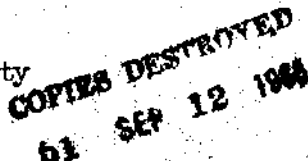
**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent R. H. Simons, New York City, 8/14/39.

**DETAILS:**

At Ossining, N.Y.

CHARLES YANOWSKY was interviewed by the writer at Sing Sing Prison, where he is presently serving a sentence for jumping bail on a charge of assault. YANOWSKY stated he was sentenced on February 7, 1936, to Lewisburg Penitentiary by Judge FOREMAN in New Jersey. He was transferred to Alcatraz on August 6, 1936, and left there on April 21, 1938, at which time he was sentenced to Sing Sing on a charge of jumping bail. At Alcatraz, he stated, he was assigned to work in the laundry and it was his recollection that COLE was a plumber and also did some work in the mat shop. ROE, he stated was also employed in the mat shop. YANOWSKY advised he never spoke to these individuals and never came in contact with them in any respect. He advised that at Alcatraz it is the policy to keep the prisoners from the various parts of the country segregated, stating that the Oklahoma men were segregated and the

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New York men were also kept separately. His only recollection of the escape was that after it allegedly took place the prisoners were never let out again on a foggy day. He stated he knew of the escape because of the fact that on the date that it occurred there was a shortage in the count of prisoners and further because of the fact all of the inmates were locked up in the mess hall and word went around that two men had attempted to break out.

YANOWSKY stated that he does not believe they were successful in escaping, advising that he could not figure out how they could possibly do it in view of the rough water which surrounds the island.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE NEW YORK FIELD OFFICE.

\* Will obtain photographs of MORRIS MUSHATRACHMER, 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, Pa., 1/27/39.)

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REPORT MADE AT <b>KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>11-2-39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10-23-39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>R. H. HALLERBERG</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>MT</b></span>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1471</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">LOU MYERS, Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, has no further information regarding Subjects from FRANKIE NIGRO. Inquiry at 72d and Prospect, Kansas City, Missouri, negative. BOSSIE NIGRO denies knowledge of Subjects.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-P-</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent R. H. HALLERBERG, Kansas City, July 20, 1939.</p> <p>DETAILS: <u>AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI</u></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Lieutenant LOU MYERS of the Hold-up Squad, Police Department, was interviewed for further information he might have obtained from FRANKIE NIGRO regarding Subjects with negative results.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">TONY CIPOLA, co-partner with FRANKIE NIGRO at Frank and Chip's Place, 7148 Prospect, viewed the photographs of ROE and COLE without effecting an identification. Inquiry made among the patrons at the above place regarding Subjects was met with negative results. CIPOLA was further questioned as to any information he had regarding TANG HALL.</p>			
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GRACE CUNNINGHAM, BILLIE BROWN or BILLIE FREEMAN, at which time he denied any knowledge regarding any of the above.

ANGELO "BOSSIE" NIGRO was interviewed at the Jackson County Jail, at which time he stated that his residence is the Ellison Apartments, 300 West Armour Boulevard; that his home telephone number is VALENTINE 6600, and his business telephone number is GRAND 9017. He stated that the numbers 1389 did not bring back any telephone numbers, residences, or other associated ideas, which he could connect with an individual known to him. He was shown the photographs of ROE and COLE, and he stated that he had never seen either of them and professed ignorance as to knowledge of any of the facts of the ROE and COLE escape. He was closely questioned regarding information as to TANG HALL, GRACE CUNNINGHAM, BILLIE BROWN or BILLIE FREEMAN, at which time he denied knowing any of them.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION

\*At Leavenworth, Kansas, at the United States Penitentiary, will endeavor to obtain information to show that FRANK NIGRO and TANG HALL were associated together at that place. Upon receipt of this information, will reinterview FRANK NIGRO regarding his acquaintance with TANG HALL.

\*At the United States Penitentiary, on or about August 10, 1939, will contact C. J. SHUTTLEWORTH, Associate Warden, for any information that he may have obtained that would be of interest to this investigation.

\*At the United States Penitentiary, 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 January 26, 1938 (Refer to report of Special Agent L. H. RICHMOND, San Francisco, February 2, 1939).

\*Will attempt to identify and interview SLIM BAILEY.

\*Will interview JACK F. WILLIAMS, alleged by FLINT C. BRANDON 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 R. T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, December 2, 1938.

\*At the United States 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, March 22, 1939, to determine the reliability of CONNOR's father, as well as any information he may possess regarding these Subjects.

\*Will endeavor to determine DELL CARPENTER's present whereabouts from the records of that institution.

\*Will interview inmate ARTHUR H. YOUNGBERG relative to his knowledge of instant escape. It is noted that this prisoner was scheduled to become eligible for parole October, 1938. (Reference is made to report of Special Agent M. E. GURNEA, San Francisco, December 28, 1937).

\*At Lansing, Kansas, will reinterview EARL JACKSON McGUIRE, Kansas State Penitentiary #6686, along lines as suggested in report of Special Agent H. O. HAWKINS, Kansas City, July 29, 1939.

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Report made at	Date made	Period	Report made by
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	11-1-39	7-20 to 22; 8-11,24,25,28 to 30; 9-13 to 15, 22,27; 10-4 to 6;9, 13,25-39.	RALPH T. HOOD os
TITLE		ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS	
RALPH ROE with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471			

Synopsis:

MORRIS QUINN, Tulsa, MARIE BROWN, Ardmore,  
BILLIE FREEMAN, Seminole, OMA JENKINS, Bartles-  
ville, and MRS. MYRTLE PACK nee MIRTLE KEEGEN,  
Henryetta, deny having been contacted by Sub-  
jects and deny that they possess information  
regarding their whereabouts. Informants "Z",  
"14", [redacted]

[redacted] have developed no know information re-  
garding whereabouts of Subjects. FRED KOONTZE,  
Gore, Oklahoma, unavailable for interview. Mr.  
and Mrs. R. B. CORNETT, brother-in-law and sister  
of COLE, deny any contact by COLE and advise  
LEON DeSHA is unreliable and a liar. [redacted]

[redacted] alleges COLE reported near Stroud  
and in Arizona during Spring of 1939, but his  
information appears doubtful. MRS. AB BAILEY  
now residing Mt. Carmel, Illinois. SAM SELLERS,  
Chief of Police, Idabel, thinks ROE is hiding in  
hills near Idabel. U. L. KINNON was formerly  
a neighbor of HAZEL UNDERHILL. MRS. CHARLES PALKE,  
Wewoka, makes doubtful identification of ROE as  
man seen in Tulsa in April, 1939.

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Reference:

Letters to Dallas dated 10-4 and 9-39; Letter to  
Bureau dated 8-23-39; Report of Special Agent R. T.  
HOOD, Oklahoma City, 7-21-39; Report of Special  
Agent G. H. FRANKLIN, El Paso, 6-15-39.

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The following investigation was conducted at Bartlesville, Oklahoma by Special Agents F. S. SMITH and E. F. EMRICH.

The Postmaster, upon being contacted, advised that the 1938 City Directory as well as the Post Office mail delivery book indicated an OMA JENNINGS as residing at 712 South Delaware Street, which is the home of one CECIL CUSTER. According to the Postmaster, Mr. CUSTER is the athletic director at the local high school, swimming instructor at the City swimming pool, and has been a respectable citizen of that town for the past twelve years.

Inasmuch as the City Directory listed OMA JENNINGS' home address as 614 Mill Street, it was further ascertained at the Post Office that the party who was listed as receiving mail at that address was a Mr. CHESTER LOFLIN, who was a carpenter by trade.

An appropriate discreet inquiry was made at the address 614 Mill Street, it being noted that this is undoubtedly the address referred to by McGUIRE at the time of his interview rather than 416 Mill Street as indicated by him, and it was learned that the LOFLINS had recently moved to 700 South Chickasaw in Bartlesville. It was further learned at the time that Mrs. LOFLIN is the sister of OMA JENNINGS.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. CUSTER were thereupon interviewed by these Agents at their residence at 712 South Delaware Street, at which time they advised that OMA JENNINGS has been in their employ as a part-time housekeeper during the past three years. They mentioned that she has at all times conducted herself properly and apparently was at all times honest and trustworthy. They advised that she no longer lives with her sister but has taken a garage apartment which is located directly in the rear of the Keystone Hotel which is situated at 415 Keeler Street, Bartlesville. The CUSTERS mentioned that they know very little with regard to OMA JENNINGS' history, family, or background, as she has seldom discussed with them any of her personal affairs. Through information dropped by her from time to time it was their opinion that OMA JENNINGS' parents resided at Shidler and her father was employed on one of the Phillips Oil Company's leases in that place. It was also their understanding that she had never been married and was retaining her maiden name. They advised that OMA JENNINGS' sister, JEAN, who is employed as a waitress at the Brass Rail Bar and Cafe, is presently living with her in her apartment.

According to Mrs. CUSTER, OMA JENNINGS on frequent occasions has been picked up at their residence by one RAY DRAKE who is employed by some smelter company in Bartlesville. She described DRAKE as being a local man of rather large stature, weighing around three hundred pounds. Mrs. CUSTER further recalled that about thirty or sixty days ago OMA JENNINGS mentioned to her that a girl friend had passed through town and had spent the night with her, this girl being accompanied by her husband; further, that this girl was supposed to have come from Kansas and she recalled that OMA JENNINGS mentioned this girl's name as being ROSALINE. In this respect, it might be noted that according to the statement made by McGUIRE, the name of the wife of PAUL BREWER, his associate in crime, was ROSALINE BREWER. Mrs. CUSTER advised that she had not seen any of these individuals and possessed no more information with regard to their visit in Bartlesville.

The photograph of Fugitive RALPH ROE was exhibited to the CUSTERS and they advised they were positive this individual had never made his appearance in their home; further, that to their recollection OMA JENNINGS had never made any mention of this individual or concerning any individuals who had attempted to make an escape from Alcatraz.

It was learned by these Agents that the Keystone Hotel is operated by a Mrs. LUCY WILKINS and is considered a respectable middle-class rooming house. An examination of the premises reflects that there is a two-story garage apartment directly in the rear of the hotel, this garage apartment having an exit on an alley in the rear of the hotel.

Arrangements were made with the Postmaster whereby he would keep a close watch on any mail received by OMA JENNINGS and would advise this Division should any information of value be obtained from this source.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD and C. H. STANLEY at Bartlesville, Oklahoma:

L. W. TURNER, Chief of Police, Bartlesville, Oklahoma was questioned by Agents regarding OMA JENNINGS alias GILMORE, whereupon he stated that he did not recall and had never had any occasion to have known her in line with his official duties. He stated that from the names of the individuals for whom she had worked she was undoubtedly a reputable person.

OMA JENNINGS, who resides at 415 Kellar, in the rear, was questioned by Agents, at which time she stated she was an inmate at Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma from 1932 until 1935, serving a sentence of six years for conjoint robbery, being sentenced at Vinita, Oklahoma. While at McAlester she met ROSELINE BREWER, an inmate serving a term of five years. During this time RALPH ROE was an inmate and during a portion of the sentence of MISS JENNINGS ROE served as a plumber and was often called to make repairs at the Women's Ward. JENNINGS stated she met ROE during his service as a plumber; that she had never known him before. She also mentioned that she liked Subject because of his smile and good looks and they kidded together a great deal. She also advised Agent that she had lived around Bartlesville and Northeastern Oklahoma during most of her lifetime and for several years had been a hustling girl but had never hustled at Seminole or vicinity. She stated emphatically that she did not know ROE prior to her incarceration, advising also that she did not know any of ROE'S friends, relatives or associates. She also denied that she had ever known Subject COLE.

When questioned concerning the possibility of ROE having contacted her during recent months, she stated she did not think ROE was successful in his escape as she felt that he and COLE would have committed criminal acts which could have been "tagged" by them. She also stated ROE would have no reason to contact her and there is no reason for her to know his whereabouts, not having any mutual friends. She said she had cut away from all her former companions since her release except ROSELINE BREWER, and since 1935 she has lived a great deal of the time with her step-father and family, her step-father being employed by the Phillips Petroleum Company, and at other times she has worked as a housekeeper in order to avoid her former companions. She stated definitely she had been going straight since her release.

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When questioned concerning the statements made by EARL McGUIRE, she informed Agents that several months before ROSELINE and PAUL BREWER came by Bartlesville late one evening and ROSELINE stayed the night with MISS JENNINGS. At that time ROSELINE BREWER did not mention EARL or BLACKIE McGUIRE and she did not say where PAUL was going. She recalled that her sister GENE, presently a student at Webb City, Oklahoma High School, and her brother, DONALD, were there during the evening. Early the next morning PAUL BREWER returned to where MISS JENNINGS was residing but as MISS JENNINGS was not dressed she did not go to the car and she stated positively that PAUL did not come into the house that morning. She did not know if there was anyone in the car with PAUL, advising further that PAUL and his wife soon left. She stated that she had never met McGUIRE and that the statements made by him were entirely false and had no foundation in fact.

MISS JENNINGS was questioned at length concerning Subjects and McGUIRE and she still insisted that she had never seen ROE except at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary and denied ever having communicated with him or hearing anything about him in any manner.

In connection with this interview the reporting Agent recontacted MRS. ROSELINE BREWER, at Oklahoma City, at which time she advised substantially as formerly when interviewed by Special Agent R. H. COLVIN. MRS. BREWER stated that she was with her husband after his escape from the vicinity of Syracuse, Kansas, and she was with him in Phoenix, Arizona when her husband first noticed the accounts in the newspapers of the remarks made by BREWER concerning the participation of ROE and COLE in the murder of Deputy Sheriff KUMPF and his further statement that he had seen ROE and COLE in Pueblo, Colorado. MRS. BREWER stated at the time her husband noticed these articles he appeared surprised and informed her there was no truth in the statement as he was with McGUIRE practically all of the time they were in Pueblo together and it would have been impossible for McGUIRE to have seen ROE and COLE as often as he stated as BREWER informed her that McGUIRE was away from him only one night and on this night McGUIRE was supposed to have been laying up with a prostitute, in some small hotel. She further informed Agent that she was disturbed over these statements and insisted that her husband tell her the truth and he at all times stated the statements made by McGUIRE were untrue.

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MRS. BREWER further informed Agent that she was sure that EARL McGUIRE did not know OMA JENNINGS alias GILMORE but she did state that on the occasion when she spent the night with OMA JENNINGS at Bartlesville her husband and "BLACKIE" McGUIRE, who they met in Bartlesville, made a trip together.

MRS. BREWER also informed Agent that no criminal would contact EARL McGUIRE and that they would not want him to possess any information concerning their whereabouts as it is generally known throughout the underworld that McGUIRE is a stool-pigeon for JAKE SIMS, Chief of Police at Seminole, Oklahoma, and that any information he, McGUIRE, obtains he furnishes same to MR. SIMS. She blamed McGUIRE for all of the trouble her husband had been in during the past two years.

- At Bartlesville -

Informant "Z" was contacted by Agents HOOD and STANLEY at which time he stated he had been unable to develop any further information in connection with the escape of Subjects as he had not been in contact with HERBERT FARMER or any of his associates. Informant "Z" stated that he was still of the opinion that Subjects were successful in their escape and had been in contact with HERB FARMER and MICKEY CAREY before CAREY'S death.

Informant "Z" was indirectly questioned concerning any knowledge he might possess regarding [redacted] it being noted that Informant "14" furnished Agent with a piece of paper allegedly found in the effects of [redacted] bearing the name of Informant "Z". Informant "Z" denied knowing [redacted] but stated he had heard of him and knew he was formerly connected with the narcotic racket. He knew of no apparent connection between HALL and these Subjects. He was also questioned concerning the names of other underworld characters in Kansas City and Oklahoma alleged to have been in contact with ROE and COLT and he stated that he did not know these individuals.

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In connection with this informant Agents were advised by MR. TURNER, Chief of Police, Bartlesville, Oklahoma, that Informant "Z", who operates a night club South of Bartlesville, has been connected with various narcotic violations as well as several blackmailing schemes. It had been reported to MR. TURNER, Chief of Police, that a few days prior thereto a reputable citizen of Bartlesville was rolled for several hundred dollars in a crooked gambling game and that about six or seven weeks before

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a citizen of Bartlesville had given informant a check for a large amount because of a blackmail scheme.

It was determined from Informant "Z" and other sources of information of the Oklahoma City Office that ROY G. WILLIAMS, who was alleged to have advised Informant "Z" as to the whereabouts of Subjects, is deceased, having been killed in an automobile accident.

- At Pawhuska, Oklahoma -

MR. LEIGHTON MITCHELL, Chief of Police, informed the writer and Agent STANLEY that he had been endeavoring to determine some information regarding these Subjects through his various sources of information but had been unsuccessful. MITCHELL also informed Agent that he had been maintaining contact with W. A. (BROWNIE) BARGER and BARGER had informed him that his son PAUL still insisted that he saw Subject THEODORE COLE near Stroud, Oklahoma, as related in reference report. However, MITCHELL informed Agent that he doubted any information that PAUL BARGER would furnish, stating he was wholly unreliable but that any information furnished by BROWNIE BARGER could be depended upon.

Agent attempted to locate BEULAH CLARK, but she was not available for interview, being away from Pawhuska.

MR. SMITH LEAHY, Deputy United States Marshal, was contacted in regard to any information he might have received from [redacted] who previously agreed with LEAHY that she would contact BRUCE BRADY for information concerning these fugitives. LEAHY advised that [redacted] had not developed any information and had not contacted BRADY as she had agreed. However, he thought that if she possessed any information she would furnish same to him. At Agent's request MR. LEAHY contacted this informant and was advised that she was of the opinion that Subjects made their escape with inside help, but admitted to him that was merely her opinion and she had no reason to substantiate same. She again offered to furnish LEAHY with any information which might come to her and offered to contact alleged friends of Subjects for information.

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On October 25, 1939, MR. JOHN LOGAN, United States Marshal, Tulsa, Oklahoma, telephonically advised the writer that SMITH LEAHY had informed him [redacted] had claimed

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she could obtain information regarding the whereabouts of these Subjects and LOGAN requested that the writer contact LEAHY in this regard. Further contact will be had with LEAHY within the immediate future and through him with Informant [REDACTED]

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MR. W. A. (BROWNIE) BARGER informed Agent that he had talked with his son PAUL on several occasions and that PAUL still insisted that he saw THEODORE COLE near Stroud, Oklahoma during the early Spring of 1939. However, MR. BARGER stated that he doubted this information to some extent, especially in view of the information furnished by LEON DeSHA. MR. BARGER had been unable to return to the vicinity of Stroud and had not seen DeSHA since interviewed by Agents. MR. BARGER expressed a disbelief in a great deal of the information furnished by DeSHA. However, he expressed a desire and willingness to cooperate with Agent and stated if he was able to obtain any information he would immediately furnish same to the Oklahoma City Office. He further advised that his son PAUL was now married and had moved from his former address in Tulsa.

- At Tulsa, Oklahoma -

Efforts made to locate PAUL BARGER through his former residence, 715 East 13th Place, were unsuccessful. However, subsequently PAUL BARGER communicated with Resident Agent H. S. BOONE and he will be contacted in this matter.

- At Sapulpa, Oklahoma -

Inquiry at the Post Office, Credit Bureau and the Police Department failed to reveal any information concerning the whereabouts of MRS. TIM HYATT, a relative of Subject COLE.

- At Muskogee, Oklahoma -

[REDACTED] who previously acted as an informant in this matter, could not be located for interview. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] during the time Agents were present in Muskogee numerous raids were being conducted by the State Department of Public Safety and Agents were advised that [REDACTED] had left the vicinity. Further contact will be had with [REDACTED] in an effort to obtain the identity of the men who informed him that ROE and COLE were at his tourist cabin near Muskogee about May or June, 1939.

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Inquiry of various sources of information in Muskogee revealed that FRED KOONTZE resided on Route 1, Gore, Oklahoma. Special Agent W. L. BUCHANAN informed Agents that he had had occasion to interview KOONTZE in connection with a bank robbery at Webber Falls, Oklahoma, and stated that KOONTZE had a small ranch about seven miles Northeast of Gore. He also advised that KOONTZE bore an unsavory reputation and his place was alleged to be the hang-out of several exconvicts and criminals. He also stated that pertinent information regarding KOONTZE could be obtained at the Rock Filling Station at Gore, Oklahoma.

- At Gore, Oklahoma -

MR. H. W. PRATER, Operator of the Rock Filling Station in Gore, informed Agent and Agent C. H. STANLEY, that FRED JAMES KOONTZE had resided at Gore, Oklahoma for about three years and that he owned a farm or ranch seven miles North of Gore, on which he resided. KOONTZE formerly lived in a cabin next to the Rock Filling Station for about one year prior to March, 1939, and in March, 1939, he took over the management of that filling station, operating it until August, 1939, at which time PRATER, who had been employed under KOONTZE, assumed management.

PRATER also informed Agents that KOONTZE always had a number of visitors and he made numerous trips, many of which were to Seminole, Oklahoma where KOONTZE formerly resided. About the middle of 1938 an individual who was supposed to be the son-in-law of KOONTZE was residing on the KOONTZE ranch. PRATER had never seen this alleged son-in-law and after making an examination of the photographs of ROE and COLE stated he had never seen any person answering their descriptions in the vicinity of Gore or in the company of KOONTZE. PRATER was also questioned as to whether he had seen anyone answering the description of [REDACTED] and he advised he had not. PRATER stated he had had some difficulties with KOONTZE but that KOONTZE still traded at his station. He agreed to immediately notify the Oklahoma City Office should he see anyone in that vicinity or in company with KOONTZE who would answer the descriptions of these Subjects. However, he stated that it was reported that several ex-convicts who had been residents in that vicinity could often be found at the KOONTZE ranch.

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MR. W. M. CHOATE, City Marshal, Gore, Oklahoma, verified the information furnished by PRATER relative to KOONTZE living in Gore about three years and living in the cabin near the Rock Filling Station for about one year prior to March, 1939, at which time he took over the management of the filling station until about August, 1939, at which time he, KOONTZE, moved to his ranch about seven miles North of Gore. CHOATE also stated KOONTZE had frequent visitors and made many trips. Many of the visitors were supposed to be ex-convicts and KOONTZE does not bear a good reputation in that vicinity. CHOATE was questioned as to the alleged son-in-law of KOONTZE staying at the ranch, whereupon he stated he had never heard of this person and had never seen him to his knowledge. CHOATE also stated that KOONTZE made frequent visits to Seminole, Oklahoma, but that he did not know of any particular visitor from Seminole. He had never seen anyone answering the description of [redacted] in company with KOONTZE. Photographs of ROE and COLE were exhibited to CHOATE and he advised he had not seen any person in that vicinity answering the description of either of them. CHOATE mentioned that PRATER was the type of a person who might do anything and he doubted that PRATER would furnish any information should he obtain same.

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CHOATE also said that he and KOONTZE were not on friendly terms and had had some trouble in the past. He readily agreed to cooperate in this matter and stated he would watch the persons in the presence of KOONTZE and should any of them answer the descriptions of these Subjects he would immediately notify the Oklahoma City Office. Photographs of ROE and COLE are being forwarded MR. CHOATE at his request to aid him in this matter.

Agents proceeded to the ranch home of KOONTZE, which is located one mile East and six miles North of Gore on the Tenkiller Road. For the assistance of any Agent who may desire to proceed to this residence the KOONTZE house is a small white shack on the left side of the road in a clearing. No one was present at the home and inquiry in the neighborhood failed to reveal any information concerning KOONTZE'S whereabouts. A neighborhood inquiry regarding the possibility of these Subjects or [redacted] having visited in the KOONTZE home proved negative though it was stated that KOONTZE had many visitors.

Direct inquiry will be made of KOONTZE in connection with this matter and contact will be maintained with MR. CHOATE and MR. PRATER.

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- At [REDACTED] -

Efforts to locate [REDACTED] informant, in [REDACTED] and at the home of [REDACTED] where he resides, were unsuccessful. It was thought he was away from [REDACTED] for a day or two. However, inquiry at the Post Office revealed that [REDACTED] is still receiving mail in care of the rural box of [REDACTED]

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- At Henryetta, Oklahoma -

Inquiry of MR. HUGHES, Police Officer, revealed that he did not know of any individual in Henryetta by the name of MYRTLE KERRIGAN. However, MR. HUGHES advised that one MYRTLE KEEGEN resided with her mother, a MRS. HALL, who operates the Hall Rooming House at 2nd and Main Streets. MYRTLE KEEGEN was alleged to drink considerably. She has a car which she drives around a great deal. Her former husband was alleged to reside at Okmulgee. HUGHES stated that the Police Department had no record of MYRTLE KEEGEN except arrests for drunkenness and drunk driving. She apparently had never been fingerprinted. HUGHES described her as follows:

NAME	MYRTLE <del>KEE</del> KEEGEN
AGE	About 35
HEIGHT	5' 8"
WEIGHT	160 lbs.
BUILD	Heavy
HAIR	Chestnut brown to Auburn
EYES	Blue
COMPLEXION	Fair

HUGHES stated that MRS. HALL was a good church worker though she did keep several hustling girls at her hotel and he thought she might furnish any information which she might possess to Agent.

MRS. MYRTLE ~~KEE~~ PACK nee MYRTLE KEEGEN was interviewed by reporting Agent, at which time she stated she did not know [REDACTED] but had heard a great deal of him and she denied she had ever seen him. The purpose of the inquiry was not revealed to her but she advised Agent that she was sure that BUSTER GATES was responsible for the interview. She appeared to be very

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bitter against GATES, who, she stated, was a "damn liar and stool-pigeon for Jake Sins"; further advising that no one had any confidence in him and would not give him an opportunity to know anything about them which would be of interest to JAKE SINS.

She further advised that she had been married to CLIFFORD PACK for about one year and that PACK was employed by an oil company South of Seminole, Oklahoma. However, she mentioned that she had never lived around Seminole and had not been in Seminole a great deal since her marriage to PACK except to spend occasional week-ends with him. She also stated she broke her arm about Christmas, 1938, and she was not very active for some time after that occasion. She denied that she had ever been in Seminole with any man with a mustache at any place. She denied knowing Subjects ROE or COLE and she also denied knowing any Indian by the name of FORDYCE who, according to GATES, was supposed to be a rich Indian that MRS. PACK, who GATES knew as MYRTLE KERRIGAN, was to assist in rolling for his money in a crooked gambling game. She mentioned that during the Summer of 1939 BUSTER GATES stopped at the Hall Hotel over night and on that occasion he, GATES, told her that he was going to Muskogee, Oklahoma to see [redacted] With reference to GATES, she stated she had never been out with GATES but that on one occasion in Seminole GATES came to the car in which she and her husband were parked in downtown Seminole and visited for a few minutes, and upon his departure her husband advised her as to the character of GATES.

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MRS. PACK was questioned concerning her knowledge of JELLY FREEMAN and she stated she and her husband had often been out with FREEMAN together but she had never been out with him alone and she denied the incident in which her automobile was allegedly involved by BUSTER GATES. She was also questioned concerning any knowledge she might have of RUBY SCOTT, of Bowlegs, but she stated she did not know RUBY SCOTT and had never been to her place. Contact will be had with CLIFFORD PACK in this regard. Previously efforts were made to locate PACK in Seminole, but he was temporarily away in Houston, Texas.

[redacted] who was previously acting as an informant of the Oklahoma City Office in connection with "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, and [redacted]

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[redacted] and who thinks a great deal of former Special Agent

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FRANK S. SMITH, was contacted by the writer, at which time he stated he had attempted to obtain information in that vicinity as to whether or not either of the Subjects had been there but had been unsuccessful and he thought that Subjects were unsuccessful in their escape. He was also questioned concerning MRS. CLIFFORD PACK. He stated he knew her and at the request of former Agent SMITH and JAKE SIMS he had attempted to get MRS. PACK into confidential conversation while drinking but had not been able to do so. He was of the opinion that an occasion where he could talk to MRS. PACK while she was drinking would arise and he stated he would advise the Oklahoma City Office as to the results of this conversation.

- At Stroud, Oklahoma -

JOHN SHAW, colored, who had previously agreed to inform MR. VAN SICKLE, Chief of Police, Stroud, Oklahoma, concerning the activities of REBEL CORNETT, a very close neighbor, has moved from that vicinity and now resides two miles West and one mile South of Peck's Store. SHAW was contacted by Agents HOOD and STANLEY, at which time he stated he had moved from the immediate vicinity of the CORNETT home about one year ago and while living in that vicinity he had never seen a strange car visit the CORNETT or RAINEY homes. He also stated he had never heard the CORNETTS or RAINEYS mention anything about COLE having been in that vicinity, but had heard REBEL CORNETT express an opinion that COLE was dead.

Mr. and Mrs. ALLISON RAINEY informed Agents that they did not visit with the CORNETTS, who live about one-half mile from the RAINEY home, and that they had hardly seen them for about three months. However, they stated they had been in the presence of REBEL CORNETT on several occasions during the last year and during the time he had made the statement on five or six occasions that he knew where TED COLE was and as long as Subject stayed where he was located he was safe. They also stated they had talked to PAULINE CORNETT, Subject COLE'S sister, and she had always stated she thought her brother was dead; that if he was not dead she hoped they would kill him as Subject had caused her and her family too much trouble. They also informed Agent that they were of the opinion that REBEL CORNETT was afraid of Subject and really believed if Subject COLE went to the CORNETT home CORNETT would try to kill him. They again expressed a desire to cooperate

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in this matter and stated if they received any information or noticed any strangers visiting the CORNETTS they would immediately advise the Oklahoma City by telephone. MRS. RAINEY exhibited a note to Agent containing the telephone number of the Oklahoma City Office, which she has retained since the escape of Subjects, and they were furnished with self-addressed envelopes bearing the address of the Oklahoma City Office.

Inquiry at the CORNETT home revealed that REBEL CORNETT was in Stroud and in his absence MRS. FAULINE CORNETT was questioned by Agents. She stated she did not know where her brother could be and she had not seen him. She expressed the opinion that he was not alive. She stated if he was alive she would like to see him apprehended as he would be caught sooner or later and it would prevent embarrassment and trouble for her family. She also informed Agents that she and her husband were both willing to give any information they might have relative to her brother, stating they did not trust Subject any more than they would any outlaw and that rather than be guilty of harboring and in order to protect their family they would have nothing to do with him. MRS. CORNETT said she heard from her mother about once every three months and she last heard from her mother about two months ago. In this correspondence her mother mentions TED only from the standpoint that he is dead and gone. She admitted that she was rather estranged from the other members of her family.

She was questioned concerning a complete list of relatives and stated that her father, ANDREW COLE, was formerly a Juvenile Judge in Kansas City for about twenty or twenty five years, but that she had not seen her father since she was a very small girl. She and Subject COLE, who are full brother and sister, have three half-brothers, EARL, TOM and JESS COLE, all residing around Kansas City, Missouri, but MRS. CORNETT stated she had never seen them and was sure that Subject would have no occasion to know of them. MRS. CORNETT also stated that she and Subject had a half-sister, VIOLET DAWSON nee LAWRENCE, residing at Bell, California.

MRS. NETTIE BRACE, her maternal grandmother, resides nearby with her son, ERNEST, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] LEON DeSHA. MRS. CORNETT spoke of DeSHA with contempt. ALTA COLLINS is a sister of Subject's mother and has two sons, JOHNNY and LESTER, who are musicians and who reside with their mother some place in California. Subject has a maternal aunt, FANNIE BRACE, residing with her mother, MRS. NETTIE BRACE. CHARLES BRACE, last known to have resided at Amarillo, Texas and

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who is the son of FRED BRACE, deceased, is a first cousin of Subject. MRS. CORNETT stated she had not seen CHARLES BRACE for about three years but thought he still resided in Amarillo. Another cousin by the name of CHARLES BRACE, who is the son of ARTHUR BRACE, deceased, resides in California but his occupation and address were unknown. MRS. CORNETT stated that her step-father, FRED COLE, had relatives in Tulsa, but stated that they had never been close to Subject. She denied that she and Subject had any relative as close as first cousin other than those mentioned above.

MR. R. B. (REBEL) CORNETT returned home while Agents were interviewing his wife. When questioned concerning COLE he stated that he believed COLE was alive as he thought Subject was too smart to jump into the water without having assistance and good possibilities of escaping and he also stated that he believed that Subjects escaped in boats and the escape was pre-arranged. He was questioned at length regarding this but stated he had no reasons to substantiate his opinion and denied that he had seen or heard of Subject since his alleged escape. He then informed Agents that not only did he believe Subject COLE was alive but that he did not think he would be caught while he, CORNETT, was living. Further, that he thought that COLE was in England or Old Mexico, mentioning that COLE'S father came to the United States from England. When questioned concerning the above he stated that he had no reason to believe so and in regard to his opinion that COLE would be in England he admitted that Subject's father came to this country when a small boy and he would have no occasion to know his immediate half-brothers in Kansas City much less distant relatives in England, nor did CORNETT know of any contacts or associates in Old Mexico.

He was confronted with the information that he had made statements to the effect that COLE was alive and would be all right if he stayed where he was located. He became angry and emphatically denied making such statements. From the actions of CORNETT it appears as though he may have made statements to Mr. and Mrs. RAINEY similar to the statements made to Agents, set forth above, and this led them to believe that CORNETT knew where COLE might be located.

CORNETT also informed Agents that he had absolutely no information about his brother-in-law's whereabouts; that he was afraid of Subject and if he received any information whatever

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he would call the Oklahoma City Office as he was of the opinion that should TED COLE return to that vicinity he, CORNETT, would have to kill him in self-defense. He also mentioned if Subject should return to that vicinity he would turn him in, if possible, in order to provide safety for his family. He also mentioned that his wife was of the opinion that her brother was dead and stated she knew nothing at all about Subject; that Subject's mother wrote to Mrs. CORNETT at occasional periods and in her letters she generally mentioned TED as if he were dead.

CORNETT mentioned that recently one of the BRACE girls married LEON DeSHA and that DeSHA was a liar who would tell anything and who could not be believed under any circumstances; that recently DeSHA advised him officers from Bristow or Tulsa, Oklahoma came to see him and then deputized him, giving him a commission, a .45 U. S. automatic and a \$40.00 camera and requested that he take photographs of all the roads in the vicinity. DeSHA afterwards took these officers to Cushing, Oklahoma, where he obtained a photograph of Subject COLE telling them that it was a recent photograph, but CORNETT stated this photograph was made of COLE when he was about 13 years of age. CORNETT also mentioned in regard to DeSHA that during the forepart of 1939 his cousin, name unknown, from Tulsa, visited him and while there did a lot of talking about Subjects. CORNETT said that he had told DeSHA that he should be careful in this regard and he was positive that DeSHA did not possess any information.

[redacted] and whose name was furnished to reporting Agent by PAT GOLDSMITH, State Department of Public Safety, as having furnished him information regarding Subjects, was contacted by Agent at which time he stated that he had known TED COLE for a number of years and that COLE, prior to his incarceration, had been in his place of business on numerous occasions.

[redacted] stated that during the Spring of 1939, about cotton plowing time, a man, whose name he did not care to divulge but who is now deceased, informed him that he went to the home of ED HARDISON, located on a farm about two or three miles from the CORNETT home, and after parking his car preparatory to walking into the field to see HARDISON he left the keys therein and HARDISON advised him to take the keys out of the car inasmuch as TED COLE was hiding out in the woods. This man also informed

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[ ] that COLE was supposed to be on foot and that he did not have an automobile. [ ] made no effort to talk to HARDISON, who, he stated, had departed from Stroud.

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[ ] also stated that he drove the sister of THEODORE COLE'S wife to the home of the BRACES at Key West, near Stroud, Oklahoma, to arrange for a mortgage, and that while at the BRACES he ascertained they were sending money to TED COLE somewhere in Arizona under a fictitious name. However, MRS. BRACE was very secretive in this regard. Afterwards [ ] learned that one OSCAR PRESSEN, a bookkeeper for Sauers, located in back of one of the banks, acted as a Notary Public of the signatures on the mortgage. [ ] was of the opinion that this occurred about two months after COLE was supposed to have been in the woods near the HARDISON place.

[ ] though he talked as if he knew considerable about the COLE family, possessed very little information regarding same and did not know that COLE was a grandson of MRS. BRACE and that he was not married to one of the BRACE girls. [ ] appeared to be suffering from a detective complex, advising Agents that he had already caused seven crooks to be sentenced to McAlester; that he tipped off City Marshal VanSickle to "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD when FLOYD was operating around there and that VAN SICKLE refused to act upon the information furnished that FLOYD was in a field near Stroud; that on the following morning FLOYD robbed a bank at Beggs, Oklahoma.

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However, it is deemed advisable to interview ED HARDISON in this regard, as well as MR. PRESSEN.

- At Guthrie, Oklahoma -

Inquiry at the Post Office revealed that MRS. AB (EDNA) BAILEY, not ABE BAILEY as shown in previous reports, has moved from Guthrie and is presently residing in care of General Delivery, Mt. Carmel, Illinois.

- At Oklahoma City -

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent E. F. ENRICH:

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On August 10, 1939, Mr. ~~HENRY WEBB~~, 406 East Main, Duncan, Oklahoma, came to the Oklahoma City Office for the purpose of furnishing certain information with regard to the above entitled case.

He indicated that on June 15, 1939 when he went to the home of his laundress, Mrs. SPOON, who resides in the southeast part of Duncan near the negro school, he noticed two men, one older and one young man, driving off in a 1935 Ford Sedan bearing Oklahoma license. Upon making inquiry of Mrs. SPOON as to the identity of these men he was informed by her that one was TED COLE and that he was accompanied by his father.

Mr. WEBB mentioned that on July 10, 1939 when he contacted his laundress at her home, he again saw the younger man, who had previously been identified to him as TED COLE, drive off in a coupe of some make, which car likewise bore Oklahoma license plates. He mentioned that the facial features of this man closely resembled the features of TED COLE, whose photograph he had in his possession.

Mr. WEBB advised with regard to MRS. SPOON that she had indicated to him that she had been very friendly with the COLE family for some time and in view of her expressed attitude to him, he felt confident that no information of any value could be obtained through direct contact with her. He further requested that in the event this Bureau advised that direct contact be made, that same be delayed or held off so that he might have an opportunity to recontact her a number of times in an effort to gain more tangible information which might be checked out by this Bureau.

It was also suggested to him that should he find this person present at the laundress' home on the next time he visits there, he should make an effort immediately to ascertain at least the license number of this car so that this might be checked out by the Bureau; further, if time would allow, to notify the Sheriff's Office there so that the individual could be properly checked out by this Bureau.

Agent has maintained close contact with Informant [redacted], who is now residing in Oklahoma City and can be reached at [redacted] has advised that he has

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made numerous inquiries of GRACE CUNNINGHAM and that GRACE CUNNINGHAM assures him that Subject ROE was successful in making his escape. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] information has been received from several sources that she was on several parties with HALL and ROE and was also at the Midnight Tavern in Oklahoma City with ROE and HALL. Informant is of the opinion that he will be able to obtain some definite information from GRACE CUNNINGHAM and he will maintain contact with her in that regard.

GRACE CUNNINGHAM informed informant [REDACTED] that he might be able to find out some information about Subjects through inquiry at the Derrick Hotel, Seminole, Oklahoma, as informant advised CUNNINGHAM that he would like to make connections with some "hot" boys and pull a bank robbery. [REDACTED] proceeded to Seminole in an effort to contact the landlady of the Derrick Hotel and one "Dokey Mario" Hart, but discovered that "DOPEY MARIE" HART had been run out of Seminole by the Police Department and her whereabouts was unknown. Miss VIRGINIA MAYES, landlady of the Derrick Hotel, was away from Seminole. Further efforts will be made by informant [REDACTED] to contact Miss VIRGINIA MAYES.

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- At Paden, Oklahoma -

Inquiry at the Post Office and of various residents at Paden, Oklahoma, failed to reveal any information regarding [REDACTED] [REDACTED] who has been reported to be residing near Paden and receiving mail through that Post Office. Leads are being set forth for the Los Angeles Office to obtain a more definite address for [REDACTED] in order that he may be interviewed.

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- At Seminole, Oklahoma -

Contact has been maintained with MR. JAKE SIMS, Chief of Police at Seminole, but he has been unable to develop any information recently concerning the alleged whereabouts of these Subjects.

Accompanied by Mr. SIMS, Agent questioned BILLIE FREEMAN nee BROWN, who is employed at the Wagon Wheels Tavern in Seminole. She advised Agent she had been an associate of BODEY DENTON for a number of years and that about March, 1939, she, MRS. FREEMAN, separated from her husband, during which time she stayed a great deal of the time with BODEY DENTON. In April, 1938, she and her

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husband, DEE FREEMAN, went back together and moved to Illinois, MRS. FREEMAN returning to Seminole about June. While separated from her husband, MRS. FREEMAN ran around some with [REDACTED]. She stated that on one occasion she was at the Sky Line Club at Seminole with [REDACTED] and BODEY DENTON but she denied that she had ever attended a party at the residence of PAT HARRIS and had never been at the tavern of RUBY SCOTT. It should be noted that information had been received previously that MRS. FREEMAN had been associating with [REDACTED] BODEY DENTON and a man with a mustache answering the description of Subject ROE at the Green Gables Tavern, near Wewoka, and the tavern operated by RUBY SCOTT and that RUBY SCOTT alleges that Mrs. FREEMAN accompanied [REDACTED] to her tavern, at which time a man answering the description of ROE was in her automobile.

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MRS. FREEMAN also informed Agent that during the time she was separated from her husband she ran around with several boys of High School age in Seminole and some oil field workers, but none of her associates or companions had worn a mustache or had answered the description in any way of ROE or COLE. She refused to furnish the names of any of her associates during this period, stating some of the oil field workers were married. She further stated that any information which placed her with any man with a mustache or with ROE or COLE was a deliberate lie, stating she did not know ROE except slightly and then only prior to his incarceration and she stated she had never known Subject COLE. She admitted that she corresponded with Subject ROE while he was an inmate at Leavenworth Penitentiary but quit corresponding with him sometime before his escape from Alcatraz.

MRS. FREEMAN was questioned concerning her knowledge of BOBBY BRIDGESS who, according to informant [REDACTED] had requested that he get in touch with MRS. FREEMAN in regard to the disposition of some stolen bonds, and she stated that she communicated with BRIDGESS while he was an inmate of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester, but had not communicated with him for over a year. She was questioned at length concerning the allegations made by [REDACTED] and she denied them emphatically, stating she had no knowledge of any bonds and that she at no time was solicited to assist in the disposal of such bonds.

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MRS. FREEMAN was also questioned concerning the activities of [REDACTED] while he was in Seminole, whereupon she

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stated that [ ] was engaged in the narcotics racket but that he was broke most of the time. She had heard [ ] express an opinion that ROE and COLE did not make their escape from Alcatraz but had been drowned and that at no time had [ ] made any remark which would lead her to believe that Subjects were successful in their escape. MRS. FREEMAN also informed Agent that PAUL DENTON was in jail during a great deal of the time that [ ] was operating in Seminole and she did not think that DENTON would possess any information regarding Subjects.

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Further interview will be had with BILLIE FREEMAN in this matter.

Efforts to locate BODEY DENTON and LENA STEWART were unsuccessful though both of these individuals still reside in Seminole. They will each be located and interviewed regarding any information they possess concerning Subjects.

Efforts on the part of Agent and Chief of Police SIMS to determine the identity of DAVIE, mentioned by LEONARD JOHNSON, were unsuccessful. FOX BROWN, who is not related to BILLIE FREEMAN, but who formerly resided near the FREEMAN home and who has maintained a watch in that vicinity, was contacted by Agent. However, he stated he had been unable to develop any additional information concerning the activities of MRS. FREEMAN.

Informant "14" informed Agent that she had been advised by . GIBBONS, who operates the Green Gables Tavern near Wewoka, Oklahoma, that a man answering the description of Subject COLE had been at his tavern during recent weeks. Informant "14" also informed Agent that she had been unable to develop any additional information regarding Subjects and their possible whereabouts. JIM GIBBONS could not be located at Wewoka or his tavern, and his whereabouts was unknown. Persons residing in the neighborhood of his tavern stated he had been away from Wewoka for several weeks but he was expected back within the near future. He will be interviewed in connection with the statements made by Informant "14".

Informant [ ] has been contacted on several occasions and he advised he has been unable to obtain additional information from [ ] but he is still of the opinion that she is in communication with Subjects. He was questioned

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concerning the possibility of [redacted] having received a reply from LEE ROBERTS in response to her request to ROBERTS by letter addressed to Los Angeles at the time she was allegedly supposed to make a trip to that point to contact ROBERTS and through him with ROE and COLE. JACKSON stated he had been unable to ascertain this information but that [redacted] had made numerous trips away from Seminole but could not have left the state because she would be gone for only two or three days. He was of the opinion [redacted] had quit receiving mail in Seminole and was receiving all of her mail at Henryetta or Wewoka. JACKSON further stated that he would continue his efforts to obtain information from [redacted] and would immediately advise the Oklahoma City Office of any positive information obtained.

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Agent attempted to locate [redacted] on numerous occasions in Seminole but she would always be gone away from Seminole and no information could be obtained regarding her whereabouts, it being stated she was visiting elsewhere in the state of Oklahoma. A neighborhood inquiry in the vicinity of [redacted] home revealed that she had not been away from home for more than two or three days at a time during recent months.

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MR. F. L. BEATTIE [redacted]

[redacted] who lives in the immediate vicinity, advised Agent she had been living at her present address for about three years. He also stated that about June, 1939, two men drove up to her home in a Chevrolet Sedan, black color and one man was described as follows:

AGE	30 to 35
HEIGHT	5'10" or 11"
WEIGHT	150 to 160 lbs.
BUILD	Slender
COMPLEXION	Dark
DRESS	Very well dressed.

MR. BEATTIE stated this man got out of the car and went into the house. At the time Mr. BEATTIE wondered why a man as well dressed as this individual would be going into such a shack as that in which [redacted] resided, and consequently he observed this man closely. One man did not get out of the car. MR. BEATTIE described him as being slightly older than the other individual

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and more heavy set and wearing a gray suit. This individual was the driver of the car. A few minutes afterwards [redacted] accompanied the man who left the automobile back to the car and they left and she was gone for several days. He was unable to furnish a license number of the automobile or tell the state of its origin.

