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March 23, 1940

Special Agent in Charge
Des Moines, Iowa

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT; "Doo"
Nebergall - Informant;
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter to the Bureau from the Des Moines Office dated January 3, 1939, reflecting that E. W. ("Doo") Nebergall, Chief of the Iowa State Bureau of Investigation, had advised the Des Moines Office of the receipt of a letter from a police officer on the Mason City, Iowa, Police Department, advising that he had an informant who knew the whereabouts of an individual alleged to have escaped from Alcatraz three or four years ago.

Further reference is made to the Bureau's letter to the Des Moines Office under date of January 31, 1939, in which it was suggested that you endeavor to obtain additional information regarding this matter from the Chief of the Iowa State Bureau of Investigation.

Reference is also had to the inspection report of the Des Moines Office, made by Inspector Connelley, under date of October 19, 1939, in which your attention was called to the fact that this case had become unduly delinquent, and in which you indicated that the case had been assigned and would be concluded at an early date.

The Bureau file in this case fails to reflect any action taken subsequent to the inspection report, and you are instructed to advise the Bureau what action is contemplate in this matter by your office.

Very truly yours,
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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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76-78 UNKNOWN SUBJECT: R. W. NEBERGALL - Informant

MR. CONNELLEY: This matter is unduly delinquent in that the last activity indicated is reflected in letter of January 17, 1939, addressed to the Bureau. On January 31, 1939, the Bureau suggested that R. W. NEBERGALL, Chief of the Iowa State Bureau of Investigation be recontacted. This individual being located in the City of Des Moines, it is believed that this should have been suitably followed up, preferably by the Special Agent in Charge, immediately when such letter was received. The followup of this lead at this late date might be embarrassing as concerns the contact with the head of the organization indicated.

MR. COULTER: The report from San Francisco, dated January 14, 1939, indicates no person of the description indicated had escaped from the Alcatraz Penitentiary. At best this case is a "fishing" expedition, and owing to the pressure of other work, it was permitted to become too delinquent. The case has now been assigned and will be concluded at an early date.

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Inspection Report
Des Moines Office
Inspector Connelley
October 19, 1939

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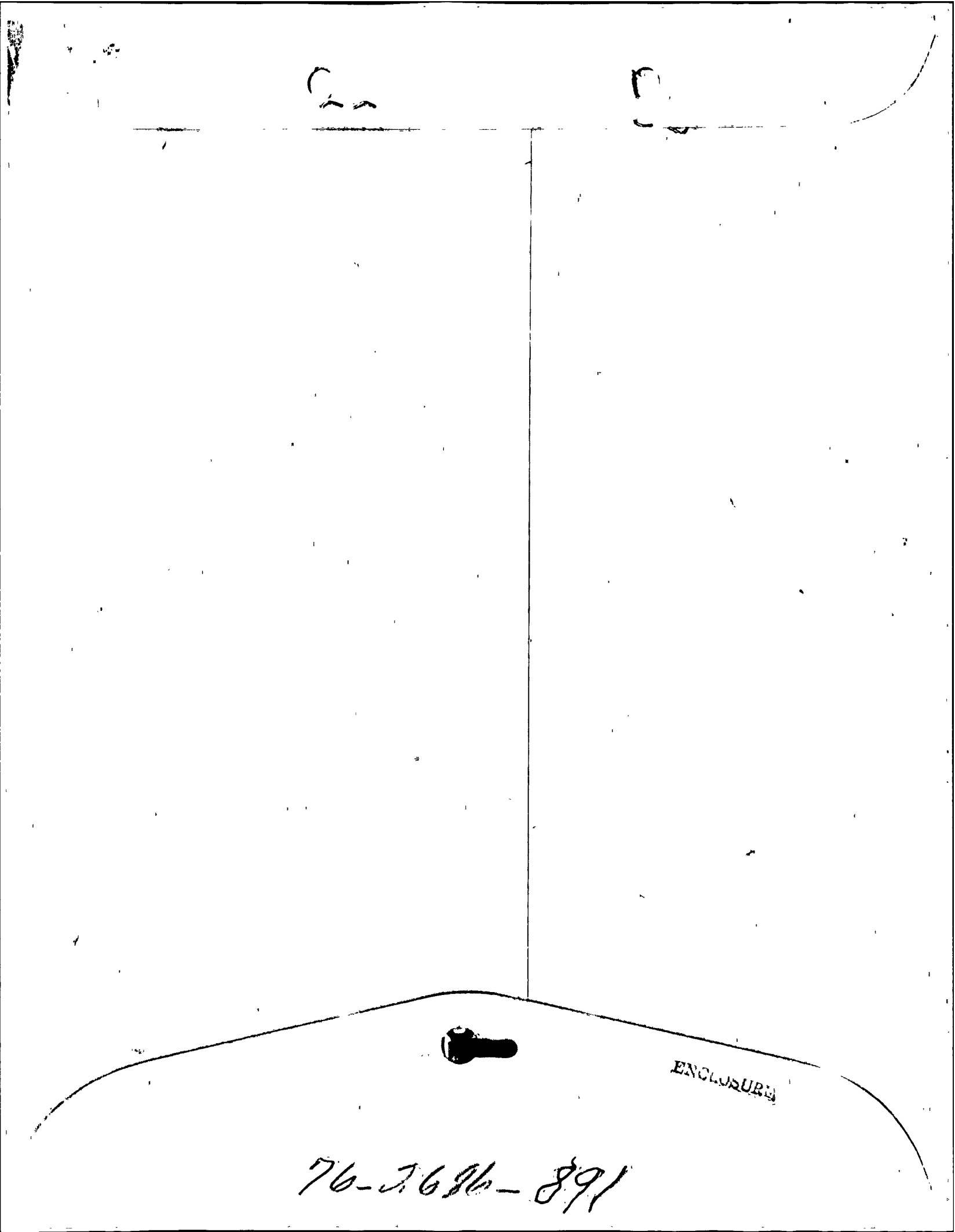

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TITLE
RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472;
THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.

CHARACTER OF CASE
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

FAY ROE and sister HAZEL SMITH recently visited Hobart, Oklahoma, but are returning to Arcadia, California. Mrs. ELMER DILLARD is related to the mother of Subject COLE. She and others close to the COLE family have been informed that it is their belief that Subject COLE is drowned. Complete family identity and relatives of the COLE family will be secured from FRED COLE at Woodlake, California. Subject COLE is reported to have a younger brother named BURL COLE, last known to be in Tulsa, Oklahoma. ABE ALLEN has moved to Stockton, California. CHARLES C. HAMBLIN was a tourist in California only in 1937 and resides at Steele, North Dakota. C. W. BUTCHER not believed to be identical with JAMES HUGH BUTCHER, former Alcatraz inmate. Mr. and Mrs. PETE NEWBERRY now advise that they knew ROY ROE at Borger, Texas, and not Subject RALPH ROE. G. I. DAWSON, husband of VIOLET DAWSON, states that the family has no knowledge that Subject COLE is still alive, and promises to furnish any information received on Subject COLE. RUTH KERN sister of Alcatraz inmate HENRY YOUNG, now residing at 6038 Crestwood Way, Eagle Rock, California. FRANK H. PORTER, ex-Alcatraz inmate, not located. Last reported to be traveling in the states of Maine and Indiana. Subject ROE under the name of PAUL SULLIVAN was an inmate in the California State Boys Reformatory, Ione, California, in 1923. He was arrested by Los Angeles Sheriff's Office with K. I. SUMMERVILLE,

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and was confined to San Quentin in 1923. WILLIAM MILES WILLIAMS at Long Beach has never heard of LEE ROBERTS. FAY ROE advised that the ROE family believes that Subject ROE has drowned. She has divorced JAMES ROE. Informant [redacted] b7D is observing activities at the residence of FAY ROE. WILLIAM B. McCLURE of Bell, California, is observing activities at the residence of VIOLET DAWSON, half-sister of the Subject COLE.

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References: Reports of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, dated January 29, 1940 and November 1, 1939.

Reports of Special Agent H. R. TELFORD, Aberdeen, South Dakota, dated September 30, 1939, and October 19, 1939.

Report of Special Agent R. L. NALLS, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, dated November 22, 1939.

Report of Special Agent D. W. MAGEE, Los Angeles, dated August 22, 1939.

Details: At Hollywood, California:

Mr. POLLACK of the law firm of Robbins & Pollack, 606 Taft Building, when interviewed by Agent advised that he acted as an attorney for FAY ROE when she divorced her husband JAMES ROE. It is noted that JAMES ROE is a brother of Subject RALPH ROE.

Mr. POLLACK advised that he had no information concerning Subject ROE and COLE, but that FAY ROE had divorced JAMES ROE on June 7, 1939, on the grounds that he was convicted of a felony. He

further advised that JAMES ROE has the address of Box 1478, Odessa, Texas. He further advised that JAMES ROE at one time was under the supervision of Federal Probation Officer HENRY C. CLIFTON of El Paso, Texas. It was apparent that Mr. POLLACK had no information that would assist in the instant case.

A confidential informant [redacted] telephonically advised that FAY ROE, as well as her sister HAZEL SMITH had left [redacted] on February 10, 1940, by bus for Oklahoma, due to a serious illness of her mother. Those contacted by [redacted] seemed to think that FAY ROE and her sister were going to a farm near Tulsa, Oklahoma. b7D

The postmaster at Arcadia was requested to observe mail for FAY ROE and her sister HAZEL SMITH. The postmaster advised that FAY ROE and her sister were at HOBART, OKLAHOMA, but that they expected to return to Arcadia, California. Their address at Hobart, Oklahoma, was 929 South Washington Street.

The Oklahoma Division Office is requested to ascertain by investigation at Hobart, Oklahoma, any leads of value relative to Subject which might be developed at that point.

At Los Angeles, California:

An effort was made to locate RUTH KERN who had corresponded with one HENRY YOUNG and had visited him at Alcatraz Penitentiary, where YOUNG bears number 244AZ. This is in reference to the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, dated December 2, 1938.

It is noted that the report of Special Agent R. P. KRAMER, Los Angeles, dated January 8, 1938, has considerable information as a result of investigation relative to RUTH KERN and her family, Mrs. A. S. PAINE and HELEN PAINE.

Mrs. ANNIE S. PAINE was interviewed by Agent at 5957 Benner Street, Highland Park, California, and advised that she is the mother of HENRY YOUNG, an Alcatraz inmate, and that RUTH KERN is her daughter. She stated that RUTH KERN is presently residing at 6038 Crestwood Way near Eagle Rock, California; that she can be located evenings at that point for interview. Mrs. RUTH KERN is

reported to have a telephone CLeveland 6-6016. Mrs. PAINE preferred that she not be interviewed at her place of employment.

Mrs. PAINE further advised that to her knowledge neither her son HENRY YOUNG nor any in her family knew anything about subject COLE and ROE.

Agent made investigation to locate RUTH KERN at 117 "N" Avenue but the address should have been 117 North Avenue 55, Los Angeles, California.

Patrolman W. C. HAYES of the West Los Angeles Police Department, telephonically advised the Los Angeles Division Office that an individual had appeared at that police station, name of whom was not secured, and reported that Subject COLE had been running a concession at Ocean Park, California.

Reporting Agent and Special Agent C.B. HENDERSON, contacted Officer WALT C. HAYES and Captain ARMSTRONG of the West Los Angeles Police Department.

It developed that Officer HAYES did not secure the name of the informant and made no record of the information received, inasmuch as the West Los Angeles Precinct Station does not have jurisdiction over Ocean Park and Santa Monica, California.

At Ocean Park and Venice, California:

Reporting Agent and Special Agent C. B. HENDERSON canvassed the concessions at Ocean Park and Venice, California, but found the majority of them closed for the winter season. No one running a concession was noticed to resemble Subject COLE.

With reference to E. EVANS, address 716 West 18th Street, who had been ascertained to be a correspondent of Mrs. VIOLET DAWSON, a half-sister of Subject COLE, Agent ascertained from Mrs. MATTIE KING at 716 West 18th Street, that Mrs. ETA EVANS, the former landlady, can be reached at the home of a Mrs. EARL, 8133 San Carlos.

Mrs. EARL advised that Mrs. ETA EVANS was her sister and could be reached at 1833 San Carlos, near Bell, California.

At Bell, California:

Mrs. ETA EVANS was interviewed at 8133 San Carlos. She advised that she had rented a store for one month to Mr. G. I. DAWSON who tried to operate a store. She stated that her correspondence with the DAWSON family concerned the renting of that place. She further stated that she did not know the family and when shown photographs of Subjects COLE and ROE advised that she had never had an occasion to come in contact with them.

Mrs. EVANS further advised that she was moving to 3164½ Gage at Bell, California.

With relationship to the lead at Bell, California, concerning CHARLES C. HAMBLIN at 5568 Gage Street, Agent interviewed Mrs. GEORGE W. COMBEST who resides at that address. She advised that CHARLES C. HAMBLIN made a visit to California, bringing about six or seven people from Steele, North Dakota, and that Mr. HAMBLIN returned to his home at Steele, North Dakota. He is a nephew of Mrs. COMBEST, age about thirty-five.

Mrs. COMBEST advised that she did not know the ROE and COLE families and that she felt sure that Mr. HAMBLIN had no knowledge of them.

It appears that Mr. HAMBLIN was only a tourist visitor and came to California about the time of the escape of subjects COLE and ROE, and had no knowledge of the COLE and ROE families. Further investigation concerning HAMBLIN will not be requested by this office.

Confidential Informant [redacted] who resides at [redacted] and who [redacted] Mrs. VIOLET DAWSON, half sister to Subject COLE, was re-interviewed and stated that the only automobile bearing an out-of-state license noticed was a car bearing a 1939 Ohio license #549TL in front of the DAWSON residence. He stated that two old men traveling in this car visited the DAWSON family for a couple of days. He described these two old men as one being about sixty years, quite tall and heavy, and the other as about sixty years of age and short. b7D

[redacted] further advised that he has not seen any activities around the DAWSON residence but was suspicious and advised that they had no visitors other than HAROLD DAWSON who is a brother to Mr. G. I. DAWSON.

[redacted] further advised that HAROLD DAWSON has been living with the DAWSON family and that HAROLD DAWSON was formerly from Lindsay, California. b6 b7C

[redacted] has been advised that should he develop information that would lead to the apprehension of either subject COLE or ROE, consideration would be given him on a suitable reward.

Reporting Agent observed that the automobile now in possession of the DAWSON family bears 1940 California license plates No. 3-P-4363. This car is registered to HAROLD P. DAWSON, 6238 Gifford Street, Bell, California, and is a 1935 Chevrolet coach.

At Los Angeles, California:

Mr. GOLDA I. DAWSON is employed at the Siel Optical Company, 318 West Fifty Street, Los Angeles, California, and was interviewed at his place of business. He advised that the mother and step-father of Subject COLE are still living at Woodlake, California, where they receive mail at Post Office Box #215.

Mr. DAWSON further stated that the mother and step-father of Subject COLE reside in a house in the town of Woodlake, California, which is located south of the Spaulding Lumber Company across the railroad track. He advised that Subject COLE's step-father is operating as a contractor and carpenter.

Mr. DAWSON further advised that he visited the COLE family at Woodlake last Labor Day and they, the COLE family, still believe that Subject COLE was drowned at the time he escaped. He stated that they, the family, hardly ever mention Subject COLE's name in his presence.

Mr. DAWSON further advised that he traded his Buick automobile in on a Ford and subsequently lost that car. He stated that at the present time he does not possess an automobile.

Mr. DAWSON further advised that to his knowledge the COLE family never knew of Subject ROE. Mr. DAWSON advised that should he at any time ever hear that Subject COLE is alive he would immediately turn the information over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Mr. and Mrs. TRUDY KREAMER, in charge of the apartment house at 944 West Eleventh Place, were again interviewed by Agent and advised that they had observed Mr. and Mrs. ELMER DILLARD and had not observed Subject COLE at their place. It is noted that Mrs. DILLARD is a cousin of FRED COLE by marriage. Identification Orders had previously been given to Mr. and Mrs. KREAMER.

Mrs. ROSE MARSH, who lives in the apartment house at 943 West Eleventh Place, in being re-interviewed advised that she had gained no information concerning Subject COLE and ROE from the DILLARDS.

Mr. and Mrs. ELMER DILLARD were interviewed at their apartment, #106, at 944 West Eleventh Place, and stated that they had no information concerning Subject COLE.

Mrs. DILLARD advised that she is a cousin of Subject COLE's mother and that FRED COLE is only the step-father of Subject COLE; further that she last saw Subject COLE about 1932 at Borger or Pampa, Texas, at which time he was a skinny boy weighing about 105 or 110 pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. DILLARD advised that they had never heard of Subject ROE prior to the escape.

Mrs. DILLARD further advised that Mrs. FRED COLE, Subject COLE's mother, thinks that Subject COLE was drowned. She thought that Subject COLE's mother as well as the step-father had visited Subject COLE at Alcatraz some time prior to the escape. She stated further that Subject COLE's mother never talks about her son.

Mr. and Mrs. DILLARD stated that they felt sure that the COLE family did not render any outside help to effect the escape of Subject COLE. They further advised that the COLE family was in poor financial condition. It was further learned that Subject COLE has a younger brother named BURL COLE, last known to have been in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

It is thought desirable that the COLE family at Woodlake, California, should again be contacted as to obtaining other names of the family for other possible valuable leads. Inasmuch as Mr. FRED COLE is only the step-father of Subject COLE it is thought desirable to ascertain who is the father of Subject COLE in order that he may be interviewed.

At Laguna Beach, California:

Prior reports have indicated that mail came from 567 Thorough Street, Laguna Beach, California, to VIOLA DAWSON. Mr. and Mrs. FRANK WESTGATE, residing at 567 Thorough Street, rent property and small cottages around this property. They were not familiar with either subject COLE or subject ROE and could not identify photographs of subjects as being anyone seen by them.

The records of Mr. and Mrs. WESTGATE reflect that the tenants of their cottages were transients. It was noted that the MANNING family lived in one of the cottages, having come from Erick, Oklahoma. In this family were a JIM MANNING, LORNA MANNING, formerly LORNA PLOWMAN.

Mr. and Mrs. WESTGATE stated that they have no knowledge that the MANNING family knew VIOLA DAWSON.

Another possible correspondent of Mrs. DAWSON who resided at the WESTGATE cottages is a Mr. or Mrs. WIZENER who teach at the Holiness School at El Monte, California. In this connection it is to be noted that Mrs. DAWSON attends a Holiness church.

The JIM MANNING family had moved away from Laguna Beach, California, and had left no forwarding address.

Chief of Police JACK L. BLAKENEY, Laguna Beach, California, advised that he had never had any reports that subjects COLE or ROE had been in that city.

JIM MANNING had been arrested on suspicion while at Laguna Beach. He was described as: Age 26, and did not resemble either of the subjects in this case.

The Des Moines Division Office was by letter dated December 7, 1939, furnished the context of a letter written by one CHARLES H. RISDON, an inmate of the Riverside County Jail, to the effect that he had information regarding the location of TED COLE, which was gained from a close friend and ex-cellmate of COLE when COLE was in McAlester, Oklahoma, Prison.

RISDON informed that subject TED COLE was operating a barber shop where all the barbers were women and COLE had grown

a heavy black beard and tends to be a cripple; further that Subject COLE operates this barber shop in Tennessee, Missouri (not listed in U. S. Official Postal Guide), where he has a girl friend. C. H. RISDON claims to be a nephew of I. E. RISDON, former chief of the Iowa State Bureau of Investigation. RISDON, however, has disclaimed the identity of the writer of the letter.

At Riverside, California:

Special Agent J. B. DRURY at the Riverside County Sheriff's Office interviewed Undersheriff STEVE LYNCH and advised that CHARLES H. RISDON was serving sentence in the county jail there for burglary.

Mr. LYNCH advised that RISDON was a habitual liar and that no credence could be given in a statement made by RISDON.

CHARLES H. RISDON was interviewed by Special Agent DRURY and RISDON stated that one EVERETT ARCHERD, formerly an inmate of the Riverside County Jail, had stated that Subject COLE was operating a ladies' barber shop in Tennessee, Missouri, and that COLE had effectively disguised himself by growing a mustache, wearing dark glasses, and walking crippled with a cane; further that to effectively disguise himself he, COLE, had built up his right shoe to indicate that one leg was shorter than the other. RISDON advised Agent DRURY that EVERETT ARCHERD was presently confined to Folsom Penitentiary, Represa, California.

At Los Angeles, California:

The Los Angeles Field Division Office received a letter from Undersheriff J. B. HOUSTON at Bakersfield, California, dated February 7, 1940, to the effect that an individual named JOHNSON in the Shafter district, Kern County, while under the influence of alcohol had stated that a Chinaman, a former inmate of Alcatraz, released about a year prior to the escape of Subjects COLE and ROE, was now harboring Subjects COLE and ROE in San Francisco and had aided them in making the escape.

The JOHNSON individual is undoubtedly identical with either LCN or "SLEEPY" JOHNSON who have heretofore been interviewed as set out in the report of Special Agent D. W. MAGEE, Los Angeles, dated July 18, 1939, on Pages 18 to 21, investigation by Special Agent E. G. FITCH.

At Shafter, California:

The following investigation was conducted by THOMAS M. KEESEE, Special Agent, at Shafter, California, on December 23 and 24, 1939:

Chief of Police MURRY ARNOLD, Shafter, California, was contacted for assistance in locating SLEEPY and SAM JOHNSON so that a better address of LON JOHNSON could be secured.

Chief ARNOLD was informed of the reason for wishing to interview the JOHNSONS and he stated that LON JOHNSON was then in the vicinity of Shafter and had been in custody just a few days before on a drunken charge. ARNOLD went on to say that the entire JOHNSON family were people of the lowest order; that they stayed drunk most of the time, and that they were absolutely unreliable in anything they might say.

Accompanied by Chief ARNOLD, inquiry was made at the cabin of SLEEPY JOHNSON concerning the present whereabouts of LON JOHNSON. SLEEPY advised that LON was presently residing in a cabin at a camp just outside the city limits of Shafter.

LON JOHNSON was located at the camp referred to by SLEEPY and he stated that he last saw RALPH ROE in 1932. LON stated at that time he was living on a farm about halfway between Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and Shawnee, Oklahoma, and that ROE was being accompanied at that time by HAZEL UNDERHILL. JOHNSON went on to say that he would not have anything to do with ROE now because he had done six months in the pen for harboring ROE on a previous occasion.

LON JOHNSON expressed the opinion that ROE and COLE had not been successful in their attempted escape and stated that if ROE had made it out he would be more likely to attempt to contact him, JOHNSON, than anyone else.

LON JOHNSON went on to say that he had heard while on a recent visit to Oklahoma that ROE was a good friend of a prisoner at Alcatraz who was known as "The King of Chinatown", and that this prisoner had been instrumental in arranging the escape of ROE and COLE. LON could not recall the source of this information.

LON JOHNSON further stated that if ROE had been successful in his escape he could not have stayed out of trouble this long,

and that if he was out he was more than likely in Chinatown in San Francisco.

In conclusion LON stated that within a few weeks he was leaving Shafter for Marysville, California, and that he had bought a farm in that vicinity which he intended to operate.

At Redondo Beach, California:

With reference to the report of Special Agent C. R. DAVIS, San Antonio, Texas, dated July 23, 1938, Mr. and Mrs. PETE NEWBERRY were interviewed at the Ridgeway Apartments, [illegible] Catalina Street.

Mr. and Mrs. NEWBERRY were shown a photograph RALPH ROE and advised that they did not know this individual, but stated that the individual who had stored the stolen car in their garage at Borger, Texas, was ROY ROE, brother of Subject RALPH ROE. Neither Mr. nor Mrs. NEWBERRY stated they knew of any relatives of Subjects COLE and ROE in California.

This appears to confirm the information given by MARY DARBY, now Mrs. DOYLE WILLIAMS, as set out in the report of Special Agent C. R. DAVIS, San Antonio, Texas, dated July 23, 1938.

At Pasadena, California:

An endeavor was made to locate one JAMES HUGH BUTCHER, one LAWRENCE BUTCHER, and a C. W. BUTCHER. LAWRENCE BUTCHER formerly had a Pasadena telephone, TErrace 1708. The telephone exchanges at Pasadena have been changed and it was ascertained that this telephone number is now SYcamore 3-1708, which is listed to R. J. CORNER, who operates a drapery establishment at 124 West Colorado Boulevard, and who resides at 493 Avon Avenue, Pasadena, telephone SYcamore 9-3404.

Telephonic communication with Mr. R. J. CORNER disclosed that LARRY BUTCHER, a former United States Marine and a drapery hanger, could be located in Los Angeles through telephone number FItzroy 0576.

It was ascertained that LARRY BUTCHER had moved to 1612½ West 49th Street, Los Angeles, California, and from that

address had moved to 8816 Harratt Street, West Hollywood, California, telephone CRestview 1-4698.

It is noted in the report of Special Agent R. P. KRAMER, Los Angeles, dated January 8, 1938, on Page 23, that LAWRENCE BUTCHER has a brother named CHET BUTCHER, supposedly operating a restaurant on South Main Street in Los Angeles, California.

The individual desired to be interviewed is one C. W. BUTCHER, reported to be identical with one JAMES HUGH BUTCHER, Alcatraz #287, who was given a conditional release on October 9, 1936, and who had in his possession a note bearing the name of JESS HILL, Lakewood, California, in care of TED COLE's mother.

It is thought that JIM HILL might be one of the brothers of FLOYD or JESS HILL who were good friends of Subject TED COLE when COLE and HILL were confined at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary.

Efforts will be made to locate LARRY BUTCHER for interview at 8816 Harratt Street, West Hollywood, California, one block south of Sunset Boulevard, telephone CRestview 1-4698.

The Los Angeles city directory fails to list a JAMES HUGH BUTCHER.

The Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters carried JAMES HUGH BUTCHER as a resident of 1300 East 76th Street, Los Angeles, and born in Utah.

At Los Angeles, California:

Investigation at 1300 East 76th Street, developed that the tenant is a Mr. RYAN who had taken possession of the house upon the death of his mother. He advised that JAMES H. BUTCHER was using the name of F. E. or FARREL E. BUTCHER, and had moved about Christmas 1939, leaving no forwarding address. This individual had operated the Occidental Printing Press from that residence. He was not believed to be identical with JAMES HUGH BUTCHER.

JAMES HUGH BUTCHER has previously been interviewed at East Bernstadt, Kentucky, as set out in the report of Special Agent H. W. COSTELLO, Louisville, Kentucky, dated November 13, 1936.

Reference is made to the San Francisco Office letter of September 16, 1939, which transmitted a list of persons granted to see ABE . LLEN at San Quentin Penitentiary, #56-684, as well as a list of his correspondents during his incarceration at that prison.

The purpose of the interview with ABE ALLEN was to establish the identity of individuals living in an apartment house in San Francisco, California, at 2421 Post Street. These individuals had checked out hurriedly on December 15, 1937, about the time of the escape of Subjects COLE and ROE, and a notation was found on a paper in the apartment bearing the San Quentin number of ABE ALLEN.

In an effort to locate ABE ALLEN reporting Agent contacted Mrs. GLICK at Glick's Slack Shop, 5509 Wilshire Boulevard. Mrs. GLICK is a relative of ABE ALLEN. She advised that ALLEN had returned to Stockton, California, which is his home and that he resides at that Auditorium Apartments, 604 North Commerce Street, Stockton, California.

The reception list of ABE ALLEN together with a list of correspondents are being transmitted as an enclosure to the San Francisco Division Office to be used in interview with ABE ALLEN in Stockton, California.

It is noted on the list of correspondents that three of the individuals, a Miss JEAN LEE, a LOIS SHRODER and a Mr. F. R. QUENTO, are reported to be from Benicia, California, a point where considerable investigation was conducted at the time of the escape of subjects COLE and ROE.

When JEAN LEE visited ALLEN on November 12, 1935, she listed Post Office Box 693, Benicia, California.

On the list of receptions it was noted that on February 28, 1936, one ELEANOR DAWSON, 311 Capp Street, Oakland, California, visited ABE ALLEN at San Quentin. It should be ascertained if this individual is related to G. I. DAWSON, the husband of VIOLET DAWSON, the half-sister to Subject COLE.

It is noted that on September 27, 1937 a JANE ROSE, address 1735 Fifth Street, Oakland, California, had visited ABE ALLEN at

San Quentin. The vacated apartment before mentioned was frequented by an individual named ROSE.

Further endeavor was made to locate FRANK H. PORTER, with aliases, through his brother WARREN J. PORTER, 7007 Haas Street, Los Angeles, California.

WARREN J. PORTER is employed at the Automatic Screen & Tension Company, Los Angeles. W. J. PORTER was interviewed at his residence and his place of business on separate occasions and advised that he has not heard from his brother FRANK PORTER for several months and thought that FRANK PORTER was with his mother at Bangor or Portland, Maine.

WARREN J. PORTER later advised that he had received a post-card from his mother at Evansville, Indiana, that his mother was traveling. W. J. PORTER has been very uncooperative.

A mail cover on mail addressed to WARREN J. PORTER for a thirty-day period only disclosed one letter from the First National Organization, Ltd., 811 West Eleventh Street, Los Angeles, California, which was ascertained by Agent to be a collection agency. Inquiry developed that they had no file on FRANK H. PORTER or WARREN J. PORTER, and the file could not be identified unless the name of the claimant against the PORTERS was known, according to Mr. LATHY.

The report of Special Agent D. W. MAGEE, Los Angeles, dated July 18, 1939, on Pages Two and Three, gives material on FRANK H. PORTER and indicates why an interview was desired, it being noted that a FRANK H. PORTER was a conditional release prisoner from Alcatraz on August 12, 1937, and that FRANK H. PORTER had been in San Francisco and Los Angeles about the time of the escape of subjects COLE and ROE.

Mr. SNIVELY, one of the Probation Officers at Los Angeles, received information that FRANK H. PORTER had five-hundred dollars in cash when he returned to Los Angeles from San Francisco in November and December 1937.

Mr. SNIVELY was suspicious of the activities of FRANK H. PORTER, who undoubtedly knew both subject COLE and ROE when they were in Alcatraz.

A new mail cover will be placed on mail of WARREN J. PORTER.

Mr. IVAN WALTER KEENER called at the Los Angeles Division Office on December 5, 1939, advising Assistant Special Agent in Charge VAL C. ZIMMER, that he had received a letter from his mother that Agents at Springfield, Illinois, had endeavored to locate him for interview at Prairie City, Illinois, concerning the whereabouts of DAVE BOYD.

KELNER related that he had no additional information on the whereabouts of BOYD other than that previously given to an Agent of the Springfield Office in June or July of 1939, which was to the effect that DAVE BOYD in 1937 had resided at Richmond, California, and in the 500 block on 23rd Street in Oakland, California. He related further that he had secured DAVE BOYD's address from the MORGANS who reside in Richmond, California, and who were acquainted with BOYD.

KEENER further related that he was temporarily stopping at 2624 Partridge Avenue, Los Angeles, California, but had expected to move to Oakland or San Francisco, California.

KEENER further related that he worked at different places securing information and that by "putting two and two together would solve the case." It was Assistant Special Agent in Charge ZIMMER's observation that this individual, KEENER, is very likely to be mentally irresponsible.

Officer R. H. MITCHELL, attached to the 77th Street Police Precinct Station, Los Angeles, California, at 238 West 77th Street, advised that a tailor in Hollywood, about a year and a half ago claimed to have fitted a suit for a man who was identical to either COLE or ROE. MITCHELL stated that he exhibited an Identification Order of subjects COLE and ROE to the tailor who could not identify them as being the individual who purchased the suit of clothes, and who was described as a clever dresser. This individual claimed to work in a moving picture studio and possessed a Doberman pinscher dog.

Officer MITCHELL advised that he made no record of the name of the tailor inasmuch as the material was negative.

The Los Angeles Police Department correspondence file No. C-104,481, concerns Subject RALPH ROE, who was arrested under the name of PAUL SULLIVAN, alias JACK McCARTHY, alias RAYMOND ROE. His fingerprint classification is set out as: 24 L 1 R III 5
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This correspondence referred to Los Angeles Sheriff's Office file #34,134, on PAUL SULLIVAN, which was an alias used by Subject ROE when he was arrested May 1, 1923, for robbery.

On May 19, 1923, Subject ROE under the name of PAUL SULLIVAN was sentenced to the State Reformatory at Ione, California, in Amador County. On this charge Subject ROE had first been arrested at Pomona, California, Pomona Police Department #98, as of April 28, 1923, when ROE was seventeen years of age.

Arrested with Subject ROE, alias PAUL SULLIVAN, was a K. I. SUMMERVILLE, Los Angeles Sheriff's Office #34,133, described as:

Age	23 (in 5/1/23)
Weight	148
Height	5' 6"
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Occupation	Painter
Nativity	Arkansas
F.P.C.	9 U 16 0 17

K. I. SUMMERVILLE was received at San Quentin Penitentiary on June 23, 1923, on a one to fourteen year sentence. He was paroled April 8, 1925, and discharged January 23, 1927.

It is considered desirable to locate K. I. SUMMERVILLE to ascertain whether he has any information concerning Subject ROE.

Two photographs each of RALPH ROE, alias PAUL SULLIVAN, and K. I. SUMMERVILLE were secured. These are as of May 1, 1923. One copy of the photograph of RALPH ROE, alias PAUL SULLIVAN is being forwarded to the Bureau and one copy to the Oklahoma City Division Office. One copy of the photograph of K. I. SUMMERVILLE is being furnished to the Oklahoma City Division Office and one copy is being placed in the Los Angeles Division Office file.

At Long Beach, California:

Mr. MILES WILLIAMS, residing at 132 Mariposa Street, Long Beach, was interviewed by Agent and advised that no LEE ROBERTS had ever visited his home, was known to him, or had written him a letter.

This investigation was conducted in reference to information set out in the report of Special Agent D. W. MAGEE, Los Angeles, dated August 22, 1939, which reflected that the Oklahoma City DivisionOffice had received information from a confidential informant that one LEE ROBERTS would get in touch with COLE and ROE in California through BILL WILLIAMS at 132 Mariposa Avenue, Long Beach, California.

WILLIAM MILES WILLIAMS stated that he never knew Subjects COLE or ROE and could not identify anyone by the name of LEE ROBERTS.

WILLIAMS advised that he has been in California five years, was born in SEMINOLE COUNTY, Oklahoma, and for a number of years ran a restaurant in Shawnee, Oklahoma. He could not identify photographs of COLE and ROE as anyone that he had ever met or associated with.

WILLIAM MILES WILLIAMS is considered reputable by his employer, The Marshall Lumber Company at Long Beach.

WILLIAMS persisted in advising that he had never received a letter from LEE ROBERTS.

At Arcadia, California:

FAY ROE, ex-wife of JAMES ROE, a brother of Subject RALPH ROE, was interviewed at Pat's Cafe on East Huntington Drive, Arcadia, where she is employed as a waitress.

At the time of the interview she had just been released from a hospital where she had an appendix operation. She stated that she divorced JAMES ROE at Los Angeles, California, on June 19, 1939. She advised that in August 1939, her ex-husband, JAMES ROE, passed through Arcadia and stopped to say hello to her, advising that he, JAMES ROE, had just returned from a visit to the San Francisco Fair and was returning to Odessa, Texas.

JAMES ROE indicated that he was being watched constantly by officers in Texas. She advised that JAMES ROE was of the opinion that Subject RALPH ROE had drowned.

Mr. F. O. PIERCE, who resides at 25 La Porte Street, Arcadia, was interviewed by Agent and advised that he is an employee

of the Santa Fe Railroad at Lamanda Park, California, and that he was fairly well acquainted with FAY ROE and her sister HAZEL SMITH. He advised that he has been unable to get any information concerning the location of Subjects ROE and COLE from these women.

CHARLES DENNY, an aged desolate character, visits FAY ROE and HAZEL SMITH. He resides in a shack near 104 East Colorado Street in Arcadia.

Mr. F. O. PIERCE and Mr. ELLER BURCHILL, 233 North First Avenue, Arcadia, advise against interview of CHARLES DENNY, who they stated, would immediately advised FAY ROE of any inquiry.

D. W. COFFMAN, business address of 231 North First Street, nearby the FAY ROE residence at 58 St. Josephs Street, Arcadia, does not remain in his store but travels and is not in a position to observe visitors at the FAY ROE residence.

Mr. ELLER BURCHILL, whose store is close by the FAY ROE residence, has been observing visitors and the activities of FAY ROE and her sister and will report any unusual activity to the Los Angeles Division Office.

Captain JACK STEINE of the Arcadia Police Department, states that one PATRICK CURRY operates Pat's Race Track Cafe. Captain STEINE advised that about two years ago he put FAY ROE in jail for being drunk. Captain STEINE is aware of the relationship by marriage of FAY ROE to Subject ROE but has never gained any information to the effect that either subject has visited Arcadia.

It was ascertained that HAZEL SMITH, sister of FAY ROE, has on occasions worked for OTTO HARRIS, a claim agent for the Pacific Electric Railroad.

ENCLOSURES: To OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD DIVISION one copy each of photograph of RALPH ROE, arrested under the name of PAUL SULLIVAN, May 1, 1923, Los Angeles Sheriff's Office #34,133; and one copy of photograph of K. I. SUMMERVILLE arrested at the same time, Sheriff's Office, Los Angeles, #34,134

To BUREAU one copy of photograph of RALPH ROE, arrested under the name of PAUL SULLIVAN, May 1, 1923, Los Angeles Sheriff's Office #34,133.

(Enclosures, Cont'd)
To SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION one copy of San Quentin State Penitentiary reception list, dated July 24, 1939, relative to ABE ALLEN, former San Quentin number 56,684.
One copy of list of correspondents of ABE ALLEN, San Quentin #56,684.

U N D E V E L O P E D L E A D S:

The San Diego Division Office:

At SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA: Will locate ALBERT A. HILL, a brother and correspondent of HUBERT A. GRINDLE, Alcatraz #111. He can be located through his sister Mrs. E. J. LITTLEWOOD, 3309 Cleveland Street, San Diego. This lead is in response to the report of Special Agent M. E. GURNEA, San Francisco, dated December 28, 1937, on Page 25.

The San Francisco Division Office:

At IONE, CALIFORNIA: At the California State Reformatory, will ascertain what records are on file relative to PAUL SULLIVAN, an alias of Subject RALPH ROE, who was committed to that institution July 6, 1923. Will ascertain a list of relatives and addresses for leads relative to the whereabouts of Subject ROE.

At SAN QUENTIN STATE PENITENTIARY: will ascertain from the records of former inmate K. I. SUMMERVILLE if he can be located and questioned concerning Subject ROE, with whom SUMMERVILLE was arrested in May 1923, by the Los Angeles Sheriff's Office.

At STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA: Will locate and interview ABE ALLEN at the Auditorium Apartments, 604 North Commerce Street, relative to the identity of the individuals who resided in the apartment at 2421 Post Street, San Francisco, and departed hurriedly December 15, 1937, about the time of the escape of subjects COLE and ROE, leaving a notation on a paper bearing the San Quentin Penitentiary number of ABE ALLEN. ABE ALLEN may be able to identify these people through the names on the enclosures forwarded to San Francisco of ALLEN's visitors and correspondents. Will question ALLEN concerning the identity of JEAN LEE, Benicia, California, particularly concerning the

identity of ELEANOR DAWSON, address 3011 Capp Street, Oakland, California, who visited him on February 28, 1936, bearing in mind that Subject COLE's half-sister is a VIOLET DAWSON and that her husband is G. I. DAWSON.

At FOLSOM PENITENTIARY, REPRESA, CALIFORNIA, will interview EVERETT ARCHERD to ascertain whether he knew Subjects COLE or ROE at Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, and whether he has knowledge of Subject COLE's present location.

The Oklahoma City Division Office:

At HOBART, OKLAHOMA: Will conduct investigation where FAY ROE and her sister HAZEL SMITH visited in February 1940, at 929 South Washington Street.

Will ascertain from the postmaster and local law enforcement officers whether any leads can be developed through the relatives of FAY ROE that will disclose the whereabouts of subjects ROE and COLE.

At ERICK, OKLAHOMA: Will establish the identity of JIM MANNING, LORNA MANNING, a boy named LEON MANNING, as well as a WILLIAM FLOWMAN family. LORNA MANNING was LORNA FLOWMAN. Will ascertain if any of these individuals ever had any connection with Subjects ROE or COLE to warrant their being located and interviewed.

The Los Angeles Division Office:

At WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA: At 8816 Harratt Street, will locate and interview LARRY or LAWRENCE BUTCHER to ascertain the present whereabouts of his brother CHET or C. W. BUTCHER. Will ascertain if CHET BUTCHER is identical with JAMES HUGH BUTCHER or whether the family is related to this individual. Will ascertain if the BUTCHERS have knowledge or have known subjects COLE or ROE or their families.

* 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. This was referred to in the reports of Special Agent H. R. TELFORD, Sioux Falls, S. D., dated September 30, 1939, and October 19, 1939.

Will report the results of a mail cover on mail addressed to WARREN J. PORTER at 7007 Haas Street, Los Angeles, in an effort to locate the whereabouts of FRANK H. PORTER whose interview is desired in conformance with matter in the body of this report.

Will interview Mrs. RUTH KERN who resides at 6038 Crestwood Way, near Eagle Rock. Will question her concerning her visits to Alcatraz to visit her brother HENRY YOUNG, an Alcatraz inmate. Will ascertain whether HENRY YOUNG, the KERN family or the PAYNE family have ever known the Subjects COLE or ROE or their families.

At [redacted] Will maintain contact with [redacted] b7D
[redacted] an informant in the movements and activities of FAY ROE, who resides near his store.

At [redacted] Will make contact with [redacted] business address [redacted] of VIOLET DAWSON, half-sister to Subject COLE.

* 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 WOODLAKE, CALIFORNIA: Will interview FRED COLE, step-father to Subject THEODORE COLE and ascertain the name and address of the actual father of Subject COLE. Will also ascertain the identity of BURL COLE, reported to be a brother of Subject COLE and last heard from in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Will secure a complete list of names and addresses of Subject COLE's immediate blood and marital relatives.

The following reports refer to prior investigation on the COLE family: Report of Special Agent A. D. HOHN, Los Angeles, dated February 12, 1938; Report of Special Agent R. H. SIMONS, Los Angeles, dated December 12, 1938; Report of Special Agent R. P. KRAMER, Los Angeles, dated December 12, 1937; and report of Special Agent R. N. FRANKE, Los Angeles, dated December 22, 1937.

At MERCED, CALIFORNIA: Will contact and interview ANDY KILGORE, whose address is known to Chief of Police GILBERT of LIVINGSTON, California. KILGORE telephonically advised the Los Angeles Division Office that a woman at the Atwater Barbecue Stand, located on the south side of Atwater, California, had told BILL WILSON, who also hangs around the barbecue stand that subject COLE was in the vicinity of the McDANIELS place, located between Atwater and Livingston, California. ANDY KILGORE at Merced, California, should be interviewed for more definite information concerning Subject COLE.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM

Time: 9:40 P. M.

Lieutenant A. M. Winfree of the Detective Bureau telephoned and asked if the Bureau desired a rebroadcast of a dispatch which had just been received by their dispatcher concerning Theodore Cole and Ralph Roe, wanted by the FBI for Kidnaping and Murder. The Lieutenant did not have any further facts and suggested that the dispatcher be contacted.

I contacted Dispatcher John H. Wintersand. He related that he had received a rebroadcast from the Maryland State Police requesting that a lookout be made for Theodore Cole and Ralph Roe wanted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation for Murder, Kidnaping and being fugitives. They were alleged to have been seen in the vicinity of Media, Pennsylvania. Cole was described as follows: height, 5' 7½", one hundred thirty-five pounds, brown hair, two inch scar corner of right eye, scar right cheek, curved scar left lower lip, scar under chin, blue shirt, greenish blue suit, - extremely dangerous - use care in apprehending. I told Mr. Winters I would check the matter and call him back. It is noted that the description is very close to the one given on the I. O.

I called Special Agent C. W. Whaling at Philadelphia and he advised me that he was at that time preparing a wire to the Bureau on this matter. He advised that the Pennsylvania State Police called this evening advising a woman at Media, Pennsylvania had identified a party who had worked for a week in a restaurant there as Theodore Cole. The party was paid-off today, receiving about $4.00, and proceeded after inquiring how to reach the central district of Philadelphia. Other parties in the restaurant are also reported to have identified this party as Cole by the numerous scars which he has. The State Police wanted authority from the FBI to broadcast and were advised that this could not be given. They, however, broadcasted anyway. The clues to the identity came from the "Gang-busters" program. Media is only twenty miles from Philadelphia and I instructed Agent Whaling to see that the lead was run down.. He advised this would be done and the Bureau would be kept advised.

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I called you regarding this matter and in accordance with your instructions advised the dispatcher that the Bureau did not desire a rebroadcast of the information and expressed our appreciation of the interest manifested by them.

Respectfully,

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471	ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: FRANK BOUKER, #156-AZ, U. S. Penitentiary, Alcatraz Island, advised he was aware fugitives intended to escape 3 or 4 days before they left; that several convicts in mat shop saw them in water; that it is general belief subjects did not reach mainland. CHARLES BERTA, #132-AZ, refused to give any information. BERNARD P. COY, #415-AZ, presently in punishment cell and not available for interview. Photographs of inmates received about time JEFFERSON ROBIDEAUX transferred to McNeil Island secured and forwarded Seattle Office. Mrs. C. F. DOWELL formerly residing 280 Oriente St., San Francisco, a mysterious woman, moved about time fugitives escaped and neighbors believe she may have assisted them. P. O. records show Mrs. DOWELL moved to 1004 West Armour St., Seattle, Washington.

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REFERENCES: Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 1/29/40
Report of Special Agent JOSEPH J. PIEPER, Seattle, 10/25/39

DETAILS: A review of this file has been made and it has been ascertained that several leads set out in first report of reference have been covered. The lead for Berkeley, California, to interview WARREN H. MADELEY is covered in report of Special Agent J. R. McCULLOCH, San Francisco, dated July 25, 1939. The lead at Richmond, California, to identify HARRY and GERTRUDE etc., is covered by report of Special

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: Special Agent in Charge

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Agent H. W. HANKINSON, San Francisco, dated October 4, 1939, and report of Special Agent JOHN D. NOBLE, Springfield, Ill., dated November 29, 1939.

AT ALCATRAZ ISLAND, CALIFORNIA

CHARLES BERTA, #132 AZ, U. S. Penitentiary, was interviewed and refused to discuss instant case or to furnish the address of his wife GLADYS.

WALTER DORRINGTON, Record Clerk, Alcatraz Penitentiary, advised that his records indicate GLADYS BERTA, wife of CHARLES, visited him on March 15, 1938 at which time her address was given as 1390 California Street, San Francisco. BERTA'S correspondence record indicates that she last wrote to him in January of 1936 at which time her address was shown as 340 O'Farrell Street, San Francisco. The records do not indicate she has written or visited him since. Arrangements were made with Mr. DORRINGTON to notify the San Francisco office in the event the address of GLADYS BERTA is secured.

FRANK GOUKER, #156-AZ, advised that at the time of instant escape he was acting as instructor in the mat shop; that several days prior to the escape he heard rumors that the bars had been cut and that someone was going to escape. He stated that he was not in a position to tell anyone about this as he feared that some bodily harm would come to him. He also stated he was friendly toward RALPH ROE but that he did not care much for THEODORE COLE and, in fact, had no use for him. GOUKER further stated that on the morning of instant escape ROE asked him not to give him any additional work and that he took it for granted that ROE was probably going to make an attempt to escape. He stated he did not see ROE leave the room but that it must have been approximately 1:20 when he was discovered missing; that at the time of the escape among those in the mat shop were BROWN, #302, LLOYD #264, COY #415, and HUB STANLEY. Some of these men looked out of the window and stated they saw the two fugitives in the water approximately 100 yards off the Island; that COLE apparently was not making much headway but ROE seemed to be getting along "OK" as he was a good swimmer.

GOUKER stated he did not look out the window as he is short in stature and it would have been necessary for him to stand on something whereas the other men were able to see just over the top of the window. He stated further that HUB STANLEY looked out the window for a few minutes and then reported he could not see either of the two fugitives. GOUKER is of the opinion that the fugitives did not make the mainland. He stated also it is the opinion of the men who were in the shop that subjects did not make it.

GOUKER was asked as to when he believed the bars to have been cut and stated they must have been cut sometime in September when a general strike was on and not discovered by the guards. He bases this belief on the fact that when the bars were welded after the escape they appeared to have been cut for several months.