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He made an examination of several photographs including the photographs of these Subjects and he stated that the photograph of Subject ROE was similar in some respects to the man who got out of the automobile and went to the [redacted] home; however, he could not be positive that this was the same individual.

A few days after this occurrence and after [redacted] [redacted] had returned home a policeman, name unknown, visited the [redacted] home and BEATTIE did not see the automobile again, though he stated he thought he saw the same automobile on several occasions before that.

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MR. BEATTIE also stated that [redacted] leaves Seminole on Monday or Tuesday of nearly every week and doesn't return until Friday or Saturday. He did not know where she went on these trips nor her business. He stated she did not have much money and often was unable to pay her rent though it was a very small sum.

MR. JAKE SIMS, Chief of Police, informed Agent that he had received information from FRANK LOFTIS who was formerly a Constable at Wewoka, that a Mr. CHARLES PALKE had contacted him and informed him that MRS. PALKE allegedly saw RALPH ROE in Tulsa, Oklahoma during 1939.

Accompanied by Mr. SIMS and Mr. LOFTIS Agent proceeded to the home of Mr. and Mrs. PALKE, located between Seminole and Wewoka, Oklahoma, and there interviewed MRS. PALKE, who stated that during April, 1939, she visited her sister, a MRS. FRANKLIN, who operated a rooming house at 119 North Frisco, Tulsa, Oklahoma, near where her son, ARCHIE FRANKLIN, had a salvage shop. While there MRS. FRANKLIN pointed out a man named WILSON, who was rooming with MRS. FRANKLIN and said that a short time before WILSON became very intoxicated and while drunk stated that he and two others escaped from Alcatraz Penitentiary by swimming under the water and that when they would come up for air the

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prison guards would shoot at them. At that time WILSON also stated he never knew whether the other two prisoners were able to get away. When MRS. FRANKLIN advised MRS. PALKE of this occurrence MRS. PALKE noticed WILSON had a large tattoo above one wrist; that he had a lock of hair that kept falling down on his forehead. She described him as being about 30 and about the size and weight of reporting Agent, which would be approximately 5'8" in height and 150 pounds. She stated this person's hair was dark brown; that she was not close enough to see whether there were any marks or scars other than the tattoo.

Mrs. PALKE further advised that WILSON was supposedly working for ARCH FRANKLIN in his salvage shop for room and board. Since this occurrence MRS. FRANKLIN has remarried, now being MRS. W. T. KINNION, receiving her mail at General Delivery, Sand Springs, Oklahoma. Mr. and Mrs. PALKE stated they did not think MRS. KINNION or her son, ARCHIE FRANKLIN, would furnish any information regarding this individual.

MRS. PALKE stated that she had made an examination of the photograph of ROE appearing on the Identification Order which was shown her by LOFTIS, and she thought it was very similar. She made an examination of several photographs, including that of ROE, and she again picked the photograph of ROE as being similar to that of WILSON.

With reference to ARCHIE FRANKLIN, MRS. PALKE stated that he is about thirty years old and now resides at 21 South Quanah Street, Tulsa; that he had been arrested by the Police Department or Sheriff's Office at Tulsa for theft and that he considered himself tough.

With reference to this alleged identification of ROE'S photograph by MRS. PALKE she was questioned at length concerning the tattoo mark allegedly on the arm above one wrist of WILSON and while she stated she noticed this tattoo particularly she still advised she was not close enough to WILSON to notice his facial features and other items of description. From her demeanor and by questioning her it appears doubtful if there is any basis for identification of ROE.

The "stop" notice previously placed with the Bureau against the criminal record of PAUL BREWER was removed by letter dated August 25, 1939.



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With reference to information previously furnished by LEON DeSHA, cousin by marriage to Subject COLE and the photograph furnished by DeSHA, which he alleges he made by using a box camera with a pair of binoculars, the Bureau advised by Laboratory report dated August 10, 1939, that the photograph purported to depict one THEODORE COLE had been examined, and it was believed it was not possible this photograph could have been taken in the manner described by DeSHA. This report further advised that from the lighting, the pose of the Subject and the general appearance of the photograph it appeared that it was probably taken by one of the automatic machines usually found in department stores and places of amusement.

In an effort to obtain further information regarding "BOOTS" LADD, mentioned by EARL McGUIRE as having been in Pueblo, Colorado at the time ROE and COLE were allegedly there, and who might be able to furnish some information concerning him, inquiry was made at the State Pardon and Parole Officer and a photograph of LADD was obtained, he being Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, number 31355. The records did not have a complete description but revealed that LADD was born December 24, 1913 at Lindsay, Oklahoma, and his mother, MRS. NORA LADD, resided at Ada, Oklahoma. Further, in this regard, Mrs. ROSELIN BREWER was contacted, at which time she stated that her husband, PAUL BREWER, informed her that he and McGUIRE saw LADD in Pueblo immediately prior to the shooting of Deputy Sheriff KUMPF. This photograph is being enclosed herewith to the Denver Office, and that office is being requested to endeavor to locate LADD for information concerning McGUIRE'S statements.

Efforts to locate a recent photograph of [REDACTED] (Informant 13), as requested by the Kansas City Division, have not been successful in obtaining a recent photograph of him. The Bureau is being requested by letter to furnish the Kansas City Division with copies of HALL'S United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas photograph.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent R. H. BURKART and the writer:

At Duncan, Oklahoma

HENRY WEBB, 406 East Main, retired Deputy Sheriff, advised that a Mrs. SPOON residing in the southeastern part of Duncan, near a negro school, had been doing his laundry; that on one occasion, when he went after his laundry, he noticed two men, one a young man and the other an old man, driving away in a 1935 Ford Sedan; that he asked Mrs. SPOON who these men were and she told him that one of them was TED COLE and the other was his father. He advised that he was at this address about a month later and observed the young man Mrs. SPOON described as TED COLE drive away in a coupe of some kind.

Mrs. SPOON was located and it was ascertained that her correct name is SARAH SPOON SWEENEY. She was interviewed and advised that many years ago she kept house for RALPH ROE's father, and knew RALPH ROE quite well during the time he was a small child; that she lost track of him and never heard of him much until he was sentenced to Alcatraz. She stated she did not know TED COLE at all, and had never heard of him until his name was mentioned in connection with the escape of RALPH ROE; that the only thing she knew about this case was what she read in newspapers. Mrs. SWEENEY said she is positive she had never seen COLE in her life and she doubts if she would know RALPH ROE if she should see him again. She was questioned quite closely as to various people frequenting her home, however, she would mention no one as having been there who answered the description of COLE and ROE. She said she had discussed this case with an old friend of hers but that she did so to have something to talk about more than anything else.

At Ardmore, Oklahoma

MARIE BROWN, alias MARIE BLACKWELL, was interviewed at her mother's home and she advised she recently returned from Lordsburg, New Mexico, where she had been operating a night club, and expected to return to Lordsburg within the next few days. When she was asked if she had seen or heard anything of ROE or COLE since she had been away from Ardmore, she immediately laughed and said, "Do you really believe there was a chance of either of these boys getting away?"

She then stated that if either ROE or COLE had been successful in making their escape, she undoubtedly would have heard of it through some of the various contacts she has with people who were friendly with ROE; that in talking with them she had heard nothing relative to ROE being successful in his escape. She further stated that in the event she did hear anything concerning ROE and COLE, she would advise the Oklahoma City Office.

At Idabel, Oklahoma

SAM SELLERS, Chief of Police, advised that WES WRIGHT, a moonshiner living in the mountains north of Broken Bow, Oklahoma, told him there was a stranger working at a still in the mountains who closely corresponded with the photograph of ROE published in the papers. SELLERS said he furnished WRIGHT with a recent photograph of ROE and WRIGHT took the photograph back with him into the mountains and returned in a few days and stated that he and one or two other people were sure that the individual seen by them in the mountains was identical with RALPH ROE.

Chief SELLERS stated that WRIGHT, and the person with whom WRIGHT was working in the mountains, stated they would put ROE on the spot for a certain amount of money, but did not state the exact amount of money wanted by them.

Chief SELLERS stated he has not told any of the local officers at Idabel about this information, and in the event it became necessary to go to the whiskey still where ROE is alleged to be, the informant in this case would lead a raiding party to the exact spot where ROE purportedly is, provided the informant is satisfied with the reward offered in this case.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent H. S. BOONE:

- At Tulsa, Oklahoma -

The report of Special Agent R. T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, December 2, 1938, serial number 721, page 40, reflects that the Sheriff's Office at Tulsa, Oklahoma had furnished the name of MORRIS QUINN as a good contact for Subjects in Tulsa, Oklahoma and also that QUINN could be located through Bailey Undertaking Parlor in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

MR. HAROLD BAILEY, Bailey Undertaking Parlor, 1126 South Boulder, Tulsa, Oklahoma, informed that QUINN was connected with him there for several years; that he has been working for the Mid-Continent Petroleum Corporation for about a year; that he is now married to a very fine girl who is working at the Greyhound Bus Station; that QUINN and his wife reside at 840 N. Delaware, Tulsa, Oklahoma; that he has been closely associated with QUINN for the past few years and knows that QUINN has not associated with any of the persons with whom he became acquainted while serving a sentence in McAlester for robbery; and that QUINN has a steady job and has secured some advancement since he began work for the Mid-Continent.

BAILEY examined the photographs of COLE and ROE and advised that he has never seen either of these individuals in the company of QUINN. BAILEY said that he is sure that if they had been in the company of QUINN he would have known about it. BAILEY'S wife is QUINN'S wife's sister.

QUINN came to the office of the United States Attorney where he was questioned. He advised that he was arrested with TED COLE in Tulsa, Oklahoma in 1929 in a stolen automobile; that BILLY WEINDEL was with them at the time; that they were not prosecuted on this charge and that he never knew COLE to have any other friends or acquaintances in or around Tulsa, Oklahoma. He said that BILLY WEINDEL was no more closely associated with COLE than was QUINN.

QUINN stated further that while he was incarcerated in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, both ROE and COLE were there; that he ran around in the prison with

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ROE some; that JOE HARRIS, who is now confined in the Nebraska State Penitentiary, at Lincoln, Nebraska, for fifty years on a bank robbery charge, was also close to ROE and COLE; that he thinks that HARRIS was in the Nebraska State Penitentiary at the time ROE and COLE are alleged to have escaped.

QUINN stated that he has not talked with anyone concerning ROE and COLE who claimed to have seen them since they have been away from Alcatraz, or who had even heard that they were successful in making an escape from Alcatraz.

The above referred to report also reflects that JAMES ROE has been receiving mail with return address Post Office Box 2171, Tulsa, Oklahoma. It was learned that this box is rented by the International Supply Company and the Oklahoma Iron Works, 805 E. Archer, Tulsa, Oklahoma. According to GEORGE TURNER this is the concern for which JAMES ROE has been working practically ever since his release from the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas. This correspondence is in all probability in regard to business and there is no particular reason for checking with the company on this correspondence.

GEORGE TURNER, Auto Recovery Bureau, informed that he was at one time well acquainted with JAMES ROE; that JAMES ROE is now working for the International Supply Company in Texas, having been transferred there from New Mexico; that about three months ago and since he has been interviewed by Agents of this Bureau he visited JAMES ROE and the two of them became drunk; that JAMES ROE is inclined to talk freely when under the influence of whiskey, but that JAMES did not indicate in any way that he had been in contact with these fugitives since their alleged escape from Alcatraz. TURNER stated that if he learned of any information that would assist in the apprehension of these fugitives he would be glad to turn it over to this Bureau.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent F. J. LACKEY, San Antonio, Texas, February 23, 1939, serial 798, setting out that HAZEL UNDERHILL had purchased in the name of MRS. JAMES CARVER a Post Office Money Order at Refugio, Texas, payable to U. L. KENNON, 3123 West 41st Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

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MR. O. C. BROWN, who operates a drug store at Red Fork in the vicinity of 3123 West 41st Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, informed that HAZEL CONNOR, who he had heard was the widow of an outlaw by the name of UNDERHILL, operated a small cafe adjoining his drug store for eighteen months prior to the Fall of 1938; that this woman had several different men hanging around the cafe most of whom he had seen upon numerous occasions; that the photographs of ROE and COLE, which he examined, were not photographs of any persons he had seen hanging around HAZEL CONNOR; that HAZEL CONNOR [REDACTED] attended school with the daughter of U. L. KENNON, whom he had known for some time and who has been employed by the Texas Oil Company for many years; that JUANITA and the KENNON girls were good friends and visited each other; and that was probably the extent of the acquaintance of U. L. KENNON with HAZEL CONNOR.

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MR. U. L. KENNON and MRS. KENNON were questioned at the above address. They stated that they knew HAZEL CONNOR while she was operating the cafe next to MR. BROWN'S drug store; that they had been in the cafe perhaps six times while MRS. CONNOR ran it; that MRS. CONNOR [REDACTED] visited their daughter in their home on many occasions and appeared to be a nice girl; that they never knew that HAZEL CONNOR had ever had any connection with WILBUR UNDERHILL or any other outlaw. The photographs of ROE and COLE were shown to Mr. and Mrs. KENNON but they could not identify these as the photographs of anyone whom they had ever seen.

MR. KENNON stated that their daughter is now married and that during the past winter she lived with her husband at Refugio, Texas, and that his name was CARVER. This accounts for the money order which was sent under the name of CARVER.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent EARL HIRSH, Atlanta, Georgia, March 24, 1939, serial 821, a convict at the United States Penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia by the name of HOWARD ROBERT COLE and a good friend of reporting Agent had informed that he is related to and knows TED COLE and knows that TED COLE at one time associated with the sons of CLYDE COLE, who was Postmaster at some station out of Tulsa, Oklahoma, possibly Sand Springs, Oklahoma.

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MR. G. F. PICKETT, Post Office, Sand Springs, Oklahoma advised that he has worked at that Post Office for more than ten years; that there has never been a postmaster there by the name of COLE to his knowledge; and that he knows the names of the Postmasters of most of the surrounding towns and that none of these is named COLE; that M. E. COLE worked at the Sand Springs Post Office until about two years ago; that M. E. COLE had several sons; that the two youngest boys had been in some trouble but that they are only 18 and 20 years of age at the present time and therefore would not have been old enough to run around with TED COLE.

MR. PICKETT was shown the photographs of COLE and ROE and could not identify these as the photographs of anyone he had ever seen around Sand Springs, Oklahoma. MR. PICKETT stated that he never heard M. E. COLE mention any connection or relationship to TED COLE even though M. E. COLE was working at the Post Office at the time the story broke in the papers about the alleged escape of COLE and ROE from the U. S. Prison at Alcatraz.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent D. W. MAGEE, Los Angeles, California, July 18, 1939, serial 968, which reflects that FAY ROE, wife of JAMES ROE, had received mail at Arcadia, California bearing return address of MRS. CARL KENNEDY and also B. & C. 7 S. Zuni, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

It was learned that CARL KENNEDY has moved to 1738 East 8th, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Mr. and Mrs. CARL KENNEDY were interviewed. CARL KENNEDY informed that he used to bootleg at Tulsa and that he purchased his supply of whiskey from JAMES ROE; that about the time JAMES ROE was sentenced to Leavenworth, he was sentenced to serve six months in the County Jail, Tulsa, Oklahoma; that during the time he was acquainted with JAMES ROE he also knew FAY ROE; that his wife and FAY ROE became pretty good friends; that FAY ROE left Tulsa, Oklahoma while JAMES ROE was still in Leavenworth and probably secured a divorce from JAMES ROE; that FAY ROE'S home is in some small town near Tulsa but he could not remember where; that FAY and her sister return to Tulsa on visits practically every year; that they were in Tulsa, Oklahoma during the Summer of 1939; that he saw and talked to FAY ROE at that time and FAY visited them; that he has often heard FAY ROE express the opinion that RALPH ROE and TED COLE could not possibly have escaped and that if RALPH did escape

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she would be the last person in the world that he would attempt to contact as she never saw him on more than a half-dozen occasions and has absolutely nothing in common with him. Mrs. KENNEDY stated that she corresponds with FAY ROE and has for the time FAY has been in California.

Both Mr. and Mrs. KENNEDY examined the photographs of RALPH ROE and TED COLE and informed that they had never seen them at any time to their knowledge. They promised that if they ever secured any information concerning them that had possibilities of value to this Bureau they would immediately communicate it to the Oklahoma City Office.

MRS. GUY VAUGHAN, sister to FRED COLE, step-father of TED COLE, has moved to Route 6, Box 40, Tulsa, Oklahoma. She stated that her mother is now dead; that TED COLE lived with her mother for about a week at one time with a woman to whom he was supposed to be married; that her mother ran them away and TED never visited her mother again to her knowledge; that MRS. VAUGHAN had only seen TED COLE upon one or two occasions and would probably not recognize him if she saw him again; that she never communicates with her brother FRED, who is still living with COLE'S mother at Woodlake, California; but that when her mother died she wrote to FRED COLE and later received a letter from him which she has not answered.

MRS. VAUGHAN stated that there is no reason at all why TED COLE would contact her, assuming that he did escape from Alcatraz.

PAUL BARGER informed that his address is 116 North Maybelle, Tulsa, Oklahoma and that he can be reached there in case Agents of the Bureau desire to question him at any time in the future.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent R. H. BURKART on October 13, 1939:

AT CARNEGIE, OKLAHOMA

Inasmuch as the Postmaster of Carnegie, Oklahoma, was out of the city on October 13, 1939, Agent interviewed Mrs. RUBY LOVELL, Clerk, and Mr. ROBERT MOORE, Mail Clerk, in this Post Office, relative to any correspondence going to or coming from FAE ROE of Arcadia, California.

Mrs. RUBY LOVELL stated that she had been employed in this Post Office for the past six years and Mr. ROBERT MOORE advised that he had been employed in this Post Office for only six months. Both Mrs. LOVELL and Mr. MOORE stated that they did not recall having seen, at any time, any correspondence which was addressed to FAE ROE, Arcadia, California, or which had a return address on the envelope of FAE ROE. Mrs. LOVELL advised that according to her records in the Post Office, there is not any ROE family listed as having a residence or receiving any mail in Carnegie.

Mrs. LOVELL informed this Agent that she has lived in Carnegie for the past 22 years and to the best of her knowledge, she does not know of any family by the name of ROE living there during the time that she has been there.

She went through her record of forwarding addresses and stated that she could not find any address for anyone by the name of ROE.

Mrs. LOVELL advised that if any such correspondence should come through this Post Office, she would advise this office accordingly.

This office is presently making a summary report covering all the information developed during recent months which indicates that Subjects were successful in their escape and this will be submitted within the near future.

ENCLOSURE: TO THE DENVER FIELD DIVISION -

Photograph of "BOOTS" LADD,  
Oklahoma State Penitentiary,  
McAlester, Oklahoma #31355.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

\* THE BIRMINGHAM FIELD DIVISION at Birmingham, Alabama, will contact MR. BALLINGER in the main office of the Jack Cole Trucking Company, for any information he may have concerning DAN BROWN, who was formerly employed as a truck driver by that company.

\* Will endeavor to locate DAN BROWN and ascertain whether he is identical with Subject ROE.

\* THE BOSTON FIELD DIVISION:

At Montreal, Canada, will again interview Mr. WILLIAM URMSON, Room 1109, Dominion Square Building, St. Catherine and Peel Streets, for any information he may have secured.

\* At the Central Y.M.C.A., 1400 block on Drummond Street, will exhibit the photographs of Subject at the desk for any available information.

THE BUFFALO FIELD DIVISION:

\* At Attica, New York, will interview CHARLES REISS for any information he may have concerning the escape or present location of RALPH ROE or THEODORE COLE.

THE CLEVELAND FIELD DIVISION:

\* At Kent, Ohio, at the Kent State University, will locate and interview KARL KREUTER regarding the man he saw in a small restaurant near Buffalo, New York, who he believes was RALPH ROE.

THE DALLAS FIELD DIVISION:

\* At Ballinger, Texas will attempt to locate and interview MRS. M. T. PETTYJOHN, wife of Leavenworth convict M. T. PETTYJOHN to ascertain if she has any information relative to instant case.

\* At Ennis, 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.

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\* 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.

\* At Mount Pleasant, Texas, will disregard the lead to locate LENA SPURGEON for interview as she has returned to Seminole, Oklahoma.

\* At Fort Worth, Texas, will interview MRS. J. W. PURSER, sister of ED DAVIS convict executed at San Quentin in December, 1938. She resides at 3564 West 5th Street, and should be interviewed for the purpose of ascertaining the address of DAVIS' wife, MRS. LOMA DAVIS.

\* At Fort Worth, Texas, will conduct appropriate investigation at Fort Worth regarding the statements made by SAM GORHAM and will locate and interview GORHAM for additional information as requested in Bureau letter dated October 9, 1939.

\* At Fort Worth, Texas, will ascertain through the office of the State Attorney disposition made as to DELMAS (DEL) CARPENTER, locate him and interview him concerning any possible information that he might have concerning the fugitives.

\* At Fort Worth, Texas, will interview the family of DELL CARPENTER, 1213 N. Peach Street, presently at Leavenworth, who are alleged to be friendly with RALPH and JAMES ROE for information regarding the escape.

\* At Kilgore, Texas, will ascertain the identity of the individual to whom Post Office Box 1011 is issued in an effort to ascertain if this person is identical with either fugitive in this case, or has any connections with the fugitives in this case.

\* At Lefors, Texas, will locate and interview Mr. L. J. Dickerson, brother of HOWARD C. DICKERSON, who was formerly Alcatraz number 103-AZ, for any information that he may have concerning the escape of the two subjects, as furnished by HOWARD C. DICKERSON, to him or from any other source.

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\* At the State Prison Farm, Eastham No. 1. Weldon, interview ROLLIE RECTOR concerning escape or present location of Subjects.

THE DENVER FIELD DIVISION:

At Pueblo, Colorado, will locate and interview "BOOTS" LADD, whose photograph is being forwarded herewith, with regard to the statements made by EARL McGUIRE.

\* At La Junta, Colorado, will interview SAM FABRIZIO, Superintendent of Special Service of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company for complete information in regard to the confession he received from Earl McGuire to the effect that he had not seen RALPH ROE in Pueblo, and, if possible, obtain a copy of the statement made by McGuire to him.

\* 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. Will obtain all information as to the present whereabouts of WINNIE METCALF.

THE DETROIT FIELD DIVISION:

\* Will contact confidential informants and sources of information and informants connected with the underworld at Detroit, Michigan, for rumors regarding the escape or the presence of Subjects in the vicinity.

THE EL PASO FIELD DIVISION:

\* At Monahans, Texas, will attempt to locate and interview MRS. ED (LOMA) DAVIS' Post Office Box 77-A, to ascertain if she has information pertinent to instant case. Her husband, ED DAVIS, was executed at San Quentin in December, 1938.

\* At Penwell, Texas, will attempt to locate and interview SEBRON DAVIS, son of ED DAVIS, who was executed at San Quentin in December, 1938, for any information he might have relative to instant case, and for the address of his mother.

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THE HONOLULU FIELD DIVISION:

\* Will discreetly interview MRS. RUTH HOWARD, wife of M. T. PETTIJOHN, Alcatraz Penitentiary, Inmate #128, who owns and operates a filling station at Honolulu, for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not she may have any information concerning the escape of Subjects.

THE INDIANAPOLIS FIELD DIVISION:

\* At Indianapolis, Indiana, will contact the E. C. Atkins & Company and endeavor to ascertain if there is any record of E. O. PETERS having purchased a corn knife from this company, and in the event a record is located, set out appropriate leads to locate and interview.

\* At South Bend, Indiana, at the Retz Beverage Corporation will ascertain the identity of the individual referred to by MR. TOBIN to determine whether he could possibly be identical with RALPH ROE.

THE KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION:

\* At Lansing, Kansas, will reinterview EARL McGUIRE in line with the additional information developed. (See reports of Special Agent W. E. Miller, El Paso, 8-16-39; Special Agent H. O. Hawkins, Kansas City, 7-29-39; Special Agent D. M. Brightman, 7-11-39 and 7-28-39; Special Agent R. T. Hood, Oklahoma City, 7-21-39).

\* At Leavenworth, Kansas will interview AL HARDIN, negro, former inmate at Alcatraz, and C. J. SHUTTLEWORTH, former deputy warden at Alcatraz for any information they may have concerning the break of Subjects, as related in the last paragraph of the report of Special Agent J. R. McCulloch, San Francisco, California, 10-23-39.

\* At Leavenworth Penitentiary will interview convict M. T. PETTYJOHN, transferred from Alcatraz 9-12-39. Will examine the correspondence records to determine Mrs. M. T. PETTYJOHN'S present address in order that she too may be interviewed relative to instant case.

\* At Leavenworth, Kansas, will interview inmate ARTHUR H. YOUNGBERG relative to his knowledge of instant escape. It is

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noted that this prisoner was scheduled to become eligible for parole October, 1938, (reference is made to report of Special Agent E. M. GURNEA, San Francisco, California, 12-28-37).

\* At Leavenworth, Kansas, at the U. S. Penitentiary, will endeavor to obtain information to show that NIGRO and [ ] were associated together at that place. Upon receipt of this information will reinterview FRANK NIGRO regarding his acquaintance with [ ]

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\* At Leavenworth, Kansas, at the U. S. Penitentiary, on or about 8-10-39 will contact C. J. SITTLEWORTH, Associate Warden, for any information he may have obtained that would be of interest to this investigation.

\* At Leavenworth, Kansas, at the United States Penitentiary, 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 January 26, 1938 (refer to report of Special Agent L. H. RICHMOND, San Francisco, February 2, 1939).

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

\* Will interview JACK F. WILLIAMS, alleged by FLINT C. BRANDON 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 R. T. Hood, Oklahoma City, December 2, 1938.

\* At the United States 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, March 22, 1939, to determine the reliability of CONNOR'S father, as well as any information he may possess regarding these Subjects.

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\* At Webb City, Missouri will make an effort to interview ROY JOHNSON, former Alcatraz inmate #289, released May 25, 1939, and reported to have returned to his home in Webb City, for any information he may have relative to instant escape.

\* At Kansas City, Missouri, will interview BOSSIE NIGRO, presently being held in the Jackson County Jail awaiting sentence on narcotic charges.

\* At Kansas City, Missouri, will make discreet inquiry at 72nd and Prospect to ascertain if ROE or COLE has been in that locality.

\* At Kansas City, Missouri, will keep in contact with Lieutenant LEW MYERS, Police Department, regarding further information from NIGRO.

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION:

At Long Beach, California will make direct inquiry of MILES WILLIAMS, 132 Mariposa Street, (see report Special Agent L. W. MAGEE, dated at Los Angeles, California, 8-22-39).

\* 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.

\* At Arcadia, California, will endeavor to develop new confidential informants at Arcadia, California to observe FAY ROE; will interview MR. D. W. COFFMAN, 231 North First Avenue, where he operates a refrigeration service.

\* At Arcadia, California, will discreetly interview MR. CHARLES DENNY (age 60) a WPA worker who has resided at the FAY ROE residence.

\* At Arcadia, California, 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.

\* At Arcadia, California 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.

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\* At Bell, California, will reinterview MR. WILLIAM B. McCLURE, 6224 Gifford Avenue (business address 3234 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.

\* At Bell, California, 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, Bell, California, has any connection with VIOLA DAWSON also known as MRS. G. I. DAWSON (see page 50 of report of Special Agent Ralph T. Hood, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated December 2, 1938).

\* At Laguna Beach, California, will ascertain the identity of the individuals writing to MRS. VIOLET DAWSON, Subject COLE'S half sister, with the return address 567 Thorough, Laguna Beach.

\* At Lindsay, California, will ascertain the identity of the individual named BELLE MORRIS, address Route 1, Box 485, who has written to Mr. and Mrs. G. I. DAWSON at Bell, California.

\* 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 N. Avenue, who is a sister of HENRY YOUNG, #244-AZ, who visited him at Alcatraz. (See page 49 of report of Special Agent Ralph T. Hood, Oklahoma City, 12-2-38.)

\* At Los Angeles, California will report results of mail cover placed on the mail of WARREN J. PORTER, 7007 Haas, in an effort to locate his brother, FRANK H. PORTER, so that he may be interviewed along the lines suggested in the report of Special Agent D. W. MAGEE dated July 18, 1939.



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\* At Los Angeles, California, will, after permitting Mr. and Mrs. TRUDY KREAMER, Managers of the apartment at 944 West 11th Place, and ROSE MARSH, Manager of the apartment at 943 West 11th Place, Los Angeles, to observe the visitors of Mr. and MRS. ELMER DILLARD, reinterview them for information and thereafter interview MR. and MRS. ELMER DILLARD for their information concerning the escape of Subject COLE, bearing in mind that MRS. DILLARD is reported to be a cousin of FRED W. COLE.

\* At Los Angeles, California, will ascertain the identity of the individual writing to MRS. VIOLET DAWSON, Subject COLE'S half sister - the return address E. EVANS, 716 West 18th Street.

\* At Los Angeles, California will interview Detective H. H. MITCHELL, Badge No. 46, at the 77th Street Precinct Station, who charged out the correspondence file No. C-104481 of the Los Angeles Police Department, relative to Subject ALPH ROE alias PAUL SULLIVAN, ascertaining all information in his possession concerning Subjects.

\* At Los Angeles, California, will interview G. I. DAWSON at the Siel Optical Company, 318 East 5th Street, concerning information he may have on Subject COLE bearing in mind that his wife is a half-sister of Subject COLE.

\* At Los Angeles, California will exhibit a list of receptions granted to AB ALLEN, San Quentin Penitentiary No. 56,684, and a list of his correspondents during his incarceration at that prison to ABE ALLEN, William Penn Hotel, West 8th Street, for the purpose of identifying any of the individuals who might have resided in the apartment building at 2421 Post Street, San Francisco.

\* At Pasadena, California will determine if LARRY BUTCHER'S TELEPHONE #1708 has any connection with JAMES HUGH BUTCHER (See pages 49 and 44 to 48, inc. of report of Special Agent Ralph T. Hood, Oklahoma City, 12-2-38).

\* At Redondo Beach, California, will interview PETE (or B. W. ) NEWBERRY and CAROLYN (or BERNICE W.) NEWBERRY, Apartment 5, Ridgeway Apartments, 228 North Carolina Street, concerning any information they may have on Subject COLE or ROE, particularly Subject ROE whom PETE NEWBERRY knew years ago in Borger, Texas; ascertain whether LEE ROBERTS or "SLEEPY" JOHNSON is known to them, and whether they were visited by Oklahoma People when they resided at the Moonstone Apartments.

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\* At San Diego, 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.

\* At Woodlake, California, will make arrangements to develop new confidential informants on Mr. and Mrs. FRED COLE, parents of Subject COLE.

\* At Woodlake, California, will determine through informants an identification of visitors who visited the COLE family (see reports of Special Agent A. D. Horn, Los Angeles, 2-12-38; R. H. Simons, Los Angeles, 10-12-38; A. D. Horn, Los Angeles, 12-28-38; R. P. Kramer, Los Angeles, 12-27-37; R. N. Franke, Los Angeles 12-22-37.

At Bakersfield, California, will contact relatives of LON JOHNSON and endeavor to determine a more definite address for him.

THE MIAMI FIELD DIVISION:

\* At Pensacola, Florida is requested to contact CHARLES POWELL who is attached to Battery G, 203rd Regiment, U. S. Coast Artillery, and interview him along the lines requested of the Kansas City Office in the report of Special Agent Ralph T. Hood, Oklahoma City, dated 6-2-39.

THE NEW ORLEANS FIELD DIVISION:

\* At New Orleans, Louisiana, will interview MRS. C. M. SMITH, 2117 Louisa Street, 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.

\* At Lucedale, Mississippi will interview WILLIE M. WHITTERKER, General Delivery, for any information in his possession regarding RALPH ROE.

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THE NEW YORK CITY FIELD DIVISION:

\* At Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York, will interview CHARLES YANOWSKY, who was released to the custody of the New York City Police Department from Alcatraz, U. S. Penitentiary on April 21, 1938. 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. McDovitt, Philadelphia, 1-27-39).

\* At New York City, New York 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 [REDACTED] 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.)

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THE OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD DIVISION:

\* 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.)

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\* 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 Depew, Oklahoma, will interview ORIE TURNBULL for any information he may possess regarding Subjects.

\* At Drumright, will conduct appropriate investigation to determine the possible connection between C. H. CUMMINGS and HAZEL UNDERHILL.

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\* At Duncan, Oklahoma, will determine if RALPH ROE is in contact with HARRY SLEDGE, and, if not, will interview SLEDGE.

\* At Ketchum, 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 BULLIE 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 DILLARS, 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" BAKER. (See pages 44-48 inclusive of report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 12-2-38).

\* At Okemah, 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 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 Pawhuska, 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, 12-2-38.)

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

\* At Stroud, Oklahoma, will interview the following relatives of COLE:

MRS. FANNIE BAUGH  
ERNEST BRACE & MRS. NELLIE BRACE  
MRS. WILLIAM GRAVES.

\*- At Tecumseh, Oklahoma, will interview ETHEL McCLAIN, at the Dixie Pecan Farm near that place, with reference to the statements made by MELVIN GRAHAM and A. L. JOHNSON.

\* At Stroud, Oklahoma, will maintain contact with LEON DeSHA and with mail cover placed at that point.

\* At Commerce, Oklahoma, will interview Mrs. SADIE E. RHEA 130 North River Street, Commerce, Oklahoma, for information she may have concerning an individual believed to possibly be identical with RALPH ROE.

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\* At Duncan, Oklahoma, will interview E. D. CORNELIUS, 406 East Main Street, regarding information furnished concerning RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE.

\* At Jenks, Oklahoma, will interview JIM PETERS, former Peace Officer of Jenks, Oklahoma, and at present associated with Chief SANDERS and other underworld characters, who had informed Sheriff Garland Marrs, Tulsa, that Ted Cole is supposed to be residing at Stroud, Oklahoma.

\* At Mannsville, Oklahoma, will interview Miss Daisy Stilley, Postmistress.

\* At Rush Springs, Oklahoma, if deemed advisable, will locate and interview MAUDE LONG, sister of ED DAVIS, San Quentin convict who was executed in December, 1938, in order to ascertain the present address of DAVIS' wife, Mrs. IOMA DAVIS.

At Bowlegs, Oklahoma, will warn Informant "14" concerning possible violation of the Impersonation Statute in connection with her contacting I. V. BROOKS of Rodessa, Louisiana.

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At Gore, Oklahoma, will recontact H. W. PRATER and W. M. CHOATE regarding FRED KOONTZE and will make direct inquiry of KOONTZE regarding HALL and Subjects allegedly contacting him.

At Henryetta, Oklahoma will contact [ ] to determine if he has obtained any information from MRS. MYRTLE PACK.

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At Idabel, Oklahoma, will maintain contact with SAM SELLERS and will determine the identity of the person thought to be ROE residing in the mountains near Idabel.

At Kaw City, Oklahoma, will recontact J. B. ADKINSON to determine if he has obtained further information regarding Subjects.

At Muskogee, Oklahoma, will interview [ ] regarding the identity of persons furnishing information about Subjects, and will then conduct appropriate investigation regarding same.

At Oklahoma City, Oklahoma will maintain contact with Informant [ ] If he is not able to develop further information will make direct inquiry of GRACE CUNNINGHAM and at the Midnight Sun Night Club.

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At Pawhuska, Oklahoma will contact [ ] through SMITH LEAHY, Deputy United States Marshal, regarding Subjects.

At Seminole, Oklahoma, will reinterview LEONA STEWART (SPURGEON) and MRS. PAUL (BODEY) DENTON to determine if they possess any information regarding Subjects.

At Seminole, Oklahoma will reinterview MRS. DEE FREEMAN concerning her alleged association with Subjects.

At Seminole, Oklahoma, will reinterview [ ] regarding LEE ROBERTS and Subjects, and will exhibit photograph of JOSEPH L. LARRIGN to determine if he is identical with LEE ROBERTS (see report of Special Agent D. W. MAGEE, Los Angeles, dated 8-22-39.)

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At Seminole, Oklahoma, will interview CLIFFORD PACK regarding the statements made by MRS. PACK and BUSTER GATES.

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At Stroud, Oklahoma, will interview ED HARDISON and MR. PRESSEN regarding the truth of statements made by [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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At [REDACTED], will maintain contact with informant [REDACTED] and Mr. and Mrs. ALLISON RAINEY.

At Tulsa, Oklahoma, will interview PAUL BARGER, 116 South Maybelle, and determine if information previously furnished by he and LEON DeSHA is true.

At Tulsa, Oklahoma, will determine if one WILSON, mentioned by CHARLES PALKE is identical with Subject ROE through contact with ARCH FRANKLIN, 21 South Quanah, and Mrs. W. T. KINNION, General Delivery, Sand Springs, Oklahoma.

At Seminole, Oklahoma, will keep in touch with Mr. JAKE SIMS and all known sources of information.

At Wewoka, Oklahoma, will interview JIM GIBBONS regarding information furnished by Informant "14" in this report.

THE PITTSBURGH FIELD DIVISION:

\* At Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania will contact Detective Inspector WALTER MONAGHAN, of the Pittsburgh Police Department, in reference to the individual incarcerated on the burglary charge regarding any information this suspect might have regarding these fugitives.

THE SALT LAKE CITY FIELD DIVISION:

At Nephi, Utah, at the Mills' Jewelry Company will locate and interview RUTH MILLS to obtain information in her possession regarding the present location of WINNIE METCALF.

Will place mail covers on mail addressed to the relatives of WINNIE E. METCALF.

THE SAN ANTONIO FIELD DIVISION:

\* At Refugio, Texas, will maintain close contact with Sheriff IRA HEARD and Deputy Sheriff E. D. BARBER in order to obtain any information of value that their informants might develop from the surveillance of HAZEL UNDERHILL.

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\* At Freer, Texas, will interview MRS. DOYLE WILLIAMS as requested in letter to San Antonio Division dated August 30, 1939.

THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION:

\* At Berkeley, California, will ascertain the address of WARREN H. MADELEY, through the Registrar's Office, University of California, for interview with MADELEY as to any information he may possess. See report of Special Agent J. R. McCULLOCH, San Francisco, 10-19-38.

\* At Richmond, California, if identity of HARRY & GERTRUDE is ascertained from BOYD, will interview them and learn what information they have concerning the facts of this case and possible contacts of EVELYN MORGAN. If the results of these interviews make it appear advisable, will reinterview EVELYN and LUTHER MORGAN, 320 - 1st St., for such information as they may have.

AT ALCATRAZ ISLAND:

Will interview CHARLES BERTA, #132, for any information he may have concerning his wife, GLADYS, in order that she might be located and interviewed concerning her knowledge in this case. In the event that BERTA refuses to be interviewed, arrangements should be made with prison officials to be notified in the event she corresponds with BERTA.

\* At Alcatraz Island, 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 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.).

\* Appropriate check should be made in the interest of determining if there is any foundation or truth in the information allegedly obtained by Informant "Z" from HERBERT FARMER, formerly an inmate at Alcatraz. (Attention is called to information furnished by this informant on Pages 2 and 3 of the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 7-21-39.)



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\* At San Francisco, California, will interview the Captain of the "General Slocum", at the U. S. Army docks, foot of Laguna Street, to determine if there is any basis for the remarks of J. B. PAYNE as set out on Pages 7 and 8 of report of Special Agent F. S. SMITH, Oklahoma City, dated March 22, 1939.

\* At Alcatraz Island, will interview Penitentiary authorities for the same reason as set out immediately above.

\* At San Francisco, California will make arrangements through CHARLES H. UPTON, Chief Probation Officer, Post Office Building, to notify this office the next time GEORGE THOMPSON, AZ #249, reports in order that he may be interviewed concerning instant escape.

\* At 651 37th Avenue, will contact relatives of LILLA and GEORGE MILLER for information concerning their whereabouts in order that they may be interviewed. LILLA MILLER is a sister of GEORGE THOMPSON, AZ #249.

\* Will contact GEORGE FRAVEGA, 233 Clara Street, brother of JAMES SARGEART, AZ #129, within the near future, in order to obtain information concerning the whereabouts of LEO FRAVEGA, also a brother of SARGEART, in order that LEO may be interviewed concerning any information he may have about this case.

\* Will interview MRS. GEORGE W. JOHNSON, 1618 $\frac{1}{2}$  12th Street, sister of EDWARD BENTZ, #307. (See report of Inspector GURNEA, 12-28-37, San Francisco, Page 24.)

\* At the St. Regis Hotel will interview P. J. SULLIVAN, father of HARRY SULLIVAN, AZ #198.

\* At 3318 19th Street, will interview GEORGE VAN GLAHN, AZ #337, releasee, for information concerning this case and also as to the whereabouts of his mother, MRS. MARION VAN GLAHN, in order that she also might be interviewed.

\* 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, 12-2-38.

\* At Alcatraz, Island will consider the advisability of direct interview with inmate BERNARD P. COY regarding statements made by ROUBIDEAUX.

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\* At 948 Market Street, Room 302, San Francisco, California, will interview HELEN ROBINSON for any information she may have concerning the escape of Subjects ROE and COLE from Alcatraz.

\* At Santa Cruz, California, if HELEN ROBINSON cannot be located at 948 Market Street, will conduct investigation at the Beach Hill Inn in an attempt to secure her present location.

\* At Oakland, California, if Miss HLEN ROBINSON cannot be located at San Francisco or Santa Cruz will contact MRS. E. J. DA VEGA, 5102 Shafter Avenue, for any information she may have concerning the present whereabouts of HELEN ROBINSON.

\* At the U. S. Penitentiary, Alcatraz Island, will make further check to determine exactly what prisoners arrived during a period of approximately a month or more prior to December 20, 1938, when JEFFERSON ROUBIDEAUX was transferred from Alcatraz Island to McNeil Island. It is to be noted that in previous information furnished the Seattle Field Office, HARRY EDWARDS, whose photograph shows he arrived on July 8, 1938, is listed as having arrived in a group of prisoners on November 29, 1938.

\* Will also obtain photographs of the individuals who appear to be missing from the group which was furnished the Seattle Field Office in the report of reference and find out an explanation why several numbers are missing. If possible, will determine whether all of the prisoners are photographed when they arrive at Alcatraz, and if so, obtain their photographs through the Bureau so that they can be furnished to the Seattle Field Office to exhibit to JEFFERSON ROUBIDEAUX. In this respect, it is best to obtain the latest photographs of these prisoners which would show more closely how they actually looked at the time they were received at Alcatraz in November or December, 1938, when ROUBIDEAUX saw them.

THE SIOUX FALLS FIELD DIVISION:

At Webster, South Dakota, it is suggested that interview be had with MRS. CARL BRANBALD regarding the diary mentioned by her on the trip to California with ANDREW SAMPSON. (See report of Special Agent H. R. TELFORD, Aberdeen, 10-19-39.)

THE ST. PAUL FIELD DIVISION:

\* At Pillager, Minnesota, will interview P. H. SORG, Secretary, Cass County Fair, to ascertain if he has any record

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if E. O. PETERS appeared at the Cass County Fair and operated a concession where he demonstrated knife sharpeners and glass cutters.

THE SPRINGFIELD FIELD DIVISION.

At Mt. Carmel, Illinois, will interview MRS. AB BAILEY, General Delivery, regarding the identity of a woman at Duncan, Oklahoma, who reportedly saw ROE and who informed MR. BAILEY, now deceased.

\* At Prairie City, Illinois, will reinterview IVAN WALTER KEENER, Post Office Box 872, for additional information concerning the whereabouts of DAVE BOYD, so that he may be located and interviewed.

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

FILE NO. **76-83**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Indianapolis, Indiana</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>11/6/39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10/27/39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>RALPH V. HARMAN</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>JL</b></span>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472 THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

**E. C. Atkins & Company** has no record of **E. O. PETERS**, who was reported as resembling **RALPH ROE**.

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**DETAILS:**

**AT INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA**

**RAYMOND McKINNIE**, office manager and chief time-keeper at **E. C. Atkins & Company**, 402 South Illinois Street, advised that the concern for which he is employed is engaged in the manufacturing of saws and knives and that their business consists solely of sale of those articles to wholesalers and jobbers throughout the United States and foreign countries. He stated that under no circumstances could an individual buy a knife from the Atkins' Company and that in the event this was done there would be no record of such a transaction. He stated that the knives do not have any serial number or other mark of identification by which they could be traced.

He was requested, however, to conduct a search of the employment records and of the list of salesmen, jobbers and wholesalers employed by the company, which was done without finding any record of an **E. O. PETERS**.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>Dallas, Texas</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>11-4-39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10/27/39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. L. FALLON</b>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O.#1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases-FUGITIVE, I.O.#1471.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. YATES, Post Office Box #125, Silsbee, Texas, live at Fred, Texas. Mr. YATES is employed by the Atlantic Pipe Line Company, and bears a good reputation. Mr. and Mrs. YATES reside on a small Oil Lease at Fred, Texas. No indications that fugitives have been at Fred or Silsbee, Texas.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent D. W. MAGEE, Los Angeles, California, dated 7-18-39.

**DETAILS:**

In inquiry at the Post Office Department at Silsbee, Texas, reveals that Post Office Box #126 is in the name of DR. I. W. FOWLER, Silsbee, Texas. Through inquiries as to the identity of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. YATES, it was revealed that they received mail under Post Office Box #125, which is issued to the Atlantic Pipe Line Company of Fred, Texas.

The Superintendent of this Pipe Line Company is JOSEPH TURNER, who is well known to the Post Master at Silsbee, Texas. Mr. TURNER was interviewed at Fred, Texas, and stated that he has known Mr. and Mrs. YATES for the past five years; that he (YATES) is employed by the Atlantic Pipe Line Company as a Station Operator. That he is the owner of a Packard Coupe, 1937 model; bears an excellent reputation, and that his wife was born in Virginia and no doubt lived sometime in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Mr. TURNER advised that there are approximately ten people on this lease at Fred, Texas, and that if any strangers put in an appearance there, he

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would have to make a report as to the people residing on the lease. Mr. TURNER stated that he is quite sure there have been no strangers visiting the YATES' for the past year and further, he knows that Mr. YATES does not leave the lease very often. He stated that he will communicate with the Dallas Office if any strangers should put in an appearance in the YATES' home, and in view of this fact he was given a franked envelope for communication with the Dallas Office.