GOUKER stated further that DOC BARKER and RUFE McCAIN were supposed to be in on the break but that on the afternoon ROE and COLE left they were getting hair cuts and were not present and when they found out the fugitives had escaped they became very angry. GOUKER does not believe the fugitives received any outside help as if they had he would probably have heard of it from ROE with whom he was very friendly. GOUKER stated BROWN, LLOYD and STANLEY would not divulge any information regarding this case but that he believed BERNARD COY would furnish what information he had.

GOUKER appeared to be straight-forward in his story and it is believed he was telling the truth; however, he stated he did not see ROE leave and that he did not see them in the water. As to the possibility of securing cork or automobile inner tubes to assist them in floating GOUKER stated this would have been impossible as nothing of that sort is kept around the building from which they escaped and that the men who had seen them in the water reported that they were not supported by anything but were attempting to swim away. At the time, he stated, the fog was very heavy and there was a very strong tide going out to sea which makes him believe they did not reach the mainland.

An attempt was made to interview BERNARD COY, #415 AZ, but the writer was advised by Associate Warden MILLER that COY was in the punishment cell and would not be available for interview for approximately thirty days.

As to the lead in the report of Agent H. B. DILL, Salt Lake City, dated 3/27/39, as to the possibility of subjects passing through the garage while making their escape and obtaining an inner tube to assist them, investigation conducted by the San Francisco office has failed to reveal that this was possible and it is not deemed advisable to conduct further investigation along that line at the penitentiary.

Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklhoma City, dated 7/21/39, contains a lead to check on the possibility that subjects perfected their escape through a camouflage count of prisoners. Previous investigation conducted by the San Francisco office has failed to reveal any indication of this; also no information has been developed which would indicate that the fugitives were seen floating on a raft of cans.

The boat "SLOCUM" mentioned in report of Agent F. S. SMITH, Oklahoma City, 3/22/39, is an Army tug and water carrier which is operated by the U. S. Quartermaster Corps between San Francisco and Angel Island. This boat carries a crew of ten or 12 men and a civilian pilot. It is used in docking Army transports and for carrying water to Angel Island. The possibility of this boat being used as a means of escape by the fugitives was discussed with officials of the U. S. Penitentiary and it is believed there was no possibility this boat could have been involved. No further investigation along this line will be conducted unless specifically requested by the office of origin.

The lead to interview P. J. SULLIVAN, father of HARRY SULLIVAN, #198-AZ, at the St. Regis Hotel, San Francisco, has been covered and is set out in report of Special Agent J. E. THORNTON, San Francisco, 1/12/39.

As to the lead set out in report of Special Agent JOSEPH J. PIEPER, Seattle, 10/25/39, to determine exactly what prisoners arrived during a period approximately a month or more prior to 12/20/38 when JEFFERSON ROUBIDEAUX was transferred from Alcatraz to McNeil Island, the records of the penitentiary reflect that the only white prisoners received during that period were those set out in report of Special Agent H. W. HANKINSON, San Francisco, dated 8/5/39. As to HARRY EDWARDS, #461-AZ, records reflect that he was received on 7/8/38. As to #462-AZ, which photo is missing, records reflect that #462, SAM R. SHOCKLEY, was received on 9/23/38. The prisoners who were received on 11/29/38 began with #463, who is the same McGREW, a negro, and whose photo was not obtained and forwarded to Seattle. #469, which photo is missing, is JOHN J. WASHINGTON, a negro. #471, which photo is missing, is RICHARD PRICE, and #474, which photo is missing, is SAM LONG, all of the above being negroes. Therefore, the Seattle Office was furnished with photographs of all white prisoners who were received on 11/29/38 it being noted that no prisoners were received between 9/23/38 and 11/29/38.

The writer was unable to obtain a photo of SAM R. SHOCKLEY #462, a white man received 9/23/38; however the photographs of #463, 469, 471 and 474, all negroes, were secured and are being forwarded to the Seattle Office to be exhibited to JEFFERSON ROUBIDEAUX at McNeil Island as it is not known whether the person he had in mind is a negro or a white man. The photograph of SAM R. SHOCKLEY will be secured and forwarded the Seattle Office at a later date.

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

On February 7, 1940 V. E. MARTENSEN, residence 12 Tioga Ave., who stated he was a guard at the U. S. Penitentiary at Alcatraz, under Lieut. MORRISON, called at the San Francisco office and was interviewed by reporting agent. MARTENSEN stated he was transferred from the U. S. Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pa., to Alcatraz, in September 1939; also that he served in the U. S. Navy and became acquainted with MARION L. TOICH who is presently employed as a truck driver and resides at 276 Orienta St., telephone RAndolph 2358, San Francisco; that on coming to San Francisco he looked up TOICH and has visited with him periodically.

MARTENSEN stated that a short time ago he was visiting with TOICH and his family at which time instant case was mentioned. TOICH told him that shortly before subjects escaped a mysterious woman rented the premises next door to them on Orienta Street, number not known; that this woman did not make friends with the neighbors and no one was able to learn anything about her; that she had "wild parties" and had rough looking men calling at the place all hours of the night. On the night subjects escaped the woman moved out during the night and no one has heard anything about her. TOICH thought there might be some connection between this woman and subjects.

MARTENSEN stated he could not furnish any further details and did not think there was any connection but thought it best to report this matter to this Bureau. He suggested that TOICH and his family would be cooperative and furnish any information in their possession. An attempt was made by the writer on February 17, 1940 to interview TOICH; however, no one was found at home on the premises at 276 Oriente Street, which is just over the San Francisco City and County Line at Bay Shore.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent C. B. SHERMAN: At 276 Oriente Street Mrs. MARION L. TOICH was interviewed with reference to a woman who resided next door to her at 280 Oriente St., about the time of the escape of subjects. Mrs. TOICH stated the woman she had in mind had moved into the house next door to her several months before the night of the escape of subjects and moved out the night following the escape. In connection with the moving of her neighbor, Mrs. TOICH stated she moved out in a great hurry in the middle of the night.

During the time her neighbor lived at 280 Oriente St., Mrs. TOICH stated she never associated with anyone in the neighborhood and never responded to any advances toward neighborliness. Agent was advised that the woman worked in the garden in the rear of her house once in awhile but that when anyone came around the house in an effort to speak to her, she would hurry into the house and would not come out until everyone was away from her yard. Mrs. TOICH advised that during the time this woman was living next door to her no one ever went into the house in the daytime but that two or three nights a week several rough looking men would come up in an automobile with a load of bottles and a party would commence which usually lasted all night. These men were described by Mrs. TOICH as being young men as best she could tell but she stated she could never get a good enough look at any of them to be able to give any description of them.

During the course of her stay at 280 Oriente St., the woman never divulged her name to anyone and the people in the neighborhood never were able to find out anything about her. Mrs. TOICH stated that the failure of the woman to associate with anyone in the neighborhood was often a subject for discussion among the families living on the street. Mrs. TOICH advised that the night following the escape of subjects from Alcatraz the gang of rough looking men who had been coming to the house on the parties rushed up to the back of the house in the middle of the night and moved the woman and all her belongings out. Mrs. TOICH stated she had heard this woman left without paying her water bill and suggested that agent find out more about her from H. R. BROWN who collects the bills for water.

At the City Hall, Bayshore Community, Mr. H. R. BROWN, Collector for the water company of Bayshore district was interviewed and stated he recalled the woman who had lived at 280 Oriente St., and that she was a very peculiar woman. He stated he had spoken to her once or twice as

she came to the door to see about her water bill, but that she would never say anymore than was necessary to answer any question he might ask. Mr. BROWN stated the name the woman gave him was Mrs. C. E. DOWELL and he could tell no more about her than that. His records did not show when she moved in and when she moved out. He advised that her forwarding address might be secured from the Ocean Avenue Branch of the Post Office.

At the Ocean Avenue Branch of the Post Office located at 49 Ocean Avenue, Mr. A. H. MILLER, Clerk, examined his records and stated that in December 1938 Mrs. C. E. DOWELL, 280 Oriente St., had left the forwarding address of 1004 West Armour St., Seattle, Washington.

The following description of Mrs. C. E. DOWELL was secured from Mrs. TOICH and Mr. BROWN:

Height	5' 5"
Weight	140 - 150
Hair	Dark
Age	35-40
Face	Round
Complexion	Dark
Waist	Small
Build	Good
Chin	Very firm
Wears glasses	

ENCLOSURES TO SEATTLE: Photos of Alcatraz Island USP inmates SAM LONG #474, RICHARD PRICE #471, JOHN J. WASHINGTON # 469, SAM McGREW #463, all negroes

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE SEATTLE OFFICE AT MC NEIL ISLAND, WASHINGTON

Will exhibit the photos of Alcatraz inmates #463, 469, 474, 474 to JEFFERSON ROUBIDEAUX for identification purposes.

AT SEATTLE

At 1004 West Armour St., will endeavor to locate and interview Mrs. C. E. DOWELL and attempt to ascertain whether or not it is possible fugitives could have contacted her shortly after their escape from Alcatraz.

THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE AT ALCATRAZ ISLAND

Will secure photo of SAM R. SHOCKLEY, #462, and forward same to the Seattle office for exhibition to JEFFERSON ROUBIDEAUX.

After 30 days will interview BERNARD P. COY, #415 AZ, for any information he may be able to furnish regarding the escape of subjects.

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

Will endeavor to locate Mrs. CHARLES (GLADYS) BERTA, wife of CHARLES BERTA, #132 AZ, at 1390 California St., or 340 O'Farrell St., and interview her concerning her knowledge of instant case.

*Will make arrangements through CHARLES H. UPTON, Chief Probation Officer, Post Office Building, to notify the San Francisco office the next time GEORGE THOMPSON, #249AZ, 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, #249-AZ.

*Will contact GEORGE TRAVEGA, 233 Clara St., brother of JAMES SARGEART, #129-AZ, within the near future, in order to obtain information concerning the whereabouts of LEO TRAVEGA, 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, 1618½ 12th St., sister of EDWARD BENTZ, #307-AZ. (See report of Inspector GURNEA, San Francisco, 12/28/37, page 24)

*Will interview GEORGE VAN KLAHN, #337 AZ, releasee, at 3318 19th St., for information concerning this case ans also as to the whereabouts of his mother, Mrs. MARION VAN KLAHN, in order that she also might be interviewed.

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

*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.

*At 948 Market St., Room 302, will locate and interview HELEN ROBINSON for any information she may have concerning the escape of subjects.

*AT OAKLAND, CALIF., if HELEN ROBINSON cannot be located in San Francisco, will contact MRS. E. J. DA VEGA, 5102 Shafter Ave., for any information she may have concerning the present whereabouts of HELEN ROBINSON.

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Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Oklahoma City S. A. FILE NO. 76-338

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
San Antonio, Tex.	April 8'40	3/21/40	Edward L. DuBois, Jr.

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
THEODORE COLE, w.a. FUGITIVE I.O. #1471 RALPH ROE, w.a. FUGITIVE I.O. #1472	ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

MRS. DOYLE WILLIAMS nee MARY DARBY positive subject not identical with ROY ROE whom she met in 1930 at Borger, Tex. and who was incarcerated at Midway, Texas, until 1933, released and re-arrested. P.

Reference: Letter from Oklahoma City to Dallas dated 8/30/39.

DETAILS: At Freer, Tex.

MRS. DOYLE WILLIAMS was located through her husband's brother ROY RUSHING who operated Roy's Man Shop at Freer, Texas, and she in substance reiterated the information previously furnished by her to Special Agent C. R. Davis of the San Antonio office as reflected in his report dated 7/23/38 although she could not now remember as many of the details as set out in that report.

She further stated that prior to 1930 she resided in California and her husband was REX RICHMOND whom she married at Cheyenne, Okla. 11/29/29; that in 1930 she went to live at Borger, Texas, with a Mrs. HARRISON at the Woods Hotel and worked as a lady barber there for MRS. TONY MARTIN; that some of her friends there were Mr. and Mrs. PETE NEWBERRY and that through OLIN NEWBERRY she met ROY ROE described as:

About 23 years of age at that time
Tall, perhaps 6 feet
Skinny, perhaps 150 to 160 pounds
Very black hair
Black eyes
Rather good looking

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: Gus T. Joachim Jr. SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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That she met ROY ROE in 1930, perhaps in July or August; that she became quite well acquainted with him until several months later when he was arrested perhaps at Amarillo, Texas, for stealing from private homes and perhaps in connection with a stolen car; that he was jailed at Amarillo, Texas, and subsequently sent to prison at Midway, Texas; that shortly thereafter she went to live at Kilgore, Texas, and it was there that CAROLINE NEWBERRY wrote her from Borger advising that ROY ROE had some how gotten information to CAROLINE for MARY to correspond with ROY as MRS. ROY ROE for the purpose of passing the censors; that she so corresponded with ROY ROE although she has never been married to him; that he was released from prison in 1933 but shortly thereafter was re-arrested on some other charge, perhaps at LaGrange, Texas, under the name of ROY A. BELMER and returned to prison, perhaps to Huntsville, Tex.

MRS. WILLIAMS further stated that at no time did she attempt to help ROY ROE escape from prison; that she has never had anything to do with narcotics and as far as she knows ROY ROE made no request of her to obtain narcotics or hacksaws; that the only request he made of her as far as she can remember was for her to send him some beads as he was making women's purses while in jail, and also requested her to write some letters to various officials in an attempt to get a pardon; that in connection with this she did recall writing a letter to the Governor of Texas at that time and that the Governor advised her to write to the Parole Board which she did and was subsequently informed by the Parole Board of ROY ROE'S record and the length of time he had to serve and that it was impossible for him to be released before he had served his sentence; that she believes that she wrote these letters to the Governor and Parole Board as MARY RICHMOND but said she might have been foolish enough to write the letters as MRS. ROY ROE; that shortly thereafter she ceased corresponding with ROY ROE as it appeared he was not going to get himself straightened out; that other than the above and the fact that ROY ROE at one time mentioned he was from Kansas City, Mo. where he had a mother and a brother who owned a drug store there, she knows nothing more about ROY ROE; that she first learned of RALPH ROE, fugitive, through reading detective magazines and stated positively that the photograph of RALPH ROE is not that of ROY ROE.

MRS. DOYLE WILLIAMS further remarked that she has resided in Freer, Tex. since 1934 and in 1936 married DOYLE WILLIAMS who is an oil pumper for the Magnolia Petroleum Company.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

San Antonio Office: *At Houston, Tex. will interview ROY CONNORS, 405½ Milan Street, as to any information he may be able to furnish as to the location of fugitives.

*At Houston, Tex. 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 report of Agent Edward L. DuBois, Jr., San Antonio, 3/29/40.

*At Refugio, Tex. After a reasonable length of time will contact ERNEST HALES for additional information he may have obtained and thereafter thoroughly interview MARVIN CONNORS for whatever information he may furnish as to subjects.

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ROCOL. JOH N BELCHER AND LESTER CRAWFORD, HITCH HIKERS, WERE PICKED UP NIGHT OF APRIL FIRST SOUTH OF MIAMI, OKLAHOMA, BY INDIVIDUAL LATER IDENTIFIED AS RALPH ROE. ACCORDING TO THEIR STORY ROE WAS DRIVING BLACK FORD COUPE WITH MISSOURI LICENSE HE ADMITTED [redacted] STEALING JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI THAT DAY AND WAS FOLLOWED BY LINCOLN ZEPHYR ROE CLAIMED WAS BEING DRIVEN BY COLE. HITCH HIKERS CLAIMED THEY WERE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN ROBBERY OF BANK IN TOWN ABOUT FIVE THOUSAND POPULATION. BOTH PERSONS EVIDENTLY FABRICATING AS FORD SUCH AS DESCRIBED NOT REPORTED STOLEN JEFFERSON CITY.

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DIRECTOR

ROCOL. ABOUT NINE PM YESTERDAY, DON CALVIN , CAB DRIVER , TULSA PICKED UP THREE MEN NEAR DE VERN HOTEL WHO STUCK HIM UP AND FORCED HIM TO LIE ON FLOOR OF CAR WHILE UNSUBS DROVE CAR. ABOUT NINE FIFTY PM, SPECIAL DEPUTY SHERIFFS HOYT WHITE AND PETE ESLEY, OSAGE COUNTY, OBSERVED CAR PARKED NEAR TULSA AND AFTER CAB DEPARTED DISCOVERED CALVIN SERIOUSLY WOUNDED BY ONE SHOT. CALVIN INFORMED DEPUTIES WHO ARE NOT DEPENDABLE THAT PHOTOGRAPHS OF MEN APPEARED IN TULSA PAPERS AL APRIL SECOND WHICH WOULD INDICATE SUBJECTS. UPON INTERVIEW BY AGENT, CALVIN, WHO IS IN SERIOUS CONDITION, COULD NOT IDENTIFY PHOTOS OF SUBJECTS SAYING THE ONLY REASON HE BELIEVED SUBJECTS SHOT HIM WAS BECAUSE ONE MAN WAS CALLED TED COLE BY ASSOCIATES. CALVIN ADVISED DOCTOR THAT HE WAS SHOT WHEN CAR HIT BUMP AND GUN WENT OFF. CAB RECOVERED TULSA TODAY AND LATENT PRINTS DEVELOPED NOT IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECTS. CALVIN UNABLE TO FURNISH DESCRIPTIONS. INFORMATION FURNISHED TO PRESS BY POLICE TULSA BUT PRESS HAS NOT INTERVIEWED CALVIN. PD, TULSA BELIEVE MEN WERE LOCAL TALENT AND ARE CHECKING JOHN SCOTT AND ASOCIATES AND POSSIBLITY OF TROUBLE BEING DUE TO A WOMAN WHO HAD BEEN LIVING WITH SCOTT AT DENVER HOTEL

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UNTIL YESTERDAY. BAGGAGE WAS REMOVED FROM SCOTTS F ROOM ABOUT TEN PM YESTERDAY. AGENTS ARE HANDLING . END.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
April 3, 1940

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

Re: ROCOL
Escaped Federal Prisoners

Dear Sir:

Kindly furnish the known criminal record of the following:

Name (inc. aliases)	City, Police Arrest, or Other Number.	Approximate date Fingerprints forwarded Federal Bureau of Investigation.	Fingerprint Classification.
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Very truly yours,

R. B. HOOD,
Special Agent in Charge

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT OKLAHOMA CITY FILE NO. 76-166

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
OMAHA, NEBRASKA	4/19/40	4/6/40	J. B. O'LEARY CMZ

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: MRS. IDA ROBINSON upon viewing photographs of ROE and COLE in local newspaper advised she identified ROE'S photograph as one of two men who robbed her in her home on January 9, 1939. Upon being shown side view photograph of ROE, MRS. ROBINSON stated ROE not identical with robber.

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DETAILS: The investigation covered in this report resulted from a telephone call received by Special Agent in Charge C. W. STEIN on April 5, 1940, from MRS. IDA ROBINSON, 1647 Victor Avenue, Omaha, telephone Webster 2152. MRS. ROBINSON informed that on January 9, 1939, she was held up in her home by two men, one of whom was masked, and robbed of $60. She stated when she viewed ROE'S photograph in last night's paper (World Herald, 4/4/40), she positively identified it as being one of the robbers. However, she desired to see a side view to confirm her belief.

Accordingly reporting Agent contacted MRS. ROBINSON, at which time she advised that on January 9, 1939, a man came to the door and asked if he could use her telephone in order to call a garage to come and help him start his car. This was about 7:00 P.M. in the evening. The individual entered and closed the door behind him.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: [signature] SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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A little later, the other robber entered, at which time they converged upon her and told her it was a stickup and advised her to pull down the curtains and keep quiet, and she would not get hurt. She stated both of these individuals were very big men, and one of them had a handkerchief pulled down across his face. However, the individual which she thinks was ROE had no mask, and she described him as follows:

Eyes	Blue or Black
Height	6'
Age	Approximately 36
Hair	Dark
Dress	Black hat & dark blue overcoat
Scars & Marks	Looks like a pugilist
Peculiarities	Has a noticeable lump at the bridge of his nose and a very noticeable upward slant at the tip of the nose.

A number of photographs were placed upon the table for MRS. ROBINSON to view, but this group did not contain a photograph of Subject ROE. She was unable to identify any of the photographs exhibited. In view of the fact that MRS. ROBINSON had the newspaper photograph of ROE in her hands, Agent only exhibited to her the side view photograph of ROE, at which time MRS. ROBINSON advised that the side view was not identical with the robber she had in mind. She stated the eyes had the same expression, but the nose was not at all the same; and after viewing the photograph for some time, she stated she was quite positive she had not seen ROE. MRS. ROBINSON also informed Agent that the Police had exhibited to her a photograph of an individual by the name of SPRINGER, whom she positively identified as being one of the individuals who perpetrated the robbery in her home. She stated, however, that she has heard no more concerning the activity of the Police with regard to her case.

LIEUT. GENE MASTERS of the Lincoln Police Department telephonically advised Special Agent in Charge STEIN on April 5, 1940, that CAROL KETTLEHUT, an attendant at a Skelly Oil Station, 26th and O Streets, Lincoln, had reported to him on this date that about 9:30 P.M. three weeks ago, two men driving a green Ford Coach or Sedan bearing Nebraska "16" license plates called at the oil station. While at the station, they made a telephone call to some girl in Malvern, Iowa, telling her to get rid of somebody because they would be over there within an hour.

LIEUT. MASTERS advised he was furnishing this information

to the Omaha Office for what it was worth. Special Agent in Charge C. W. STEIN has deemed it advisable to set up a lead to exhibit the photographs of ROE and COLE to KETTLEHUT, and also endeavor to secure the name of the girl at Malvern, Iowa, who was called by the individuals stopping at the oil station.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

OMAHA FIELD DIVISION

AT LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

Will exhibit the photographs of RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE to CAROL KETTLEHUT, attendant at a Skelly Oil Station, 26th and O Sts., and will attempt to secure the name of the girl at Malvern, Iowa whom the individuals he reported stopping at his station had talked to over the telephone.

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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,
April 28, 1940.

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

RE: ROCOL

Dear Sir:

The Los Angeles Division advised by letter dated April 17, 1940 that information had been received from J. S. BROWN, Chief of Police, Selma, California, that he was a former officer of the Kansas State Highway Patrol and knew that WINT SMITH, a former 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 Subjects.

It is requested that SMITH be contacted in this regard in an effort to obtain his cooperation and in an effort to determine the identity of his informant who should be contacted, through SMITH or directly.

Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Los Angeles

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REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.	4/19/40	3/29/40	L. R. CHANDLER cgc

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: SAM GORUM unable to give additional information about the previous information furnished to him to effect that ROE and COLE have been hiding on Lake Worth near Ft. Worth, Texas. He states he received the information in a general conversation with unknown persons. JACK BAUGH was located at Catoosa, Okla. some time ago. Exact location of ANTHONY LOLLA'S cabin on Lake Worth near Ft. Worth, Texas unknown to SAM GORUM. GORUM states he does not think persons mentioned in reference report are in position to furnish definite information.

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Reference: Report of Special Agent S. M. WOLF, Dallas, 2/21/40.

Details: AT McALESTER, OKLAHOMA

Mr. EMMETT GILLESPIE, Record Clerk, Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, called SAM GORUM to his office where he was interviewed and questioned by the writer relative to the information he had previously furnished a Special Agent of this Bureau.

GORUM stated the information he had previously furnished came into his possession during a general conversation in which he was engaged in a drug store in Fort Worth, Texas. During the course of this conversation, several persons walked up and joined the group. Later one of these newcomers stated that subjects ROE and COLE were living in a cabin on Lake Worth, near Fort Worth, Texas. Upon inquiry

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as to whether he could recall the names of these persons and particularly the name of the person who made the remark concerning ROE and COLE, GORUM replied that he did not remember who it was.. He was questioned regarding the individuals named in reference report and especially as to whether they were in a position to furnish reliable information. He stated HARRY H. LEVANSON, who was mentioned in reference report as operating the Rosedale Cash Market, 1100 South Main Street, Fort Worth, Texas, was known to him; that he had been involved with the Federal Government before on some liquor deals and that he would not know ROE or COLE or if they were in or near Fort Worth unless LEVANSON should learn of it in a roundabout way.

GORUM advised that the drug store he had previously mentioned was the Seventh Street Drug Store and not the Eighth Street Drug Store. At the time he first furnished this information he had thought it was the Eighth Street Drug Store, but has since remembered it was not.

Regarding "HAPPY" DUNN, GORUM advised he did not feel DUNN was in a position to furnish information of value, but he does feel if DUNN furnished information it would be correct. GORUM also states that he feels HAROLD HOIKIN would furnish correct information, but he does not know if HOIKIN possesses information regarding ROE and COLE. GORUM further states HOIKIN was reared with ANTHONY LOLLA and should be able to furnish any information desired about LOLLA and certainly should be able to furnish the location of the cabin owned by ANTHONY LOLLA on Lake Worth near Fort Worth, Texas, and also might be able to state who has been living in the cabin as he is well acquainted with what goes on around the lake.

GORUM advised he doubts if JACK BAUGH would know anything relative to the subjects or their whereabouts. The last he heard of JACK BAUGH he was located at Catoosa, Oklahoma, but he believes BAUGH has since been indicted for violating the liquor laws. He does not know if BAUGH is still located at Catoosa, Oklahoma as this was some time ago that he knew BAUGH was living there.

GORUM further advised the writer that he did not know the exact location of ANTHONY LOLLA'S cabin except it was located somewhere on Lake Worth near Fort Worth, Texas, and that he could furnish no additional information concerning subjects ROE and COLE other than that previously furnished Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

CARPENTER SAM GORUM also advised that he did not know DELMAS and was never acquainted with anyone by that name.

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DALLAS OFFICE

AT FORT WORTH, TEXAS, will locate and interview HAROLD HOIKIN whose father owns all the cabins around the Showboat near the Jacksboro, Texas Highway out of Fort Worth regarding any possible information he may possess regarding the location of ANTHONY LOLLA'S cabin on Lake Worth and also as to any information he may possess as to whether subjects ROE and COLE have stayed at that cabin.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION. APRIL 4, 1940

Transmit the following message to: Mr. William P. Steven,
Managing Editor,
Tulsa Tribune
TULSA, OKLAHOMA

REFERRING YOUR TELEGRAM TODAY MUST ADVISE FBI CONTINUES TO INVESTIGATE EVERY LEAD INDICATING THAT TED COLE AND RALPH ROE ARE ALIVE. NO EVIDENCE HAS EVER BEEN PRODUCED ESTABLISHING THE POSSIBILITY OF THE FUGITIVES BEING ALIVE. THE BUREAU WILL CONTINUE TO CHECK ALL INFORMATION INDICATING THAT THEY HAVE BEEN SEEN, AL* THOUGH NO EVIDENCE OF THEIR REACHING THE MAINLAND HAS EVER BEEN [redacted] ESTABLISHED.

HOOVER

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Nathan
Mr. E. A. [illegible]
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Ladd
Mr. [illegible]
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Dallas, Texas	4-24-40	4-16-40	G. D. Gatins

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Retail Merchants Association, Box 1011, Kilgore, Texas, wrote demand letters to V. D. SHANK, Salem, Illinois, on 7-13-39 and 7-16-39.

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Reference: Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 4-1-40; report of Special Agent LEWIS C. BECK, Springfield, Illinois, dated 8-8-39.

Details:

Mr. E. B. MABLY, Postmaster, Kilgore, Texas, informed, after checking the Post Office records, that Box 1011, Kilgore, Texas, is assigned to the Retail Merchants Association, and was issued to that organization in 1935. It was also learned from Mr. MABLY that Mr. J. APPLEGATE is in charge of the Association.

Mr. J. APPLEGATE, Retail Merchants Association, Kilgore, Texas, advised that the credit records on VIRGIL D. SHANK reflect that letters were written to SHANK by the Retail Merchants Association on July 13, 1939 and July 16, 1939. Mr. APPLEGATE informed that in July, 1939, he was breaking in an assistant and that through some office error, duplicate letters were forwarded to SHANK just a few days apart.

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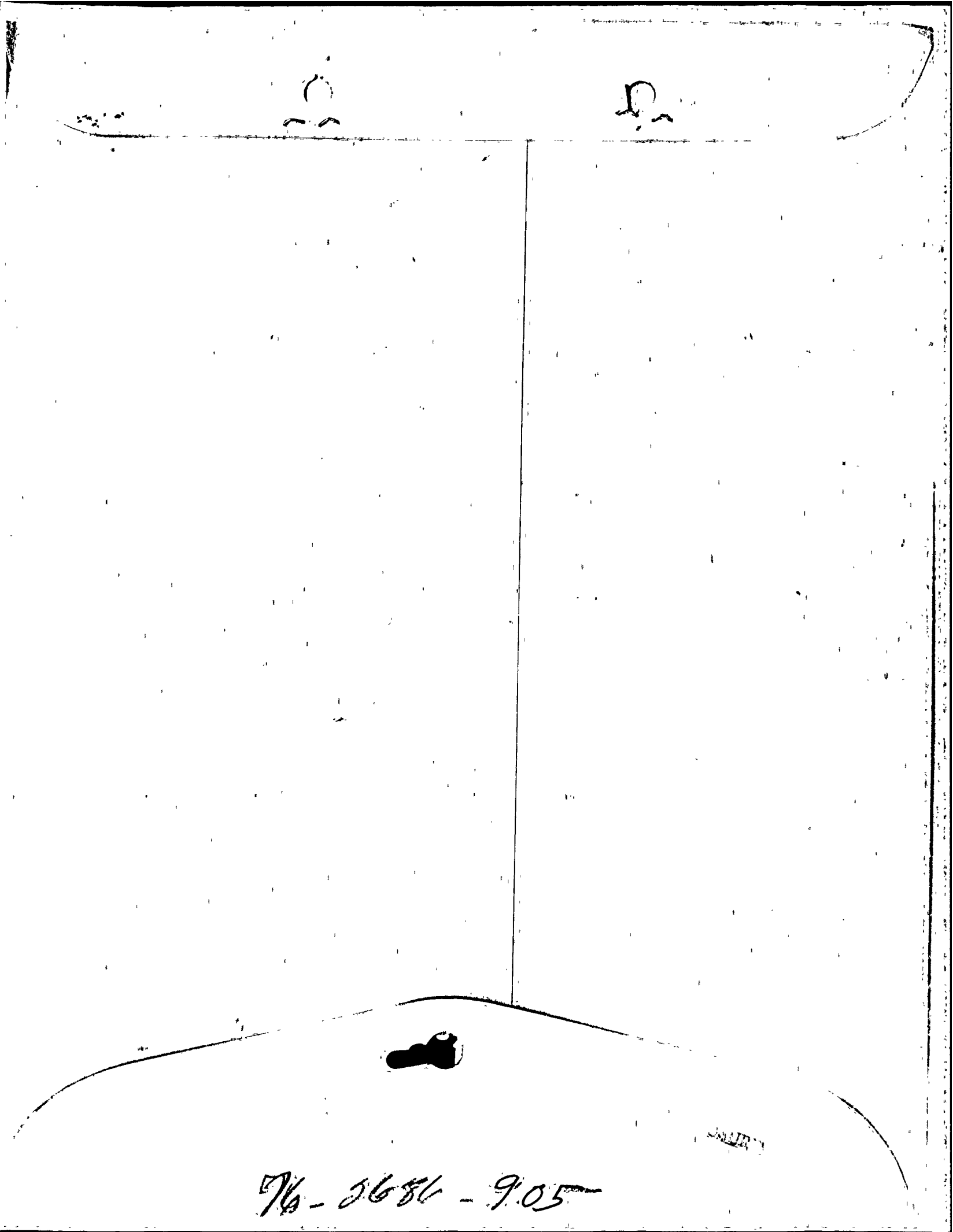

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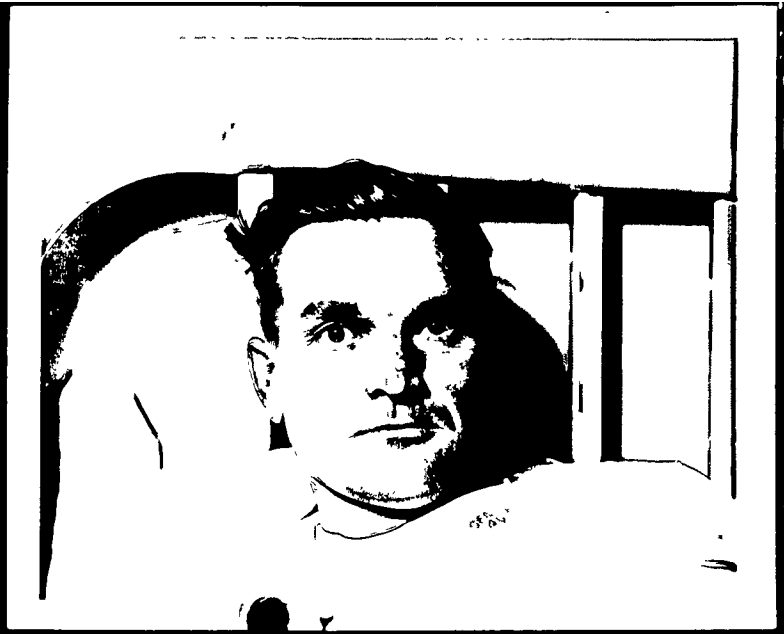

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DENVER, COLORADO	4-26-40	4-13-17-40	R. J. BRANDT MMB

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Officers SAM FINNIE and JOHN WELLS, Vice Squad, Denver PD, questioned girl injured in automobile accident, who stated she believed one of her associates might be RALPH ROE. When officers endeavored to arrest the suspect he attempted suicide by taking poison. Later identified by fingerprints as ELMER WASSON, who was paroled from SP, Walla Walla, Wash. and violated parole by leaving Seattle. Fingerprints forwarded to Bureau by Denver PD on 4-13-40.

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REFERENCE: Telegram to Bureau, dated 4-13-40.

DETAILS:

AT DENVER, COLORADO

On April 13, 1940, the local newspapers at Denver, Colorado, carried news items to the effect that a man, who had attempted to commit suicide in a local hotel, had been partially identified by one of his associates as being RALPH ROE.

Upon receipt of this information, Special Agent in Charge immediately telephoned Captain JAMES E. CHILDERS of the Denver Police Department and was advised by Captain CHILDERS

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that the suspect was ELMER WASSON and that it had been definitely ascertained from his fingerprints that he was not identical with either RALPH ROE or THEODORE COLE, who are presently wanted by the Bureau.

On April 17, 1940, the writer interviewed Officer C. A. BULLOCK in the Identification Division of the Denver Police Department and he exhibited the record of ELMER WASSON, with aliases, James Smith, Robert Young, Ralph McFarland, Elmer Hasson. He stated that the Colorado State Highway Courtesy Patrol had advised the Denver Police Department that a girl, who was believed to be a Mrs. SMITH, had been injured in an automobile accident and had indicated to the investigating officers that her companion might possibly be RALPH ROE, who some time ago had escaped from the United States Penitentiary at Alcatraz Island, California.

Since Mrs. SMITH was a known prostitute, the investigation at the hospital was conducted by Officers SAM FINNIE and JOHN WELLS of the Vice Squad of the Denver Police Department, and upon information furnished by Mrs. SMITH they later ascertained that WASSON was in a room with JOHN SMITH, Denver Police Department #22,543, and DORLA HATFIELD, Denver Police Department #A-1626.

The police records indicate that when the officers endeavored to enter the room WASSON took poison and was taken to the Denver General Hospital for treatment. Officer BULLOCK stated that the poison taken by WASSON was ordinary bichloride of mercury tablets. He stated that the police had not definitely ascertained why WASSON had attempted suicide except that it was ascertained from his criminal record that he was received at the State Penitentiary, Walla Walla, Washington, on October 1, 1930, from Pierce County, to serve from seven to twenty years for robbery. WASSON informed the officers that he was on parole from the Washington State Penitentiary and that he had violated his parole by leaving Seattle, Washington. It would, therefore, appear that he did not desire to be arrested because he feared that he would be returned on his parole violation to the Washington State Penitentiary.

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Build	Medium
Nativity	1-27-03, Kentucky
Occupation	Steel worker
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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1471.	ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

LESTER CRAWFORD and JOHN BELCHER, hitchhikers, caught ride from Miami to Tulsa, Okla. with man who said he was RALPH ROE and his partner in car following was TED COLE. These individuals reported seen around Tulsa after newspaper publicity. DON CALVIN, Yellow Cab Driver, shot about 9:30 p.m., 4-3-40 by one of three men who called one doing shooting TED COLE. Plymouth Coach stolen about time of shooting and within five blocks of where cab was abandoned, recovered by Sheriff at Sallisaw in possession of LEE BEALLS, CLAY CARLTON, and CHARLES CARLTON who are not believed to be identical with persons who shot CALVIN and are not COLE and ROE. RICHARD D. WILLIAMS who is reported to have claimed to be escaped prisoner last reported to be Kissimee, Fla. No information of value obtained pertaining to Subjects at Hobart, Okla.

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REFERENCE: Teletypes to Bureau dated 4-3-40 and 4-4-40. Report of Special Agent D. W. MAGEE, Los Angeles, 4-5-40.

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DETAILS:

At Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The records of the Tulsa Police Department reflect that Mrs. MAUDE BAKER, 1225 Admiral Boulevard, Tulsa, had reported that she saw some suspicious men northeast of Tulsa, Oklahoma which she believed to be ROE and COLE. This was after the Tulsa newspapers had carried the photographs of ROE and COLE and a story to the effect that two hitchhikers, LESTER CRAWFORD and JOHN BELCHER, had reported to the Tulsa Police Department that they had caught a ride from Miami, Oklahoma to Tulsa with a man in a black Ford V-8 Coupe who said he was RALPH ROE and that TED COLE and another man were in the blue-gray Lincoln Zephyr which was following the Ford. The man who was driving the Ford put the baggage in the turtle back of the Ford at which time CRAWFORD and BELCHER saw a high-powered rifle there. This man told BELCHER and CRAWFORD that they had a machine gun in the Lincoln Zephyr.

Mrs. MAUDE BAKER said that about 11:15 a.m., April 2, 1940 she passed the Northridge Country Club just south of Mohawk Park in Tulsa in her automobile; that near the Northridge Country Club she observed a medium size, new appearing black sedan parked nearby a small coupe which she took to be a Ford; that there were two men by the sedan, one sitting on the running board and the other standing, eating sandwiches; that when she observed the two automobiles she recalled the story in the newspapers about the hitch-hikers riding with men who claimed to be ROE and COLE in two automobiles; and that she thought the man who was standing somewhat resembled the photograph of RALPH ROE which appeared in the paper.

Mrs. BAKER described the man who was standing as about twenty-five years of age, five feet eight inches in height, medium weight and build, and wearing dark clothes. She was not able to describe the other except to say that she thought he was a larger and heavier man than the one who was standing. The photographs of ROE and COLE were shown to Mrs. BAKER. She remarked that the man she saw looked much more like the photograph which appeared in the newspapers than the photographs shown to her by Agent. She said that it was the two automobiles which attracted her attention and not the resemblance of the man to the photograph appearing in the papers.

Mrs. BAKER is about sixty-five years of age and wears glasses. She said it was necessary for her to slow her automobile down in order to get around the parked automobiles and that she passed them at the ordinary rate of speed which she judged to be about thirty-five or forty miles per hour.

Records of the Tulsa Police Department also reflect that DON BRANNOCK at the Crown Drug Store at Fifteenth and Lewis, Tulsa, had reported that about 11:55 p.m., April 1, 1940, there was a man in that drug store whom he thought resembled COLE.

BRANNOCK said that while they were preparing to close the store at about 11:55 p.m., April 1, 1940, after all of the customers had left, after all employees had left except himself and one other, but before the doors were closed, a man came in to buy a complete lanteen set of the value of $2.49; that the man tendered a $10.00 bill; that he informed the man that he did not have the change; and that the man left. Mr. BRANNOCK said he thought the man resembled the photograph of COLE which appeared in the Tulsa Tribune. Photographs of ROE and COLE showing front and profile view were shown to BRANNOCK who said he did not believe the man who came in there was either ROE or COLE.

About 10:00 o'clock on the evening of April 3, 1940, Lieutenant FELIX ALTAFFER of the Tulsa Police Department advised by telephone that a cab driver had just been shot by three men and that the cab driver had stated that the men who shot him were the ones whose photographs appeared in the Tulsa Tribune April 2, 1940.

The records at the Tulsa Police Department reflect that at 9:30 p.m., April 3, 1940 DON CALVIN, 1310 North Rosedale, Tulsa, driver of Yellow Cab #32 which was a black 1939 Chevrolet Sedan bearing 1940 Oklahoma license 18-532, was picked up in a ditch near the Booster Station on Reservoir Hill, in Osage County, by Osage County Special Deputies Sheriff HOYT WHITE, JR., PETE ESLEY, and CHARLES MALTBY; that CALVIN had been shot, the bullet entering his body just a little back of the mid-line about the seventh rib and ranging downward, lodging in his left hip; that CALVIN told these deputies that he had picked up three fares at the Rogers Hotel, 207½ West Second Street, who had held him, shot him, and taken his cab and that the men who did it were the ones whose photographs appeared in the Tulsa Tribune April 2, 1940. This record reflected that CALVIN was taken to the Morningside Hospital and was then unable to make any statement. This information was given the Oklahoma City Office by telephone.

Between eleven p.m. and midnight April 3, 1940 CALVIN was interviewed at the Morningside Hospital. He was not able to give very much information as to the identity of the persons responsible for shooting him. He said that at 9:01 p.m. he had received a call to pick up a fare across the street from the Oklahoma Hotel, which

is in the 200 block on east Second Street; that he went there and picked up three men in front of the Haynes Hardware Store; that these three men directed him to drive them to the Owl Club; that he started for the Owl Club driving north on Boston Avenue; that when he came to the intersection of North Cincinnati Avenue and Mohawk Boulevard the men pointed pistols at him and told him to drive straight ahead on Mohawk; that after proceeding a little way the men made him get in the back seat and lie down on the floor; that one of the men got under the wheel; that they robbed him of three dollars, shot him, and threw him out; that all of them had pistols and were talking about getting a machine gun; and that the man who shot him was TED COLE.

The photographs of ROE and COLE were shown to CALVIN who said that he did not know whether these were the pictures of the men or not ashe had little opportunity to observe them but that they were talking among themselves and the one who shot him was TED COLE. CALVIN could not describe these men except that they were medium size, wore dark shirts, and one wore a brown felt hat.

CALVIN had no suspicion of the true identity of those who shot him or else he could not or would not divulge it if he did.

ART FOWLER, Superintendent of the drivers for Yellow Cab Company, said that he was present when CALVIN received the call; that it was exactly 9:01 p.m. when the call came in; but that he did not hear the voice of the party who called. FOWLER stated that CALVIN has driven for the Yellow Cab Company for about six months, having come there from Peoples Cab Company; that CALVIN is a good producer and has turned in considerable money in the past, though hisbusiness has dropped off within the past few days; that CALVIN is quiet, unassuming, tends to his business, does not meddle, is well liked, and has no known enemies; and further that he does not know that CALVIN is involved in any trouble with a prostitute or other woman.

Mrs. DON CALVIN said that she did not know of anyone who could have had anything against DON or any reason for shooting him.

Mr. J. A. STOER, Clerk, Oklahoma Hotel, said that between 8:30 and 9:00 p.m. on April 3, 1940, three men came in and asked for a weekly rate; that he informed these men he did not have any available rooms; that they remained around the lobby for a short while and left; but that he did not notice that they made any telephone call from the pay station which is by the desk.

JOHN HARRIS, Negro Porter, Oklahoma Hotel, said that he saw the three men mentioned by Mr. STOER; that after they had talked with Mr. STEOR one of them asked him where the wash room was; that he directed this one to the wash room; that when this one came up one of the other two who had remained around the lobby and the door asked the other porter where the wash room was and went down to wash up while the other two waited for him, which seemed peculiar. HARRIS did not see any of these men make a telephone call. They had already left the hotel at the time the telephone call was made as the mail was taken out at exactly 9:00 p.m. and they had gone before the mail was taken out. The composite description of these men is as follows:

	#1	#2	#3
Age	30 years	30 years	30 years
Height	5 ft. 6 in.	6 ft. or more	5 ft. 8 in.
Weight	140-150 pounds	200 or more	160 pounds
Hair	Dark	Blond	Dark
Eyes	Not known	Probably light	Not known
Complexion	Dark	Fair	Dark
Mustache	None	Blond hairline	None
Dress	Dark suit	Heavy dark gray tweed	Dark suit
Peculiarities	None noticeable	Walked with limp	None noticeable

The place where CALVIN picked up these three men was very near to the stairway which leads up to the Rogers Hotel which is over the Haynes Hardware Store. The manager of this hotel stated that the only suspicious action she had seen around the hotel that evening had been around the room of JOHN SCOTT, #3, and that she did not trust JOHN SCOTT as he was not working. JOHN SCOTT was out of the room and returned about midnight with BILL RADER. Both of these men were police characters of small caliber, so they were taken to the police station where they were held until their statements could be checked. SCOTT'S wife had left him during the day to go with a man named TOMMY GRAY who lived at the DeVern Hotel. TOMMY GRAY was also checked and found to have an alibi for the shooting.

The Yellow Cab, #32, was recovered where it had been abandoned in the alley on the west side of Convention Hall, Brady and Boulder Streets. It was processed for latent fingerprintsby the Police Department and several latent impressions were developed. These were checked against the fingerprints of ROE and COLE and found not to be identical.

A 1940 Plymouth Coach, Motor #P10-60365, 1940 Oklahoma license 2-9573, the property of W. GORDON BARNES, was stolen from the Drive-Ur-Self Parking lot at 316 South Boulder, Tulsa, Oklahoma between 8:30 and 10:30 p.m. April 3, 1940. It was recovered by the Sheriff's Office at Sallisaw, Oklahoma about noon, April 4, 1940.

[redacted] were arrested nearby. They readily admitted the theft and transportation of this automobile from Tulsa to Sallisaw but denied any connection with the shooting of CALVIN. The only firearms they had with them was a single barrel 12 gauge shotgun. Lieutenant MOSS and Captain COWAN and Detectives GEORGE TERRELL and MID LEVELL, Tulsa Police Department, said that from their investigation they are satisfied that these boys had nothing to do with the shooting.

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Mrs. ALVA KAUFFMAN, mother of ELOI WHITLEY who is now married to RICHARD D. WILLIAMS, told Agent J. G. CREGAN and the writer that about March 25, 1940 she received a letter from ELOI who stated that they were with Mammoth Exposition Shows and would show in Kissimee, Florida for about three days so her mother should write to her there; that WILLIAMS is driving a truck and taking care of the ponies and ELOI is putting on the headless girl act for the show; that as soon as she receives information where she can write to them she will advise the writer; and that WILLIAMS has a sister named RUTH, last name not known, and another relative named Dr. WHITE residing at Oilton, Oklahoma. Mrs. ALMA BALCOM, 124½ East Archer, Tulsa, Oklahoma, was present during this interview. Mrs. BALCOM said that the last she had heard from WILLIAMS and her niece was when they were living in Tulsa in the Summer of 1939.

ARCH FRANKLIN and BETTY WHITLEY were also interviewed by Agent CREGAN and the writer. Neither had any information to offer as to the location of RICHARD D. WILLIAMS.

GEORGE TURNER, Tuloma Building, Tulsa, said that he had heard nothing that would indicate to him that COLE and ROE had been in Tulsa, and he does not believe it remotely possible that the persons responsible for the shooting of DON CALVIN were ROE and COLE. An attempt was made to contact MORRIS QUINN again relative to ROE and COLE but he has not been recontacted.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent D. A. BRYCE.

At Hobart, Oklahoma.

Mr. G. W. DAWES, Clerk, Post Office, was contacted and he advised that the following individuals are receiving mail at 929 South Washington Street: L. D. BRATTON, HAZEL and WANDA BRATTON, and Mrs. H. G. BRATTON, stating that there was an individual who received some mail at the above mentioned address during the month of February under the name of FAY ROE, stating that the only mail that he recalls seeing addressed to FAY ROE was postmarked California and that FAY ROE received mail from the BRATTON family addressed to her in California. Mr. DAWES could not recall ever having known of anyone visiting the BRATTON family and receiving mail there other than FAY ROE.

J. K. THOMPSON, mail carrier, was contacted and he advised that he recalls delivering no mail for FAY ROE or anyone by the name of ROE at the above address. He stated, however, that the BRATTON family received several letters a month from California and that all the letters received by them from California were air mail letters bearing the return address of 58 St. Joseph, Arcadia, California. Mr. THOMPSON stated that he had seen no strangers around the BRATTON home and that the BRATTON family bore a very good reputation in the community.

SAM STANDIFER, Sheriff, was contacted and advised that he is personally acquainted with all the members of the BRATTON family and that the BRATTONS have been in the grocery business in Hobart for a number of years. He informed that the entire family bore a very good reputation and that if any of them were able to furnish any information whatsoever pertaining to Subjects in instant case he is quite sure they would furnish the information to Agents of this Bureau. Mr. STANDIFER advised that he had never received any information of Subjects in instant case ever having been in and around Hobart.

An effort was made to interview Mrs. D. W. BLACKBURN, mother of FAY ROE and HAZEL SMITH. However, it was learned through Mrs. L. D. BRATTON, 929 South Washington Street, that Mrs. BLACKBURN was very ill and could not be interviewed. Mrs. BRATTON stated, however, that she is a sister of FAY ROE and would be very glad to furnish any information possible regarding FAY, advising that her sisters FAY and HAZEL visited their family from about February 15 to February 25, 1940. She stated that at the time FAY and HAZEL were visiting at her home they did not leave Hobart or contact

anyone to her knowledge. She stated that they traveled from California to Hobart by bus and returned to California using the same transportation. Mrs. BRATTON advised that her sister, FAY, was formerly married to JAMES ROE, brother of Subject RALPH ROE, and that FAY had advised her that JAMES ROE had visited her on one occasion since they were divorced. She stated that JAMES ROE had informed FAY that he is of the opinion that both RALPH ROE and Subject COLE were drowned while attempting to effect an escape from Alcatraz. Mrs. BRATTON also advised that FAY had informed her that she is not acquainted with RALPH ROE and that neither she nor FAY'S mother, nor any of the BRATTON family to her knowledge is acquainted with RALPH ROE and therefore he would have no reason to make his appearance at their home if he was successful in making his escape from Alcatraz. Mrs. BRATTON, continuing, advised that JAMES ROE is presently residing in Odessa, Texas according to the information furnished her by FAY and that FAY had informed her that JAMES had intended visiting her at the time she was visiting in Hobart but due to bad weather JAMES did not make his appearance at their home.

GOLDEN BRATTON, nephew of FAY ROE and assistant manager of the Rexall Drug Store, was contacted and he advised that he could furnish no information whatsoever pertaining to Subjects of instant case, stating that although he is acquainted with JAMES ROE he was not aware that JAMES ROE is the brother of RALPH ROE before being questioned by the writer. Both Mrs. BRATTON and GOLDEN BRATTON promised their cooperation in assisting the Bureau in bringing about the apprehension of Subjects should they ever obtain any information concerning their whereabouts, stating they would immediately call SAM STANDIFER, Sheriff of Kiowa County, and furnish him any information they might obtain which will in turn be forwarded to the Oklahoma City Office by Mr. STANDIFER.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE at Tulsa, Oklahoma, will keep in touch with Mrs. ALMA BASCOM, alias Mrs. ALMA ROSS, and Mrs. ALVA KAUFFMAN, 124½ East Archer, for the location of RICHARD D. WILLIAMS.

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OMAHA, NEBRASKA	4/29/40	4/21,23/40	ROBERT J. FLYNN (RL)

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

WALTER MASON of Seward, Nebraska, identified by CAROL KETTLEHUT of Lincoln, Nebraska, as Fugitive ROE, is a lifelong resident of Seward and determined in personal interview not to be ROE.

- R.U.C. -

Reference: Report of Special Agent J. B. O'LEARY, Omaha, 4/19/40.

Details: At Lincoln, Nebraska

In addition to the information set forth in reference report, CAROL KETTLEHUT at the Skelly Oil Station, 26th and O Streets, stated that he had marked down the license numbers on this car and that they were 1940 Nebraska 16-2923. By calling the long distance telephone operator for toll calls he was able to determine that the call placed by these two individuals who he said looked like ROE and COLE had been placed on March 14, 1940, to the phone number of one CLIFFORD MENKE at Malvern, Iowa, and that the caller had said that he was with the BAILEY STUDIO.

At the Lincoln Police Department, Lieutenant GENE MASTERS was able to ascertain that 1940 Nebraska tags 16-2923 had been issued to one B. F. MASON of Seward, Nebraska, covering a 1940 Ford, gray in color and bearing motor number 18-5,451,670.

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At Seward, Nebraska

Sheriff D. J. DOHRMANN said that B. F. MASON was a well to do farmer and auctioneer, but that the photograph of ROE looked something like WALTER MASON, who DOHRMANN has known all his life and that WALTER MASON owned a farm at near Gresham, Nebraska.

At Gresham, Nebraska

WALTER MASON, whose facial resemblance and general physical make up does resemble that of ROE, stated that he often borrows his father's 1940 Ford and without being furnished exact details stated that sometime around the middle of March, along with one ~~RAY~~ RAPE, who runs the BAILEY STUDIO in Seward, he and RAPE went into a gas station around 26th and O Streets, Lincoln, and called a girl in Malvern, Iowa, with whom RAPE, a married man who travels, had been playing around, and thereafter went to Malvern to see her.

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REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
Kansas City, Mo.	5-1-40	4-23,24-40	TOM E. NEAL DR

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1471;	ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: CHARLES POWELL, 612 South Walker Street, Webb City, Mo. has known MARIE COLE for six years and sees her occasionally at Alpena, Arkansas where she is residing with her invalid mother. POWELL claims his acquaintance with MARIE COLE is a casual friendship and that he has never gone with her; that MARIE has stated that subject COLE has never contacted her and thinks this a good indication that he was not successful in making his escape; further that she hopes COLE did not escape as he would kill her.

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

DETAILS: At Webb City, Missouri

CHARLES POWELL, who drives a meat truck for the Croaker Meat Company at Joplin, Missouri and resides in Webb City, Missouri advised that about six years ago he met MARIE COLE at a grocery store in Alpena, Missouri as he was making a delivery and merely engaged her in a conversation and asked her to have a cocoa cola with him; that since that time he has seen her many times as he makes deliveries in Alpena, Arkansas; that their friendship has merely been a casual one. He stated that he took her home one night in his truck when she was drunk and at that time told her that he couldn't be seen hauling her around in his truck when she was drunk; that he had not taken her home since that time. POWELL stated that he has talked to MARIE about her husband, and that MARIE told him that COLE

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had never contacted her which she believed to be a good indication that he was not successful in effecting his escape; that she was positive if he had been successful in effecting his escape, she would have been the first person that he would have contacted. POWELL stated that MARIE COLE told him she believed COLE would very likely try to kill her if he made good his escape, and that she hoped he did not make a successful escape. POWELL stated that MARIE COLE was a reputable woman; that she had a sister who is a shoe sales woman, working out of some town in Kansas; that MARIE lives rather a docile life, taking care of her young son and her invalid mother; that her father has been dead for many years. Mr. POWELL has just been elected as one of the city councilmen at Webb City, Missouri. He is a married man, approximately 43 or 44 years old and has a son about 16 years of age and a daughter about 18 years old. He stated that he would be glad to talk to Bureau agents at any time in connection with this case but desired that his family not be apprised of the fact that he knew MARIE COLE or that he had associated with her in anyway; that he would, endeavor to elicit additional information from MARIE COLE, and in case that he should learn anything which might be beneficial he would contact the Kansas City Office.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

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 the fugitives in this case. Will interview W. C. ROMER, 1516 East 39th Street for similar information.

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OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

April 5, 1940

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Special Agent in Charge
Denver, Colorado

Dear Sir: RE: ROCOL

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, dated at Oklahoma City April 1, 1940, which sets forth leads for your Division.

The lead at Hotchkiss, Colorado may be disregarded as CROCKET METCALF was located and interviewed at Juneau, Alaska. The lead to interview BOOTS LADD was inadvertently restated and you may disregard this lead as investigation by your Division has failed to locate LADD at Pueblo.

Very truly yours,

H. E. Andersen,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT OKLAHOMA CITY FILE NO. 76-72 MFA

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS	5-4-1940	4-17,19,21,23 1940	D. A. LADENBERGER

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. No. 1,472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. No. 1471.	ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: A news clipping relative to a report of Subject's presence in Oklahoma contained in an envelope on which was the printing "A. COLE, Pitmen Street, Providence" found in a public telephone directory, Providence, Rhode Island. ALEXANDER COLE, the only COLE residing on Pitmen Street, has excellent reputation and states he is not familiar with the case or related to Subject and cannot account for the news clipping and envelope bearing his name.

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Details: AT PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

Lieutenant NORMAN of the Rhode Island State Police advised that Reverend JOHN MEADER of Mendon Road, Ashton, Rhode Island, had called the Rhode Island State Police and had subsequently been interviewed by Corporal BUTLER who received from Reverend MEADER an envelope bearing the handprinting "A. COLE, Pitmen Street, Providence". Reverend MEADER explained to Corporal BUTLER that he found the newsclipping and the envelope in a public telephone directory in a Liggetts Drug Store, Providence, Rhode Island. Lieutenant NORMAN stated that he was turning the envelope and clipping over to Reporting Agent for such investigation as might be deemed necessary.

The news clipping contained in the envelope bears the heading "Fugitives from Alcatraz sought near Tulsa, Oklahoma".

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A news item of the United Press from Tulsa, Oklahoma, dated April 4, 1940 relating to Federal Agents and State Police stated that they were conducting extensive investigation in Oklahoma to ascertain if two bandits who fought a man in the bank were TED COLE and RALPH ROE.

The news item further related how Subjects had escaped from Alcatraz Prison and extensive investigation had failed to determine whether they were dead or alive. Around the name TED COLE in the news clipping, a circle was drawn in blue ink.

It was ascertained from the City Directory that one ALEX COLE resided at 130 Pitmen Street, Providence, Rhode Island. It was also ascertained from A. L. PIERCE, President of the AMERICAN EMERY WHEEL WORKS, Richmond Square, Providence, Rhode Island, that ALEX COLE had been employed by that company since 1922 and until the past couple of months, since which time he has not been employed due to injuries. He advised that COLE is a person past seventy years of age and enjoys an outstanding reputation with the company. He stated that he was highly esteemed by his fellow employees and had been an exceptionally satisfactory employee.

Mr. PIERCE stated that he did not know whether Subject might be related to Subject COLE. He also advised that JOSEPH P. McGOVERN, Superintendent of Plant #2 of the AMERICAN EMERY WHEEL WORKS might be able to furnish additional information concerning COLE'S family.

Upon interview JOSEPH P. McGOVERN advised that to his knowledge, COLE did not have any relatives named THEODORE COLE and that McGOVERN personally knew that COLE'S only son, EVERETT COLE, aged about forty-five, was presently employed at the BROWN & SHARPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, Providence and had been there for several years.

Mr. and Mrs. ALEX COLE were interviewed and both advised that they had no relatives known to them by the name of TED COLE, and that they were not familiar with the case.

The envelope and news clipping were exhibited to them. Both disclaimed any knowledge of these articles and stated that they had no idea who might have clipped the news item and placed it in the envelope. They were unable to furnish the name of anyone who might have done this for a joke in view of the name COLE appearing in the news item.

In view of the above information, no additional investigation is being conducted.

The envelope and news clipping are being forwarded to the office of origin, Oklahoma City.

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TO OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD DIVISION:

News clipping and envelope.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice

4060 U. S. Court House
Philadelphia Pennsylvania

May 9, 1940

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

ATT: TECHNICAL LABORATORY

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

Dear Sir:

Transmitted under separate cover are newspapers obtained from a room occupied by a man who was thought by witness to answer the description of THEODORE COLE I. O. #1471.

It is requested that you examine these newspapers for any possible latent prints, and compare the same with the fingerprints of THEODORE COLE I. O. #1471.

Very truly yours,

J. F. Sears

J. F. SEARS
Special Agent in Charge

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA FILE NO. 76-50

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SEATTLE, WASHINGTON	5/7/40	4/23,30;5/1/40	K. E. ANGELL gt

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Mrs. C. E. DOWELL denies having any knowledge of ROE or COLE. She moved from San Francisco, California, to Seattle, Washington, in December, 1937, after selling her home in San Francisco to Benjamin DONNER, real estate broker, San Francisco.

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Reference: Report of Special Agent J. A. ROBEY, dated at San Francisco, California, April 8, 1940.

Details: Mrs. IRENE HYDE, 2811 10th Place, Seattle, Washington, advised that a Mrs. ELSIE KLEVEN owned the house at 1004 W. Armour Street, Seattle, Washington, which house adjoins that of Mrs. HYDE. She stated that Mr. KLEVEN had died in May, 1938, and that immediately following his death, Mrs. KLEVEN'S sister and husband moved into the house at 1004 W. Armour Street. She advised that she had had very little contact with these nextdoor neighbors following the death of Mr. KLEVEN, but that from the brief conversations she had had with Mrs. KLEVEN she had learned that Mrs. KLEVEN'S sister and husband had come from San Francisco, California, to Seattle, Washington, in the latter part of December, 1937 or the first part of January, 1938.

Mrs. HYDE recalled that during the summer of 1938 Mrs. KLEVEN'S sister and her husband had moved from 1004 W. Armour Street, but she was under the impression that they still lived in Seattle, because she had seen their car outside the KLEVEN home on several occasions. Mrs. HYDE further stated that

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she had not noted anything suspicious about the actions of her nextdoor neighbors except that considerable entertainment had been given by Mrs. KLEVEN at her home since the death of her husband. She advised that people had called at the home both in the afternoon and in the evening and made no attempt to conceal their identity. She was under the impression that these callers were Mrs. KLEVEN'S sister and her husband and other friends who met together for the purpose of having a few social drinks occasionally.

Mrs. ELSIE KLEVEN was interviewed at the office of justice of the peace GUY B. KNOTT, County-City Building, where she is employed as a secregary by the justice. She stated that her sister, Mrs. CLYDE E. DOWELL, and Mr. DOWELL had come to Seattle from San Francisco on or about December 31, 1937, and had resided at her home for a few months following the death of Mr. KLEVEN in May, 1938. It was ascertained through her that the present address of Mrs. DOWELL was 12005 Pinehurst Way, Seattle, Washington.

Mrs. CLYDE E. DOWELL was interviewed at her home at 12005 Pinehurst Way, Seattle. She denied having any knowledge of either of the subjects and when the subjects' pictures were exhibited to her, she stated that she had never seen either individual. Mrs. DOWELL further stated that she and her husband had moved to San Francisco from Seattle in June, 1930, and had purchased a house at 280 Oriente Street, Bay Shore City, which she stated was a suburb of San Francisco. During the years 1936 and 1937 Mr. DOWELL had difficulty in obtaining a job at his regular occupation of auto painting, and the DOWELLS had decided that they would sell their home and move back to Seattle.

She stated that an opportunity to sell their house presented itself on or about December 20, 1937, and that they had hurriedly made arrangements to leave San Francisco because the new owner wanted to have immediate possession of the house. According to Mrs. DOWELL, the house was purchased by Benjamin DONNER, a real estate broker, whose office is on Valencia Street, near 24th Street, San Francisco, California. She stated further that Mr. DOWELL had been employed for several years in San Francisco as an auto painter by Mr. A. FELDMAN, whose place of business is at 140 - 10th Street.

In regard to parties which she held at her home in Bay Shore City, Mrs. DOWELL advised that she and her husband had done very little entertaining but had occasionally had a few friends in on Friday or Saturday

nights, at which time drinks were served. These parties were held at her home because neither Mr. nor Mrs. DOWELL had enough money to go to hotels or other places where drinks were served. She admitted that she had made very few friends among her neighbors in Bay Shore City, and gave as a reason the fact that she and her husband were poorer than most of the other persons who lived in that vicinity. No undeveloped leads are being set forth for the San Francisco Office to contact BENJAMIN DONNER or A. FELDMAN, because of the fact that there is no indication that Mrs. DOWELL ever had knowledge of subjects ROE and COLE.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD

THE SEATTLE OFFICE

At McNeil Island, Washington, will exhibit the photographs of Alcatraz inmates #463,469, 471, and 474 to JEFFERSON ROUBIDEAUS for identification purposes.

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OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA
MAY 9, 1940

Special Agent in Charge
Miami, Florida

Dear Sir:

RE: ROCOL

Reference is made to letter from the Miami Division to this office dated April 6, 1940, setting forth information furnished by Mr. Fred L. Harley, 4406 Palmarito Avenue, Coral Gables, Florida, alleging the presence of one of the Subjects in London, England.

It is not thought advisable at this time to request investigation at London, England. However, it is requested that the photographs of fugitives be exhibited to Mr. Harley in an effort to determine which of the fugitives he believes he saw in London.

Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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San Francisco, California
May 10, 1940

Special Agent in Charge,
Seattle, Washington

Dear Sir: RE: ROCOL

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. A. ROBEY, San Francisco, dated April 8, 1940, which contains a lead to secure the photograph of SAM R. SHOCKLEY, #462 USP Alcatraz Island, and forward same to the Seattle office in order that same might be exhibited to JEFFERSON ROUBIDEAUX, an inmate of the U. S. Penitentiary at McNeil Island.

The photograph of SAM R. SHOCKLEY, #462 AZ, is enclosed, and it is requested that same be exhibited to JEFFERSON ROUBIDEAUX, USP, McNeil Island, along with the other photographs mentioned in report of reference.

Very truly yours,

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

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Special Agent in Charge
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of May 9, 1940, submitting one edition of "The Philadelphia Inquirer" dated April 7, 1940, for latent fingerprint examination and requesting that any latent fingerprints developed thereon be compared with the fingerprints of Theodore Cole, I. O. #1471.

You are advised that the specimen has been examined in the Bureau's Single Fingerprint Section and two latent palm prints and four latent fingerprints were developed thereon. The latent fingerprints were compared with the fingerprints of Theodore Cole without effecting an identification. One of the latent fingerprints contains sufficient characteristic detail to permit classification and it has been searched through the single fingerprint file, but no identification was effected. A copy of this print has not been placed in the unidentified section of that file pending further advise from your office.

The specimen submitted is being returned to your office under separate cover.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Single Fingerprint Report

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

Number: 76-2686-910

Specimens: One edition of "The Philadelphia Inquirer", dated "April 7, 1940".

Requested that the above specimen be examined for latents and that any latents found be compared with the fingerprints of the following named suspect:

THEODORE COLE I. O. #1471.

Examination requested by: Philadelphia

Date received: 5-13-40 fja

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination: C.C.: Okla City.

Examination by: ~~Upton~~ Robyak

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Oklahoma City — Milwaukee — FILE NO. 76-65

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN	5/7/40	4/5/40	S. H. ROBERSON SHR/hbb

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

JEWELL (REX) EVERSOLE, Wood, Wisconsin, advised that he last saw ROE in 1932. He named RAY (TANG) HALL, GRACE CUNNINGHAM, BOOTS CULTER and J. C. NEWMAN as associates of ROE. In his opinion associates and possibly Subjects located around CENTRALIA, ILLINOIS.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent H. L. SCOTT dated at Kansas City, Mo. January 16, 1940.

DETAILS: At WOOD, WISCONSIN:

JEWELL MILTON EVERSOLE, also known as REX and BUDDY EVERSOLE, was interviewed at the Veterans Administration Facility, Wood, Wisconsin, and advised Agent that he had become acquainted with ROE while working in SEMINOLE, OKLAHOMA from 1926 to 1931. EVERSOLE stated that he worked in a night club playing a piano, and this night club was owned by JESS HAYES, who was killed in 1929. EVERSOLE stated that during these years Subject ROE and his crowd would on numerous occasions visit the night club where he was working, and during this time he had become acquainted with ROE and some of his associates. EVERSOLE stated that although he was never associated with any of them in any of their criminal activities, he had at times gone on parties and to houses of prostitution with Subject ROE and some of his associates. EVERSOLE advised that the closest assoc-

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iate he can recall, which ROE had during this period of time, was a person by the name of TANG, whose real name at the time of the interview EVERSOLE could not remember. Other people with whom he associated were GRACE CUNNINGHAM, BOOTS CULTER and J. C. NEWMAN. EVERSOLE advised that he did not know the addresses of these associates, but that in July 1939 someone had informed him that J. C. NEWMAN was running a tavern at CENTRALIA, ILLINOIS, and in his opinion this tavern would be running in NEWMAN's true name.

EVERSOLE further advised that BOOTS CULTER had told him that shortly after the escape of the Subjects that he (CUTLER) had seen both at WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS. EVERSOLE advised that CULTER's wife worked for the Manhattan Clothing Company in BURK-BURNETT, TEXAS, and that when things got hot for BOOTS he always went back to his wife.

As to the facts contained in the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD dated at Oklahoma City December 2, 1938, concerning EVERSOLE attempting to make bond for Subject ROE and JACK LLOYD when they were incarcerated in jail at BARNUM, TEXAS, EVERSOLE advised that in 1932 Subject ROE was arrested and while ROE was incarcerated in the jail at BARNUM, TEXAS, GRACE CUNNINGHAM came to BARNUM and looked up EVERSOLE, who at that time was living there, and asked him who was the best "fixer" in BARNUM. At this time TANG was with GRACE CUNNINGHAM. They advised EVERSOLE that they were going to try to get ROE out of jail. EVERSOLE stated that he advised them that a lawyer by the name of TRAVIS LIPSCOMB was the outstanding lawyer of the community and would be able to do more for ROE than any other person. EVERSOLE stated that TANG and GRACE had told him they were unable to gain entrance to the jailin order to visit with ROE and asked him to go to the jail and inform ROE that his friends were on the outside doing what they could to help him out.

EVERSOLE advised that he attempted to get into the jail to visit ROE to transmit this information, but that the Sheriff would not permit him to go inside. EVERSOLE advised that he does not remember anyone else being incarcerated at the same time with ROE, but that he might be mistaken concerning this matter.

EVERSOLE stated that from 1937 to July 27, 1939, he was working for MIKE LONERGAN, Registrar of Deeds, Leavenworth, Kansas, and that prior to that time he was employed at the Veterans' Administration Facility at WADSWORTH, KANSAS. He further stated that since July 27, 1939, he has been at his present location at WOOD, WISCONSIN.

EVERSOLE stated to Agent in his opinion the associates of ROE would be around CENTRALIA, ILLINOIS as they always hung

around places where there was an oil boom. He felt fairly certain if Subject ROE was alive that he too would sooner or later contact his former associates and would operate around some oil field. EVERSOLE stated that he had nothing on which to base an opinion as to whether or not Subjects made good their escape from Alcatraz, but that he always considered it an impossibility.

EVERSOLE further stated that he knew one person by the name of GEORGE WILLIAMS who is a tavern operator and gambler on the outskirts of KILGORE, TEXAS, and that WILLIAMS usually had a good deal of information concerning the whereabouts of most criminals. EVERSOLE believed that if anyone was capable of getting information by the grape vine WILLIAMS would be able to do it. EVERSOLE advised that he would attempt to get in touch with WILLIAMS By letter and in a proper way ascertain if he knew anything concerning the whereabouts of the Subjects and he would advise the Milwaukee Field Division as to the results.

EVERSOLE expressed the opinion that if any of ROE's former associates had contact with him, that it would be TANG. He felt sure if Subject was living that TANG would know about it.

EVERSOLE appeared to be sincere in his interview with Agent, and apparently the information given by him is in most instances correct as revealed by the file in this case. EVERSOLE emphatically expressed his desire that none of the associates of ROE be informed of the fact that he had given Agent their names as he said that none of these individuals would hesitate to "bump him off" for talking.

EVERSOLE described BOOTS CULTER as a man of about 50 years, complexion medium dark, hair dyed black, clean shaven, medium heavy build, neat dresser, very smooth talker and usually drives an Oldsmobile automobile. He further stated he was a chain-smoker of cigarettes.

Subsequent to this interview EVERSOLE telephonically contacted the Milwaukee Field Division and advised the Night Clerk that TANG was RAY HALL and he had done a stretch at McAllister Penitentiary.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The SPRINGFIELD FIELD DIVISION:

At CENTRALIA, ILLINOIS, will attempt to locate J. C. NEWMAN, who is supposed to operate a tavern in or around CENTRALIA and interview him thoroughly concerning his knowledge of ROE and his associates.

The DALLAS FIELD DIVISION:

At KILGORE, TEXAS, will attempt to locate GEORGE WILLIAMS, who operates a tavern on the outskirts of KILGORE and interview him for any information he might have concerning Subjects.

At BURKBURNETT, TEXAS, will attempt to locate BOOTS CULTER, whose wife works for the Manhattan Clothing Company, and interview him concerning his knowledge of ROE and associates.

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Philadelphia	5-9-40	4-12-29-40	A. J. QUINN

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RALPH ROE, was, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1472, THEODORE COLE, was, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1471.	ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: JAMES WISE formerly employed and residing at Media, Pa. thought by Miss RUTH HIRSH, Media, Pa. to resemble THEODORE COLE as described on Gangbusters Radio Program. Witness stated picture of THEODORE COLE postively not that of JAMES WISE. Whereabouts and background of JAMES WISE unknown.

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DETAILS: AT MEDIA, PA.

This investigation is predicated upon a telephonic communication received from Private I. F. CLEMENS of the Pennsylvania Motor Police, at the Philadelphia Field Division, advising that Miss RUTH HIRSH, Media, Pa. had communicated with the Pennsylvania Motor Police at Philadelphia, Pa. advising them she had identified one JAMES WISE of Media as answering the description of THEODORE COLE as broadcasted by the Gangbusters Program appearing on the radio. Private CLEMENS further stated that JAMES WISE had departed from Media, and that his present whereabouts were unknown, but that a teletype had been sent out by the Pennsylvania Motor Police giving the description of THEODORE COLE and requesting that any information relative to the whereabouts of anyone answering this description should be given to the Federal Bureau

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of Investigation, Philadelphia, Pa.

Miss RUTH HIRSH, Media, Pa. advised that she had heard a description of THEODORE COLE given over Gangbusters Radio Program, and subsequently she had noticed a man by the name of JAMES WISE who worked at JEAN'S Candy Shop, Media, and he answered the description of THEODORE COLE.

Miss HIRSH stated she had only seen JAMES WISE once or twice at JEAN'S Candy Shop, and she described him as follows:

Age	30 years old
Height	5'9 or 10"
Weight	150
Hair	Brown
Complexion	Dark
Marks	Scars on his face.

Pictures of THEODORE COLE which were obtained from the files of the Philadelphia Division were displayed to Miss RUTH HIRSH who stated they were not the pictures of the JAMES WISE she had seen at JEAN'S Candy Shop.

Miss JEAN SELAIN, proprietress of JEAN'S Candy Shop, Media, advised Agent she had employed one JAMES WISE to work for her as a clerk; that he had worked for approximately one week and had departed without giving any notice that he was going to terminate his employment. Miss SELAIN stated she had no knowledge of the whereabouts or background of JAMES WISE. Miss SELAIN advised that JAMES WISE was about 5'9 or 10", weighed 145 lbs, was 30 years old, had brown hair, wore blue suit and white shirts, had scars on his face and spoke good English.

Pictures of THEODORE COLE were exhibited to Miss SELAIN, these pictures having been obtained from the files of this office and she stated they were not the pictures of JAMES WISE who had been employed by her as a clerk.

Mr. and Mrs. R. I. RUDNICK, Media, Pa. advised they had rented a room to JAMES WISE who had occupied the room for about one week prior to the present interview. Mr. and Mrs. RUDNICK further stated they had no knowledge of the background of JAMES WISE or his whereabouts; that he had come to their house and asked to rent a room. He had stated he was employed at JEAN'S Candy Shop;

that he had paid one weeks room rent and had departed without giving them any notice that he was leaving their room. He had no baggage with him when he came, and left nothing in the room upon his departure. Mr. and Mrs. RUDNICK described JAMES WISE as being 5', 10 or 11" tall, weighing 155 lbs, about 30 years of age, had brown slick hair, thin build, work blue suit and white shirts, occupation soda clerk, family, residence and background unknown, and had scars on his face. The pictures of THEODORE COLE as obtained from the files of this office were displayed to Mr and Mrs. RUDNICK who stated they did not believe these pictures were the pictures of JAMES WISE who had stopped at their house and rented a room.

Since the description of JAMES WISE as furnished by witnesses did not accurately fit THEODORE COLE and all witnesses have stated pictures of THEODORE COLE were not the pictures of JAMES WISE, no further investigation is being conducted in this matter.

A search of the room occupied by JAMES WISE failed to reveal any articles or information of value other than some newspapers which might possibly have been handled by JAMES WISE, and are being forwarded to the Technical Laboratory for processing of latent prints.

A copy of the teletype sent out by the Pennsylvania Motor Police giving the description of THEODORE COLE was obtained and is being retained in the files of this office.

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Dallas, Texas	5-9-40	4-24,25/5-1-40	F. J. Blake

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, IO #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, IO #1471.	ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Mrs. C. M. SMITH says she never knew RALPH ROE or THEODORE COLE. She did know JIM ROE, but has not seen him since 1931.

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Reference: Report of Special Agent O. F. McCARRON, New Orleans, Louisiana, dated 2-20-40.

Details:

Mrs. C. M. SMITH, 822 Sunset Avenue, Dallas, Texas, was interviewed in the presence of her husband. She stated she roomed with FAY ROE at Tulsa, Oklahoma, before either of them were married; that she married SMITH in 1928 at Tulsa after which time FAY ROE married JIM ROE, who a short time thereafter got into some bootlegging difficulties and went to the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, with GEORGE KELLY and others. She stated that she had not seen nor heard from JIM ROE since 1931, and that FAY subsequently separated and divorced JIM ROE due to his tendencies to become involved in bootlegging enterprises. She stated she never knew, and never saw RALPH ROE. She stated that as far as she could recall she had never heard FAY mention RALPH ROE. She was shown photographs of ROE and COLE and she denied that she had ever seen either person.

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SEATTLE, WASHINGTON	5/8/40	4/26,29/40	WILLIAM B. DILLON gt

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subjects COLE and ROE reported at Beaver, Washington, on April 5, 1940; report followed newspaper story regarding alleged shooting participated in by subjects in Oklahoma.

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Reference: Report of Special Agent J. A. ROBEY, dated at San Francisco, California, April 8, 1940.

Details: Deputy Sheriff WALTER HOLENSTEIN, Forks, Washington, communicated by telephone with the Seattle Field Office on April 6, 1940, and advised Special Agent in Charge R. C. SURAN that he had received a report that subjects ROE and COLE had been seen at Beaver, Washington, on the preceding day. He informed that Mrs. SAM RAMER who operated Mother's Lunch at Beaver, Washington, and Mrs. YORK, also of Beaver, Washington, had identified the subjects as having been at the lunch room on April 15, 1940, between 3:30 and 4:00 p.m., at which time they were driving a large black sedan with Oregon or Utah license tags. The two bought sandwiches and claimed that they were looking for jobs in the shingle mills, but from their appearance it did not seem likely that they were experienced in this line of work. HOLENSTEIN further advised that both Mrs. RAYMER and Mrs. YORK seemed positive in their identification.

Deputy HOLENSTEIN was interviewed by reporting agent at Forks, Washington,

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on April 26, 1940, and at that time he advised that he had little to add to the material he had furnished over the telephone. He stated that the Seattle Star of April 5, 1940, had carried the pictures of fugitives in connection with their identification by a taxi driver in Oklahoma, and that it was these photographs that resulted in the identification at Beaver. He went on to say that on receipt of the information he immediately went to Beaver and interviewed Mrs. RAYMER, Mrs. YORK, and another woman who worked at the Mother's Lunch. He stated that all were positive that subjects had been at Beaver on the preceding afternoon. He stated that after questioning these individuals he gained the impression that the individuals in question were just passing through and that no further action could logically be taken.

At Mother's Lunch, Mrs. OPAL STANLEY, the proprietor, advised that Mrs. SAM RAYMER is presently living at 3119 Day Street, Seattle, Washington, and that Mrs. CLINT YORK is presently living at Pysht, Washington. She went on to say that she was the third witness and had been working in the kitchen of the restaurant at the time the individuals believed to be COLE and ROE came in and bought some sandwiches. Mrs. STANLEY stated that she only got a glance at the two through the kitchen doorway and therefore could not describe them. She related that Mrs. YORK waited on the two and that Mrs. RAYMER had been closely observing the two. She mentioned that a third individual remained in the automobile which was parked outside. She stated it seemed clear to her from what she had seen and heard that the group was just passing through Beaver and had merely stopped to get something to eat. Beaver is a Post Office and the town consists of a gasoline station and the restaurant which adjoins it.

On April 29, 1940, Mrs. CLINT YORK was interviewed by reporting agent at her home at Pysht, Washington. She stated that she had been at the Mother's Lunch, at Beaver, Washington, on the day that the two believed to be subjects COLE and ROE appeared and that she had been the one who had served them. She advised that one man, whom she believes was ROE, came in first and asked for a sandwich. The other went to the lavatory and came in a little later. A third man remained in the car and appeared to be lying on the rear seat. It was Mrs. YORK'S opinion that these men had been drinking, and she stated that the suspicions of her mother and herself were aroused when the two gave a disjointed story regarding their past employment in shingle mills. When asked if they intended to secure work nearby, the man she believes was ROE replied that they did not, but were just riding around viewing the scenery. It was Mrs. YORK'S opinion that the trio were merely passing through Beaver and she had no idea as to where they were going. She described their car as an old model vehicle in good condition, possibly a Chevrolet or Plymouth. She could supply no information as to the license tags appearing on the same. The pictures of subjects were then displayed to Mrs. YORK and she stated that she felt

reasonably sure as to ROE having been at Beaver. As to COLE, she was not certain, although she stated that there was a resemblance, particularly with regard to the nostrils. Mrs. YORK furnished the following descriptions:

#1 Man (identified as ROE):

Age	45 to 50
Height	5' 6"
Weight	165
Build	Stocky
Complexion	Dark (pasty looking)
Hair	Dark, receding
Eyes	Dark
Dress	Overalls

#2 Man (identified as COLE):

Age	40
Height	6 feet
Weight	180
Build	Slender
Complexion	Fair
Hair	Blond
Eyes	?
Dress	Light suit

Attention is directed to the discrepancy between the descriptions as furnished by Mrs. YORK and the true descriptions of subjects.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE SEATTLE OFFICE

At Seattle, Washington, will interview Mrs. SAM RAYMER regarding the reported appearance of subjects at Beaver, Washington, on April 5, 1940.

* At McNeil Island, Washington, will exhibit the photos of Alcatraz inmates #463, 469, 471, and 474 to JEFFERSON ROUBIDEAUS for identification purposes.

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PORTLAND, OREGON	5/10/40	5/8/40	K. D. DEADERICK

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Photograph of MORRIS TRACKINER exhibited to L. J. LARSON, FRANK H. PARKS, and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. MacNEILL, these persons having seen the individual who endeavored to secure tidal maps of San Francisco Bay just prior to the escape of subjects. Other witnesses now in Seattle, Washington.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma dated April 1, 1940.

DETAILS: AT PORTLAND, OREGON:

It was ascertained from the file of this case at Portland that just a day or two prior to the time when both subjects broke out of the Alcatraz Prison, an unknown man appeared in Portland, Oregon and contacted several individuals endeavoring to secure a booklet or map giving information as to the ebb and flow of the tide in San Francisco Bay. At that time, a careful investigation reflected that the persons who saw this unknown individual at Portland were M. W. CASKEY, Assistant Lighthouse Engineer, Residence 5235 N. E. Cleveland St., Portland; MR. E. W. LAIRD, Associate Lighthouse Engineer, residence 3414 N. E. 42nd Avenue, Portland; L. L. L. DILLEY, employee of the U. S. Lighthouse Service; MR. J. L. PRESTON, Assistant Radio Engineer, Lighthouse Service, residence 936 N. E. Floral St., Portland; Mr. and Mrs. C. A. MacNEILL, 334 S. W. 5th Avenue, Portland; FRANK H. PARKS, 213 S. W. Washington Street, Portland, and L. J. LARSON, 211 U. S. Court House, Portland.

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It was ascertained at the Customs House in Portland, that the U. S. Lighthouse Service has since the inception of this case been transferred from Portland, Oregon to Seattle, Washington, and that MR. M. W. CASKEY, MR. E. W. LAIRD, MR. L. L. L. DILLEY and MR. J. L. PRESTON are so far as ascertained to date, still employed by this service, and are presently located in Seattle. It was ascertained that MR. J. L. PRESTON's residence address in Seattle is 2110 Park Road, Seattle, Washington.

Agent interviewed Mr. and Mrs. C. A. MacNEILL at their office at 334 S. W. 5th Avenue, Portland, and exhibited to them a photograph of MORRIS TRACKINER for the purpose of ascertaining whether they could identify this individual as the same person who called at their office on or about December 16, 1937 seeking a chart showing the ebb and flow of the tides in San Francisco Bay. Upon close perusal of the picture of TRACKINER, both Mr. and Mrs. MacNEILL stated positively that this is not the photograph of the individual who called at their office.

Agent interviewed MR. FRANK H. PARKS, 213 S. W. Washington Street. MR. PARKS, who is almost deaf, upon examination of the photograph of MORRIS TRACKINER, stated definitely that this is not a photograph of the individual who called at his office on or about December 16, 1937, at which time he was seeking a map or pamphlet information relative to the ebb and flow of the tides in San Francisco Bay.

Agent interviewed MR. L. J. LARSON, 211 U. S. Court House, Portland. MR. LARSON examined the photograph of MORRIS TRACKINER, and stated that in his opinion he could quite definitely state that MORRIS TRACKINER is not the same individual who called at his office seeking tidal charts on or about December 16, 1937.

ENCLOSURE: TO SEATTLE,
photograph of MORRIS TRACKINER.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE SEATTLE OFFICE at Seattle, Washington, is requested to contact MR. M. W. CASKEY, MR. E. W. LAIRD, MR. L. L. L. DILLEY and MR. J. L. PRESTON, through the U. S. Lighthouse Service in Seattle, and exhibit the photograph of MORRIS TRACKINER to each of these individuals to ascertain whether they can identify it as the person that called at the Lighthouse Service Office in Portland, Oregon on or about 12/16/37 at which time he was seeking tidal chart maps or pamphlets reflecting information as to the ebb and flow of the tides in San Francisco Bay.

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

CHARACTER OF CASE
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: HAZEL UNDERHILL presently married to SANFORD KELLY and residing at 500 Maple Terrace, Monett, Missouri. HAZEL denies any knowledge of Fugitives. JUANITA HALE, daughter of HAZEL UNDERHILL, denies any knowledge of Fugitives.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent EDWARD L. DuBOIS, JR., San Antonio, dated 3-29-40.

DETAILS: AT MONETT, MISSOURI

DAN McDONALD, City Marshal, advised that he does not know HAZEL UNDERHILL and did not believe that she was residing in Monett. The writer and Mr. McDONALD made inquiry at 300 6th Street, which is a cheap rooming house, and it was there learned that a Mrs. CONNORS had moved from there to an address on Maple Terrace; that Mrs. CONNORS is the daughter of a Mrs. SANFORD KELLY.

Mr. McDONALD advised that he knows SANFORD KELLY, who is employed as a fireman on the extra board for the Frisco Railroad at Monett, and that SANFORD is a native of Monett, having been born and raised there.

The writer and Mr. McDONALD proceeded to 500 Maple Terrace and at this address was advised by a Mrs. HALE that her name was formerly CONNORS and she is the daughter of Mrs. SANFORD KELLY. Mrs. HALE, when asked if her mother was the former HAZEL UNDERHILL, excused herself from the room and stated

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that her mother was sick in bed but would come and talk to the writer and Mr. McDONALD.

Mrs. KELLY presented herself and stated that she is the former HAZEL UNDERHILL and wanted to know why Bureau Agents would not leave her alone; that she was married to SANFORD KELLY last November 17, 1939; and that although she has known Mr. KELLY for years she doubted if he knew she was at one time married to WILBUR UNDERHILL. She stated that she was born and raised at Nowata, Oklahoma, and that she is well known to Agents of the Oklahoma City Office of the Bureau and she has never been interviewed relative to this matter before. Mrs. KELLY was unable to state any particular instance when she has been annoyed by Bureau Agents. She stated that she was married to WILBUR UNDERHILL on November 18, 1933, and that WILBUR was killed in December of that year; that she scarcely lived with him at all as his wife and that she has no children by him; that she has three children; namely, JUANITA HALE, MARVIN CONNORS and LAVONA HUDSON; that MARVIN is employed by the Sterrett Tubing and Pulling Company in the oil fields at Refugio, Texas, and that the other two children are presently with her. Mrs. KELLY stated that she has been very sick but is improving. She did not say what her trouble has been.

Mrs. KELLY stated that she could not understand why Agents would come to her about ROE and COLE; that she never saw COLE in her life and was not intimately acquainted with ROE; that ROE was shot at the time WILBUR UNDERHILL was killed and was in jail for about six months thereafter; that when he got out of jail he came to her home and wanted to borrow her car and she refused to let him have it; that she has not seen ROE since that day; that she has heard this matter discussed and it is her opinion that neither of the two were successful in their escape; that they have not contacted her nor has there been any attempted contacts through any other parties.

Mrs. KELLY advised that she is in bad health and it is her desire that she be left alone as she is trying to have a home at the present; that it is very embarrassing to her to be approached about this matter, especially since her husband does not know anything about her past life, and she desires that he not know anything. Mrs. KELLY was very resentful about this

matter and would hardly discuss it.

Mrs. JUANITA HALE advised that she and her husband are divorced, having obtained the decree last October 23rd at Refugio, Texas. She stated that she has been with her mother since she became ill. Mrs. HALE stated that she did not know ROE or COLE and does not know anything about this matter.

Mr. McDONALD advised that SANFORD KELLY told him confidentially that he, KELLY, had married a woman with Indian blood and that she is an heir to a good sized estate in Oklahoma. Mr. McDONALD stated that more than likely KELLY does not know HAZEL UNDERHILL'S background; that KELLY is a good, hard-working man and is well respected at Monett.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

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 the fugitives in this case. Will interview W. C. RONER, 1516 East 39th Street, for similar information.

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Springfield, Illinois	5-18-40	5-8-40	H. G. MAYNOR HGM:ejc

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Efforts to locate BILLIE FREEMAN and DEE FREEMAN at Mount Vernon, Illinois unsuccessful. Postal authorities state no mail ever received at that office for these individuals, and no forwarding address on file.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated April 1, 1940.

DETAILS: At Mount Vernon, Illinois

Interview was had with Postmaster RAYMOND GRIGG and Assistant Postmaster CHARLES E. SIMONS, both of whom stated that DEE FREEMAN and BILLIE FREEMAN are unknown to them. They made a search of all forwarding addresses on file at the Mount Vernon, Illinois Post Office and failed to find any forwarding address for either of them. They also called in the General Delivery clerk who stated after hearing the names of BILLIE FREEMAN and DEE FREEMAN, that he is positive that neither has received mail through General Delivery or called at that window for mail.

The office of origin is requested to furnish the Springfield Office with more definite information as to the location of BILLIE FREEMAN and DEE FREEMAN. If such information is received, further investigation will be made.

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SPRINGFIELD OFFICE

* At Centralia, Illinois, will attempt to locate J. C. NEWMAN, who is supposed to operate a tavern in or around Centralia, and interview him thoroughly concerning his knowledge of ROE and his associates.

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Omaha, Nebraska
May 16, 1940

Special Agent in Charge,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Re: RALPH ROE, w.a.s. - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472;
THEODORE COLE, w.a.s. - FUGITIVE;
I.O. #1471.

Dear Sir:

The following information is being furnished you for such action as you deem appropriate:

Special Agent E. E. KUHNEL was recently contacted by Patrolman RAY F. STANTON of the Nebraska Safety Patrol stationed at Norfolk, Nebraska, who inquired as to whether the Subjects in this case had ever been apprehended, or if it had been definitely established that they are deceased. STANTON informed that his home is located in Fayetteville, Arkansas; and his father, C. S. STANTON, presently resides in Springdale, Arkansas.

According to STANTON, when recently in the vicinity of Fayetteville and Springdale, Arkansas on a visit, he was informed by his father and several other residents of that community that ROE and COLE are presently hiding out in a cabin located in the mountains between Harrison and Berryville, Ark. According to the information received by him, there are several residents of that area who possess some information relative to the whereabouts of the fugitives, and suggested that his father if contacted would be in a position to assist in identifying those persons who might be helpful in the investigation. STANTON related that one individual in particular, who operates a cabin camp and filling station in Harrison, possesses such information, but that he is unable to recall the name of this party. In this connection, STANTON suggested that his father be contacted, and the Agent remind him that he, RAY STANTON, his father, and their family recently spent the night at this cabin camp.

STANTON also stated that he would immediately communicate with his father, requesting that he endeavor to obtain such facts as might prove helpful to such an investigation.

Very truly yours,

C. W. STEIN,
Special Agent in Charge

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DALLAS	5/17/40	5/14/40	F. J. BLAKE

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, IO # 1472 THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, IO # 1471	ESCPAED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: O. A. COLVIN, Ennis, Texas, says he made statement attributed to him; has not seen the person he believed to be ROE since. Says he knows a delivery truck driver who resembles a photograph of ROE.

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

DETAILS:

O. A. COLVIN is now operating a Texaco Filling Station about a quarter of a mile south of the Bonita Lodge in Ennis, Texas, on U. S. Highway # 77. He stated that he remembers a woman talking to him about RALPH ROE about the time mentioned. He stated that as he recalled it he was working extra at nights then for the Sinclair Filling Station in that vicinity. He stated that he remembered telling her about the two men who came to his station about the time of the alleged hijacking. Respecting these men he says he remembers the two men were nervous, were driving a maroon Chevrolet, and seemed to be in a great hurry. He stated that he does not recall what they bought, but they would not stay long enough at the station for him to clean off the windshield. He said neither of the individuals has been seen by him since. He stated he did not get the license numbers or any other data from the Chevrolet and all that he recalls is that they were in a maroon colored Chevrolet.

When shown photographs of ROE and COLE he stated that ROE looked like one of the men he saw that night but he recalled seeing no one similar to the photograph of COLE. He stated that he knows an individual who resembles the photograph of ROE, and this individual was at his filling station on the day of the interview (May 14, 1940), but that the individual of whom he is now speaking

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is not the same individual who came to his filling station in June, 1939, in the maroon Chevrolet. The individual he now has in mind is known to him as BUCK and drives a truck for the Fort Worth Packing Company of Fort Worth, Texas, and regularly delivers supplies to the Scott Coffee Shop adjoining the Texaco Station which he attends. He described BUCK as 32 to 33 years of age, 6 feet tall, 170 pounds, decidedly blond hair, eyes not known. He stated that he could not recall all that he told the woman who called upon him sometime in 1939 but that he recalls she wrote it down in a notebook, and she stated that she was from Seminole, Oklahoma. He said he had been knowing BUCK for two months and may be wrong, but the likeness of ROE is a good likeness of BUCK. He stated he never noticed any scars on the face of BUCK but that he does have a lump on the right rear of his neck which he said had been caused by a boil.

HILYER ESTES, Deputy Sheriff of Ellis County, in which county Ennis is located, stated that he recalls a hijacking and shooting about June, 1939, near Ennis, but that it was in Navarro County and that this offense had been cleared by arrests.

JESS CARICKER, Deputy Sheriff of Ellis County, who works frequently in the vicinity of Ennis, stated that no shooting as described occurred in Ellis County but that one did occur on the other side of the Ellis County Line in Navarro County. He said that the shooting had been perpetrated by a native of Navarro County who was subsequently arrested and convicted for the offense.

Both ESTES and CARICKER spoke in complimentary terms of the integrity of O. A. COLVIN.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE DALLAS FIELD OFFICE

AT FORT WORTH, TEXAS:

Will discreetly ascertain from the Fort Worth Packing Company the identity of the truck driver who delivers supplies to the Scott Coffee Shop at Ennis and is known as BUCK, and ascertain whether he was employed by that company prior to December, 1937, in which month ROE escaped.

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New Orleans, La.	May 15,1940	May 6-7,1940	R. N. DAHLGREN SH

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Unable to locate LENA RILEY through General Delivery or otherwise at Lake Charles, Louisiana.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, April 1, 1940.

DETAILS: At Lake Charles, Louisiana

JOHN H. LYONS, Postmaster, inquired of his General Delivery Clerks relative to the possibility of LENA RILEY, LEONA STEWART and LENA or LEONA SPURGEON receiving mail in Lake Charles, Louisiana. He stated that his General Delivery Clerks had no recollection of mail being called for under any of these names, and that the city directory of Lake Charles, Louisiana, did not reflect the address of any of these names. He also stated that the Clerks did not remember ever delivering any mail through General Delivery to any person using these names and that he does not have in his records a forwarding address for any person or persons using these names.