MR. TURNER stated further that he will make discreet inquiry as to any visitors that Mr. and Mrs. YATES may have at Silsbee or the neighboring towns and report the same to Agent upon next visit. In view of this fact, Mrs. O. W. YATES was not interviewed at this time but will be interviewed in the near future.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD: DALLAS FIELD DIVISION:  
AT FRED, TEXAS.

At the Atlantic Pipe Line Company lease will discreetly interview Mr. JOSEPH TURNER, asking if he has obtained any further information as to any strangers being in or about the lease. If it is deemed appropriate, will discreetly interview Mrs. O. W. YATES, as to her communications and possible connection with FAY ROE, sister-in-law of FUGITIVE, ROE.

It will be remembered that Mrs. YATES corresponds with FAY ROE, the letters being sent from Silsbee, Texas, to Arcadia, California.

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FILE NO. **76-206**

REPORT MADE AT <b>ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>11/9/39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10/26/39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>G. EDWARD SMART</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>CA</b></span>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE I.O. 1172; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1171</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

P. H. SORG advises E. O. PETERS did not appear at Cass County Fair. He suggests that ~~CHARLES SHINGLE~~ may have additional information concerning him.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent G. E. SMART, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated October 15, 1939.

**DETAILS:**

**AT PILLAGER, MINNESOTA:**

P. H. SORG, Secretary of the Cass County Fair advised that there was no person who sold glass cutters and knife sharpeners at the Cass County Fair. He advised that he did not keep any record of the concessionaires who appeared at the Cass County Fair. He suggested that CHARLES SHINGLE, Montevideo, Minnesota, generally was under contract with the various concessionaires and would perhaps be able to furnish information concerning E. O. PETERS.

**UNDEVELOPED LEADS:**

**ST. PAUL FIELD DIVISION:**

At MONTVIDEO, MINNESOTA, will interview CHARLES SHINGLE ascertaining if he has any information concerning E. O. PETERS, who operated a concession at the Itasca County

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REPORT MADE AT <b>DENVER</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>11-10-39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10-27-39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>F. C. ZINCK</b>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. 1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. 1471.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

**SAM FABRIZIO**, Supt. of Special Service, Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway, La Junta, Colo., advises **EARL McGUIRE** did not give him a signed statement, but had stated he had not seen Subjects in Pueblo, Colo., but had seen **RALPH ROE** in Oklahoma since his escape. **FABRIZIO** states **McGUIRE** previously asserted he had seen **ROE** in Pueblo in the hopes he could benefit by such information.

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**REFERENCES:** Report of Special Agent W. W. KLEMP, Denver, 10-5-39.  
Bureau letter dated 8-17-39.

**DETAILS:** AT LA JUNTA, COLORADO \*\*\*

**SAM FABRIZIO**, Superintendent of Special Service, of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company, advised he had not received a signed statement from **EARL McGUIRE** at the time of his confession as to the killing of Undersheriff **RAY KUMPF** of Syracuse, Kansas, but at that time **McGUIRE** told him that he had lied about seeing **RALPH ROE** and **THEODORE COLE** in Pueblo, Colorado, for the reason he thought he might help himself by cooperating with the police in attempting to locate these men. **McGUIRE** informed **FABRIZIO** that he had told the Chief of Police at Cimarron, Kansas, that he had seen Subjects at Pueblo, Colorado, and had been released on bond as a reward for the information, and thus he was attempting to receive further benefit by the same means at the time of his arrest at Garden City, Kansas, when he told Police and Special Agents the same story.

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FABRIZIO advised he was the only one who had obtained a confession from McGUIRE and had done so after long questioning and believed that McGUIRE was telling him the truth when he finally did confess and also when he told him that he had lied about seeing the Subjects at Pueblo, Colorado. FABRIZIO further stated he had told McGUIRE he would give him all the reward and also help get him a release from the penitentiary if he could furnish any information regarding the whereabouts of ROE and COLE. At this time FABRIZIO stated McGUIRE told him that he knew nothing of their whereabouts and that he had lied about seeing them in Pueblo, but added that he had seen ROE in Oklahoma since his escape and gave him the name of the woman ROE would contact there, namely, OMA GILL or OMA JENNINGS.

FABRIZIO stated he was willing to again contact McGUIRE at his place of incarceration in an attempt to secure further information from him regarding the whereabouts of Subjects. He added he believed that McGUIRE regarded him as a friend and would gladly tell him anything he knew and would perhaps be more willing to talk by this time.

FABRIZIO advised he would write the Denver Office should he receive any further information from McGUIRE.

-- UNDEVELOPED LEAD --

THE DENVER OFFICE ---

\* 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; will obtain all information as to the present whereabouts of METCALF.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **76-284**

<b>REPORT MADE AT</b> <b>PITTSBURGH, PA.</b>	<b>DATE WHEN MADE</b> <b>11/17/39</b>	<b>PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE</b> <b>10/23, 24/39</b>	<b>REPORT MADE BY</b> <b>EDWIN G. FITCH</b>
<b>TITLE</b> <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1471.</b>			<b>CHARACTER OF CASE</b> <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> <b>JAMES HOGAN</b>, Pittsburgh Police Dept. #11,438, informed Inspector <b>WALTER MONAGHAN</b> of the Pittsburgh Police Department, that he had seen <b>RALPH ROE</b> in early September of 1939. Inspector <b>MONAGHAN</b> advises <b>HOGAN</b>'s report had been deemed to be false. <b>HOGAN</b> refused to discuss the incident.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- R U C -</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Report of Special Agent J. H. Baldrige, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, October 10, 1939.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> <b>AT PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA</b></p> <p>Inspector <b>WALTER MONAGHAN</b>, Pittsburgh Police Department, was contacted relative to the individual whom he had previously mentioned to the Pittsburgh Office as having provided him with certain information regarding the Subjects. At that time Inspector <b>MONAGHAN</b> stated that early in September, 1939, the Pittsburgh Police Department had picked up one <b>JAMES HOGAN</b>, Pittsburgh Police Department #11,438, and that <b>HOGAN</b> had been drinking heavily shortly prior to the time he was arrested. After being taken into custody, <b>HOGAN</b> mentioned to the officers that he had information concerning a Federal Fugitive known as <b>RALPH ROE</b>, who had escaped from Alcatraz, and he then completed information to the effect that he had seen <b>ROE</b> in Pittsburgh a few days before. Upon receipt of that information, Inspector <b>MONAGHAN</b> made an agreement with <b>HOGAN</b> whereby the latter should endeavor to contact <b>ROE</b> in Pittsburgh and then communicate with <b>MONAGHAN</b> as to <b>ROE</b>'S whereabouts.</p> <p>Inspector <b>Monaghan</b> further advised that a few days later, he received a telephone call from a saloon near First and Market Streets in Pittsburgh, and the call was from <b>HOGAN</b> who reported he was at the saloon in company with <b>ROE</b>.</p>			
<b>APPROVED AND FORWARDED</b> 		<b>SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</b> <div style="text-align: center;"> <b>DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</b>  <div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; margin: 10px 0;">76-2686-830</div> <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold; margin: 10px 0;">NOV 18 A.M.</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="text-align: center;">   <b>J. H. BALDRIGE</b> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">   <b>EDWIN G. FITCH</b> </div> </div> </div>	
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Inspector MONAGHAN immediately detailed officers to investigate the matter, and upon arriving at the saloon, they found that HOGAN was there alone in a very intoxicated condition, and though he insisted ROE had been with him, the bartender advised the police that HOGAN had been there for quite some time alone, and during his stay had been observed making a telephone call. Inspector MONAGHAN stated that the only conclusion he could reach was that HOGAN was desirous of avoiding an arrest or was anxious to secure money for the purpose of buying additional drinks and for that reason had falsely reported that he had information regarding Subjects ROE and COLE.

It was ascertained that as a result of his arrest at that time, HOGAN was sentenced to the Allegheny County Workhouse at Blawnox for a period of thirty days on a charge of vagrancy. Therefore, he was contacted at that place by reporting Agent but he declined to discuss the incident whereby he had agreed to furnish information to Inspector MONAGHAN regarding the above Subjects.

After a rather lengthy interview of a general nature, it was ascertained that HOGAN reported he had been at Leavenworth Penitentiary during a period of confinement of RALPH ROE, and had made the latter's acquaintance at that place; also that early in September, 1939, shortly after HOGAN arrived in Pittsburgh, he alleges he met RALPH and JAMES ROE on the street in Pittsburgh, and had borrowed \$10 from RALPH ROE. He states that both RALPH and JAMES ROE were very well dressed at the time, and appeared to have a large amount of money on their persons. Further questioning was unproductive.

HOGAN stated he had no knowledge as to where the Roe Brothers had stayed in Pittsburgh, and stated he could see no reason for divulging any information concerning them as he had been double crossed by MONAGHAN when he attempted to convey this information to the police at the proper time.

As the interview progressed, HOGAN became increasingly antagonistic and it was impossible to ascertain anything of further value.

MR. CABLE at the Allegheny County Workhouse informed the Agent that JAMES HOGAN had been brought there in rather poor physical condition as a result of excessive drinking, and it was necessary for him to receive medical attention for approximately a week before he could be placed in the ordinary quarters.

Because of such information, and in view of the fact that Inspector WALTER MONAGHAN reported that HOGAN had been intoxicated on the occasion of his arrest in Pittsburgh, it is felt that HOGAN is probably falsifying the information which he pretends to possess regarding Fugitives.

Inspector MONAGHAN furnished the Agent with a photograph of HOGAN, Pittsburgh Police Department #11,438, which photograph is being retained in the files of the Pittsburgh Office.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

FILE NO.

76-259

REPORT MADE AT <b>Dallas, Texas</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>11/17/39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>11/1/39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>ORRIN H. BARTLETT</b>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O.#1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O.#1471.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Unable to locate MRS. M. T. PETTYJOHN, wife of Leavenworth convict, at Ballinger, Texas.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent A. E. FARLAND, dated at San Francisco, California, October 19, 1939.

**DETAILS:**

Sheriff CALVIN ROBINSON, Ballinger, Texas, stated that he knows everybody in Ballinger but that he has never heard of MRS. M. T. PETTYJOHN, wife of a Leavenworth penitentiary convict. Sheriff ROBINSON contacted the County Relief Office, and it was determined that the name of MRS. M. T. PETTYJOHN did not appear among the 500 persons listed.

MISS GRIFFIE ATKINS, City Hall, Ballinger, Texas, stated that she is the Assistant City Secretary and that she knows everybody in Ballinger, but that the name PETTYJOHN is not known to her. She then made a search of the City's books and failed to find the name PETTYJOHN listed.

A search of the Ballinger, Texas, telephone directory failed to show the name PETTYJOHN.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **76-83**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Indianapolis, Indiana</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>11/20/39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10/9/39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>FRANK G. JOHNSTONE</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>MJR</b></span>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1471</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

All known employees of Redz (not Retz) Beverage Corporation, South Bend, Ind., checked and none found to be identical with RALPH ROE.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent (A) M. H. Price dated at Chicago, Illinois, August 24, 1939.

**DETAILS:**

**AT SOUTH BEND, INDIANA**

Mr. L. E. FIFFE, president of the Redz (not Retz) Beverage Corporation, 129 South Niles Avenue, stated that his company had just been in business since the first part of July, 1939; that they rectify spirits, their chief product being Champagne, a synthetic champagne. Mr. FIFFE appearing to be a substantial and trustworthy citizen, the facts presented in reference report were briefly related to him and he supplied the following information regarding all known employees of his company:

W. G. COPS, Treasurer, 56, 5' 11", 215 lbs., lifelong resident of South Bend, Indiana.

HARRY DRAIN, Secretary, 58, 5' 8", 140 lbs., born at Ligonier, Indiana, and resident of South Bend for twenty years.

WILLIAM DUNFEE, Machinist, 40, 5' 9", 175 lbs., resident of South Bend all his life.

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RAY SEMANS, Sales manager, 34, 5' 8½", 175 lbs.,  
resident of Mishawaka and South Bend,  
Indiana, for seventeen years.

One colored handy man, no information being set  
out herein because he could not possibly  
be identical with subject ROE.

From the above information it would appear that either WILLIAM DUNFEE or RAY SEMANS is the man referred to in reference report as having been observed by Mr. E. J. TOBIN, TOBIN suspecting he might be identical with fugitive ROE. All of the employees listed above were observed by the writer at close range and none of them appeared to be identical with fugitive ROE. However, DUNFEE and SEMANS were each questioned personally. The identifying scars and marks of fugitive ROE as reflected on Identification Order No. 1472 were checked and found not to be present on the person of either DUNFEE or SEMANS. To make doubly certain that neither of them was actually identical with fugitive ROE their fingerprints were checked visually by the writer and the fingerprint patterns of both individuals contained whorls whereas it is noted by consulting Identification Order No. 1472 that there are no whorls reflected in the fingerprint impressions of fugitive ROE. It might be noted that L. E. FIFFE is forty-two years old, is six feet, one-half inch tall, weighs 198 and has been a resident of South Bend for over twenty years. Because of his physical dimensions he could not possibly be identical with fugitive ROE.

Mr. FIFFE informed the writer that A. M. POUNDERS, a Government inspector, Internal Revenue Service, United States Treasury Department, maintains an office right in their plant. Mr. FIFFE described him as twenty-eight, five feet nine inches, approximately 175 lbs., dark complexioned. Mr. FIFFE was of the opinion that POUNDERS might have been around the office so that he could be observed by a business caller and FIFFE was further of the opinion that POUNDERS might possibly be suspected of being identical with fugitive ROE because of his general appearance by a suspicious individual. POUNDERS was not present at the time the writer interviewed FIFFE, but it is hardly believed possible that a Government inspector could be identical with fugitive ROE.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

Salt Lake City, Utah  
November 17, 1939

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

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

Dear Sir:

On November 16, 1939 it was requested through Superintendent of Mails J. W. BAMBROUGH, U. S. Post Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, that a thirty-day mail cover be placed on the residence of MRS. THOMAS R. FADDIS, 1003 Major Street, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Very truly yours,

*Jay C. Newman*  
JAY C. NEWMAN  
Special Agent in Charge

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CARL BRANBALD, 2214 Pasadena Avenue regarding the diary which she kept on the trip to California with ANDREW SAMPSON. Copies of the reports of Special Agent H. R. TELFORD, dated 9/30/39 and 10/19/39, Sioux Falls, South Dakota are being furnished with copies of this report to assist in questioning MRS. BRANBALD.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA**

FILE NO. **76-64**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Sioux Falls, S. Dak.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>11/22/39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>11/18/39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>R. L. NALLS</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>MN</b></span>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Information received that MRS. CARL BRANBALD visited Webster, South Dakota during the latter part of October, 1939 but has since returned to her home in Los Angeles, California.

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**REFERENCE:**

Reports of Special Agent H. R. TELFORD, dated 9/30/39 and 10/19/39, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.  
Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, dated 11/1/39, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

**DETAILS:**

Agent made two visits to the home of GUNDEP HOLDEN, father of MRS. CARL BRANBALD, Rural Route, Webster, South Dakota but was unable to locate anyone at home. Agent then located MISS LORRAINE HOLLAND at Webster, South Dakota and she advised that MRS. CARL BRANBALD visited with her father in Webster, South Dakota during the latter part of October, 1939 but has since returned to her home in Los Angeles, California. MISS HOLLAND stated that MRS. CARL BRANBALD can be located at 2214 Pasadena Avenue, Los Angeles, California and if not there her whereabouts can probably be furnished by her friend, MISS ALICE JOHNSON, who also resides at 2214 Pasadena Avenue.

**ENCLOSURES:**

TO LOS ANGELES OFFICE - Reports of SA H. R. TELFORD, dated 9/30/39 and 10/19/39, Sioux Falls.

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THE LOS ANGELES DIVISION

At Los Angeles, California, is requested to interview MRS.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

FILE NO. **76-244**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Salt Lake City, Utah</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>11/22/39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>11/11, 16/39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>JOHN J. HORGAN - E.T.</b>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472 THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Investigation at Mills Jewelry Company, Nephi, Utah, discloses that RUTH MILLS is presently at Craig, Colorado. THOMAS P. FADDIS, brother-in-law of WINNIE E. METCALF, has no knowledge of METCALF'S whereabouts. Mail cover placed on residence of FADDIS.

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**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, dated 11-1-39.

**DETAILS:**

**At NEPHI, UTAH:**

RAY C. MILLS, Mills Jewelry Company, was contacted on November 11, 1939, and stated that RUTH MILLS, his half-sister, came to Nephi, Utah, around the middle of August of this year and obtained a position as waitress at the Venice Cafe. While working at this Cafe, RUTH lived at his home, and left for Craig, Colorado, around the 26th of September, 1939. Mr. MILLS was positive that RUTH was living at Craig, Colorado, although he had not heard from her since she left Nephi. He further stated that she was an excellent waitress and would in all probability be working in one of the cafes at Craig, Colorado.

LEROY BELLISTON, employee at the Venice Cafe, was interviewed and said that RUTH MILLS had worked as a waitress in that Cafe during August and September of this year, at which time she left the employ to go to Craig, Colorado, where he believes she has received a similar position. In addition, he recalled a letter written by RUTH in October to one of the other employees of that Cafe, the letter being postmarked Craig, Colorado. The person who

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received this letter is no longer working at this Cafe, but BELLISTON recalled that in the contents of the letter RUTH mentioned some Cafe at Craig, Colorado, in which she was presently employed.

At SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH:

Mr. THOMAS R. FADDIS, 1003 Major Street, brother-in-law of WINNIE METCALF, was interviewed on November 16, 1939, relative to the present whereabouts of METCALF. He indicated that his wife's brother (WINNIE METCALF) visited their home last April, 1939, and recalled the hostile attitude that METCALF had for law enforcement officials. Mr. FADDIS stated that he obtained employment for WINNIE at that time for a Construction Company in Salt Lake City, the name of which he cannot recall, and that when this work was completed, he (METCALF) boarded a train bound for Colorado; that at Grand Junction, Colorado, a group of law enforcement officers, (FADDIS not recalling whether local, state or Federal) took him off the train, placed him in jail, and questioned him for two days relative to some crime of which he had been suspected.

Continuing, FADDIS remarked that METCALF told him that he had been going straight for some time prior to this, and that he was sick and tired of the way he was being "hounded" by the police. METCALF told FADDIS and his wife at that time that he would not write to them for some time, perhaps never, until the police stopped looking for him.

FADDIS expressed his opinion to the effect that he (FADDIS) was growing bitter toward law enforcement agencies for not leaving his brother-in-law (WINNIE METCALF) alone, and that if they continued to hunt WINNIE that they would make a confirmed criminal out of him.

In this connection, reporting agent emphatically pointed out to FADDIS that WINNIE METCALF is not being sought by this Bureau for any Federal violation; that the Federal Bureau of Investigation was endeavoring to contact him solely to enlist his cooperation in the instant case. He was further advised that this Bureau was not desirous of jeopardizing METCALF in any way, but that his location was desired so that he could be interrogated.

It was further indicated to FADDIS that METCALF might be able to clear this matter up if he would present himself at one of the Bureau's Field Offices for questioning.

Mr. FADDIS then stated that he was under a mis-impression as to the exact status of WINNIE METCALF and why he was hunted by the Government. He expressed his willingness to cooperate with the Bureau in the event he receives word from METCALF. FADDIS added that although METCALF has not written to him since last April that he would not be surprised to see him drop in unexpectedly for a visit with FADDIS. In the event that such occurs, FADDIS said that he would see to it that METCALF calls at the Salt Lake City Bureau Office.

A mail cover was placed on the residence of Mr. and Mrs. THOMAS R. FADDIS, on November 16, 1939, through the cooperation of Superintendent of Mails, J. W. PALMISTON, U. S. Post Office, Salt Lake City.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The DENVER OFFICE:

At CRAIG, COLORADO:

Will endeavor to locate RUTH HILLS and interview her relative to the present location of WINNIE METCALF so that he in turn may be interviewed regarding his knowledge of the activities of ROE and COLE and their present whereabouts.

The SALT LAKE CITY OFFICE:

At SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.

Will report the results of the present mail cover on the residence of Mr. and Mrs. THOMAS R. FADDIS.

PENDING.

# Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

NOVEMBER 25, 1939

76-348

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: R O C O L

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated November 16, 1939, (65-2686), transmitting copies of letter from United States Marshal John P. Logan, Tulsa, Oklahoma, regarding information furnished by a woman [redacted] who thought she could determine the whereabouts of the fugitives in this case.

Your attention is called to pages seven and eight of the report of Special Agent Ralph T. Hood, dated at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, November 1, 1939, setting forth information obtained from Mr. Smith Leahy, Deputy United States Marshal, Pawhuska, Oklahoma, which he obtained from his informant, [redacted] who is the person referred to [redacted]. It will also be noted that Mr. Logan was telephonically contacted on October 25, 1939, concerning the information furnished in his letter to you.

For your information [redacted] was [redacted] and during the early investigation of this case agreed to contact Brady for information. However, [redacted] failed to contact Brady as she agreed to do and has not furnished any information of value in this case.

[redacted] will be contacted through Deputy Marshal Leahy within the immediate future and close contact will be maintained in this matter.

Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

FILE NO. **76-539 T.**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Birmingham, Ala.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>11-27-39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>11/7, 8, 9, 20/39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>F. W. WALKART</b>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases-FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, W.A.-FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <b>DAN BROWN</b>, employed by Jack Cole Trucking Co., Birmingham, during first part of December, 1937; therefore, cannot be identical with ROE inasmuch as ROE was incarcerated at Alcatraz during that time and made his escape on December 16, 1937.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>R.U.C.</b></p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Sp. Agt. T. H. PIENIE, Birmingham, 10-25-39.</p> <p>DETAILS: <u><b>AT BIRMINGHAM, ALA.</b></u></p> <p>Mr. A. W. SCHLOSSER, Dispatcher, Jack Cole Trucking Company, 3021 4th Avenue South, advised that he had taken the place of T. M. BALLINGER, who had recently been transferred to their Montgomery office. MR. SCHLOSSER stated that he was not acquainted with DAN BROWN, nor did he know whether he had ever been employed by COLE. SCHLOSSER inquired among drivers of the company and ascertained that LEWIS WESSON, a former employee now with the North Alabama Motor Express Company knew BROWN when he was employed by the Jack Cole Company. SCHLOSSER further informed that there were no records kept of former employees and their length of service. However, JACK COLE, owner, was presently out of town and would return in a few days and would probably remember whether or not DAN BROWN had ever been so employed by them.</p> <p>LEWIS WESSON, North Alabama Motor Express Company, stated that he worked with BROWN about 1 1/2 years ago when they were both with the Jack Cole Company. He stated that he believed BROWN worked for that company approximately a year. WESSON now believes that BROWN is somewhere in Virginia working for a trucking concern, the name of which he did not know. A photograph of subject ROE was exhibited to WESSON and he stated that it did not resemble BROWN in any respect.</p>			
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Another employee of the Jack Cole Company was later interviewed, by the name of LEO ROSSER, and he stated that he had known BROWN while he was employed by that company for about a year beginning in September or October, 1937. ROSSER was positive of this employment of BROWN, inasmuch as he, ROSSER, had entered on duty with the Jack Cole Company in December, 1937 and BROWN had already been employed by them.

JACK COLE, the owner, was also subsequently interviewed and verified the employment of DAN BROWN during the latter months of 1937.

It should be noted here that RALPH ROE whom BROWN allegedly resembled, did not escape from Alcatraz Island until December 16, 1937, and this would therefore eliminate BROWN as being subject ROE.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **76-51**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Springfield, Illinois</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>11-28-39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>11-3-39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>JOHN D. NOBLE, JR.</b> JDN:ejc
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472. THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

IVAN WALTER KEENER left Prairie City, Illinois on a "bumming" trip about one month ago. Present whereabouts unknown to his mother.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent H. W. HANKINSON, San Francisco, California, dated October 4, 1939.  
Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated November 1, 1939.

**DETAILS:**

At Prairie City, Illinois

MRS. SUSAN KEENER, mother of IVAN WALTER KEENER, stated that her son had left home about one month ago on a "bumming" trip. His intention was to go to California when he left, but she stated she had received a postal card from him from Nickerson, Nebraska about two weeks ago. However, there was no return address on this card. He stated on the card that he was going to Denver, Colorado from Nickerson, Nebraska, but she had not heard from him since that time. Mrs. KEENER was given the address of the Springfield Office and was requested to notify this office if she received the present address of her son. Mrs. KEENER agreed to do so.

Inasmuch as it is doubtful when KEENER will return to Prairie City, Illinois, or write home giving a definite address, no further effort will be made to contact him at Prairie City, Illinois.

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In the event Mrs. KEENER notifies this office of her son's address in the future, a lead will be set out to have him interviewed in accordance with the reference report of Special Agent HANKINSON.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD

SPRINGFIELD OFFICE

\* At Mount Carmel, Illinois, will interview Mrs. AB BAILY, General Delivery, regarding the identity of a woman at Duncan, Oklahoma, who reportedly saw ROE and who informed Mr. BAILEY, now deceased.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

MIAMI FILE NO. 76-241

REPORT MADE AT <b>MIAMI, FLORIDA</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12-1-39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>11-21-39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>I. W. DUFFY</b>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1471.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.</b>

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: CHARLES POWELL was at Fort Barrancas, Pensacola, Florida, in training last summer. He returned to Missouri with the Missouri National Guard, Jefferson City, Missouri. He therefore was not interviewed by the Miami Field Division.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent R. T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 6-2-39; report of Special Agent J. M. JONES, Kansas City, 7-26-39.

DETAILS: At Fort Barrancas, Pensacola, Florida, Sergeant Major L. TRIGG checked records which reflected that CHARLES POWELL as a member of the Missouri National Guard was in training at Ft. Barrancas last summer. Further, that he returned to the State of Missouri with the Missouri National Guard, Jefferson City, Missouri. He therefore was not available for interview by the Miami Field Division.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION

Will locate CHARLES POWELL through the National Guard at Jefferson City, Missouri, and interview him along the lines requested in reference report of Special Agent R. T. HOOD.

THE MIAMI FIELD DIVISION

- \* 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.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

FILE NO. 76-282

REPORT MADE AT <b>EL PASO, TEXAS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>11/30/39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>11/8,11/39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>D. D. JOHNSON</b>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1471.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

LONA DAVIS living in vicinity of Goldsmith, Tex., and her son, SEBRON DAVIS, is attending Junior High School, Odessa, Tex.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent A. E. FARLAND, San Francisco, California, dated 10/19/39.

**DETAILS:**

AT MONAHANS, TEXAS:

BILL WILLIAMS, clerk, United States Post Office, stated that Box 77 A has been discontinued for the past two years and that it was last used by one JEAN DAVIS, who was no longer living in Monahans and who left no forwarding address.

Mrs. R. M. ARMSTRONG, assistant manager, Retail Merchants Credit Association, stated that her files revealed that one SELBORN DAVIS, Box 77 A, Odessa, Texas, whose mother was listed as JEAN DAVIS, was working for O. C. HALES as a roustabout somewhere near Penwell, Texas. Mrs. ARMSTRONG stated that this report was nearly two years old and that the most recent information she had was that SELBORN DAVIS was attending high school in Odessa, Texas.

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AT ODESSA, TEXAS:

TAYLOR M. RUSHING, principal, Odessa High School, checked his files and stated that he had no record of a SEBRON or SELBORN DAVIS being registered as a student at this school.

J. T. SMITH, Assistant Postmaster, United States Post Office, stated that he had no record of SEBRON DAVIS or JEAN or LONA DAVIS receiving mail through his office.

AT PENWELL, TEXAS:

Mrs. JEWELL H. SMITH, Postmistress, United States Post Office, stated that SEBRON DAVIS had formerly received mail through this office but there had been none addressed to him for the past six months. Mrs. SMITH stated that she understood that O. C. HALES, who resides about five miles north of Penwell, Texas, is a close friend or relative of SEBRON DAVIS.

Investigation at the residence of O. C. HALES, who lives about five miles north of Penwell in the oil fields, revealed that he was not at home. However, Mr. L. L. HALES, his father, was interviewed, and he stated that he is the grandfather of SEBRON DAVIS and that SEBRON DAVIS is presently attending Junior High School at Odessa, Texas, and that his mother, JEAN or LONA DAVIS, is presently residing in the vicinity of Goldsmith, Texas.

As this investigation was conducted on November 11, a holiday, no effort was made to locate SEBRON DAVIS at the Junior High School in Odessa, and a lead is being set out in this regard.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE EL PASO OFFICE

AT ODESSA, TEXAS:

Will interview officials of the Junior High School for the purpose of locating SEBRON DAVIS, who is the son of ED DAVIS, who was executed at San Qu ntin in December, 1938, and

will then interview SEERON DAVIS for any information he may have relative to instant case, and will obtain the address of his mother, who is supposed to reside in Goldsmith, Texas.

AT GOLDSMITH, TEXAS:

Will interview JEAN or LONA DAVIS to ascertain if she has any information pertinent to instant case. Her husband, ED DAVIS, was executed at San Quentin in December, 1938.

P E N D I N G

Des Moines, Iowa  
December 9, 1939

Special Agent in Charge  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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RE: ROGOL

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter pertaining to the above captioned case written to the Los Angeles Office under date of December 7, 1939, copy of which was not sent to your office through inadvertence.

Very truly yours

E. R. DAVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Des Moines, Iowa  
December 7, 1939

Special Agent in Charge  
Los Angeles, California

RE: ROCOL

Dear Sir:

Mr. R. W. NEBERGALL, Chief of the Iowa State Bureau of Investigation, Des Moines, Iowa, has referred to me a letter which is postmarked November 29, 1939, Riverside, California, which letter was directed to MR. JIM RISDON, former Chief of the Iowa State Bureau of Investigation.

This letter is quoted as follows:

"Riverside Co. Jail  
CHARLES H. RISDON  
Box 573 - Riverside, Calif.  
Nov. 3 - 1939

MR. JIM RISDON  
Chief of the F.B.I.

Dear Jim:

Jim, in reference to the escape of EDWARD J. COLE from Federal prison at San Francisco Bay, I have found out all about his whereabouts thru very good sources, thru a very close friend and ex cell mate of his while in McAllister, thru home prison.

Just how he and his buddy escaped, and by the help they had, Jim, Now I happened to regain this information for you is, that I got into a jam, in the purchase of a Machinery deal here in the Co. of Riverside, and I got a year out of it, this Jim I do not regret as I can take it, as I have also found out - where the party lives that sold me same since I've been in here, thru another

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Letter from CHARLES H. RISDON, Riverside, Calif., Nov. 3, 1939, con't.

prisoner that is in here for about the same sort of a deal. I had a right to purchase same as I am a bonded dealer, in Los Angeles.

Jim: Ted operates a barber shop by all lady barbers, he has grown a heavy black mustash has his right soul and heel built up so as to form the beleaf of a cripple; uses a cane, wares dark sun glasses, and is said to carry two (45's) - He and his girl friend live in Tennessee, Mo. where they operate this shop.

Jim if you wish to learn more let me hear from you I'll be glad to assist you. So I believe if you look for such a lady barber shop in that town you ll locate him as I know this party was telling me the truth about all.

I've always have felt he had help, no man would attempt to swim from there. I passed there to many time's I know.

Trusting you are well Jim and when I am free out of here in January, I'll drop you a line and explain other things to you.

Sincerely yours,

C. H. Risdon (signed)"

Reference to the Postal Guide does not indicate that there is any such location in Missouri as Tennessee, Missouri, though there is a town known as Tecumseh. Whether or not C. H. RISDON, who wrote this letter, might have meant the latter is not known.

It is suggested that you contact C. H. RISDON, who is presumably an inmate at the Riverside County Jail, Riverside, California, and ascertain from him the exact location of the town in which he states TED COLE can be located. MR. NEBERGALL advises that MR. J. E. RISDON, the former Chief of the Iowa State Bureau of Investigation, disclaims that he knows the identity of the writer of this letter, who has apparently written him under the impression that he might be acquainted with him.

Very truly yours,

E. R. DAVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

ERD/mg  
cc Bureau

Kansas City (AIRMAIL)

AIRMAIL

Little Rock, Arkansas,  
December 1, 1939.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

RE: <sup>0</sup>ROCOL

Dear Sir:

A review of the file  
in this office discloses that all leads  
have been covered.

This matter is being  
considered referred upon completion to the  
office of origin with this letter.

Very truly yours,

E. L. RICHMOND,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

FILE NO.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>Springfield, Illinois</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12-4-39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>11-18-39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>G. C. THOMPSON</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>DE B</b></span>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <b>Mrs. A. B. (EDNA) BAILEY unknown in Mount Carmel, Illinois.</b>			
<b>-RUC-</b>			
REFERENCE: <b>Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 11-1-39.</b>			
DETAILS: <b>AT MOUNT CARMEL, ILLINOIS</b>			
<p>Mr. ELWOOD HARE and Mr. BLAINE PRICE, General Delivery clerks at the local Post Office, advised that they did not know Mrs. A. B. (EDNA) BAILEY, nor recall of her receiving mail at the General Delivery window. Mr. HARE said there was no mail for her at the present time, and after a search of the forwarding addresses on file stated that same contained no record of Mrs. BAILEY.</p> <p>Postmaster FAY MOYER advised that he did not know Mrs. BAILEY, but added that in view of the fact that the "oil boom" had moved into Wabash County, which had resulted in several hundred oil field workers moving into the county, it was possible that she was in Mount Carmel, and his office would have no knowledge of it. He instructed his clerks to obtain Mrs. BAILEY'S local address in the event she called for mail, and advised that he would furnish same to the Springfield Office by letter if he ascertained her address. The address of the Springfield Office was left with Mr. MOYER for this purpose.</p> <p>Sheriff W. E. STORCKMAN and Chief of Police GEORGE CRUM, JR., upon interview with reference to Mrs. BAILEY, advised that she was unknown to them. Sheriff STORCKMAN said that no city directory is published for the town of Mount Carmel, Illinois.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>A. C. Rutzen</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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**REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN**

Los Angeles, California  
December 9, 1939

Special Agent in Charge  
Springfield, Illinois

Re: ROCOL

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, dated at Oklahoma City, 11-1-39, in the above entitled case, which contains a lead for your office to interview IVAN WALTER KEENER at Prairie City, Illinois.

This is to advise that KEENER called at the Los Angeles Office on December 5, 1939, stating he had been advised by his mother that inquiry had been made by Agents of your office to locate him.

KEENER was unable to furnish any additional information concerning the location of DAVE BOYD, stating that he had furnished all information in his possession to an Agent from your office during June or July of this year.

Very truly yours,

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R. B. HOOD  
Special Agent in Charge

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **OKLAHOMA CITY**

FILE NO. **76-72 JF**

REPORT MADE AT <b>BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12/2/39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>11/14/39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>F. C. WOOD</b>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases, Fugitive, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, Fugitive, I.O. #1471</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

**W. L. URMSON**, Room 1109, Dominion Square Building, Montreal, P.Q., Canada, on examination of Bureau photographs of COLE declared that he is not the individual seen in Montreal by URMSON. Photographs displayed at Y.M.C.A., Drummond Street, with negative results.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent F. C. WOOD, Boston, dated September 6, 1939.  
Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, dated November 1, 1939.

**DETAILS:**

AT MONTREAL, P.Q., CANADA

Mr. WILLIAM L. URMSON, Room 1109, Dominion Square Building, on interview advised, after viewing additional Bureau photographs of COLE, that he thinks COLE is not identical with the man he saw at the Drummond Street Y.M.C.A. and he picked out several differences in appearance to illustrate his opinion. He stated further that he has not seen this unknown person since he was interviewed by Agent, and has no information as to his identity or means whereby he may be located.

At the Drummond Street Y.M.C.A. Agent interviewed desk clerks HENRY SEYWORD and J. M. LONE who viewed the photographs of Subjects without effecting any identification. Agent exhibited these photographs to other employees who are acquainted with the guests and lodgers at this place.

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without obtaining any identification. Mr. LOWE and Mr. SEYWORD could suggest no other persons who might be in a position to supply pertinent information in this matter.

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Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

FILE NO. 76-259-

REPORT MADE AT <b>Dallas, Texas</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12-12-39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>11-22-39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>K. A. Clow</b>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, IO #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, IO #1471.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER</b>


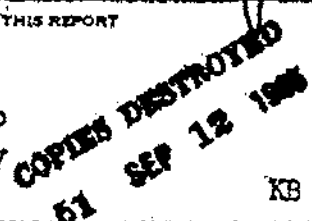
**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** ROLLIE RECTOR, inmate of Alcatraz at time of subjects' escape, stated current made escape impossible. States escape made from window in blacksmith shop.

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**Reference:** Report of Special Agent C. R. DAVIS, San Antonio, Texas, dated 7-5-39.

**Details:**

ROLLIE RECTOR, #87942, confined to Eastham Prison Farm, Weldon, Texas, stated that at the time of the escape of RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE, he was working in the machine shop directly over the Blacksmith's shop, in which COLE and ROE were working and from which they escaped; that an escape from this blacksmith shop must have been made by dropping fifty feet to a ledge below the windows of the shop and from the ledge into the water. RECTOR further stated that no raft or driftwood of any kind could have been utilized in the attempt to get away from Alcatraz on the side from which escape was attempted as the current on that side sweeps outward and around to the other side of the island; that it is hardly possible for a boat to have sneaked aloft enough to this side of the island to pick up ROE and COLE, as it would have been necessary to constantly fight the adverse current in order to stay in one place, and as a result would have made some noise which would have attracted attention. RECTOR advised that it was his opinion that if ROE and COLE had been aided from the outside world the other convicts working in the blacksmith shop at the time of the escape would have made the break with them; that the names of other convicts working with COLE and ROE at the time were, as well as he could remember, CHARLIE BERTER, a fellow only known to him as "SLIM" and another fellow who had formerly been an associate of "BABY FACE NELSON", and whose name he could not recall.

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RECTOR Stated that if the use of buckets could have aided ROE and COLE, it would have been possible for buckets to have been obtained as the blacksmith's shop had been equipped with them.

RECTOR advised that if the plans of escape were discussed before or after ROE and COLE made their break, he had not heard of them, and that other convicts at Alcatraz were suspicious of him as they knew he was a "short timer" and trying to be released from Alcatraz.

ROLLIE RECTOR stated that he was firm in his belief that ROE and COLE were drowned in the attempt to escape.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION:

At Alcatraz Island: Will, if deemed advisable, ascertain if CHARLES BERTER is incarcerated there and if so interview him for any information he may give regarding the escape of ROE and COLE.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
December 15, 1939

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

Dear Sir:

Re: R o c o l

This is to advise that on December 14, 1939  
a 30-day cover was placed on the mail of RAYMOND A. ROE,  
Box #242, Hays, Kansas.

Very truly yours,

*Dwight Brantley*  
DWIGHT BRANTLEY  
Special Agent in Charge.

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*Ralph Roe*

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
December 14, 1939

Postmaster,  
Hays, Kansas.

Re: <sup>0</sup> R o o l

Dear Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the usual 30-day mail cover be placed on the mail of RAYMOND and MARGARET ROE, Box #242, Hays, Kansas (1 mile west of Hays, Kansas on U. S. Highway #40).

It is requested that this mail cover include mail classified as parcel post and registered mail, and in forwarding tracings on any mail received by these individuals, please refer to FBI File No. 76-417.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

ATD:DR ✓  
cc Bureau

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

FILE NO. 76-259-

REPORT MADE AT <b>Dallas, Texas</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12-13-39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>11-28-39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>A. W. Miller</b>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, IO #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, IO #1471.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

L. J. DICKERSON, Lefors, Texas, states he has never heard his brother HOWARD C. DICKERSON, or anyone else mention the escape of ROE and COLE.

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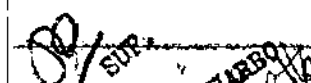
**Reference:**

Report of Special Agent H. I. BOBBITT, San Francisco, California, dated 10-12-39.

**Details:**

L. J. DICKERSON, General Delivery, LeFors, Texas, informed that soon after, or just before, ROE and COLE made their escape from Alcatraz, he visited his brother HOWARD C. DICKERSON for a short while at Alcatraz. While there he had to visit with his brother through a screen net work and during his visit a guard stood near them at all times. He advised the escape did not enter his mind while he was at the prison and he is certain that if his brother thought of it, he dared not mention it for the reason the guard was standing near them. He stated the next time he visited his brother was in the fall of 1938 at Leavenworth, Kansas, at the United States Penitentiary. When he visited him this time he was permitted to sit across a table from him, but it would have been impossible for either of them to discuss the escape of ROE and COLE. He stated, however, that he did not think of the escape during his last visit.

DICKERSON stated his brother is a hardened criminal and it is doubtful that he would tell him anything about the escape if he possesses any knowledge of it. He stated that he is willing to assist the government in any way possible through his brother, but under the circumstances at the penitentiary he is unable to ask his brother about the escape with the guard in hearing distance, and he is sure his brother will not answer questions. He advised further that he has not heard from his brother for several months, and at that time it was through some relative,

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and that in view of the fact that all mail is censored at the penitentiary, his brother would not dare mention the escape in a letter.

DICKERSON informed that no one had mentioned the escape to him, except in the case of some curious individual who was aware of his brother's incarceration at Alcatraz, and then to only wonder if ROE and COLE were successful in their escape.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY

FILE NO. 76-95

REPORT MADE AT <b>DENVER</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12-16-39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12-7-39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>C. E. CLAY</b>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1472; THEODORE COLE with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1471.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

RUTH MILLS has not heard from ~~WINNIE METCALF~~ since Sept. 1938, when he was at Silverton, Colo. She heard that WINNIE METCALF's father recently died and was residing with WINNIE's brother at Hotchkiss, Colo. Lead set out for Silverton, Colo.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent John J. Horgan, Salt Lake City, 11-22-39.

DETAILS: AT CRAIG, COLORADO ---

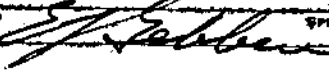

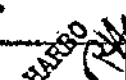
RUTH MILLS advised she does not know the present location of WINNIE METCALF; that the last time she heard from him was in September, 1938, when he wrote her a letter from Silverton, Colorado; that when METCALF was in the penitentiary, she heard that he had been killed and she therefore got married; that when she wrote to him and told him that she had married, he did not write to her again.

RUTH MILLS advised the only suggestion she could make is that interview be had with RAY METCALF, brother of WINNIE, at Hotchkiss, Colorado, and from him endeavor to learn the present location of WINNIE. RUTH stated she has heard that the father of WINNIE METCALF, who was residing with RAY METCALF at Hotchkiss, died some time ago. It will be noted from the report of Special Agent J. J. STARKE, Denver, dated 8/7/39, that the father and brother of WINNIE METCALF have been interviewed at Hotchkiss, Colorado.

-- UNDEVELOPED LEAD --

THE DENVER OFFICE at Silverton, Colorado, will attempt to locate WINNIE METCALF, or ascertain any forwarding address left by METCALF at the Silverton Postoffice.

-- P E N D I N G --

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

NY FILE NO. **76-276 OG**

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK CITY</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12/21/39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>11/15, 16/39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>L. LEVIN</b>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

CLARENCE K. PISTELL, N.Y.C., has no information indicating existence of any persons named EDWARD or BENJAMIN PISTELL. States, however, history of entire PISTELL family at Baltimore, Md., PISTELL origin. MORRIS "MUSH" TRACHNER is MORRIS PRACKNER, well known political and gangster figure from Albany, N. Y. Information concerning his activities as reflected by Furdress file set forth herein.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent J. F. McDevitt, Philadelphia, dated 1/27/39.

Report of Special Agent D. W. Magee, Los Angeles, California dated 7/18/39.

**DETAILS:**

The reference report of Agent Magee reflects on pages 9 and 10 the only information concerning EDWARD and BENJAMIN PISTELL available in the New York Office. The report of Special Agent C. J. Martin, Buffalo, December 9, 1938, is not available. The office of origin, if it deems it advisable, should furnish a copy of the last mentioned report to the Washington Field Office, for proper development of the lead which will be subsequently set out in connection with investigation requested at Baltimore, Maryland.

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MR. CLARENCE K. PISTELL, of the firm of Pistell, Wright & Company, Ltd., 40 Wall Street advised that he originated in Baltimore, Maryland, as did his entire family. He stated that his father, JOHN PISTELL, presently resides at Buffalo, New York, is quite aged, and his memory is not as good as it might be; further, that he, CLARENCE PISTELL, left Baltimore approximately forty years ago, so that his knowledge of the PISTELL family, as well as their identities and locations is very meager. He stated, however, that his father, JOHN, was the baby of seven brothers, most of whom are deceased. He named some of these brothers as being LAWRENCE, LOUIS, and WILLIAM; further, that these brothers of his father have undoubtedly a great many offsprings, the names and locations of whom CLARENCE did not know. He suggested that an interview be had with his aunt, MISS LILLIAN PISTELL, who is located on Packer Street, Baltimore, Maryland. She operates a small grocery or confectionary store, exact location unknown. MR. PISTELL felt that his aunt would be in a position to advise if there were any PISTELLS named EDWARD or BENJAMIN.

The reference report of Agent McDevitt suggests that a photograph be obtained of one MORRIS "MUSH" TRACHNER. This individual's photograph is desired for display by the Portland Office. It appears that this individual is identical with one MORRIS TRACKINER, of 4 Kate Street, Albany, New York, concerning whom the Furdress files in the New York Office reveal the following information:

MORRIS TRACKINER went to Albany, New York, approximately 16 years ago from either New York City or New Jersey. When he first arrived in Albany, he was a small time bootlegger and gambler. He shortly established himself however, in the illicit liquor racket and later became one of the biggest bootleggers in New York State. During Prohibition days, TRACKINER is reputed to have made \$1,000,000. in the illegal liquor trade. Since Prohibition, it is rumored at Albany, New York that he uses his money to finance and back many of the illegal stills although this fact has never been proved. Two months before the O'CONNELL kidnaping took place in Albany, a gang headed by LEONARD SCARNICCI made an attempt to kidnap TRACKINER. This attempt was made near his home at 4 Kate Street, Albany, New York. TRACKINER eluded his abductors by rushing into his home. One of the gang fired on him and he narrowly avoided being hit. At that time he



was accompanied by a bodyguard who fled. At the time of the O'CONNELL kidnaping, TRACKINER was prospering in Albany. Following this kidnaping, however, the lid was clamped down tight on all rackets in Albany and since that time TRACKINER has not been mixed up in any illegal enterprise.