The Lake Charles Police Department, through Officer HENRY MILLER, was contacted in an effort to establish the whereabouts of LENA RILEY in Lake Charles. Officer MILLER, after making several inquiries, advised he could obtain no information as to a LENA RILEY being located in Lake Charles, Louisiana.

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: MRS. JOHN J. HANSON, nee LILLIAN E. PISTEL, interviewed. No information obtained indicating the identity of BENJAMIN OR EDWARD PISTEL, who is reported to be acquainted with subject THEODORE COLE.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, dated at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, ~~May~~ April 1, 1940.

DETAILS: AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

Reference was made to the 1936 Polk's City Directory for the City of Baltimore but the name of LILLIAN PISTEL did not appear therein, nor did it appear in the 1937 edition. It was noted that the reported address of MISS LILLIAN PISTEL, Packer Street, did not appear in this publication. It was further noted that the names EDWARD or BENJAMIN PISTEL did not appear in these volumes.

MR. JOHN E. OWENS, Assistant Superintendent of Mails, United States Post Office and Court House Building, Baltimore, was contacted. The Agent was informed that there was no street in the City of Baltimore named Packer. It was suggested, however, that the address of MISS PISTEL might be Paca Street or Packard Avenue, Baltimore. Accordingly the request was made that inquiry be made at the stations serving these two streets.

This office was in receipt of a letter dated April 1, 1940, from the Post Office, Baltimore, Maryland, advising that inquiry had been

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made of all carriers serving Paca Street and Packard Avenue and negative results were obtained. It was further learned that these carriers were not acquainted with any person bearing the name LILLIAN PISTEL. The letter setting forth this information is being made a part of the Baltimore Field Division file.

MISS BESSIE PISTEL, 211 Pennsylvania Avenue, was telephonically contacted and advised that her sister, MRS. JOHN J. HANSON, 3201 Clifton Road, Baltimore, Maryland, was the former MISS LILLIAN E. PISTEL.

MRS. JOHN J. HANSON, 3201 Clifton Road, was personally interviewed at her home. She advised that she was not acquainted with a BENJAMIN or EDWARD PISTEL and further did not recall ever having heard of THEODORE COLE or any individual with an alias of the subject. However, MRS. HANSON stated that one of her brothers, WILLIAM EDWARD PISTEL, had died approximately nineteen years ago. It was further learned that this individual's wife was presently residing at 3522 Lynchester Road, Baltimore, Maryland.

MRS. HANSON supplied the Agent with the names of the members of her immediate family and it was noted that none of these bore the name of either BENJAMIN or EDWARD PISTEL.

MRS. WILLIAM EDWARD PISTEL, 3522 Lynchester Road, was personally interviewed. MRS. PISTEL stated that her husband had passed away about nineteen or twenty years ago and that to her knowledge he was not acquainted with any individual bearing the name or alias of subject COLE. She further advised that she could offer no information of value regarding the subject.

The Agent was further advised by MRS. HANSON that she never resided on Paca or Packard Street and had never operated a grocery or confectionary store. However, she stated that her mother was the proprietor of a grocery store located at 2116 Pennsylvania Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland, which is presently run by ELIZABETH PISTEL.

The following information was obtained from MRS. HANSON with reference to her immediate family:

JOHN N. PISTEL--Father
BARBARA PISTEL--Mother

George Henry Pistel (dec)
Douglas Pistel
Catherine

William Edward Pistel (dec)
Harry Pistel
son, 11 yrs.
Edna (Shafer)

John N. Pistel
Clarence
(another--died at birth)

Lillian E. Pistel (Mrs. John J. Hanson)
Frank John Hanson (single)
Nola M. Hanson (single)

Elizabeth Pistel
no children

Frank Pistel (died when a child)
Twin of Frank also died, name unknown

MRS. HANSON further stated that her father, by a previous marriage, had three children, Lawrence, Louis, and Minnie. She stated that the members of this portion of the family have all passed away.

There being no further investigation to be conducted in this Division, this 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 Diego, California

June 7, 1940

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: ROCOL

Dear Sir:

Sergeant E. G. FLEMING of the San Diego Police Department on May 20, 1940 advised that HAROLD BROWN of the Border Patrol at Chula Vista, California, had an informant who saw the subjects of this case in Mexico recently.

On June 7, 1940, Inspector HAROLD BROWN of the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service Border Patrol at Chula Vista stated that [redacted] had recently told him that [redacted] had seen one of the subjects of the above case at Santa Rosalia, Baja California, Mexico. BROWN stated that he did not question [redacted] at that time for any details but merely took the information for the purpose of getting it to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. b7D

JOSEPH L. VAN ORSHOVEN, Chief Patrol Inspector of the Border Patrol at Chula Vista, stated that [redacted] had worked as an informant for his organization for a period of two months, and he always found him most trustworthy. He further stated that [redacted] had successfully operated as an informant for the Federal Narcotic Bureau for a period of fourteen years. VAN ORSHOVEN arranged for an interview with this informant at San Ysidro, California.

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[redacted] was interviewed by Special Agent F. D. FLANAGAN at San Ysidro, California on June 7, 1940. He stated that on April 11, 1940 at the town of Santa Rosalia, Baja California, Mexico, he was at the Central Hotel and saw a man there who very closely resembled one of the subjects of this case. [redacted] stated that while travelling in Baja California he pays very close attention to Americans who are residing in the more b7D

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isolated towns inasmuch as he knows that there are a number of fugitives living in that country. Because of this fact, he advised that he keeps in mind some of the better known criminals by taking careful note of their photographs. Therefore, when he saw this person at the Central Hotel in Santa Rosalia, he immediately recognized him as one of the two men who were supposed to have escaped from Alcatraz Penitentiary.

This informant described the person he had seen at the Central Hotel in Santa Rosalia as follows:

Age	28 years
Height	5 feet, 10 inches
Weight	170 pounds
Build	Medium
Hair	Light brown, receding at temples
Eyes	Unknown
Nationality	American
Scars	Small mole on right side of forehead near temple

[redacted] said that when he saw this man he immediately recognized him as one of the subjects of this case although he could not remember the subject's name. Photographs of the subjects of this case were exhibited to [redacted] and he picked out the photograph of the subject ROE as being very similar in appearance to the man he had seen at the Central Hotel. b7D

[redacted] advised that he did not wish to make too many inquiries concerning this man at that time but did find out from one of the hotel employees, whose name he could not recall, that the person he saw in the hotel was an American who had lived there for the past few months and was engaged in the gold buying business. [redacted] learned from this hotel employee that the American guest at the

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June 7, 1940

hotel was crossing the Gulf of Lower California by boat and going over to the state of Sonora, Mexico, where he was purchasing gold and then returning to Santa Rosalia. In the opinion of the informant [redacted] this American was living by himself at the Central Hotel and was not associated with any other Americans in that area. b7D

No further information could be obtained from [redacted] concerning the suspect whom he believed to be the subject ROE.

Inasmuch as the town of Santa Rosalia is located in Baja California, Mexico, some three to four hundred miles south of the United States Border, no immediate action is being taken by this office, and this information is being submitted to the Bureau with the request that this office be advised what action is desired.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Hood

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Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge
San Diego, California

Re: ROCOL

Dear Sir:

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Reference is made to your letter of June 7, 1940, containing information regarding the possible presence of one of the fugitives in this case at the town of Santa Rosalia located in Baja California, Mexico.

Inasmuch as Santa Rosalia is approximately 400 miles south of the United States-Mexican Border, it appears impracticable to dispatch a Special Agent to that vicinity for the purpose of covering this single lead, especially since the information at hand does not appear to be of a particularly definite nature. However, at such time as your office receives another matter necessitating investigation a considerable distance south of the Mexican Border in Baja California, the Bureau should be promptly advised to the end that further consideration may be given to the assignment of a Special Agent to proceed to Santa Rosalia. In the meantime, it is desired that efforts be made by your office to obtain additional information regarding the presence of one of the fugitives at Santa Rosalia through the informants or the cooperation of reliable Mexican officials.

It is also suggested that the information presently at hand be furnished to Special Agent in Charge Gus T. Jones at San Antonio Office upon the possibility that Mr. Jones may be in addition through informants or contacts to endeavor to ascertain whether the instant information is of any value.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Kansas City	6-6-40	5-22,23 & 6-1-40	JOHN W. CORE DR

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: F. H. ARNEY, Wichita, Kansas states he has no information concerning the fugitives. W. L. RONEN now residing at Liberal, Kansas.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, Okla. 4-1-40.

DETAILS: At Wichita, Kansas

Mr. F. H. ARNEY was located at his home, 2 miles north of Kansas State Highway #96, directly north of the turning point of this highway from a continuation of Meridian Street. Mr. ARNEY stated that he formerly roomed with RAYMOND ROE'S mother-in-law, Mrs. JACK RONEN at Eureka, Kansas; that Mrs. RONEN is now dead, and that he has never heard from any members of the family nor from any other person any information relative to RALPH ROE. Mr. ARNEY stated that he was fairly well acquainted with RALPH'S brother, RAYMOND ROE; however, that he has never seen nor has he ever been acquainted with RALPH ROE. Mr. ARNEY stated that the Fugitives' names had come up several times when talking with various acquaintances of his but that he had never developed any information to indicate that either of these individuals are alive, and that RALPH'S brother, RAYMOND ROE, seldom, if ever makes any mention of the fugitive. Mr. ARNEY stated that W. L. RONEN (not W. C. RONER)

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formerly resided on East 39th Street in Wichita, Kansas; however, that he subsequently moved down to the southern part of town, and he does not know whether RONEN is still in the city or not. However, when he last knew of him, RONEN was working for the Butternut Coffee Company.

Mr. ARNEY advised that he was more than anxious to furnish any information which he could regarding such individuals as ROE and COLE; however, that he has no information of any nature regarding them. He was furnished the address of the Kansas City FBI Office, and the writer's Wichita telephone number, and he promised to communicate any information,which might ever come to his attention, to the Bureau.

Mr. D. W. WATSON, Superintendent of Mails, checked his records and advised that W. L. RONEN had left a forwarding address as Liberal, Kansas.

A check of the information furnished by Mr. ARNEY reflected that W. L. RONEN formerly resided at 619 Texas Street, Apartment #4; however, Mrs. MORRIS, wife of the local representative of the Butternut Coffee Company advised that Mr. RONEN is now managing a hotel in Liberal, Kansas. A lead is being set out to interview Mr. RONEN at Liberal, Kansas.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION

At Liberal, Kansas will interview Mr. W. LOREN RONEN, who is reported to be managing a hotel in Liberal.

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Butte, Montana	6/4/40	4/5-7,9/40 5/10/40	WALTER T. GRAY

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

CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: VICTOR C. HYDER, filling station operator, Buhl, Idaho, identified a hitch-hiker as resembling published photographs of Subjects. Efforts to locate said hitch-hiker unavailing to date. GLENN ROBERTS, Glendive, Mont., determined not to be identical with Subjects.

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Reference: Report of Special Agent M. E. Shaeffer, Des Moines, Iowa, March 13, 1940.

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Details:

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent I. E. NITSCHKE on April 5, 1940:

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AT GOODING, IDAHO

While in conversation with CLAIR KING, Deputy Sheriff, about other matters, he mentioned the fact that a filling station attendant in Buhl, Idaho, had observed a man and woman hitch-hike a ride toward Boise, Idaho, on the morning of April 5, 1940, and that the man resembled either COLE or ROE--he was not sure which one.

Agent telephonically contacted Chief of Police B. L. BARRON'S office in Buhl and was advised that he was out; that the Fountain Service Station was the filling station where the man resembling ROE was observed; that this filling station was on the outskirts of Buhl.

AT BUHL, IDAHO

VICTOR C. HYDER, owner of the Fountain Service Station, located on United States Highway #30 about one-half mile west of Buhl, advised the following:

On April 4, 1940, he had observed an article in the Idaho Times, a Twin Falls, Idaho, newspaper, wherein photographs of COLE and ROE were printed. He opened his service station on the morning of April 5, at approximately 6:45 A. M. About 7:30 A. M. he observed a man holding a small baby standing across the highway in front of his service station and shortly thereafter he was joined by a woman with blonde hair. He stated that after looking at the man for sometime he thought of the resemblance between this person and ROE; therefore, he obtained the aforementioned newspaper and after looking at the photograph was more convinced that the man was identical with ROE. HYDER advised that he called this to the attention of a telephone man in his station and that the two of them agreed that there was a very striking resemblance.

HYDER related that while he, HYDER, was busy elsewhere in the station the man, woman and baby caught a ride going west on United States Route #30 toward Boise, Idaho. HYDER did not see the car nor could he furnish any definite information as to the persons giving them a ride. The person thought to be ROE acted very nervous, according to HYDER. The ride with the unknown persons was obtained about 8:10 A. M.

HYDER called Chief of Police BARRON immediately and the Chief responded, obtained the information and continued on toward Boise.

It was determined at the telephone company in Buhl that the person in the service station was MR. J. H. CANINE, manager of the telephone company.

MR. CANINE advised that he was in the Fountain Service Station about 8:00 A. M. on April 5, 1940, taking the coins from the pay telephone in this station when HYDER called his attention to a man holding a baby standing across from the station and a blonde woman with the man. He related that he and HYDER examined the photograph of RALPH ROE in a newspaper which HYDER had; that the man from what he could see of him resembled ROE. While CANINE was watching the couple, they obtained a ride in a late model black Ford Sedan with numerous mud spots on the car. He advised that the car bore 1940 Idaho license plates--the number he could not obtain. He said that the car was driven by a woman accompanied by a man. CANINE did not know wither of these people. The car then proceeded west on United States Highway #30 toward Boise. The man was also carrying a dark suitcase.

CANINE described the man thought to be ROE as follows:

Age	25 yrs.
Weight	165 lbs.
Height	6 ft.
Build	Slender
Hair	Black
Dress	Dressed in riding breeches and dark coat (thinks coat was dark blue). Bareheaded.

CANINE described the baby in the arms of the unknown man as follows:

Age	About six months to ten months old.
Dress	Draped in a pink blanket.

CANINE described the woman with the unknown man as follows:

Age	25 yrs.
Height	5 ft. 3 in.
Weight	112 lbs.
Hair	Blonde
Dress	Bareheaded Wore light coat Smoking cigarette.

HYDER described the man thought to be ROE as follows:

Age	35 yrs.
Height	5 ft. 10 in.
Weight	140 lbs.
Hair	Black, wavy. Parted on left.
Dress	Bareheaded Wore forest green, whip cord breeches, 18 in. top lace boots and blue coat. No necktie. Had dark brown suitcase.
Glasses	None
Appearance	Clean shaven
Build	Slender

HYDER described the baby in the arms of the man as follows:

Age	Less than a year old
Dress	Wore cap Draped in pink blanket.

HYDER described the woman with the man as follows:

Age	25 yrs.
Height	5 ft. 3 in.
Weight	115 lbs.
Hair	Light blonde
Build	Medium Stooped shoulders
Dress	Bareheaded Wore light gray top coat (summer weight), brown and white shoes and stockings. Was carrying bundle. Shoes looked new.

It is interesting to note that neither CANINE nor HYDER knew the description of ROE nor had they heard same, their composite description fitting the description of ROE almost perfectly.

Chief of Police B. L. BARRON, Buhl, related that he had received identical information from HYDER and on the basis of this had

proceeded toward Boise with a state trooper; that they had stopped at every filling station and beer parlor between Buhl and ten miles west of Glenns Ferry but that their investigation had met with negative results. Chief BARRON was not aware of the information in possession of CANINE and was furnished same by Agent.

Agent NITSCHKE advised the Butte Office by telephone from Buhl of the above information with the request that the resident Agent in Boise be furnished this information and to relay same to appropriate police officials in this area.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent LOUIS N. CONROY on April 5, and 6, 1940:

AT BOISE, IDAHO

Agent CONROY was telephonically advised from the Butte Field Office that a station attendant observed a hitch-hiker whom he later identified as being identical with RALPH ROE, I. O. #1472, at Buhl, Idaho, on April 5, 1940, at 7:30 A. M., and that this person departed for the west toward Boise, Idaho, at about 8:15 A. M. in a somewhat muddy black colored Ford Sedan in which he had gotten a ride and which car was already occupied by a man and a woman. This hitch-hiker was said to have been accompanied by a woman who had a baby. Descriptions were furnished but to avoid duplication they are not being set out here.

Agent immediately contacted FORREST KINGSBURY, Detective and National Police Academy graduate, and Captain C. P. HILL, Boise Police Department, and a statement attached to the identification order of ROE was posted on the bulletin board. Captain HILL advised that each officer going on duty would be required to read and initial the statement, which requested that the above-named person, if located, be brought to the police station.

Sheriff DON HEADRICK, when contacted, advised he would himself inform his deputies with respect to this matter.

On April 6, 1940, Agent in company with Detective KINGSBURY contacted MRS. C. W. SMEED of MRS. SMEED'S Place, E. J. NELSON of Desert Edge Service Station, LESTER VanLYDEGRAF of Bob's Auto Camp, JOHN A. KETCHEN of an auto camp at 1618 Main Street, and MRS. C. M. NELSON of Mt. View Auto Camp in an effort to get some trace of the above-named person but all of the above-mentioned contacts were with negative results.

Contact was subsequently had with Sheriff DON HEADRICK and Captain HILL of the Boise Police Department. Both advised that no information concerning the above-mentioned person had been received and both stated that they would advise Agent should they hear of any one resembling the above-described hitch-hiker.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent I. E. NITSCHKE on April 9, 1940:

AT BUHL, IDAHO

Chief of Police B. BARROW, Buhl, Idaho, advised reporting Agent that he had determined that the person thought to resemble ROE had registered in Buhl on the night of April 5, 1940, at the Clinton Hotel, operated by MRS. M. CLINTON, and that this couple had given their names as MR. and MRS. N. L. WILSON of Provo, Utah.

Chief BARROW related that he could not obtain any additional information at this point.

The following investigation was conducted by the writer on May 10, 1940:

AT GLENDIVE, MONTANA

The reference report sets out a lead for the Butte Office to locate one GLENN ROBERTS at Glendive, Montana, who allegedly at one time escaped from Alcatraz Penitentiary, and according to information furnished concerning him, he is supposed to have several machine guns stored away.

Agent with the assistance of Chief of Police HARRY RUST and accompanied by Sheriff MARTIN KALBERG located GLENN ROBERTS near his home on the south end of Glendive, Montana.

On interview ROBERTS confirmed the information that he had been confined on Alcatraz Island but that this confinement was approximately thirteen years ago when the island was used as a military disciplinary barracks. He denied having escaped from there and denied having ever had a machine gun of any description which he may have stored away or concealed.

Chief RUST and Sheriff KALBERG advised that GLENN ROBERTS has long been known to them and that he has consistently resided at Glendive, Montana, and on the basis of their knowledge concerning

him they could positively state that he is not identical with either of the Subjects.

ROBERTS permitted Agent to take his fingerprints and a comparison of his fingerprints with both Subjects indicates definitely that he is not identical with either. For this reason no further attention is being given to this individual in connection with this investigation. ROBERTS' fingerprints have been mailed to the Bureau for inclusion in the Civil Fingerprint File.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE SALT LAKE CITY OFFICE

AT PROVO, UTAH

Will determine the identities of MR. and MRS. N. L. WILSON.

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San Francisco, Calif.	6/4/40	5/17/40	H. L. McCONNELL MC

TITLE

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

CHARACTER OF CASE

ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

MANUEL LEMAN, 1250 South 58th, Richmond, California, advises he was a trusty at Alcatraz at time of escape of subjects, and, from the conversations of the prisoners, knew that they were going to attempt an escape a few days prior to the subjects's disappearance. Unable to give further information, LEMAN transferred to McNeil Island and released three months ago.

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DETAILS:

This investigation is predicated upon a telephone call to the San Francisco Office by Mr. JOSH EPPINGER, City Editor, SAN FRANCISCO EXAMINER, who , advised that he had received information to the effect that MANUEL LEMAN, 1250 South 58th Street, Richmond, California, was able to furnishimportant information relative to the subjects's escape.

AT RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA:

MANUEL LEMAN advised that at the time of the subjects's escape, he was himself a trysty at the Federal Penitentiary at Alcatraz, and from the remarks of the other prisoners he states that the subjects were planning to attempt an escape a few days prior to the time that they actually disappeared. He declined to give further information relative to the source of these facts.

LEMAN explained that, pursuant to the escape or disappearance

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of the subjects, he had been transferred to McNeil Island, and was released some three months prior to this interview. He declared that since his release, he had received no information relative to the instant case, and that he had had no contact with former acquaintances made while at Alcatraz.

He advised that he did not desire to send the Bureau on "a wild goose chase", and that if he had any information that was of any value in this matter he would give it. LEMAN was advised that the writer was anxious to obtain any information that would prove that the subjects had drowned in the escape or that would indicate definitely that they did escape, and, if they did escape, their present whereabouts.

LEMAN stated that in theevent he received any definite information he would transmit it to the San Francisco Field Office.

P E N D I N G

Federal Bureau of Investigati ..

United States Department of Justice
Grand Rapids, Michigan
June 12, 1940

Special Agent in Charge
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Re: BOCOL

Dear Sir:

While interviewing WENDELL HOMER at Muskegon, Michigan on another matter, MR. HOMER furnished the following information, which is being related to your office:

HOMER is engaged in the trucking business, hauling vegetables and fruits from Florida to Muskegon, Michigan. He advised that approximately two years ago, while conversing with BARNEY RAND, a little Jew who operates a stall at the market in Miami, RAND told him that RALPH ROE was alleged to have passed through Miami, thereafter meeting THEODORE COLE at some point in Florida from which place both individuals had proceeded to Buenos Aires, Argentina, and at that time were supposed to be residing in Buenos Aires.

HOMER was closely questioned but was unable to furnish any additional information and stated that the remark had simply been made by RAND during this conversation. He advised, however, that RAND is still operating a stall at the Miami market.

The Grand Rapids Office is not in possession of any serials relating to this case and for that reason this information is being furnished your office for whatever action you deem advisable.

Very truly yours,

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Salt Lake City, Utah	6-19-40	6-8-40	EDWARD J. MARTIN - G.J.

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RALPH ROE with aliases - FUGITIVE; I.O. # 1472; THEODORE COLE with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. # 1471.	ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Identity of Mr. and Mrs. M.L. WILSON unknown at Provo, Utah.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent WALTER T. GRAY, Butte, Montana, 6-4-40.

DETAILS:

At PROVO, UTAH

The following investigation was conducted jointly by Special Agent in Charge JAY C. NEWMAN and the writer:

Examination of the telephone directory and city directory of Provo, Utah, reflected no names similar to M.L. WILSON.

The records of the Police Department were checked through the assistance of GUY F. CHRISTENSEN, Chief of Police, and the records of the Sheriff's Office were checked through the assistance of JOHN W. EVANS, Sheriff, and CHARLES MITCHELL, Deputy Sheriff, with negative results.

At the Postoffice, Provo, Utah, GEORGE REA, mail carrier and ROBERT D. WEBSTER a postal clerk, made an examination of the postal records, including the postal directory which includes the names of all persons in Provo and in the rural surroundings, who have received mail through that postoffice within the last two years, with negative results.

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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.	6/7/40	3/28/40 5/6,20/40	R. L. KING - GC

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: JOHN R. POWER, inmate Humboldt County Jail, Eureka, California, addressed a letter to the San Francisco Field Division requesting interview, and subsequently advised that GEORGE MILLER, also an inmate there and a former inmate of Alcatraz Penitentiary, had told him subjects actually made their escape. DORRIS MILLER, Miller's paramour, states MILLER told her "the boys made it", but stated she had never seen them.

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DETAILS: This particular phase of the investigation is predicated upon the following letter received in the San Francisco Field Division on February 26, 1940:

"Federal Bureau of Investigation
Federal Bldg.
San Francisco, Calif.

"Dear Sir:

"At your earliest convenience please send one of your agents to see me at the Humbolt County Jail, Eureka, Calif.

"He must be able to present the proper credentials before I will consent to give him information that will crack wide open a couple of cases that I believe the F.B.I. is very much in want of.

"In order that I know your department received this letter, please send me some notification as such. In case I don't hear from you in a few days I will have a party away from the jail notify you again. Sincerely (s)JOHN R. POWER"

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AT EUREKA, CALIFORNIA

Officer ARCHIE KIRKPATRICK of the Eureka Police Department on March 28, 1940 furnished the following information:

GEORGE MILLER, former inmate of Alcatraz, was recently arrested by the San Francisco Police Department for Eureka officers, and at a trial here a short time ago, was, with two other individuals, convicted of armed robbery and sentenced to Folsom Penitentiary. One of the state's chief witnesses was one DORIS MILLER, paramour of MILLER, who, for some personal reason, turned against him. Officer KIRKPATRICK further informed that due to an attempted jail break on the part of MILLER and his associates while confined in the Humboldt County Jail, he had been designated to assist the sheriff's office in standing guard at night. DORRIS MILLER was also implicated in the robbery in Eureka, but due to her testimony she was not prosecuted. KIRKPATRICK stated that while she was also confined in the Humboldt County Jail, he became rather friendly with her, and that during the course of a casual conversation, with no urging from him or specific questioning, she confided that ROE and COLE had made good their escape, but that they were not now in this country. She further told him that JOHN PAUL CHASE, who is allegedly a good friend of MILLER's, had provided aid for them through contacts of his in Sausalito. KIRKPATRICK stated that DORIS MILLER is a registered nurse and had been employed by St. Francis Hospital in San Francisco, but that she had been MILLER's paramour for a long number of years, and is presently an approximate 40 years of age. KIRKPATRICK also stated that everything MILLER related about the Eureka robbery was the absolute truth, and he is convinced that she is telling the truth about ROE and COLE, due to the fact that the conversation came up in such a casual way, and without urging on his part. Also, due to her past connections, she would be in a position to hear information concerning subjects.

He stated that she also told him many other details concerning her past life, her associations with some of the late, noted gangsters, and KIRKPATRICK is of the opinion that he simply caught her in a frame of mind conducive to the relation of such things.

KIRKPATRICK further informed that DORIS MILLER was formerly convicted, with GEORGE MILLER, of a narcotic violation, and that she served five years for this offense, this being the crime for which MILLER was sent to McNeils Island, and later transferred to Alcatraz.

KIRKPATRICK stated also that the San Francisco Police Department after arresting MILLER and his associates for Eureka, made a couple of armed robbery cases against them, and that he noticed by the papers that they are presently on trial in San Francisco for these. It is his information that in this trial also DORIS MILLER is a chief witness and that she is being held under a conspiracy charge at the present time. He stated that he is not certain that the state, in this last instance, intends to prosecute her, but that at least she is presently confined there.

It was also the information of KIRKPATRICK that either Detectives McCANN or McMANN, one or the other, and in any event the younger of the two, had been able to get more information out of MILLER than any of the other officers, and that in the event she would not talk with an agent, that perhaps she would to this officer.

KIRKPATRICK is of the belief that MOORE either knows where ROE and COLE are at the present time, or that she would be able to find out, and thinks that the proper questioning of MOORE will result in affirmative information.

As a result of an interview had with reference to the letter from JOHN R. POWER, an inmate of the Humboldt County Jail, who was confined there at the same time as were GEORGE MILLER and his two associates, information was received which would tend to substantiate the information received from Officer KIRKPATRICK.

POWER stated that while MILLER and the others were planning their frustrated jail break, he joined in the plan and advised them that the only way to escape from Eureka was by boat, inasmuch as the highways were too easily blocked. At this point, POWER stated that he told them that he was a navigator and could help out with the boat end of the arrangements. POWER stated that MILLER then told him that he, MILLER, could put him in contact with the right parties where his navigation experience might be used. According to POWER, MILLER then related that ROE and COLE had made good their escape by boat and were engaged in dope traffic between the United States and South America. POWER was hazy on the point, but stated that he believed MILLER told him that COLE had since died, and that ROE was the one who was operating in such fashion. There then followed some rather unconnected statements on the part of POWER that ROE was presently in Cleveland, Ohio, and that POWER would take him to South America.

POWER then stated that MILLER told him that he, POWER, should go to Miller's Saloon in San Francisco, somewhere in the vicinity of O'Farrell and Leavenworth, the exact address not being recalled by POWER, and was to there contact the bartender who

worked at night, thisindividual's name being "TIGE" SHEEHAN. POWER stated that the latter individual was to then direct them to "BONE's KEENAN's old lady," BONES being presently in Alcatraz. She, then, according to POWER, was to direct him to a point in Cleveland, Ohio, where he would be put in contact with RALPH ROE. POWER stated that he understood that ROE was "in" with the persons who ran the rackets in Cleveland, and they operated from a place similar in name to the "Clover" or "Cloverdale" club. POWER stated that at this point in the conversation FERNANDEZ, who was arrested with MILLER, interposed and told him that if he couldn't get in touch with Mrs. KEENAN, that he, POWER, should contact one CLIFF BENNETT at 324-A, Vallejo, California, and BENNETT would put him in touch with the proper parties.

POWER then furnished the additional information that AL FERNANDEZ told him that if he, POWER, wanted to go out on a few "hoists", in San Francisco, that he could obtain all the arms that he needed, anything from tear gas to a tommy, by calling an unlisted San Francisco telephone number, ATwater 2352. POWER stated that he was told that a woman would answer the phone and he was to tell her that he, FERNANDEZ and MILLER, gave him the number to call, and that he knew FERNANDEZ down at "Q" (San Quentin). It is noted that POWER served a term of five years at San Quentin for second degree robbery, being discharged February 8, 1937, and paroled August 8, 1936. His criminal record also shows an arrest in 1929 by the San Francisco Police Department for burglary, and he is presently serving a sentence of one year for the same charge.

POWER stated that in making any of the contacts set out herein he was to use the names of GEORGE MILLER and AL FERNANDEZ as entrees, and references, referring to his acquaintance with them at "Q" and at Eureka.

POWER was asked why he was divulging the information given herein, and he stated that he was able to go straight while he was sober, but that when drunk he hardly realized what he was doing, and that he was afraid that when he was released if he were in need of money, he might do as MILLER suggested. POWER stated that he felt that by divulging the information now he was more or less removing temptation. He made no request for money or release in order to help work the thing out.

Undersheriff "DOC" HENDERSON was skeptical of the validity of the above information, and stated that POWER had given them considerable trouble. However, in view of the information divulged by Officer KIRKPATRICK, the latter was asked concerning POWER. KIRKPATRICK stated that he had arrested POWER on the charge for which he is presently doing time, and that POWER was a rather decent sort when he was sober. KIRKPATRICK further advised that POWER was a graduate

of either the U of C or Stanford University, holding an AB degree, but that drink had made a fool of him. POWER is presently 34 years of age, and stated that he had served in the U. S. Navy from 1921 to 1925, his mother signing papers so that he could enlist at such a young age. KIRKPATRICK stated that POWER come from a very prominent family, but was apparently one of the proverbial "black sheep." KIRKPATRICK stated that he was inclined to believe that POWER was telling the truth. It is noted that POWER himself stated that had the information come from anyone else other than GEORGE MILLER, he, POWER, would have largely discounted it. He stated further that he had known FERNANDEZ in San Quentin, and been rather friendly with him, and that he did not believe FERNANDEZ would give such information if it were not true.

For the information of the file, GEORGE MILLER and two companions have recently been sentenced to Folsom Penitentiary, Represa, California, for long terms as a result of convictions for robbery at Eureka, California, as well as San Francisco, California. MILLER served a sentence at Alcatraz Penitentiary for violation of the Federal Narcotic laws and was incarcerated there at the time subjects allegedly made their escape. After MILLER's release, he was interviewed with regard to instant matter, but no information of value was obtained.

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

Detective WILLIAM McMAHON of the Robbery Detail, San Francisco Police Department advised that DORIS MILLER, GEORGE MILLER's former paramour, was the one directly responsible for his conviction at Eureka, California, as well as San Francisco, California, and further that she was one of the best informants with whom he had ever come in contact. McMAHON stated that DORIS had given them a sixteen or seventeen page statement filled with innumerable details relative to MILLER and his associates, and their activities, and that in every instance her statement had been proven true. McMAHON stated that for this reason he believed anything that DORIS MILLER might tell would be the truth.

It is noted at this point that it was upon information furnished by DORIS MILLER that the identity of the Alcatraz Penitentiary employee believed to be smuggling letters in and out of the institution was ascertained. McMAHON stated further that while DORIS MILLER was being held on a charge of robbery herself as a participant in several of the crims charged to GEORGE MILLER, effort was being made to obtain leniency for her due to her cooperation, but that he did not know just how this would turn out.

DORIS MILLER was interviewed by the writer at the county jail, and appeared very cooperative. She stated that MILLER had told her with regard to instant matter that a particular set of doors had not been locked at the time of subjects' escape. She further stated that MILLER had made a trip back to the East shortly after he was released from Alcatraz, which release date was subsequent to the alleged escape, and upon his return had stated to her, "they made it". DORIS stated that GEORGE had also said upon a previous occasion that the escape had been effected through contacts of JOHN PAUL CHASE at Sausalito, California, which is just across the Bay from the Penitentiary.

DORIS MILLER stated that she had never seen either ROE or COLE subsequent to their alleged escape, nor had she talked with anyone who had stated that they had seen either of them. However, DORIS stated that should she receive probation on the charges presently pending against her, she could be reached at 599 - 35th Street, Oakland, California, which is the home of her aunt, Mrs. H. DORTT, and that she would be glad to be of any assistance possible in obtaining information with regard to instant matter.

It is noted that DORIS MILLER served a sentence for violation of the narcotic laws at the same time as GEORGE MILLER was first confined at McNeils Island, subsequently being transferred to Alcatraz. It is noted further that DORIS MILLER is a registered nurse, and consequently above the average woman of her type in intelligence.

In further conversation with DORIS MILLER it was developed that GEORGE MILLER frequented a saloon known as "Miller's Place", 355 Leavenworth Street. This apparently is the place referred to by JOHN R. POWER during his interview at the Humboldt County Jail, and lends additional credence to the latter's story.

The information furnished by POWER that he was directed to call an unlisted San Francisco telephone number, ATwater 2352, at which he could obtain all manner of firearms necessary to hold-ups, was furnished to Detective McMAHON, and he stated that his department would take appropriate action.

DORIS MILLER was of the opinion that if MILLER could be made to believe that information which he might give would in some wise aid him, that MILLER would tell all he knew concerning ROE and COLE. An undeveloped lead is being set out to have Subject MILLER re-interviewed at Folsom Penitentiary.

- UNDEVELOPED LEADS -

THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE

At Represa, California: Will interview GEORGE MILLER, recently received there after conviction of charges of armed robbery at Eureka

and San Francisco, California, and will attempt to obtain all information in his possession relative to the alleged escape of subjects.

At San Francisco, California: Will, through Detective McMAHON, determine the outcome of the case against DORIS MILLER, and consider the advisability of contacting her with regard to her assistance as an informant in instant matter.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

This Case Originated At OKLAHOMA CITY — O. C. File 76-348

Report Made At	Date Made	Period	Report Made By
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.	6-13-40	4-15; 5-14, 20,23,29-40	RALPH T. HOOD mr

Title

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

Character Of Case

ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

BOBBY BRIDGES, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. SHEETS, BIRDIE PRUITT, WILLIAM HENRY and Mrs. DORA GABRIEL deny any knowledge as to Fugitives. JIM MANNING and WILLIAM PLOWMAN, formerly of Erick, Okla. undoubtedly have no contact with Subjects. ROBERT CLAIR DAVIS not identical with either of Subjects. LEE JACOBS presently serving sentence at OSPen., McAlester, Okla. JOHN DEVINE, former editor of now defunct Ketchum Progress, newspaper, does not recall identity of visitor furnishing information concerning COLE being in Arkansas. Efforts to ascertain whereabouts of RICHARD B. WILLIAMS unsuccessful.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 4-1-40.
Report of Special Agent H. S. BOONE, Oklahoma City, 4-25-40.
Report of Special Agent D. W. MAGEE, Los Angeles, 4-5-40.
Report of Special Agent H. G. MAYNOR, Springfield, 5-18-40.
Report of Special Agent R. N. DAHLGREN, New Orleans, 5-15-40.

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DETAILS:

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent E. F. EMRICH:

AT TULSA, OKLAHOMA

Mr. WILLIAM HENRY, 4620 South 25th West Avenue, Carbondale, Oklahoma, upon being contacted admitted that he had been visiting with Mrs. BRACE, grandmother of fugitive COLE, around the period of this fugitive's escape from Alcatraz and also has visited with her on a number of occasions since that date. He informed that he is positive she knows nothing concerning these fugitives or whether they were successful in making their escape. He further indicated that her knowledge concerning the matter is no greater than has been read by her in the newspapers. Mr. HENRY indicated that he is no relative of fugitive COLE, but is merely a friend of this fugitive's grandmother. He promised that should he receive any information of importance or value to this Bureau, same would be promptly referred to this Division.

AT BRISTOW, OKLAHOMA

Mrs. DORA SENTER, Postmaster, Bristow, Oklahoma, advised that she has no record of any NORA GABLE who resided in that town. On the basis of the information that the NORA GABLE referred to supposedly had a husband who was a Greek and was employed in a restaurant there, she indicated the possibility that this woman might possibly be the wife of a chef named GABRIEL who was employed at the White Way restaurant in that town.

Agent accordingly contacted Mr. ELIJAH GABRIEL who it was found was the cook at the White Way Cafe in Bristow. Mr. GABRIEL indicated that his wife, DORA GABRIEL, was presently living with some relatives near Stroud, Oklahoma. He informed that neither he nor his wife have any relative connection with TED COLE.

AT STROUD, OKLAHOMA

Mrs. DORA GABRIEL was located in the country about three miles south of Stroud, Oklahoma and she advised that she was no kin to the COLES nor had she to her knowledge ever received any letters from PAULINE CORNETT, the sister of TED COLE. She indicated, however, that this connection might possibly have come about by reason of the fact that during the fall of 1938 she and her son worked on the farm of PAULINE CORNETT where they picked cotton during the cotton season. She stated that during the time she and her son were there she never heard any conversation with reference to whether they believed TED COLE was successful

in effecting his escape from Alcatraz. She mentioned that it was not until some time later that she became apprised of the fact that Mrs. CORNETT was a relative to this fugitive.

AT MIAMI, OKLAHOMA

Chief I. W. ELLIS of the Miami Police Department advised that LEE JACOBS was a well known criminal character in Miami and that he had recently been sentenced to serve either a two or three-year sentence at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma.

AT KETCHUM, OKLAHOMA

Mr. GARLAND A. DOUGLAS, Postmaster, Ketchum, advised that the Ketchum Progress newspaper which had been published by AVERILL and AVERILL Publishers at Vinita, Oklahoma, went out of existence on February 24, 1939. He mentioned, however, that the firm of Averill and Averill was presently the publishers of the Craig County Democrat newspaper. At the request of this Agent, Mr. DOUGLAS made a search through the old editions of the Ketchum Progress and was successful in locating the paper published on January 12, 1939. In examining this paper, it was noted in the editorial column, written by JOHN DEVINE, Editor, that the following small article appears:

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

Mr. DOUGLAS mentioned that while JOE DEVINE was no longer connected with the firm of Averill and Averill, he was at the present time in the printing business at Vinita, Oklahoma.

AT VINITA, OKLAHOMA

Through HARVEY AVERILL of the firm of Averill and Averill, Publishers of the Craig County Democrat, a copy of the edition of the Ketchum Progress dated January 12, 1939 was obtained and same is being retained in the Oklahoma City Division files. Mr. AVERILL mentioned that there, of course, would be no records available in their files which would indicate the identity of the person who turned over the information to Mr. DEVINE, but it was suggested that he might personally have some knowledge of the fact.

Accordingly Agent telephonically communicated with Mr. JOHN DEVINE who advised that he specifically recalled an individual's appearing in the office of the newspaper who furnished the information, but he was unable to advise the name of the individual nor did he possess any information concerning him other than that his home was allegedly in Harrison, Arkansas. As best he could recall the information, this individual apparently attended a party either given by or attended by some of the relatives of TED COLE and at this party he talked to a man whom he claimed to have been TED COLE. As best Mr. DEVINE could remember, this individual told him that COLE had even introduced himself to this man. Mr. DEVINE was unable to advise whether the party referred to was at Harrison, Arkansas or at some other point.

AT OILTON, OKLAHOMA

In view of the information that one RICHARD D. WILLIAMS who was suspected as being possibly identical with subject COLE had originated and was supposedly acquainted at Oilton, Oklahoma, this Agent contacted the Postmaster, a number of doctors and a number of miscellaneous individuals in town, but no information as to a RICHARD WILLIAMS' ever having lived in that town was ascertained. It was further learned that there is no Dr. WHITE residing at Oilton, Oklahoma.

Through Mr. TAYLOR, the Superintendent of Schools at Oilton, a check was made of his various school records at which time a record on a RICHARD WILLIAMS was found which reflected that individual entered elementary school on October 14, 1921 and withdrew from the school on March 17, 1923. In view of the inadequacy of these records, no information could be obtained as to the parents of this individual or as to the address at which this person lived at the time.

In view of the information appearing in the report of Special Agent H. S. BOONE, dated at Oklahoma City April 25, 1940, to the effect that RICHARD D. WILLIAMS was last known to have been traveling with his wife, ELOI WHITLEY WILLIAMS, and employed by the Mammoth Shows in Kissimmee, Florida, an appropriate lead is being set forth for the Cincinnati Division to make an inquiry through the Billboard in an effort to establish his present whereabouts. For the information of the Cincinnati Division, WILLIAMS is believed to have been engaged in driving a truck for the shows, whereas his wife, ELOI, is putting on a headless girl act for the show.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent H. S. BOONE:

Mr. GARLAND MARRS, Sheriff, Tulsa, Oklahoma, advised that JIM PETERS, former peace officer of Jenks, Oklahoma, had said that TED COLE is supposed to be residing at Stroud, Oklahoma, with his stepfather whose name is also COLE.

JIM PETERS, Jenks, Oklahoma, stated that he had heard this information several months ago from an unknown source and that he did not know the first name of TED COLE's stepfather, whose name is also COLE, and did not even know whether he was residing in Stroud, Oklahoma. Inasmuch as it appears from the file COLE's stepfather and mother are residing in California, and the address is already noted, no further investigation in this matter was conducted.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, April 1, 1940, and to the report of Special Agent HOOD, dated December 2, 1938, which sets forth information to the effect that BOBBY BRIDGES was supposed to have been a friend of RALPH ROE.

BOBBY BRIDGES has been released from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, and is residing with his parents at 122 North Olympia, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and is employed at Golden Good Hamburger Stand number ten, in the 700 block South Main Street. It should be noted here that BOBBY BRIDGES was an associate of RUSSELL KENNETH DOWNING, an I. O. Fugitive, and that BRIDGES escaped with DOWNING from the County Jail at Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

BRIDGES stated that he and DOWNING associated quite a bit with LOU JOHNSON and BILLY BROWN at Seminole, Oklahoma, prior to the time they were arrested and incarcerated in the County Jail at Okmulgee, and that it was there he became acquainted with RALPH ROE. BRIDGES stated that he was not intimately acquainted with ROE and did not learn a lot about him at that time. BRIDGES said that he has not seen ROE since he made an attempt to escape from the United States Prison at Alcatraz, California, and has had no information to the effect that ROE has been seen by any of his former friends or acquaintances.

AT STROUD, OKLAHOMA

The following inves tigation was conducted by Special Agent H. S. BOONE:

Mr. WILLIAM C. FRY, Stroud, Oklahoma, advised that the mother and stepfather of Subject THEODORE COLE are visiting in Stroud, Oklahoma with Mrs. BRACE, Mrs. COLE's mother, five miles southeast of Stroud. He stated that FRED COLE claimed they came to Stroud by bus from some small town in California where FRED COLE claimes to be Chief of Police. FRY said that as far as he could learn only FRED and Mrs. COLE were visiting in that vicinity. He stated that he knew THEODORE COLE many years ago, but is not sure whether he would recognize him now or not.

AT ERICK, OKLAHOMA

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent D. W. MAGEE, dated at Los Angeles, California, April 5, 1940, requesting that the identity of JIM MANNING, LORNA MANNING, LEON MANNING and WILLIAM PLOWMAN be established to see if they have any connection with Subjects.

The following investigation was conducted by the writer on April 23, 1940:

Mr. WELTHA HEFLIN, Postmaster, checked the records of his office, but was unable to furnish the present address of any of these individuals. However, HEFLIN stated he know them and that they were reputable people, being former residents and farmers near Erick, Oklahoma. HEFLIN also stated that he did not think that any of these individuals would associate with criminals.

Mr. W. O. HOOD, reputable business man at Erick, advised Agent that he had known these parties for many years and that they enjoyed good reputations at Erick. These parties have recently returned to Erick to visit, but had since returned to California and Mr. HOOD did not think that they would associate with criminals or persons having bad reputations. He directed Agent to CLARENCE ROPER, a relative of PLOWMAN, with whom these parties had visited.

Mr. CLARENCE ROPER, Erick, informed Agent that he had not heard from the MANNINGS or Mr. PLOWMAN since their departure from Erick, but that they were attempting to locate a place to settle in California.

It is not thought necessary to conduct additional investigation regarding the MANNINGS or WILLIAM PLOWMAN and the Los Angeles Division is requested to discontinue investigation regarding them.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent C. O. HURT.

The report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, November 1, 1939 sets forth leads at Ardmore, Mansville and Idabel, Oklahoma.

- at Idabel, Oklahoma -

ROBERT CLAIR DAVIS with aliases, ROBERT DAVIS, SHORTY DAVIS, was interviewed near the Arrington Ranch and advised he was born in Butler County, Hillard, Pennsylvania on September 25, 1899. He said his parents were ROBERT McCLELLAND and EMMA DAVIS, both deceased; that he has a brother, JESSE JAMES DAVIS, who is an engineer or conductor on the Pennsylvania Railroad at Erie, Pennsylvania.

DAVIS said he left Pennsylvania several years ago and came to Oklahoma where he has worked on ranches and after a few years he went to Roseburg, Oregon (in about 1921) where he was employed by the Madock Lumber Company for about a year and then worked for TOM HATFIELD, a farmer near Roseburg during part of 1922 and 1923. He said that about the last of 1923 or the first of 1924 he returned to Oklahoma and has resided around Ada and Tishomingo until 1937 at which time he came to eastern Oklahoma and worked on the "FATS" TRUITT ranch until 1938. He said he went to work then for EDWARD ARRINGTON on the ARRINGTON ranch and has worked there since.

ALLEN STANFIELD, Deputy United States Marshal at Ada, Oklahoma, advised he is acquainted with DAVIS and that DAVIS did work near Ada on a ranch from about 1924 to 1937. He said DAVIS is an illiterate ranch hand and is employed most of the time for his room and board; that DAVIS was never in any trouble and seldom ever comes to town more than once or twice a month. He said that as long as DAVIS has plenty to eat and smoking tobacco, he seemed to be contented on the ranch.

DAVIS voluntarily agreed to be fingerprinted and stated he has no criminal record. His prints were furnished to the Bureau and by letter dated February 16, 1940, the Bureau advised DAVIS does not have a criminal record.

The following description of ROBERT CLAIR DAVIS was obtained by observation and interview:

NAME	ROBERT CLAIR DAVIS
AGE	41 years (9-25-1899, Hillard, Pennsylvania)
HEIGHT	5' 6"
WEIGHT	165 pounds
HAIR	Grey; bald on top
EYES	Grey
COMPLEXION	Red
SCARS & MARKS:	None visible.
EDUCATION	8th grade, Hillard, Pa.
MARITAL STATUS	Single
RELATIVES:	Parents deceased. JESSE JAMES DAVIS, Erie, Pennsylvania - Brother.

- at Mansville, Oklahoma -

Miss DAISY STILLEY, Postmaster, advised a farmer by the name of F. A. SHEETS residing there had several daughters, and prior to the title WILBUR UNDERHILL was killed, it had been rumored that RALPH ROE, ED DAVIS and JIM CLARK had frequented the SHEETS home with UNDERHILL, and they were quite fond of the SHEETS girls.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. SHEETS were interviewed at their home in the northeast part of Mansville and advised they were quite well acquainted with UNDERHILL, JIM CLARK, ED DAVIS and many other outlaws who had frequented their home several years ago. They said RALPH ROE accompanied UNDERHILL to their home on one occasion during 1933; that UNDERHILL and ROE stayed all night at their home and had breakfast there the following morning. They said they believe UNDERHILL and ROE came to their home in order to have a place to meet JAMES MATHERS, SR., an attorney. They recall MATHERS appeared there, at their home, the next morning and held lengthy conversations with UNDERHILL. Both Mr.

and Mrs. SHEETS were quite positive that ROE never returned to their home after 1933 and they both stated they doubt if they would recognize ROE if he should appear again.