It is alleged that TRACKINER is by nature "yellow" and has never lent his name to any illegal enterprise in which he was interested but rather financed the matter and remained himself in the background. He formerly operated a "bookie joint" in Rensselaer, New York, where it is believed he had political connections, and may have political connections at this time.

There is no definite information indicating that MORRIS TRACKINER ever had any personal contact with LOUIS BUCHALTER. The file, however, indicates that he has been a contact for the BUCHALTER-SHAPIRO mob in the Albany territory covering the Comstock Prison. The file also reflects that Deputy United States Marshal WILLIAM CARROLL at Albany, New York, reported that a confidential informant whose name he did not care to disclose, advised that this informant had been employed by TRACKINER at the Chicago Club at Saratoga, New York, during the season of 1937, the last season that this gambling establishment was operated. This informant stated that MORRIS TRACKINER probably knew LOUIS BUCHALTER inasmuch as BUCHALTER visited the Chicago Club.

MORRIS TRACKINER for some years had been a partner in the Chicago Club, a gambling establishment at Saratoga, New York. With him in this gambling business as partners were two men by the names of HARRY BURMAN and DOC FERRONE. DOC FERRONE is a notorious leader of vice in Saratoga and like TRACKINER made large sums of money in illegal still operations. The Chicago Club, however, was not operated during the racing season of 1938, due to the activities of law enforcement officers in that City. Without doubt, however, in the event that the Chicago Club reopens along with other gambling activities at Saratoga, during the 1939 season, TRACKINER will probably be again interested.

TRACKINER was reported to be an Affiliated Republican, however, the present regime at Albany is lopsidedly Democratic. This fact, plus the fact that general vice conditions in Albany at the present time are at a very low ebb and have been since the O'CONNELL kidnaping, accounts for the fact that TRACKINER is not engaged in any illegal enterprise at the present time.

Although TRACKINER has lived in Albany for the past 16 years, it is alleged that he never conducted his activities in the City of Albany, but operated rather in Rensselaer, Saratoga and Schenectady, New York.

Until very recently, TRACKINER was living entirely from the proceeds of his former enterprises plus whatever he was able to pick up from gambling on horses. He is an inveterate gambler, and bets on the horses continuously, though it is reported that he is not taking bets at the present time.

Recently MORRIS TRACKINER and two other individuals whose names are unknown, entered into the junk business. There is a possibility that this junk business is merely a cover for some new racket. TRACKINER is not mixed up in any labor unions.

There is no definite information concerning TRACKINER'S sources of income other than he had been a partner in the Chicago Club at Saratoga, New York, and is presently in the junk business. TRACKINER was apparently well fixed financially as a result of money made by him in the past in rackets.

The Buffalo Office, by letter dated August 17, 1939 advised that a photographic copy of the fingerprints of TRACKINER have been forwarded to the Bureau. The Buffalo Office indicated that these prints were in the possession of the Albany Police Department as the result of an application made by TRACKINER for a pistol permit.

As a result of the search of this photographic copy of the fingerprints, the Bureau, on August 10, 1939, furnished a criminal record of this individual under FBI-1750823 as follows:

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<u>Contributor of Fingerprints</u>	<u>Name &amp; Number</u>	<u>Arrested Received</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
Dist. Atty. Albany, N.Y. #___	Morris Trackiner	inquiry 1-8-34		
Bu. Field Div. Buffalo, N.Y. #___	Morris Trackiner	inquiry 2-8-39		

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

BUFFALO FIELD DIVISION, AT ALBANY, N.Y.: - Will secure photograph of MORRIS TRACKINER, which should probably be available in connection with the permit he received to carry a pistol. This photograph should be forwarded to the Portland Office.

WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION, AT BALTIMORE, MD.: - Will through interview with MISS LILLIAN PISTELL, Packer Street develop information concerning EDWARD or BENJAMIN PISTELL.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **76-50**

REPORT MADE AT <b>HUNTINGTON, W.VA.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12-21-39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8/25; 9/7, 12, 13, 14, 18, 25; 10/10; 11/4; 12/8/39.</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>MORTON M. REED</b>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Informants in State of West Virginia contacted for information relative to Subjects with negative results.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 6-2-39.

**DETAILS:**

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent J. A. MARTIN:

Reference is made to the lead set out for all offices in the report of Special Agent R. T. HOOD dated at Oklahoma City 6-2-39, to contact informants relative to the Subjects. The writer, on September 13 and 14, 1939, contacted SAM AUDIA, Clark Hotel, and ANTHONY RAYMOND, Harrison County Jail, Clarksburg, West Virginia, relative to any information concerning the Subjects. Both stated to their knowledge Subjects had not been in that vicinity and they had received no information concerning them. They advised that in the event they did receive any information concerning the Subjects they would immediately contact the writer, or the Huntington Office. The above referred to persons are being included in the Confidential Informant file. In the past they have been cooperative in furnishing information to the writer. AUDIA is an ex-convict and is alleged to presently be engaged in gambling and bootlegging in Clarksburg. RAYMOND associates with the criminal element in Clarksburg and prior to his incarceration in jail some nine months ago lived at a house of prostitution at 341 Winning Street.

The following investigation was contacted by Special Agent in Charge J. W. WARNES:

On August 24, 1939, Mr. WIATT GREGORY, Route #1, Huntington, West Virginia, (in the vicinity known as Fourpole) called at this office with a magazine containing

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the photograph of Subject ROE. He said that he believed that one GEORGE JOHNSON also known as GEORGE R. JOHNSON who lives in Huntington and whose father, HENRY JOHNSON, also of Huntington, is identical with Subject ROE. He said that the photograph of ROE appearing in the magazine looked very much like JOHNSON. Upon questioning it was brought out that Mr. GEORGE R. JOHNSON and GREGORY are brothers-in-law by marriage; that there is considerable family difficulty and that JOHNSON has been in Huntington continually for the past four or five years.

In view of the foregoing it would appear that JOHNSON could not be identical with Subject ROE.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent MORTON M. REED:

ROBERT HANE HENNING and JAMES HUBBARD CLOXTON, Subjects of Huntington Field Division files, were questioned in connection with the case, at Charleston, West Virginia, inasmuch as they have had wide associations throughout many states with the criminal element, and at the time of their arrests cooperated wholeheartedly in giving information. They were unable to throw any light on this matter. It may be noted that the interview with them concerning this matter was casual and was not such as to leave them with the impression that the Bureau was interested.

ARNOLD O. WOLFE, Identification Officer, Charleston, West Virginia Police Department, Lieutenant CHARLES W. RAY, West Virginia State Police, Sergeant H. L. STILLMAN, Company B, State Police, all of Charleston, were contacted with reference to this matter, with negative results.

VIOLET ~~S~~ALMONS and ANN ~~Y~~OUNG, prostitutes, Charleston, West Virginia, and confidential informants of the Huntington Field Division, were contacted with reference to this matter, with negative results.

LAWRENCE CHANEY, Identification Officer, State Penitentiary, Moundsville, West Virginia, who has many sources of information and informants within the penitentiary, advised that the only information he had concerning Subjects in this case was to the effect that they must have gone down in the Bay.

Detective HARRY WOLFE, Wheeling Police Department, advised that he had never heard any rumors concerning the Subjects in this case. It may be noted that Detective WOLFE has many contacts and informants, and is a progressive officer in the City of Wheeling, West Virginia.

Corporal G. S. KNIGHT, State Police, located at New Cumberland, West Virginia, and who has charge of the district which includes the steel mills at Weirton, West Virginia, in which section are located many persons of the criminal element, advised that none of his informants had ever heard any information concerning the Subjects in this case.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent JOSEPH A. SIZOO:

For possible information concerning the Subjects in this case, the writer contacted JACK KIDD who is a known gambler and dope peddler in the vicinity of Bluefield, West Virginia. KIDD stated that he was not acquainted with either ROE or COLE, but that he had heard of them through UNDERHILL and BATES, whom he met some years ago in Leavenworth, Kansas. He stated that he had heard nothing concerning the escape of Subjects ROE and COLE.

The dwiter during the course of other investigations made inquiry of the law enforcement agencies in Williamson, Welch, and Bluefield, West Virginia, for possible information concerning Subjects with negative results.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **OKLAHOMA CITY**

FILE NO. **76-9** JET:bu

REPORT MADE AT <b>HONOLULU</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12-15-39</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>11-1,16,17-39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. Z. THORNTON</b>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, IO 1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, IO 1471.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.</b>

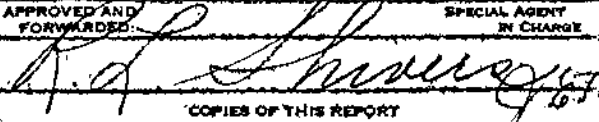
**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** RUTH ELLEN SMITH HOWARD, beauty product demonstrator, located in Honolulu living with husband, JOHN ALEXIS SMITH; claims she has no knowledge of M. T. PETTIJOHN, former Alcatraz inmate #128. All major oil companies checked in effort to locate a RUTH HOWARD who might be operating a filling station, with negative results. RUTH HOWARD not operating or employed in any beauty parlor in Honolulu under any of her known names. No Post Office Box 3025, and Post Office has no record of RUTH HOWARD.

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**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 11-1-39;  
Report of Special Agent H. T. ARTERBERRY, Dallas, 6-19-39.

**DETAILS:** Post Office Inspector JUDGE WOOD, Honolulu, was contacted and advised there is no such Post Office box as 3025, which, according to reference report of Agent ARTERBERRY, was the box number under which RUTH HOWARD was obtaining mail from her mother, MRS. MARSH. Further check indicated that no one named RUTH HOWARD or MRS. M. T. PETTIJOHN or RUTH-PETTIJOHN was obtaining mail through any Post Office box. The only HOWARD who had a Post Office Box was JOHN HOWARD, who had rented Box 1800.

The usual sources of information, such as the city directory, telephone directory, public utilities, failed to develop any information concerning RUTH HOWARD. Inasmuch as reference reports indicated she was either working at a beauty parlor or operating a filling station, inquiries were made at various beauty parlors, and it was ascertained that a MRS. HOWARD was selling Colonial Dames products for HELEN BEACH, who has the agency for McKesson, Langley.

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and Michaels. This MRS. HOWARD was contacted and appeared at the Honolulu office with her husband. She advised her name is RUTH ELLEN SMITH HOWARD, that her husband's name is JOHN ALEXIS HOWARD. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] She further advised she first came to Honolulu on April 22, 1938 on the SS MATSONIA from San Francisco, and that prior to that time she had been employed at Lee's Candy Shop on Polk Street near California St. and right close to the Royal Theater. RUTH HOWARD advised she had been working as a beauty demonstrator since July 1, 1939, and that she is not a registered beauty operator.

JOHN ALEXIS HOWARD was questioned and advised that he owns the ABC Second Hand Store at 1242 Nuuanu Street, Post Office Box 1800, Honolulu. Both MR. & MRS. HOWARD advised they had never heard of M. T. PETTIJOHN, and MRS. HOWARD advised she had never been married to M. T. PETTIJOHN and knows nothing of him. She advised that if further check were necessary, that her father's name is EDMUND J. SMITH, and he can be located c/o MRS. ROBERT McILVERIA, at St. Helen's, Oregon. MRS. HOWARD advised she did not know of any other person named RUTH HOWARD in Honolulu. She stated she was definitely sure there was no one working in a beauty parlor by that name, as she would have come in contact with her through the sale of her products.

MRS. MARY DIAS, 115 S. Beretania St., Secretary of the Board of the Hairdressers, Cosmeticians, and Cosmetologists, advised that no one by the name of RUTH HOWARD, RUTH PETTIJOHN, or RUTH HOWARD PETTIJOHN was operating a beauty parlor in Honolulu or employed in one under any of those names. MRS. DIAS was most cooperative, but advised that if a photograph could be furnished her of RUTH HOWARD she could undoubtedly be able to identify her if she is employed under another name.

Inasmuch as reference report of Special Agent HOOD indicated RUTH HOWARD might be operating a filling station in Honolulu, a check was made of the major oil companies, and the following persons and companies were contacted, with negative results.

CARL COCHRAN, sales manager, Shell Oil Company;  
WILLARD GRACE, Standard Oil Company;  
E. B. CONNELL, sales manager, Union Oil Company;  
TOM SHIELDS, Associated Oil Company.

MR. CONNELL advised that in his opinion it would be impossible for a white woman to come into Honolulu and operate or purchase a filling station without his knowledge, as it would be most unusual on the island. He was most cooperative and advised that in the event he obtained any information he would immediately supply same to the Honolulu office.

The writer has endeavored to ascertain if a girl by the name of RUTH HOWARD or RUTH PETTIJOHN is working as a prostitute in any of the houses in connection with other cases which are presently under investigation, however



no such girl has come to his attention, nevertheless it may be possible that she is actually working in Honolulu as a prostitute under an assumed name, and in the event a photograph is available of RUTH HOWARD, it may be possible to identify her.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE DALLAS OFFICE, at Ballinger, Texas, will again contact MRS. THOMAS M. MARSHALL in an effort to ascertain the correct address of her daughter, RUTH HOWARD. Will then set forth an appropriate lead to interview RUTH HOWARD.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

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

REPORT MADE AT <b>KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>1-3-40</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12-13, 14-39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>A. T. DEERE</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>MT</b></span>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1471</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Mail covers placed on the mail of Mr. and Mrs. **RAYMOND A. ROE.**

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**DETAILS:**

In compliance with recent Bureau instructions that Christmas mail covers be placed on the relatives of all fugitives, the Postmaster at Hays, Kansas, was requested to place a mail cover on the mail of Mr. and Mrs. **RAYMOND A. (MARGARET) ROE**, Box #242, Hays, Kansas, one mile west of Hays, Kansas, on United States Highway #40.

**UNDEVELOPED LEAD:**

**KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION**

At Kansas City, Missouri, will report the results of the mail cover.

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Buffalo, N.Y., 12/27/39

Special Agent in Charge  
Albany, N.Y.

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 the following serials from the files of the Buffalo Field Division for your information and guidance in conducting investigation in this case.

Two photographs of THEODORE COLE,

Two photographs of RALPH ROE,

Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 11/1/39,	serial 36,
Report of Special Agent J. E. BALDRIDGE, Pittsburgh, Pa., 10/30/39,	" 34,
Report of Special Agent THEODORE C. PARKER, Jr., Buffalo, N.Y., 9/7/39,	" 30,
Report of Special Agent R. H. SIMONS, New York City, 8/14/39,	" 29,
Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 7/21/39,	" 27,
Report of Special Agent B. W. MAGEE, Los Angeles, 7/18/39,	" 26,
Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 6/2/39,	" 25,
Report of Special Agent F. S. SMITH, Oklahoma City, 5/15/39,	" 23,
Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 5/25/39,	" 21,
Report of Special Agent C. E. GUNAWAY, Buffalo, N.Y., 5/27/39,	" 20,
Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 12/2/38,	" 17,
Bureau letter dated May 9, 1938,	" 15,
Bureau letter dated April 27, 1938,	" 13,
Report of Special Agent C. E. GUNAWAY, Buffalo, N.Y., 4/13/38,	" 12,
Report of Special Agent CARL J. MARTIN, Buffalo, N.Y., 2/9/38,	" 11,
Report of Special Agent (A) M. H. FRIEZE, Buffalo, N.Y., 1/12/38,	" 10,
Report of Special Agent M. E. GUNAWAY, San Francisco, 12/28/37,	" 9,
Bureau letter dated December 28, 1937,	" 8,
Identification Order #1472 of RALPH ROE,	" 1.

The Oklahoma City office is the office of origin.

It is suggested that you obtain directly from the Bureau an appropriate number of the Identification Orders of these subjects.

Very truly yours,

J. J. McGUIRE

Special Agent in Charge

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **OKLAHOMA CITY**

FILE NO. **76-259**

REPORT MADE AT <b>DALLAS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>1/4/40</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12/22/39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. L. FALLON</b>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, IO # 1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, IO # 1471</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>


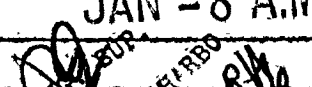
**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Mrs. O. W. YATES, Fred, Texas, has been corresponding with FAY ROE,, sister-in-law of Fugitive ROE, for a number of years; has been acquainted with her since employed together by Mr. KENNEDY at Tulsa, Oklahoma, some years ago. Mr. and Mrs. YATES presently employed by Atlantic Pipe Line Company, Fred, Texas, and bear good reputation.

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**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent J. L. FALLON, Dallas, dated 11/4/39, and report Special Agent R. T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, dated 11/1/39.

**DETAILS:** Mrs. O. W. YATES was located at the Atlantic Pipe Line Company lease seven miles northwest of Fred, Texas. Mrs. YATES stated that she met FAY ROE in Tulsa, Oklahoma, when they were both employed by a Mr. KENNEDY, who is an oil operator and has offices in the Kennedy Building in Tulsa, Oklahoma; that they have been corresponding with each other for a number of years; that Mrs. FAY ROE married JAMES ROE, a brother of Fugitive ROE, JAMES ROE being a bootlegger and at one time served a term in the Leavenworth Penitentiary for violation of the liquor laws. JAMES ROE at the present time is employed by the International Supply Company, Odessa, Texas. FAY ROE is now residing in Los Angeles, California, and to the best of Mrs. YATES' knowledge she is divorced from JAMES ROE.

Photograph of Fugitive ROE was displayed to Mr. and Mrs. YATES, as was the photograph of Fugitive COLE, and they denied ever knowing either of the Fugitives. Mrs. YATES stated that she is not acquainted with the in-laws of Mrs. FAY ROE; that she met JAMES ROE on only one or two occasions in Tulsa,

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Oklahoma.

Mr. JOSEPH TURNER, Superintendent of the Atlantic Pipe Line Company, was reinterviewed and stated that he has seen no activities whatever in the vicinity of YATES' home since agent's last visit.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

FILE NO. **76-85 C.JG**

REPORT MADE AT <b>BUFFALO, NEW YORK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>1/8/40</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>1/4/40</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>JACK J. OSTEN</b>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

**CHARLES REISS** alias **CHARLES AOWIT** interviewed at Attica State Prison, Attica, New York and claims to have knowledge concerning subjects but refuses to divulge same unless authorities release him from his present incarceration.

- RUC -

**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent R. H. SIMONS, New York City, dated 8/14/39.

**DETAILS:**

**At ATTICA, NEW YORK**

At the Attica State Prison, Chief Clerk W. L. DENNO was contacted at which time he advised that CHARLES AOWIT, their prison number T-4983 would not be released from the prison until February 27th, 1942.

CHARLES AOWIT was interviewed relative to what knowledge he might have concerning the escape of subjects and he advised that he was incarcerated at Alcatraz at the time the escape was made and that he had certain knowledge pertaining thereto but that he intended to keep such knowledge to himself unless the authorities would release him from his present sentence in exchange for information concerning the escape.

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CHARLES AOWIT also refused to give this agent any insignificant information which might be checked to determine if he actually did have reliable information. However, he was advised that the Bureau would not and could not do anything to commute his present sentence.

CHARLES AOWIT seemed to be more anxious to explain a prison break that might occur in the future and for this purpose said he would have to be taken to San Francisco to point out certain things rather than try to explain them to agent.

It is the writer's opinion that CHARLES AOWIT does not have any information concerning the escape but is merely trying to persuade the authorities that if he is released from his present sentence, he can give information leading to the solution of the escape.

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Buffalo, New York

December 30th, 1939

Special Agent in Charge  
Albany, New York

Dear Sir:

Re: RALPH MOE was, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472;  
THEODORE COLE was, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471;  
Escaped Federal Prisoners.

There are forwarded herewith two copies of the report of Special Agent L. LEVIN, dated December 21st, 1939 at New York City in the above-entitled case containing a lead for the Buffalo Field Division at Albany, New York.

Pertinent serials in this case have previously been forwarded to your office and inasmuch as the lead in reference report falls within the territory covered by your Division, both copies of the report are transmitted herewith.

Very truly yours

J. J. McGUIRE  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: Bureau  
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940 1st National Building  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
December 28, 1939

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Special Agent in Charge  
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Sir:

Re: ROCOL

With reference to the report of Special Agent  
L. LEVIN, dated at New York City, December 21, 1939, there  
is being enclosed herewith a copy of the report of Special  
Agent CARL J. MARTIN, dated at Buffalo, February 9, 1938,  
for proper development of leads at Baltimore, Maryland.

Very truly yours,

Enc.  
RTH-rmb

H. E. ANDERSEN,  
Special Agent in Charge

cc Bureau  
San Francisco

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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REPORT MADE AT <b>MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>1-8-40</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>1-2, 5-40</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. W. SAVAGE</b> VS
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1472 THEODORE COLE with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1471</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Descriptive information, photographs  
displayed confidential informants,  
Memphis, Tenn, negative results.  
Efforts to contact Mrs. M. S. T.  
PO Box 799, Memphis, Tenn. negative.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City,  
dated 6-2-39.

Report of SCOTT ALDEN, Memphis, dated  
8-3-39.

**DETAILS:**

**AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE:**

Photographs and physical descriptions of Fugitives  
ROE and COLE were displayed to the following confidential informants and  
contacts of the Memphis Field Division with negative results:

Miss MABEL HOWE,  
310 1/2 South Main Street,

Miss KATE SMITH,  
342 1/2 South Main Street

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Mrs. ADA JENKINS  
356 South Mulberry

Miss GERTIE LANE  
307 South Mulberry

Mrs. CLAUDE NEWELL  
316½ South Mulberry

Mrs. EUDORA MARTIN  
438 Linden

C. V. WEST  
Peabody Hotel

Mrs. JACK FLEMING  
Weakley Hotel

NELL MILLER  
162½ South Second Street

\* \* \* \* \*

With regard to reference report of RALPH T. HOOD, efforts to identify Mrs. M. S. T. who corresponded with the Bureau by letter dated May 5, 1939, has met with negative results, as reflected by reference report of Special Agent SCOTT ALDEN. By letter dated August 3, 1939, a letter was addressed to Mrs. M. S. T., Post Office Box 799, Memphis, Tennessee, requesting her to contact the Memphis Division office. At this date no reply has ever been received.

In view of the foregoing information, and there appearing no investigation to be conducted by the Memphis Division office, instant case is being referred upon completion to the office of origin.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

San Francisco, California  
January 9, 1940

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: ROCOL

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith a copy of the fingerprints of BENJAMIN CAMPBELL, which was secured from the San Francisco Police Department.

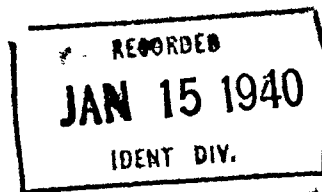
It is requested that this office be furnished the known criminal record for CAMPBELL. The enclosed card may be retained in the files of the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

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

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cc Oklahoma City



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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

FILE NO. **76-290**

REPORT MADE AT <b>San Francisco, Calif.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>1/9/40</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>11/18, 19; 12/11, 14/39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>LOUIS D. WINE - MR</b>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Miss PHYLLIS MARLOEW, operator of the Beach Hill Inn, Santa Cruz, Calif., states she recalls HELEN ROBINSON who stopped there a few days during the summer of 1938 under the name of Mrs. LAWRENCE FAIRCHILD. She states she is a prostitute and was reported to be working in a house of prostitution in the 300 or 400 block of Turk Street, San Francisco. HELEN ROBINSON is reported to be the wife of WILLIAM RITCHEY, former Alcatraz No. 99.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent G. M. Alderson, Boston, Mass., dated 10/25/39.

**DETAILS:**

At Santa Cruz, California.

Miss PHYLLIS MARLOEW, operator of the Beach Hill Inn, Second and Main Streets, stated that she recalled Miss HELEN ROBINSON, who stopped for a few days during the summer of 1938. At that time she was friendly with LAWRENCE FAIRCHILD, who was

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maintenance man at this hotel, and that Miss ROBINSON was using the name of Mrs. LAWRENCE FAIRCHILD, but was apparently not married to him. She stated that she was very disorderly and immoral while in the hotel and was ordered to leave; that shortly after her departure she learned from LAWRENCE FAIRCHILD that HELEN ROBINSON was a professional prostitute and was working in a house of prostitution in the 300 or 400 block on Turk Street, San Francisco.

She stated that LAWRENCE FAIRCHILD left shortly thereafter and is somewhere in the east; that neither LAWRENCE FAIRCHILD or HELEN ROBINSON left any forwarding address at this hotel.

Miss MARLOEW described HELEN ROBINSON as 30 years of age, small, slender, about 5' 2", dark hair, dark eyes, and nice looking. She stated that HELEN ROBINSON was reported to be the wife of WILLIAM RITCHEY, former Alcatraz No. 99.

At San Francisco, California.

The following investigation was conducted by  
Special Agent J. A. ROBEY:

At approximately 9:40 P.M., 11/18/39, Warden JAMES A. JOHNSTON of the United States Penitentiary at Alcatraz Island, called the San Francisco Field Division and advised that JAMES ALLEN, a laundry worker at the Island, had just telephoned him that while talking with a drunken man at 16th and Mission Streets, San Francisco, the "drunk" indicated he knew something about the escape of the subjects in this case. ALLEN told the Warden that the man who had been talking was named CAMPBELL and had been arrested by the San Francisco Police Department on a vagrancy charge. Warden JOHNSTON stated that he had instructed ALLEN to report all details to this office.

At approximately 9:50 P.M., JAMES J. ALLEN, 4028 Army Street, San Francisco, California, called at the San Francisco Field Division. He stated that he is an acting guard in the Model Shop at Alcatraz and formerly worked in the laundry. He was accompanied by his brother ALBERT ALLEN, who is the maintenance man for the Altamount Hotel.

ALLEN stated that he has been employed at the United States Penitentiary, Alcatraz, since October, 1937, and was interviewed by Agents at the time the Subjects escaped and was told to keep his ears and eyes open for information on them. He stated that this evening he was standing in front of the Dublin Saloon at 16th and Mission Streets, with his brother, when CAMPBELL came along and asked him to have a drink; that he refused and CAMPBELL made some remark that just because he was an ex-convict, ALLEN would not have a drink with him. He further stated that the man went in the saloon and he (ALLEN) followed him in for the purpose of finding out more about him; that CAMPBELL had on a "crying jag" and CAMPBELL told him he had made time at San Quentin Prison and also at Alcatraz and mentioned the name of one of the Lieutenants on the Island (name not recalled by ALLEN).

ALLEN stated he began a conversation with CAMPBELL and CAMPBELL stated that he had gotten a "bum rap"; that while on the Island, RALPH and another convict had escaped (CAMPBELL did not mention any surnames) and made a clean get away. ALLEN asked him where they went, thinking of ROE and COLE, and CAMPBELL told him "they went over the hill" - "over the Border". ALLEN asked him if he meant the Mexican or Canadian border, to which CAMPBELL replied, "Over the Canadian border." ALLEN stated that he believed CAMPBELL might know something about instant case, and when CAMPBELL left the saloon, had one of the San Francisco Police Department patrolmen pick him up on a vagrancy charge. He was arrested and taken to the City Jail. ALLEN furnished the writer with a fingerprint card of the San Francisco Police Department which contains the fingerprints of CAMPBELL and which is being forwarded to the Bureau for the known criminal record of CAMPBELL.

BENJAMIN E. CAMPBELL was interviewed at the San Francisco City Jail on the morning of November 19, 1939. He advised that he resides with his wife and five children at 356 15th Avenue, Redwood City, California, and has been employed by the R. L. REAVES Roofing Co., Palo Alto, California, for the past four months but was laid off on November 16, 1939; that he came to San Francisco on November 18, 1939, on the Greyhound Bus to see TOMMY TARPLY, business representative of the Roofers' Union, Local 400, at 200 Guerrero Street, regarding employment; that he hung around 16th and Mission Streets, visited the Dublin

Saloon and got drunk and does not remember anything after that. He stated that he did not remember meeting ALLEN or talking with anyone about ROE and COLE or stating that he was an ex-convict. He stated that he knows two guards at San Quentin Prison but does not know any guards or inmates of the United States Penitentiary at Alcatraz. He denied knowing ROE or COLE but stated that he read about their escape in the newspapers. He denied that he had ever served time in prison but had been arrested several times for being drunk.

CAMPBELL stated that he could not remember ever talking to anyone about instant case and if he did so he was so drunk he could not remember anything about it. He exhibited to Agent Social Security Card #552-01-4125 issued 11/28/36. He also exhibited California Driver's Permit # E-145,091, issued August 20, 1938, in the name of BENJAMIN EARL CAMPBELL, 268 California Street, Palo Alto, California.

CAMPBELL stated that he expects to work for the W.P.A. as a roofer on the Canyon Sanitorium about five miles South of Redwood City, California, and can be located there or at his residence in the event he is needed for further interview.

The following description of CAMPBELL was obtained from the records of the San Francisco Police Department:

Name	BENJAMIN CAMPBELL
Age	46
Height	5' 6"
Weight	157
Build	Medium
Hair	Dark chestnut
Complexion	Ruddy
Eyes	Hazel
Nationality	American
F.P.C.	Forwarded to Bureau

UNDEVELOPED LEAD.

THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE.

At San Francisco, California, will endeavor to locate HELEN ROBINSON at a house of prostitution in the 300 or 400 block of Turk Street. If located, she should be interro-



gated as to any knowledge she may have concerning the escape of Subjects ROE and COLE from Alcatraz Prison.

\*At 948 Market Street, Room 302, San Francisco, will locate and interview HELEN ROBINSON for any information she may have concerning the escape of Subjects ROE and COLE from Alcatraz.

\*At Oakland, California, if Miss HELEN ROBINSON cannot be located at San Francisco, or Santa Cruz, will contact Mrs. E. J. DA VEGA, 5102 Shafter Avenue, for any information she may have concerning the present whereabouts of HELEN ROBINSON.

PENDING

Washington, D. C.  
January 19, 1940

Special Agent in Charge  
Baltimore, Maryland.

RE: RALPH ROE, aliases: Paul Sullivan,  
Jack Sullivan, J. O. Sullivan, Jack  
McCarty, Jack McCarthy, Raymond Roe,  
Raymond Rowe, J. H. Reynolds, Ralph  
Rowe, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1472;  
THEODORE COLE, aliases: Ted Cole, Thea-  
dore Cole, Ray Jackson, Roy Jackson,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. 1471.  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.

Dear Sir:

Due to the reallocation of the territory of the Wash-  
ington Field Office, there are attached hereto the following  
serials in the above entitled case, inasmuch as the investiga-  
tion which is necessary in connection therewith will be con-  
ducted in the territory covered by the Baltimore Office.

Report of Special Agent D. W. MAGHE, Los Angeles, California  
dated July 18, 1939

Report of Special Agent L. LEVIN, New York City, dated  
December 21, 1939.

The attention of the office of origin is called to  
the last report listed above indicating the investigation de-  
sired by the Baltimore Division is based on original informa-  
tion contained in the report of Special Agent C. J. MARTIN, Buf-  
falo, New York dated February 8, 1938 (date of this report is  
given as December 8, 1938 in the report of Special Agent MAGHE,  
Los Angeles, California dated July 18, 1939). The report of  
Agent MARTIN is not contained in the Washington Field Office file  
and the office of origin should review this report to determine  
the advisability of forwarding a copy of the same to the Balti-  
more Division.

The Oklahoma Division is the office of origin and the  
Baltimore Division is requested to complete the leads in its  
district.

Very truly yours,

GUY HOTTEL  
Special Agent in charge

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

**Kansas City** FILE NO. **76-471-**

REPORT MADE AT <b>KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>1-16-1940</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>1-3, 4, 5-1940.</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>H. L. SCOTT</b> <span style="float: right;">ebc</span>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1471</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Various inmates in U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, who were former inmates in U. S. Penitentiary, Alcatraz, California, at the time of Subjects' escape interviewed, but no information of assistance secured. EARL JACKSON MC GUIRE, Kansas State Penitentiary, again interviewed and adheres to his story of having seen and talked with RALPH ROE at Pueblo, Colorado. RAYMOND HENRY (Tang) HALL, inmate U. S. Penitentiary, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas interviewed without securing information of assistance.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 11-1-1939.

**DETAILS:**

**AT THE UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY,  
LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS**

HERBERT WESTON, colored, inmate #54103, who, like the other inmates of this institution who will be hereinafter referred to, was formerly an inmate of the United States Penitentiary at Alcatraz, California, and there at the time of the escape of the fugitives ROE and COLE. WESTON stated he was a trusty at Alcatraz and celled across from COLE. He indicated that from

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prison talk, COLE was supposed to have gotten smuggled in letters and newspapers. It appears that he has given all of this information previously to Associate Warden C. J. SHUTTLEWORTH. An extended interview with this individual did not develop information that would be of assistance in further investigation concerning the whereabouts of these fugitives.

The following inmates were interviewed at length, were questioned from every angle that could possibly develop any information of interest, but no information that would be of assistance in this investigation could be secured from them:

✓ WILLIAM GILL, inmate #44338, formerly worked in the Mat Shop.

✓ WILLIAM J. HANNA, inmate #41075, who worked on the roof.

✓ HICK CLAYTON, inmate #47261, worked in the garment factory.

✓ JOHN KRALZ, inmate #46812, worked in the laundry.

✓ FRANK CH IESA, #43297, kitchen.

✓ VIRGIL WILMOTH, #54099, cleanup detail.

✓ JOSEPH SOLIWODE, #54098, hospital.

✓ JOSEPH ALEXANDER, #44484, cell orderly.

✓ JOHN THOMAS, #54100, paint shop.

✓ GEORGE NOLAN, #44457, laundry.

✓ MACK STROUD, colored, #44268, mat shop.

✓ JOHN HUFFSTATLER, #46196, Dry cleaning plant.

✓ FRANK EPPELSH INER, #22068, laundry.

✓ CHARLES WESTBROOK, #38465, a consumptive, cleanup detail.

NOTE: All of these stations of employment refer, of course, to former employment at Alcatraz.

- ✓ CHARLES GREEN, #41604, Electric shop.
- ✓ BYRON WARREN, #18030, kitchen.
- ✓ LEWIS BADGETT, #44483, Garage mechanic.
- ✓ CLARENCE E. CLAY, #47636, laundry.
- ✓ AL HARDIN, colored, #44270, mat factory.
- ✓ DONIE GARRETT, #47984, laundry.
- ✓ WALTER B. BUCKNER, #52340, cell house clerk.
- ✓ ARTHUR YOUNGBERG, #43618, carpenter shop.
- ✓ KELORY HOLMES, #53372, laundry.
- ✓ PEARL FONDREN, #53372, tailor shop.
- ✓ HOWARD C. DICKERSON, #52338, worked on the lawns and a semi-trusty.

The following prisoners have since been transferred:

- ✓ JAMES H. WALTON, #31612, transferred to Atlanta.
- ✓ RUFUS PERSFAL, #52339, transferred to Springfield, Missouri.
- ✓ EDWARD L. MILLER #44529, transferred to Springfield, Missouri.
- ✓ RUEY EATON, #53371, transferred to Atlanta.

The following have been released by expiration:

✓ CHARLIE KLINE, #54101, sentence expired 6-18-39; he was given transportation to Fort Worth, Texas, and his file indicates that the party to be notified in case of death was a sister, MARIE KLINE, 1412 Ballinger Street, Fort Worth, Texas.

WALTER KELLY, colored, 54102, expiration date 2-21-39; party to be notified in case of death ROBERT KELLY, brother, 160 Woodrow Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee; given transportation to Muskegon, Michigan.

JOHN KULICK, #25765, expiration date 11-22-39; party to be notified in case of death is Mrs. MARY KULICK, 184 Cambridge Avenue, Garfield, New Jersey; given transportation to Washington, D.C.

JESUS MARTINEZ, #47041; expiration date 12-26-38; person to be notified in case of death APLONIO MARTINEZ, Guadalupe San Antonio, Texas; given transportation to San Antonio.

GEORGE E. WILDE, #52342; expiration 3-3-38; no person designated to be notified in case of death; no correspondence; and given transportation to San Diego, California.

CHARLES E. BROWN, #52343, expiration date 4-8-38; party to be notified in case of death - Mrs. CHARLES BROWN, mother, 448 N. Street, West, Washington, D.C. Given transportation to Washington, D.C.

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M. T. PETTIJOHN, inmate #45158, was also questioned at length, but no information of value was developed. A perusal of the file of this prisoner indicates that his wife, Mrs. M. T. PETTIJOHN, resides in Ballinger, Texas, P. O. Box 381.

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Agent has from time to time kept in touch with Associate Warden C. J. SHUTTLEWORTH, who it will be recalled has taken an active interest in this investigation and is well informed concerning all matters and angles in connection with it. He has advised Agent from time to time that he has not received any information of interest through his various sources of information that would be of any assistance to this investigation.

#### AT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

Inquiry through the Superintendent of Mails reflected that there was no one receiving mail at the Court House by the name of JEWELL(BUDDY)EVERSOLE, but there had been a party by the name of REX EVERSOLE, who had been receiving mail at the Court House, who had gone without leaving any forwarding

address, but someone had received a letter from him in October 1939 which indicated that he was at the Veterans Facility, Wood, Wisconsin. This individual is a World War Veteran.

AT LANSING, KANSAS

AT THE KANSAS STATE PENITENTIARY

Inmate EARL JACKSON MC GUIRE, #6866, was interviewed by Special Agent A. E. FARLAND and this Agent, and although questioned at length and from every possible conceivable angle stuck to the story, in substance, as previously related by him, and as reflected in the files of this investigation. In reference to the license tag which he claimed was on the Studebaker automobile which ROE pointed to as indicating that it was his, ROE'S, car, MC GUIRE said that he knows that it had a Texas license that had a white background. It would appear, however, that Texas license plates have a yellow background for the year 1939. He could not give any information as to the topics of conversation had by him with ROE, although, from his story, he talked to ROE probably ten or fifteen minutes at the first meeting and not quite so long on the second; he could not give the names of any individuals that he or ROE talked about; he said that ROE was supposed to have a girl whose name was OMMA GILL or OMMA JENNINGS at Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

AT FORT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

AT THE U. S. PENITENTIARY ANNEX

RAYMOND HENRY(TANG)HALL, inmate #6347, was interviewed and claimed that he only knows FRANK NIGRO by sight, when he would see him in the penitentiary, and likewise as to BOSSIE NIGRO, who is now confined in that institution. HALL said that he did not have any information concerning the fugitives; that personally he did not think they ever reached shore from the Island; and said frankly that had they escaped he believed he would have been visited by them, especially by ROE, and that they had not visited him, nor had he ever heard any information to which he would give any credence that would indicate they had been successful in making their escape. He said that FRANK SMITH, former Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Oklahoma City, and now Chief of Police at Oklahoma City, had interviewed him on several occasions in the State of Oklahoma concerning this matter. HALL said that at one time a party by the name of PASCALL SANDERS, a character at Seminole, Oklahoma, had indicated to him that

RALPH ROE was at South Coffeyville, Kansas, and wanted to see him; that this was last summer. He said that he did not give enough credence to his statement to pursue the matter further and didn't believe that PASCALL SANDERS knew what he was talking about. He voluntarily mentioned the fact that EARL JACKSON MC GUIRE, whom he referred to as "Blackie" had been quoted in the newspaper as having been contacted by one of the fugitives. HALL said he knew BLACKIE; that he is a two-bit petty larceny crook, and that he could not conceive of either of the fugitives in anywise associating with him, and much less would they in anywise contact him or talk to him when they were on the lam as BLACKIE is not the kind that would be trusted by either of the fugitives. He said he thought MC GUIRE in giving out the interview was trying to gain publicity, or thought he might get something that would be of assistance to him.

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Leads are not being set out to interview inmates who have been transferred from the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, to other penal institutions, nor to locate and interview former inmates who have been released by expiration of sentence, in view of the fact that there is nothing to indicate these individuals would have any information useful in the furtherance of this investigation.

A review of the file at Kansas City reflects that all leads with the exception of those now reinstated as to this District have been covered.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

##### THE KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION

##### \* AT WEBB CITY, MISSOURI

Will make an effort to interview ROY JOHNSON, former Alcatraz inmate #289, released May 25, 1939, and reported to have returned to his home in Webb City, for any information he may have relative to instant escape.



AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, will report the results of the mail cover.

THE MILWAUKEE FIELD DIVISION

AT WOOD, WISCONSIN

At the Veterans Facility will locate REX EVERSOLE; also apparently known as JEWELL (BUDDY) EVERSOLE, a World War Veteran, and interview him along the lines as requested in the report of Special Agent R. G. HOOD, Oklahoma City, December 2, 1938.

P E N D I N G

76-2686

January 22, 1940

JLB:MK

Special Agent in Charge  
Miami, Florida

Dear Sir:

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

The Bureau file fails to reflect that the investigation requested in the report of Special Agent Ralph T. Hood, dated November 1, 1939, at Oklahoma City in the captioned matter, has been completed by your division.

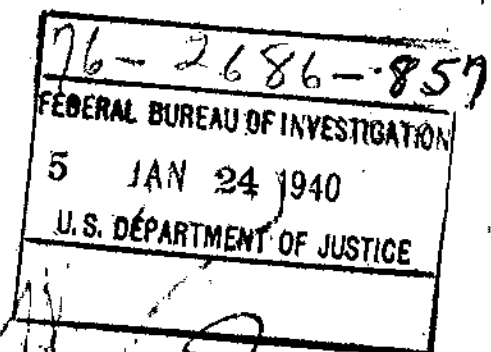
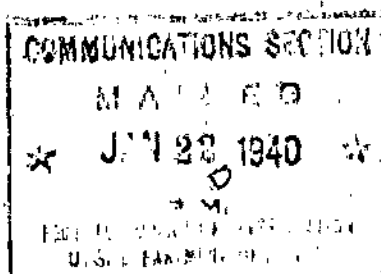
It is desired this investigation be handled forthwith.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

cc Oklahoma City

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nathan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Lester \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. McIntire \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Your Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA.

FILE NO. 76-241

REPORT MADE AT <b>Miami, Florida.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>1/22/40</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>1/7/40</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>I. W. Duffy</b>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Law enforcement officers and sources of information, Pensacola and Tallahassee, Fla., have no information concerning ROE and COLE.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent R. T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 6/2/39.

**DETAILS:**

Police Officers and members of the Sheriff's Office at Tallahassee, and Pensacola, Florida, were interviewed relative to the whereabouts of ROE and COLE, and each informed that he had no information concerning these two fugitives.

These law enforcement officers promised to be on the alert for information about these two subjects, and to immediately notify the Miami Bureau Office if they develop any information.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO DIVISION OF ORIGIN

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE <i>[Signature]</i>	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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62-31390  
JLB:MK

January 19, 1940

Special Agent in Charge  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated September 6, 1939, addressed to Mrs. Sadie E. Thea, 130 North River Street, Commerce, Oklahoma, concerning an individual who might be possibly identical with Ralph Roe.

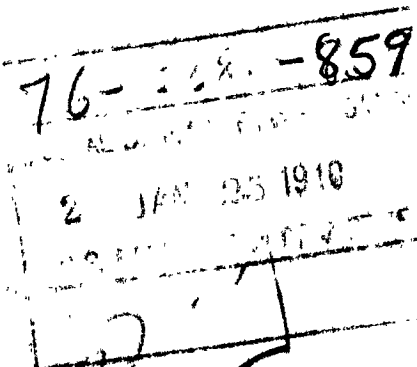
The Bureau file fails to reflect that any investigation has been conducted in this matter, and it is suggested this be done in the immediate future.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Mr. Nathan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA**

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

REPORT MADE AT <b>KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>1-24-40</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>1-14-40</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>EDWARD L. DuBOIS, JR. MC</b>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

**ROY JOHNSON, Alcatraz #289, not located at Webb City, Missouri. Results of mail cover set out.**

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent A. E. FARIAND, San Francisco, California, dated 10-19-39;  
Report of Special Agent A. T. DEERE, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 1-3-40.

**DETAILS:**

**AT WEBB CITY, MISSOURI:**

The following sources of information filed to reflect the name **ROY JOHNSON** or information that he is presently in Webb City, Missouri:

Post Office  
City and telephone directories  
Chief of Police **JULIUS WISHER**  
Constable **IVAN HANDRY**

It is pointed out that first report of reference fails to give a description of **ROY JOHNSON**, other than his name, Alcatraz #289, and the fact that he was released from that institution on May 25, 1939 and probably returned to his home at Webb City, Missouri.

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furnish as to the location of Fugitives.

THE KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION:

AT WICHITA, KANSAS, will interview S. H. ARNEY, Route #1, for any information he may be able to furnish as to the location of Fugitives.

Will interview W. C. ROPER, 1516 East 39th Street, for similar information.

P E N D I N G

By letter dated January 12, 1940, Postmaster J. B. BASGALL of Hays, Kansas, advised the Kansas City office that the following individuals and companies corresponded with RAYMOND and MARGARET ROE, Box 143, Hays, Kansas, during the period of the mail cover placed December 14, 1939:

Letters -

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sender</u>	<u>Address of Sender</u>
12-19-39	Box 93	Fredonia, Kansas
12-20-39	Sears, Roebuck & Co.	Kansas City, Mo.
12-22-39	Halliburton Oil Well Co.	Duncan, Okla.
12-22-39	Halliburton Oil Well Co.	Wichita, Kansas
12-28-39	Montgomery Ward & Co.	Kansas City, Mo.
1-4-40	Woods, Inc.	126 E. Douglas, Wichita, Kansas
1-5-40	Crowell-Collier Pub. Co.	New York, New York
1-12-40	Roy Connors	405 1/2 Milan Street, Houston, Texas

Parcel Post -

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sender</u>	<u>Address of Sender</u>
12-16-39	Sears, Roebuck & Co.	Kansas City, Mo.
12-22-39	S. H. Arney	Route #1, Wichita, Kans.
12-22-39	E-ma Hoffman	Eureka, Kansas
12-23-39	W. C. Rorer	1516 E. 39th Street, Wichita, Kansas.

No mail tracings were furnished by the Post Office.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE SAN ANTONIO FIELD DIVISION:

AT HOUSTON, TEXAS, will interview ROY CONNORS,  
405 1/2 Milan Street, as to any information he may be able to

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **76-259**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Dallas, Texas</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>1-23-40</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>1/8, 13/40</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>L. M. FALLAW</b>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, IO 1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, IO 1471.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Mrs. T. M. MARSH, Ballinger, Texas, advises that her daughter RUTH HOWARD is still in Honolulu receiving mail through Post Office Box #1204.