- at Ardmore, Oklahoma -

BIRDIE PRUITT, a well known harborer of outlaws, was interviewed and stated several years ago all the boys on the "lam" made it a practice to drop in at her ranch and cool off for several days, and then move on. She said UNDERHILL, ED DAVIS, JIM CLARK and most of the boys knew they were welcome at her place and never made prior arrangements when coming there. She said she is not well acquainted with RALPH ROE but believes he accompanied UNDERHILL to her place on one occasion, perhaps more. She said this was about six months or a year before UNDERHILL was apprehended and killed; that since the apprehension of UNDERHILL, she has not seen or heard anything of ROE, until she read in the newspapers that he escaped from Alcatraz. She said that since reading this in the papers she has not seen ROE or heard anyone else say that ROE made a successful escape.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE 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 he might have concerning the fugitives.

* At Fort Worth, Texas will locate and interview HAROLD HODKIN whose father owns all the cabins around the Showboat near the Jacksboro, Texas Highway out of Fort Worth regarding any possible information he may possess regarding the location of ANTHONY LOLLA'S cabin on Lake Worth and also as to any information he may possess as to whether Subjects ROE and COLE have stayed at that cabin.

* At Fort Worth, Texas will discreetly ascertain from the Fort Worth Packing Company the identity of the truck driver who delivers supplies to the Scott Coffee Shop at Ennis and is known as BUCK, and ascertain whether he was employed by that company prior to December, 1937, in which month ROE escaped.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

DALLAS FIELD OFFICE (Continued)

* At Kilgore, Texas will attempt to locate GEORGE WILLIAMS, who operates a tavern on the outskirts of Kilgore and interview him for any information he might have concerning Subjects.

* At Burkburnett, Texas, will attempt to locate BOOTS CULTER, whose wife works for the Manhattan Clothing Company, and interview him concerning his knowledge of ROE and associates.

THE CINCINNATI FIELD OFFICE

At Cincinnati, Ohio will contact the Billboard for any record available there with regard to the present location or whereabouts of RICHARD D. WILLIAMS. In the event his whereabouts is ascertained, an appropriate undeveloped lead should be set out to have him located and contacted to determine whether he might be identical with Fugitive COLE in this case.

THE EL PASO FIELD 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.

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 OFFICE

* 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.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

KANSAS CITY FIELD OFFICE (Continued)

* At Jefferson City, Missouri will locate CHARLES POWELL through the National Guard and interview him along the lines requested in report of Special Agent R. T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, June 2, 1939.

* At Liberal, Kansas will interview Mr. W. LOREN RONEN, who is reported to be managing a hotel in Liberal.

* At Topeka will conduct investigation regarding WINT SMITH as requested in letter from the Oklahoma City Office to Kansas City, April 28, 1940.

THE LITTLE ROCK FIELD OFFICE

* At Springdale, Arkansas will conduct investigation and interview C. S. STANTON as requested in letter from the Omaha Office to Little Rock, May 16, 1940.

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD OFFICE

* At Arcadia, California will maintain contact with [redacted] an informant in the movements and activities of FAY ROE, who resides near his store. b7D

* At Bell, California, will make contact with Mr. WILLIAM McCLURE, business address 6234 Gifford Avenue, close by and adjacent to the residence of VIOLET DAWSON, half-sister to Subject COLE.

* 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 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.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

LOS ANGELES FIELD OFFICE (continued)

* 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 Mrs. RUTH CRAWFORD.

* At Los Angeles, California will report the results of a mail cover on mail addressed to WARREN J. PORTER at 7007 Haas Street, Los Angeles, in an effort to locate the whereabouts of FRANK H. PORTER whose interview is desired in conformance with matter in the body of this report.

* At Merced, California will contact and interview ANDY KILGORE, whose address is known to Chief of Police GILBERT of Livingston, California. KILGORE telephonically advised the Los Angeles Division Office that a woman at the Atwater Barbecue Stand, located on the south side of Atwater, California had told BILL ANDERSON, who also hangs around the barbecue stand that subject COLE was in the vicinity of the McDANIELS place, located between Atwater and Livingston, California. ANDY KILGORE at Merced, California, should be interviewed for more definite information concerning Subject COLE.

* 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 Mrs. CRAWFORD concerning Subjects and LEE ROBERTS being in that vicinity and of their possibly contacting the JOHNSONS.

* At West Hollywood, California, at 8816 Harratt Street, will locate and interview LARRY or LAWRENCE BUTCHER to ascertain the present whereabouts of his brother CHET or C. W. BUTCHER. Will ascertain if CHET BUTCHER is identical with JAMES HUGH BUTCHER or whether the family is related to this individual. Will ascertain if the BUTCHERS have knowledge or have known Subjects COLE or ROE or their families.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

LOS ANGELES FIELD OFFICE (Continued)

* At Woodlake, California will interview FRED COLE, step-father to Subject THEODORE COLE and ascertain the name and address of the actual father of COLE. Will also ascertain the identity of BURL COLE, reported to be a brother of Subject COLE and last heard from in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Will secure a complete list of names and addresses of Subject COLE'S immediate blood and marital relatives.

The following reports refer to prior investigation on the COLE family: Report of Special Agent A. D. HORN, Los Angeles, dated February 12, 1938; Report of Special Agent R. H. SIMONS, Los Angeles, dated December 12, 1938; Report of Special Agent R. P. KRAMER, Los Angeles, dated December 12, 1937; and report of Special Agent R. N. FRANKE, Los Angeles, dated December 22, 1937.

THE OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD OFFICE

* Will interview RUSSELL KENNITH 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 Depew, Oklahoma will interview ORIE TURNBULL for any information he may possess regarding Subjects.

At McAlester, Oklahoma will interview LEE JACOBS for information regarding JAMES HUGH BUTCHER, JOHNSON and COLE and question him concerning the alleged bonds and his association with DOC BAKER (See pages 44 to 48 inclusive, 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 Seminole, Oklahoma will, through JAKE SIMS, attempt to determine the present address of DEE and BILLY FREEMAN, reference report of Special Agent H. G. MAYNOR, Springfield, 5-18-40 reflecting they were not in Illinois.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD OFFICE (Continued)

At Seminole, will through JAKE SIMS and relatives of LENA RILEY, determine her present address, the report of Special Agent R. N. DAHLGREN, New Orleans, 5-15-40 reflecting that she could not be located at Lake Charles, Louisiana.

* At Tulsa, Oklahoma will interview WILLIE HENRY, residing with one WATT HOLMES, 4620 Southwest 25th Street, Tulsa. HENRY was living with COLE'S grandmother soon after the alleged escape and may have received information at that time.

* At Tulsa, Oklahoma will keep in touch with Mrs. ALMA BASCOM, alias Mrs. ALMA ROSS and Mrs. ALVA KAUFFMAN, 124½ East Archer, for the location of RICHARD D. WILLIAMS.

THE SALT LAKE CITY FIELD OFFICE

* At Provo, Utah will determine the identities of Mr. and Mrs. N. L. WILSON.

THE SAN ANTONIO FIELD OFFICE

* At Houston, Texas will interview ROY CONNORS, 405½ Milan Street, as to any information he may be able to furnish as to the location of Fugitives.

* 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.

* At Refugio, Texas after a reasonable length of time will contact ERNEST HALES for additional information he may have obtained and thereafter thoroughly interview MARVIN CONNORS for whatever information he may furnish as to Subjects.

THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD OFFICE

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

* At Ione, California at the California State Reformatory will ascertain what records are on file relative to PAUL SULLIVAN, alias of RALPH ROE, who was committed to that institution July 6, 1923. Will ascertain a list of relatives and addresses for leads relative to whereabouts of ROE.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

SAN FRANCISCO FIELD OFFICE (continued)

* At Folsom Penitentiary, Represa, California will interview EVERETT ARCHERD to ascertain whether he know Subjects COLE or ROE at Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma and whether he has knowledge of Subject COLE'S present location.

* At Reprosa, 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.

* At Represa, will interview GEORGE MILLER, recently received there after conviction of charges of armed robbery at Eureka and San Francisco, California and will attempt to obtain all information in his possession relative to the alleged escape of subjects.

* 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 knowbdge she may have concerning the escape of Subjects ROE and COLE from Alcatraz Prison.

* 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 SARGEART, #129-AZ, 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.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

SAN FRANCISCO FIELD OFFICE (Continued)

* At San Francisco, California will interview Mrs. GEORGE W. JOHNSON, 1618½-12th Street, sister of EDWARD BENTZ, #307-AZ. (See report of Inspector Gurnea, San Francisco, 12-28-37, page 24.)

* 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. VARION VAN GLAHN, in order that she also might be interviewed.

* At San Francisco, will endeavor to locate Mrs. CHARLES (GLADYS) BERTA, wife of CHARLES BERTA, #132-AZ, at 1390 California St. or 340 O'Farrell St., and interview her concerning her knowledge of instant case.

* At San Francisco, will conduct the additional investigation regarding AL BARRY and LEE 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, through Detective McMAHON, determine the outcome of the case against [redacted] and consider the advisability of contacting her with regard to her assistance as an informant in instant matter. b7D

* At San Quentin State Penitentiary, will ascertain from the records of former inmate K. I. SUMMERVILLE if he can be located and questioned concerning Subject ROE, with whom SUMMERVILLE was arrested in May 1923 by the Los Angeles Sheriff's Office.

* At Stockton, California will locate and interview ABE ALLEN at the Auditorium Apartments, 604 North Commerce Street, relative to the identity of the individuals who resided in the apartment at 2421 Post Street, San Francisco, and departed hurriedly December 15, 1937, about the time of the escape of subjects COLE and ROE, leaving a notation on a paper bearing the San Quentin Penitentiary number of ABE ALLEN. ABE ALLEN may be able to identify these people through the names on the enclosures forwarded to San Francisco of ALLEN'S visitors and correspondents. Will question ALLEN concerning the identity of JEAN LEE, Benicia, California, particularly concerning the identity of ELEANOR

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD OFFICE (Continued)

DAWSON, address 3011 Capp Street, Oakland, California, who visited him on February 28, 1936, bearing in mind that Subject COLE'S half-sister is a VIOLET DAWSON and that her husband is G. I. DAWSON.

* At Stockton, California will conduct investigation as requested in Bureau letter to San Francisco dated March 25, 1940.

THE SEATTLE FIELD OFFICE

* At McNeil Island, Washington will exhibit the photographs of Alcatraz inmates #463, 469, 474, 471 to JEFFERSON ROUBIDEAUX for identification purposes.

* At Seattle, is requested to contact Mr. M. W. CASKEY, Mr. E. W. LAIRD, Mr. L. L. L. DILLEY and Mr. J. L. PRESTON, through the U. S. Lighthouse Service in Seattle and exhibit the photograph of MORRIS TRACKINER to each of these individuals to ascertain whether they can identify it as the person that called at the Lighthouse Service Office in Portland, Oregon on or about 12-16-37 at which time he was seeking tidal chart maps or pamphlets reflecting information as to the ebb and flow of the tides in San Francisco Bay.

* At Seattle, will interview Mrs. SAM RAYMER regarding the reported appearance of Subjects at Beaver, Washington on April 5, 1940.

THE SPRINGFIELD FIELD OFFICE

* At Centralia, Illinois will attempt to locate J. C. NEWMAN, who is supposed to operate a tavern in or around Centralia and interview him thoroughly concerning his knowledge of ROE and his associates.

P E N D I N G

940 First National Building

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

June 28, 1940

76-348

Special Agent in Charge
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Sir:

Re: KOOOL

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent R. N. DAHLGREN, dated at New Orleans, May 15, 1940, reflecting that LENA RILEY, with aliases, could not be located at Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Mr. JAKE SIMS, Chief of Police, Seminole, Oklahoma, contacted a sister of LENA RILEY, who advised him that she is now living at Golden Meadow, Louisiana. She did not know what Miss RILEY is doing or her specific address.

It is requested that LENA RILEY be located at Golden Meadow and then interviewed along the lines previously suggested.

Very truly yours,

Enclosure
cc - Bureau

H. E. ANDERSEN
Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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940 First National Building

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

June 26, 1940

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Special Agent in Charge
Miami, Florida

Dear Sir: Re: ROCOL

Reference is made to letter from Grand Rapids Office to Oklahoma City, dated June 12, 1940, copy of which was furnished to your office, regarding information furnished by one BARNEY RAND, a Jew who operates a stall at the market in Miami, concerning the whereabouts of ROE and COLE.

It is requested that RAND be interviewed for any information he may have regarding the whereabouts of Subjects.

Very truly yours,

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H. E. ANDERSEN
Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
5 JUL 2 1940
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

San Antonio, Texas,
June 27, 1940.

Special Agent in Charge,
San Diego, California.

Re: BOOK.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the Bureau letter dated June 18, 1940, addressed to the Special Agent in Charge, San Diego, California, and to the letter from the San Diego Office to this office dated June 24, 1940.

You are advised that Special Agent in Charge Guy T. Jones is presently in Mexico City and that point is removed from the village of Santa Rosalia, Baja California, Mexico, by an great a distance and by such great difficulties in communication that it is not believed feasible for Mr. Jones to attempt to secure any information concerning this individual at Santa Rosalia by inquiries at Mexico City and no action will be taken on this matter by Mr. Jones unless the Bureau advises to the contrary.

Very truly yours,

Guy T. Jones,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Mexico City.

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El Paso, Texas.

June 14, 1940

Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

RE: RALPH ROE, with aliases -
FUGITIVE - IO #4478;
THEODORE DOLE, with aliases -
FUGITIVE - IO #4471;
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOSS, Oklahoma City, Okla., dated June 13, 1940, in the captioned case, setting forth an asterisk lead for this office at Odessa, Texas, to locate IONA DAVIS for interview in connection with this matter.

You are respectfully referred to the report of Special Agent C.A. HOE, of this office, dated March 18, 1940, which refers this case upon completion to your office and sets forth the result of interview with IONA DAVIS.

Very truly yours,

H.B. Fletcher,
Special Agent in Charge.

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TITLE

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

CHARACTER OF CASE

ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: GEORGE WILLIAMS, Kilgore, Texas, has no information concerning subjects, and claims not to know them. WILLIAMS has been cooperating with local police in many instances. Promised to notify Chief of Police at Kilgore, Texas, should he learn anything of value.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent S. H. ROBERSON, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, dated 5-7-40.

DETAILS:

Chief of Police BILL MADDOX, Kilgore, Texas, was contacted regarding the reliability of GEORGE WILLIAMS and Chief MADDOX advised that WILLIAMS had been of value to his office on past occasions, but would undoubtedly feel more free to talk with he, MADDOX, than with an Agent of the Bureau. MADDOX offered to contact WILLIAMS personally, and due to the fine cooperation of MADDOX in the past, his offer was accepted. On interview, WILLIAMS advised MADDOX that he had heard of the subjects in instant case, but did not know them personally. Also, WILLIAMS told MADDOX that since the escape of the subjects, he had heard nothing definite as to whether they were still alive. WILLIAMS stated he had been in Oklahoma State only twice in his life and was not familiar with thugs in that section of the country. WILLIAMS promised to notify MADDOX should he hear anything of value concerning the subjects, and would make inquiry concerning them.

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Seattle, Washington
June 15, 1940

Special Agent in Charge
San Francisco, California

Re: Roscol

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith a copy of a letter dated June 11, 1940, furnished to this office by Mr. P. J. SQUIER Acting Warden of the U. S. Penitentiary, McNeil Island, Washington, in reference to the activities of DONALD RAYMOND LEKSON.

For your information, the Warden's communication has been acknowledged; however, the matter pertaining to possible narcotic violations has not been brought to the attention of the Bureau of Narcotics. It is suggested that you take this action when deemed advisable.

Very truly yours,

S. J. DRAYTON
Special Agent in Charge

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KANSAS CITY, MO.	7-3-40	6-25-40	G. H. TREADWELL AG

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RALPH ROME, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1472, THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1471.	ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: WINT SMITH, former head of the Kansas Highway Patrol, presently located at Topeka, Kansas, advises female informant probably referred to in letter of reference is [redacted] last known to have been employed in [redacted] b7D

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REFERENCE: Letter from Oklahoma City Field Division to the Kansas City Field Division, dated April 28, 1940.

DETAILS: AT TOPEKA, KANSAS:

Agent interviewed Mr. WINT SMITH, presently head of the Legal Department of the Kansas Highway Department, Masonic Temple Building, Topeka, Kansas, and requested from Mr. SMITH such information as he could furnish concerning a former female informant he was alleged to have known and who was alleged to have been associated with or acquainted with subjects in this case.

Mr. SMITH stated that he is not certain but that he thinks the woman referred to is probably [redacted] last known to him as [redacted] b7D

Mr. SMITH stated that this informant at one time furnished him information which led to the apprehension of TONY and CLARENCE ENO and JIMMY WHITE, who were convicted for robbery of the bank at Wellington, Kansas, and who are now serving time in the State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas. Mr. SMITH explained that [redacted] is not friendly to the FBI and that it might be difficult to obtain

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information from here. He also reiterated that he is not sure that [redacted] had ever given him information concerning ROWE and COLE. b7D

For the information of the office of origination, Mr. WINT SMITH has in the past not been friendly to the FBI and considerable ill feeling arose during the time that he was head of the Kansas Highway Patrol; however, Mr. SMITH, while making reference to this fact when interviewing the agent, stated that in spite of the difficulties he had had with the FBI, he holds the organization in high regard and that he would be willing to assist in any way possible.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD DIVISION

AT OKLAHOMA CITY

Will locate and interview [redacted] for the purpose of obtaining information as to the whereabouts of subjects in this case. b7D

KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION

* AT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS
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 JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI

Will locate CHARLES POWELL through the National Guard and interview him along the lines requested in report of Special Agent R. T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, June 2, 1939.

* AT LIBERAL, KANSAS

Will conduct investigation regarding Mr. W. LOREN RONEN, who is reported to be managing a hotel in Liberal.

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Seattle, Washington
June 15, 1940

Mr. P. J. Squier
Acting Warden
U. S. Penitentiary
McNeil Island, Washington

Re: Rocol
Escaped Federal Prisoners

My dear Warden:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication dated June 11, 1940, in regard to DONALD RAYMOND LEESON.

I want you to know that your thoughtfulness in furnishing this information is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

S. J. DRAYTON
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Bureau

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Oklahoma City, Okla. FILE NO. 76-290

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San Francisco, Calif.	6/24/40	5/6,17,22; 6/10,20/40	M. J. CASSIDY - MR

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

CHARACTER OF CASE: ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: R. S. SMILIE, Superintendent, SRA Camp, Stockton, Cal., was unable to locate record of Subjects under names or aliases. Complete list of ABE ALLEN'S visitors at San Quentin Prison was gone over with him at Stockton, Cal., but he is still unable to associate names of visitors with address 2421 Post St., San Francisco. THEO J. AUDETTE, ex-convict from Alcatraz, released on parole 5/30/40, advises Subjects now on Amazon River, South America.

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REFERENCE: Reports of Special Agent D. W. MAGEE, Los Angeles, Calif., dated 7/18/39 and 4/5/40; Bureau letter to the San Francisco Office dated March 25, 1940. (Bureau file 76-2686).

DETAILS: At Stockton, California.

R. S. SMILIE, Superintendent, SRA Camp, French Camp, near Stockton, California, made a search of the indices in his office but was unable to find any record which might indicate that Subjects, under their true names, or aliases, had ever been in camp. Mr. SMILIE advised that frequently the camp has as many as 900 men in it; that during December of 1937 the traffic

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in this camp was heavy with applicants and it is possible that some emergency cases got through without prior checking, but he is certain that a later investigation would have been made concerning any camp enrollee to determine the following: (1) whether he had been in the state one year, and this residence would have to be verified; (2) that the applicant was employable; (3) the applicant must furnish information from which it can be determined that he had been employed previously in the State of California.

Mr. SMILIE said that in view of the conditions under which enrollees were admitted to the camp, he thought it was unlikely that any fugitive who was not a resident and who could not establish an employment record for himself, would be admitted to the camp, and further that his previous record and his fugitive status would probably be disclosed by the investigation conducted relative to his background.

In view of the information furnished by Mr. SMILIE, no further investigation is being conducted relative to the information by the anonymous informant to the effect that two men who got out of Alcatraz about a year ago had checked into the SRA Camp at Stockton, California, the day following their escape and that these men were sent to another camp two days later. It should be noted that the letter on which this investigation is based was dated March 7, 1940, at the Hotel Cominos, Salinas, California, and was addressed to the Director at Washington, D. C.

Mrs. KATE ALLEN, mother of ABE ALLEN, was interviewed by Special Agent D. A. FLINN, on May 17, 1940, at which time she stated that ABE ALLEN was residing at 604 North Commerce Street, which is Mrs. ALLEN'S address, but his exact whereabouts at the time was not known. She stated that she would have him contact Mr. FLINN when he was next in San Francisco. ABE ALLEN subsequently called Special Agent FLINN from Stockton, California, and stated that he was living permanently at the foregoing address and arrangements were made whereby he got in touch with reporting Agent on May 22, 1940.

During the interview had by the writer with ABE ALLEN, the entire list of visitors to ALLEN while he was confined in San Quentin Prison was gone over with him, but he stated he was still unable to associate the name of any of his visitors with the address of 2421 Post Street, San Francisco, California. His attention was called specifically to September 27, 1937, on which date the list indicates that he was visited by JACK THOMPSON, 368 Ellis Street, San Francisco, and JANE ROSE, 1735 5th Street, Oakland, California, and ABE ALLEN advised in this connection that he recalled being visited by THOMPSON, but does not remember that any woman visited

him on the same date. He said that he did not recall knowing anyone named JANE ROSE and could not remember having any visitor come to see him who was so named. He stated that his visitor JACK THOMPSON is a colored pugalist who was once welter weight champion of the world and he believes that THOMPSON can be located in San Francisco. He said that THOMPSON made only one visit to him and at that time he was accompanied by JOLY OAKS, a white man, also an ex-pugalist, and was well known around San Francisco and Los Angeles. He said he believes OAKS is originally from Oakland, California, and he is the individual that ALLEN knew real well and that he believes JACK THOMPSON just came along with OAKS for the trip. ALLEN stated that it may be possible that OAKS signed his name as J. ROSE, or JAMES ROSE, and that in transcribing the name from the card to some other record the clerk may have inadvertently written the name JANE ROSE.

His attention was then directed to the date of February 28, 1936, the visitors' list indicating that on that date he was visited by ELEANOR DAWSON, 3011 Capp Street, Oakland, California. ALLEN stated that he recalled the visit paid to him by the DAWSON woman and stated that that was the first time he ever saw her; that he does not know any of her relatives and knows of her only through ROSE QUENTO, who operates a sporting house , possibly called "The Depot", in Benicia. He said that he believes that ROSE QUENTO is married to one F. R. QUENTO, who is a baker and who once lived in San Pedro, California.

Relative to JEAN LEE, Box 693 Benicia, California, who visited him on November 12, 1935, ALLEN stated that JEAN LEE and LOIS SHROEDER were both sporting girls and may have been prostituting in ROSE QUENTO'S house at Benicia, when they visited him at San Quention. He said that he believes JEAN LEE is now hustling in Oakland, California; that about a year ago JEAN LEE had a house of prostitution at Pittsburg, California, and might be known to the authorities there. ALLEN asked that discretion be used in contacting ROSE QUENTO and any of the others mentioned by him as he does not like to have them think that he is making trouble for them. He also explained the fact that ELEANOR DAWSON appears to be a lone visitor on February 28, 1936 by stating that ROSE QUENTO brought ELEANOR to San Quentin; that ROSE then asked to see another inmate and had ELEANOR ask to see him, ALLEN, because ROSE could only see or visit one inmate on one trip to the institution.

On June 20, 1940, [redacted] b7D telephoned the San Francisco Field Division and advised Special Agent C. G. CAMPBELL that he was released from the United States Penitentiary, Alcatraz on May 30, 1940, and wished to talk with an Agent about instant case.

At Oakland, California.

On the same date Special Agent J. A. ROBEY interviewed [redacted] stated that he was b7D received at Alcatraz in September 1934 for violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act and escape and was given a conditional release on May 30, 1940, which will not expire until October 1, 1940.

[redacted] stated that for awhile he worked in the Model Shop at Alcatraz but later was transferred to the Prison Kitchen where he worked as a cook and was in the kitchen at the time of instant escape. He stated that he became acquainted with ROE and COLE while working in the model shop and knew them well. He stated that the original plans called for PAT KING, #298, and one BROWN, first name not known, to go with Subjects, and although BROWN was in the Mat Shop at the time of the escape he did not go but KING had been transferred to the Kitchen and was working in the Kitchen at the time of the escape.

[redacted] further stated that BROWN and a prisoner called b7D "Long Tom", last name not known, and a negro named GILL, all of whom were working in the mat shop at the time of the escape, are supposed to have seen subjects in the water. He further stated that the bars to the window where Subjects made their escape had been cut about three days before they left but he did not know who had cut them.

Continuing, [redacted] stated that one of RALPH ROE's girl friends, possibly the wife of WILBUR UNDERHILL, (a notorious Oklahoma bandit who was killed) was supposed to have made arrangements to have a boat waiting for Subjects beyond the bell buoy and Subjects were supposed to swim to the bell buoy where they would be picked up by the boat.

[redacted] further stated that he had received information from an inmate of Alcatraz, who is known as "LONG TOM", his last name being unknown, who is supposed to have been a partner-in-crime

with ROE and who works in the Machine Shop, that both Subjects made the mainland and are presently some place on the Amazon River in South America and the woman who helped them, (wife of WILBUR UNDERHILL) is with them. [redacted] does not know where "LONG TOM" b7D secured this information but stated it was possible that he had received word through some of his contacts back in Oklahoma who write him, it being possible the contact could have used other names in the letter and the guards would not have noticed it. [redacted] admitted that all of the information set out hereinbefore was hearsay, most of it being obtained from the man known as "LONG TOM".

[redacted] stated that he is supposed to contact one GEORGE b7D WILSON at Oklahoma City or Shawnee, Okla., who will tell him where Subjects are on the Amazon River. He knows nothing of WILSON except that he served time at McAllister State Penitentiary with ROE and is supposed to be well known at Oklahoma City and Shawnee. [redacted] stated that he has no money to make this trip and that he is "going straight" and did not intend to contact WILSON or Subjects unless the Government wanted him to do so. He stated that he has been unable to secure employment since he was released and under his conditional release cannot leave the State of California without the permission of the Parole Officer. [redacted] did not tell a straight-forward story during the interview and it is the writer's opinion that he has made up this story in an attempt to get the Government to finance him to a trip to Oklahoma. He was told that this Bureau would not be interested in financing this trip on such meagre information.

Contact with the prison officials at Alcatraz has determined that "LONG TOM" is in all probability TOM BOYD, Alcatraz No. 264, who is presently serving 99 years for bank robbery, and was a co-defendant of RALPH ROE and an associate of WILBUR UNDERHILL, deceased. BOYD has served several previous sentences in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary on charges of burglary. Inasmuch as it is believed that an interview with BOYD would be of no avail at this time, in an effort to elicit further information from him, efforts are being made to locate GEORGE WILSON, who is indicated by informant [redacted] to be the contact between BOYD and the Sub- b7D jects.

The attention of the Oklahoma City Office is invited to that portion of the information furnished by [redacted] wherein b7D he advised that WILBUR UNDERHILL's former wife is presently with ROE and COLE. This, however, may not be so, and it is the recollection of Special Agent C. G. CAMPBELL, of this office,

that Special Agent C. O. HURT of the Oklahoma City Office is well acquainted with Hazel Underhill, former wife of WILBUR, and it is possible that Agent HURT knows the present whereabouts of HAZEL UNDERHILL and by this means may be able to determine whether or not there is any truth in [redacted] story.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS.

THE OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE. b7D

At Oklahoma City, or Shawnee, Okla., will attempt to locate one GEORGE WILSON, whom [redacted] was to contact for information as to the Subjects' whereabouts. WILSON, if located, should be thoroughly questioned for any information in his possession in connection with this case.

THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE.

At Benicia, California, will locate and interview ROSE QUENTO, operator of a sporting house, possibly called the "Depot". She should be questioned relative to the identity of ELEANOR DAWSON and the circumstances surrounding the visit of ELEANOR DAWSON to ALLEN at San Quentin Prison, as reflected by the visitor's record. The whereabouts of the DAWSON woman should be ascertained so that she may be interviewed to determine whether she is related in any way to Mrs. G. I. DAWSON, the half-sister of Subject COLE.

At Oakland, California. Through the members of the Police Department Vice or Morals Squad should endeavor to locate JEAN LEE, said by ALLEN to be a prostitute in Oakland. It should be borne in mind that ALLEN states about a year ago JEAN LEE operated a house of prostitution in Pittsburg, California. If located, JEAN LEE should be questioned as to her knowledge of the address 2421 Post St., San Francisco, at which place a Mr. and Mrs. J. ROSE registered on September 13, 1937, and remained until December 15, 1937, disappearing on the latter date without advising the manager of the apartment. The possibility has been suggested that JANE ROSE and JACK THOMPSON might be identical with Mr. and Mrs. J. ROSE, who registered at the Post Street Apartment.

At San Francisco, California. Through contact with persons in the sports and boxing circles, should endeavor to locate JACK THOMPSON and JOEY OAKS. The former is said to be a colored pugalist who was once welter weight champion of the world. JOEY OAKS is an ex-pugalist who is well known around San Francisco and

Los Angeles, California. If located, THOMPSON and OAKS should be questioned relative to the visit paid by THOMPSON to ALLEN at San Quentin Prison on September 27, 1937, to determine whether it is a fact that OAKS accompanied THOMPSON on that date. They should be questioned as to the identity of JANE ROSE, 1735 5th Street, Oakland, who is also listed as having visited ALLEN on September 27, 1937. It is the contention of ALLEN that possibly OAKS signed his name as J. ROSE or JAMES ROSE and that through a clerical error the name was written in the records as JANE ROSE. The interview desired with these individuals is for the purpose of ascertaining whether they or any of their acquaintances were occupants of the apartment at 2421 Post Street, San Francisco, mentioned in the lead set out above.

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Kansas City	7-6-40	6-17,25-40	TOM E. NEAL DR

TITLE: RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1471.

CHARACTER OF CASE: ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: [redacted] informant, advises he identified RALPH ROE from newspaper photographs as being person who contacted GRACE BURKE, Excelsior Springs, Missouri, about two weeks after ROE escaped from Alcatraz; that GRACE BURKE admitted individual was ROE. BEERY states he has seen same individual around Excelsior Springs several times within past two weeks. GRACE BURKE denies knowing RALPH ROE or having any conversation with anyone about seeing him. ELMER SISK advises that ROE is related to his wife, and that he is certain that fugitive has not been around Excelsior Springs. b7D

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DETAILS: On May 20, 1940, Mr. GROVER CLEVENGER, Chairman of the Penal Board, Jefferson City, Missouri, while at the Kansas City FBI Office, informed Special Agent in Charge DWIGHT BRANTLEY that he had recently talked to [redacted] who indicated that he might have some information with respect to COLE and ROE. b7D

At Excelsior Springs, Missouri

[redacted] advised b7D
agent that he remembered when ROE and COLE escaped from Alcatraz. He could not recall the year, and the writer could not pin him down to any certain date, but he stated it was a year or maybe two years ago, and he was of the opinion that it was a year

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ago, that he saw their pictures in the newspaper, giving an account of the escape; that about two weeks thereafter, one evening, about 7:30 p.m., he was in front of his home, and he saw a man walk up on the front porch of the home of GRACE BURKE who lives [redacted] that it was not hardly sundown, and that he recognized this man as being RALPH ROE; that the man, as well as he remembered, was dressed in overalls, was about 36 or 37 years old, five feet five inches tall and weighed about 160 pounds; that a few days thereafter, GRACE BURKE came into his beer parlor, and he asked her if that was ROE who had come to her home, and she stated that it was. She stated that ROE had, after his escape, used an oil barrel for a boat; that not long thereafter, one day, about noon, when he was coming to work, [redacted] saw ROE standing on the front porch again, talking to GRACE BURKE, at which time there was a car in front of her home; that he remembered that there was apiece in the paper about that time that ROE had been seen in Oklahoma. b7D

[redacted] stated that GRACE BURKE has been married twice, and is a middle-aged woman; that GRACE BURKE is now operating a cleaning and pressing shop and has a man partner by the name of RIPPY; further, that GRACE BURKE bears a pretty fair reputation but is inclined to be wild. [redacted] stated that the ROES were born and raised near Vibbard, Missouri which is 7 or 8 miles from Excelsior Springs; that he never knew RALPH ROE, but that there was a ROE, who 10 or 12 years ago, robbed a jewelry store at Excelsior Springs, and he is not certain as to whether this was the ROE he saw at GRACE BURKE'S home or not. He stated that he has seen this same ROE around Excelsior Springs several times within the past two or three weeks. He stated that the ROES lived on a farm near Vibbard, Missouri which adjoins a farm owned by Mr. GROVER CLEVENGER, who is with the Penal Board at Jefferson City, Missouri. [redacted] was shown photographs of RALPH ROE, and he was unable to identify this photograph as being a picture of the RALPH ROE he saw at GRACE BURKE'S.

GRACE BURKE was interviewed, and she stated that she was born and raised near Vibbard, Missouri and knew the ROES who lived there years ago, but she never knew RALPH ROE, and has never had any conversation, that she can remember, with anyone concerning ROE, with the exception of an incident that occurred about a month or so ago when Mrs. ELMER SISK was in her cleaning shop, and something was said at that time about the ROE family.

MRS. BURKE stated that she has never told anyone that she had seen ROE, and that she has no information whatsoever concerning this case.

Chief of Police W. A. PAYNE of Excelsior Springs, advised that he remembered when a man by the name of ROE robbed one of the jewelry stores at Excelsior Springs, which was about 10 or 12 years ago, and that this man may have been from the same family as RALPH ROE, but that this ROE was killed afterwards, trying to escape from officers in the State of Oklahoma. Mr. PAYNE stated confidentially that he does not consider [redacted] to be reliable; that [redacted] recently, and that [redacted] has been giving all of his attention to some other woman in town; that he would not rely too much on what [redacted] had to say. b7D

Chief PAYNE and the writer interviewed ELMER SISK who resides near Vibbard, Missouri, and Mr. SISK stated that all of ROE'S family lived near Vibbard, Missouri when RALPH ROE was a small boy, and that RALPH ROE'S mother is a sister of his wife, Mrs. ELMER SISK; that RALPH'S brother, ROBERT, did rob a jewelry store at Excelsior Springs 10 or 12 years ago and was later killed by officers in the State of Oklahoma. Mr. SISK stated that his wife had been interviewed by Bureau agents sometime ago, and that his family knows nothing about the ROE family since they have not associated with each other in years. Mr. SISK stated that he is certain that RALPH ROE has not been around Excelsior Springs, and if he had, he, SISK, didn't know about it.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION

At Liberal, Kansas will interview Mr. LOREN RONEN who is reported to be managing a hotel in Liberal.

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P. O. Box 1630
San Antonio, Texas
July 17, 1940

Special Agent in Charge
New York, New York

Re: THEODORE COLE, with aliases -
FUGITIVE, I. O. # 1471
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER.
S. A. File # 76-338

Dear Sir:

Mr. ROBERT T. FILLINGIM, 14 S. Holmes Street, Prichard, Alabama, called at the Resident Agents' Office in Houston, Texas on June 13, 1940 and reported the following matter:

He said that recently he had been looking in the March 1938 issue of "True Detective Mysteries" and had seen a photograph of subject COLE. He stated that he at once recognized this as a party whom he had seen in New York City in the fall of 1939. He said that the man's features were identical with those of the man whom he had seen in New York City and when he discovered that the physical makeup was also very similar he decided that it was worth reporting. He stated that he had been in New York in October, and November of 1939 and January of 1940 and had seen COLE at 550 W. 20th Street in the Seaman's House Y.M.C.A. in the restaurant. He said that COLE was wearing a first class Ships Cooks uniform of the Maritime Commission Training School at this time. Mr. FILLINGIM was shown a picture of COLE and he said that it was the same man that he had seen in New York and he described him as follows:

Height	5' 7"
Weight	140
Age	27
Hair	Dark
Build	Medium
Eyes	Dark

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It is suggested that the New York Office display a photograph of COLE at the Seaman's House Y.M.C.A. and at its restaurant as well as at the offices of the Maritime Commission for identification purposes.

Very truly yours,

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cc - Bureau

GUS T. JONES,
Special Agent in Charge.

940 First National Building

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

July 1, 1940

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Special Agent in Charge
Springfield, Illinois

Dear Sir: Re: ROCOL.

With reference to the report of Special Agent H. S. MAYNOR, dated at Springfield, May 18, 1940, setting forth that DEE and BILLIE FREEMAN could not be located for interview, Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD contacted Informant BUSTER GATES at Seminole, Oklahoma, on June 27, 1940, who subsequently advised that DEE and BILLIE FREEMAN were residing at Centralia, Illinois, exact address unknown, where he is employed by some oil company, name not known. He recently forwarded a check drawn on some bank at Centralia to a friend at Seminole who could not recall the name of the bank. GATES also stated that BILLIE FREEMAN usually had money deposited in Postal Savings.

It is requested that efforts be made to locate them at Centralia through the Post Office or local banks and that they then be interviewed along the lines previously suggested.

Very truly yours,

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H. E. ANDERSEN
Special Agent in Charge

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FUGITIVE

P. O. Box 1630
San Antonio, Texas
July 17, 1940

Special Agent in Charge
New York, New York

Re: THEODORE COLE, with aliases -
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER.
S. A. File # 76-338

Dear Sir:

Mr. ROBERT. FILLINGIM , 14 S. Holmes Street, Prichard, Alabama, called at the Resident Agents' Office in Houston, Texas on June 13, 1940 and reported the following matter:

He said that recently he had been looking in the March 1938 issue of "True Detective Mysteries" and had seen a photograph of subject COLE. He stated that he at once recognized this as a party whom he had seen in New York City in the fall of 1939. He said that the man's features were identical with those of the man whom he had seen in New York City and when he discovered that the physical makeup was also very similar he decided that it was worth reporting. He stated that he had been in New York in October, and November of 1939 and January of 1940 and had seen COLE at 550 W. 20th Street in the Seaman's House Y.M.C.A. in the restaurant. He said that COLE was wearing a first class Ships Cooks uniform of the Maritime Commission Training School at this time. Mr. FILLINGIM was shown a picture of COLE and he said that it was the same man that he had seen in New York and he described him as follows:

Height	5' 7"
Weight	140
Age	27
Hair	Dark
Build	Medium
Eyes	Dark

It is suggested that the New York Office display a photograph of COLE at the Seaman's house Y.M.C.A. and at its restaurant as well as at the offices of the Maritime Commission for identification purposes.

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GUS T. JONES,
Special Agent in Charge.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA L. R. FILE NO. 76-86

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS	7/5/40	6/18,21/40	J. P. SLAYDEN ADM

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

CHARACTER OF CASE
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: C. S. STANTON advised he had heard only gossip and rumors to the effect that subjects were living at a cabin camp just north of Harrison on highway #65.

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REFERENCE: Letter from Omaha Field Division dated May 16, 1940.
Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, May 13, 1940.

DETAILS:

AT SPRINGDALE, ARKANSAS

C. S. STANTON advised that some months ago he had heard gossip and rumors to the effect that subjects were living at a cabin camp on highway #65 north of Harrison. He stated that he did not know who ran the camp and that he had heard nothing recently to the effect that subjects were there.

Sheriff DAN HALE of Harrison, Arkansas, stated that there had been rumors that subjects had been in that vicinity but that he did not think it amounted to anything.

TROY C. HILL, who operates a filling station, store and has the only cabins just north of Harrison on highway #65, stated that someone picked up a hitchhiker and carried him to Green Forrest; that the rumor got out that this hitchhiker was THEODORE COLE. He stated that this occurred last November and that all the information he had was merely series of rumors. He advised that

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COLE's ex-wife lived at Alpena, Arkansas, and that she became frightened by the rumors that COLE was in that vicinity and left there for a while.

Mrs. MARTHA WIND, mother of THEODORE COLE's ex-wife, stated that her daughter is presently in Pittsburg, Kansas, on a visit. Mrs. WIND said that ever since subjects had escaped from Alcatraz there had been a lot of talk that they were in Northeastern Arkansas. She also stated that she had heard it rumored that COLE was seen at Green Forrest last November but that she did not believe this to be true because if subject were alive he was too smart to come to a section of the country where he was known.

Mrs. WIND stated that COLE and her daughter were married about ten years ago and that her daughter obtained a divorce five months later. She said that there had been so much said to the effect that subjects were around there that she had long since disregarded it.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE LITTLE ROCK FIELD DIVISION at GREEN FORREST, ARKANSAS: Will contact the Town Marshal for any information he may have concerning subjects having been in that vicinity.

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San Francisco, California
June 29, 1940

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

On June 20, 1940, [redacted] telephoned this office advising that he was [redacted] and wished to furnish some information concerning the escape of RALPH ROE and TED COLE.

Upon being interviewed in the premises, he further advised that an escape plot is presently under way by TOM BOYD, PAT KING, ALVIN KARPIS, JAMES HARRIS and HUB STANLEY, all of whom are inmates of Alcatraz Penitentiary at this time; that these individuals planned to attempt their escape during the latter part of July or first part of August, 1940, by going through the steam tunnel under the kitchen to the bathroom where they will break a window and make their way to the shore line where a boat will pick them up. He stated that the arrangements are that a boat will appear off the Island on a Monday or Wednesday between 12:30 and 1:00 PM, and one of the men working in the kitchen will signal the boat by cleaning one of the kitchen windows with a black and white rag, this signal meaning for the boat to appear off the Island the next morning about 8:00 AM when they will make their escape and swim to the boat. According to [redacted] this boat is supposed to be manned by ROE and COLE, who are at this time alleged to be somewhere on the Amazon River in South America. Information by [redacted] concerning the whereabouts of ROE and COLE has been set forth in the investigative report of Special Agent M. J. CASSIDY, San Francisco, California, dated June 24, 1940, in that file.

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On June 28, 1940, the foregoing information concerning the escape plot was furnished to Associate Warden E. J. MILLER, Alcatraz Penitentiary, who advised that approximately 9 months ago he received similar information and that he did not doubt but what some such plan had been under way. However, he believed the escape of these individuals by the method described above has been thwarted for the reason that unbeknownst to the prisoners he had several of

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the prison guards construct two 12" reinforced concrete walls in the tunnel through which they expected to escape and he feels any escape attempt on the part of those above mentioned by this means will be futile.

Very truly yours,

M. J. L. PIEPER
Special Agent in Charge

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AIRMAIL - Special Delivery

San Diego, California

June 24, 1940

Special Agent in Charge
San Antonio, Texas

Re: ROCOL

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter to this office dated June 18, 1940, Bureau File Number 76-2686, a copy of which was designated for your office.

The following information is being related to you with the possibility that it may be possible to obtain information through contacts or informants of yours that will verify or discredit the information received by this office.

A confidential informant has advised that on April 11, 1940, at Santa Rosalia, Baja California, Mexico, he was at the Central Hotel and observed a person who resembled one of the fugitives in this case. He has previously seen photographs of the two escaped federal prisoners and recognized one of them as being identical with the above individual. He described this individual as follows:

Age	28 years
Height	5 feet 10 inches
Weight	170 pounds
Build	Medium
Hair	Light brown - receding at temples
Eyes	unknown
Nationality	American
Scars	Small mole on right side of forehead near temple.

Informant immediately recognized this person as one of the subjects of this case but could not recall his name. Photographs were shown to him and he picked out the photograph of Subject ROE as most nearly resembling the person he had seen at the Central Hotel.

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The informant ascertained from hotel employees that the individual he observed had resided there for the past few months and was engaged in gold buying business, and he has been crossing the Gulf of Lower California by boat and proceeding to the State of Sonora, Mexico, where he was purchasing gold.

In the event it is possible for you to verify whether or not these facts or otherwise check on this information in any manner, please advise at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

R. B. HOOD
Special Agent in Charge

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA. K. C. FILE NO. 76-471

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Kansas City, Mo.	7-15-40	7/12,13,/40	J. R. RUGGLES rc

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RALPH ROE with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1472 THEODORE COLE with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O.#1471	ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: S. H. ARNEY presently located at RUSSELL, KANSAS and W. C. RONER is located at Annex Hotel, Liberal, Kansas

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent EDWARD L. DU BOIS, Jr. dated at Kansas City, Missouri 1-24-40.

DETAILS: AT WICHITA, KANSAS.

Inquiry in the vicinity of 1516 East 39th St. reveals that W. C. RONER was managing a hotel at Liberal, Kansas.

GOLDIE SHEPHERD, Secretary to the Superintendent of Mails, DWIGHT WATSON, ascertained through the North Post Office, Wichita, Kansas that S. H. ARNEY who had lived on Route #1 Box 487 Wichita, Kansas had moved to Russell, Kansas, and W. C. RONER is now located at the Annex Hotel, Liberal, Kansas.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS: THE KANSAS CITY OFFICE AT RUSSELL, KANSAS will interview S. H. ARNEY, for any information he may be able to furnish as to the location of the Subjects.

At Liberal, Kansas will interview W. C. RONER, Annex Hotel for similar information.

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United States Department of Justice

Salt Lake City, Utah
July 30, 1940

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Attention:
TECHNICAL LABORATORY

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

Dear Sir:

Please refer to the report of Special Agent ENOS SANDBERG, Salt Lake City, Utah, dated July 30, 1940 in the above-captioned case.

There are being forwarded herewith the two pieces of paper mentioned in said report, which contain the writing as follows:

"To Whom It May Concern:
Ted Cole and Ralph Roe wrecked the "City of San Francisco" just like they will another train if it is not guarded very carefully night and day.
/s/ A Friend"

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These pieces of paper are being forwarded to the Bureau for such examination as is deemed advisable in the premises. It should be stated that these pieces of paper have been handled by a great number of people.

They were obtained from Special Agent JOHN J. HARDY of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, Salt Lake City, Utah.

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and when they have served their purpose they should be returned to the Salt Lake City Office, together with photostatic copies thereof, in order that the originals may be returned to Mr. HARDY. Photostatic copies should also be furnished the Oklahoma City Office.

It is requested that the Oklahoma City Office and this office be advised as to the results of the examination.

Very truly yours,

JAY C. NEWMAN
Special Agent in Charge

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Mr. J. C. Newman
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
301 Continental Bank Building
Salt Lake City, Utah

Re: Ralph Roe, with aliases,
Fugitive, I. O. #1472,
Theodore Cole, with aliases,
Fugitive, I. O. #1471;
Escaped Federal Prisoners.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above-entitled matter and transmitted by your communication dated July 30, 1940.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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Laboratory Report

August 19, 1940

File # 76-2686-936

Lab. # 36948

Re: Ralph Roe, with aliases, Fugitive, I. O. #1472, Theodore Cole, with aliases, Fugitive, I. O. #1471; Escaped Federal Prisoners.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 3-8-50 BY 513,877-00

Examination requested by: Salt Lake City

Reference: July 30, 1940

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Specimens:

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Q37 Two pieces of paper (originally one piece) containing message beginning "To whom it may concern".

Result of examination:

Specimen Q37 is a note written with black or blue-black ink in a mixture of handwriting and upper case handprinting on two pieces of paper which together form a whole sheet. This sheet of cheap red rough finish paper might possibly be from a memorandum tablet, but it does not contain a watermark or any other identifying feature. Its dimensions are 7.51 by 4.24 to 4.25 by 0.0043 to 0.0044 inches and its weight is 1.1410 grams.

Specimen Q37 was processed for the development of latent fingerprints but none of value was obtained.

The handprinting on specimen Q37 was compared with questioned material previously submitted in connection with this case and it was concluded that Q37 was not written by the persons who wrote Q3 through Q6 and Q12 through Q15. The other questioned letters are in script and are not comparable to Q37. Specimens Q3 through Q6 were submitted by the San Francisco Field Office with a letter dated December 27, 1937, Q12 and Q13 with a letter dated

February 21, 1938 and Q14 and Q15 with a letter dated February 24, 1938.