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**REFERENCE:**

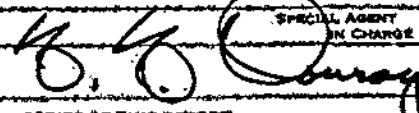
Report of Special Agent H. T. ARTERBERRY, Dallas, Texas, dated 6-19-39.

Report of Special Agent J. E. THORNTON, Honolulu, dated December 15, 1939.

**DETAILS:**

Mrs. T. MARSH, could not be located at her home, 305 South Seventh Street, Ballinger, Texas, nor was her mother, Mrs. HATTIE JAMES, located at her home, 304 South Sixth Street, Ballinger, Texas.

Mrs. MARSH owns a house at 917 E. Harris Avenue, San Angelo, Texas. She was located staying with a friend temporarily at 20½ South Oak Street, San Angelo, Texas. She advised that her daughter, RUTH HOWARD, is still living in Honolulu, and operating a beauty shop or selling beauty products. She offered no satisfactory explanation as to why she previously furnished her daughter's post office box as #3025, however, when Agent stated that RUTH HOWARD's husband, M. T. PEFTIJOHN, was having dope smuggled to him in prison and that contact was desired with RUTH HOWARD in an effort to ascertain names of persons possibly smuggling the dope to him, Mrs. MARSH appeared to become more cooperative and produced an envelope postmarked at Honolulu, December 13, 1939, and bearing the return address, "RUTH HOWARD", "post office box #1204". This was the last letter received from her daughter by Mrs. MARSH who stated that she did not have a photograph available of RUTH HOWARD whom

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DALLAS, TEXAS - # 76-259  
L. M. FALLAW - 1/23/40

she described as follows:

Age:	33
Height:	5 ft. 6 in.
Weight:	130 lbs.
Build:	Stout.
Hair:	Blonde.
Eyes:	Blue;
	Has no children.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS: HONOLULU FIELD DIVISION:

AT HONOLULU: - Will again endeavor to locate Mrs. RUTH HOWARD, wife of M.T. PETTIJOHN, former Alcatraz inmate #128, through post office box #1204, for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not she may have any information concerning the escape of Subjects.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **76-290**

<b>REPORT MADE AT</b> San Francisco, Calif.	<b>DATE WHEN MADE</b> 1/22/40	<b>PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE</b> 1/8/40	<b>REPORT MADE BY</b> T. S. FERGUSON - MR
<b>TITLE</b> RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, IO #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, IO #1471.			<b>CHARACTER OF CASE</b> ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 20%;"> <b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> </div> <div style="width: 80%;"> <p>KENNETH GUNSLEY, Folsom Prison No. 21,039, alleged he has information relative to Subjects' escape but refused to divulge same except upon basis of prior release by state on parole. GUNSLEY incarcerated Folsom Prison at time of escape and states information based on conversation with other prisoners.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> </div> </div> <div style="margin-top: 20px;"> <b>DETAILS:</b> </div> <p>The following investigation is predicated upon a letter dated at Represa, California, October 6, 1939, written by KENNETH GUNSLEY, inmate No. 21,039, to the United States Marshal, San Francisco, California, advising that he was willing to cooperate with the FBI on a very important matter, the details of which would be fully stated upon personal interview.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>At Represa, California.</u></p> <p>KENNETH H. GUNSLEY, Folsom Penitentiary inmate No. 21,039, was received at Folsom March 31, 1937, for a term of five years to life on the conviction of a crime of burglary.</p> <p>GUNSLEY, upon interview, advised that he has information concerning instant escape from Alcatraz Island, which he would divulge if assured that he would be granted a pardon immediately.</p>			
<b>APPROVED AND FORWARDED</b> 		<b>SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;">                         DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES  <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <span>76-2686-862</span> <span>JAN 30 1940</span> </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;">                             JAN 27 A.M.                              FUG/BUR.                         </div> </div>	
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In fact, he refused to divulge even the nature of the information until he has received a parole by the State of California from Folsom Penitentiary. He was questioned at length and it was determined that he was not confined at Alcatraz Penitentiary at the time of the escape but was an inmate at Folsom. He admitted that the information which he has to offer on the above terms is based entirely upon his conversation with other Folsom inmates, whose identity he would not disclose, in connection with their general talk of the escape.

GUNSLEY was advised that the FBI, of course, could not guarantee him a parole from any institution in return for information which he might offer. He was further advised that in the event he was willing to furnish the information and it proved to be of value, such assistance as he had rendered in this connection could be brought to the attention of the parole board of the State of California for whatever action they desired to take; however, this was entirely within the discretion of that body.

GUNSLEY refused to divulge the information upon the above basis and this interview was terminated. It was suggested that he communicate with this office in the future in the event he cared to accede to these conditions.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **OKLAHOMA CITY**

FILE NO. **76-41**

REPORT MADE AT <b>DES MOINES, IOWA</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>1-24-40</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12-21-39</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. C. ROBINSON</b> <div style="text-align: right;"><b>DLH</b></div>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases.-FUGITIVE, I.O.#1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases.-FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** M. R. BURNETT advised that his cellmate in jail about a year ago told him that he knew a party who had escaped from Alcatraz and who had robbed the Thornton, Iowa, Bank, and the Red Mill on the outskirts of Mason City, Iowa.


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**DETAILS:** This investigation is predicated upon information furnished the Des Moines Field Division by R. W. NEBERGALL, Chief of the Iowa State Bureau of Investigation, to the effect that he had received a letter from a police officer in Mason City, stating that he had an informant who knew the whereabouts of an individual who is alleged to have escaped from Alcatraz three or four years ago, and that the apprehension of this individual would clear up a bank robbery in Iowa and a murder case in North or South Dakota.

**AT MASON CITY, IOWA**

Detective JOHN WALLACE of the Mason City Police Department was contacted, and he advised that the above information had been given to Chief NEBERGALL by him. He said that this story had been told to him by one M. R. BURNETT, who had served a drunken driving charge about a year ago, and who had heard the story from a cellmate at that time. Detective WALLACE said that BURNETT is a good reliable citizen, and this drunken driving offense was his only arrest.

M. R. BURNETT works for the Mason City Memorial Studios at

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150 Tenth Street S.W., and can be contacted through this office. MR. BURNETT was interviewed and asked to relate the story which he had told to Detective WALLACE. BURNETT said that a little over a year ago, he had been in jail with one BUCK ROSSMAN, and this fellow had told him all about a pal of his who had escaped from Alcatraz. MR. BURNETT said that he never had anything to say, and this ROSSMAN would spend most of his time talking about his pal, whose name he wouldn't divulge. ROSSMAN claimed that he used to own a trailer house, and a fellow stayed with him for a while, who had but one good eye. This fellow had machine guns and revolvers, and frequently practiced with them. He claimed that he was one of the two or three persons ever to escape from Alcatraz, and he also said that he had robbed the Thornton Bank, and the Red Mill, which is on the outskirts of Mason City. ROSSMAN said that he and his girl used to go out with this fellow, and his girl, whose first name is BEULAH, and he, expected to meet him when he got out of jail. ROSSMAN said that this fellow claimed to be a very good swimmer, and said that he had escaped from Alcatraz by swimming to shore. He also said that nobody was looking for this man because the authorities figured that he was dead.

BURNETT advised that ROSSMAN had been released from jail about a year ago, and that he had not seen him since. BURNETT said that he knew of the woman, BEULAH, whom ROSSMAN had said was a girl friend of his pal. He said that BEULAH lives in Osage, Iowa, in the third house East of the North corner of the Post Office, on the South side of the street. BURNETT said that he did not know the woman's last name, and did not imagine that she knew of her escort's past, but he thought that she might be able to give some valuable information on the man.

As the Agent was returning to headquarters preparatory to transfer, no effort was made to contact BEULAH at Osage at this time.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS

##### DES MOINES OFFICE

###### AT OSAGE, IOWA

Will interview BEULAH for any information of value which she may be able to supply concerning the unknown subject in this case.

###### AT MASON CITY, IOWA

If it is deemed advisable after the above investigation has been conducted, will contact the Sheriff's Office for any information as to BUCK ROSSMAN's whereabouts.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **76-244**

REPORT MADE AT <b>SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>1-26-40</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>1-21-40</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>WILLIAM H. NIMMINS</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>FR</b></span>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Report on mail cover of Mr. and Mrs. THOMAS R. FADDIS, 1003 Major St., Salt Lake City, Utah for a 30-day period set out. THOMAS R. FADDIS is brother-in-law of WINNIE METCALF, who may have information concerning Subjects in instant matter.

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**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent JOHN J. HORGAN, Salt Lake City, Utah, dated 11-22-39.

**DETAILS:** AT SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

On November 16, 1939, a mail cover was placed for a thirty-day period on the residence of MR. and MRS. THOMAS R. FADDIS, 1003 - Major Street, Salt Lake City, Utah. THOMAS R. FADDIS is a brother-in-law of WINNIE METCALF, who may have information concerning the Subjects in instant case. The present whereabouts of METCALF is unknown.

The following is the result of the mail cover placed on the above address:

NAME AND ADDRESS OF SENDER	POSTMARK	ADDRESSED TO
(Not given)	11-17-39 Salt Lake City	MRS. T. R. FADDIS
(Not given)	11-20-39 Glenwood Springs, Colo.	MRS. T. R. FADDIS

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(Not given)

11-27-39  
Ogden, Utah

MRS. T. R. FADDIS

MRS. D. M. FADDIS  
Spring Canyon, Utah

(date not given)  
Spring Canyon, Utah MRS. T. R. FADDIS

RUTH ----

12-13-39  
Spring Canyon, Utah MRS. T. R. FADDIS

NINA ----

Spring Canyon, Utah MRS. GLADYS FADDIS

(Not given)

12-3-39  
Springfield, Mass. MRS. T. R. FADDIS

THE PRUDENTIAL Box 594

12-12-39  
Newark, N.J. MRS. G. S. FADDIS

MRS. CAL MARTIN

1-3-40  
Garfield, Utah MRS. T. R. FADDIS

RICHARD NEWTON  
1006 - 1st Nat'l Bank Bldg.,

Salt Lake City, Utah MRS. THOS. R. FADDIS

It is being left to the discretion of the office of origin as to the desirability of contacting any of the above individuals at this time for information regarding the whereabouts of WINNIE METCALF.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

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TITLE <b>THEODORE COLE, w.a., Fugitive I.O. #1471 RALPH ROE, w.a., Fugitive I.O. #1472</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

No information of value yet developed through mail cover and informant covering activities of **HAZEL UNDERHILL**, at Refugio, Texas. P.

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent F. J. LACKEY dated October 6, 1939 at San Antonio, Texas.

**DETAILS:**

At Refugio, Texas:

Deputy Sheriff E. D. BARBER, Refugio advised that his informant had been keeping in close contact with **HAZEL UNDERHILL** but to date has developed no information of value. Mr. BARBER stated that quite a bit of mail had been sent to **HAZEL UNDERHILL** but no mail of investigative value was received.

**UNDEVELOPED LEADS:**

**THE SAN ANTONIO FIELD DIVISION:**

\*At Refugio, Texas: Will maintain close contact with Sheriff IRA HEARD and Deputy Sheriff E. D. BARBER in order to obtain any information of value that their informants might develop from the surveillance of **HAZEL UNDERHILL**.

\*At Freer, Texas: Will interview Mrs. DOYLE WILLIAMS in line with the information she furnished in the report of Agent MAGEE sent to San Antonio, letter dated August 30, 1939.

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RALPH T. HOOD

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Title

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

ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

"RED" PHELPS, Picher, Okla., admits his previous statements regarding subjects to be fabrication. Mrs. SADIE RHEA, Commerce, is mentally deficient. JEAN DAVIS thought to be located Odessa, Tex. FRED KOONTZ now residing Shawnee, Okla. Informant [redacted] advised HAZEL UNDERHILL contacted ROE at Dodge City, Kans. about March, 1938. [redacted]

[redacted] has no information of value. RICHARD WILLIAMS, Tulsa, apparently not identical with either of subjects, though he may be a fugitive. C. H. CUMMINGS, Drumright, formerly worked Levelland, Tex. during time HAZEL UNDERHILL was there, and has no apparent connection with subjects. GOLDIE MCKEE (BEULAH CLARK) has no knowledge of subjects. HORACE ANDREWS, Stillwater, states an informant, whose identity he does not recall, advised him that he saw and talked with subject COLE during Aug. 1939. P

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent R. T. HOOD, Okla. City, 11-1-39; Bureau letters dated 11-16-39 and 1-19-40.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent MARVIN B. PASH at Picher, Oklahoma.

Agent interviewed WILLIAM "RED" PHELPS, owner of the garage located one-half block from the Police Department. PHELPS advised that sometime during the summer of 1938, quite a crowd was around his garage that night and one KENNETH RAY, who was known to be an informant, was also in the crowd. PHELPS stated that the Subject of Fugitives ROE and COLE came up. He advised that all of the crowd had been drinking some and he fabricated the story that he knew ROE and COLE and that they were driving a Chevrolet Sedan and that they had been around Picher, Oklahoma for RAY'S benefit because one of the individuals in the crowd had stated that RAY would run to the nearest policeman and tell anything he had heard. PHELPS stated that he did not know Fugitives; that he had no information concerning their whereabouts, and that if he did know them, he would report the same in person as he could use the reward for their apprehension and that he would not furnish any such information through a person like RAY.

The following investigation was made by Agent PASH at Commerce, Oklahoma:

The writer interviewed Mrs. SADIE E. RHEA, 130 North River Street, Commerce, who advised upon interview that RALPH ROE had stayed next door to her during the summer at the home of JAMES COWHERD. Mrs. RHEA is a regular subscriber to the fingerprint magazine published monthly at 920 Sunnyside Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, copies of which she has kept for the past ten years and which were in the room at the time of the interview. Mrs. RHEA is apparently mentally deficient inasmuch as she took from the table approximately fifty to one hundred of the magazines and threw them on the bed and stated that every wanted man published in this magazine monthly had been in Commerce, Oklahoma, and had hid out at that place and that the Chief of Police received protection money from these individuals. Mrs. RHEA stated that she personally knew that in the last three years, four to five hundred Fugitives had stayed in Commerce, Oklahoma. Mrs. RHEA got completely off the subject that Agent was interviewing her about as to her knowledge of the whereabouts of ROE and COLE being in Commerce. Mrs. RHEA further stated that she is a widow and that her husband has been dead for the past fourteen years.

Agent interviewed Chief of Police A. SIDWELL, who is considered reliable by this office and who has cooperated on many investigations conducted by this office. Chief SIDWELL stated that SADIE RHEA was mentally deficient and had a decided detective complex; that she would bring her monthly bulletins that she received from Chicago and would point out well-known citizens to him as being Fugitives and being identical with the pictures published in this magazine. He advised that he has requested her not to hang around the police station nor to bother him in the future, but that she writes him anonymous notes periodically. Chief SIDWELL stated that when he took office as Chief of Police, Mrs. RHEA tried to do the police work for the

town and he not knowing her was badly fooled for a period of a few weeks, but that Mrs. RHEA is considered a harmless mentally unbalanced person by the rest of the community and no one pays any attention to her.

Chief SIDWELL stated that JAMES COWHERD, who lives in that vicinity, and RAY COWHERD are considered to be very reputable citizens in Commerce and are prosperous and have never associated with any outlaws.

Mrs. JAMES COWHERD was interviewed by Chief SIDWELL and the Agent and the contents of letter from the Bureau dated September 6, 1939 acknowledging the letter of Mrs. SADIE E. RHEA was not divulged to her, and she was asked the question what was RALPH'S last name that had visited them and Mrs COWHERD advised that it was RALPH BOYLES who works for her husband. Chief SIDWELL stated that he had known this individual for a number of years and that he is about forty years old. Therefore, no further investigation is being made in this matter inasmuch as Mrs. RHEA is definitely unbalanced mentally.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent R. H. COLVIN on November 21, 1939:

Reference is had to the report of Special Agent A. E. FARLAND, San Francisco, October 19, 1939.

At Rush Springs, Oklahoma.

Agent contacted Mrs. MAUDE LONG, sister of deceased ED DAVIS and who resides on her farm five miles north, one mile east and a fourth mile south of Rush Springs to the east of Highway 81. Mrs. LONG was questioned discreetly as to the whereabouts of JEAN DAVIS, wife of deceased ED DAVIS, her brother, and stated she did not know where this woman is. She advised that [redacted] had spent the summer at her farm, but had a month or so ago left to go to school and that she did not know where he was going to school but supposed that he had returned home. When questioned as to where his home was, she hesitantly replied "Odessa, Texas".

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Mrs. LONG was very curious to know why the Bureau wanted to locate Mrs. DAVIS, but was merely informed that it had nothing to do with any of her own activities, but it was merely desired to contact her for information in certain matters. Mrs. LONG remarked, "If I know exactly what you want with her...." but offered no further information and persisted that she did not know the whereabouts of JEAN DAVIS. She stated that the woman's correct name is JEAN and not LOMA as previously reported. She stated that HAZEL UNDERHILL'S daughter had married a son of JEAN DAVIS named HALE.

Mrs. LONG talked quite a bit about "the boys" who belonged to the old Oklahoma outlaw gangs and mentioned several of them at which period Agent casually inquired if she had also known RALPH ROE. Mrs. LONG appeared to think

for a moment and then stated that she had known a family named ROE who used to live in the southern part of the State and that there were several boys. Agent informed her that he referred to RALPH ROE who escaped from Alcatraz to which she replied, "Oh, haven't you caught those boys yet? I can tell you who to see about them, it is that Indian girl," and when questioned as to the identity of the Indian girl, she replied "HAZEL UNDERHILL" and then said "HAZEL told me not so long ago that the Government should have caught them long ago as they were so close to her that they could walk in her shadow" and then HAZEL had stated that the Government ought to pay RALPH ROE for having swum so far instead of trying to catch him.

Mrs. LONG professed not to know the present whereabouts of HAZEL UNDERHILL. Mrs. LONG while talking in a friendly manner is very cagey and it was not deemed expedient to question her more in detail at the time.

At Gore, Oklahoma.

H. W. PRATER, operator of the Rock Filling Station, stated that since last interviewed by Agents STANLEY and BUCHANAN, that FRED JAMES KOONTZE who had been residing six miles north and a mile east of Gore had disappeared and that it was understood that he had gone to Shawnee, Oklahoma, where he is said to be operating a hotel. He added, however, that reports had also circulated that he had gone to Florida.

W. M. CHOATE, City Marshal, furnished the same information. However, upon later inquiry at the Post Office, Agent was informed by the Assistant Postmaster that KOONTZE had left a forwarding address for his mail to be sent to Shawnee, Oklahoma.

At Muskogee, Oklahoma.

On December 18, 1939, Agent also interviewed JOHN W. BARTEL, mail carrier, at Webber Falls in connection with another matter, and he advised that he had on that same morning seen KOONTZE in Gore, but that he might have been just passing through.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent H. S. BOONE.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 11-1-39 setting out a lead for the Oklahoma City Office at Tulsa, Oklahoma to contact PAUL BARGER relative to the information previously furnished by himself and LEON DeSHA.

PAUL BARGER was located where he was working at the National Mutual Building. He said that his residence address is now 29 North Olympia, Tulsa. BARGER stated he was on Deep Fork River south of Depew, Oklahoma with LEON DeSHA and the supposed brother-in-law of TED COLE; that he did not remember the name of this brother-in-law; that while they were down there an unknown individual came nearby and summoned the brother-in-law away and talked with him for a short time. He stated he was not close enough to this individual to recognize his features; that nothing was said about the incident at this time but that LEON DeSHA told BARGER later that the person who had summoned the brother-in-law away was TED COLE. BARGER stated he does not know TED COLE and probably would not recognize him if he saw him. BARGER insists that this incident happened just in the way that he has described same.

Reference report above mentioned also had a lead for the Oklahoma City Office at Tulsa to determine if one WILSON, mentioned by Mrs. CHARLES POLKE is identical with Subject ROE, and that WILSON could be located through ARCH FRANKLIN, 21 South Quanah, Tulsa, or Mrs. L. T. KINNION, General Delivery, Sand Springs, Oklahoma.

ARCH FRANKLIN was located where he is living on an unnumbered street between Cincinnati and Elgin and about two blocks north of Pine Street. FRANKLIN stated that evidently the person who is under investigation is one RICHARD WILLIAMS who at one time worked with him as a torch man for the Singer Steel and Metal Company, now the Acme Metal Company, situated on North Ellwood Street at the Katy tracks. He advised that RICHARD WILLIAMS was at one time married to a girl by the name of EDITH ANN MILLER, who is now dead; that in the spring of 1939 he left Tulsa, Oklahoma and went with a show, name of this show being unknown, and took with him a girl who is the niece of FRANK ACORN; that ACORN can be located in one of the houses which is at the west end of the bridge on the overpass on Mohawk Drive. FRANKLIN did not know where WILLIAMS originated but believed he was born and reared in the vicinity of Yale, Oklahoma as FRANKLIN at one time accompanied WILLIAMS to Yale for the purpose of securing some clothes which he had there.

FRANKLIN stated that on a number of occasions he has heard WILLIAMS say that he has served time in the penitentiary on at least two occasions and at one time escaped by swimming a river, and that there is a reward of \$1500 for his arrest. FRANKLIN stated that WILLIAMS made no mention of these facts except when he was under the influence of liquor and that he frankly did not believe any of the statements that were made by WILLIAMS. He stated WILLIAMS attempted on several occasions to get EDITH ANN MILLER to turn him in for the reward and has attempted to get others to turn him in so they could secure the reward.

FRANK ACORN, whose address was given above, stated that his wife's niece, ALLOY WHITLEY, daughter of Mrs. ALVIN (MAUDE) KAUFFMAN of Hominy, Oklahoma went away with RICHARD WILLIAMS and was gone for approximately six months, after which they reappeared in Tulsa and lived at his home for about six weeks; that WILLIAMS was not working at this time and he, ACORN, finally told them to leave as he did not have sufficient funds to support himself and family and them also. He stated that he never receives any correspondence from ALLOY WHITLEY or RICHARD WILLIAMS and does not know where they could be located at the present time; that he understood that WILLIAMS' home was originally around Oilton or Yale, Oklahoma. He stated that recently he has talked with ALMA BALCOM, who is the aunt of ALLOY WHITLEY and whose husband works at the Auto Tire and Wheel Exchange, 215 East 2d Street, Tulsa, who had told him that Mrs. KAUFFMAN had recently received a card from WILLIAMS and ALLOY, and that this card stated they were somewhere in Arkansas.

Mr. ERWIN BEALMER at the Post Office in Yale, Oklahoma, Mr. PETERS who owns a hardware store in Yale, Mr. E. R. BYRUM, City Judge and former police chief, JOHN SMITH, present Chief of Police at Yale, J. HUNT, Town Clerk and Mrs. R. L. WILLIAMS, Route 1, Yale, were all contacted but had no knowledge of anyone named RICHARD WILLIAMS ever having resided in or around Yale, Oklahoma.

Mr. J. P. TODD at the Post Office in Oilton, Oklahoma did not know RICHARD WILLIAMS. Mrs. ALMA KAUFFMAN at Hominy, Oklahoma will be contacted in an effort to locate WILLIAMS to see if he is identical with ROE and if in fact he is a fugitive from justice.

A composite description of RICHARD WILLIAMS as obtained from those questioned is as follows:

AGE	About 30 years
HEIGHT	6' $\frac{1}{2}$ "
WEIGHT	175 pounds

HAIR	Brown
EYES	Blue
BUILD	Tall
COMPLEXION	Medium
SCARS	On cheek.

Reference report above-mentioned also contained a lead for the Oklahoma City Office at Pawhuska, Oklahoma to contact [redacted] through SMITH LEAHY, Deputy United States Marshal regarding any information she might have concerning Subjects.

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[redacted] was contacted and she advised that she was at one time married to AUBREY CURTIS UNSELL who some years ago was sentenced in Federal Court at Oklahoma City to serve a sentence for robbery and kidnaping and was subsequently confined to Building #68 as #265 at Alcatraz Prison. She said she had had no direct information from UNSELL indicating that he had any knowledge whatsoever of the escape of ROE and COLE but that UNSELL has complete confidence in her and that if he knows anything about the escape, he will tell her. She proposed that if the Government would pay her expenses to San Francisco and arrange for her to talk to UNSELL, she would apprise the Federal Bureau of Investigation of any information she obtained relative to that escape. It appears that [redacted] would like for the Government to pay her expenses to San Francisco so that she can talk with UNSELL and that there is very little chance that she would be able to obtain any information, and for this reason nothing more is being done in regard to that matter.

The referenced report also had a lead for the Oklahoma City Office at Drumright, Oklahoma to conduct an investigation to determine the possible connection between C. H. CUMMINGS and HAZEL UNDERHILL as indicated on pages 51 and 52 of the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 12-2-38, Serial 721. The last-mentioned report indicates that Informant [redacted] while attempting to locate HAZEL UNDERHILL at Lovelland, Texas, obtained information that the person driving by at the time had stayed with the UNDERHILL family. RICHARDSON obtained the number of this car in which the individual was driving and found it to be a 1938 Oklahoma license 285-639. A check of the Motor Vehicle Division of the Oklahoma Tax Commission revealed this license was issued to C. H. CUMMINGS of Drumright, Oklahoma.

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Chief of Police JACK ARY of Drumright informed he was acquainted with CECIL CUMMINGS, who is possibly identical with C. H. CUMMINGS; that CECIL CUMMINGS' mother is a Mrs. BEESON who lives on East Maple

Street in Drumright and CECIL CUMMINGS has for the past five or six years been married to one of the COLLINS girls, first name unknown.

Accompanied by Chief ARY, Mrs. BEESON was interviewed and stated her son's name is CECIL H. CUMMINGS; that he is an oil field worker and is at the present time working in the oil field at Keensburg, Illinois; that in the spring and summer of 1938 he was working in the oil fields around Odessa and Levelland, Texas; that he has been married for approximately five years to one of the COLLINS girls and has a small son by her, and that she has never known of his having associated with any other women during the time that he has been married. She stated that his wife was with him when he was in Levelland, Texas and that she, Mrs. BEESON, would not know the people with whom they were acquainted in that town. Mrs. BEESON stated that her son has never been in any trouble to her knowledge and she does not believe he would have been associating with anyone of questionable character knowingly.

Chief ARY stated he had been acquainted with CUMMINGS for many years and had never had any trouble with him or heard that he had been in any trouble although he does know that CUMMINGS is somewhat crazy about women and might possibly have been hanging around HAZEL UNDERHILL in Levelland. Inasmuch as CUMMINGS is known to have been in Levelland, Texas at the same time HAZEL UNDERHILL was there and to have been residing with his wife at this place, no investigation to locate him for questioning is being conducted as Levelland is a small place and everyone who remains there for any length of time would probably be acquainted with all of the others.

The report of Special Agent HOOD, Oklahoma City, 12-2-38 on page 29 sets out information to the effect that BEULAH CLARK, Pawhuska, Oklahoma, would be a likely contact for ROE and COLE, and that she could be located through CHARLEY JOHNSON at Pawhuska.

Chief of Police LAYTON MITCHELL at Pawhuska, informed he was acquainted with CHARLEY JOHNSON and that JOHNSON had a daughter named GOLDIE, who is now living with LEE McKEE and who no doubt is the individual mentioned in this report. This woman has been known to associate with hoodlums.

GOLDIE McKEE was questioned at which time she denied that she was ever acquainted with either of Subjects or that there would be any reason for them to contact her should they have been successful in making their escape. LEE McKEE likewise denied he was acquainted with either ROE or COLE or acquainted with anyone who does know them. Both promised that if they secured any information which would be of value in the investigation they would notify the Federal Bureau of Investigation.



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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent C. O. HURT:

At Idabel, Oklahoma

With reference to Bureau letter dated October 10, 1939 advising SAM SELLERS, Chief of Police, Idabel, Oklahoma, had a stranger located who had been identified as RALPH ROE, Agent contacted Chief SELLERS, who advised that his informants were ~~FELIX FUTTRELL~~ and ~~SELF EASON~~, who resided near Eagle-town.

Both of these individuals are known to Agent, who attempted to locate them at Eagletown and Hochatown, but it was determined that they were away from that vicinity for a few days. It was determined through AMOS TAYLOR, Police officer, Idabel, that FUTTRELL and EASON were helping move a still from Hayworth to Eagletown. FUTTRELL and EASON will be interviewed fully in this regard.

Special Agent T. D. WEBB, JR. was advised by JERRY WYNN, Adjuster for the Fire Companies Adjustment Bureau, McAlester, Oklahoma, that while he was investigating an arson case near Idabel, Oklahoma, one BLOCK CAMPBELL, residing north of Idabel, told him of a suspicious character residing in that section, who carried a rifle and pistol at all times. This man refused to come out of the hills and it is reported that he hired various persons to purchase food for him in town. WYNN further advised Agent WEBB that this man was under suspicion in connection with the arson case, but that none of the officers in the vicinity would arrest him for questioning as they seemed afraid of him.

Special Agent C. O. HURT contacted J. D. BUTLER, Deputy Sheriff, Idabel, Oklahoma, concerning the person mentioned by CAMPBELL and BUTLER advised that CAMPBELL resided twenty miles north of Wright City, Oklahoma and was related to a man named VAN BROCK. CAMPBELL and BROCK were reported to be reputable citizens and CAMPBELL was the informant of CLYDE KAISER, Sheriff, Ada, Oklahoma, regarding one "SHORTY" DAVIS, thought to be an escaped Federal prisoner, though subsequent investigation proved otherwise. BUTLER was of the opinion that "SHORTY" DAVIS was the man referred to by CAMPBELL. DAVIS had been interviewed by

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KAISER and BUTLER, but was not fingerprinted and his true identity was unknown. DAVIS is apparently not identical with either of subjects but it is thought that his fingerprints should be secured to determine his true identity.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent E. F. EMRICH:

While engaged in other investigative matters at Stillwater, Oklahoma, Chief HORACE ANDREWS of the Stillwater Police Department advised Agent that he had recently been in conversation with one A. D. WILLIAMS, a former Deputy Sheriff for that county; that at the time of the conversation, WILLIAMS indicated to him that he had received information through an informant that subject TED COLE had been seen working with a thrashing crew near Watonga, Oklahoma during the past summer; further, that this informant of Mr. WILLIAMS had told him COLE's father was presently working with the Police Department at Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Agent, accompanied by Special Agent J. M. ARNFIELD, thereupon interrogated AL WILLIAMS, who was found to be living at Perkins, Oklahoma. Mr. WILLIAMS mentioned that a man whom he had arrested along with GEORGE KELLY BARNES for bottlegging during 1927 and 1928 had recently approached him, mentioning that he had worked on a thrashing crew with TED COLE during August, 1939; that this man, whose name he could not recall, was raised with TED COLE around Sapulpa, Oklahoma and was, therefore, very familiar with COLE and knew whereof he spoke.

As best Mr. WILLIAMS could recall, this informant mentioned to him that while in conversation with COLE at Watonga, COLE informed him that they had escaped from Alcatraz on a very foggy day by using a gasoline barrel which had floated alongside of the penitentiary. WILLIAMS mentioned that it was his opinion this informant told him he was presently working for some nursery just north of Oklahoma City. He advised, however, that the next time he was in Stillwater, Oklahoma, he would review some of the old Sheriff's Office records in order to identify the name of his informant so that this office could be advised.

By letter dated November 20, 1939 from Mr. WILLIAMS, he

stated that he had checked the jail records and found there were some ten bootleggers put in jail at Stillwater on the same day by the Sheriff's Office. He advised, however, that by process of elimination, he believed that his informant in this matter was either one TOM DENNISON or JERJIN JOHNSON. He advised, however, that whichever one it was, the individual was presently living in Oklahoma City.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD:

At [redacted]

On November 12, 1939 the writer received a telephone call from Informant [redacted] asking that Agent immediately get in touch with him. The writer contacted [redacted] who appeared to have been drinking heavily. He informed Agent that he had been with HAZEL UNDERHILL a few days before and that she was planning on leaving within the next few days for some unannounced destination in the East. He also stated that HAZEL UNDERHILL became intoxicated and informed him that she had seen RALPH ROE on several occasions, mentioning that about March 14 or 15, 1938, she and JEAN DAVIS went to Hays, Kansas, where they stayed in the first tourist camp going east out of Hays on the north side of the road. JEAN DAVIS remained at Hays but HAZEL UNDERHILL stated that she went to Dodge City, Kansas, where she made contact with ROE. She also intimated to [redacted] that she was in contact with ROE at the time but [redacted] did not think that she was planning to meet him on her trip to the East.

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[redacted] was very vague in his statements and informed Agent that if he were furnished with sufficient money, he would be able to keep HAZEL UNDERHILL in Oklahoma, where a surveillance could be maintained. However, he was unable to advise specifically what results might be obtained from such a surveillance, as he stated that he did not think ROE would be in this vicinity. [redacted] was advised that no funds were available to allow agent to furnish him with the amount he thought was necessary but he was informed that he would be paid an appropriate sum should he furnish information to this Bureau which caused the apprehension of either ROE or COLE.

[redacted] also informed Agent that HAZEL UNDERHILL had mentioned to him that ROE was very friendly with some man, name not recalled but thought to be JOHNSON, who lived within eight or nine miles of Oklahoma City, and who was formerly an associate of WILBUR UNDERHILL. [redacted] thought this man

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resided near the Municipal Airport in Oklahoma City.

[ ] was questioned at length regarding the destination of HAZEL UNDERHILL but he refused to furnish this information. He was also questioned concerning her recent activities but he replied that he did not know of same. He mentioned that JUANITA HALE, daughter of HAZEL UNDERHILL, was separated from her husband but he did not know of her whereabouts.

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[ ] stated that in his opinion subjects, especially ROE, had been in contact with HAZEL UNDERHILL, and that they had also been in Mexico. He assured Agent of his desire to be of assistance in this matter and agreed to furnish any information which he might receive to this office.

[ ] also advised Agent that HAZEL UNDERHILL had left [ ] at [ ] and that she was attending school. In an effort to determine the present whereabouts of Mrs. UNDERHILL, Agent made a check of school records and city and telephone directories at Ponca City without determining the address of HUDSON.

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It is thought advisable that direct interview be had with HAZEL UNDERHILL, JUANITA HALE and MARVIN CONNORS for information concerning fugitives.

It should be noted that in the past [ ] has attempted to obtain money for personal trips and affairs from this office without success. Though he claims to be interested solely in a reward for his assistance, he claims that he does not have sufficient money to finance his operation. His reliability and value are not established.

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He furnished Agent with the following descriptions of HAZEL UNDERHILL and JEAN DAVIS:

Name	HAZEL UNDERHILL	JEAN DAVIS
Age	41	40
Height	5' 2"	5' 3"
Weight	107	135
Build	Small-slender	Medium heavy
Hair	Coal black	Very red, natural
Complexion	Dark	Fair, freckled

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At Oklahoma City

Inquiry at the Oklahoma City Police Department and through informants failed to reveal the identity or location of the person thought to be named JOHNSON.

Efforts to locate and identify SLIM BAILEY, alleged to have been friendly with subjects, have been unsuccessful.

ROY MODRIDGE, Investigator, State Department of Public Safety, who had previously furnished information to Agent that some negro informed him that COLE had been in the vicinity of Milfay, Oklahoma, advised Agent that he had attempted to determine the source of his information without results. He had also been unable to discover any additional information concerning subjects.

At [redacted]

Contact has been maintained with JAKE SIMS and other informants in that vicinity with negative results. Numerous efforts have been made to locate BODEY DENTON, LEONA SPURGEON and [redacted] but they have been away from Seminole at the time. Further efforts will be made to locate these persons and they will be interviewed for full information which they possess. It was determined that BILL BROWN FREEMAN has moved from Seminole and her present whereabouts is unknown.

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FRANK JACKSON advised Agent that [redacted] had been traveling from [redacted] a great deal of the time and that she appeared to be possessed of a large amount of clothing and money. He had been unable to determine the source of her income but was sure that it was from some illegitimate racket. On January 24, 1940, JACKSON informed Agent that he had been with [redacted] for some time on January 19, 1940, but she denied having received any information concerning subjects. In view of the absence of this informant from [redacted] a great deal of the time and as efforts to locate her have been unsuccessful, JACKSON stated that he would ask her to contact Agent at the Oklahoma City Office. If she does not appear, further efforts will be made at [redacted] to locate her for further interview.

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Informant 14 has been contacted on several occasions with negative results. She was questioned regarding a possible violation of the Impersonation Statute in connection with her contacting I. V. BROOKS of Rodessa, Louisiana, and she denied making any allegations of any official status though she stated that she was trying to help the Bureau. She was warned that the Bureau would vigorously prosecute any person violating this statute.

Informant [redacted] has been in close contact with GRACE CUNNINGHAM but she denies any knowledge of subjects' whereabouts. Direct interview will be had with her.

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JIM GIBBONS, who had previously furnished information that persons resembling subjects had been at his tavern, the Green Gable Inn, between Seminole and Newoka, has sold his place of business and is away from that vicinity. Local officers did not know his present address and he left no forwarding address at the Newoka Post Office.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

\* THE ALBANY FIELD DIVISION, at Albany, New York: Will secure photograph of MORRIS TRACKER, which should probably be available in connection with the permit he received to carry a pistol. This photograph should be forwarded to the Portland Office.

\* THE BALTIMORE FIELD DIVISION, at Baltimore, Maryland: Will, through interview with Miss LILLIAN PISTELL, Packer Street, develop information concerning EDWARD or BENJAMIN PISTELL.

\* THE CLEVELAND FIELD DIVISION: at Kent, Ohio, at the Kent State University, will locate and interview KARI KREUTER regarding the man he saw in a small restaurant near Buffalo, New York, who he believes was RALPH ROE.

\* THE DALLAS FIELD DIVISION, at Ennis, 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.

\* At Fort Worth, Texas: Will interview Mrs. J. W. PURSER, sister of ED DAVIS, convict executed at San Quentin in December, 1938. She resides at 3564 West 5th Street, and should be interviewed for the purpose of ascertaining the address of DAVIS' wife, Mrs. LONA DAVIS.

\* At Fort Worth, Texas: Will conduct appropriate investigation regarding the statements made by SAM GOREMAN and will locate and interview GOREMAN for additional information as requested in Bureau letter dated October 9, 1939.

\* At Fort Worth, Texas: Will ascertain through the office of the State Attorney disposition made as to DELLAS (DEL) CARPENTER, locate him and interview him concerning any possible information that he might have concerning the fugitives.

\* At Fort Worth, Texas: Will interview the family of DELL CARPENTER, 1213 N. Peach Street, presently at Leavenworth, who are alleged to be friendly with RALPH and JAMES ROE, for information regarding the escape.

\* At Kilgore, Texas: Will ascertain the identity of the individual to whom Post Office Box 1011 is issued, in an effort to ascertain if this person is identical with either fugitive in this case, or has any connections with the fugitives in this case.

\* THE DENVER FIELD DIVISION, at Pueblo, Colorado: Will locate and interview "BOOTS" LADD, whose photograph is in possession of the Denver office, with regard to the statements made by EARL McGUIRE.

\* At New Castle, Colorado: Will conduct general investigation to determine whether or not WINNIE LITCALF is known in that city, and determine whether he was born and raised there. Will obtain all information as to the present whereabouts of WINNIE LITCALF.

\* At Silverton, Colorado: Will attempt to locate WINNIE LITCALF, or ascertain any forwarding address left by LITCALF at the Silverton Postoffice.

\* THE DETROIT FIELD DIVISION, will contact confidential informants and sources of information and informants connected with the underworld at Detroit, Michigan, for rumors regarding the escape or the presence of Subjects in the vicinity.

\* THE EL PASO FIELD DIVISION, at Goldsmith, Texas: Will attempt to locate and interview Mrs. ED (LOMA) DAVIS, Post Office Box 77-A, to ascertain if she has information pertinent to instant case. Her husband, ED DAVIS, was executed at San Quentin in December, 1938.

\* At Odessa, Texas: Will attempt to locate and interview SEBRON DAVIS, son of ED DAVIS, who was executed at San Quentin in December, 1938, for any information he might have relative to instant case, and for the address of his mother.

\* THE HONOLULU FIELD DIVISION, at Honolulu, T. H.: Will again endeavor to locate Mrs. RUTH HOWARD, wife of M. T. PETTIJOHN, former Alcatraz inmate #128, through Postoffice Box #1204, for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not she may have any information concerning the escape of Subjects.

\* THE KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION, at Leavenworth, Kansas, at the United States Penitentiary: 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 Wichita, Kansas: Will interview S. H. ARNEY, Route #1, for any information he may be able to furnish as to the location of Fugitives.

\* Will interview W. C. RORER, 1516 East 39th Street, for similar information.



\* At Jefferson City, Missouri: Will locate CHARLES POWELL through the National Guard, and interview him along the lines requested in reference report of Special Agent R. T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, June 2, 1939.

\* THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION, at Long Beach, California: Will make direct inquiry of HILES WILLIAMS, 132 Mariposa Street. (See report Special Agent L. W. MAGEE, Los Angeles, California, August 22, 1939)

\* At Arcadia, California: Will recontact ELLER BURCHILL to ascertain what additional information he may possess relative to FAY ROE and her contacts with the ROE family.

\* At Arcadia, California: Will endeavor to develop new confidential informants to observe FAY ROE; will interview Mr. D. W. COFFMAN, 231 North First Avenue, where he operates a refrigeration service.

\* At Arcadia, California: 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.

\* At Bell, California: Will develop new confidential informants to observe Mr. and Mrs. G. I. DAMSON, she being a half-sister of Subject COLE.

\* At Bell, California: Will conduct further investigation to determine whether CHARLES C. HLEBLIN, 5568 East Gage Street, has any connection with VIOLA DAMSON, also known as Mrs. G. I. DAMSON (see page 50 of report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, December 2, 1938).

\* At Laguna Beach, California: Will ascertain the identity of the individuals writing to Mrs. VIOLET DAMSON, Subject COLE's half-sister, with the return address 567 Thorough, Laguna Beach.

\* At Lindsay, California, will ascertain the identity of the individual named BELLE MORRIS, address Route 1, Box 485, who has written to Mr. and Mrs. G. I. DAMSON at Bell, California.

\* At Hollywood, California: Will discreetly ascertain what attorney represented FAY ROE, through inquiry of the firm of Robbins & Pollack, Suite 606, Taft Building, Hollywood, Calif. Will ascertain from this source, if possible, any information concerning Subject ROE.

\* At Los Angeles, California: Will interview RUTH KERN, 117 N. Avenue, who is a sister of HENRY YOUNG, 244-AZ, who visited him at Alcatraz. (See report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, December 2, 1938. Page 49)

\* At Los Angeles, California: Will report results of mail cover placed on the mail of WARREN J. POPLER, 7007 Haas, in an effort to locate his brother, FRANK E. FORTER, so that he may be interviewed along the lines suggested in the report of Special Agent D. W. PAGEE, dated July 18, 1939.

\* At Los Angeles, California: Will, after permitting Mr. and Mrs. TRUDY KREMER, Managers of the apartment at 944 West 11th Place; and ROSE MARSH, Manager of the apartment at 943 West 11th Place, Los Angeles, to observe the visitors of Mr. and Mrs. ELMER DILLARD, reinterview them for information and thereafter interview Mr. and Mrs. ELMER DILLARD for their information concerning the escape of Subject COLE, bearing in mind that Mrs. DILLARD is reported to be a cousin of FRED W. COLE.

\* At Los Angeles, California: Will ascertain the identity of the individual writing to Mrs. VIOLET DAWSON, Subject COLE's half-sister -- the return address E. EVANS, 716 West 18th Street.

\* At Los Angeles, California: Will interview Detective H. H. MITCHELL, Badge No. 46, at the 77th Street Precinct Station, who charged out the correspondence file No. C-104481 of the Los Angeles Police Department, relative to Subject RALPH ROE alias PAUL SULLIVAN, ascertaining all information in his possession concerning Subjects.

\* At Los Angeles, California: Will interview Mrs. CARL BRANBALD, 2214 Pasadena Avenue, regarding the diary which she kept on the trip to California with ANDREW SALPSON. Copies of the reports of Special Agent H. R. TELFORD, September 30, 1939 and October 19, 1939, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, have been furnished the Los Angeles Office to assist in questioning Mrs. BRANBALD.

\* At Los Angeles, California: Will interview G. I. DAWSON at the Siel Optical Company, 318 East 5th Street, concerning information he may have on Subject COLE, bearing in mind that his wife is a half-sister of Subject COLE.

\* At Los Angeles, California, will exhibit a list of receptions granted to AB ALLEN, San Quentin Penitentiary No. 56,684, and a list of his correspondents during his incarceration at that prison to ABE ALLEN, William Penn Hotel, West 8th Street, for the purpose of identifying any of the individuals who might have resided in the apartment building at 2421 Post Street, San Francisco.

\* At Pasadena, California: Will determine if LARRY BUTCHER's telephone 41708 has any connection with JAMES HUGH BUTCHER. (See pages 49 and 44 to 48, incl. of report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, December 2, 1938)

\* At Redondo Beach, California: Will interview PETE (or B. W.) NEWBERRY and CAROLYN (or BERNICE W.) NEWBERRY, Apartment 5, Ridgeway Apartments, 228 North Carolina Street, concerning any information they may have on Subject COLE or ROE, particularly Subject ROE, whom PETE NEWBERRY knew years ago in Borger, Texas; ascertain whether LEE ROBERTS or "SLEEPY" JOHNSON is known to them, and whether they were visited by Oklahoma people when they resided at the Moonstone Apartments.

\* At Riverside, California: Will contact C. H. RISDON, who is presumably an inmate at the Riverside County Jail, Riverside, and ascertain from him the exact location of the town in which he states TED COLE can be located. Mr. R. W. NEBERGALL, Chief of the Iowa State Bureau of Investigation, Des Moines, Iowa, advised that Mr. J. E. RISDEN, the former Chief of the Iowa State Bureau of Investigation, disclaims that he knows the identity of the person who wrote a letter to him from the Riverside Jail, who has apparently written J. E. RISDEN under the impression that he might be acquainted with him. (See letter from Des Moines office to Los Angeles Office, December 7, 1939)

\* At Woodlake, California: Will make arrangements to develop new confidential informants on Mr. and Mrs. FRED COLE, parents of Subject COLE.

\* At Woodlake, California: Will determine through informants an identification of visitors who visited the COLE family. (See reports of Special Agents A. D. HORN, Los Angeles, 2/12/38; R. H. SIMONS, Los Angeles, 10/12/38; A. D. HORN, Los Angeles, 12/28/38; R. P. KRAMER, Los Angeles, 12/27/37; R. N. PRANKE, Los Angeles, 12/22/37.)

\* At Bakersfield, California: Will contact relatives of LON JOHNSON and endeavor to determine a more definite address for him.

\* THE MIAMI FIELD DIVISION, at Miami, Florida: 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.

\* THE MILWAUKEE FIELD DIVISION, at Wood, Wisconsin: At the Veterans Facility will locate REX EVERSOLE; also apparently known as JEWELL (BUDDY) EVERSOLE, a World War Veteran, and interview him along the lines as requested in the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, December 2, 1938.

\* THE NEW ORLEANS FIELD DIVISION, at New Orleans, Louisiana: Will interview Mrs. C. M. SMITH, 2117 Louisa Street, who is a correspondent of FAX 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.

\* At Lucedale, Mississippi: Will interview WILLIE E. WHITTERKER, General Delivery, for any information in his possession regarding RALPH ROE.

\* THE OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD DIVISION: Will interview RUSSELL KENNETH DOWNEY, 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 Ardmore, Oklahoma: Will determine if Subjects are contacting BIRDIE FRUITT, and will then interview her, especially for information regarding possible contacts of Subjects.

\* At Dewey, Oklahoma: Will interview ORIE TURNBULL for any information he may possess regarding Subjects.

\* At Duncan, Oklahoma: Will determine if RALPH ROE is in contact with HARRY SLEDGE, and, if not, will interview SLEDGE.

\* At Ketchum, Oklahoma: Will attempt to determine the name of the person from Harrison, Arkansas responsible for the rumor appearing in the Ketchum Progress, January 12, 1939, 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 DWIGHT O. PUGH. (See page 28, report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 12/2/38)

\* 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, 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 pp. 9 and 26, 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" BAKER. (See pages 44-48 incl., report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 12/2/38)

\* At Stroud, Oklahoma: Will interview the following relatives of COLE:

MRS. FANNIE BAUGH.  
MRS. WILLIAM GRAVES.  
ERNEST BRACE and MRS. HELLIE BRACE.

\* At Tecumseh, Oklahoma: Will interview ETHEL McCLAIN, at the Dixie Pecan Farm near that place, with reference to the statements made by ELLVIN GRAMM and A. L. JOHNSON.

At Shawnee, Oklahoma: Will interview FRED KOCHTZE for information regarding fugitives and TANG HALL.

\* At Stroud, Oklahoma: Will recontact LEON DESHA.

\* At Duncan, Oklahoma: Will interview E. D. CORNELIUS, 406 East Main Street, regarding information furnished concerning RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE.

\* At Jenks, Oklahoma: Will interview JIM PETERS, former Peace Officer of Jenks, Oklahoma, and at present associated with Chief SANDERS and other underworld characters, who had informed Sheriff GARLAND HARRIS, Tulsa, that TED COLE is supposed to be residing at Stroud, Oklahoma.

\* At Hannsville, Oklahoma: Will interview Miss DAISY STILLERY, Postmistress.

At Tulsa, Oklahoma and Hominy, Oklahoma: Will endeavor to locate RICHARD WILLIAMS to determine if he is identical with either of subjects.

\* At Henryetta, Oklahoma: Will contact BILL MILLS to determine if he has obtained any information from Mrs. MYRTLE PACK.

\* At Idabel, Oklahoma: Will maintain contact with SAM MILLERS and will determine the identity of the person thought to be ROE residing in the mountains near Idabel. Will contact FELIX FUTRELL and SELF EASON in this regard.

At Idabel, Oklahoma: Through J. D. BUTLER, Deputy Sheriff, will secure the fingerprints of "SHORTY" DAVIS to determine his true identity.

\* At Seminole, Oklahoma: Will reinterview LEONA STEWART (SPURGEON) and Mrs. PAUL (BODLEY) DENTON to determine if they possess any information regarding Subjects.

\* At Seminole, Oklahoma: Will reinterview Mrs. DED FREEMAN concerning her alleged association with Subjects.

\* At Seminole, Oklahoma: Will reinterview Mrs. RUTH CRAWFORD regarding LEE ROBERTS and Subjects, and will exhibit photograph of JOSEPH L. LARUGH to determine if he is identical with LEE ROBERTS (See report of Special Agent D. W. HIGGEE, Los Angeles, 8/22/39).

\* At Seminole, Oklahoma: Will interview CLIFFORD PACK regarding the statements made by Mrs. PACK and BUSTER GATES.

\* At Muskogee, Oklahoma: Will interview PETE NICHOLS regarding the identity of persons furnishing information about Subjects, and will then conduct appropriate investigation regarding same.

\* At Oklahoma City, Oklahoma: Will maintain contact with Informant J. R. RICHARDSON. If he is not able to develop further information, will make direct inquiry of GRACE CUNNINGHAM and at the Midnight Sun Night Club.

\* At [redacted] Will interview ED HARDISON and Mr. PRESSON regarding the truth of statements made by [redacted]

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\* At [redacted] Will maintain contact with informant [redacted] and Mr. and Mrs. ALLISON RAINCY.

\* THE SALT LAKE CITY FIELD DIVISION, at Salt Lake City, Utah: Will report the results of the present mail cover on the residence of Mr. and Mrs. THOMAS R. FADDIS.

\* THE SAN ANTONIO FIELD DIVISION, at Refugio, Texas: Will maintain close contact with Sheriff IRA HEARD and Deputy Sheriff E. D. BARBER, in order to obtain any information of value that their informants might develop from the surveillance of HAZEL UNDERHILL.

At Refugio, Texas: Will locate HAZEL UNDERHILL and interview her fully concerning her alleged associations with ROE since his escape. Will also interview her daughter, JUANITA, and son, ARVIN, in this regard. It is suggested that a careful review of the file be made prior to these interviews. The San Antonio office has copies of all pertinent serials.

\* At Houston, Texas: Will interview ROY CONNORS, 405 1/2 Milan Street, as to any information he may be able to furnish as to the location of Fugitives.

\* At Freer, Texas: Will interview Mrs. DOYLE WILLIAMS, as requested in letter to San Antonio Division August 30, 1939.

\* THE SAN DIEGO FIELD DIVISION: At San Diego, California: Will locate ALBERT A. HILL, brother and correspondent of HUBERT A. GRINDLE, Mill-AZ, through his sister, Mrs. E. J. LITTLEWOOD, 3309 Cleveland Street, as requested in the report of Special Agent M. E. GUINEA, San Francisco, 12/28/37, page 25. Will interview Mrs. LITTLEWOOD.

\* THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION, at Berkeley, California: Will ascertain the address of WARREN H. MADELEY, through the Registrar's Office, University of California, for interview with MADELEY as to any information he may possess. See report of Special Agent J. R. McCULLOCH, San Francisco, 10/19/38.

\* At Richmond, California: If identity of HARRY and GERTRUDE is ascertained from BOYD, will interview them and learn what information they have concerning the facts of this case and possible contacts of EVELYN MORGAN. If the results of these interviews make it appear advisable, will reinterview EVELYN and LUTHER MORGAN, 320 - 1st St., for such information as they have.

\* At Alcatraz Island:

Will interview CHARLES BERTA, #132, for any information he may have concerning his wife, GLADYS, in order that she might be located and interviewed concerning her knowledge in this case. In the event BERTA refuses to be interviewed, arrangements should be made with prison officials to be notified in the event she corresponds with BERTA.

\* At such time as the tension is relieved among the inmate population at Alcatraz, will interview FRANK COCKER, #156, for any information he may desire to furnish concerning the escape of ROE and COLE. It is noted that COCKER 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 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. R. DILL, Salt Lake City, 3/27/39.)

\* Appropriate check should be made in the interest of determining if there is any foundation or truth in the information allegedly obtained by Informant "Z" from HERBERT FAYNER, formerly an inmate at Alcatraz. (Attention is called to information furnished by this informant on pp. 2, 3, report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 7/21/39.)

\* Will interview Penitentiary authorities for the purpose of determining if there is any basis for the remarks of J. B. PAYNE as set out on pages 7 and 8 of report of Special Agent F. S. SMITH, Oklahoma City, March 22, 1939.

\* Will consider the advisability of direct interview with inmate BERNARD P. COY regarding statements made by ROUBIDEAUX.

\* Will make further check to determine exactly what prisoners arrived during a period of approximately a month or more prior to December 20, 1938, when JEFFERSON ROUBIDEAUX was transferred from Alcatraz Island to McNeil Island. It is to be noted that in previous information furnished the Seattle Field Office, HARRY EDWARDS, whose photograph shows he arrived on July 8, 1938, is listed as having arrived in a group of prisoners on November 29, 1938.

\* Will also obtain photographs of the individuals who appear to be missing from the group which was furnished the Seattle Field Office in the report of reference and find out an explanation why several numbers are missing. If possible, will determine whether all of the prisoners are photographed when they arrive at Alcatraz, and if so, obtain their photographs through the Bureau so that they can be furnished to the Seattle Field Office to exhibit to JEFFERSON ROUBIDEAUX. In this respect, it is best to obtain the latest photographs of these prisoners which would show more closely how they actually looked at the time they were received at Alcatraz in November or December, 1938, when ROUBIDEAUX saw them.

\* At San Francisco, California: Will interview the Captain of the "General Slocum", at the U. S. Army docks, foot of Laguna Street, to determine if there is any basis for the remarks of J. B. PAYNE as set out on pages 7 and 8 of report of Special Agent F. S. SMITH, Oklahoma City, March 22, 1939.

\* At San Francisco, California: Will make arrangements through CHARLES H. UPTON, Chief Probation Officer, Post Office Building, to notify this office the next time GEORGE THOMPSON, #249-AZ, reports, in order that he may be interviewed concerning instant escape.



\* At San Francisco, California: At 651 37th Avenue, will contact relatives of LILLA and GEORGE MILLER for information concerning their whereabouts in order that they may be interviewed. LILLA MILLER is a sister of GEORGE THOMPSON, #249-AZ.

\* At San Francisco, California: Will contact GEORGE FRAVEGA, 233 Clara Street, brother to JAMES SARGEANT, #129-AZ, within the near future, in order to obtain information concerning the whereabouts of LEO FRAVEGA, also a brother of SARGEANT, in order that LEO may be interviewed concerning any information he may have about this case.

\* At San Francisco, California: Will interview Mrs. GEORGE W. JOHNSON, 1618 1/2 12th Street, sister of EDWARD BENITZ, #307-AZ. (See report of Inspector GURNEA, San Francisco, 12/28/37, page 24)

\* At San Francisco, California: At the St. Regis Hotel, will interview P. J. SULLIVAN, father of HARRY SULLIVAN, #198-AZ.

\* At San Francisco, California: At 3318 19th Street, will interview GEORGE VAN GLAHN, #337-AZ, releasoo, for information concerning this case and also as to the whereabouts of his mother, Mrs. MARION VAN GLAHN, in order that she also might be interviewed.

\* At San Francisco, California: Will conduct the additional investigation regarding AL BARRY and LEO MACK. In this connection, see Bureau letter dated December 30, 1937, and page 50 of the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 12/2/38.

\* At San Francisco, California: Will endeavor to locate HELEN ROBINSON at a house of prostitution in the 300 or 400 block of Turk Street. If located, she should be interrogated as to any knowledge she may have concerning the escape of Subjects ROE and COLE from Alcatraz Prison.

\* At San Francisco, California: At 948 Market Street, Room 302, will locate and interview HELEN ROBINSON for any information she may have concerning the escape of Subjects ROE and COLE from Alcatraz.

\* At Oakland, California: If Miss HELEN ROBINSON cannot be located at San Francisco, will contact Mrs. D. J. DA VEGA, 5102 Shafter Avenue, for any information she may have concerning the present whereabouts of HELEN ROBINSON.

\* THE ST. PAUL FIELD DIVISION, at Montevideo, Minnesota: Will interview CHARLES SHINGLE, ascertaining if he has any information concerning E. O. PETERS, who operated a concession at the Itasca County Fair, August 17 to August 20, 1939, selling knife sharpeners and glass cutters.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

FILE NO. 76-282

REPORT MADE AT <b>EL PASO, TEXAS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>2/2/40</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>1/12/40</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>D. D. JOHNSON</b>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1471.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

LONA DAVIS and [redacted] Goldsmith, Tex., have no information concerning the present whereabouts of Subjects.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent A. E. FARLAND, San Francisco, California, dated 10/19/39.  
Report of Special Agent D. D. JOHNSON, El Paso, Texas, dated 11/30/39.

**DETAILS:**

[redacted] was located at the Odessa Junior High School, Odessa, Texas, and after permission had been obtained from Mr. TAYLOR RUSHING, principal of this school, [redacted] was interviewed privately in the principal's office.

[redacted] stated that he is presently residing with [redacted] in Goldsmith, Texas, and attending school in Odessa, Texas; that he is [redacted] and that [redacted] is employed at [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he has been residing in the vicinity of Monahans, Penwell and Odessa for the past three years with [redacted] Photographs of RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE were exhibited to [redacted] who stated that although he knew who both of these individuals were from accounts he had read in the newspapers, that he had never seen either one

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of them personally and did not want to see them. [redacted]

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[redacted] was greatly upset by this interview and indicated to the writer that the stigma of his father's criminal career and execution at San Quentin Prison had caused him a great deal of persecution, and he emphasized the fact that both he and his mother were trying to live this down and that he was doing his best to obtain an education under adverse circumstances.

Mrs. LONA DAVIS, Goldsmith, Texas, stated that she had formerly been acquainted with RALPH ROE in Waurika, Oklahoma, when she was a very small child and when ROE was a young man, but that she has not seen him since this time, and that she has never seen THEODORE COLE. Mrs. DAVIS stated that her husband, ED DAVIS, had served a sentence with RALPH ROE at McAlester, Oklahoma, but that she had not been personally acquainted with ROE at this time. Mrs. DAVIS reiterated her statement that she has never seen either Subject since their escape from Alcatraz, and she stated that it is her belief that if their escape was successful they would not be presently living in this country. Mrs. DAVIS repeatedly stated that she is trying to lead a straight life and give [redacted] every opportunity to obtain a good education and to protect him from any stigma which his father's criminal career may have placed on the family.

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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 <b>DENVER, COLORADO</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>2-6-40</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>1-23-40</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>D. M. BRIGHTMAN</b> <div style="text-align: right;">MEMB</div>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

**CROCKET METCALF** alias Winnie Metcalf alias Mack Smith, Alcatraz #44-AZ, left Silverton, Colo., 12-7-38, leaving forwarding address of Grand Junction, Colo. W. **CROCKET METCALF** presently receiving mail Box 758, Juneau, Alaska. Lead set out to interview him this address.

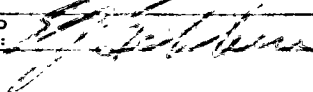
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**REFERENCES:** Report of Special Agent **RALPH T. HOOD**, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 12-2-38, Page 41;  
Report of Special Agent **RALPH T. HOOD**, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 11-1-39;  
Report of Special Agent **J. J. PIMPER**, Seattle, Washington, dated 2-16-39;  
Report of Special Agent **CLARENCE E. CLAY**, Denver, Colorado, dated 12-16-39.

**DETAILS:**

**AT SILVERTON, COLORADO**

Inquiry of Mr. **FLOYD E. COOPER**, Postmaster, disclosed that he remembered a person by the name of **CROCKET METCALF** as receiving mail at Silverton, Colorado, some time during the latter part of December, 1938. Mr. **COOPER** made a search of his forwarding address records and same disclosed that on December 7, 1938,

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METCALF left a forwarding address care of General Delivery, Grand Junction, Colorado. Mr. COOPER advised that METCALF only stayed around Silverton, Colorado, for a few months and was reported to have been working at some mine close to this place with a person by the name of HERBERT DUNWIDDIE and that he was informed that DUNWIDDIE owned a small mine near the Gladstone lease and that METCALF worked with him just a short time. Mr. COOPER could not recall whether any other person worked with these two men or not but advised that he was sure that these two individuals were the only ones working at this small mine.

Sheriff FRED PATTERSON of Silverton also recalled that CROCKET METCALF worked in the vicinity of Silverton for a short time and that he had departed from Silverton the latter part of 1938 and since his departure had not been seen around Silverton.

On January 27, 1940, Mr. GEORGE H. DUKE, Postmaster, Hotchkiss, Colorado, directed a letter to the Denver Office, advising that there was a letter in that day's mail addressed to W. CROCKET METCALF, Box 758, Juneau, Alaska, and that this letter was mailed by METCALF's sister-in-law and bore the return address of the Hotchkiss, Colorado, Post Office.

For the benefit of the Juneau Field Division, it might be stated that W. CROCKET METCALF alias Mack Smith, Alcatraz #44-AZ, is listed as being a friend of Subjects. CROCKET METCALF was transferred to Alcatraz on August 11, 1934. Thereafter, he was returned to McNeil Island, Washington, on November 20, 1936, and was supposedly released on December 17, 1936. Extensive investigation has been conducted for the past two years in an effort to locate this person in order that he might be interviewed for any information he may have regarding Subjects of this case.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

#### THE JUNEAU FIELD DIVISION

##### AT JUNEAU, ALASKA

Will attempt to locate W. CROCKET METCALF alias Mack Smith through Box 758, Juneau, Alaska, and vigorously interview him with regard to his association with Subjects of this case while incarcerated at Alcatraz. Will attempt to ascertain from METCALF if he had any knowledge of the proposed break from Alcatraz of Subjects. Will also interview him relative to whether or not he is acquainted with any friends who could or would aid or assist Subjects in a break from Alcatraz.

THE DENVER FIELD DIVISION

\*AT PUEBLO, COLORADO

Will locate and interview "BOOTS" LADD with regard to the statement made by EARL McGUIRE.

AT HOTCHKISS, COLORADO

In the event W. CROCKET METCALF is not located in Juneau, Alaska, will obtain the name of METCALF's sister-in-law and her address from the Postmaster and attempt to obtain the present whereabouts of METCALF.

P E N D I N G

ADDENDUM:

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent ROBERT H. BURKART:

As requested in the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, dated November 1, 1939, at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, the picture of "BOOTS" LADD was exhibited to members of the Pueblo, Colorado, Police Department, particularly Detectives EVERETT HORNE and DEWEY ROBERTS and Identification Officer RICHARD ANDERSON but none of these officers could effect any identification of the picture and stated that to the best of their recollections "BOOTS" LADD had never been in Pueblo. Inasmuch as he could not be located in Pueblo it was not possible to interview him regarding the statements made by EARL McGUIRE as requested in the above report. In view of the above and also in view of the complete and thorough investigation in Pueblo as made by Special Agent D. M. BRIGHTMAN together with Detectives HORNE and ROBERTS (see report, dated July 28, 1939 at Denver, Colorado) it was decided that the information that "BOOTS" LADD was in Pueblo, Colorado, is apparently erroneous.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

FILE NO. 76-41

REPORT MADE AT <b>DES MOINES, IOWA</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>2-9-40</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>2-1, 2-40</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>M. E. SHAEFFER MES/mg</b>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1471.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>MRS. BEULAH PROCHASKA, Osage, Iowa, advises individual believed referred to by "BUCK" ROSSMAN to be GLENN ROBERTS who had visited her on a few occasions approximately a year ago, but has no information as to his present whereabouts. ROBERTS presently wanted by Sheriff's Office, Mason City, Iowa, for passing false check on November 15, 1938, and warrant outstanding for his arrest. Attempts to locate and interview BUCK ROSSMAN unsuccessful.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. C. ROBINSON, Des Moines, Iowa, dated January 24, 1940.</p> <p>DETAILS: <u>AT OSAGE, IOWA</u></p> <p>It was determined by the writer that the girl whose first name is BEULAH, set out in reference report as residing in the third house East of the North corner of the Post Office on the South side of the street, is MRS. BEULAH PROCHASKA, 814 Chase Street, a widow with four children.</p> <p>MRS. PROCHASKA advised that she is acquainted with "BUCK" ROSSMAN, who had visited her on a few occasions and who used to run around with a</p>			
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girl by the name of LENA BARRETT who is now married and lives in Austin, Minnesota. She stated that she recalls that a year ago ROSSMAN came to her home with a man by the name of GLENN ROBERTS who said he was from the West Coast and that she saw him on two or three occasions after that time. She stated, however, that he had never made any mention to her that he had escaped from Alcatraz or ever mentioned any criminal activities that he may have engaged in in the past. She also stated that GLENN ROBERTS had two good eyes whereas it is noticed in reference report ROSSMAN claimed that the pal of his who had claimed to escape from Alcatraz had but one good eye. MRS. PROCHASKA furnished the writer with a photograph of GLENN ROBERTS taken with "BUCK" ROSSMAN and same is being retained in the file of the Des Moines Field Division for future reference. She stated she could furnish no information regarding the present whereabouts of GLENN ROBERTS, although she understood that "BUCK" ROSSMAN was presently running a stoker for one of the hotels in Mason City, Iowa.

Photographs of RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE were exhibited to MRS. PROCHASKA, however, she stated that neither photograph resembled the individual referred to by her as GLENN ROBERTS, or as any individuals she had ever seen previously.

#### AT MASON CITY, IOWA

The writer contacted Deputy Sheriff CAL DWAN who advised that his office had a warrant outstanding for GLENN ROBERTS for passing a false check in Mason City on November 15, 1938, however, they had never been able to obtain any information relative to his present whereabouts. He stated that his office understood that ROBERTS had "palled around" with "BUCK" ROSSMAN who had, on December 13, 1938, been sentenced to serve six months in the county jail for desertion, under their number 2084. He stated they had questioned ROSSMAN relative to the background of ROBERTS in order to attempt to obtain any information of value he might have in locating his present whereabouts, but ROSSMAN had advised that the only information he had regarding ROBERTS was that he was from the State of Montana. Telephonic contact was had with the Cerro Gordo Hotel and it was ascertained that "BUCK" ROSSMAN had worked at the hotel running the stoker, up to December 1, but was not presently employed by the hotel and had no information relative to his present whereabouts. Deputy Sheriff DWAN stated that he knew the trailer house in which ROSSMAN lived, and thereafter accompanied the writer to the trailer house located in the 1400 Block on Walnut Avenue, S. W., known as the Central Heights Station, however, it was found that the door was wide open and the condition of the trailer would indicate that the occupants had left in quite a hurry. Inquiry at one of the neighbors revealed that MRS. ROSSMAN and baby had been taken to the Mercy Hospital suffering from pneumonia and therefore it was thought

possible that "BUCK" ROSSMAN could be located at the hospital. However, inquiry at the hospital resulted in developing information that ROSSMAN had been there early that morning, but had not been back to see his wife and baby. Therefore, Deputy Sheriff DWAN and the writer conducted investigation in Laws Addition, where Deputy Sheriff DWAN advised ROSSMAN's mother lived, but it was determined through MR. GEFHARDT, who occupies one of the trailers in this particular addition, that ROSSMAN's mother, whose name is now MRS. NEIHOFF, has moved recently and is living in Nora Springs.

Deputy Sheriff DWAN stated that he would later contact the hospital and the trailer home of ROSSMAN's to locate him, and would question him relative to any information he might furnish relative to GLENN ROBERTS' present whereabouts, and thereafter advise the Des Moines Field Division, and also determine whether or not GLENN ROBERTS the individual referred to by "BUCK" ROSSMAN at the time he told R. BURNETT, who was confined in the County Jail at the same time as he, that a pal of his from the West had stated he had escaped from Alcatraz, and also robbed the Thornton Bank of Thornton, Iowa, and had several machine guns in his possession.

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#### THE DES MOINES OFFICE

#### AT MASON CITY, IOWA

Will, at a later date, contact Deputy Sheriff CAL DWAN to ascertain whether or not he has been successful in locating "BUCK" ROSSMAN, to determine whether or not GLENN ROBERTS is the individual referred to by ROSSMAN as having escaped from Alcatraz, and possibly identical with one of the Subjects in instant case.

- P E N D I N G -

840 First National Building  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
February 19, 1940

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Special Agent in Charge  
El Paso, Texas

RE: 0 RO30L

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent D. D. JOHNSON, dated at El Paso, February 2, 1940, reflecting an interview with Mrs. LONA DAVIS, of Goldsmith, Texas.

During the investigation of this case, information has been received from numerous sources regarding the activities of Mrs. DAVIS, also known as JEAN DAVIS, and HAZEL UNDERHILL, the closest friend of ROE and the one he would most likely contact, and it is suggested that Mrs. DAVIS be interviewed fully with reference to this information. The background of Mrs. DAVIS in connection with this case is set forth in the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, dated at Oklahoma City, December 2, 1938. Additional information is set forth on pages 11 and 12 of the report of Agent HOOD, Oklahoma City, January 29, 1940.

Very truly yours,

H. E. Andersen  
Special Agent in Charge

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Los Angeles, California  
February 16, 1940

Special Agent in Charge,  
San Diego, California.

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

Pursuant to your request, by letter dated February 13, 1940, there is transmitted herewith one copy of the report of Special Agent M. E. GURNEA, San Francisco, California, dated December 28, 1937.

Very truly yours,

R. B. HOOD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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San Diego, California

February 13, 1940

Special Agent in Charge  
Los Angeles, California

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated January 29, 1940, which contains an asterisk lead for the San Diego Field Division at San Diego, California, to locate ALBERT A. HILL, brother and correspondent of HUBERT A. GRINDLE, #111-42, through his sister, Mrs. E. J. LITTLEWOOD, 3309 Cleveland Street, as requested in the report of Special Agent M. E. GURNEA, San Francisco, California, dated December 28, 1937, page 25. Will interview Mrs. LITTLEWOOD.

Since the San Diego Field Division is not in possession of the report of Special Agent M. E. GURNEA, San Francisco, California, dated December 28, 1937, the Los Angeles Field Division is requested to furnish this Office with a copy of that report or with sufficient information therefrom in order that the above undeveloped lead may be completed.

Very truly yours,

PERCY WYLY, II  
Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	
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FUGITIVE	

Los Angeles, California  
February 16, 1940

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:-

FAY ROE, ex-wife of JAMES ROE, brother of subject ROE, together with her sister, HAZEL SMITH, left Arcadia, California, on February 10, 1940, by bus for Oklahoma, due to serious illness of their mother. Subsequent mail indicates that FAY ROE and sister are at 929 South Washington Street, Hobart, Oklahoma. FAY ROE and her sister are expected to return to Arcadia, California.

FAY ROE has always claimed to have had little association with the ROE family.

Kindly ascertain by investigation at Hobart, Oklahoma, whether any leads of value may be developed there on instant case.

Very truly yours,

R. D. HOOD  
Special Agent in Charge

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

FILE NO. **76-50 M. H.**

<b>REPORT MADE AT</b> <b>ALBANY, NEW YORK</b>	<b>DATE WHEN MADE</b> <b>2-20-40</b>	<b>PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE</b> <b>1/10/40</b>	<b>REPORT MADE BY</b> <b>F. X. WORTHINGTON</b>
<b>TITLE</b> <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.</b>			<b>CHARACTER OF CASE</b> <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Photograph of MORRIS TRACKINER obtained from Pistol Permit Bureau, N. Y. S. P., Albany, and forwarded Portland Field Division.

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**REFERENCE:** Report of SA L. Levin, New York City 12/21/39.

**DETAILS:** AT ALBANY, NEW YORK

At the Identification Division of the Albany Police Department, a search was made to locate a photograph of MORRIS TRACKINER. The records reflected that TRACKINER was picked up on January 8, 1934 for inquiry by the Albany County District Attorney's Office in connection with the Connell Kidnaping Case, but was released on a writ before an opportunity was had to photograph him.

It was ascertained that TRACKINER had on several occasions made application for a pistol permit and that any photograph would be in possession of the New York State Police, Pistol Permit Bureau.

At the State Capitol Building, Mr. WILLIAM P. BREFKA, Chief Clerk, Pistol Permit Bureau, caused a search of his files and located a photograph of MORRIS TRACKINER taken in 1937. At the time said photograph was taken TRACKINER was described as follows:

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NAME: MORRIS TRACKINER  
ADDRESS: 4 Albany Street, Albany, N. Y.  
AGE: 44 (1937)  
HEIGHT: 5'10  
WEIGHT: 180  
HAIR: Black  
EYES: Brown - eyeglasses  
OCCUPATION - Salesman - self-employed  
RELIGION: Jewish

A copy of the photograph appearing on the application for the pistol permit was obtained and is being forwarded to the Portland Field Division.

ENCLOSURE: TO PORTLAND OFFICE, 1 photograph of MORRIS TRACKINER.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

**Cleveland**

FILE NO. **76-78**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Cleveland, Ohio</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>2/19/40</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>2/8/40</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>M.A. JONES      MAJ/LRL</b>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases-FUGITIVE; IO #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases-FUGITIVE; IO #1471</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** **CARL KREUTER**, student, Kent State College, Kent, Ohio, unable to make definite identification of man he saw in restaurant in Buffalo, N.Y., as being identical with **RALPH ROE**.

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**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent J.W. VINSON, Cleveland, Ohio, 10/12/39.

**DETAILS:** **AT CANTON, OHIO**

Inquiry was made at 1437 Ferndale Avenue, N.W., and it was ascertained that **CARL KREUTER** is still a student at Kent State College, Kent, Ohio, and that his address at the latter institution is 323 College Avenue, East.

**AT KENT, OHIO**

**CARL KREUTER** advised writer that he and other members of the family were returning from a vacation in Canada during the last week of August 1939 and that they stopped at a small restaurant on the west side of Buffalo, New York, on Route #20. He was unable to give the exact location of the restaurant, but stated that it was either just at the city limits of Buffalo or slightly outside of Buffalo. He stated that the restaurant was on the right hand side of the road as one left Buffalo and that it was combined with a gas station. He recalled that the restaurant had blue trimmings. He was inclined to describe it as more of a beer joint than a restaurant.

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He further advised that upon his return to Canton, he saw a picture of fugitive RALPH ROE in a German paper published in Cleveland, called Wacchter Anzeiger. KREUTER gave the following description of individual he observed in the restaurant, who, he thought, resembled fugitive:

Age	30
Weight	160-165
Height	5' 10 or 11"
Hair	Curly, long waves and somewhat darker than chestnut
Complexion	Medium
Tattoos	None noticed
Dress	Blue trimmed waiters' outfit
Descent	Apparently from southern part of Europe;
Peculiarities	Appeared to be careless in serving customers.

KREUTER was shown the photographs of subject, which appear on identification order #1472. He was greatly confused when he saw the pictures and stated that the hair and the face of fugitive did not resemble the hair and face of the man he saw. He advised writer that at the time he saw the picture in the German paper, he felt sure that he had seen the fugitive in Buffalo. At the time of the interview, however, he was inclined to think that he had not seen the fugitive.

Inasmuch as KREUTER could not make an identification which was in any way definite, no further leads are being set out.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

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

FILE NO. **76-257** OFMcC:ALS

REPORT MADE AT <b>New Orleans, Louisiana</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>2-20-40</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>2-12-40</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>O. F. McCARRON</b>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O.#1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O.#1471</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Investigation discloses **MRS. C. M. SMITH** now residing in Texas and husband receiving mail in care of Otis Elevator Co., Dallas, Texas.

**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent **RALPH T. HOOD**, Oklahoma City, 1-29-40.

**DETAILS:** Investigation at 2117 Louisa Street, New Orleans, to locate **MRS. C. M. SMITH** proved negative. The resident at that address, **MRS. PETER ARENA**, advised that she purchased that house from one **MRS. SOVY** about six months ago, but could not advise as to the whereabouts of **MRS. SOVY**. **MRS. ARENA** then stated that she does not know **MRS. SMITH** because **MRS. SMITH** moved from that house when she purchased it, nor could she state where **MRS. SMITH** could be located.

Neighborhood investigation disclosed that **MRS. SMITH** resided at that address with her husband who was employed with the Otis Elevator Co., which was at that time installing elevators in the Charity Hospital during its construction, but that the **SMITH'S** moved back to Texas sometime in March, 1939 when the hospital was completed.

**MR. RAMELLI**, Superintendent of the Charity Hospital in New Orleans, La., interviewed in reference to **C. M. SMITH** employed in the installation of elevators, telephonically contacted **J. B. FUNDERBANK**, Otis Elevator Company, New Orleans, who advised that one **CHARLES M. SMITH** was employed with that company and worked on the Charity Hospital contract but that he had returned to Texas, and now receives his mail in care of the Otis Elevator Company, Dallas, Texas.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE DALLAS DIVISION:

At DALLAS, TEXAS, will contact the Otis Elevator Company and obtain the address of C. M. SMITH and endeavor to locate MRS. CHARLES SMITH, who is a correspondent of FAY ROE. Will endeavor to determine her identity and whether subject ROE is at that address. Will discreetly ascertain from her any information she may possess concerning subjects ROE or COLE.

THE NEW ORLEANS DIVISION:

\*At LUCEDALE, MISS., will interview WILLIE M. WHITTAKER, General Delivery, for any information in his possession regarding RALPH ROE.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

FILE NO.

76-206

REPORT MADE AT <b>ST PAUL, MINN.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>2-27-40</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>2-24-40</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>P. W. WALTZ</b> <span style="float: right;">SC</span>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases, Fugitive, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, Fugitive, I.O. #1471.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

CHARLES J. SCHINKEL, carnival operator, advises unable to identify photographs of Subject ROE. He further stated the only individual he knew who ran a concession such as described in report of Special Agent G. E. Smart, St. Paul, dated 10-15-39, was not in any respect similar with physical description of Roe.

RUC.

**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent G. E. Smart, St. Paul, 10-15-39.

**DETAILS:**

AT MONTEVIDEO, MINN.

MR. CHARLES J. SCHINKEL, carnival and concession operator residing at 131 Division Street, Montevideo, was interviewed by Agent and was shown a picture of RALPH ROE, Fugitive. The writer was advised that Roe did not resemble anyone he had ever seen around the carnivals. Schinkel advised that he believes himself to be "a good hand at remembering faces" and stated that if he had ever seen that individual (Roe) that he would recognize him immediately.

The only person he knew who answered to the description as to occupation of suspect, was a man he knew who sold trinkets, such as

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imitation jewelry and cheap baubles. He said that this man also was a glass cutter and that among other things he had for sale was a supply of knives. He could not remember this man's name but said that he was about 5 ft. tall and weighed only about 100 pounds. He did not speak with a Southern accent.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

FILE NO. **76-259**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Dallas, Texas</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>2-21-40</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>1/25-27, 30/40</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>S. M. WOLF</b>
TITLE <b>0</b> <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Investigation conducted in Ft. Worth, Tex. based on information furnished by SAM GORUM, presently confined in Okla. State Pen. at McAlester, Okla. Identity of various individuals was developed and it is believed advisable to interview GORUM further in this matter prior to proceeding with additional investigation in Ft. Worth.

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**REFERENCE:**

Letters of Oklahoma City Field Division dated 9-15-39 and 10-4-39.  
Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, dated at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 11-1-39;  
Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, dated at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 1-29-40.

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It appears from the report of Special Agent D. D. JOHNSON, dated November 30, 1939, at El Paso, Texas, that LONA DAVIS, widow of ED DAVIS, executed at San Quentin Penitentiary in December, 1938, now resides in the vicinity of Goldsmith, Texas; hence, the request to interview Mrs. J.W. PURSER, sister of ED DAVIS, for the purpose of ascertaining the address of Mrs. LONA DAVIS is being disregarded.

Investigation at Ft. Worth, Texas developed the information that the individual by the name of LIVINGSTON referred to in the reference letter dated September 15, 1939, is undoubtedly HARRY H. LEVANSON, who operates the Rosedale Cash Market at 1100 South Main Street, Ft. Worth, Texas. It was also developed that "LOLLY" referred

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to in that letter is probably identical with ANTHONY LALA who formerly operated the Italian Restaurant, 612 Jones Street, Ft. Worth, Texas. The Eighth Street Drug Store referred to in that letter is undoubtedly the Seventh Street Drug Store located at 211 West Seventh Street, and operated by FRANK LOICANO. The foregoing information was developed by general investigation and also interview with Detective ROY HILTS of the Ft. Worth, Texas Police Department, who is quite well acquainted with SAM GORUM mentioned in reference letter, as well as to a degree with all of the related individuals mentioned in that letter, and developed during the course of this investigation. HILTS is quite well acquainted with Mrs. P. COOPER, 4020 W. Fifth Street, Ft. Worth, Texas, who is a mother-in-law to SAM GORUM.

It was ascertained through Mrs. COOPER that SAM GORUM was sentenced to the Oklahoma Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma in October, 1939, to serve a 15-year sentence for robbery with firearms and investigation at the Identification Bureau of the Ft. Worth, Texas Police Department shows that GORUM has FBI #596,935, and is reported as having been received at the Oklahoma Penitentiary as of November 22, 1937 in connection with the before mentioned sentence.

Mrs. ADDIE CARPENTER, 311 North Harding, Ft. Worth, Texas, upon interview, advised that DELMAS CARPENTER was then in Wichita Falls, Texas, where he is engaged in carpenter work but is expected to return to Ft. Worth to reside at the address of his mother, Mrs. ADDIE CARPENTER. The records of the Ft. Worth Police Department indicate that CARPENTER has FBI #886,455, and was arrested as late as December 9, 1939 by that department on a charge of investigation. Mrs. CARPENTER, it may be noted, stated that neither she nor any of her family ever resided on Peach Street, in Ft. Worth, Texas. However, according to Detective HILTS, it is believed that not too much faith can be placed in information furnished by ADDIE CARPENTER. All of the individuals about whom investigation has been requested in Ft. Worth, Texas, bear somewhat shady reputations and it is difficult to determine the extent to which any of them may be trusted. Detective HILTS has offered his cooperation in connection with this matter and inquiry had been made of the police officers on duty at Lake Worth without developing any information as to ANTHONY LALA having a cabin in that area or that these fugitives might possibly be in seclusion there. HILTS mentioned a crook by the name of "HAPPY" DUNN, who hangs around the 7th Street Drug Store, in Ft. Worth, Texas, and it is thought that SAM GORUM might possibly be able to advise the extent to which any of the individuals mentioned in this report might be trusted, and what cooperation might be expected from them. It is understood that BUSTER LOICANO, brother of FRANK LOICANO, is presently in the Federal Penitentiary, possibly in connection with theft of postage stamps, and JOHN LOICANO, another brother, just came back from the penitentiary. Information was developed through Mrs. COOPER, before mentioned, that SAM GORUM while in Ft. Worth, Texas, and shortly before he came to the Oklahoma Penitentiary and began his sentence, hung around with HAROLD HODKIN at Lake Worth, whose father owns all the cabins around the SHOWBOAT, near the Jacksboro, Texas Highway out of Ft. Worth, Texas. It was thought that perhaps



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LOLLA's cabin may be near the Showboat, but no information could be developed in this regard by reference to a plat of the cabins in that area in the possession of SAM BLAIR, who operates a tourist camp at Lake Worth.

Detective HILTS also mentioned one JACK BAUGH who formerly operated with SAM GORUM as a possible source of information in this matter but did not know where BAUGH could now be located.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS: OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD DIVISION:

AT MOALESTER, OKLAHOMA: - Will interview SAM GORUM at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary in connection with the possibility that ROE and COLE have been hiding out at Anthony Lolla's cabin on Lake Worth, near Ft. Worth, Texas. He should be interrogated relative to the various individuals mentioned in this report in an effort to determine if reliable information could be expected from any of them.

Also, ascertain from him the whereabouts of JACK BAUGH and if he could possibly furnish information in this matter.

Determine if he knows the exact location of LOLLA's cabin on Lake Worth near Ft. Worth, Texas, and any other information he may have in connection with his original statement that he understood the Fugitives were hiding in a cabin on Lake Worth near Ft. Worth, Texas.

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: **WILLIE M. WHITTERKER** unknown at Post Office, Lucedale, Miss. No forwarding address left at Post Office.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent **RALPH T. HOOD**, Oklahoma City, 1/29/40.

DETAILS: **AT LUCEDALE, MISS.**

**D. D. LARRIMORE**, Clerk, Lucedale Post Office, stated that he is familiar with the names of all people who call at the Post Office for mail and he faintly recalled that some time ago an individual named **WHITTERKER** or **WHITTAKER** came in for mail, but not enough for him, **LARRIMORE**, to remember anything about him. However, he advised that this person does not call for mail any more.

A search of the forwarding address cards did not reveal that this person left a forwarding order.

Inquiry at the Sheriff's Office failed to develop any information concerning anyone named **WHITTERKER**. Lucedale is a small town of about 1500 people and its inhabitants are known to all the members of the Sheriff's Office.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>DES MOINES, IOWA</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>3-13-40</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>2-29-40</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>M. E. SHAWLER</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>RES:150</b></span>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1471</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

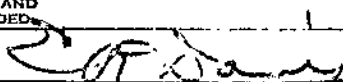
MRS. "BUCK" ROSSMAN advises GLENN ROBERTS is step-brother of her husband and resides in vicinity of Glendive, Montana, however does not have any definite information relative to his present whereabouts. Advises ROBERTS stayed at her home for several months approximately a year ago and boasted quite a lengthy criminal record and that he had escaped from Alcatraz, however, she stated ROBERTS was inclined to boast and brag about himself to a great extent and the truth of what he might say could not be relied on.

- R.U.C. -

**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent M. E. SHAWLER, Des Moines, February 9, 1940.

**DETAILS:** AT MASON CITY, IOWA

Deputy Sheriff CAL DWAN was recontacted by the writer to ascertain whether or not he had been successful in obtaining any additional information regarding GLENN ROBERTS through one "BUCK" ROSSMAN who previously reported to be a partner of ROBERTS who was suspected of being identical with one of the subjects in instant case. Deputy Sheriff DWAN advised that since the writer last contacted him he had telephonically talked to BUCK ROSSMAN and ROSSMAN had promised to come in and see him at the County Jail the next time he was in town but so far had not put in an appearance. He

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advised further that he had made a trip out to the Trailer house which BUCK ROSSMAN and his wife occupied located in the 1400 block on Walnut, South west, known as the Central Heights Addition, and it was determined by Deputy Sheriff DEAN that MRS. ROSSMAN, who had previously been confined in the hospital with pneumonia, was now back home, however at the time of this visit BUCK ROSSMAN was not at home.

Accompanied by Deputy Sheriff CAL DEAN the writer paid a visit to the above trailer house, however it was determined BUCK ROSSMAN was not there, therefore, interview was had with MRS. BUCK ROSSMAN relative to any information she might be able to furnish regarding GLENN ROBERTS. She stated that GLENN ROBERTS was step-brother of her husband and that he had stayed with them for three or four months about a year ago. She advised that ROBERTS was continually talking and boasting about his criminal exploits and bragged that he had been one of the individuals to escape from Alcatraz and also advised that he had several machine guns hidden, however, she stated that any information that ROBERTS might furnish could not be relied upon due to his boasting nature. MRS. ROSSMAN further stated that ROBERTS had his wife presently living in Glendive, Montana, and that it was her belief that ROBERTS was back there in Glendive living with his wife. She stated that ROBERTS had been a very bad influence over husband and she was glad that he had finally left the vicinity of Mason City due to the fact that she believed that he might be responsible to getting her husband into additional trouble.

She stated further that while ROBERTS was in Mason City he continually acted as if he was trying to avoid the law and put on quite a show using aliases at various times and acting very secretive. However, she stated as above, that she did not believe any of the stories ROBERTS had told about having machine guns hidden away and having been one of the individuals who escaped from Alcatraz.

For the information of the Butte Office in covering leads set out hereafter, it should be stated that BUCK ROSSMAN, while serving a term in the Mason City Jail in December 1938, had informed one M. R. BURNETT, also in the jail at that time, that one of his pals, namely GLENN ROBERTS, had informed him that he had escaped from Alcatraz and had also had several machine guns hidden away, and it is believed that possibly GLENN ROBERTS might be one of the subjects in instant case.

ENCLOSURE to BUTTE, photograph of GLENN ROBERTS standing together with "BUCK" ROSSMAN.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE BUTTE FIELD DIVISION

AT GLERDIVE, MONTANA

Will conduct appropriate investigation to locate GLEN ROBERTS, to locate his wife or other relatives to determine his present whereabouts so that he may be interviewed regarding his stating that he escaped from Alcatraz and had several machine guns stored away and to determine whether or not he is connected with the subjects in this case.

In the event GLEN ROBERTS is not located in Glendive, Montana, will attempt to locate a criminal record in that town in order that fingerprints of his may be compared with subject's in this case so that he may be definitely eliminated and thereby make further investigation unnecessary.

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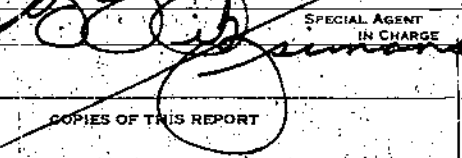
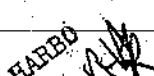
REPORT MADE AT <b>Phoenix, Arizona</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>3-14-40</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>3-2-40</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>B. F. FITZSIMONS, PO</b>
TITLE <b>THEODORE COLE, with alias, I. O. #1471 RALPH ROE, with aliases, I. O. #1472 FUGITIVES</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** MILDRED STEPP, Phoenix, Arizona, claimed she saw THEODORE COLE in Phoenix about February 17, 1940, at which time COLE informed her he was working on a farm near Glendale, Arizona. MRS. STEPP unable identify photographs of subjects and definitely stated that photograph of fugitive COLE was not identical with individual she knows. Neither ROE nor COLE identified at Ritz Cafe, Phoenix, Arizona, where MRS. STEPP claims to have met COLE.

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**DETAILS:** AT PHOENIX, ARIZONA

On the afternoon of March 2, 1940, one S. MACLAM, a member of the Citizen's Police Patrol, Phoenix, Arizona, appeared at the Phoenix office and stated that he had received information from a woman, whose name he did not know, to the effect that "TED" COLE was located on a farm north of Glendale, Arizona. MR. MACLAM was unable to offer any additional information. When questioned as to the location of his informant, he stated that she resides at 2085 East Polk Street, Phoenix, Arizona and is employed in a second hand store which is located on the north side of the street at the corner of Seventeenth Street and Washington. Upon receipt of this information, the second hand store in question was located and the informant of Officer MACLAM identified herself as MRS. MILDRED STEPP. She stated that she has known "TED" COLE for several years; that they used to live across the street from the COLE family in Oklahoma.