Specimen Q37 was also compared with the known handwritings of Ralph Roe, Theodore Cole and William Phillip Gempp, designated as K1, K2 and K3 respectively, but no conclusion could be reached whether any of these persons wrote Q37 inasmuch as none of the known writings is comparable to the questioned. Specimens K1 and K2 were submitted by the San Francisco Field Office with a letter of December 23, 1937, specimen K3 by the Richmond Field Office with a letter of April 23, 1938.

The writing on Q37 was compared with writing contained in the anonymous letter file and in particular with the questioned handprinted specimens submitted in connection with the case entitled, SAUNDERS, Bureau File 90-6, but nothing was found of such interest as to suggest field investigation. A suitable photographic copy has been included in the anonymous letter file and in the event of a future identification, your office will be advised.

Specimen Q37 together with two photographic copies is being returned herewith. Two photographic copies of Q37 are also being furnished the Oklahoma City Field Office.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Oklahoma City, Oklahoma FILE NO. 76-51

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
Springfield, Illinois	7-30-40	7-8-40	H. G. MAYNOR :TAB

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

CHARACTER OF CASE ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: J. C. NEWMAN unknown at Centralia, Illinois. Local officers, Postmaster, City Clerk, State Police and Liquor Control Commissioner, stated NEWMAN not operating a tavern in or around Centralia, Illinois.

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REFERENCE Report of SA RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, dated June 13, 1940. Letter from Oklahoma Field Office to Springfield Office dated July 1, 1940.

DETAILS AT CENTRALIA, ILLINOIS

Following the lead contained in reference report for the Springfield Field Office at Centralia, Illinois, interview was had with Chief of Police, EDWARD G. EARTHING, Police Officer O. T. BOUNDS, Postmaster PRENTICE PUFFER, JAMES MAXWELL, City Clerk, WILLIAM VOGT, State Police and HENRY CARLYLE, Member of the State Liquor Control, all of whom stated that J. C. NEWMAN was unknown to them and that he was not operating a tavern in or around Centralia, Illinois.

Postmaster PUFFER stated no record of NEWMAN was on file at the Postoffice. State Police Officer WILLIAM VOGT stated he makes all the territory in and around Centralia, Illinois and is acquainted with all tavern operators and that he knows that J. C. NEWMAN has not operated in that vicinity. City Clerk JAMES MAXFIELD stated that a liquor license would have to be obtained through hisoffice by anyone operating a tavern and that no such license had been issued to J. C. NEWMAN. HENRY CARLYLE,

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Member of the Liquor Control Commission for Illinois, stated that his duties are to visit all persons engaged in the sale of liquor in Marion County, Illinois, in which Centralia, Illinois is located and that no person operating under the name of J. C. NEWMAN is operating a tavern in that county.

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THE SPRINGFIELD OFFICE

At Centralia, Illinois will endaavor to locate DEE AND BILLIE FREEMAN through the Postoffice, local banks and other local sources of information in order that they may be interviewed along lines set out in reference letter.

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Special Agent in Charge
San Antonio, Texas

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent J. B. Drury, San Antonio, Texas, dated August 1, 1940, in the above entitled matter.

An examination of this report reflects undeveloped leads set out for the Houston division, however it does not appear that there were any copies of the report of Special Agent Drury designated for the Houston office.

You are instructed to immediately furnish the Houston office with two copies of the report of Special Agent Drury. I desire that in the future you give closer supervision to matters of this kind to prevent a recurrence of this type of error.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA S. A. FILE NO. 76-338

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS	8/1/40	7/19/40	J. B. DRURY

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RALPH ROE with aliases - Fugitive I.O. #1472 THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE I. O. #1471	ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

ERNEST E. HALES has no additional information concerning Subjects. MARVIN CONNERS last reported in West Tulsa, Oklahoma.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent EDWARD L. DUBOIS, JR. dated 3/29/40, at San Antonio, Texas.
Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD dated 6/13/40 at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

DETAILS: AT REFUGIO, TEXAS:

Deputy Sheriff ELMER D. BARBER was contacted and he advised that he had been unable to obtain any additional information relative to Subjects or concerning HAZEL CONNORS. In the presence of Deputy Sheriff BARBER, ERNEST E. HALES was interviewed at his home for any information obtained by him subsequent to that set out in reference report.

HALES stated that HAZEL CONNORS had not died of her illness in Monett, Missouri and that MARVIN CONNORS had returned to Refugio. HALES stated that he was certain that MARVIN knew nothing further concerning Subjects' whereabouts or his mother's activities, for MARVIN would have told him so.

In June 1940, HALES drove MARVIN to Tulsa, Oklahoma and when he last heard from MARVIN, he was working in a boiler shop in West Tulsa, Oklahoma, while living with his sister, JUANITA CONNORS, who was believed to be working as a waitress. However, HALES stated that

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he was of the opinion that MARVIN planned to go to Leonett, Missouri soon to visit his mother.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE HOUSTON FIELD DIVISION: AT HOUSTON, TEXAS:

*Will interview ROY CONNORS, 405½ Milam Street as to any information he may be able to furnish as to location of Fugitive.

*Will locate and interview O. C. HALLS for all information he may furnish as to instant case, and particularly as to the information reflected in report of Agent EDWARD L. DU BOIS JR., San Antonio, 3/29/40.

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Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA FILE NO. 76-244

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH	7-30-40	7-5,25-40	ENOS SANDBERG FR

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: 2 pieces of paper, 1 evidently torn from the other, found in lobby of Post Office, Midvale, Utah 6-24-40 with handprinting thereon stating in substance that TED COLE and RALPH ROE wrecked the "City of San Francisco" just as they will another train if it is not guarded very carefully night and day, and signed "A Friend." These pieces of paper were obtained from JOHN J. HARDY, Special Agent, U.P.R.R., and are being forwarded to the Bureau. Photos of ROE and COLE exhibited to employees U. S. Post Office, Midvale, Utah and to Chief of Police, Midvale with negative results.

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DETAILS: AT SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

On July 5, 1940 JOHN J. HARDY, Special Agent of the Union Pacific Railroad, Salt Lake City, Utah, advised that HOWARD BARROW, Editor of the "Utah Sentinel," a paper published in Midvale, Utah, had on June 24, 1940 found a piece of paper on one of the writing desks in the lobby of the Post Office at Midvale, Utah, and that one of the Post Office employees, name not known, had found another small piece of paper which apparently had been torn off the larger piece. This was found in a wastebasket at the side of the writing desk in the lobby of the Post Office. Mr. HARDY advised that Mr. BARROW had turned this piece of paper over to the Postmaster and that the

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Postmaster had turned it over to C. W. HAMMER, Post Office Inspector, Salt Lake City, Utah, who in turn had turned it over to the officials of the Union Pacific Railroad.

Mr. HARDY advised that these two pieces of paper contained the following writing, all of which was printed:

"To Whom It May Concern:
Ted Cole and Ralph Roe wrecked the "City of San Francisco" just like they will another train if it is not guarded very carefully night and day.

/s/ A Friend"

On the reverse side of this piece of paper the following appeared:

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These pieces of paper were obtained from Mr. HARDY and are being forwarded to the Bureau for such examination as is deemed advisable in the premises.

AT MIDVALE, UTAH

Agent contacted LAWRENCE BROWN, Assistant Postmaster, who stated that he was the employee who found the small piece of paper in the wastebasket in the lobby of the Midvale Post Office, and that he and Mr. BARROW both turned the pieces of paper over to the Postmaster. Mr. BROWN advised that the Postmaster was not available for interview at the time of Agent's visit. He stated, however, that he was working in the Post Office Sunday morning, June 23, 1940 and that about 8:15 a.m. he saw a party in the lobby of the Post Office writing at one of the desks. He advised that he did not see what kind of paper he was writing on and did not pay much attention to him because people come in there quite often and write letters. Mr. BROWN advised that the Post Office is open from nine until ten on Sunday mornings, but that this particular party he saw there did not remain until the Post Office was opened and did not purchase anything, and that he did not see this party mail any letter.

The photographs of Subjects ROE and COLE were exhibited to Mr. BROWN, who advised that he did not recognize them as any people he had seen in Midvale.

They were also exhibited to IVAN SUMBOT, clerk in the Post Office in Midvale, Utah; ROY STEADMAN, Chief of Police, Midvale, and HOWARD BARROW, the Editor of the "Utah Sentinel," published at Midvale, Utah, but they did not recognize them as being the pictures of anyone they had seen around Midvale.

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

CHARACTER OF CASE: ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: KARL CLARK STRAIN, Folsom #21,639, refused to affirm or deny knowledge of subjects' alleged successful escape. EVERETT ARCHERD, Folsom #22,678, contends he met ROE in Kansas City, Missouri sporting house in 1938, but refused to furnish information to corroborate his statement.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent F. C. DORWART, San Diego, California, dated April 4, 1940. Report of Special Agent D. W. MAGEE, Los Angeles, California, dated April 5, 1940.

DETAILS: AT REPRESSA, CALIFORNIA

KARL C. STRAIN, Folsom #21,639, received at Folsom Penitentiary March 18, 1938 to serve sentences of one to fourteen years, and five years to life concurrently, upon conviction of assault with deadly weapon to commit murder and robbery in the first degree. STRAIN's criminal record disclosed that he was an inmate in the United States Penitentiary at Alcatraz Island August 11, 1934, and was conditionally released on July 3, 1937. STRAIN is considered to be one of the most vicious prisoners in Folsom Penitentiary by Captain of the Guards, WILLIAM RYAN. STRAIN was questioned regarding his statements to the effect that the subjects

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of this case had successfully escaped from Alcatraz Island. STRAIN refused to make a statement as to whether or not he had seen COLE or ROE, or had information that they were dead or alive. He refused to discuss the case in any manner, and contended that he took this position because it was his experience that in conversation with F.B.I. agents, he divulged information which he had in times past attempted to conceal. He stated emphatically that he was hostile toward the F.B.I. because they had apprehended him in Kansas City, Missouri, and as he contended, "Shanghai'd" him into San Diego, California in the hope of having him hung as a result of his attack upon a San Diego police officer to evade arrest. He stated that he also was unwilling to furnish any information in this connection because of federal detainers which had been filed against him, and prison records disclosed that detainers were filed by U. S. Marshal in this instance on March 25, 1938, and December 12, 1938.

EVERETT ARCHERD, Folsom No. 22,678 received Folsom Penitentiary October 28, 1939 to serve one to fourteen years, this being his fourth penitentiary term. ARCHERD was questioned concerning his knowledge of the successful escape and present whereabouts of the subjects, and furnished the following information:

That he was acquainted with both RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE as a result of having been incarcerated in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, with the subjects. He stated he had known RALPH ROE all of his life. He had served sentences with him in the Penitentiary, and at McAlester during 1933 and 1934 at which time COLE was also an inmate.

He stated he was certain that these subjects had successfully effected an escape from Alcatraz Island inasmuch as he saw ROE in a house of prostitution in Kansas City in 1938. However, he refused to identify the house of prostitution, or furnish additional information surrounding the alleged meeting which would be of value to corroborate his statement. He admitted that he had discussed the matter of the successful escape with several individuals. However, he maintained that he had always expressed the same version; i.e., that he had personally seen ROE in Kansas City, Missouri in 1938. It should be noted that this varies from the statement which he made to Informant CHARLES H. RISDON as reported on page 9 of reference report of Special Agent D. W. MAGEE, Los Angeles, California, April 5, 1940, wherein it is disclosed that ARCHERD had made the statement to RISDON that Subject COLE was operating a ladies' barber shop in Tennessee, Missouri, and that COLE had effected a disguise by growing

a mustache, etc. It should be noted that ARCHERD has denied ever discussing the whereabouts of COLE, or that he had seen him since his escape. Concerning the present whereabouts of ROE, ARCHERD advised that he was being sheltered by his friends somewhere in the vicinity of Kansas City.

It should be noted that ARCHERD was evasive in his answers, and his demeanor suggested that he would have furnished information concerning COLE and ROE had he been in possession of information of value in this case.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS
JULY 25, 1940

Special Agent in Charge

Houston, Texas

RE: TX RALPH ROE, with aliases # L.O. 1472

Character: Escaped Federal Prisoners
San Antonio File No. 76-338
Office of Origin Oklahoma City

Dear Sir:

Due to the opening of the Houston Field Office, the following indicated changes should be noted in connection with the above captioned case:

☐ 1. OFFICE OF ORIGIN CHANGED TO HOUSTON.

☒ The following serials [illegible]FERRED TO HOUSTON AND THIS CASE CONSIDERED REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN BY THE SAN ANTONIO FIELD DIVISION.

☐ 3. THE FOLLOWING PERTINENT SERIALS FORWARDED HOUSTON AND THIS CASE REMAINS IN A PENDING STATUS IN THE SAN ANTONIO FIELD DIVISION.

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Report of Special Agent EDWARD L. DUBOIS, JR., dated 4/8/40
at San Antonio

Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, dated 1/29/40
at Oklahoma City

Report of Special Agent EDWARD L. DUBOIS, JR., dated 1/24/40
at Kansas City

Report Special Agent J. K. CORBETT, dated 1/24/40 at San Antonio

[illegible] Judicial District of Texas and the Beaumont Division of the Eastern District of Texas. Beginning August 1, 1940 you should route reports and data pertaining to this case according to the reallocation of territory.

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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REFERENCE:

Letter from the San Diego Field Division to the Bureau dated June 7, 1940.

Letter from the San Antonio Field Division to the San Diego Field Division dated June 29, 1940.

Letter from the Bureau to the San Diego Field Division dated June 18, 1940. (Bureau File Number 76-2686)

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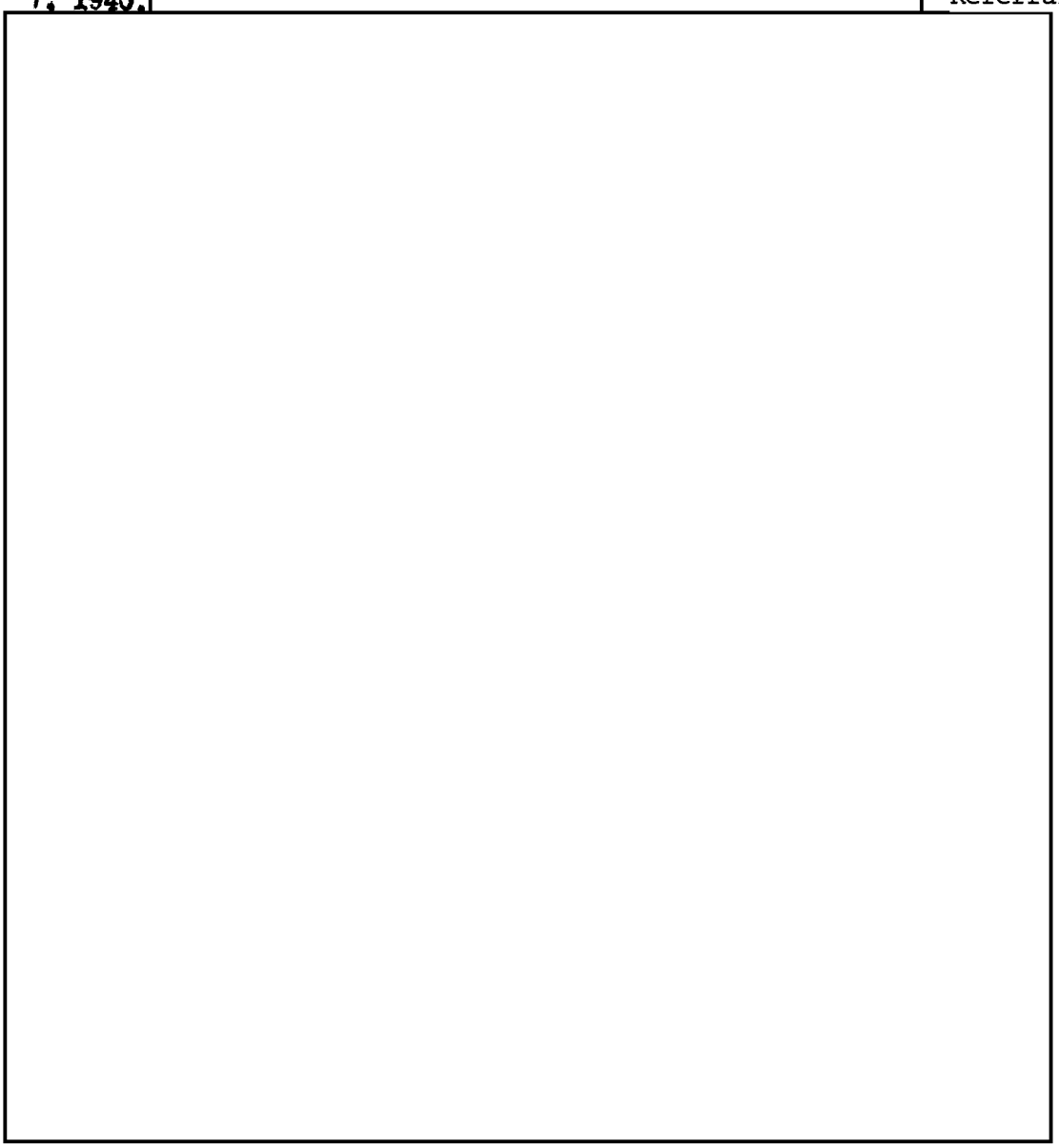

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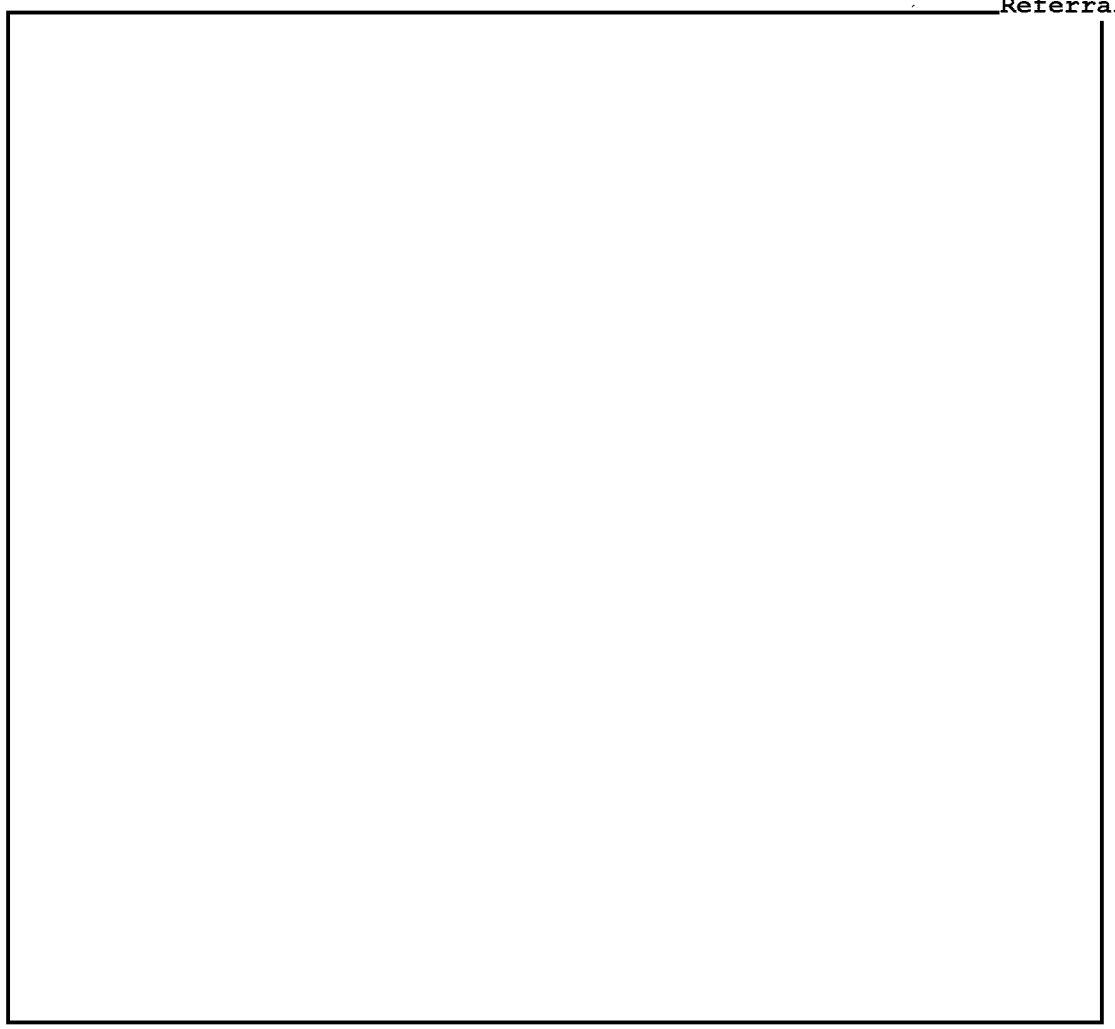

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.	8-9-1940	8-2-1940	WM. B. O'MAHONEY ebc

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Mr. LOREN RONEN, who is also known as WILLIAM or BILL RONEN, Manager, Annex Hotel, Liberal, Kansas, advises he has no information concerning the whereabouts of Subject RALPH ROE or Subject THEODORE COLE. LOREN RONEN is indirectly related to Subject ROE by marriage. Mr. RONEN promises to cooperate and assist in any way possible.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent TOM E. NEAL, Kansas City, 7-6-1940. Report of Special Agent J. R. RUGGLES, Kansas City, 7-15-40.

DETAILS:

AT LIBERAL, KANSAS

Mr. LOREN RONEN, who is also known as WILLIAM RONEN or BILL RONEN, is present manager of the Annex Hotel at Liberal, Kansas. Upon being interviewed he stated that he had no information regarding the whereabouts of either Subject of of this case, but stated that he was acquainted with Subject RALPH ROE in that his sister had married Subject's brother RAYMOND ROE. LOREN RONEN stated that his sister prior to her marriage was MARGARET RONEN, and that at the present time she and RAYMOND ROE reside at Hays, Kansas, where RAYMOND is in business for himself.

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Mr. RONEN stated that since RALPH ROE was sent to the penitentiary for bank robbery, he has never heard Subject RALPH ROE mentioned by RAYMOND ROE or by his sister MARGARET. According to LOREN RONEN, RAYMOND ROE bears a very good reputation at Hays, Kansas, and it is Mr. RONEN'S personal opinion that if RAYMOND ROE had any information concerning the whereabouts of his brother, he would not hesitate to furnish this information to the Government. Mr. RONEN stated that for his part he would be only too willing to furnish information to the Government as he understood there was a reward offered for information leading to the arrest or apprehension of Subject ROE. Mr. RONEN stated that in the event, he did secure any information in the future, he would communicate with the Kansas City Field Division.

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THE KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION

* AT RUSSELL, KANSAS

Will interview S. H. ARNEY for any information he may be able to furnish as to the location of the Subjects.

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DALLAS, TEXAS	8-9-40	7-18-40	L. M. FALLAW

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Information received at Burkburnett, Texas, that MYRTIS JONES, former wife of BOOTS CUTLER, is now at Hobbes, New Mexico, where CUTLER operated a dance hall a few years ago. CUTLER also stated to be known at Oklahoma City and he was returned to Amarillo, Texas, on a hijacking charge about three years ago.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent S. H. ROBERSON, Milwaukee, dated May 7, 1940.

DETAILS:

The following investigation was conducted at Burkburnett, Texas:

Chief of Police, BILL STAPP, stated that BOOTS CUTLER had been known to him in years past as a shady character and a con man. His wife separated from him and resumed her maiden name, MYRTIS JONES. She worked for several years in the Manhattan Department Store. Inquiry there disclosed that she left this store about three or four years ago and went to Hobbes, New Mexico, where she is stated to be presently employed as a clerk in some store. Her post office box at Hobbes, New Mexico, is #4. Continuing, Chief STAPP stated that he had picked CUTLER up in Burkburnett, Texas, for the Sheriff at Amarillo, Texas, about three years ago, and that CUTLER was returned there to face a hijacking charge. Chief STAPP had no identification record on CUTLER, but stated that the brief description given in reference report was correct, as follows:

Age	50 (about)
Complexion	Medium dark
Hair	Dyed black

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Clean shaven
Build Medium heavy
Neat dresser
Smooth talker
Usually drove Oldsmobile car
Chain-smoker of cigarettes

STAPP added that he had no subjsequent knowledge of CUTLER, but he understood that he operated a dance hall at Hobbes, New Mexico, three or four years ago. CUTLER also formerly ran some kind of concession on the fair grounds at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, where he appeared to stand in with the authorities a few years ago, inasmuch as CUTLER held a deputy sheriff's commission there. CUTLER added that while at Burkburnett, Texas, CUTLER had buddied around with A. J. (JAKE) GRACE, a gambler now operating in a hotel at Graham, Texas. JAKE GRACE has a reputable brother, CHARLES GRACE, who operates the Chevrolet agency at Graham, Texas, and STAPP suggested that CHARLES GRACE could probably learn from JAKE GRACE where BOOTS CUTLER might presently be located.

For the information of the El Paso Office, reference report sets forth information that BOOTS CUTLER, [redacted], GRACE CUNNINGHAM and J. C. NEWMAN associated with subject ROE at Seminole, Oklahoma, from 1926 to 1931. This crowd hung out at a night club operated by one JESS HAYES who was killed in 1929. This information was given by JEWELL MILTON EVERSOLE, also known as REX and BUDDY EVERSOLE, piano-player in the night club during that period, and now employed by the Veteran's Administration Facility, Wood, Wisconsin. b7D

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE EL PASO FIELD DIVISION:

At Hobbes, New Mexico: Will locate through Post Office Box #4, MYRTIS JONES, former wife of BOOTS CUTLER, and if possible obtain from her the present whereabouts of BOOTS CUTLER, in order that he might be interviewed for his knowledge of ROE and ROE's associates. Will ascertain if CUTLER is known to local authorities.

THE OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD DIVISION:

At Oklahoma City, Oklahoma: Will make appropriate inquiries at the Sheriff's Office and the Police Department concerning BOOTS CUTLER with a view toward locating CUTLER for interview.

THE DALLAS FIELD DIVISION:

At Amarillo, Texas: Will make similar inquiry at the Sheriff's Office.

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L. M. FALLAW, 8-9-40

At Graham, Texas: will contact CHARLES GRACE, Chevrolet agency, and enlist his cooperation in obtaining from his brother, A. J. (JAKE) GRACE, information as to CUTLER's present whereabouts.

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LOS ANGELES	8-4-40	4-4,5,9,18-40	D. W. MAGEE AB

TITLE RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472;
THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.

CHARACTER OF CASE
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Mrs. G. I. (VIOLET) DAWSON, half-sister of fugitive COLE, reinterviewed, has no information concerning whereabouts of COLE. LAWRENCE BUTCHER of West Los Angeles is no relative of JAMES HUGH BUTCHER, and has no knowledge of fugitives. JOSEPH LARRIGAN was arrested by the Los Angeles Police Department under the name of LEE ROBERTS, but is not known to have been in Los Angeles since November, 1927. RUTH KERN, wife of WILLIAM J. KERN, was in San Francisco in June, 1937, to visit her brother HENRY YOUNG at Alcatraz; has no information on fugitives. KNUD I. SUMMERVILLE, who was arrested with fugitive ROE in May, 1923, at Los Angeles, is presently in the Nevada State Penitentiary at Carson City, Nevada, under the name of JAMES STONE, No. 3987. JOHN C. GRAHAM, Box 215, Woodlake, California, boarding with Mr. and Mrs. COLE, advised they left for Stroud, Oklahoma, about April 11, 1940, and are not expected to return for some time. Mrs. G. I. (VIOLET) DAWSON, sister of fugitive COLE, is taking care of home at Woodlake during parents absence. Further names of relatives obtained.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent D. W. MAGEE, Los Angeles, dated 4-5-40;
Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, dated 4-1-40;
Report of Special Agent R. L. NALLS, Sioux Falls, S. D., dated 11-22-39.

DETAILS:

The criminal record of KNUD I. SUMMERVILLE, FBI #72,152, as of April 12, 1940, indicates that this individual is confined in the State Penitentiary at Carson City, Nevada, under the name of JAMES STONE, #3987, as of March 5, 1939, for Grand Larceny, on a 2 to 14 year sentence. KNUD I. SUMMERVILLE, alias JAMES STONE, was arrested with subject ROE in May, 1923, at Los Angeles, and he may have information on fugitive ROE or COLE.

AT BELL, CALIFORNIA:

Mrs. G. I. (VIOLET) DAWSON, half-sister to fugitive COLE, was reinterviewed at her residence, 6238 Gifford Street, and advised that the family had not gained any additional information indicating that fugitive COLE is alive, and she stated that the family avoided conversation concerning him, as they believe he is dead.

She stated that the mother of fugitive COLE traveled from Woodlake, California, to Stroud, Oklahoma, on a visit to her mother--the grandmother of fugitive COLE. Mrs. DAWSON was questioned further concerning relatives of subject COLE. She stated that the true father of COLE, as well as his stepfather, were both named COLE, but that they were no blood relatives; that as far as she knew, the true father of subject COLE died when subject COLE and his sister PAULINE were small children; that he was reported to have been a juvenile officer at Kansas City, Missouri; that PAULINE, who is at Stroud, Oklahoma, might have additional history on the true father of subject COLE, who had a family before he married the mother of subject COLE. She stated there is a BERYL COLE, present location unknown, who is a full brother to subject COLE'S stepfather, of Woodlake, California.

Mrs. DAWSON and her husband reside in a small cottage and are in poor circumstances. She has four children, and appears to be a sincere, religious woman. She stated her maiden name was LAURENCE.

Mrs. DAWSON advised that about 1928, subject COLE attended the eight-grade grammar school at Bell, California, but that he left and went to Oklahoma at that time. She advised she never saw him again until she visited him once when he was in Alcatraz.

An automobile was noticed in the driveway of the DAWSON residence, which bore 1940 California License 3P 4363. This car was registered to HAROLD DAWSON, a brother of Mr. G. I. DAWSON. She stated that both her husband and HAROLD DAWSON are lenz grinders, and they hoped some day to be able to open an optical shop.

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA:

In an effort to locate RUTH KERN, who now resides at 6038 Crestwood Way, Eagle Rock, California, Agent interviewed her husband, WILLIAM J. KERN, a truck driver for the Cudahy Packing Company. He advised that RUTH KERN has a brother named HENRY YOUNG, who is an Alcatraz inmate. He advised that he accompanied his wife, RUTH KERN, to San Francisco in June, 1937, to attend the American Legion Convention in San Francisco. On this occasion, they stayed at the California Hotel on San Pablo Street in Oakland. Mr. KERN advised he was on a vacation at the time; that his wife went to Alcatrac Penitentiary, after having made arrangements with the warden to visit her brother, HENRY YOUNG.

Mr. KERN advised that to his knowledge, his wife had no acquaintance with, or knowledge of, either subjects, COLE or ROE. He stated he did not accompany her on the trip to Alcatraz, and that this was the only visit she has made to see her brother since his marriage to her in 1936. Mr. KERN appeared sincere and reputable.

RUTH KERN subsequently was interviewed by telephone, CL 6-6016, and she informed that her trip to Alcatraz was only to visit her brother, HENRY YOUNG, and that he had never spoken of either subjects COLE or ROE, and that neither was known to her.

LAWRENCE BUTCHER, who resides at 8816 Harratt Street, West Hollywood, interviewed at that point advised that he had no relation by the name of JAMES HUGH BUTCHER, and had never heard of FLOYD or JESS, or of subjects COLE or ROE. He advised he has a brother CHESTER W. BUTCHER, who is in the restaurant business at 512 East Vergugo Boulevard, Burbank, California.

It was apparent that neither LAWRENCE BUTCHER nor JAMES W. BUTCHER were identical with, or relatives of, JAMES HUGH BUTCHER, who has been interviewed concerning subjects COLE and ROE, indicated in reference report of Special Agent D. W. MAGEE, at the bottom of page 12.

Reference report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, page 22, requested that the address of JOSEPH LARRIGAN, Los Angeles Police Department No. 26,806, be secured so that he might be interviewed concerning subjects, on information furnished by MRS. RUTH CRAWFORD.

The Los Angeles Police Department records on JOSEPH LARRIGAN, No. 26,806, indicate that he was arrested under the name of LEE ROBERTS, alias JOSEPH L. ROBERTS, alias JOE ROBERTS, alias JOSEPH LARRIGAN, alias J. LAREGINA, on November 29, 1927. He has no subsequent arrest in Los Angeles. This individual, however, was received at the Folsom State Penitentiary, No. 16,646, on February 21, 1931, for second-degree burglary, but was discharged from this institution on November 13, 1936. He is described as - 24 in 1927; brown hair and eyes; 5' 6/8"; 146 pounds; F.P.C. 24 0 32 - MM 19
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AT BELL, CALIFORNIA:

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[redacted] the confidential informant who [redacted] interviewed by Agent advised that he has not observed any suspicious visitors at the DAWSON home. He will continue his watch on the activities of Mrs. DAWSON, in an effort to learn information concerning subject COLE.

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA:

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[redacted] telephonically advised he had not observed any suspicious visitors at the residence of FAYE ROE and HAZEL SMITH in Arcadia.

Mrs. CARL BRAMBALD, 2214 Pasadena Avenue, Los Angeles, advised that on the trip to California from Wilster, South Dakota, with ANDREW SAMPSON and a group of young people from South Dakota, none of the party had any interest in subjects COLE or ROE, as they were not known to any of the group. She stated that to her knowledge, none of the party purchased any tide maps in Oregon of the San Francisco Bay Region. Prior investigation on individuals who accompanied ANDREW SAMPSON on this trip, failed to disclose that they have had any connection

with the escape of subjects COLE and ROE; failed to show that they resided in, and skipped out of an apartment in San Francisco at a period of time approximating the escape date.

AT WOODLAKE, CALIFORNIA:

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent RAYMOND H. WILLIAMS, on April 18, 1940:

Accompanied by Constable BRUEN, Agent called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. COLE and was advised by JOHN C. GRAHAM, an elderly man, that Mr. and Mrs. COLE had left for Stroud, Oklahoma, about April 11, 1940; that Mrs. COLE'S mother was very ill and was not expected to live. He advised that the return of the COLES to Woodlake, depended upon the condition of Mrs. COLE'S mother.

GRAHAM was questioned concerning his relation to the COLE family, and advised that he merely boards and rooms with them, and is not related to them in any way. At the time of this interview, there were a number of small children, ranging from four to thirteen years, in the yard of this residence. The oldest child, who was later determined to be a daughter of Mrs. VIOLET DAWSON and a niece of subject COLE, continually reminded GRAHAM that he should keep his mouth shut and should not talk. This child was questioned by Agent as to what was to be kept a secret, and she stated her mother had advised her never to discuss this matter with anyone. When Mrs. DAWSON drove into the yard, this child left the presence of Agent and ran to the car.

Mrs. VIOLET DAWSON advised that she is a sister of THEODORE COLE and has been interviewed by Agents of the Bureau on various occasions. She stated that she was presently in Woodlake for the purpose of taking care of the home of her parents while they were in Stroud, Oklahoma. Mrs. DAWSON stated that the children of the elder COLES are as follows:

THEODORE COLE; ERNEST COLE, who resides about a mile from Stroud, Oklahoma, near his grandmother's place; and herself. She was questioned concerning the identity of the actual father of the subject, and whether or not he was still alive, and she advised that he had not been heard from for many years and he was believed to be dead.

Regarding the relatives of subject COLE, Mrs. DAWSON furnished the following information:

PAULINE CORNETT, Box 119, Route #2, Stroud, Oklahoma;

ALTA COLLINS, sister of Mrs. FRED COLE, Woodlake, California;

FANNIE BAUFMANN, sister of Mrs. FRED COLE, residing at Stroud, Oklahoma, with NETTIE BRACE, grandmother of Mrs. DAWSON and mother of Mrs. FRED COLE;

LILLIE BRACE, who is deceased;

ERNEST BRACE, who lives about a mile and one-half from Mrs. NETTIE BRACE; at Stroud, Oklahoma.

BERYL COLE, brother of FRED COLE, who lives in vicinity of Seminole, Oklahoma, exact whereabouts not known.

Mrs. DAWSON further stated that her father's name was GEORGE ELMER LAURENCE, and that he was killed while working on the railroad prior to her birth. She further stated that PAULINE CORNETT and THEODORE COLE are full brother and sister. Mrs. DAWSON did not know any relatives of FRED COLE.

AT LINDSAY, CALIFORNIA:

It was ascertained by Special Agent RAYMOND H. WILLIAMS from the Police Department, that BELLE MORRIS is the mother-in-law of Mrs. VIOLET DAWSON.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

* AT MERCED, CALIFORNIA, will contact and interview ANDY KILGORE, whose address is known to Chief of Police GILBERT of Livingston, California. KILGORE telephonically advised the Los Angeles Division Office that a woman at the Atwater Barbeque Stand, located on the south side of Atwater, California, had told BILL ANDERSON, who also hangs around the barbecue stand, that subject COLE was in the vicinity of the McDANIELS place, located between Atwater and Livingston, California. ANDY KILGORE at Merced, California, should be interviewed for more definite information concerning subject COLE.

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION (Continued)

* AT SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA, will locate BILL CRAWFORD, Post Office 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 Mrs. CRAWFORD concerning subjects and LEE ROBERTS being in that vicinity and of their possible contacting the JOHNSONS.

THE SALT LAKE CITY FIELD DIVISION:

AT CARSON CITY, NEVADA, will interview KNUD I. SUMMERVILLE, who is confined in the State Penitentiary under the name of JAMES STONE, #3987, as of March 5, 1939, for Grand Larceny on a 2 to 14 year sentence. SUMMERVILLE was arrested with subject ROE in May, 1923, at Los Angeles, and he may have information on ROE or COLE.

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: GEORGE MILLER interviewed at Folsom Prison and denies telling anyone that Subjects ROE and COLE made their escape from Alcatraz Island. He stated that he did not know either of Subjects more than slightly, and that he has not heard anything from or about them since they escaped from the Island. It is his opinion that if they had escaped they would be around their home territory. MILLER appeared untrustworthy and uncooperative.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent R. L. KING, San Francisco, Calif., dated 6/7/40.

DETAILS: At Represa, California.

GEORGE MILLER, Folsom Prison No. 22,995, was interviewed by the writer in company with Special Agent T. S. FERGUSON. MILLER is a criminal over 40 years of age with a varied record, which record extends back for a number of years, and in spite of all efforts he was not in fact cooperative in this interview, although seemingly he was very cooperative. He appeared entirely untrustworthy, and will undoubtedly act only if he can see some definite advantage to himself. MILLER is prison-wise, and is regarded as

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as something of a "big shot" by the other prisoners, in spite of the mediocrity of his criminal exploits.

During the interview by agents, which lasted for a considerable period of time, MILLER stated that although he had known Subjects ROE and COLE, he only knew them slightly at Alcatraz as they worked in the blacksmith shop and he in the tailor shop, and they did not get acquainted. He averred that he had no knowledge of the intended break on the part of the subjects, and was never in any way in their confidence. He also said that he had never heard anything from them or any other person which would indicate that they had been successful in escaping.

MILLER advised that in his opinion, both of the subjects had drowned but that if by chance they had not, they would have swum north, to San Mateo County, rather than south to the city. He felt that this was the most logical way to try to escape.

MILLER stated that he never discussed the escape with others, and had never said anything about the subjects being alive and in the narcotic traffic. He thought that if they had escaped they would be hiding around their old home grounds in Oklahoma.

Throughout this interview, it was impossible to get MILLER to volunteer any information; he answered questions readily, without giving any information. Agents were told, after this interview, by another prisoner, that MILLER had told him that he was lying to the Agents and that ROE and COLE had escaped and were in South America. After interviewing MILLER it seems probably that this story of his has no foundation, and that he claims inside information only for the purpose of enhancing his own prestige. Little is to be gained from questioning him further. At one point in this interview he admitted that even if he had information, he would conceal it, and would never cooperate unless he saw some tangible advantage in so doing.

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: One WALTER KELLY, who resided near Tarrant City, Alabama, a suburb of Birmingham, and was employed as a farm hand, reported to resemble subject COLE. Informants later determined KELLY not identical with subject.

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DETAILS:

On April 13, 1940, Mr. A. L. HEWITT, who resides four miles north of Tarrant City, Alabama, a suburb of Birmingham, and who receives his mail through Box #3, Tarrant City Post Office, called by the Birmingham Field Division and advised that one WALTER KELLY, who was employed by his brother-in-law, S. A. LACHAMY, of RFD #6, Birmingham, somewhat fitted the description of subject COLE, as broadcasted on a Gang Busters' radio program. According to HEWITT, WALTER KELLY had been residing with Mr. LACHAMY for some few weeks as a farm hand, and that the people in the neighborhood were suspicious of him because he did not associate with them or go to town. The following is a description furnished at that time by Mr. HEWITT:

Name:	WALTER KELLY
Age:	26-27 but looks younger
Height:	5' 2"
Weight:	130-140
Build:	Small, short
Hair:	Sandy
Occupation:	Farm hand
Residence:	Temporarily c/o S. A. Lachamy, Box 124, RFD #6, Birmingham, Alabama.

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Mr. LACHAMY was subsequently contacted by Agent, at which time he was furnished with a photograph of subject COLE as well as subject ROE. He advised that he is positive that neither of the photographs resemble WALTER KELLY, referred to by his brother-in-law, Mr. HEWITT, to any great extent, and that he is positive that KELLY is not identical with either subject. He further informed that KELLY had left his residence during the night of April 21, 1940. He stated that the reason of his departure was not known to him, and KELLY had not informed anyone of his intended departure. According to LACHAMY, KELLY is supposed to have been from the vicinity of Gadsden, Alabama. He informed that his brother-in-law, Mr. HEWITT, had become suspicious of KELLY.

On April 22, 1940, Mr. HEWITT again contacted the Birmingham Office telephonically and informed Special Agent C. A. WHITTEN that WALTER KELLY had departed from his brother-in-law's home and that his whereabouts at that time was unknown.

Subsequent contacts with Mr. HEWITT failed to develop any definite information indicating that KELLY might be identical with either subject in this case, and both Mr. HEWITT and Mr. LACHAMY were positive that KELLY did not resemble the photographs of either subject to any great extent.

In view of the above, no further investigation in this matter is being conducted by the Birmingham Field Division.

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United States Department of Justice

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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

August 19, 1940

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: Re: ROCOL

Attached hereto is copy of memorandum prepared by Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, dated at Oklahoma City, August 16, 1940.

I have been acquainted with the activities of informant [redacted] for many years and know that he is an unscrupulous low type outlaw whose word is worth nothing. He is of the typical rat type and the less we have to do with him the better. There is no doubt in my mind that he is attempting to sell us a pack of misinformation which I believe we would be gullible to consider. b7D

Due to the fact that he has shown himself as unreliable in the past, no action will be taken with reference to his proposition. However, I feel the Bureau should be informed in the event any fantastic tales are received regarding his ability to locate the missing ROE and COLE.

Few days after Agent HOOD talked to [redacted] he, in company with Chief of Police JAKE SIMS of Seminole, Oklahoma, appeared at this office. It was patent to me during our conversation that [redacted] had nothing to offer and that he was trying to chisel in an effort to keep out of the penitentiary. He was informed that we would not do business with him due to the fact that he had double-crossed the Bureau in the past. b7D

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Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN
Special Agent in Charge

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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
August 16, 1940

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE:

Re: ROCOL

The following investigation was conducted on July 10, 1940 with reference to [redacted] with aliases: [redacted] He has also been referred to as Informant 13 in previous letters and reports. b7D

The general background of [redacted] is set forth in the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, dated at Oklahoma City December 2, 1938, page 20. Attention is also called to the letter from this office to the Bureau dated January 4, 1938 requesting permission for Mr. JAKE SIMS, Chief of Police, Seminole, Oklahoma, and former Agent F. S. SMITH to proceed to the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas for the purpose of interviewing [redacted] prior to his release. By letter dated January 17, 1940, the Bureau advised that it did not consider such course of action necessary at the time. b7D

After the release of [redacted] from Leavenworth, he was contacted on several occasions by former Agent SMITH through JAKE SIMS before the arrest of [redacted] on additional narcotic charges and the revocation of his conditional release. Results of these interviews are set forth in letter to the Bureau dated September 24, 1938, report of SA F. S. SMITH, dated October 15, 1938, pages 3 to 5 inclusive, and the report of SA F. S. SMITH, dated March 22, 1939, pages 5 and 6. In the last-mentioned report, [redacted] informed Agent SMITH that he had found no person who believed that subjects were alive. b7D

Attention is called to the report of SA F. S. SMITH, dated at Oklahoma City May 15, 1939, wherein on pages 1 to 3 inclusive is set forth information received from JAKE SIMS regarding [redacted] particularly to information that [redacted] informed Mrs. SIMS that he had contacted ROE at BOB PETERSON'S place near Harrah and from another source that [redacted] had received a telephone call from ROE who was at Kansas City. b7D

On Page 2 of the report of SA F. S. SMITH, dated May 24, 1939, is reflected an interview with SILAS RANDLE of Seminole who identified the photograph of subject ROE as being with [redacted] at the tavern operated by [redacted] b7D

[redacted] was interviewed at the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, as reflected on Page 5 of the report of SA H. L. SCOTT, dated at Kansas City January 16, 1940, with negative results. b7D

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There is no doubt that [redacted] ROE and WILBUR UNDERHILL prior to the death of UNDERHILL and the incarceration of ROE, and that he is also close to numerous friends of ROE. It was the opinion of former Agent SMITH that [redacted] double-crossed the Bureau in regard to this matter prior to his return to the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth. Information has also been received that [redacted] while at Seminole indicated that he had double-crossed Mr. SIMS and the Bureau. b7D

On March 30, 1940, Mr. SIMS informed this Agent that [redacted] had communicated with a friend at Seminole informing him that he desired to talk with SIMS, former Agent SMITH and the writer as soon as he was released from the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, and returned to Muskogee for trial on additional charges. (See report of SA RALPH T. HOOD, dated April 1, 1940, Page 17). Subsequently, SIMS advised the writer that he had received a letter from PAUL DENTON, an inmate of the USP, Leavenworth, and a former associate of [redacted] in the narcotic racket at Seminole, in which DENTON stated that [redacted] had some information which would make him, SIMS, very happy and that he wanted to see SIMS as soon as he returned to Oklahoma. b7D

[redacted] was returned to Muskogee, Oklahoma on July 8, 1940 by the U. S. Marshal and he is presently committed to the City Federal Jail at Muskogee in default of $5,000.00 bond. He was indicted at Muskogee for violation of the Harrison Narcotic Act in five counts. [redacted] has two previous convictions for violation of this Act. b7D

SIMS informed Agent that before engaging in the narcotic racket [redacted] was engaged in the illicit whiskey business. He has acted as an informant for SIMS on previous occasions and he related that before the incarceration of ROE for robbery of the bank at Sulphur, Oklahoma [redacted] told him that ROE and an associate were on their way to Kentucky to commit a hijacking. SIMS requested that [redacted] inform him when ROE returned, but [redacted] refused to do so, saying that he would not turn him in, but would kill ROE if SIMS was nearby and would take the responsibility for the murder. b7D

SIMS also informed Agent that he had been in Muskogee on July 9, 1940 at which time he talked with [redacted] in the lobby of the City Federal Jail, but that he did not talk to him in privacy and therefore did not talk with him about ROE except to ask [redacted] if he had heard any rumors at Leavenworth, whereupon [redacted] replied that an inmate who arrived at Leavenworth about four or five months before had mentioned that ROE had been in Illinois. SIMS also said that [redacted] had talked to him mainly about making a bond on this case. b7D

[redacted] was interviewed by Agent in the presence of SIMS. He stated that the cases against him were based on phony sales of narcotics and he did not think that he would be sent to the penitentiary for a very long time. From his demeanor and his talk, he did not appear to be willing to put ROE on the spot if able to do so, talking as if he would definitely prove that ROE was alive from October, 1939 to January, 1939 and he mentioned a photograph of he and ROE. Later during the interview with him, ROY BRIDGESS, Narcotic Agent who developed the cases against [redacted] came to the jail to talk with him regarding these cases and BRIDGESS convinced [redacted] that he had a strong case against him. b7D

[redacted] stated that he was released from the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, July 20, 1938 on Conditional Release from a five year sentence for the sale of narcotics and he returned to Seminole, Oklahoma, his former home, reporting to JOHN ED FRANKLIN, Probation Officer, Muskogee, Oklahoma. A few days after his release, he went to Kansas City, Missouri to see a man whose identity he did not furnish about going in with him on the purchase of a "joint" and he went to Kansas City by way of Joplin, Missouri where he saw MICKEY CAREY who operated a place near Joplin and who had been associated with HERB FARMER. At that time, CAREY told him that ROE had been there. [redacted] stated that he knew that FARMER, ROE and CAREY were old friends and that they had hung around TOMMY HILL'S place at South Coffeyville, Oklahoma during the old days. [redacted] mentioned to CAREY that he would like to see ROE and CAREY told him that he expected ROE back within a few days. [redacted] stated that he waited at CAREY'S place for eight or ten days to see ROE and that when he didn't appear, he told CAREY that if ROE came in to tell him that he would be back. A few days later, [redacted] again went to CAREY'S place and CAREY told him that ROE had been in and that he left two telephone numbers for CAREY to call if [redacted] came back. At [redacted] request, CAREY called one of the telephone numbers, place not known, and talked with ROE who came to Joplin that day and was with [redacted] for four or five hours. b7D

[redacted] returned to Seminole where he was staying at the Sun Rooms. About October 1, 1938, while he was still staying at the Sun Rooms and about one or two A. M., [redacted] received a telephone call from Kansas City from ROE who wanted him to meet him at CAREY'S place. [redacted] told him that he did not have a car and couldn't meet him so ROE told him that he would meet him at BOB PETERSON'S place. (This place is located west of McCloud, Oklahoma.) Later [redacted] met ROE as they had agreed and they talked together in their car back of PETERSON'S place. After talking for a while, ROE drove [redacted] to [redacted] place [redacted] they going by way of Earlsboro and missing Seminole. ROE left [redacted] there and later returned with a woman whose name he refused to furnish stating that he would not at that time involve any other person. ROE and the girl picked up [redacted] and b7D

they got a girl for [redacted] at Wewoka. [redacted] was of the opinion that they then drove to the Blue Bird Tavern near Seminole, but as they arrived they saw some highway patrolmen arresting some boys who had been fighting so they did not stop but drove to Roscoe's Tavern where they stayed a while. While at Roscoe's Tavern, they saw HAPPY WHITE who had known ROE during the old days and who recognized and talked with him. [redacted] thought that they later left Roscoe's Tavern and went to the Green Gable Tavern near Wewoka and that while there they saw EVA SMALLEY, sister of ADAM RICHETTE, and MAGDALENE JACKSON, who formerly resided near [redacted] place several years before. He mentioned that EVA SMALLEY and the JACKSON girl had a drink with them, but that they did not know ROE'S identity. b7D

While in Seminole, ROE told [redacted] that he had come from Arizona by way of Colorado and Kansas and mentioned that he was going on to Odessa, Texas to make a meet with someone and get some money. From the way he talked, [redacted] was of the opinion that he was going to meet one LEON LEMMONS, a former inmate of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma. [redacted] mentioned that ROE mentioned LEMMONS several times and that LEMMONS was a very tough character. With reference to LEMMONS, [redacted] stated that while at Leavenworth he heard that BLACKIE McGUIRE had stated that he was with ROE and COLE some place. He didn't think that McGUIRE'S statements could be true unless he met ROE through LEMMONS as he mentioned that McGUIRE and LEMMONS were close friends.