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When questioned concerning her alleged meeting with COLE, she stated that it was about February 17, 1940, when she attended a dance at the Ritz Cafe, which is located at Third Street and Jefferson, Phoenix, Arizona. She stated that COLE recognized her and spoke to her and she inquired as to what he was doing in Phoenix. He is said to have replied that he was working on a farm near Glendale and stated that he did not want anyone to know where he was. MRS. STEPP further stated that she was positive that it was the fugitive in this instance and further stated that she knew there was a reward for him. When questioned concerning the source of her information relative to the reward, MRS. STEPP stated that she had read about it in a magazine. At this point it may be well to state that when MRS. STEPP was located at the above mentioned second hand store, she was very much engrossed in the perusal of several old Detective Magazines. Photographs of ROE and COLE, together with other individuals, were exhibited to MRS. STEPP, but she was unable to identify any of the photographs as bearing any resemblance to the individual known to her as "TED" COLE. As a matter of fact she definitely stated that the photograph of the fugitive COLE did not in any way resemble the individual known to her as TED COLE. She stated that in the event she should again see the individual or receive any information concerning his definite location she would communicate with the Phoenix office.

Immediately after the interview was had with MRS. STEPP, an interview was had with AL BRADY, Proprietor of the Ritz Cafe, Third Street and Jefferson, Phoenix, Arizona. The Ritz Cafe is a poor-class dance hall and bar. However, it was determined, prior to any inquiry at the Ritz Cafe that AL BRADY is reliable, particularly in connection with furnishing information to law enforcement officials. MR. BRADY stated that he has not observed anyone who answers the description of either of the fugitives at the Ritz Cafe at any time and he further stated that he is on duty most of the time when the Cafe is opened to the public and more particularly on Saturday nights when the lower class of people frequent his dance hall. BRADY likewise examined the photographs of ROE and COLE and stated that they do not resemble anyone he has observed at the Ritz Cafe. He stated that he would communicate with the Phoenix office in the event he should observe either of the fugitives in his Cafe and he referred agent to his bouncer, JAMES SHADE who would undoubtedly have seen the fugitive COLE had he visited the Ritz Cafe.

JAMES SHADE, after having examined the photographs of the fugitives stated that he has not observed anyone at the Ritz Cafe who answers the description of either fugitive. SHADE likewise offered to cooperate and stated that he would immediately get in touch with the Phoenix office in the event he observed anyone at the Ritz Cafe who in any way resembled the description of either of the fugitives.

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TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, IO No. 1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, IO No. 1471.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <b>Mrs. WILLIAM RITCHEY unable to furnish information about Subjects or their escape.</b>			
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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent G. M. ALDERSON, Boston, dated 10/25/39; report of Special Agent LOUIS D. WINE, San Francisco, dated 1/9/40.			
DETAILS: <u>AT HOWARD, RHODE ISLAND</u>  As a result of previous inquiry about Mrs. WILLIAM RITCHEY, Clerk WILLIAM MARTIN of the Rhode Island State Prison, upon learning that Mrs. RITCHEY would visit her husband at the prison on March 13, 1940, advised Agent of her plans.  Mrs. WILLIAM RITCHEY, 948 Market Street, Room 302, San Francisco, California, was interviewed at the Rhode Island State Prison following her visit with her husband, WILLIAM RITCHEY, former Alcatraz No. 99. She advised that she had never known Subjects, but did recall their escape since it had been given so much publicity on the West Coast. She advised that she had never heard any rumor about the case and that everyone she had ever heard mention took it for granted that Subjects were drown in the attempt. She advised that the day of the escape was one of the worst days, as far as weather was concerned, that she could recall. She also stated that she had never heard her husband mention anything about the escape of Subjects. She advised that she had been working as a stewardess on ocean vessels and as such			
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was on voyages much of the time. She stated however that the only address she had was 948 Market Street, Room 302, San Francisco, California.

In view of the above it would appear unnecessary for the San Francisco Division to make further effort to locate Mrs. RITCHEY.

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REPORT MADE AT <b>EL PASO, TEXAS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>3/18/40</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>3/7/40</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>C. A. MAY</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>ALL</b></span>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1471.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>LONA DAVIS, Goldsmith, Texas, denies she has ever been in contact with Subjects, or has any information concerning their present whereabouts.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>RUC.</b></p> <p>Reference: Reports of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, Okla., dated 12/2/38 and 1/29/40; Report of Special Agent D. D. JOHNSON, El Paso, Texas, dated 2/2/40; Letter from Oklahoma City, dated 2/19/40.</p> <p>Details: <u>AT GOLDSMITH, TEXAS:</u></p> <p>Mrs. LONA DAVIS, Goldsmith, Texas, was again interviewed, and stated she first became acquainted with HAZEL UNDERHILL when their husbands escaped from the State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas; that she had last heard from HAZEL in July, 1939, when HAZEL was living in Corpus Christi, Texas, and the last time she heard HAZEL was in California during the latter part of 1939. Mrs. DAVIS also related that her brother had married HAZEL'S daughter, and they had all lived together at Corpus Christi, Texas, but since her brother and HAZEL'S daughter had obtained a divorce, and all of them had left Corpus Christi, and she has no idea where they might be located now.</p> <p>She also stated that she had written a letter to HAZEL in Corpus Christi, and this letter had come back, and HAZEL had not left a forwarding address.</p>			
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Mrs. DAVIS continued by stating that she had lived at Monahans, Texas, from 1935 until 1938, when around Christmas time she left for Penwell, Texas, and worked in a cafe operated by her brother, but that since that time, the cafe has changed hands, and she does not know where her brother is at this time. She further stated that she went from Penwell to California, and remained there until her husband was executed at San Quentin, which was on December 16, 1939.

Regarding the alleged trip to Kansas, Mrs. DAVIS stated she had been to Kansas only once in her life, in 1939, when her husband was in the State Penitentiary at Lansing. She denied that she had ever been in contact with either of Subjects, and stated that she had only known ROE as a little boy in Oklahoma, and further, that he had no reason to contact her because she would not know him if she saw him on the street; that she never knew COLE, and accordingly, there would not be any object in his contacting her.

When questioned as to whether she knew if HAZEL UNDERHILL was in contact with the Subject, she stated that if UNDERHILL did know anything about them she would have told her. She further offered the information that prior to ROE'S incarceration at Alcatraz, UNDERHILL "played around" with him, but that they had a mix-up and were not on very good terms when they last saw each other. She stated that UNDERHILL couldn't write to ROE while he was in Alcatraz, and consequently, he would have no way of knowing where she was, even if he did try to get in touch with her.

DAVIS stated that HAZEL has an ex-husband and a daughter in some town in Kansas; that the daughter sometimes stays with her ex-husband, and that HAZEL may have gone to Kansas to visit her daughter.

In conclusion, DAVIS re-iterated that she has heard nothing, knew nothing, and doesn't care to know anything about the whereabouts of either of the Subjects, and repeated that she is trying to live a straight life, and all she is interested in now is to keep her son out of trouble, so he will become a good and useful citizen.

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

Des Moines, Iowa  
March 26, 1940

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT [redacted] Informant.  
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Bureau's letter of March 23 this is to advise that the investigation suggested in this matter was covered with the report of Special Agent J. C. ROBINSON, Des Moines, Iowa, 1-24-40, under the title "RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; ET AL, Escaped Federal Prisoner".

While it is noted in Agent ROBINSON's report that there is reference to the fact that this information was furnished by [redacted] it appears that the reference to the above entitled matter was not made sufficiently clear to indicate that the information furnished pertained to the case entitled RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE.

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This failure is being called to the attention of Agents at this office for their future guidance.

Very truly yours,

*E. R. Davis*  
for E.H.W.

E. R. DAVIS  
Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge  
San Francisco, California

Re: HOCOL

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith to the San Francisco and Oklahoma City Offices are copies of an anonymous letter addressed to the Bureau and postmarked at Salinas, California, on March 6, 1940, in which, among other things, the writer informs of having heard that two escapes from Alcatraz checked into an "E.R.A." camp at Stockton, California, the day following their escape and were sent to another camp two days later.

Inasmuch as this individual is apparently referring to the subjects of this case, the San Francisco Office should conduct appropriate investigation at Stockton, California, in connection with this information.

For your information, the newspaper clipping inclosed with the anonymous letter has no bearing upon the instant case.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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cc Oklahoma City (Copy anonymous letter)

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Mr. Nathan.....  
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HOTEL COMINOS  
SALINAS, CALIFORNIA

March 7-1940

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed clipping speaks for itself.

Camp Ord, located six miles from here has about twelve thousand soldiers. All buildings and laying out of grounds are being done by W.P.A. workers consisting of skilled and non skilled men, with over eleven hundred employees located at Camp Ord and Camp Giggling, on U. S. Army Reservation containing about 18000 acres.

Am positive you will find some of the men you are looking for in various S.R.A. W.P.A. and other government projects throughout the country.

Criminals are hideing out in these camps.

The writer is working at Camp Ord sleeping in one of the barracks containing about 30 men, and have heard men talking even in their sleep about crime.

Camp Ord and Camp Giggling being on U.S. Army Reservation would be a good excuse to force all W.P.A. and S.R.A men to have their finger prints and photographs taken. Men are going and coming all the time. Big turn over of labor.

I think the pull a job and make for one of these Camps - and after awhile they check out of Camps and pull other jobs.

About a year ago two men got out of Alcatraz in San Francisco. I heard these two men checked in to S.R.A. Camp at Stockton Calif following day after escape, and were sent to another camp two days later. I used to travel for State of California, making all SRA and WPA Camps and men have told me of things heard by different ones in the Camps.

Investigate S.R.A. and W.P.A. Camps for some of the criminals.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

FILE NO. 76-9 JN

<p>REPORT MADE AT Juneau, Alaska</p>	<p>DATE WHEN MADE 3/13/40</p>	<p>PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 3/1-4/40</p>	<p>REPORT MADE BY R. C. VOGEL, SAC</p>
<p>TITLE RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.</p>			<p>CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.</p>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: CROCKET METCALF located in Juneau, Alaska, where he has resided since April, 1939. Inquiries fail to reveal he is contacting or associating with any suspicious characters. METCALF claims not well acquainted with either subject, but more friendly with COLE than ROE. Disclaims any knowledge of their contemplated prison break, the identity of any person likely to assist them, or that he knows much concerning their background.</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">RUC</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent D. M. BRIGHTMAN, Denver, Colorado, dated 2/6/40.</p> <p>DETAILS: <u>AT JUNEAU, ALASKA</u></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Inquiries of ALBERT WILE, Postmaster, revealed that P.O. Box 758, Juneau, Alaska, is assigned to Mrs. A. J. GILLIS, a widow who, according to WILE, operated a small drygoods store in Juneau but is now believed to be living on the Glacier Highway about 12 miles from Juneau. Inquiries of several Post Office clerks revealed that W. CROCKET METCALF receives his mail at this Post Office Box, and that occasionally he comes to the Post Office, although his local address was not known to them. It was also ascertained that recently METCALF has been sending money orders to the O.K. Tailoring Co., Chicago, Illinois.</p>			
<p>APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>R. C. Vogel</i></p>		<p>SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</p>	
<p>COPIES OF THIS REPORT</p> <p>3 Bureau 2 Oklahoma City 2 Denver 2 Juneau</p> <p style="text-align: right; transform: rotate(-30deg);"><b>COPIES DESTROYED 61 SEP 12 1966</b></p>		<p>DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</p> <div style="font-size: 2em; font-family: monospace; text-align: center;">76-9-882</div> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 10px;">APR 2 1940</div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">MAR 26 A.M. 1940</div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;">FUGITIVE</div>	

Chief of Police DAN RALSTON advised that he is well acquainted with Mrs. A. J. GILLIS, stating that she bears an unsavory reputation. He mentioned that Mrs. GILLIS is residing at 330 South Willoughby Ave., just across from the Indian Native Hall, and an individual named METCALF is likewise living at this same residence, although he is not married to Mrs. GILLIS, who is a widow. RALSTON advised that just recently Deputy U. S. Marshal WALTER HELLAN had displayed a photograph of W. CROCKET METCALF, and RALSTON recognized it as the individual presently living with Mrs. GILLIS. He stated, however, that he knew nothing concerning METCALF'S background or concerning his activities in Juneau. He stated, however, that METCALF does not hang around the beer taverns or pool halls but is apparently leading a rather quiet life. He mentioned that at the time HELLAN displayed METCALF'S photograph to him he informed RALSTON that inquiries had been made by the Secret Service Division in Seattle, wherein the Marshal's Office in Juneau was requested to make discreet inquiries to determine the identities of METCALF'S associates, it being indicated that METCALF was suspected of being involved in some way with counterfeit money.

Photographs of subjects COLE and ROE were displayed to Chief of Police RALSTON, but he was unable to identify these individuals and expressed the positive opinion that they were not around Juneau. In this connection, however, he mentioned that Mrs. GILLIS at one time operated a fox farm on the Glacier Highway around 12 or 14 miles north of Juneau, but did not know whether anyone was presently operating this farm for her. He likewise stated that an individual named BROWN, proprietor of the Totem Grocery, is located in the immediate vicinity of where Mrs. GILLIS is residing, and that BROWN could be contacted in complete confidence.

G. G. BROWN, proprietor of the Totem Grocery Store, upon being interviewed stated that an individual he knows as CROCKET METCALF is presently residing with Mrs. A. J. GILLIS at 330 South Willoughby Ave., where she operates a small dry goods store which is known as the "Village Store". He was shown photographs of the subjects in this case, as well as a photograph of CROCKET METCALF and identified METCALF as the one residing with Mrs. GILLIS. He stated that as far as he knows no one resembling the subjects was residing at this place or contacting METCALF. He advised that for the past six months METCALF has been working as a miner at the Alaska Juneau Gold Mine, and that quite often he stops in the Totem Grocery Store to cash his pay checks; that METCALF is the retiring type of individual and not inclined to volunteer any information concerning his background or personal life; that he has few if any visitors and apparently lives a quiet life. He mentioned also that METCALF, in addition to working at the mine, also sells custom made suits and overcoats and in this connection displayed a receipt covering a deposit on a coat which BROWN recently purchased from METCALF. This receipt bears the name of the Atlas Raincoat Manufacturing Co, Chicago, Illinois.



BROWN further advised that Mrs. GILLIS has been ill for the past four or five months and has been bedridden for the last several weeks suffering with arthritis; that because of this condition she has recently employed Mrs. EDWARD D. JAMES to assist around the house and in the operation of the Village Store; that Mrs. JAMES is married to a half-breed and was formerly married to CHARLES D. JOHNSON, who he understands has a past criminal record. JOHNSON has been in Juneau for the past eight or nine years.

BROWN mentioned that he delivers groceries to the GILLIS residence just about every day and has never seen any evidence of anyone other than Mrs. GILLIS and CROCKET METCALF residing there, pointing out that it is a rather small dwelling house. He did mention that Mrs. GILLIS has a fox farm out on the Glacier Highway but does not believe she has operated the same within the past year, although she has mentioned to him that she intends to go back to the fox farm some time this spring, and in this connection mentioned that there is some friction between METCALF and Mrs. GILLIS, and the indication is that they will break up some time in the near future.

Deputy U. S. Marshal WALTER HELLAN displayed a letter dated 2/15/40 to the writer which he had received from the Secret Service Division in Seattle, with which was enclosed a photograph of CROCKET METCALF. This letter requested the Marshal's Office to make discreet inquiries in an effort to determine the identities of METCALF'S associates and pointed out that METCALF has been suspected of planning to make counterfeit notes, but insofar as the Secret Service had been able to determine METCALF had never actually committed this offense. HELLAN advised that thus far he had been unable to determine anything concerning METCALF'S associates, although both he and the Chief of Police had been making inquiries; that apparently METCALF does not hang around the pool halls and beer taverns but remains close to home.

It was not deemed advisable to make inquiries in the vicinity of the fox farm owned by Mrs. A. J. GILLIS, which would offer an excellent hide-out in view of its rather isolated location, to determine whether anyone was operating this farm at the present time. Accompanied by Deputy Marshal HELLAN the writer proceeded to the fox farm of CHARLES RUDY, an old pioneer, which is located about 1 mile from the GILLIS farm. In a general conversation RUDY stated that Mrs. GILLIS moved to Juneau about a year ago, and that there has been no activity on her fox farm since then, and he was positive no one was living there at this time. Thereafter, HELLAN and the writer proceeded to the GILLIS farm and examination of the dwelling house and other buildings definitely indicated the same had not been occupied for a long period of time.

BILL REDLING, paymaster, Alaska Juneau Gold Mine, upon examination of his records advised that CROCKET METCALF has been employed as a miner since June, 1939.

W. CROCKET METCALF was subsequently located in the residence of Mrs. A. J. GILLIS, 330 South Willoughby Ave., and thereafter he was interviewed in a private place in the vicinity of this residence. METCALF advised that he was not a close associate of THEODORE COLE or RALPH ROE at the time all of them were confined in Alcatraz, but that he was more friendly with COLE than with ROE; that quite often he and COLE used to toss a baseball around in the prison yard, but that COLE would never "open up" or reveal anything concerning his background or any future plans he may have had. METCALF advised that about the only thing he knew about either COLE or ROE is that they were either bank robbers or kidnapers and spent almost all their lives, with the exception of the time they spent in penitentiaries, in Oklahoma. METCALF pointed out that he was released from Alcatraz approximately a year prior to the time subjects escaped from Alcatraz, and at no time had they or anyone else indicated that they had contemplated a prison break. In this connection he mentioned that from his knowledge of COLE and ROE, they would not have revealed to anyone their plans to escape. METCALF claimed that he did not know of any friends who could or would assist subjects in a break from Alcatraz, and as far as he could determine they did not appear overly friendly with any of the inmates. He stated, however, that he did see them hanging around with two persons whom he described as "two big fellows who were sent to Alcatraz from the State of Oklahoma". He was not positive, but believed their names may have been TOM and DAVE, and that one of them had prison #332; that these two persons were both serving life sentences for either bank robbery or kidnaping. METCALF pointed out that he did not know enough concerning the background of subjects or their associates to even hazard a guess as to who they might contact in the event they did make good their escape.

Continuing, METCALF advised that at the time of this escape he was in Hotchkiss, Colorado visiting his father, and that just prior thereto he was working in the mine at Silverton, Colorado. He was unable to offer any information as to whether the subjects might be dead or alive, although he ventured the opinion that if they did make good their escape they would head for Oklahoma or the southwestern part of the United States, adding that as far as he knew neither of the subjects had ever been around the country, and therefore it would be logical for them to hide out in some section which is known to them.

As a matter of information, METCALF advised that some years ago he was sentenced to the penitentiary at McNeil Island, Wash. on a Post Office robbery charge, and that in 1934 he and several other inmates made a prison break during which METCALF was shot but not seriously wounded. Shortly thereafter METCALF was transferred to Alcatraz. METCALF advised he has been in Juneau since April 1939, and that he commenced working at the Alaska Juneau Gold Mine in June of that year.

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

HMK:GMC

April 2, 1940

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM

Re: *ROCOL*

Time: 11:15 P. M.

While listening to a news broadcast by Radio Commentator Paul Sullivan over Station WJSV at this time, it was announced that two hitch-hikers reported to Tulsa, Oklahoma authorities today that they had been picked up near Miami, Oklahoma last night by a man who said he was an escapee from Alcatraz Penitentiary and who bragged about his intentions to rob a certain bank in Tulsa. The hitch-hikers also advised that the man driving the car told them that the individual following directly behind in a second car had also escaped from Alcatraz. The hitch-hikers are reported to have identified the two men to the Tulsa authorities as being ROE and COLE.

The news reporter did not give the names of the hitch-hikers or the name of the bank the individual allegedly stated they intended to rob.

The news reporter went on further to state that early today the Tulsa Police received a call from a woman, whose name the reporter did not give, who reported she had seen ROE and COLE in Tulsa today. He advised that the Tulsa authorities were checking on the matter.

Time: 1:45 A. M.

April 3, 1940

In accordance with your instructions, the above information was furnished to Oklahoma City Office by wire with the request that they handle the same immediately and advise the Bureau by Teletype the results of their investigation.

Respectfully,

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*Harry M. Kimball*

Harry M. Kimball  
Night Supervisor

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

S.A. FILE NO. 76-338

REPORT MADE AT <b>SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>3/29/40</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>3/27/40</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>EDWARD L. DUBOIS JR.</b>
TITLE <b>THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE I.O. #1471 RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE I.O. #1472</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Informant [redacted] O. C. HALES divorced by JUANITA HALES and in Houston, Texas; JUANITA and MARVIN CONNORS in Monett, Missouri where HAZEL UNDERHILL in dying condition; O.C. HALES during summer of 1939 accused HAZEL and JUANITA of going to Tulsa, Oklahoma, to contact ROE and COLE.  
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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent F. J. LACKEY, San Antonio, October 6, 1939;  
Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Okla. City, January 29, 1940

**DETAILS:**

At Refugio, Texas:

Sheriff IRA HEARD and Deputy Sheriff ELMER D. BARBER stated they had no additional information on this case, other than as reported herein.

Postmaster, Mrs. BILLIE WARRACK, advised that HAZEL CONNORS (HAZEL UNDERHILL) left Refugio several months ago and did not submit a forwarding address, that sometime last week MARVIN CONNORS came to the Post Office and left a forwarding address of JUANITA HALES (not HALE) as 300-6th Street, Monett, Missouri.

Accompanied by Deputy Sheriff ELMER D. BARBER, inquiry was made with negative results in the neighborhood of the CONNORS opposite the Union Producers Company. BARBER stated his confidential informant in [redacted]

[redacted] in the presence of BARBER stated he is [redacted] years of

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age. presently [redacted]

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[redacted] that he will cooperate with the Bureau on this case providing his name is never mentioned and thereby narrated the following chain of events without being prompted or specifically questioned:

That he first met ROE and COLE when they accompanied ED DAVIS in September 1934 to see [redacted] INEZ BOGGS HALES when she lived on the Cromwell and Franklin lease in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, with [redacted] who, in the presence of [redacted] refused to let DAVIS see the mother stating "the law was after them and [redacted] wanted no part of them"; that was the last [redacted] has seen of DAVIS, ROE and COLE; that he doubts whether ROE and COLE are alive;

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[redacted] that she has [redacted]  
[redacted] LOMA is presently married to a German man whose last name ends in "----BERG"; that she is presently residing in Odessa, Texas according to a recent letter from [redacted]  
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[redacted] O.C. HALES during 1938 was a superintendent for BILL MORGAN'S Oil Company in Tulsa, Oklahoma where he met JUANITA at an oil show there, married her, and brought her to Refugio during the Spring of 1938; that during the summer of 1938 O.C. HALES and JUANITA went to Odessa, Texas and returned to Refugio with HAZEL (UNDERHILL) CONNORS, and HAZEL'S son MARVIN CONNORS, and [redacted] whose father ----HUDSON was perhaps HAZEL'S second husband and who has a wholesale oil business at Ponca City, Oklahoma.

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That HAZEL with [redacted] left Refugio during the summer of 1939 and went to Tulsa; that about a month later perhaps during the early part of October HAZEL came through Refugio by automobile accompanied by "some men". stated she had come up from Mexico and asked [redacted] where JUANITA was, that [redacted] informed HAZEL that JUANITA was attending a Refugio ball game which was where HAZEL found her and had her get her clothes and accompany HAZEL to Tulsa; that during the latter part of October JUANITA returned to Refugio [redacted] that she divorced OC HALES at Refugio during November 1939 and several weeks ago she was to obtain a job as a waitress in a cafe at Sinton, Texas, but last week she received a telegram that her Mother HAZEL was dying in Monett, Missouri; that JUANITA and MARVIN CONNORS then drove to Monett, Missouri and have not returned to Refugio; that now perhaps JUANITA will return to Oklahoma City and obtain her old job "working tom-tom machines for the Government."

That MARVIN CONNORS has continuously resided in Refugio and is employed by JACK STARETT working over oil wells and resides with SHERLEY RILES.

That [redacted] first learned who HAZEL actually was through O.C. HALES who at the time the latter was divorced by JUANITA stated that HAZEL was the

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cause of the divorce, that she is a mean woman and was formerly UNDERHILL'S woman who was killed at Shawnee; further, that during the divorce proceedings JUANITA mentioned to [ ] that when she and HAZEL went to Tulsa during the summer of 1939, O.C. HALES accused them of going to Tulsa to contact ROE and COLE in order to get money to put into a beer parlor there which they planned to operate; that JUANITA made no further explanation of this remark, that O.C. HALES had not mentioned it to [ ] and aside from this [ ] has not heard any other mention of ROE or COLE. b7D

Further, that O.C. HALES will cooperate with the Bureau and can be located through BILL MORGAN of the Morgan Gulf Oil Company in Houston, Texas where O. C. HALES is presently working. BARBER stated MORGAN'S office telephone number in Houston is Preston 8885 and home telephone H-4417.

[ ] further stated he has the confidence of MARVIN CONNORS and [ ] will endeavor to obtain whatever information MARVIN knows about instant case.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

##### KANSAS CITY OFFICE:

At Monett, Missouri: Will interview HAZEL UNDERHILL, her daughter JUANITA, and son MARVIN concerning HAZEL'S alleged association with ROE and COLE since their escape. It is suggested by the office of origin that a careful review of the file first be made. This lead should be expedited as HAZEL is supposedly dying.

##### OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE:

Will furnish the Kansas City Office pertinent serials in order for that office properly conduct the above interview.

##### EL PASO OFFICE:

At Odessa, Texas: Will interview L. L. HALES and through him locate and interview LOMA DAVIS who resides there and is presently married to a German whose last name ends in ----berg., and ascertain if they have information regarding instant case.

##### SAN ANTONIO FIELD OFFICE:

At Houston, Texas: Will locate and interview O.C. HALES for all information he may furnish as to instant case and particularly as to the information reflected in instant report.

[ ] After a reasonable length of time will contact [ ] for additional information he may have obtained and thereafter thoroughly interview MARVIN CONNORS for whatever information he may furnish as to subjects. b7D

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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA  
April 17, 1940

Special Agent in Charge  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Re: ROGOL

Dear Sir:

Information has been received from Chief of Police J. S. BROWN, Selma, California, that he was a former officer with the Kansas State Highway Patrol and knows that WINT SMITH, formerly Director of the Kansas State Highway Patrol and now attorney for the State Highway Commission at Topeka, Kansas, had a female informant who was well acquainted with the subjects of this investigation.

The advisability of contacting SMITH for the name of his informant in order that she may be utilized is being left to your discretion.

Very truly yours,

R. B. HOOD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

P. O. Box #831  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA  
April 1, 1940

Mary D. Briggs  
Postmaster  
Los Angeles, California

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

Dear Madam:

Kindly place a thirty-day mail cover on the mail addressed to WARREN J. PORTER at 7007 Haas Street, Los Angeles, California, in connection with an official investigation being conducted by this office.

When forwarding mail tracings to this office please refer to Los Angeles file #76-362.

I sincerely appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

DWM:gs

R. B. HOOD,  
Special Agent in Charge

cc Bureau  
Oklahoma City

L.A. #76-362

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nathan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Schlichter \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Beahm \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

## Record of Telephone Call or Visitor

April 4 1940.

Time 9:50 am

Name tele SAC Anderson - Oklahoma

City \_\_\_\_\_

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

Details: \_\_\_\_\_

Re: ROE AND COLE

With reference to the attached messages I called SAC Anderson at Oklahoma City.

ENCLOSURE

Mr. Anderson said that the news item which I read to him is pure "bunk"; that agents have not talked; that no press inquiry has been made at all at the Oklahoma City office; that the taxi driver did not "unhesitatingly identify" pictures of Cole and Roe.

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Mr. Anderson has agent at Tulsa going into this matter. He understands the taxi driver tentatively identified his assailants from photos that have been in the newspapers recently. Mr. Anderson will contact the Agent at Tulsa and send a teletype soon as possible with full details.

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TULSA, OKLA.--FEDERAL AGENTS AND STATE POLICE SWARMED OVER THE HIGHWAYS TODAY IN PURSUIT OF TWO BANDITS, IDENTIFIED BY THE MAN THEY SHOT IN THE BACK, AS TED COLE AND RALPH ROE, THE ONLY CONVICTS WHO EVER BROKE OUT OF ALCATRAZ PRISON.

THE WOUNDED MAN, GEORGE CALVIN, A TAXI DRIVER WHO PROTESTED WHEN THE BANDITS ORDERED HIM FROM HIS CAR AND WAS SHOT, APPARENTLY HAD ESTABLISHED WHAT G-MEN HAD BEEN TRYING TO DO FOR MORE THAN TWO YEARS--THAT COLE AND ROE REACHED THE MAINLAND WITHOUT DROWNING AFTER THEIR BREAK FROM THE PRISON IN DECEMBER, 1937.

CALVIN UNHESITATINGLY IDENTIFIED PICTURES OF COLE AND ROE AS HIS ASSAILANTS.

CLVIN IS DYING FROM HIS WOUND.

FBI AGENTS SAID THAT THE REPORT OF BELCHER AND CRAWFORD WAS THE FIRST THEY HAD HAD ON ROE AND COLE "IN A MONTH," BUT INDICATED THAT THEY HAD CHECKED MANY SUCH REPORTS.

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*cc Mr. Kimball*

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

APRIL 3, 1940

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: SAC OKLAHOMA CITY

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ROCOL. NEWS REPORT INDICATES TWO HITCH-HIKERS REPORTED TO TULSA, OKLAHOMA  
P.D. YESTERDAY THEY WERE PICKED UP LAST MONDAY NIGHT NEAR MIAMI, OKLAHOMA  
BY AUTOMOBILE BEING DRIVEN BY ONE OF SUBJECTS. SECOND SUBJECT ALLEGEDLY  
FOLLOWING CLOSE BEHIND IN SECOND CAR. INDIVIDUAL WITH WHOM THEY RODE STATED  
HE AND PERSON DRIVING SECOND CAR WERE ESCAPEES FROM ALCATRAZ PENITENTIARY AND  
BRAGGED ABOUT THEIR INTENTIONS TO ROB CERTAIN TULSA BANK. TULSA P.D. ALSO  
REPORTED TO HAVE RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM WOMAN ADVISING SHE SAW ROE  
AND COLE IN TULSA YESTERDAY. HANDLE IMMEDIATELY AND ADVISE BUREAU BY  
TELETYPE RESULTS YOUR INVESTIGATION.

HOOVER

CC R.J. Abbaticchio

\*PLEASE CODE UNDERLINED WORDS

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*Kim Jan EAT*

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FILE NO. **16-297**

REPORT MADE AT <b>DETROIT, MICHIGAN</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>4/3/40</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>3/2/40</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>JOHN B. GREEN</b> <span style="float: right;">LMR</span>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Numerous contacts fail to indicate presence of Subjects in this area.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated January 29, 1940.

**DETAILS:**

At Detroit, Michigan:

In the course of other contacts with known underworld associates and informants thereof, inquiry was made relating to Subjects of instant case. In no instance was there any indication of Subjects' presence.

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1300 Biscayne Building  
Miami, Florida

April 6, 1940

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:

On April 5, 1940, Mr. Fred L. Harley, 4408 Palmarito Avenue, Coral Gables, Florida, telephone number 4-4638, advised the writer telephonically that a recent news broadcast concerning the possibility of Fugitives Roe and Cole being involved in some recent criminal activities in Oklahoma, had recalled an event to his mind which might be of some interest to this Bureau.

He stated that in August 1938, he was stopping at the Hotel Strand Palace, where he had a room on the sixth floor, and some of the maids in the hotel, particularly an Irish girl named Sheila, had been reading some detective magazines and saw photographs of these Fugitives therein. They positively identified an American who had a room two doors from informant, as being identical with one of these Fugitives. Mr. Harley stated he does not recall which one it was but would be positive of it if he again observed their photographs.

Shortly after he observed this man whom he believes was positively identical with one of these Fugitives. He stated this man checked out of the hotel and shortly thereafter informant notified the police at London, England, and assumed that the police had conducted an appropriate investigation and had forgotten the incident until the radio broadcast.

He stated there was another man along with the suspect and they usually went out about 10:00 or 11:00 o'clock at night and returned about 2:00 or 3:00 o'clock in the morning, never leaving their rooms during the day time.

Mr. Harley requested that no mention be made to anyone at his residence except himself concerning this incident as it would probably worry their family if they knew he had informed of this matter.

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In view of recent information indicating the presence of these Fugitives in Oklahoma City and this office not being aware of the nature of this information, consequently this matter is not being presented to the Bureau for appropriate attention by this office. In the event your file discloses information indicating that it is desirable to do so, it is suggested that you communicate with the Bureau for the purpose of having appropriate inquiries made in London, England, concerning one of these Fugitives, in which event kindly notify this office and Mr. Harley will be contacted immediately to have him observe the photographs and state definitely which Fugitive he believes he saw in London.

Very truly yours,

J. W. VINCENT  
Special Agent in Charge

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Chicago, Illinois  
April 3, 1940

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

In the above-entitled matter, I wish to inform that Mr. Lampman of Trans-Radio Press Service, telephonically communicated with this Office and stated that Subjects Ted Cole and Ralph Roe had been identified at Tulsa, Oklahoma on April 2nd by two your hitchhikers. It appears that the Tulsa, Oklahoma Police Department has full information concerning identifications made by these hitchhikers and the other circumstances involved.

While it is presumed that this information has already been furnished your Office it was deemed advisable to pass the same on to you, inasmuch as there is a possibility that it has not been properly referred previously.

Very truly yours

W. S. DEVEREAUX  
Special Agent in Charge

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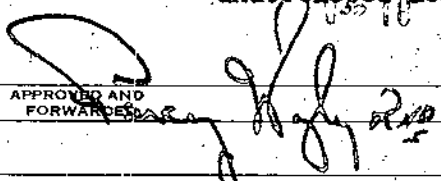
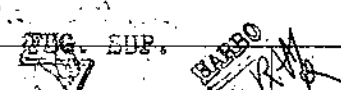
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REPORT MADE AT <b>SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>4/4/40</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>1/18/40 2/24/40 3/11/40</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>F. C. DORWART</b>
TITLE <b>RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p><b>ALBERT A. HILL, brother of HUBERT A. GRINDLE, AZ 111, interviewed and advised only visit ever made by him to Alcatraz was on December 4, 1937. Said he had never heard of subjects until read of their escape, and knows nothing whatever about them. KARL CLARK STRAIN, with aliases, FBI #330557, a former Alcatraz inmate, now at Folsom Prison, #21639, has reportedly stated subjects made good their escape and that one is now in Canada and the other in South America.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">- RUC -</p> <p>REFERENCES:</p> <p>Report of Special Agent M. E. GURNEA, San Francisco, California, dated December 28, 1937. Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated January 29, 1940.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p><u>AT SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA</u></p> <p>The reference report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated January 29, 1940, containing an undeveloped lead for the San Diego Field Division to locate</p>			
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ALBERT A. HILL, brother and correspondent of HUBERT A. GRINDLE, 111-AZ, through his sister, Mrs. E. J. LITTLEWOOD, 3909 Cleveland Street, San Diego, California, as requested in the report of Special Agent M. E. GURNEA, San Francisco, California, dated December 28, 1937, page 25, it was determined by Agent that Mrs. EDWARD J. LITTLEWOOD (MYRTLE L.), was now living at 4611 Valencia Drive, San Diego, telephone number Randolph 5891.

On February 24, 1940, Agent interviewed Mrs. LITTLEWOOD, who advised that since they had moved several times her brother, ALBERT HILL, does not now have his mail sent through them. She stated that she had seen him early in December, 1939, and believed she would be able to get in touch with him and have him get in touch with either the Los Angeles or San Diego Field Division. Mrs. LITTLEWOOD was quite worried about the reason why Agent desired to see her brother, ALBERT, and she was advised that he was in no difficulty; that it was merely desired to question him concerning a visit to Alcatraz on December 4, 1937.

On March 11, 1940, ALBERT A. HILL called at the San Diego Field Division, at which time he advised that the only visit he ever made to Alcatraz was on December 4, 1937; that he had never heard of ROE and COLE prior to their escape, but recalled reading about their escape at the time, and remembered that it was just shortly after his visit to the island. He stated he knew nothing whatever about the matter.

ALBERT HILL stated that he was born at Kent, Ohio, and came to California the first time in 1919, and since that time has been in and out of California about fifty times. He stated he had been following the horses since 1931, and has travelled with them all over the country, wherever there is racing. He stated that he has never been arrested for any felony. HILL stated that he expected to be in the vicinity of San Francisco in the near future, in view of the racing at Tanforan Track, and that he intended, if possible, to again visit his brother at the island, and if possible, would attempt to learn from his brother whether he knows anything about the contemplated plans of escape of ROE and COLE. He stated that in the event he learned anything from his brother he would contact the San Francisco Field Division.

On January 18, 1940, EARL R. NEWTON, Fire Marshal, 1171 10th Avenue, San Diego, called at the San Diego Field Division and stated that EUGENE DUKETTE, formerly of the District Attorney's Office in the City of San Diego, had advised him in confidence that he had defended an individual by the name of BOYD some time previous, and that BOYD, in discussing his case with his lawyer, told him that ROE and COLE, the two individuals who had attempted to escape from Alcatraz, had made good their escape and one was living in Canada and the other in South America.

Mr. NEWTON was subsequently contacted and he advised that EUGENE DUKETTE should not be contacted since he had told him this information in confidence, and DUKETTE would be sure to know the source from which this office obtained their information. Mr. NEWTON stated, however, that the identity of BOYD could be readily obtained from the San Diego Police Department, since this individual had shot an officer at the time of his arrest.

At the San Diego Police Department it was determined that BOYD was KARL CLARK STRAIN, FBI #330557, with aliases: WILLIAM EDWARD BOYD, CASEY K. O'MALLEY, LIEUTENANT HUGH A. DRUM, PATRICK C. MURPHY, HENRY B. MATHES, J. J. DUGAN, WILLIAM G. HONEA. This individual is now Folsom prisoner Number 21639, having been received at that institution on March 18, 1938, charged with assault with a deadly weapon to murder and rob, and was sentenced from one to fourteen years, and from five years to life, the sentences to run concurrently.

It was noted that this individual has a criminal record dating from July 10, 1924, and has served time in the Federal Penitentiaries for Impersonation on two occasions, being received at McNeil Island, Washington, on November 27, 1933, and being transferred to Alcatraz on August 11, 1934. He was given a conditional release from Alcatraz on July 3, 1937. His San Diego Police Department Number was 11885.

An undeveloped lead is being set out for the San Francisco Field Division to interview KARL CLARK STRAIN, Folsom Number 21639, for any information which he may have regarding the subjects of this case.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD

THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION

At Represa, California, will interview KARL CLARK STRAIN, Folsom Prison Number 21639, regarding any information which he may have regarding the subjects of this case having made good their escape, and the statement attributed to him that one of the men is now living in Canada, and the other in South America.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

This case originated at Oklahoma City

File No. 76-348

Report made at	Date made	Period	Report made by
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	4-1-40	1/24, 25; 2/7, 9, 20, 21; 3/11-13, 26, 27-49	RALPH T. HOOD OS
Title:			Character
RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.			ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

**Synopsis:**

[redacted] BODEY DENTON, GRACE CUNNINGHAM  
 PHILBY and GEORGE TAYLOR, contacts of Subjects  
 and Informants [redacted]

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[redacted] deny any knowledge of Subjects' whereabouts. LEON DESHA admits former statements concerning COLE to be fabrication. Mrs. FRED COLE, ERNEST BRACE and other relatives of COLE express opinion he is dead. FELIX FUTRELL admits his statements to SAM SELLERS, Idabel, to be untrue. BOBBY BRIDGES, O.S.P., now residing at Tulsa. RAY ROE, former inmate O.S.P. is not thought to be the brother of fugitive. LENA SPURGEON now located at Lake Charles, Louisiana. BILLIE FREEMAN now located at Mt. Vernon, Illinois.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent R. T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 1-29-40.

DETAILS:

The following investigation was conducted by the writer at Seminole, Oklahoma:

Informant [redacted] telephone number 434, was located after great difficulty. She informed Agent that she had

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heard nothing about Subjects or LEE ROBERTS since she was last interviewed, saying she had heard nothing from ROBERTS though she had expected a letter from him. She stated that in her opinion, the boys, referring to COLE and ROE, had heard something and were afraid of her and that it was for this reason that they had not communicated with her. She was positive that Subjects and ROBERTS had not returned to Seminole as they would undoubtedly have contacted her if in the vicinity. She mentioned that Mrs. VIVA WILLIAMS, of Los Angeles, at whose home she was to meet ROBERTS, was in Seminole about Christmas, 1939, and at that time she informed [redacted] that no one had attempted to contact her through the WILLIAMS' residence.

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[redacted] was questioned at length concerning the possibility of her story being a falsehood and though she admitted that she had failed to do things which she agreed to do for former Agent F. S. SMITH and JAKE SIMS, Chief of Police, Seminole, she insisted that all of her statements regarding Subjects and ROBERTS were true and she also insisted that she had been in touch with Subjects through ROBERTS. However, her actions and demeanor was such that it appears doubtful if any credence can be placed in her statements.

She was also questioned for additional information regarding ROBERTS and she said that she could not furnish any additional information concerning him other than that previously furnished. She made an examination of several photographs including the photograph of JOSEPH L. LARRIGAN alias LEE ROBERTS and she identified this photograph as identical with the LEE ROBERTS she last saw with Subjects during July, 1939. The Bureau is being requested to place a stop notice against his record in order that he may be interviewed should he be arrested.

She also informed Agent that her former Agent, BILL CRAWFORD, had been in jail at San Bernardino, California, and when she last heard from him he was receiving his mail through Box 266, San Bernardino, California and she confirmed this address through a letter which was approximately four or five months old. She also stated that LAWRENCE ((LON)) JOHNSON and SEEDALL JOHNSON were living at Shafter, California when she last heard from them. However, she had not heard from them for about five months. She stated that in her opinion BILL CRAWFORD or the JOHNSON boys might know something about Subjects but doubted if they would furnish any information.

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With reference to BILL CRAWFORD and the JOHNSON boys though efforts have been made to locate them, they have not been located for interview and leads are being set out herein for the Los Angeles Division to try to locate and interview them.

[redacted] further advised Agent that she formerly knew one NORA GABLE, whose husband, a Greek, was a cook at Bristow, Oklahoma, and Mrs. GABLE told her that she often visited PAULINE CORNETT, sister of Subject COLE, and was very friendly with her. [redacted] thought if PAULINE CORNETT knew anything of her brother she would probably tell Mrs. GABLE.

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[redacted] planned to go to California within the near future and suggested that the Bureau might assist in paying her expenses. She was informed that in view of past relations with her nothing would be paid her as expenses but that the Bureau would pay a substantial sum for any information furnished to the Bureau which caused the apprehension of either of Subjects. Though she agreed to contact Agent before her contemplated trip to Los Angeles she has not done so.

Mrs. PAUL (BODEY) DENTON, Cabin 46, Modern Cabins, was contacted by Agent but the interview with her was difficult because she was suffering pain from injuries received in an automobile accident. She informed Agent she knew RALPH ROE when he lived around Seminole before his incarceration at Leavenworth and Alcatraz but denied that she had seen him since before his incarceration.

She also stated that she had known RAY ((TANG)) HALL very well for a number of years and during his residence in Seminole while on Conditional Release she and her husband associated with him. She admitted that her husband was engaged with HALL in the narcotic racket. She had talked with HALL about RALPH ROE and he told her he believed Subjects failed in their efforts to escape and she mentioned that this was also her opinion. She admitted that she had been with HALL at the various beer taverns around Seminole but denied that either RALPH ROE or TED COLE was ever with them. She also admitted that she had been at these beer parlors, including the Green Gable Inn when BILLIE BROWN and LENA SPURGEON nee RILEY were present. She had recently heard from BILLIE FREEMAN nee BROWN who is living with her husband, DEE FREEMAN at 204 Seminary, Princeton, Indiana. She had heard that LENA SPURGEON was separated from her husband and that she was now living some place in Louisiana.



Because of her pain and difficulty in breathing, she requested that Agent interview her later when she would be better able to talk saying that she might be able to recall something of value.

Later, Agent, accompanied by WALT MILLER, a Special Agent for an oil company and who is very cooperative with this Bureau, reinterviewed Mrs. DENTON. It had been reported to Agent that Mrs. DENTON thought well of MILLER and had assisted him in several matters. Upon reinterview Mrs. DENTON again denied that she had ever heard of RALPH ROE or TED COLE since their attempted escape or that she had seen either of them. She also denied that she had ever known Subject COLE. She was questioned regarding the information which has been received by the Bureau which indicated that she had been with Subjects and she said emphatically that such information was false.

She was also questioned concerning a tall man with a mustache with whom she was allegedly associating and who has been identified as RALPH ROE and she stated that she knew of no such person. However, she mentioned that while HALL was in Seminole her husband was in jail at Wewoka, Oklahoma, and during this time she was associating with a married man who was tall, but whose name she would not furnish and she admitted that BILLIE BROWN FREEMAN and RAY HALL had been on parties at beer taverns with her and this married man. She did not believe that this man could be mistaken for RALPH ROE by anyone who had ever known Subject.

Mrs. DENTON also advised Agent that BIG JOHNSON and PAT HARRIS associated with her husband and RAY HALL in the dope racket but she had never heard either HARRIS or JOHNSON mention Subjects. She also denied that JOHNSON ever came to her home accompanied by any woman or his brother.

Mrs. DENTON is considered a common prostitute in Seminole and drinks considerably at all times. It is not thought she is reliable and local officers who know her are of the opinion that should she possess any information she would not furnish it to any officer.

Inquiry at the Seminole Post Office failed to reveal any local or forwarding address for LENA SPURGEON or BILLIE BROWN FREEMAN. JAKE SIMS informed Agent that both of these parties had been away from Seminole for several months and efforts to locate

their present whereabouts through informants were unsuccessful. However, inquiry of DAD CARTER, Rex Hotel, revealed that he had recently heard from a friend at Mt. Vernon, Illinois, who informed him that DEE FREEMAN and his wife, BILLIE, were living at Mt. Vernon and that FREEMAN was working for some oil company.

ETTA RILEY, sister of LENA SPURGEON, informed Agent and JAKE SIMS that her sister, LENA, was separated from her husband and that she was receiving mail at General Delivery, Lake Charles, Louisiana under the name of LENA RILEY. She did not know what her sister was doing in Lake Charles. ETTA RILEY also informed Agent that BILLIE FREEMAN is now residing at Mt. Vernon, Illinois.

Efforts were made to locate CLIFFORD PACK to confirm the statements made by his wife and BUSTER GATES but his father, T. H. PACK, with whom he lived, advised Agent that his son had been gone from Seminole for a number of weeks and that he did not know his whereabouts. CLIFFORD PACK is now separated from his wife and PACK was in Oklahoma City when he was heard from the last time. However, his former address in Oklahoma City or his occupation were unknown to Mr. and Mrs. PACK. Inquiry at the Seminole Post Office failed to reveal any forwarding address for CLIFFORD PACK.

Close contact has been maintained with JAKE SIMS, Chief of Police, FRANK JACKSON, Deputy Sheriff, Informant [redacted] and other sources of information without revealing any additional information of interest in this case.

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- At Tecumseh, Oklahoma -

Inquiry at the Post Office, local officers and at the various stores in Tecumseh failed to reveal any information regarding ETHEL McCLAIN or the Dixie Pecan Farm. A neighborhood investigation at the Y south of Tecumseh near where the Dixie Pecan Farm was allegedly located was negative regarding both the Dixie Pecan Farm and ETHEL McCLAIN.

- At Shawnee, Oklahoma -

JACK COOK and KING FAUCETTE, Shawnee Police Department, were contacted concerning FRED KOONTZE but they did not know him. They made telephonic inquiry of sources of information but were unable to determine his present whereabouts. They will continue

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in their efforts to locate KOONTZE and will advise the Oklahoma City Office should they receive such information.

The records of the Post Office and the credit bureaus, as well as a search of city and telephone directories, failed to reveal any information concerning KOONTZE.

- At Stroud, Oklahoma -

Informant [ ] was contacted by Agent at which time he stated that he had been unable to develop any information concerning Subjects and he did not believe that he had returned to that vicinity. He mentioned that he talked with R. B. CORNETT, brother-in-law of COLE, but had been unable to find out anything through CORNETT. [ ] mentioned to Agent undercover work he was doing for other officers and he undoubtedly is suffering from a detective complex. He is of doubtful value as an informant. However, the telephone number and address of the Oklahoma City Office were left with him and he assured Agent that should he receive any information he would immediately contact this office.

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Mr. OSCAR PRESSON, a real estate and oil man, upon interview advised Agent that he had known MRS. NETTIE BRACE and her family for many years and had assisted MRS. BRACE, Subject COLE'S grandmother, in several business matters. He was questioned regarding the information furnished by [ ] that PRESSON had been connected with a business affair from which MRS. BRACE expected to obtain money to send to Subject COLE. PRESSON informed Agent that he had known Subject COLE when he was a boy in the vicinity and knew that he was the grandson of MRS. BRACE, but denied that he had ever received any information from MRS. BRACE regarding Subject, nor had he heard Mrs. BRACE mention the name of Subject. PRESSON, who enjoys an excellent reputation in Stroud, advised Agent that about two years before he assisted Mrs. BRACE in closing a lease by which she was to receive \$120.00. At that time it was mentioned that she would have to send the lease to one of her daughters who lived in either Colorado or California for her signature. At that time one WILLIAM HENRY, who is considered of low repute, was working for Mrs. BRACE and something was said at the time about Mr. PRESSON taking the money to keep for Mrs. BRACE until she could deposit it in the bank. PRESSON was of the opinion that this was the business deal referred to by [ ] whose name was not mentioned to PRESSON.

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PRESSON was questioned as to whether he had heard of TED COLE being in the vicinity and after some thought he said that one R. A. MORROW, formerly County Commissioner, was reported to have seen COLE in the vicinity. PRESSON stated that MORROW

bore an excellent reputation and any information he furnished could be relied upon. PRESSON was unable to direct Agent to anyone in that vicinity who might be able to know of the activities of the BRACE and CORNETT families. He did not think that any member of those families would furnish any information should they possess same.

Mr. R. A. MORROW, upon interview, advised Agent that he had known TED COLE when he was a boy in that vicinity but he had not seen him to know him for a number of years. However, he related that shortly after the escape, while driving South of Stroud in the vicinity of the BRACE and CORNETT home, he saw a young man and at the time he thought that it might have been Subject. He could not recall the description of this individual and could only recall that he was walking along the road. He was not sure that it was Subject but said that it merely entered his mind at the time that it might have been Subject COLE.

Mr. PRESSON and Mr. MORROW informed Agent that ED HARDISON, who was reported by LOVELL ROBERTS to have seen COLE in that vicinity, had moved from Stroud and it was thought he was living with his father, who they thought was J. R. HARDISON, near Claremore. ED HARDISON'S father is supposed to be well known at Claremore.

Mr. MORROW informed Agent that one WARD LYCANS, of Stroud, who was very reputable, owned farms in the vicinity of the BRACE home, and he thought the LYCANS might have some information regarding Subjects. However, Mr. LYCANS upon being contacted stated that he had not heard of Subject and it was after some difficulty that he was able to remember that TED COLE was related to the BRACE and CORNETT families.

DICK MURPHY, City Marshal, and FRANK LYNCH, Postmaster, who have assisted in this matter, informed Agent that they had heard nothing regarding either of the Subjects and they each doubted that he had been in the vicinity. They were questioned concerning WILLIE HENRY, who was reported by PRESSON to have been working for Mrs. NETTIE BRACE at the time of the escape of Subjects, and they advised that WILLIE HENRY was an old man of sixty or seventy years who formerly associated with one L. D. JONES. The records of the Post Office did not reveal a forwarding address for HENRY.

J. D. JONES was contacted by MURPHY and the writer. He said that WILLIE HENRY did live with Mrs. NETTIE BRACE, work-

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ing about the place but that it had been about two years before. For some time HENRY had been living with one WATT HOLMES who had moved to Tulsa and JONES saw HOLMES the day before the interview at which time HOLMES mentioned that HENRY was living with him at Red Ford, Near Tulsa. HOLMES gave his address to JONES as 4620 Southwest 25th Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Mrs. WILLIAM GROVES, who resides in the Southwest part of Stroud, informed Agent that she was a cousin of Subject COLE. She denied that she had ever heard of him since his escape and mentioned that all of his relatives believed that he died in his efforts to escape. She said that her grandmother, Mrs. NETTIE BRACE, had been seriously ill and that all of her children, including MRS. FRED COLE, Subject's mother, and MRS. ALTA COLLINS, had been in Stroud. Mrs. COLLINS had left but MRS. COLE was still with her mother. MRS. GROVES also stated that she had been at the home of her grandmother a few days before the interview at which time all the family were present. During the gathering the name of Subject was brought up and all parties expressed their belief he was dead. Mrs. COLE, his mother, had mentioned that she had never heard from TED since his escape and she believed that he was dead.

Mrs. GROVES informed Agent that she owed nothing to Subject and that if he was alive she thought he should return to prison. She expressed a willingness to assist in this matter and informed Agent that should she receive any information she would immediately notify the Oklahoma City Office. She was informed of the Harboring Statute.

Mrs. ALLISON RAINEY, R.F.D., who has assisted in this matter, informed Agent that she had heard nothing of Subject being in that vicinity since she was last interviewed. She had talked with PAULINE CORNETT, his sister, who resides nearby, on several occasions and Mrs. CORNETT had often expressed herself as believing that her brother was dead. Mrs. CORNETT had also informed her that none of the relatives had heard about him. Mrs. LEON DESHA, cousin of fugitive, visited Mrs. RAILEY a few days before and told her that Mrs. FRED COLE, who was taking care of Mrs. NETTIE BRACE, who had been dangerously ill, had, in talking with Mrs. BRACE, stated that she had never heard of or from TED and she thought he was dead.

Mr. and Mrs. ERNEST BRACE stated emphatically that fugitive COLE had never been to their home since he allegedly

made his escape and they also denied that they had heard from him. They stated further that they as well as all other relatives believed he was dead as there had never been any indication that he was alive.

They also informed Agent that during the past Summer, one PAUL, whose last name they could not recall but whose father was a Deputy Sheriff at Pawhuska, Oklahoma, visited LEON DeSHA, son-in-law of the BRACES, who was living at the BRACE farm home. While there PAUL was looking at an album and saw a photograph of Subject which was taken in California while he was a young boy and before he was ever in trouble. Later, PAUL was thought to have gone to Cushing and obtained this photograph which he gave to officers and Mr. BRACE had heard that PAUL also told the officers that he saw TED COLE at the BRACE home. BRACE had also heard that these officers gave DeSHA a telescope and a camera after he had promised to take a photograph of COLE should he come to the vicinity. BRACE was very scornful of PAUL and DeSHA and said that DeSHA was presently working for Mrs. NETTIE BRACE. He also stated that DeSHA was a liar and was never known to tell the truth.

The following is the list of relatives of fugitive COLE as furnished by Mr. and Mrs. BRACE:

Mrs. NETTIE BRACE, Grandmother, RFD, Stroud, Oklahoma.  
Mrs. FRED COLE, Mother, Woodlake, California.  
Mrs. R. B. (PAULINE) CORNETT, sister, R.F.D.  
Stroud, Oklahoma.  
Mrs. VIOLA DAWSON, half-sister, Bell, California.  
Mrs. FANNIE BAUGHMAN, Aunt, RFD, Stroud, Oklahoma  
Mrs. ALTA COLLINS, Aunt, Woodlake, California.  
Mr. ERNEST BRACE, R.F.D., Stroud, Oklahoma.

Mrs. FANNIE BAUGHMAN has three children: CLARA, last name unknown, whose husband works on the dam at Disney, Oklahoma; MARGARET BAUGHMAN, whereabouts unknown, and Mrs. TIM HYATT, who resides on a farm near Kellyville, Oklahoma.

Mrs. ALTA COLLINS has two sons, JOHN and LESTER, who reside with their mother.

Mr. ERNEST BRACE, R.F.D., Stroud, Oklahoma has two children, MELVIN and MRS. JUANITA DeSHA, residing at home. One daughter VESTAL BRACE, resides at Box 444, RFD 3, Olympia, Washington.

These relatives have been interviewed previously and it is not thought that any value could be derived through further interview of the cousins of fugitive COLE.

Mrs. FRED COLE was located at the home of her mother, Mrs. NETTIE BRACE. She stated that she had been in Stroud for several months because of the serious illness of her mother but she planned to return to Woodlake, California within the near future. She denied that she had ever seen TED or heard from him directly or indirectly and she informed Agent that she has always believed that he was drowned in his attempted escape. Since her arrival in Stroud she had talked about TED with her relatives and they too had expressed themselves as believing that he was dead.

She also advised Agent that Subject has three half-brothers and a half-sister who lived in Kansas City when she last heard of them years before, but all of them were grown before Subject was born. She asserted that TED would have had no reason to know or contact them. Her former husband, TED'S father, died when he was a small child.

Mrs. COLE was very bitter towards REBEL CORNETT, her son-in-law, who she termed a liar and a crook, and she said that she had not seen CORNETT since the time he hit her with a rock a number of years before. She did not know how CORNETT would feel towards her and Subject but stated emphatically that if her son was successful in making his escape he would never go to CORNETT for aid, and would never let CORNETT know of his whereabouts as he would know that CORNETT could not be relied upon.

Mrs. COLE was questioned regarding FLOYD HILL and she said that she was always very sorry for HILL knowing he was a fellow inmate of her son at McAlester Penitentiary and because of this she wrote to HILL and received letters from him. She knew nothing about HILL'S family and denied having any contact with them. She was also questioned regarding LEE JACOBS and JAMES HUGH BUTCHER but denied any knowledge of them. She stated that she had never known any of Subject's fellow prisoners at Alcatraz and denied that any of his fellow inmates had contacted her before or after his escape.

LEON DeSHA, who previously fabricated a story concerning COLE having been at the home of ERNEST BRACE and who furnished Agents with a photograph which he allegedly made of COLE, after

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questioning, admitted to Agent that he had lied to Agents with reference to all of his statements concerning Subject, saying that he had never seen COLE and he had never heard of him being in the vicinity. He also admitted that he did not take the photograph of COLE and that he did not know when or where this photograph was taken. He denied that he had ever told anyone that he had been commissioned as an officer to assist in the location of COLE but admitted that REBEL CORNETT and ERNEST BRACE knew partly of his contact by Agents. He expressed a desire to cooperate in this matter but he is undependable and a liar. He told Agent that he was prompted to tell a false story because of PAUL BARGER in an effort to tell a better story than BARGER.

MRS. FANNIE BAUGHMAN, aunt of Subject COLE, resides with her mother, Mrs. NETTIE BRACE. She was not interviewed as she is of unsound mind.

- At Oklahoma City -

Informant [redacted] has been unable to obtain any further information concerning Subjects through GRACE CUNNINGHAM or GEORGE TAYLOR.

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GRACE PHILBY nee CUNNINGHAM, who operates the Capitol Hill Beauty College and who is a former wife of RAY TANG HALL, informed Agent that after her release from the U. S. Reformatory for Women at Alderson, West Virginia, on charges of Narcotic violation, she stayed away from her former associates in an effort to go straight. She admitted that she knew RALPH ROE prior to his incarceration and she was very friendly with him and his associates around Seminole and Shawnee, Oklahoma. It was about this time that she became married to RAY HALL, who was a very close associate of ROE and WILBUR UNDERHILL. She mentioned that she was the person who introduced EMMA MAE NICHOLS to ROE and it will be recalled that Miss NICHOLS was killed at the time UNDERHILL was shot and apprehended. She also mentioned that contrary to popular opinion ROE and UNDERHILL were broke though they operated widely just before their arrest and she recalled that on numerous occasions HALL would loan them small sums of money. She did not think there was any truth to the rumors that UNDERHILL and ROE had a large amount of bonds hidden.

Mrs. PHILBY denied that she had seen ROE since his alleged escape and that she has not heard of him, directly or indirectly. While her former husband, HALL, was on conditional



release from United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, he called to see her on several occasions but she tried to avoid him. She did recall that on one occasion she was with HALL, PAUL DENTON and one SUE SCOTT at the Midnight Sun Inn operated by GEORGE TAYLOR, who she stated was a close friend and associate of HALL. She denied that anyone resembling ROE was present and she did not think that anyone could mistake DENTON for ROE. She had talked with HALL about ROE and HALL talked as if he had never seen ROE and was of the opinion that he didn't make it. HALL at one time advised her he had been wanting to make a personal trip to Fort Worth, Texas and that he had accepted money from an Agent of the Bureau to make the trip by telling the Agent that he thought that he could get some information about Subjects.

With reference to HALL and his associates, she stated that HALL was selling narcotics which he purchased mainly from some contact in Fort Worth, Texas. HALL also had a contact in Kansas City named JACK, last name not recalled, who was an Italian and who had since been sent to some penitentiary. One BEALINS (phonetic) in Fort Worth was a close friend of HALL. While in Seminole, HALL ran around with PAUL DENTON and his wife, DEE, and BILLIE FREEMAN, PAT HARRIS and BIG JOHNSON. He also stayed with RUBY SCOTT, near Bowlegs. Mrs. PHILBY was very bitter towards RUBY SCOTT, who she termed a liar and a fraud.

JAKE SIMS, Chief of Police, Seminole, had talked with Mrs. PHILBY on several occasions regarding ROE and suggested that they work together in an effort to obtain a reward. She stated that she had no faith or confidence in SIMS or his wife and she did not believe that SIMS had ever had any definite information but was merely trying to obtain a reward or some financial reimbursement for his activities. However, it should be noted that during the contacts with SIMS by Agents, he has never attempted to obtain any money from the Bureau for his assistance.

With reference to GEORGE TAYLOR, she stated that TAYLOR, who operates the Midnight Sun Inn, was an ignorant, small-timer, in whom no confidence could be placed by a criminal. On one occasion, about two or three A.M. TAYLOR called her and said that he had to see her immediately. She drove to the Inn and talked to TAYLOR in her car. TAYLOR was drinking considerably. He told her that local officers were looking for RALPH ROE in Oklahoma City but he did not tell her anything of ROE having been in the vicinity. He wanted her to go into the tavern and have a drink but she refused. She informed Agent that she did not question TAYLOR about his interest or information concerning ROE because he was so drunk.

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Mrs. PHILBY denies knowing COLE. She did not think that Subjects were successful in their escape but if they did escape she thought that he would contact HAZEL UNDERHILL as he was "crazy" about her. She did not think that ROE would contact her. She asserted that ROE was always too trustful and would trust any former friend or person to whom he might be directed. She also said that if he had escaped he would have done something that would have caused his identification or arrest.

Mrs. PHILBY asserted that she would endeavor to contact mutual friends concerning ROE and would immediately advise the Oklahoma City Office should she obtain any information whatever.

GEORGE TAYLOR, Midnight Sun Inn, Southwest May Avenue, upon interview informed Agent that he had never seen ROE or COLE since their attempted escape and he had never received any information which would indicate that they had escaped. He was questioned regarding RAY HALL and admitted that he and HALL formerly operated together and while HALL was on Conditional Release from Leavenworth he saw HALL on several occasions. He was able to recall that HALL accompanied by PAUL DENTON, GRACE PHILBY and another girl had been at the Midnight Sun Inn on one or two occasions but he denied that ROE, who he knew, had ever been there. He also mentioned that RUBY SCOTT had contacted him concerning Subjects but denied that he informed her that ROE or COLE had been at his tavern.

He at first denied that he had ever called GRACE PHILBY about ROE but finally admitted that he called her as she had related to Agent in an effort to find out information about ROE for Lt. V. O. WEBB, of the Police Department, Oklahoma City, saying that WEBB agreed to assist him in getting his conditional release from United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, lifted, should he get information. TAYLOR is at present on conditional release and his release will not expire until about 1943.

He admitted that he had talked with HALL about ROE but said that HALL denied knowing anything about him or having been in contact with ROE.

TAYLOR was very evasive in his answers and while he expressed a desire to assist in this matter, it is not believed that he would furnish information though he should receive same.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent J. G. CREGAN on February 9, 1940:

At McAlester, Oklahoma

Mr. T. M. FIELD, Assistant Record Clerk, Oklahoma State Penitentiary, allowed Agent CREGAN to examine the file on ROBERT BRIDGES, OSP #33,679, FBI #620,642. A search of the file revealed that BRIDGES was released from the penitentiary on August 24, 1938; that no one by the name of BILLIE BROWN had received mail from BRIDGES or had sent mail to him, and no record of visitors appeared. Mr. FIELD stated that he had heard a rumor that BRIDGES was at present working in the theatrical business in Tulsa. From the records it appears that RUSSELL BRIDGES, a brother, RUTH BRIDGES, MARY ELLEN BRIDGES and TERESA BRIDGES, sisters, live with the parents of ROBERT BRIDGES, Mr. and Mrs. THOMAS BRIDGES, at 815 West Archer Street, Tulsa.

LLOYD DILLARD, OSP #26,977, FBI #60,957, was shown by the records at the penitentiary to have been discharged on July 6, 1937, and there was no indication in the said records of what his present address might be.

A search of the file on ELMER INMAN, OSP #32,822, FBI #92,653, revealed that INMAN had been discharged from the penitentiary on April 8, 1939.

Upon checking his records Mr. FIELD stated that there was only one brother of RALPH ROE's previously in the penitentiary and he went by the name of ROBERT ROE, OSP #24,704. This ROBERT ROE was shot outside McAlester and was returned to the penitentiary, where he died on October 24, 1939.

Mr. FIELD stated, however, that there had been a RAY ROE incarcerated in the penitentiary, who had been released to the Tulsa County Sheriff on January 14, 1940, and who claimed to be a brother of RALPH ROE. This claim, however, was found to be groundless and Mr. FIELD definitely stated that this RAY ROE was in no way related to RALPH ROE. Mr. FIELD further suggested that possibly further information could be obtained at Granite as ROBERT ROE had served time there. A check of ROE's prison correspondence failed to disclose any mention of DAVIS DALLAS, referred to in the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, December 2, 1938.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent  
C. O. HURT:

AT IDABEL, OKLAHOMA

SAM SELLERS, Chief of Police, advised he had not seen or heard of FELIX FUTRELL for some time and has no official information concerning the person thought to be RALPH ROE.

Mrs. FELIX FUTRELL, four miles north of Hochatown, Oklahoma, advised that her husband has been confined in the United States Veterans' Hospital at Muskogee, Oklahoma for several weeks.

AT MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA

FELIX FUTRELL was interviewed by Special Agent W. L. BUCHANAN and this Agent stated that he did talk to SAM SELLERS, Chief of Police at Idabel, some time ago about RALPH ROE; however, FUTRELL stated he knew of no one in the mountains north of Idabel who could possibly be RALPH ROE. He also said that he had a reason to talk to SAM SELLERS and stay in the good graces of him inasmuch as he was associating with certain whisky makers at that time and did not want Chief SELLERS to pick him up for anything. FUTRELL stated that if there had been the slightest chance for RALPH ROE or any other fugitive to have been hiding in the mountains, he would have immediately communicated with the Oklahoma City Office. FUTRELL requested Agents not to advise SAM SELLERS that he, FUTRELL, may have been misleading Chief SELLERS.

AT ALIKCHI, OKLAHOMA

ROBERT CLAIRE DAVIS, alias "SHORTY" DAVIS, was located and he established his identity. His fingerprints were obtained and forwarded to the Bureau in connection with Oklahoma City File 76-483.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents JOHN M. ARNFIELD and W. L. BUCHANAN on February 7, 1940.

Agent BUCHANAN interviewed PETE NICHOLS who operates a boot-legging establishment at Muskogee, Oklahoma, who advised that he has no additional information in this case. NICHOLS said it is his personal opinion that Subjects failed to escape and that he has learned nothing further since he was last contacted by an Agent of this Bureau.

Special Agent ARNFIELD contacted BILL MILLS, operator of "Mills Bungalow", a cafe on the east edge of Henryetta, Oklahoma.

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Mr. MILLS stated that he talked with Mrs. MYRTLE PACK while she was at his place doing a little drinking, but that he failed to obtain any new or additional information of value from her. He stated it has been his personal opinion that Mrs. PACK has no information of value regarding this case.

He advised that he would most likely contact Mrs. PACK again in the near future, at which time he would try to obtain any information which he could, and that he would promptly furnish same to the Oklahoma City Office, the address of which was left with him.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent L. R. CHANDLER on January 24 and 25, 1940.

Accompanied by Undersheriff WALDRIP, Agent contacted HARRY SLEDGE, who lives just Northeast of the Duncan city limits and who Undersheriff WALDRIP had stated would furnish him with any information he might possess as SLEDGE had contacted him on several occasions and given him information concerning persons wanted by the Sheriff's office.

Upon interview, SLEDGE stated that he had heard nothing concerning ROE being in Duncan during the past summer and he felt sure ROE would not return to Duncan, even if he were successful in escaping from Alcatraz. SLEDGE stated that he had not been contacted by ROE since his escape and in the event ROE did return to Duncan he might contact SLEDGE and ask for a little help. He said he would not permit ROE to stay with him nor would he furnish him a large sum of money. SLEDGE stated he was doubtful if ROE would return to Duncan at any time as he was too well known, and that if he did the logical person for him to contact would be LULU BELLE YOUNG, who is ROE's former sister-in-law, and who is presently located in Medicine Park and operates the Lawton Novelty Company, a concern which deals in slot machines and other amusement machines. SLEDGE stated that LULU BELLE YOUNG might possibly be in touch with ROE at the present time but he doubted this as he did not believe she would have anything to do with him unless ROE was able to make money for her.

Inquiry was made as to whether or not SLEDGE would cooperate with Agents of this office and would furnish information to this Bureau in the event ROE contacted him. He stated that he did not think he would; that he had known the ROE boys all his life and that he just would not tell on them. At this

point he was informed of the Harboring Statute and the writer stated to him that he would be prosecuted in the event he aided ROE in any way and did not notify authorities, whereupon he stated he had not heard of the Harboring Statute and afterwards agreed to contact Undersheriff ROY WALDRIP in the event he obtained any information regarding ROE.

After leaving SLEDGE Undersheriff WALDRIP stated he thought that in the event ROE contacted SLEDGE that SLEDGE would aid him in any way he could and would give him ample time in which to escape before he would say anything to the authorities.

With reference to the lead set forth in reference report to interview Mr. L. D. CORNELIUS, 406 East Main Street, regarding information furnished concerning ROE, a review of the file reveals that CORNELIUS wrote a letter to the Oklahoma City Office on July 28, 1939, in which he stated RALPH ROE had appeared in Duncan the week before and that either he or HENRY WEBB, of the same address, would be able to furnish the information. HENRY WEBB was interviewed as reflected in the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, dated at Oklahoma City, November 1, 1939, page 26, and the information was eliminated by investigation. In view of this the lead to interview CORNELIUS will be disregarded.

On March 30, 1940, Mr. JAKE SIMS, Chief of Police, Seminole, Oklahoma, informed the writer that RAY (TANG) HALL had communicated with a friend in Seminole, advising him he expected to be returned to Muskogee, Oklahoma from USP, Leavenworth within sixty or ninety days and asked that SIMS be advised that he desired to talk with SIMS, former Agent F. S. SMITH and the writer as soon as he returned. He also stated that he would telegraph this friend as soon as he was returned.

Arrangements were made with the United States Marshal, Muskogee, in order that this office will be advised as soon as HALL is returned for trial at that point.

For the information of the Springfield Division and in order that leads for that Division may be developed, the following information is set forth concerning Mrs. BILLIE FREEMAN nee BROWN and her husband, DEE FREEMAN. Information concerning the background of Mrs. FREEMAN is set forth on page 29 of the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, dated at Oklahoma City, 12-2-38, under the name of BILLIE BROWN and on pages 23 and 24 of the same report (See DWIGHT O. PUGH). She has been interviewed on two occasions with negative results.

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Information has been received from several sources at Seminole which indicates that she and BODEY DENTON, both residents of Seminole, were with RALPH ROE and RAY (TANG) HALL in Seminole on at least three occasions. BIG JOHNSON, a narcotic salesman and a close associate of HALL; identified ROE'S photograph as being with Mrs. FREEMAN and BODEY DENTON at Cushmanberry's Tavern in Seminole. Information was also received that Mrs. FREEMAN was on a party with ROE, HALL and GRACE CUNNINGHAM, HALL'S former wife and a known associate of ROE before his incarceration, at Seminole at about the same time which would be during the forepart of 1939. JIM GIBBONS also identified ROE's photograph as being the man who accompanied RAY HALL, MRS. FREEMAN and BODEY DENTON to his tavern at Wowoka on one or two occasions about the same time.

She was subsequently interviewed regarding this information and she emphatically denied any associations with ROE or any knowledge of him after the alleged escape. She admitted knowing BOBBY BRIDGES and when questioned regarding the information furnished by PUGH, she became excited. She disappeared from Seminole within a day or two after the last interview with her.

Mrs. FREEMAN and her husband have been separated for periods of time for the past two years and while separated from her husband she is known to be a party girl. Efforts have been made to locate FREEMAN for interview but he has not been located. It is suggested that DEE FREEMAN be interviewed regarding the possible connection of his wife with ROE and that after this interview MRS. FREEMAN be interviewed at length, especially concerning the information furnished by PUGH.

It is also requested that efforts be made to locate them immediately as they travel around the oil fields a great deal.

For the information of the New Orleans Office, basic information concerning LENA RILEY, with aliases: LEONA STEWART, LENA STEWART, LEONA SPURGEON, is set forth on page 42 of the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, dated at Oklahoma City, 12-2-38, under the name of LENA STEWART. She was in Seminole during the time that information has been received ROE was in the vicinity which was during the forepart of 1939, and information has also been received that she was with ROE at Seminole.

She has not been interviewed and she should be interviewed at length. It should be noted that she is a sister of EMMA MAE NICHOLS, who was killed at the time ROE was captured and WILBUR UNDERHILL was killed.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

\* THE BALTIMORE FIELD DIVISION at Baltimore, Maryland, will through interview with Miss LILLIAN PISTELL, Packer Street, develop information concerning EDWARD or BENJAMIN PISTELL.

\* THE BUTTE FIELD DIVISION at Glendive, Montana, will conduct appropriate investigation to locate GLENN ROBERTS, to locate his wife or other relatives to determine his present whereabouts so that he may be interviewed regarding his statement that he escaped from Alcatraz and had several machine guns stored away and to determine whether or not he is connected with the Subjects in this case.

\* In the event GLENN ROBERTS is not located in Glendive, Montana, will attempt to locate a criminal record in that town in order that fingerprints of his may be compared with Subjects in this case so that he may be definitely eliminated and thereby make further investigation unnecessary.

\* THE DALLAS FIELD DIVISION at Ennis, Texas: Will interview Q. A. COLVIN, Bonita Filling Station, Bonita Courts, regarding information allegedly furnished by him to Informant 14 and his identification of ROE's photograph.

\* At Fort Worth, Texas: Will ascertain through the office of the State Attorney disposition made as to DELMAS (DEL) CARPENTER, locate him and interview him concerning any possible information he might have concerning the fugitives.

\* At Kilgore, Texas: Will ascertain the identity of the individual to whom Post Office Box 1011 is issued, in an effort to ascertain if this person is identical with either fugitive in this case, or has any connection with the fugitives in this case.

\* At Dallas, Texas, will contact the Otis Elevator Company and obtain the address of C. M. SMITH and endeavor to locate MRS. CHARLES SMITH, who is a correspondent of FAY ROE. Will endeavor to determine her identity and whether Subject ROE is at that address. Will discreetly ascertain from her any information that she may possess concerning Subjects ROE or COLE.

\* THE DENVER FIELD DIVISION at Pueblo, Colorado, will locate and interview "BOOTS" LADD with regard to the statement made by EARL McGUIRE.



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\* At Hotchkiss, Colorado, in the event W. CROCKET METCALF is not located in Juneau, Alaska, will obtain the name of METCALF'S sister-in-law and her address from the Postmaster and attempt to obtain the present whereabouts of METCALF.

\* THE DETROIT FIELD DIVISION, will contact confidential informants and sources of information and informants connected with the underworld at Detroit, Michigan, for rumors regarding the escape or the presence of Subjects in the vicinity.

\* THE HONOLULU FIELD DIVISION at Honolulu, T. H.: Will again endeavor to locate Mrs. RUTH HOWARD, wife of M. T. PETTIJOHN, former Alcatraz inmate #128, through Postoffice Box #1204, for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not she may have any information concerning the escape of Subjects.

\* THE KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION, at Leavenworth, Kansas, at the United States Penitentiary, 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 Wichita, Kansas, will interview S. H. ARNEY, Route #1, for any information he may be able to furnish as to the location of fugitives.

\* Will interview W. C. RORER, 1516 East 39th Street, for similar information.

\* At Jefferson City, Missouri, will locate CHARLES POWELL through the National Guard, and interview him along the lines requested in reference report of Special Agent R. T. Hood, Oklahoma City, June 2, 1939.

\* THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION 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.

\* At Arcadia, California, will endeavor to develop new confidential informants to observe FAY ROE; will interview Mr. D. W. COFFMAN, 231 North First Avenue, where he operates a refrigeration service.

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\* At Bakersfield, California, will contact relatives of LON JOHNSON and endeavor to determine a more definite address for him.

\* At Arcadia, California, will interview Mr. F. O. PIERCE, Station Agent, Santa Fe Railway, relative to any information he may possess concerning Subjects ROE or COLE.

\* At Bell, California, will develop new confidential informants to observe Mr. and Mrs. G. I. DAWSON, she being a half-sister of Subject COLE.

\* At Bell, California, 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 of report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 12-2-38).

\* 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 Laguna Beach, California, Will ascertain the identity of the individuals writing to Mrs. VIOLET DAWSON, Subject COLE'S half-sister, with the return address 567 Thorough, Laguna Beach.

\* At Lindsay, California, will ascertain the identity of the individual named BELLE MORRIS, address Route 1, Box 485, who has written to Mr. and Mrs. G. I. DAWSON at Bell, California.

At Long Beach, California will interview MILES WILLIAMS, 132 Mariposa Street, as to the identity of LEE ROBERTS.

\* At Los Angeles, California will interview RUTH KERN, 117 N. Avenue, who is a sister of HENRY YOUNG, #244-AZ, who visited him at Alca traz. (See report of Special Agent Ralph T. Hood, Oklahoma City, 12-2-38, page 49).

\* At Los Angeles, California, will interview G. I. DAWSON at the Sied Optical Company, 318 East 5th Street, concerning information he may have on Subject COLE, bearing in mind that his wife is a half-sister of Subject COLE.

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\* At Los Angeles, California, will interview Mrs. CARL BRANBALD, 2214 Pasadena Avenue, regarding the diary which she kept on the trip to California with ANDREW SAMPSON. Copies of the reports of Special Agent H. R. TELFORD, 9-30-39 and 10-19-39, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, have been furnished the Los Angeles Office to assist in questioning Mrs. BRANBALD.

\* At Los Angeles, California Will interview Detective H. N. MITCHELL, Badge No. 46, at the 77th Street Precinct Station, who charged out the correspondence file No. C-104481 of the Los Angeles Police Department, relative to Subject RALPH ROE alias PAUL SULLIVAN, ascertaining all information in his possession concerning Subjects.

\* At Los Angeles, California, will ascertain the identity of the individual writing to Mrs. VIOLET DAWSON, Subject COLE'S half-sister -- the return address E. EVANS, 716 West 18th Street.

\* At Los Angeles, California, Will reinterview Mr. and Mrs. TRUDY KRAMER, Managers of the apartment at 944 West 11th Place, and ROSE MARSH, Manager of the apartment at 943 West 11th Place, for information regarding the visitors of Mr. and Mrs. ELMER DILLARD, and thereafter interview Mr. and Mrs. ELMER DILLARD for information concerning the escape of Subject COLE, bearing in mind that Mrs. DILLARD is reported to be a cousin of FRED W. COLE.

\* At Los Angeles, California, will report results of mail cover placed on the mail of WARREN J. PORTER, 7007 Haas, in an effort to locate his brother, FRANK H. PORTER, so that he may be interviewed along the lines suggested in the report of Special Agent D. W. MAGEE, dated July 18, 1939.

\* At Los Angeles, California, will exhibit a list of receptions granted to ABE ALLEN, San Quentin Penitentiary #56,684, and a list of his correspondents during his incarceration at that prison to ABE ALLEN, William Penn Hotel, West 8th Street, for the purpose of identifying any of the individuals who might have resided in the apartment building at 2421 Post Street, San Francisco.

At Los Angeles, California, will check the records of the Police Department concerning LARRIGAN, Los Angeles Police Department #26806, and at Folsom Prison concerning LARRIGAN, their number 16646, for information which might assist in locating him and will then interview him concerning Subjects and the information furnished by [REDACTED]

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\* At Pasadena, California, will determine if LARRY BUTCHER's telephone #1708, has any connection with JAMES HUGH BUTCHER. (See pages 44 to 48, incl. and 49, of report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 12-2-38.)

\* At Redondo Beach, California, will interview PETE (or B. W.) NEWBERRY and CAROLYN (or BERNICE W.) NEWBERRY, Apartment 5, Ridgeway Apartments, 228 North Carolina Street, concerning any information they may have on Subjects COLE or ROE, particularly Subject ROE, whom PETE NEWBERRY knew years ago in Borger, Texas; ascertain whether LEE ROBERTS or "SLEEPY" JOHNSON is known to them, and whether they were visited by Oklahoma people when they resided at the Moonstone Apartments.

\* At Riverside, California, will contact C. H. RISDON, who is presumably an inmate at the Riverside County Jail, Riverside, and ascertain from him the exact location of the town in which he states TED COLE can be located. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] advised that Mr. J. E. RISDEN, the former Chief of the Iowa State Bureau of Investigation, disclaims that he knows the identity of the person who wrote a letter to him from the Riverside Jail, who has apparently written J. E. RISDEN under the impression that he might be acquainted with him. (See letter from Des Moines Office to Los Angeles Office, 12-7-39.)

At San Bernardino, California, will locate BILL CRAWFORD, P. O. Box 266, and will interview him for information concerning the Subjects and their alleged escape.

At Shafter, California, will interview LAWRENCE and SEEDAL JOHNSON in line with the information furnished by [REDACTED] concerning Subjects and LEE ROBERTS being in that vicinity and of their possibly contacting the JOHNSONS.

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\* At Woodlake, California, will determine through informants an identification of visitors who visited the COLE family. (See reports of Special Agents A. D. HORN, Los Angeles, 2-12-38; R. H. SIMONS, Los Angeles, 10-12-38; A. D. HORN, Los Angeles 12-28-38; R. P. KRAMER, Los Angeles, 12-27-37; R. N. PRANKE, Los Angeles, 12-22-37).

\* At Woodlake, California, will make arrangements to develop new confidential informants on Mr. and Mrs. FRED COLE, parents of Subject COLE.

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\* THE MILWAUKEE FIELD DIVISION at Wood, Wisconsin, at the Veterans Facility, will locate REX EVERSOLE; also apparently known as JEWELL (BUDDY) EVERSOLE, a World War Veteran, and interview him along the lines requested in the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, December 2, 1938.

THE NEW ORLEANS FIELD DIVISION, at Lake Charles, Louisiana, will locate LENA RILEY, General Delivery, and will interview her at length regarding Subjects. Information concerning her is set forth at the last of this report.

\* THE OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD DIVISION: 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 Ardmore, Oklahoma, will determine if Subjects are contacting BIRDIE PRUITT, and will then interview her, especially for information regarding possible contacts of Subjects.

At Bristow, Oklahoma, will interview MRS. NORA GABLE, to determine if she has received any information from Mrs. PAULINE CORNETT regarding COLE.

\* At Dewey, Oklahoma, will interview ORIE TURNBULL for any information he may possess regarding Subjects.

At Hobart, Oklahoma, will determine if Subjects are in contact with FAY ROE at 929 South Washington Street.

\* At Jenks, Oklahoma, will interview JIM PETERS, former Peace Officer of Jenks, and at present associated with Chief SANDERS and other underworld characters, who had informed Sheriff GARLAND MARRS, Tulsa, that TED COLE is supposed to be residing at Stroud, Oklahoma.

\* At Ketchum, Oklahoma, will attempt to determine the name of the person from Harrison, Arkansas responsible for the rumor appearing in the Ketchum Progress, January 12, 1939, that he had seen COLE at that point.

\* At Mannsville, Oklahoma, will interview Miss DAISY STILLEY, Postmistress regarding the F. A. SHEETS family.

\* At McAlester, Oklahoma, will interview SAM GORUM at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary in connection with the Possibility that ROE and COLE have been hiding out at Anthony Lolla's cabin

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on Lake Worth, near Ft. Worth, Texas. He should be interrogated relative to the various individuals mentioned in this report in an effort to determine if reliable information could be expected from any of them.

\* Also, ascertain from him the whereabouts of JACK BAUGH and if he could possibly furnish information in this matter.

\* Determine if he knows the exact location of Lolla's cabin on Lake Worth near Ft. Worth, Texas, and any other information he may have in connection with his original statement that he understood the fugitives were hiding in a cabin on Lake Worth near Ft. Worth, Texas.

\* 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" BAKER. (See pages 44-48, inc., report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 12-2-38).

At Muskogee, Oklahoma, upon the return of RAY (TANG) HALL will contact him as he requested in letter to the unknown friend at Seminole.

At Tulsa, Oklahoma, will interview WILLIE HENRY, residing with one WATT HOLMES, 4620 Southwest 25th Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma. HENRY was living with COLE'S grandmother soon after the alleged escape and may have received information at that time.

\* At Tulsa, Oklahoma, will determine if one WILSON, mentioned by CHARLES PALKE, is identical with Subject ROE through contact with ARCH FRANKLIN, 21 South Quanah, and Mrs. W. T. KINNION, General Delivery, Sand Springs, Oklahoma.

\* THE PORTLAND FIELD DIVISION at Portland, Oregon will exhibit the photograph of MORRIS TRACKINER to witnesses regarding tidal charts.

\* THE SAN ANTONIO FIELD DIVISION at Freer, Texas, will interview Mrs. DOYLE WILLIAMS, as requested in letter to San Antonio Division dated August 30, 1939.

\* At Houston, Texas, will interview ROY CONNORS, 405 $\frac{1}{2}$  Milan Street, as to any information he may be able to furnish as to the location of fugitives.

\* At Refugio, Texas, will maintain close contact with Sheriff IRA HEARD and Deputy Sheriff E. D. BARBER in order to obtain any information of value that their informants might develop from the surveillance of HAZEL UNDERHILL.

\* At Refugio, Texas, will locate HAZEL UNDERHILL and interview her fully concerning her alleged associations with ROE since his escape. Will also interview her daughter, JUANITA, and son, MARVIN, in this regard. It is suggested that a careful review of the file be made prior to these interviews. The San Antonio Office has copies of all pertinent serials.

\* THE SAN DIEGO FIELD DIVISION at San Diego, California, will locate ALBERT A. WHILL, 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.

\* THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION at Alcatraz Island will interview CHARLES BERTA, #132, for any information he may have concerning his wife, GLADYS, in order that she might be located and interviewed concerning her knowledge in this case. In the event BERTA refuses to be interviewed, arrangements should be made with prison officials to be notified in the event she corresponds with BERTA.

\* 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 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.)

\* Appropriate check should be made in the interest of determining if there is any foundation or truth in the information allegedly obtained by Informant "X" from HERBERT FARMER, formerly an inmate at Alcatraz. (Attention is called to information furnished by this informant on pp. 2, 3, report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 7-21-39).

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\* Will interview Penitentiary authorities for the purpose of determining if there is any basis for the remarks of J. B. PAYNE as set out on pages 7 and 8 of report of Special Agent F. S. SMITH, Oklahoma City, March 22, 1939.

\* Will consider the advisability of direct interview with inmate BERNARD P. COY regarding statements made by ROUBIDEAUX.

" Will make further check to determine exactly what prisoners arrived during a period of approximately a month or more prior to December 20, 1938, when JEFFERSON ROUBIDEAUX was transferred from Alcatraz Island to McNeil Island. It is to be noted that in previous information furnished the Seattle Field Office, HARRY EDWARDS, whose photograph shows he arrived on July 8, 1938, is listed as having arrived in a group of prisoners on November 29, 1938.

\* Will also obtain photographs of the individuals who appear to be missing from the group which was furnished the Seattle Field Office in the report of reference and find out an explanation why several numbers are missing. If possible, will determine whether all of the prisoners are photographed when they arrive at Alcatraz, and if so, obtain their photographs through the Bureau so that they can be furnished to the Seattle Field Office to exhibit to JEFFERSON ROUBIDEAUX. In this respect, it is best to obtain the latest photographs of these prisoners which would show more closely how they actually looked at the time they were received at Alcatraz in November or December, 1938, when ROUBIDEAUX saw them.

\* At Berkeley, California, will ascertain the address of WARREN H. MADELEY, through the Registrar's Office, University of California, for interview with MADELEY as to any information he may possess. See report of Special Agent J. R. McCULLOCH, San Francisco, 10-19-38.

\* At Richmond, California. If identity of HARRY and GERTRUDE is ascertained from BOYD, will interview them and learn what information they have concerning the facts of this case and possible contacts of EVELYN MORGAN. If the results of these interviews make it appear advisable, will reinterview EVELYN and LUTHER MORGAN, 320 - 1st Street, for such information as they have.

\* At Oakland, California. If Miss HELEN ROBINSON cannot be located at San Francisco, will contact Mrs. E. J. DA VEGA, 5102 Shafter Avenue, for any information she may have concerning the present whereabouts of HELEN ROBINSON.



\* At San Francisco, California, will endeavor to locate HELEN ROBINSON at a house of prostitution in the 300 or 400 block on Turk Street. If located, she should be interrogated as to any knowledge she may have concerning the escape of Subjects ROE and COLE from Alcatraz Prison.

" At San Francisco, California, will interview the Captain of the "General Slocum" at the U. S. Army docks, foot of Laguna Street, to determine if there is any basis for the remarks of J. B. PAYNE, as set out on pages 7 and 8 of report of Special Agent F. S. Smith, Oklahoma City, 3-22-39.

\* At San Francisco, California, will make arrangements through CHARLES H. UPTON, Chief Probation Officer, Post Office Building, to notify this office the next time GEORGE THOMPSON, #249-AZ, reports, in order that he may be interviewed concerning instant escape.

\* At San Francisco, California, at 651 37th Avenue, will contact relatives of LILLA and GEORGE MILLER for any information concerning their whereabouts in order that they may be interviewed. LILLA MILLER is a sister of GEORGE THOMPSON, #249-AZ.

\* At San Francisco, California, will contact GEORGE FRAVEGA, 233 Clara Street, brother to JAMES SARGEANT, #129-AZ, within the near future, in order to obtain information concerning the whereabouts of LEO FRAVEGA, also a brother of SARGEANT, in order that LEO may be interviewed concerning any information he may have about this case.

\* At San Francisco, California, will interview MRS. GEORGE W. JOHNSON, 1618 1/2 12th Street, sister of EDWARD WENTZ, #307-AZ. (See report of Inspector Gurnea, San Francisco, 12-28-37, page 24).

\* At San Francisco, California, at the St. Regis Hotel, will interview B. J. SULLIVAN, father of HARRY SULLIVAN, #198-AZ.

" At San Francisco, California, at 3318 19th Street, will interview GEORGE VAN GLAHN, #337-AZ, releasee, for information concerning this case and also as to the whereabouts of his mother, MRS. MARION VAN GLAHN, in order that she also might be interviewed.

\* At San Francisco, California, will conduct the additional investigation regarding AL BARRY and LEO MACK. In this connection see Bureau letter dated December 30, 1937, and page 50 of the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 12-2-38.

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\* THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD OFFICE at Santa Cruz, California, if HELEN ROBINSON cannot be located at 948 Market Street, will conduct investigation at the Beach Hill Inn in an attempt to secure her present location.

\* At Stockton, California, will conduct investigation as requested in letter from the Bureau dated March 25, 1940.

THE SPRINGFIELD FIELD DIVISION at Mt. Vernon, Illinois, will interview DEE FREEMAN for information concerning Subjects and will thereafter reinterview MRS. FREEMAN along the line suggested in this report.

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