[redacted] also informed Agent that ROE had a little money each time he saw him and he mentioned that from the way ROE talked, he had been doing some burglary and "heisting". He also said that ROE was driving either a Plymouth or Pontiac automobile and he had told [redacted] that he had some one buy the automobile for him in Arizona shortly after his escape. b7D

With reference to the money had by ROE, [redacted] stated that he had always liked ROE and that during the time that he, [redacted] had money he would loan money to the boys, but that ROE was the only one that ever paid him back or who would return a favor. He also stated that ROE owed him about $40.00 when he was sent to the penitentiary and on one occasion while ROE was in the vicinity of Seminole, ROE mentioned this money and told him that he would send the money to him. [redacted] told him to have someone get a money order if he wanted to send the money. b7D

[redacted] also informed Agent that on another occasion, ROE came to Seminole and that this was the only time that he stayed in Seminole. He thought that this occurred about October 15th or 17, 1938, and he recalled that it was rather cold. While they were together, [redacted] wanted to see PAUL DENTON, his partner, so they drove to the home of Mrs. GATES where PAUL and his wife were staying. When they arrived at the GATES' home, ROE remained in the car while [redacted] saw BODEY DENTON who told him that PAUL was not there but who called him and then told [redacted] that PAUL was gambling at the Fluid Pack Pump Company and told her to tell [redacted] that if he wanted to see him b7D

he would have to come down there. During part of this time, [redacted] was talking to LEE GATES and he thought that BUSTER GATES also came by while they were there. He didn't think that LEE GATES recognized ROE saying that he "didn't jump me about it." b7D

[redacted] mentioned that he and DENTON had gambled a lot at the Fluid Pack Pump Company and that he and ROE drove to that company and drove around the back near their dock. While ROE stayed in the car, [redacted] went to the back door and knocked. One RED, an employee, opened the back door and talked with ROE in the car while [redacted] went in to see and talk with DENTON. This occurred about 4:30 or 5:00 P. M. [redacted] said that DENTON did not see ROE and he did not tell him about ROE'S being there as he was afraid that DENTON would get drunk and "pop-off". b7D

That night he and ROE got some girls, whose names he would not furnish, and they went to the Green Gable Inn or Roscoe's Tavern. He would not deny that one of the girls was BILLIE FREEMAN, but said that LENA RILEY was not along.

[redacted] did not recall any unusual occurrence at the Green Gable Inn any time that he was there with ROE, and he thought that they were there together on two occasions. b7D

[redacted] also stated that ROE was in Seminole on one other occasion. ROE was alone every time that he came to Seminole.

[redacted] was questioned regarding any statements made by ROE about his alleged escape and he stated that ROE mentioned that he and COLE got some drift timber and swam to a causeway or pier. After reaching the mainland, he and TED split up and [redacted] mentioned that he had never seen COLE. ROE told [redacted] that he went to Old Mexico just across the border and contacted a Mexican named MANUEL. With reference to MANUEL, [redacted] said that MANUEL was a close associate of ED DAVIS who went to McAlester for hi-jacking about 1922 from Waurika and he thought that MANUEL went to McAlester under a ten-year sentence about 1922 for hi-jacking and that his OSP number was in the twelve thousands. [redacted] also mentioned to Agent that from the way that ROE talked, he had been in and out of MANUEL'S place, but he denied knowing MANUEL'S last name or his place of residence. He had heard ROE mention the town of Bisbee, Arizona, but he doubted if that was where the place was as he stated that ROE and his associates usually entered the United States in the vicinity of Brownsville, Texas and if they had been hanging around Bisbee, they would have to drive across a great deal of Old Mexico. b7D

When questioned regarding the appearance of ROE, [redacted] said thatt he didn't wear glasses though he had some colored glasses in his car and he also stated that ROE was not wearing a beard or mustache though he did need b7D

a shave on one occasion when in the vicinity of Seminole. He also advised Agent that ROE'S hair was greying around the edges and that his cheeks were starting to sink; that ROE was not as "slick-looking" as formerly.

[redacted] also told Agent that ROE mentioned to him on one or two occasions that he had been in Illinois. b7D

When asked regarding any rumors or other information which he had picked up at the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, [redacted] stated that about four or five months before, he met a man whose name he did not know but who he met at the Annex and who he thought was sentenced to Leavenworth for five years at Ada, Oklahoma for violation of the Dyer Act, introduced himself to [redacted] and said that he was a relative of HOUSTON NASH who had been a very close associate of ROE and UNDERHILL. This prisoner mentioned several things which occurred just before UNDERHILL was killed which convinced [redacted] that the man knew what he was talking about. This prisoner then told [redacted] that he had seen ROE in Texas and that ROE had mentioned [redacted] to him. This prisoner also mentioned that ROE had been with one of the JARRETS in Illinois. [redacted] thought this prisoner's name was NASH. With reference to JARRETT, he stated that he did not know which one of the JARRET boys was referred to, but that it was the one who had been "hot" in Oklahoma for some time. b7D

[redacted] also mentioned the name of HAZEL UNDERHILL and said that she was at Seminole about the time when ROE was there; that this was about the second or third time that former Agent F. S. SMITH contacted him and that he, [redacted] attempted to locate HAZEL UNDERHILL for SMITH at the home of her ex-husband or his father. b7D

[redacted] was questioned concerning the time when he and some stranger were at the tavern operated by [redacted] when ALAN STANFIELD, Deputy U. S. Marshal, stopped and the stranger ran into the weeds. [redacted] denied that this was ROE, but refused to mention the name of the stranger. He was also questioned as to whether he and ROE were ever at the Fluid Pack Pump Company together during the early morning when he, [redacted] had some dice which he wanted to shoot. He said that he was at that company several times during the morning to gamble, but denied that ROE was ever with him. b7D

[redacted] informed Agent that he would be able to make bond and obtain his release on this charge; that when he got out he would put ROE on the spot if the Bureau would help him in connection with the cases as he was convinced that he would be sentenced for a long term. When questioned as to how he would put ROE on the spot, he said that he would need a day or two at Seminole and that he would then have to go to Texas to make a contact, but he would not name the place in Texas; that he would put ROE on the spot in Oklahoma by asking his assistance in knocking off some place to raise some cash and he was sure that ROE would come to Oklahoma for that purpose, knowing that he, [redacted] had just been released from the penitentiary and needed a stake. He thought that he would be able to do the job within ten or fifteen b7D

days but said that it might take a little longer. BRIDGESS had already informed Agent that he planned to ask for [redacted] cases to be set for trial during September and when Agent informed [redacted] as to the approximate date of his trial, he said that if he couldn't put ROE on the spot by September 1st, he would not be able to do it at all. b7D

[redacted] advised SIMS that he could tell a lot more, but that if he did, the government would act on his information and would forget him. [redacted] advised Agent that he had been crossed a lot and realized that he would undoubtedly get a heavy sentence on these charges; that while he had refused to snitch on ROE in the past and had always refused to snitch on a friend, there had been nothing for him to gain by it, but that now he had to get some help and the only way that he knew of getting help was to put ROE on the spot. He did not ask for any financial assistance, but admitted that he was broke. b7D

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[redacted] was advised that this Agent was of the opinion that he had double-crossed the Bureau and SIMS and while he would not admit it, he again stated that he had nothing to gain for himself by snitching on ROE whom he considered a close friend.

[redacted] expects to be released on bond within the next day or two and he desires to talk with SAC ANDERSEN upon release. SIMS stated that he would bring [redacted] to the office for further questioning and for a conference with SAC ANDERSEN. b7D

During the interview with [redacted] Agent was very careful not to be specific in the questioning in order that he could not ascertain the information previously in the possession of the Bureau. b7D

After the interview with [redacted] Agent requested Special Agent W. L. BUCHANAN to make inquiry at the Police Station regarding the interview of [redacted] by SIMS on July 9th. BUCHANAN later advised telephonically that he had ascertained that SIMS talked with [redacted] about thirty minutes in the lobby of the jail near the Sergeant's desk; that the sergeant on duty overheard part of the conversation which was in regard to Leavenworth and how [redacted] had been getting along. The Sergeant did not think that SIMS and [redacted] had held a whispered conversation and he did not hear the name of subjects mentioned. b7D

As stated above, Mr. ROY BRIDGESS of the Narcotics Division came to the jail to see [redacted] during the questioning. Afterwards, BRIDGESS informed Agent that on one previous occasion about the time that [redacted] was returned to Leavenworth as a conditional release violator, former Agent F. S. SMITH talked to him about the possibility of his talking with [redacted] at the penitentiary. BRIDGESS communicated with his superior in Washington and advised him that the Bureau might request some assistance with reference to the charges against [redacted] and his superior immediately advised him by wire to do anything that was requested or necessary. [redacted] had not been indicted at that time b7D

and BRIDGESS stated that the facts were passed a grand jury or two in case a deal should be made with [redacted] He also stated that he doubted if [redacted] would receive a long sentence on his present case, saying that he was sure that the Court would take into consideration that [redacted] had been in the penitentiary for over four hundred days since his arrest on the charges and he mentioned that as far as [redacted] was concerned, he could always pick him up as [redacted] would be unable to do anything other than engage in the dope racket. BRIDGESS offered his assistance and offered to back up any play that this office might desire to make even to dismissing the indictments. He was of the opinion that [redacted] could and would deliver in this matter and that he would not run. b7D

While [redacted] attempted to make a definite deal with Agent, this Agent informed him that he did not know if a deal could be made but that certain steps would have to be taken. However, he was advised that if possible to make a deal with him, it would only be made on a COD basis; that he furnish information to an Agent of this Bureau which would cause the apprehension of ROE and that assistance would then be rendered to him. He stated that he understood and that if we assured him that we would assist him, he would not expect any help unless and until he had put ROE on the spot causing his apprehension. b7D

One time during the interview [redacted] mentioned that ROE was well armed and had stated that he would never be returned to Alcatraz alive; that even if officers had a shot-gun in his belly, he would not go but that they would have to kill him. [redacted] mentioned that he would not put ROE on the spot to have him killed and that was one reason why he wanted to try to put him on the spot in Oklahoma as he didn't believe that Agents of this office would kill ROE, but would take him alive. b7D

[redacted] requested that the only contact with him by the Bureau be through Agent HOOD or SAC ANDERSEN.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph T. Hood,
Special Agent.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Oklahoma City, Oklahoma FILE NO. 76-51

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
Springfield, Illinois	8-20-40	7-17,26-40	W. A. TEMPLE WAT:VLP

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Efforts to locate BILLIE and DEE FREEMAN at Centralia, Illinois unsuccessful. Neither have accounts at local bank or postal savings. Post Office authorities state no mail received at General Delivery and no forwarding address on file for either.

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REFERENCE Letter from Oklahoma City Office dated July 1, 1940.

DETAILS AT CENTRALIA, ILLINOIS

Mr. A. E. KEY, cashier of City National Bank, after checking records of the bank, advised that neither DEE nor Mrs. BILLIE FREEMAN had an account at the bank, and they are unknown to the tellers. He did state that one of their employees by the name of MICHAEL informed him that he knew a party named FREEMAN who recently sustained a broken leg, who resided in a trailer on the farm of his father BEN MICHAEL, who resided south of Centralia, Illinois on the highway leading to St. Louis, Missouri.

Accompanied by GEORGE WISHER, Detective of the Centralia Police Department, Agent proceeded to the farm of BEN MICHAEL where a party by the name of W. E. FREEMAN was located in his trailer, who is not identical with DEE FREEMAN. He stated that he came to Centralia from Kansas. His wife stated that their mail and

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DEE FREEMAN's mail had been confused at times and stated that a few months ago a nephew of theirs visited them and informed them that he had seen a party by the name of FREEMAN at the Ford Dealer's Place in Centralia, Illinois where this FREEMAN had purchased a used car.

Mr. F. R. KENNEDY, Assistant Manager of the Capitol Saterlee Motor Company, Ford Dealers, checked their records on new and used cars sold for 1940, but was unable to find any record of a sale to DEE or BILLIE FREEMAN.

Mr. RALPH BURGE, Assistant Cashier of the Old National Bank, after checking the records of the bank, advised that neither DEE nor BILLIE FREEMAN had an account at the bank. He also stated that neither was known to any of the tellers of the bank.

Mr. JAMES D. GILLEN, Assistant Postmaster, after checking the Postal Savings accounts, advised that neither DEE nor BILLIE FREEMAN had a postal savings account there, and neither were receiving mail at general delivery, nor was there on file a forwarding address for either.

Miss GRACIE ALLEN, Secretary of the Retail Credit Bureau, 311½ East Broadway; Miss LETA FERN KELL of the General Finance Company, 206 Fowler Building; Mr. C. H. REBBE, Illinois Finance Company, 209 Fowler Building and Mr. PAUL MAULDING, Maulding Finance Company, Broadway and Locust Streets, each advised that the records of their office did not show an account in the name of either DEE or BILLIE FREEMAN.

Mr. JAMES MAXFIELD, City Clerk, after searching the records of his office, advised that neither DEE nor BILLIE FREEMAN were receiving water and lights from the City of Centralia.

AT SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

Mr. WILLIAM HENRY, clerk in the office of EDWARD J. HUGHES, Secretary of State, Registration Department of Motor Vehicles, advised that the files in that office do not reflect any registration of an automobile for the years 1939 or 1940 for DEE or BILLIE FREEMAN.

Miss KEELER in the office of EDWARD J. HUGHES, Secretary of State, Chauffeur and License Department, advised that the records of her office did not reflect that either a Chauffeur's or Driver's license had been issued during the years 1939 or 1940 to either DEE or BILLIE FREEMAN.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD

THE OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD OFFICE at Seminole, Oklahoma is requested to re-contact informant [redacted] and ascertain from him if he knows by what company DEE FREEMAN is employed, or if he has any information whereby DEE FREEMAN could be located. If he is possessed of this information, it is requested that a lead be set out for the Springfield Office to interview FREEMAN as requested in the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City dated 4-1-40. b7D

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NEW YORK CITY	8/21/40	7/29 & 8/6/40	W. J. McNULTY

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O.#1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.	ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject not known at Seaman's House Y.M.C.A, New York, New York, nor at the Maritime Service Station, Hoffman Island, New York.

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REFERENCE: Letter from San Antonio Field Division to New York Field Division dated July 17, 1940.

DETAILS: At the Seaman's House, Y.M.C.A., 550 West 20 Street, New York, New York, the photograph of Subject COLE was displayed to the attaches in the office of this institution; also to the employees of the cafeteria, and all those contacted failed to recognize photograph of COLE as anyone they had seen about the Seaman's House. The Registration Record at the Seaman's House was examined and same failed to reflect the registration of COLE. There was no mail being held for COLE at the Seaman's House nor was there a record of a forwarding address for him.

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At the Maritime Service Training Station, Hoffman Island, New York, the writer contacted Lieutenant Commander W. J. AUSTERMANN and displayed to the latter a photograph of Subject COLE. He advised that his duties bring him in contact with all the students at the training station and he feels that he is in a position to state had at no time ever attending the Maritme Service Training Station.

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K.C. FILE NO. 76-471

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI	8-26-40	8-14-40	H. L. SCOTT MT

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

CHARACTER OF CASE: ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: CHARLES L. POWELL, Webb City, Missouri, only POWELL listed as member Missouri National Guard.

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REFERENCE: Reports of Special Agents G. H. TREADWELL, Kansas City, July 3, 1940, and WM. B. O'MAHONEY, Kansas City, August 9, 1940.

DETAILS: AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI

Inquiry at the office of the Adjutant General, Missouri National Guard, reflected that the only party by the name of CHARLES POWELL that appeared on their records was CHARLES L. POWELL, 618 South Walker Street, Webb City, Missouri, who is a member of Battery G, 203d Coast Artillery, and has been a member of the organization for the past eight years.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION

*At Russell, Kansas, will interview S. H. ARNEY for any information he may be able to furnish as to the location of Subjects.

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At Webb City, Missouri, will interview CHARLES L. POWELL, 618 South Walker Street, for any information he may have as to Subjects or Subjects' possible contacts.

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San Antonio, Texas
August 27, 1940 LEK/ML

Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

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

Dear Sir:

A review of this file indicates that there are no outstanding leads in the San Antonio District.

Pertinent serials were furnished to the Houston office where leads are still pending.

This matter is being considered as referred upon completion with this letter.

Very truly yours,

Gus T. Jones,
Special Agent in Charge.

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This case originated at OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA			File # 76 - 348
Report made at:		Period For When Made:	Report Made By:
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.	8-25-40	6-11-40; 7-10,18,22-40	RALPH T. HOOD. bmz
Title RALPH ROE with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1472. THEODORE COLE with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O.#1471			Character of Case ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Mrs. ORIE TURNBULL, Depew, Oklahoma, has no information concerning the whereabouts of subject COLE. LEE JACOBS, OSPen., McAlester, Oklahoma, denies any knowledge of subject or their escape. GEORGE WILSON, unknown at Shawnee, Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, or OSP, McAlester, Oklahoma.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, dated in Oklahoma City, 6-13-40.

Report of Special Agent M. J. CASSIDY, dated in San Francisco, California, 6-24-40.

DETAILS: The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent H. S. BOONE:

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AT DEPEW, OKLAHOMA

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, April 1, 1940, which sets out a lead for the

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DETAILS:

Oklahoma City Office at Depew, Oklahoma to contact Mr. ORIE TURNBULL for any information he may have relative to TED COLE.

Mr. TURNBULL resides eight miles straight south of Depew, Oklahoma, and two miles south of the Salt Creek Bridge, the second house on the east side of the road and back from the road approximately 100 yards.

Mrs. ORIE TURNBULL advised that her husband was away working with one of the neighbors who lives approximately three miles away in a place that was not accessible by automobile and that he would not return for several hours.

Mrs. TURNBULL examined the picture of TED COLE and advised that she had never been acquainted with TED COLE herself, but that she knew Mrs. GRACE, the grandmother of TED COLE by reputation. She advised that she had heard her husband mention the fact that he went to school with TED COLE and knew him as a boy; that the last time he saw him was prior to the last time COLE was arrested and at that time he saw COLE on the street in Depew and did not recognize him until a Mr. PAYNE informed him of the identity of the person to whom he spoke. She advised, further, that she had heard her husband mention that it is not likely that he would recognize COLE, now, if he saw him.

She felt sure that if Mr. TURNBULL knew of any information concerning COLE'S whereabouts, he would have discussed the matter with her.

AT McALESTER, OKLAHOMA

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent J. NEAL FAIRCLOTH:

Agent interviewed LEE JACOBS at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, who advised that he does not know JAMES HUGH BUTCHER, or ROY JOHNSON. He admitted, however, that he knew ROE, or at least was on a speaking acquaintance with him when the two of them were incarcerated in McAlester a number of years ago. In denying that he knew BUTCHER and JOHNSON, JACOBS stated that it is possible that he might be acquainted with them under another name or alias, but that he does not believe so.

JACOBS advised agent that an F.B. I. man had discussed this matter with him in 1936 or 1937, at which time, he, JACOBS, assured the agent that he was not acquainted with these individuals. He stated that he has not heard anything concerning ROE in the past few years, but in his opinion, ROE and COLE, did not make the mainland, but perished in the bay.

LEE JACOBS advised that he knew of no one who had any stolen bonds in Miami, Oklahoma, or anyone who was capable of handling or disposing of them if they did have. He stated, further, that he was never associated with "DOC" BARKER or had any dealings with him.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent H. J. CASSIDY, San Francisco, California, dated 6-24-40, which reflects that THEODORE J. AUDETTE, (Ex-convict from Alcatraz, # 208) stated he was supposed to meet GEORGE WILSON in Oklahoma City or Shawnee, Oklahoma after his release, and WILSON was to tell him where subjects are on Amazon River.

AUDETTE claimed to know nothing about GEORGE WILSON other than that he was supposed to have been incarcerated at McAlester, Oklahoma at the same time as ROE.

Mr. E. M. GILLESPIE, Record Clerk, Oklahoma State Penitentiary, made a thorough check of the files in an effort to locate a GEORGE WILSON, inmate of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at the time ROE was incarcerated there, with negative results.

On July 18, 1940, agent checked with the Police Department, Sheriff's Office, Post Office, City and Telephone Directory, at Shawnee, Oklahoma in an effort to locate the GEORGE WILSON mentioned by AUDETTE, with negative results.

On July 22, 1940, agent made a thorough check of the files of the Oklahoma City Police Department in an effort to locate a GEORGE WILSON who was a former inmate of McAlester Penitentiary and who formerly, or at present, resides in Oklahoma City, with negative results.

The 1939 City Directory for Oklahoma City reflects numerous GEORGE WILSONS, however, in view of the meager information furnished by AUDETTE, it is not believed that a check of all these persons would be justified.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE CINCINNATI FIELD DIVISION

* At Cincinnati, Ohio: Will contact the Billboard for any record available there with regard to the present location or whereabouts of RICHARD D. WILLIAMS. In the event his whereabouts is ascertained, an appropriate undeveloped lead should be set out to have him located and contacted to determine whether he might be identical with Fugitive COLE in this case.

THE DALLAS FIELD DIVISION

* At Amarillo, Texas: Will make appropriate inquiries at the Sheriff's Office and the Police Department concerning BOOTS CUTLER with a view toward locating CUTLER for interview. (L. H. Fallaw, dated 8-9-40, in Dallas, Texas.)

* 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 Fort Worth, Texas: Will locate and interview HAROLD HODKIN whose father owns all the cabins around the Showboat near the Jacksboro, Texas Highway out of Fort Worth, regarding any possible information he may possess regarding the location of ANTHONY LOLLA'S cabin on Lake Worth and also as to any information he may possess as to whether subjects ROE and COLE have stayed at that cabin.

* At Fort Worth, Texas: Will discreetly ascertain from the Fort Worth Packing Company the identity of the truck driver who delivers supplies to the Scott Coffee Shop at Ennis and is known as BUCK, and ascertain whether he was employed by that company prior to December, 1937, in which month ROE escaped.

* At Graham, Texas: Will contact CHARLES GRACE, Chevrolet Agency, and enlist his cooperation in obtaining from his brother, A. J. (JAKE) GRACE, information as to CUTLER'S present whereabouts.

THE EL PASO FIELD DIVISION

* At Hobbs, New Mexico: Will locate through Post Office Box # 4, MYRTIS JONES, former wife of BOOTS CUTLER, and if possible, obtain from her the present whereabouts of BOOTS CUTLER in order that he might be interviewed for his knowledge of ROE and ROE'S associates. Will ascertain if CUTLER is known to local authorities.

THE HONOLULU FIELD DIVISION

* At Honolulu, T. H.: Will again endeavor to locate Mrs. RUTH HOWARD, wife of E. 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.

THE HOUSTON FIELD DIVISION

* Will interview ROY CONNERS, 405½ Milam Street as to any information he may be able to furnish as to location of Fugitive.

* 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 report of Agent EDWARD L. DU BOIS, JR., San Antonio, 3-29-40.

THE KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION

* At Jefferson City, Missouri: Will locate CHARLES POWELL through the National Guard and interview him along the lines requested in report of Special Agent R. T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, June 2, 1939.

* At Leavenworth, Kansas at the United States Penitentiary: Will very discreetly ascertain the identity of BUCK HERTHDALE, 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 Russell, Kansas: Will interview S. H. ARIEY for any information he may be able to furnish as to the location of the Subjects.

THE LITTLE ROCK FIELD DIVISION

* The Little Rock Field Division at GREEN FORREST, Arkansas: Will contact the Town Marshal for any information he may have concerning Subjects having been in that vicinity.

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

* At Merced, California: Will contact and interview ANDY KILGORE, whose address is known to Chief of Police GILBERT of Livingston, California. KILGORE telephonically advised the Los Angeles Division Office that a woman at the Atwater Barbecue Stand, located on the south side of Atwater, California, had told BILL ANDERSON, who also hangs around the barbecue stand, that subject COLE was in the vicinity of the McDANIELS place, located between Atwater and Livingston, California. ANDY KILGORE at Merced, California, should be interviewed for more definite information concerning subject COLE.

* At San Bernardino, California: Will locate BILL CRAWFORD, Post Office 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 Mrs. CRAWFORD concerning subject and LEE ROBERTS being in that vicinity and of their possible contacting the JOHNSONS.

THE MIAMI FIELD DIVISION

Miami will conduct an investigation regarding information furnished by BARNEY RAND, as reflected in letter from Grand Rapids to Oklahoma City, dated June 12, 1940.

THE NEW ORLEANS FIELD DIVISION

At Golden Meadow, Louisiana: Will interview Mrs. LENA RILEY as requested by letter from this division dated June 28, 1940.

THE NEW YORK CITY FIELD DIVISION

At New York City, New York: Will conduct an investigation at the Seamen's House, Y.M.C.A., and the Maritime Commission, as requested by letter from San Antonio, dated July 17, 1940.

THE OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD DIVISION

* At Oklahoma City, Oklahoma: Will make appropriate inquiries at the Sheriff's Office and the Police Department concerning BOOTS CUTLER with a view toward locating CUTLER for interview.

* At Oklahoma City, Oklahoma: Will locate and interview HAZEL DEAN for the purpose of obtaining information as to the whereabouts of subject in this case.

* At Oklahoma City, Oklahoma: Will interview RUSSELL KENNITH DOMING, 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 Seminole, Oklahoma: It is requested to re-contact informant BUSTER GATES and ascertain from him if he knows by what company DEE FREEMAN is employed, or if he has any information whereby DEE FREEMAN could be located. If he is possessed of this information it is requested that a lead be set out for the Springfield Office to interview FREEMAN as requested in the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, dated 4-1-40.

* At Tulsa, Oklahoma: Will interview WILLIE HENRY, residing with one MATT HOLMES, 4620 Southwest 25th Street, Tulsa. HENRY was living with COLE'S grandmother soon after the alleged escape and may have received information at that time.

* At Tulsa, Oklahoma: Will keep in touch with Mrs. ALMA BASCOM, alias Mrs. ALMA ROSS and Mrs. ALVA KAUFFMAN, 124½ East Archer, for the location of RICHARD D. WILLIAMS.

THE SALT LAKE CITY DIVISION

* At Carson City, Nevada: Will interview KNUD I. SUMMERVILLE, who is confined in the State Penitentiary under the name of JAMES STONE, # 3987, as of March 5, 1939, for Grand Larceny on a 2 to 14 year sentence. SUMMERVILLE was arrested with subject ROE in May, 1923, at Los Angeles, California and he may have information on ROE or COLE.

THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION

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

* At Benicia, California: Will locate and interview ROSE QUINTO, operator of a sporting house, possibly called the "Depot." She should be questioned relative to the identity of ELEANOR DAWSON and the circumstances surrounding the visit of ELEANOR DAWSON to ALLEN at San Quentin Prison, as reflected by the visitor's record. The whereabouts of the DAWSON woman should be ascertained so that she may be interviewed to determine whether she is related in any way to Mrs. G. I. DAWSON, the half-sister of Subject COLE.

* At Ione, California: (At the California State Reformatory) Will ascertain whatrecords are on file relative to PAUL SULLIVAN, alias of RALPH ROE, who was committed to that institution July 6, 1923. Will ascertain a list of relatives and addresses for leads relative to whereabouts of ROE.

* At Oakland, California: Through the members of the Police Department, Vice or Morals Squad, should endeavor to locate JEAN LEE, said by ALLEN to be a prostitute in Oakland. It should be borne in mind that ALLEN states about a year ago JEAN LEE operated a house of prostitution in Pittsburg, California. If located, JEAN LEE should be questioned as to her knowledge of the address 2421 Post Street, San Francisco, at which place a Mr. and Mrs. J. ROSE registered on September 13, 1937, and remained until December 15, 1937, disappearing on the latter date without advising the manager of the apartment. The possibility has been suggested that JACK ROSE and JACK THOMPSON might be identical with Mr. and Mrs. J. ROSE, who registered at the Post Street Apartment.

* At San Francisco, California: Through contact with persons in the sports and boxing circles, should endeavor to locate JACK THOMPSON and JOEY OAKS. The former is said to be a colored pugilist who was once welter weight champion of the world. JOEY OAKS is an ex-pugilist who is well known around San Francisco and Los Angeles, California. If located, THOMPSON and OAKS should be questioned relative to the visit paid by THOMPSON to ALLEN at San Quentin Prison on September 27, 1937, to determine whether it is a fact that OAKS accompanied THOMPSON on that date. They should

be questioned as to the identity of JAMS ROSE, 1735 5th Street, Oakland, who is also listed as having visited ALLEN on September 27, 1937. It is the contention of ALLEN that possibly OAKS signed his name as J. ROSE or JAMES ROSE and that through a clerical error the name was written in the records as JAMS ROSE. The interview desired with these individuals is for the purpose of ascertaining whether they or any of their acquaintances were occupants of the apartment at 2421 Post Street, San Francisco, mentioned in the lead set out above.

* 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: (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 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: 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 M. JOHNSON, 1618½ - 12th Street, sister of EDWARD BENTZ, # 307-AZ. (See report of Inspector Curnow, San Francisco, 12-28-37, page 24.)

* At San Francisco, California: (At 3318 - 19th Street) Will interview GEORGE VAN GLAHN, # 337-AZ, released, for information concerning this case and also as to the whereabouts of his mother, Mrs. VARICH VAN GLAHN, in order that she also might be interviewed.

* At San Francisco, California: Will endeavor to locate Mrs. CHARLES (GLADYS) BERTA, wife of CHARLES BERTA, # 132-AZ, at 1390 California Street, or 340 O'Farrell Street, and interview her concerning her knowledge of instant case.

* At San Francisco, California: Will, through Detective McMAHON, determine the outcome of the case against DORIS MILLER and consider the advisability of contacting her with regard to her assistance as an informant in instant matter.

* At San Francisco, California: Will conduct additional investigation regarding AL BARRY and LEE 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.

THE SAN DIEGO FIELD DIVISION

* At Chula Vista, California: Will keep in contact with HAROLD M. BROWN, Patrol Inspector of the United States Naturalization and Immigration Service, in order that arrangements can be made to interview the informant FRANCISCO ORBE on his return from Santa Rosalia, Mexico relative to any information he might have concerning the suspect at that point who is alleged to be identical with the subject ROE.

THE SEATTLE FIELD DIVISION

* At McNeil Island, Washington: Will exhibit the photographs of Alcatraz inmates #463, 469, 474, 471 to JEFFERSON ROUBIDEAUX for identification purposes.

* At Seattle, Washington: Is requested to contact Mr. M. M. CASKEY, Mr. E. W. LAIRD, Mr. L. L. L. DILLEY and Mr. J. L. PRESTON, through the U. S. Lighthouse Service in Seattle and exhibit the photograph of MORRIS TRACKINER to each of these individuals to ascertain whether they can identify it as the person that called at the Lighthouse Service Office in Portland, Oregon on or about 12-16-37 at which time he was seeking tidal chart maps or pamphlets reflecting information as to the ebb and flow of the tides in San Francisco Bay.

* At Seattle, Washington: Will interview Mrs. SAM TRAYNER regarding the reported appearance of Subjects at Beaver, Washington on April 5, 1940.

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SEATTLE, WASHINGTON	9/4/40	7/17;8/21,27/40	A. P. LeGRAND DF

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1471.	ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: M. W. CASKEY and L. J. PRESTON do not believe photograph of MORRIS TRACKINER is that of person who called at Lighthouse Service, Portland, on 12/16/37.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent K. D. DEADERICK, Portland, Oregon, dated 5/10/40.
Report of Special Agent WILLIAM B. DILLON, Seattle, Washington, dated 5/8/40.

DETAILS: AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON:

At the office of the U. S. Lighthouse Service, Room 416, Federal Building, M. W. CASKEY, Assistant Lighthouse Engineer, and J. L. PRESTON were shown the photograph of MORRIS TRACKINER, who, they stated after careful consideration, was not the person who approached them on December 16, 1937, for information concerning the ebb and flow of tides in San Francisco Bay. Their description of this unknown individual is as follows:

Age:	45
Height:	5' 8"
Weight:	160-170 lbs.
Complexion:	Dark
Hair:	Dark
Glasses:	Wears glasses
Peculiarities:	Very reserved in talk.

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CASKEY stated that throughout the talk which the unknown individual had with E. W. LAIRD concerning the tides, he had primarily a back view of the individual; whereas PRESTON said his was almost entirely a rear view. Both of these men were agreed that the shape of TRACKINER's head was approximately that of the unknown person. E. W. LAIRD, to whom the conversation of this individual was directed, might possibly give a better description because he had a front view of this person, and they believed that LAIRD is now associated with the Coast Guard in Ketchiken, Alaska. They stated that L. L. L. DILLEY was no longer with the Lighthouse Service and was believed to be in Cleveland, Ohio.

Commander FREDERICK C. HINGSBERG, Chief of Staff, Coast Guard, stated that E. W. LAID is presently Lieutenant of the Coast Guard in Alaska and could be located through the Juneau District Commander. Commander HINGSBERG did not know where L. L. L. DILLEY is located at the present time but believed that he is an officer in the Naval Reserves.

Telephonic inquiry made at the Mount Baker Rest Home, 3119 Day Street, telephone Prospect 5769, revealed that Mrs. SAM RAYMER had left this home some time in June and is now residing at 1312½ North 43rd, Seattle, Washington, where she is staying with her son, who is employed by the Golden Rule Bakery Company.

SAMMY RAYMER, Golden Rule Bakery, 4450 Fremont Avenue, telephone Melrose 0711, stated that his mother, Mrs. SAM RAYMER, is now living with his brother, EARL RAYMER, Bayview, Route 2, Mount Vernon, Washington. If she is not there she will most likely be found at her home on State Street, Sedro Wooley, Washington.

ENCLOSURES: To the Juneau Office - 1 photograph of MORRIS TRACKINER.

To the Washington Field Office - 1 photograph of TRACKINER.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE JUNEAU OFFICE

AT JUNEAU, ALASKA:

Will contact the District Commander of the Coast Guard for the purpose of locating Lieutenant E. W. LAIRD so that the photograph of MORRIS TRACKINER can be exhibited to him to determine whether or not this individual approached LAIRD in the U. S. Lighthouse Service Office, Portland, Oregon, on December 16, 1937, to obtain information regarding the ebb and flow of tides in San Francisco Bay.

THE WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.:

At the Navy Department will obtain the present location of L. L. L. DILLEY, who is a Naval Reserve Officer, and forward the photograph of MORRIS TRACKINER to the office which will interview DILLEY regarding the identification of the person who obtained information at the Lighthouse Service, Portland, Oregon, on December 16, 1937, regarding the ebb and flow of tides in San Francisco Bay.

THE SEATTLE OFFICE

AT MOUNT VERNON, WASHINGTON:

Will locate Mrs. SAM RAYMER, in care of BERL RAYMER, Bayview, Route 2, Mount Vernon, so that she may be interviewed regarding the appearance of the Subjects at Beaver, Washington, on April 5, 1940.

* AT McNEIL ISLAND, WASHINGTON:

Will exhibit the photographs of Alcatraz inmates #463, 469, 474, and 471 to JEFFERSON ROUBIDEAUX for identification purposes.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

P. O. Box 1630,
San Antonio, Texas,
September 3, 1940.

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

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

Dear Sir:-

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated August 29, 1940, wherein it is stated that report of Special Agent J. B. Drury, San Antonio, Texas, dated August 1, 1940, in the above entitled matter failed to designate copies of that report for the Houston Field Division, although leads were set out for that Division.

Please be advised that since the dictation of this report this over-sight was taken care of and copy subsequently forwarded to the Houston Field Division.

Very truly yours,

Gus T. Jones,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc-Oklahoma City
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MIAMI, FLORIDA	9/13/40	8/13/40	R. E. SMITH RES:RA

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: FRED L. HARLEY, Coral Gables, Florida is presently out of the city but will return this fall. BARNEY RAND whom the informant alleged had stated RALPH ROE passed through Miami emphatically denies making such statement and claims never to have heard of subjects or of instant case.

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REFERENCE: Letters from the Oklahoma City office dated May 9, 1940 and June 26, 1940.

DETAILS: Reference letter dated May 9, 1940 suggested an agent see Mr. FRED L. HARLEY, 4408 Palmarito Avenue, Coral Gables, Florida for the purpose of exhibiting photographs of the fugitivesin an effort to determine which of the fugitives HARLEY believes he saw in London, England. It is noted from the original information concerning HARLEY which is set forth in the letter from this office to the Oklahoma City office dated April 6, 1940 that Mr. HARLEY requested that no mention be made to anyone at his residence concerning this matter as it would probably worry his family. Accordingly, Agent placed a telephone call to the residence of Mr. HARLEY and was advised by a woman answering the phone that he was out of the city but would return during the fall. She could not or would not furnish his address.

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Letter from the Oklahoma City office to the Miami office dated June 26, 1940 makes reference to a letter from the Grand Rapids office to the Oklahoma City office dated June 12, 1940 regarding information furnished to one WENDELL HOMER by BARNEY RAND who operates a stall in the market at Miami. According to WENDELL HOMER, RAND told him that RALPH ROE was alleged to have passed through Miami thereafter meeting THEODORE COLE at some place in Florida from which place both individuals had proceeded to Buenos Aires, Argentina.

BARNEY RAND was working at stall twenty-two in the city market, Miami, Florida at the time he was interviewed concerning the information furnished by WENDELL HOMER. He, of course, was not furnished with the source of the information. BARNEY RAND stated that he had never heard of THEODORE COLE or RALPH ROE much less to make a statement that RALPH ROE had been through Miami later meeting THEODORE COLE. He said that he had never heard of these individuals or of instant case. RAND appeared sincere in these statements and after looking at the photographs of the subjects stated that he had never heard of these individuals.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD

MIAMI FIELD DIVISION

AT CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, Will contact FRED L. HARLEY, 4408 Palmarito Avenue and exhibit to him photographs of subjects to ascertain which if either of these subjects he believes he saw in London, England.

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Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA FILE NO. 76-244

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH	9-17-40	8-17;20 9-2,4,10-40	JOHN T. McLAUGHLIN VDJ

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: KNUD I. SUMMERVILLE who is confined in the Nevada State Penitentiary under the name of JAMES STONE # 3987 was interviewed and advises that he has not seen or heard from ROE since 1923 and that COLE is unknown to him. DR. E. T. MARTIN, Veterinarian, Reno, Nevada advises that Subjects are hiding out in the vicinity of Tulsa, Oklahoma and that a manicurist in Scottys Barbershop was contacting them.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent D. W. MAGEE, Los Angeles, California, dated 8-4-40.

DETAILS: AT CARSON CITY, NEVADA:

At the Nevada State Prison, Agent interviewed KNUD I. SUMMERVILLE who is confined to this institution under the name of JAMES STONE, # 3987. He advised that RALPH ROE was known to him, but that he had not seen him since 1923 and has not heard from him since that time. He advised that THEODORE COLE was unknown to him and that at the time of his escape he was incarcerated in the State Penitentiary in Idaho. He further advised that it is the opinion of those incarcerated in the Idaho State Penitentiary and the Nevada State Prison that the sharks made off with both ROE and COLE.

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In connection with this matter agent was recently talking to DR. E. T. MARTIN a Veterinarian who formerly resided in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He advised that about two years ago he became acquainted with a manicurist who was employed at the Scotty Barber Shop, 611 Main Street South, Tulsa,

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Oklahoma; that he did not recall the name of this girl, but that she was dark, short with dark hair and lived in West Tulsa with her sister-in-law; that he took this girl on a hunting trip about two years ago and that she became intoxicated and while so she advised him that she had to return to town to bring mail out to two boys hiding in the hills. He advised that he came to the conclusion by making inquiries, the nature of which he cannot recall, that these two individuals were RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE who escaped from Alcatraz. Dr MARTIN was questioned at some length but could furnish agent no further information.

For the information of the Oklahoma City Office he bears a very good personality, but is an individual that seems to have information on all current topics and has a tendency to exaggerate. He is locally known as a good veterinarian and story teller.

No undeveloped lead is being set out for the Oklahoma Office inasmuch as it is being left to their discretion whether or not the information furnished by DR. MARTIN is practical.

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Honolulu, Hawaii
September 6, 1940

Special Agent in Charge
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Re: ROCOL

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, dated OKLAHOMA CITY, August 25, 1940, setting out a lead for the HONOLULU OFFICE to endeavor to locate MRS RUTH HOWARD for the purpose of ascertaining whether she may have any information concerning the escape of SUBJECTS.

Your attention is invited to the report of Special Agent J. E. THORNTON, submitted at HONOLULU, December 15, 1939, setting forth the results of an interview had with MRS RUTH ELLEN SMITH HOWARD and further setting out details of various attempts made to locate MRS RUTH HOWARD, as requested in the lead from your office. It will be noted that these attempts were unsuccessful but that request was made for a photograph, if available, before further effort to locate RUTH HOWARD could be made. To date, no such photograph has been received at this office, for which reason no further investigation along these lines will be conducted.

In the event it is still desired that this office endeavor to locate MRS HOWARD, a photograph should be furnished.

Very truly yours,

R. L. SHIVERS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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OMAHA, NEBRASKA
September 14, 1940

Special Agent in Charge
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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

Dear Sir:

THEODORE JAMES AUDETT, who is confined in the Douglas County Jail, Omaha, having been indicted in Federal court on a bank burglary charge, was conditionally released from the United States Penitentiary, Alcatraz, California, on May 30, 1940.

In an interview with him on September 13, 1940, he informed me that he had been working in the machine shop with ROE shortly prior to this escape. He said it was the consensus of the inmates there that both men successfully made their escape and their way to the mainland because their bodies had never been recovered.

He said that an individual named TOM, who was commonly known as "LONG TOM" in Alcatraz, was a close friend of ROE, and he believes TOM had been sentenced with ROE for the same offense. TOM told AUDETT that if he contacted JIMMIE HUDSPETH and JEFF CLARK, both of Oklahoma, upon his release they would be able to get him in touch with ROE and COLE if they are alive. TOM told AUDETT that ROE had about $8,000 cash some place in Oklahoma, and that in order for ROE to get it, he would have to see HUDSPETH or CLARK. AUDETT believed that HUDSPETH resides in or near Ardmore, Oklahoma, and CLARK in or near Shawnee, or it may be just the other way around.

This information is being furnished you for whatever value it may possess.

Very truly yours,

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C. W. STEIN
Special Agent in Charge

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EL PASO, TEXAS	9-26,40	9-11,40	A. R. GERE jwb

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RALPH ROE, With Aliases-FUGITIVE, I.O#1472; THEODORE COLE, With Aliases-FUGITIVE, I.O#1471	ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: HARRY M. BOOTH, alias BOOTS CUTLER, not known at Hobbs, New Mexico, and his former wife, MYRTIS JONES, of Hobbs, New Mexico has no information concerning his relatives present whereabouts.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 8-25-40.

DETAILS: AT HOBBS, NEW MEXICO

Miss MYRTIS JONES was located at LIPPMAN'S Store, 114 West Broadway, where she is employed as a saleslady, and she gave her residence address as 500½ East Broadway, and stated that about six years ago, date unknown, she was married at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to HARRY M. BOOTH and lived with him about four months, during which time she lived at Burkburnett, Texas, and he operated the Fairground Night Club at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and visited her at Burkburnett sometimes on weekends. She did not reveal her occupation while residing at Burkburnett, Texas, but stated that about four years ago she was divorced from HARRY M. BOOTH at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and she heard afterwards that his name was CUTLER, but that she has not heard from him for about four years when he called her on the telephone from Wichita Falls, Texas. She also stated that she did not know of any relatives of HARRY M. BOOTH except a brother, name unknown, who lived at Seminole, Oklahoma.

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The following personal description of HARRY M. BOOTH was obtained from Miss MYRTIS JONES:

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HARRY M. BOOTH, Alias	BOOTS CUTLER
Age	39 (birthdate and place of birth unknown)
Height	About 5' 9"
Weight	About 175 lbs.
Build	Heavy
Hair	Brown, some gray
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Medium
Marks	No distinguishing features, nice looking.

Miss JONES was not very cooperative, but it is believed that she does not have any information which might lead to the present whereabouts of HARRY M. BOOTH, alias BOOTS CUTLER, whom she stated she married immediately after meeting him and saw very little of him after they were married and never discussed his personal affairs or relatives with him. She stated that HARRY M. BOOTH never was at Hobbs, New Mexico to her knowledge.

Chief of Police SAM YOUNG stated that he never knew of anyone named BOOTS CUTLER having resided at Hobbs, New Mexico, and that he did not know of any man who posed as the husband of MYRTIS JONES being at Hobbs.

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THE OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE

AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

Will ascertain from the marriage records about six years ago, and the divorce records about four years ago, any information relative to HARRY M. BOOTH, allegedly married to and divorced from MYRTIS JONES, which might be of assistance in locating HARRY M. BOOTH, alias BOOTS CUTLER, and at the FAIRGROUND NIGHT CLUB will ascertain any available information concerning a former owner named HARRY M. BOOTH, alias BOOTS CUTLER, and

AT SEMINOLE, OKLAHOMA

Will locate a man named BOOTH, who may be a brother of HARRY M. BOOTH, alias BOOTS CUTLER for information concerning the latter's whereabouts.

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CINCINNATI, OHIO	10-1-40	9-13-40	W. H. CRAWFORD (A) DWH

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RALPH ROE with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1472 THEODORE COLE with aliases - FUGITIVE	ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Billboard has no record of the address of RICHARD D. WILLIAMS.

R.U.C.

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, Okla., dated 6-13-40.

DETAILS: AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

Mrs. NELL ENGLEKAMP, Billboard Publishing Company, 25 Opera Place, Cincinnati, Ohio, stated that her records do not contain anyone by the name of RICHARD D. WILLIAMS. Mrs. ENGLEKAMP stated that she had no knowledge that anyone by this name had ever used the mail facilities of the Billboard Publishing Company.

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DALLAS, TEXAS	10-6-40	10-2-40	KIRBY M. GILLETTE

TITLE
RALPH COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, IO #1472;
THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, IO#1471.

CHARACTER OF CASE
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: BOOTS CUTLER never handled by SO or PD, Amarillo, Texas.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent L. M. FALLAW, Dallas, Texas, dated 8-9-40.

DETAILS:

L. B. McKENZIE, Identification Officer, Sheriff's Office, Amarillo, Texas, caused his records to be searched which reflected that BOOTS CUTLER had not been handled by that office. An R. C. CUTLER, FBI #242,994, had been handled in 1935 for theft under fifty dollars, but from the physical description it was obvious that he was not identical with BOOTS CUTLER.

D. B. HAYNIE, Assistant Identification Officer, Amarillo, Texas Police Department, searched the records of that department, which reflected that BOOTS CUTLER had never been handled by that office.

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DALLAS, TEXAS	10-10-40	10-7-40	H. E. WELSH

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, IO #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, IO #1471	ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: CHARLES GRACE knows BOOTS CUTLER and willing to cooperate in locating him for appropriate interview.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent L. M. FALLAW at Dallas, Texas, dated 8-9-40.

DETAILS:

CHARLES GRACE, Manager of the Chevrolet Company in Graham, Texas, said that he knew BOOTS CUTLER as well as his brother, JAKE GRACE, and probably saw him just as often although his brother JAKE and BOOTS CUTLER were both gamblers. CHARLES GRACE said that it therefore would not be necessary to get the information from his brother, but if his brother did see or hear from CUTLER before he heard he would send such information immediately to the Dallas Field Division. CHARLES GRACE saw BOOTS CUTLER about June, 1940, when he was passing through Graham, Texas, on the way to Fort Worth, where he (CUTLER) said he was going to get some money by means of gambling. GRACE will attempt to ascertain where CUTLER is going in view of the fact that he usually only passes through Graham. GRACE said that he would notify the Dallas Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.	10/17/40	10/3/40	GUY HOTTEL OBJ:JDiF

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Lt. LUTHER L. L. DILLEY, U. S. Navy Reserve, is presently assigned to the USS GILMER located at the Naval operating base, Norfolk, Virginia.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent A. P. LeGRAND, dated September 4, 1940 at Seattle, Washington.

DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

The following investigation was conducted by O. B. JONES, special employee attached to the Washington Field Division:

Mrs. H. J. MORENO, clerk, Naval Officers' Files, searched the records of her department and advised that Lt. LUTHER L. L. DILLEY, U. S. Navy Reserve, is presently assigned to the U.S.S. GILMER located at the Naval operating base, Norfolk, Virginia.

ENCLOSURE TO RICHMOND FIELD OFFICE: 1 photograph of Morris TRACKINER.

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THE RICHMOND FIELD DIVISION

AT NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

At the Naval operating base will interview Lt. L. L. L. DILLEY, assigned to the USS GILMER and show the photograph of MORRIS TRACKINER regarding the identification of the person who obtained information at the lighthouse service, Portland, Oregon, on December 16, 1937 regarding the ebb and flow of tides in San Francisco Bay.

Will ascertain any information DILLEY may furnish regarding the unknown individual and furnish same to the office of origin.

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Seattle, Washington	10-17-40	9-11-40	W. A. COLLIER ES

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.	ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: JEFFERSON ROUBIDEAUX, U.S. P., McNeil Island Wash. #13942, fails to identify Alcatraz Photos #462, 463, 469, 471 or 474 as person he received information from. He stated the person would be the only white man whose photograph was taken with his head shaved between Alcatraz #463 and Alcatraz #474.

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REFERENCES: Report of Special Agent JOSEPH J. PIEPER, dated at Seattle, Washington October 25, 1939;

Report of Special Agent J. A. ROBEY, dated at San Francisco, April 8, 1940;

Report of Special Agent A. P. LeGRAND, dated at Seattle, Washington, September 4, 1940.

DETAILS: AT McNEIL ISLAND, WASHINGTON

JEFFERSON ROUBIDEAUX, United States Penitentiary, McNeil Island, Washington, #13942, upon interview advised that the individual whom he had received information from to the effect that Fugitive COLE had contacted the wife of FRANK NASH in Kansas City, Missouri, was a white man who arrived at Alcatraz, together with twelve other prisoners of which number, four were colored.

The photographs of SAM SHOCKLEY, Alcatraz #462; SAM McGREW, Alcatraz #463; JOHN J. WASHINGTON, Alcatraz #469; RICHARD PRICE, Alcatraz #471 and SAM LONG, Alcatraz #474 were exhibited to ROUBIDEAUX

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and he advised that none of these individuals were identical with the party he had received information from, it being noted that all of these individuals, with the exception of SAM SHOCKLEY, were colored.

ROUBIDEAUX, upon viewing the photograph of SAM SHOCKLEY, Alcatraz #462, immediately recognized this as the photograph of SAM SHOCKLEY and stated that SHOCKLEY had been in Alcatraz prior to the arrival of the twelve individuals that he has reference to. He stated he had also known SHOCKLEY in another Federal Penitentiary.

ROUBIDEAUX advised that he is positive that SAM McGREW, Alcatraz #463 was among the twelve individuals that he has reference to, and by a check of the Penitentiary numbers stated that the man he had received the information from would be one who is listed by Alcatraz number between Alcatraz #463 and Alcatraz #474.

It was called to ROUBIDEAUX'S attention that the photographs of all twelve individuals, whose numbers were between Alcatraz #463 and Alcatraz #474, had been exhibited to him and he stated that some of the photographs which Agent PIEPER had formerly exhibited to him were old photographs which were taken prior to the time these individuals were received at the Alcatraz Penitentiary.

ROUBIDEAUX stated that he is positive that Alcatraz photographs were made of all twelve of these individuals at the same time and that the individual to whom he refers was the only white man of this twelve who had his hair shaved off at the time the photographs were taken.

ROUBIDEAUX was questioned as to the possible name of this individual or for possibly what crime he was serving time, but ROUBIDEAUX advised he had never heard this individual's name called and did not know for what crime he was presently serving time.

ENCLOSURES: To San Francisco Office

The following photographs:

SAM LONG, Alcatraz #474
SAM McGREW, Alcatraz #463
RICHARD PRICE, Alcatraz #471
JOHN J. WASHINGTON, Alcatraz #469
SAM SHOCKLEY, Alcatraz #462

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THE SAN FRANCISCO FIELD OFFICE:

At the U. S. Penitentiary, Alcatraz Island, will examine the photographs made at Alcatraz Island upon the arrival of prisoners, of the twelve prisoners bearing Alcatraz numbers 463 through 474, and the white man whose photograph was taken with his head shaved should be the

individual referred to by ROUBIDEAUX. If, after interview, this individual is not the individual who has information that Fugitive COLE contacted the wife of FRANK NASH, will forward to the Seattle Office these photographs to again be exhibited to ROUBIDEAUX.

THE SEATTLE FIELD OFFICE:

* At Mount Vernon, Washington, will locate Mrs. SAM RAYMER, in care of BERL RAYMER, Bayview, Route 2, Mount Vernon, so that she may be interviewed regarding the appearance of the subjects at Beaver, Washington on April 5, 1940.

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1300 Biscayne Building
Miami, Florida

October 26, 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 October 17, 1940, Chief of Detectives W. D. BUSH, Tampa, Florida, informed Special Agent L. W. BRYAN of this office, that Mrs. LYLE GALLAND had made a complaint against LYLE GALLAND, and both were taken to the Police Department for questioning, where it developed that Mrs. GALLAND is the wife of RALPH ROE. She is presently residing at 3408 Ninth Street, Tampa, Florida, but expects to return to Oklahoma. She stated to BUSH that she knew nothing concerning the whereabouts of ROE but said she thinks he is dead, and if alive, his brother would be the only person who would know about him.

No action is being taken by the Miami Field Division on the foregoing information unless instructions to do so are received from the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

PERCY WILY, II
Special Agent in Charge

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DALLAS, TEXAS	10-21-40	8/22/40 10/P,15/40	S. M. WOLF

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, IO #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, IO #1471	ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: DELMAS CARPENTER has no information as to subjects or contacts. BUCK STARNES, City Packing Company, Fort Worth, Texas, not identical with ROE. HAROLD or EARL HODGKINS know nothing of ANTHONY LOLLA Cabin, Fort Worth, Texas.

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REFERENCE: Reports of Special Agent L. R. CHANDLER, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 4-19-40, and F. J. BLAKE, Dallas, Texas, dated 5-17-40, and RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 4-1-40.

DETAILS:

DELMAS CARPENTER, 311 North Harding Street, Fort Worth, Texas, was interviewed and he stated he has no information of any value as to the possible present whereabouts or contacts of the Fugitives in this case. CARPENTER was in the Texas State Penitentiary, Huntsville, Texas, from May 2, 1936 to October 21, 1938, for burglary. CARPENTER's cooperation was solicited in connection with this case and he readily agreed to contact the Dallas Field Office in event he develops any information as to the possible contacts or possible present whereabouts of the Fugitives in this case.

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Mr. RICHARD GIBSON, Office Manager, City Packing Company, Fort Worth, Texas, and Mr. WILLIAM C. RAY, bookkeeper of this company, advised that BUCK STARNES, the driver who makes ENNIS and Waxahachie, Texas, appears to be the individual referred to in the reference report of Special Agent F. J. BLAKE. According to both GIBSON and RAY, STARNES was working for the City Packing Company, Fort Worth, Texas, from early in 1936 as a truck driver and in the

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wholesale market of the company for a period of about three years which would definitely eliminate him as possibly being one of thesubjects in this case, particularlyRALPH ROE.

Detective ROY A. HILTS, Fort Worth, Texas, Police Department, accompanied the writer on interview of HAROLD HODGKINS, who is employed at the Stock Yard Meat Market and Grocery Company, 2403 North Main Street, Fort Worth, Texas. HAROLD HODGKINS lives on Lake Worth, Fort Worth, Texas, and knew nothing about a cabin owned by ANTHONY LOLLA on Lake Worth, Fort Worth, Texas. He referred to his brother, EARL HODGKINS, who lives at Lake Worth and operates a grocery store on the Jacksboro highway near the Lake.

EARL HODGKINS was interviewed at his home by Detective HILTS and the writer, and EARL HODGKINS knew nothing about a cabin on Lake Worth owned by ANTHONY LOLLA. Neither HAROLD nor EARL HODGKINS identified the photographs of RALPH ROE or THEODORE COLE as being known to them or as having been seen at or in the vicinity of Lake Worth, Fort Worth, Texas, in recent months.

Detective HILTS stated that he would endeavor to obtain additional information in this matter and would contact the Dallas Field Office.

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THE DALLAS FIELD OFFICE

At Fort Worth, Texas, will maintain contact with Detective ROY HILTS of the Police Department in connection with information he may develop about a cabin owned by ANTHONY LOLLA on Lake Worth, Fort Worth, Texas, and if ROE or COLE may have been at this cabin in recent months.

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FBI OKLAHOMA CITY 11-27-40 11:15 A.M. HEA:os

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ROCOL. COLE REPORTEDLY CHECKED IN HOTEL NEW YORKER BETWEEN OLIVE AND WASHINGTON STREETS, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI ABOUT A WEEK AGO, POSSIBLY UNDER NAME VAN METER. CHECK AND ADVISE.

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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.	11/12/40	11/12/40	J. A. ROBEY ILS

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Records of Preston School of Industry, Ione, California reflected PAUL SULLIVAN received that institution 7/7/23 from Los Angeles County on charge of "Robbery;" information concerning, background set out.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent D. W. MAGEE, Los Angeles, California, dated 4/5/40.

DETAILS: AT IONE, CALIFORNIA

Through the courtesy of MR. J. E. COAN, Clerk, Preston School of Industry, Ione, California, the records pertaining to PAUL SULLIVAN, Preston Number 5673, were reviewed. They reflect that he was received at this institution on 7/7/23 from Los Angeles County on charge of "robbery" and was sentenced to be confined for the period of his minority.

At the time he was received at this institution he furnished the following information:

Date of birth	2/5/06, Kansas City, Mo.
Education	Lincoln High School, Kansas City, completing 2nd year (later report reflects he only completed 8th grade

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Mother's name	MATTIE HICKEY (died 1917)
Relatives (living)	J. W. SULLIVAN, father New Orleans, Louisiana
	CHARLES WHITE, step-father 2210 Aisle Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri
	RAY SULLIVAN, brother, Coast Artillery, USA, 2nd Division, Honolulu, T. H.
	ROBERT ROE, brother 422 East Broadway, Enid, Oklahoma
	E. L. EVANS, brother-in-law 1702 Grand Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri

Subject indicated that he had lived with a family named BONNER at Kansas City, Missouri before coming to Los Angeles and being involved in the instant case. The records failed to reflect that he corresponded with any one while in this institution or that he received any visitors. On April 5, 1924, subject returned to a brother-in-law E. L. EVANS, 1702 Grand Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri, being released on parole.

The records fail to reflect any further pertinent information concerning this subject.

The matter of setting out leads to interview relatives of subject ROE, as set out in this report, is being left to the discretion of the office of origin, as it is not known whether they have been interviewed.

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HONOLULU, T. H.

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October 11, 1940.

Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Re: ROCK

Dear Sir:

WALLACE LAUER BATCHELOR, subject in the case entitled, WALLACE LAUER BATCHELOR, with aliases, BISHOP NATIONAL BANK OF HAWAII AT HONOLULU, Honolulu, T. H., Bank Robbery (Forgery), Honolulu File No. 91-43, who was arrested by this office on September 25, 1940, and has confessed to forging eleven checks totaling $1,091.00 on both National and Territorial banks in the Territory of Hawaii, while being questioned advised that he knew both fugitives RALPH ROE, with aliases, I.O. #1472, and THEODORE COLE, with aliases, I.O. #1471, since 1927 and claims that they are both alive.

BATCHELOR advised that he met these fugitives first in 1927 in Chicago and that he met them again in 1928 in Kansas City, Missouri; that he met them again in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1933, and that he again met these fugitives about May, 1934, in Leavenworth Penitentiary.

BATCHELOR was sentenced to serve ten years at the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth under the name of JAMES CLARK, No. 44945, on April 26, 1934, for Post Office theft of mail. BATCHELOR stated that both fugitives ROE and COLE were working in the furniture factory at the penitentiary with him and that they remained there for only a short time before being transferred to Alcatraz. BATCHELOR was conditionally released from Leavenworth on April 15, 1940, and he advised Special Agent J. H. Falkinburg that immediately upon being released he had gone to see a certain man in Kansas City, Missouri, and that this man often gave ex-convicts money to help them move from place to place. BATCHELOR refused to give this man's name but stated there were men like him in all large towns taking an interest in ex-convicts, and he advised that this man was operating ostensibly as a law-abiding citizen. BATCHELOR refused to give his name but stated that this man had given him $25.00.

BATCHELOR stated that this man talked to him of fugitives ROE and COLE and that this man advised that fugitive COLE was presently in business for himself south of Kansas City, Missouri, and that fugitive ROE was working for somebody else. BATCHELOR stated that this man showed him a letter

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he had received from fugitive COLE under a fictitious name. BATCHELOR stated that he knew COLE'S writing, having seen it often at Leavenworth, and he knew it was fugitive COLE'S writing.

BATCHELOR stated that he knew both these fugitives were alive but stated that he would do nothing whatever to aid the authorities in apprehending them.

BATCHELOR has served in the District of Columbia Reformatory at Lawton, Va., for robbery; in the United States Penitentiary at Atlanta for stealing from the U. S. mails; and at McNeil Island for violation of Postal Laws-Larceny, as well as violation of the Postal Laws when he served a penitentiary term at Leavenworth.

This information is being forwarded to the office of origin for whatever value it may have.

Very truly yours,

R. L. SHIVERS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RALPH ROE with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1472. THEODORE COIE with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1471	ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent F. D. FLANAGAN, San Diego, California, dated August 7, 1940.
Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated August 25, 1940.

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AT SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

RALEIGH WAID of the San Diego Police Department advised former Special Agent in Charge R. B. HOOD that a Mr. C. E. R. BROWN of 3626 Cottonwood Street, San Diego, gave him the following information which he wished transmitted to the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

BROWN was confined in the United States Naval Hospital at San Diego during the week of September 16, 1940, and while in the hospital he met a Marine by the name of BRADLEY who also was a patient in the hospital. BRADLEY told BROWN that he was from Oklahoma and that he knows where the two persons who escaped from Alcatraz are now hiding in that state.

C. E. R. BROWN, 3626 Cottonwood Street, San Diego, was interviewed by the reporting Agent, and he advised that he was confined in the Naval Hospital from August 24, 1940 to September 5, 1940 and at that time in the bed next to him was a young Marine by the name of BRADY or BRADLEY. BROWN stated that in conversations with this young Marine the Marine stated that he was recently back in Oklahoma and saw the two convicts who escaped from Alcatraz. This young man did not know the names of these convicts at the time of this conversation. It was noted that Mr. BROWN is a very elderly man, was very deaf, and it was quite difficult to carry on a conversation with him.

Through the cooperation of HARRY VINCENT of the Personnel Office at the Naval Hospital, it was determined that

RALPH EDWARD BRADY, an Apprentice Seaman stationed at the Naval Training Station, San Diego, was a patient in the bed next to Mr. C. E. R. BROWN during BROWN'S stay at the hospital in September, 1940. The hospital records indicated that BRADY, who has been in the Navy since August 7, 1940, gives his home address as Alva, Oklahoma, and is eighteen years of age.

BRADY was interviewed at the United States Naval Hospital in San Diego and advised that he occupied the bed next to Mr. BROWN referred to above. He stated that he often conversed with Mr. BROWN and during the course of their conversations they used to discuss criminals throughout the country, and at one time he told BROWN that several years ago he met a boy in Oklahoma who stated that he knew the two men who escaped from Alcatraz Island. BRADY emphatically denied that he ever told BROWN he saw either of the subjects of this case and, as a matter of fact, BRADY advised that he did not know the name of the two men who escaped from Alcatraz Island although he was somewhat familiar with the case and knew that they came from Oklahoma. BRADY stated that some time shortly after the subjects of this case escaped from Alcatraz, some unknown boy about thirteen or fourteen years of age at Shawnee, Oklahoma, stated that he knew where the subjects of this case were hiding in Oklahoma. At the time this boy gave this information to BRADY he did not believe it as he thought the boy was only bragging. It was pointed out by BRADY that he told this incident to Mr. BROWN, and as Mr. BROWN is very hard of hearing, it is very likely that he misunderstood the story and for that reason believed that BRADY had some information relative to the whereabouts of the subjects of this case.

BRADY stated that prior to his enlistment in the Navy he lived part of the time with his mother, Mrs. EMMA BRADY of 833 North Hobson Street, Shawnee, Oklahoma, and spent part of his time with his father, Mr. O. E. BRADY of the B and B Furniture Company, Alva, Oklahoma. BRADY stated that he could furnish no information whatsoever concerning the subjects of this case and in the event he did have any information he would immediately communicate with the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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THE SAN DIEGO FIELD DIVISION

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RECORDED 76-2686-72 December 17, 1940

The Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis
New Scotland Yard
London, S. W. 1, England

My dear Commissioner:

I am enclosing smooth-finish photographs and Identification Orders concerning Ralph Roe, with aliases, and Theodore Cole, with aliases, whose apprehensions are presently desired by this Bureau. It has not been definitely established that these individuals were actually successful in effecting their escape, as it is very possible that they were drowned in their attempt to reach the mainland from the island upon which Alcatraz Prison is located. The information which is briefly set forth hereinafter was recently reported to this Bureau:

Mr. Fred L. Harley of Miami, Florida, U. S. A., has advised that during the latter part of August 1938, he was a guest at the Hotel Strand Palace, London, England, his room being located on the sixth floor. He stated that an Irish maid in this hotel named Sheila had a magazine which contained photographs of Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole, and she had advised Mr. Harley that one of these men, namely Ralph Roe, occupied a room three doors from the room assigned to Mr. Harley. He has advised that at that time he questioned seven different maids at the hotel and all of them were certain that one of the men in the room three doors from his room was identical with Ralph Roe whose photograph appeared in a magazine which the maid named Sheila had in her possession.

He has also advised that he caught a glimpse of the men as they came out of their room and he is also quite positive that one of the men was actually Ralph Roe. He further advised that at the time Roe was wearing a short, stubby beard. He advised that the other individual accompanying Ralph Roe in no way resembled the other subject of this case, Theodore Cole.

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Mr. E. A. Tamm
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He stated that he was so positive of his identification that he notified the manager of the hotel who stated that he would immediately notify you and have an appropriate inquiry made. He also advised that these men checked out of the hotel on the same day of his complaint to the manager. Mr. Harley further related that while these two men were living at the hotel they allowed no one but the maids to come into their room, and they were reported to have been drinking excessively, remaining in the room at all times except approximately between 10 P. M. at night and 4 A. M. the following morning.

The description which Mr. Harley gave of the individual whom he identified as Ralph Roe rather closely corresponds with the description on the enclosed Identification Order #1472. The description of the individual accompanying the person identified as Ralph Roe was given as follows:

Height	5'11"
Weight	Approximately 200 pounds
Features	Very coarse, angular
Build	Very heavy

Mr. Harley remarked that this individual had a very rough appearance, resembling a gorilla and having the appearance of a retired pugilist.

Mr. Harley further related that one Patricia Hamilton, address, Milk Bar Strand above Waterloo Bridge Inn, is familiar with the information he has reported and that he feels certain she would be glad to cooperate in any way, should any investigation be made in London.

You may be assured that I will sincerely appreciate any information you may be able to furnish, either in verification of the above facts as furnished by Mr. Harley, or in elimination of the possibility that one of these fugitives may presently be in England.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc Oklahoma City

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MIAMI, FLORIDA	11-29-40	11-13-40	F. W. THOMPSON FWT:JG

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RALPH ROE, with aliases: FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with Aliases; FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471	ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Mr. FRED L. HARLEY identified a picture of RALPH ROE as the man whom he saw in the Hotel Strand Palace in London, England, in 1938 in the company of another unidentified individual.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent R. E. SMITH, dated 9-13-40 at Miami, Florida.

DETAILS: AT MIAMI, FLORIDA.

Mr. FRED L. HARLEY was interviewed at the Miami Field Division Office and advised that in the latter part of August 1938 he was staying at the Hotel Strand Palace in London, England, where he had a room on the Sixth floor; that an Irish maid named SHEILA had a magazine which contained pictures of Subjects ROE and COLE with an article pertaining to their escape from Alcatraz, and that this maid told HARLEY that one of these men whose pictures appeared in the magazine occupied a room three doors from the room which HARLEY occupied.

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Mr. HARLEY advised that he questioned seven different maids and that all of them were certain that one of the men in the room three doors from his room was identical with the picture of RALPH ROE which appeared in the magazine which the maid, SHEILA had. Mr. HARLEY said that he caught a glimpse of these two men as

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they came out of the room. One of these men he has identified as Subject ROE, when shown a picture of ROE by this Agent. He said that ROE had a short stubby beard at the time he saw him, but that he is positive that this individual is RALPH ROE. The other man who was with the men HARLEY identified as RALPH ROE did not resemble in any respect the picture of THEODORE COLE, according to Mr. HARLEY. Mr. HARLEY said that he was so sure that this man he saw in the hotel was Subject ROE that he notified the manager who told him that he would notify Scotland Yard. Mr. HARLEY said that he did not know how much investigation was made by Scotland Yard, but that he did not think it was much, because the two men checked out of the hotel the same day that he made the complaint. Mr. HARLEY said that while these two men were living at the hotel they allowed no one but the maid to come to their room; they drank very heavily, usually left the hotel about 10:00 or 10:30 at night and returned about 3:00 or 4:00 o'clock in the morning, never leaving their room during the day.

Mr. HARLEY said that he did not get a very good look at either of these two men, but gave the following description of them as he remembered it.

Name	RALPH ROE, was.
Height	5'9"
Weight	160
Hair	Black
Remarks	Very broad shouldered, big build; had an odd shuffling walk.

The man who was with the men he identified as RALPH ROE he described as follows:

Height	5'11"
Features	Very coarse, angular
Build	Very heavy
Weight	About 200
Remarks	Looked somewhat like a gorilla, very tough appearance, like that of retired pugilist.

Mr. HARLEY could not say how old these men were as they were unshaven and it would be hard to guess their age. Mr. HARLEY said that when one registers at a hotel in England it is necessary to fill out a complete description of where one is from, where one is going and by what means of transportation. He said that he did not know the names under which these men were registered at the hotel in London, but if it was desired that any investigation be made there that inquiry should be made as to the two men who had a room three doors toward the Strand from the room of FRED HARLEY on the Sixth Floor. Mr. HARLEY seemed to think that it might be possible to get a lead on these two men, because of the information it is necessary to supply when registering at the hotel.

Mr. HARLEY further advised that a friend of his, PATRICIA HAMILTON, address Milk Bar Strand, above Waterloo Bridge Inn, was familiar with the information he had given Agent and should any investigation be made in London, he was sure she would be glad to cooperate and give any help she could.

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HOUSTON, TEXAS	11/30/40	11/28,29/40	J. P. HYLAND, Jr.

TITLE: RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O.#1472
THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FIGITIVE,
I. O. #1471

CHARACTER OF CASE: ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: ROY CONNORS not located at Houston, reported to be in ABBEVILLE, LOUISIANA.
O. C. HALES not located in Houston, reported to be in LOUISIANA.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent EDWARD L. DuBOIS, Jr., dated January 24, 1940, at Kansas City, Missouri.

Report of Special Agent EDWARD L. DuBOIS, Jr., dated March 29, 1940, at San Antonio, Texas.

Report of Special Agent RALPH G. HOOD, dated August 25, 1940, at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

DETAILS: THE HOUSTON FIELD DIVISION

AT HOUSTON, TEXAS

Writer attempted to contact ROY CONNORS at 405 1/2 Milam Street, but discovered that there was no such address. In an effort to find CONNORS, writer contacted SAM CALDERARA, shoe maker at 403 Milam Street, E. F. SMITH, druggist at the corner of Milam and Preston Street, THEODORE BUCK, drygoods store propriator, 402 Milam Street, and FRED WILKIE, propriator of the saloon at 406 Milam Street, and they all stated that they did not know CONNORS, and had no knowledge of his whereabouts.

Mrs. PAT SHARPE, of the Houston Police Department Identification Bureau, was contacted and she stated that ROY CONNORS had been

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held for general investigation on February 27, 1940, and that at that time he had been living at 408 1/2 Milam Street. Mr. GUS WALTER, manager of the STANDARD HOTEL, which is a twenty-five cent a night flop house, located at 408 1/2 and 414 1/2 Milam Street, related that ROY CONNORS was living at the MOORE HOTEL, Abbeville, Louisiana, when he had last heard from him which was about a month ago. Mr. WALTER advised that CONNORS works as an oil pipe line repair man and travels out of Houston to various oil fields in Louisiana and Texas. Mr. WALTER said he would notify this office when CONNORS returns to the STANDARD HOTEL.

The records of the Houston Police Department, Identification Bureau, indicate that CONNORS has the following criminal record:

7/29/29, arrested Tulsa, Oklahoma for car theft

7/29/29, transferred to the Fort Worth, Texas authorities for highway robbery, sentenced to ten years and suspended April 9, 1930.

5/1/30, sentenced to the Texas State Penitentiary for robbery with firearms.

9/22/37, arrested for being drunk in McALLEN.

Description of CONNORS as recorded in the Houston Police Department Identification Bureau:

Hair	Medium Chestnut
Eyes	Chestnut
Height	6' 1 3/8"
Weight	160
Age	25 (1929)
Complexion	Dark
Build	Slender
Occupation	Oil field worker

Born at Excelsior Springs, Missouri
Houston Police No. 9108
F. B. I. No. 226832

Mr. BILL MORGAN of the BILL MORGAN GULF OIL COMPANY was contacted in reference to the whereabouts of O. C. HALES, and he advised that O. C. HALES had worked for him until about eighteen months ago. He advised that he was obliged to discharge HALES due to the fact that HALES was not competent to handle the job with the BILL MORGAN GULF

OIL COMPANY, and that he had not seen him since about May or June 1940. He related that S. D. MAXWELL, office manager for the BILL MORGAN GULF OIL COMPANY had known HALES FOR A considerable number of years and might be able to furnish writer with HALES' present address.

Writer contacted S. D. MAXWELL and he stated that HALES has not worked for the BILL MORGAN GULF OIL COMPANY for about two years, and that he has no knowledge of HALES' present address. He further related that he had received a form letter from an oil company in Louisiana requesting him to state the qualifications of HALES as an oil well worker. He went on to say that he filled this form out and sent it back, but has no recollection of the name of that firm nor of the town in which the firm is located.

For the information of the New Orleans Field Office, the report of Special Agent EDWARD L. DuBOIS, Jr., dated January 24, 1940, at Kansas City, Missouri, reflects that a mail cover had been placed upon the mail of RAYMOND and MARGARET ROE at Box 143, Hayes, Kansas, and that ROY CONNORS had sent them a letter dated January 12, 1940.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE NEW ORLEANS FIELD DIVISION

AT ABBEVILLE, LOUISIANA

Will contact ROY CONNORS at the MOORE HOTEL in regard to any knowledge he might have as to the present whereabouts of Subjects.

THE HOUSTON FIELD DIVISION

AT REFUGIO, TEXAS

Will contact EARNEST E. HALES through Deputy Sheriff ELMER BARBER in regard to any further knowledge he has received as to the present whereabouts of Subjects and the present whereabouts of his brother O. C. HALES who is to be interviewed concerning the whereabouts as Subjects as indicated in report of Special Agent EDWARD L. DuBOIS, Jr., dated March 29, 1940, at San Antonio, Texas.

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Room 900, 510 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, California
December 6, 1940

Postmaster
Bakersfield, California

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

Dear Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a thirty-day mail cover be placed on the mail of MRS. JOHNSON, residing on Route No. 4, Rosedale.

In reply, please refer to file number 76-362. Your cooperation in this respect is sincerely appreciated.

Very truly yours,

R. B. HOOD
Special Agent in Charge

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Room 900, 510 South Spring Street
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Postmaster
Shafter, California

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

Dear Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a thirty-day mail cover be placed on the mail of JACK JOHNSON, residing at the Federal Migratory Labor Camp, Shafter, California.

In reply, please refer to file number 76-362. Your cooperation in this respect is sincerely appreciated.

Very truly yours,

R. B. HOOD
Special Agent in Charge

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LOS ANGELES, CALIF.	12/6/40	11/10,11/40	R. H. WILLIAMS RK

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

JACK JOHNSON, Shafter, California, advised Constable JOHN C. REILLY that Subjects had visited his home on October 20, 1940, driving a new automobile. When interviewed by Agent, JOHNSON told a long story about going to Los Angeles with LON JOHNSON, his brother, and their picking up HAZEL UNDERHILL, a former associate of Subjects, and returning to Bakersfield. JOHNSON later admitted this was a lie but insisted he had seen Subjects at the Federal Migratory Labor Camp where he makes his home. Mail cover placed on mail of Mrs. JOHNSON, Bakersfield, and also JACK JOHNSON, Shafter, California.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent D. W. MAGEE, Los Angeles, California, dated August 4, 1940.

DETAILS: AT SHAFTER, CALIFORNIA:

On November 10, 1940, JOHN C. REILLY, Constable, was contacted regarding information which he had telephonically furnished the Los Angeles office on November 3, 1940, in which it was stated that he had received information from one JACK JOHNSON, Shafter, to the effect that Subjects had visited his home on October 20, 1940, driving a new automobile; that JACK JOHNSON was a member of the JOHNSON family, two of whom had done time in the east for harboring the above Subjects; that JACK JOHNSON told REILLY

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that he believed these Subjects were going to make his, JOHNSON'S, home their hideout and did not want to become involved with these men; that he believed the Subjects would be returning to the JOHNSON home in the near future; that JACK JOHNSON was familiar with the two Subjects and was positive of their identification. REILLY informed that in addition to the information which he had telephoned to the Los Angeles office, JACK JOHNSON had also informed him that at the time he and his wife were visited by Subjects, they were armed with a sawed-off shotgun and a German Luger pistol in which there was a clip containing 32 cartridges; also, that JACK JOHNSON had informed him TED COLE was carrying a black satchel which was full of money. According to JOHNSON, RALPH ROE carried the sawed-off shotgun strapped inside of his pant leg. ROE was described as wearing a bulletproof vest. REILLY informed that he originally was given this information by an O. C. DAVIS employed as aguard in the Federal Migratory Labor Camp at Shafter, who stated that JACK JOHNSON had come up to him, DAVIS, stating, "I am in serious trouble, and I wish I knew what to do. ROE and COLE, the two escaped Federal prisoners from Alcatraz, have visited my place here twice, and I think they are coming back soon." REILLY related that after DAVIS had furnished him this information, he immediately contacted JACK JOHNSON, and this information was verified.

Accompanied by JOHN C. REILLY, Constable, and Inspector DONALD GALBRAITH of the Bakersfield Police Department, efforts were made to locate JOHNSON in the Federal Labor Camp. There, O. C. DAVIS informed JACK JOHNSON had left the camp about eleven in the morning, accompanied by one SMITH, and that at the time they left, they stated they would return shortly, but at that time, three P. M., they had not yet returned. After remaining on the premises of the Federal Labor Camp for a period of approximately forty-five minutes, O. C. DAVIS informed the writer that he believed JOHNSON could be located in the White Spot, a beer tavern and restaurant near Shafter. JOHN REILLY, the constable, who was well-acquainted with JACK JOHNSON, suggested that he would walk in the White Spot, and if JOHNSON were there, bring him out to the car for further questioning. After a short time REILLY returned with JACK JOHNSON, who was in a drunken condition and at that time was unable to give a coherent story of the alleged visit to his tent by the Subjects in instant case. JOHNSON was plied with black coffee and sandwiches in an effort to sober him, but the results were not satisfactory. JOHNSON was then taken for questioning to the writer's room at the Padre Hotel in Bakersfield, California, and given further coffee and food. After stating that he had been visited only once by the Subjects, JACK JOHNSON then changed his story and stated as follows:

That about three months ago, ROE and COLE, whom he knew from having associated with them in Seminole, Oklahoma, visited him at his tent in the Federal Migratory Labor Camp near Shafter; that he did not know how his address was secured by them, but that they drove up inquiring the whereabouts of LONNY JOHNSON, JACK JOHNSON'S brother, and when advised by JACK that they would be able to find out through his mother, who resides at Rosedale near Bakersfield, they left, spending altogether about ten or fifteen minutes at his place. JACK JOHNSON advised that about October 19 or 20, being unable to recall the exact date, the Subjects, accompanied by HAZEL UNDERHILL, stopped at his tent and requested him to make coffee; that they had sandwiches with them, and after drinking coffee and eating sandwiches, left. JOHNSON informed that TED COLE threw a $10 bill on the table and thanked him for the coffee. JOHNSON advised that he did not know the whereabouts of ROE and COLE, but that at the present time, and the time they left his tent, did not know their destination and stated he was afraid to ask them, as he knew they were desperate characters. JOHNSON then related that shortly after this incident, his brother, LONNY JOHNSON, drove up to the camp in a 1940 Tu-dor Ford sedan, and requested him to accompany him to Los Angeles. JOHNSON stated they took Highway 99 to Los Angeles and stopped at a hotel in a residential section of Los Angeles. He stated he was unable to recall the name of the hotel and believed it would be impossible to locate this site if he were taken to Los Angeles, as his visit there with his brother was the first and last time he had ever been in the city of Los Angeles. JOHNSON related that his brother LONNY left the car, went into the hotel and returned in about fifteen minutes with HAZEL UNDERHILL, who was dressed in a dark blue dress, wore a sweater coat, had no luggage and no hat. They immediately left Los Angeles, returning again to Bakersfield on Highway 99. JOHNSON advised that his brother LONNY requested that he take the bus from Bakersfield to Shafter, and gave him three $1 bills to pay his fare. JOHNSON stated that it was about 7 P. M. at the time they originally started out for Los Angeles, and they returned about 11:30 or 12midnight of the same day. JOHNSON advised that he secured a ticket from the bus station for which he paid forty cents and was let out of the bus at the stop sign near the railroad tracks in Shafter about 12:35 A. M. At this point the writer made telephonic inquiry of the bus stations in Bakersfield regarding stages running between Bakersfield and Shafter, and it was ascertained that the only two stages leaving Bakersfield left at 11 A. M. and 5 P. M., and the fare from Bakersfield to Shafter was forty-five cents. JACK JOHNSON was confronted with these conflicting facts but reiterated his statement that

he had taken the bus, although admitted that on the face of these disclosures it seemed impossible.

During the interview JACK JOHNSON appeared very nervous and wept considerably, stating that his life would not be worth a plugged nickel if his brother LONNY or other members of his family found out he had cooperated with "the law". In view of JACK JOHNSON'S recent drunkenness, it was deemed advisable to keep him at the hotel over night and again question him the following morning, which plan was suggested to JOHNSON. The latter stated that under no circumstances would he remain in the hotel, and that he would have to be locked up if such a plan were to be followed. JOHNSON was then driven to the Federal Migratory Labor Camp at Shafter, at which time photographs of the Subjects were displayed to his wife, who denied that she had ever seen them or that anyone answering their descriptions had ever visited them. In the presence of the writer and JACK JOHNSON she accused her husband of being a "____liar" and informed that when her husband, JACK JOHNSON, had a few drinks, he invariably boasted of his former connections with famous outlaws and in this manner had influenced several law enforcement officers into thinking that he had valuable information. She stated that if the writer would contact him in the morning, she believed that his story would be changed.

Arrangements were made with Inspector DONALD GALBRAITH to drive the Bureau car away from the vicinity of JACK JOHNSON'S tent, permitting the writer to hear the conversation which would follow his departure. When the Bureau car was driven from the vicinity of the tent, Mrs. JACK JOHNSON with much profanity accused her husband of trying to ingratiate himself with the law enforcement officers with wild tales of ROE and COLE. She accused him of never having seen these Subjects and inquired further why he had informed that Subjects had left a $10 bill for coffee, when as a matter of fact, they had never been there at all.

The surveillance was maintained on the tent of JACK JOHNSON until 11 P. M. on the night of October 10, 1940, without developing any information of value. Previous to returning JACK JOHNSON to the Federal Camp, arrangements were made to interview him at 9 A. M. the following morning.

On November 11, 1940, Mr. RAY MORK, Camp Manager, was interviewed. He advised that JACK JOHNSON has been a source of considerable trouble due to his drinking but recently had seemed to turn over a new leaf and was getting along all right. MORK advised JOHNSON was employed as

Recreation Director on a WPA project in the camp, for which he received a salary of $81 per month. LORK was shown photographs of both Subjects and instructed that in the event anyone answering their description called at the camp, the Los Angeles office be immediately notified.

JACK JOHNSON was later interviewed in the presence of his wife and seemed very reticent about giving information. However, he admitted that the story of his trip to Los Angeles with his brother LONNY to pick up HAZEL UNDERHILL had been a falsehood, but insisted that the Subjects had visited at his tent on October 20, as he had previously related, but about three months ago. Mrs. JOHNSON was then interviewed and shown the photographs of Subjects without making an identification. She expressed her desire to cooperate with the Bureau and stated that in her opinion, the Subjects in instant case were dead, as it was a common subject of conversation in the JOHNSON household and that it was the opinion of all the JOHNSONS that the Subjects had not been able to negotiate the stretch of water from Alcatraz to the mainland. Mrs. JOHNSON stated in the event she secured information regarding Subjects, she would forward the same to the camp manager.

Mail covers were placed on the mail of Mrs. JOHNSON, Bakersfield, California, Route No. 4, Rosedale, and also on the mail of JACK JOHNSON at the Federal Migratory Labor Camp, Shafter. It is to be noted that JACK JOHNSON informed that his mother had received a card from LONNY postmarked at Phoenix, Arizona, stating that he was still driving the new Ford and would be in Bakersfield in a few days.

AT BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA:

Miss GENEVIEVE MILLER, Clerk, City-County Bureau of Identification, informed that JACK JOHNSON, LONNY J. JOHNSON, SAM JOHNSON, and LAWRENCE AUSTIN JOHNSON, all brothers, had been arrested frequently on charges ranging from drunkenness to theft and rape, and all had criminal records. Photographs of these four brothers were obtained and are being retained in the files of the Los Angeles office for use in subsequent investigations. JACK JOHNSON during the interview admitted he had served eighteen months in Macalester, Oklahoma, for grand theft and stated his brother LON had recently been released after serving a term of eight and one-half years for participating in a bank robbery in Oklahoma.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION:

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA:

Will report results of mail covers placed on the mail of JACK JOHNSON, Shafter, California, and Mrs. JOHNSON, Bakersfield, Route 4, Rosedale.

AT MERCED, CALIFORNIA:

*Will contact and interview ANDY KILGORE, whose address is known to Chief of Police GILBERT of Livingston, California, KILGORE telephonically advised the Los Angeles Division Office that a woman at the Atwater Barbecue Stand, located on the south side of Atwater, California, had told BILL ANDERSON, who also hangs around the barbecue stand, that Subject COLE was in the vicinity of the McDANIELS place, located between Atwater and Livingston, California. ANDY KILGORE at Merced, California, should be interviewed for more definite information concerning Subject COLE.

AT SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA:

*Will locate BILL CRAWFORD, Postoffice 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 Mrs. CRAWFORD concerning Subject and LEE ROBERTS being in that vicinity and of their possible contacting the JOHNSONS.

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Whereabouts of BOOTS CUTLER and [redacted] not ascertainable in Oklahoma City. b7D

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 8-25-40.
Report of Special Agent G. H. TREADWELL, Kansas City, Missouri, 7-3-40.

DETAILS:

AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA:

Lieutenant McLENNAN, Oklahoma City Police Department, stated that BOOTS CUTLER, also known as HARRY MELVIN BOOTS and J. M. BOOTS, also BOOTS ROOTS and H. M. GILLISPIE, was wanted by the Oklahoma City Police Department for Confidence Game, and they had no knowledge of his whereabouts. They had no knowledge concerning [redacted] b7D

[redacted] had no knowledge of anyone by the name of [redacted] b7D

Inspection of [redacted] reveals [redacted] and revealed no information concerning anyone listed under the aliases set out by the Oklahoma City Police Department.

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Inquiry from confidential informants revealed that BOOTS CUTLER was not in Oklahoma City, but his exact whereabouts were either not known or were not stated.

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[redacted] where [redacted] alleged to have been employed, stated that there is no one employed at [redacted] by that name, nor does he have any knowledge of anyone having been employed there at any time, by that name.

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, IO #1472 THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE IO #1471	ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: No record of COLE's having been at Hotel New Yorker, St. Louis, Missouri, under his correct name or any of his aliases.

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REFERENCE: Teletype from Oklahoma City dated November 27, 1940

DETAILS: AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

Upon receipt of reference teletype the writer, accompanied by Special Agent (A) N. V. STEVENS, proceeded to the Hotel New Yorker, 534 North Vandeventer, where HERBERT MORRISON, day clerk, permitted the registration cards to be examined. All cards for the month of November, 1940, were examined, and there was no record of the subject's having registered at that hotel under his correct name or any of his known aliases, or under the name of VAN METER.

A list of all of the people presently registered at the hotel was also examined, and there was no record of COLE. A photograph of COLE was exhibited to him with negative results.

Subsequently L. D. MARLOWE, who is night clerk, was also contacted, and photographs of COLE were exhibited to him, and he advised that that individual had never been at the Hotel New Yorker.

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January 4, 1941

Special Agent in Charge
San Diego, California

RE: RALPH ROE, WAS
FUGITIVE

Dear Sir:

Referring to reports and letters received here from your office and especially your letter of December 19,1940 re a man suspected to be ROE who was residing at the Central Hotel in Santa Rosalia, Baja California, and engaged in buying gold.

If this man was engaged in any business venture in Mexico he must have a form F-14 card which will bear his photograph.

The informant furnished everything but the most essential fact: That is the name which the man was using at Santa Rosalia. If this can be obtained a copy of his form F-14 or even his tourist card can be obtained. It would seem to me the simplest way to eliminate him from the picture or prove whether his identity is the same as either of the fugitives. If the name he is using can be furnished I will get his record in Mexico City.

Very truly yours,

Gus T. Jones
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: Bureau

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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San Diego, California

December 19, 1940

Special Agent in Charge
San Antonio, Texas

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the Bureau letter to your office dated December 10, 1940 relative to fugitives now believed to be in Mexico, and it was noted that this field division was requested to advise you what investigation should be conducted at Santa Rosalia, Mexico in the above-entitled case.

Please be advised that all known information concerning the ROCOL suspect at Santa Rosalia, Mexico has been furnished to your office in a letter from the San Diego Field Division dated June 24, 1940 and in the reports of Special Agent F. D. FLANAGAN dated August 7, 1940 and November 26, 1940.

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Very truly yours,

H. R. DUFFEY
Special Agent in Charge

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Lieutenant E. W. LAIRD, U.S.C.G., Ketchikan, Alaska, states photograph of MORRIS TRACKINER resembles individual who obtained information regarding tides in San Francisco Bay 12/16/37; that he is not able positively to make identification, and that the unknown individual possibly had fuller head of hair than shown in TRACKINER's picture.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent A. P. LeGRAND, dated at Seattle, Washington 9/4/40.

DETAILS: AT KETCHIKAN, ALASKA

Lieutenant E. W. LAIRD, United States Coast Guard, formerly of the United States Lighthouse Service, was interviewed at his office in the Federal Building, at which time he stated that he has only a vague recollention of the individual who approached him in the U. S. Lighthouse Service Office, Portland, Oregon on December 16, 1937 to obtain information regarding the ebb and flow of tides in San Francisco Bay; that he recalls having been shown many pictures before without his being able to effect an identification, and that he doubts he could positively identify this person today.

However, upon examining the photograph of MORRIS TRACKINER, LAIRD stated that TRACKINER closely resembles the unknown individual; that of all the pictures he has seen, this of TRACKINER most closely looks like the man who made the inquiries. LAIRD stated he did not feel he was justified in making a positive identification, but that there were certain similarities in TRACKINER's picture that

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reminded him of the unknown person. LAIRD pointed out that his recollection of this man is as follows:

Age	45 to 50 years old
Height	5' 8" to 5' 9"
Build	Full
Weight	160 or 170 pounds
Complexion	Dark
Hair	Dark
Face	Round
Glasses	Wears glasses
Dress	Well dressed, like business man

LAIRD said also that TRACKINER's picture shows a man with thinning hair, whereas he believes the unknown individual had a full head of hair; that he personally thinks it was just a coincidence that the unknown individual's inquiries regarding the tides in San Francisco Bay preceded by a short period of time the escape of subjects, and that this belief on his part is based on the impression he received from the unknown person that he was a business man who just happened to ask for this information shortly before subjects' escape.

LAIRD has previously been interviewed by Agents of the Bureau with regard to what transpired at the visit of the unknown man to the Light house Office in Portland, Oregon.

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Special Agent in Charge
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

RE: ROCOL

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated December 17, 1940, wherein you request authority to close instant case for a period of one year in view of the fact that no information has been developed by the investigation conducted to date that the subjects of this case are alive.

The Bureau is not in accord with your views in this regard. It is desired that you continue in the investigation in this case, giving it close personal supervision and setting forth appropriate leads in order that the previously known contacts of these fugitives may be periodically interviewed and any information reported as a result of the Identification Orders which have been issued should be given thorough investigative attention.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

76-348 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
December 17, 1940

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: ROCOL

Dear Sir:

This case originated December 17, 1937 when RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE disappeared from the Federal Penitentiary at Alcatraz Island, California.

Since that date hundreds of leads have been developed and exhausted and no reliable information has ever been developed to indicate these Subjects ever escaped or are even alive now. From time to time information is received from screwballs and others reporting the presence of first one of the Subjects and then the other in various parts of the country. These leads consistently turn out to be without proper foundation.

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It occurs to me it would be good business for the Bureau to close this file for a period of one year, then reopen it and if nothing worthwhile insofar as leads, is developed, at the case be closed permanently. I believe this action should be taken, especially in view of the enormous amount of work the Bureau is now handling and due to the fact that further investigation at present does not seem justified.

Personally I do not believe from my knowledge of the file and the facts, that either Fugitive is alive, however I do realize that neither I nor any other person is in a position to say they are dead even though circumstances seem to indicate such is the case. This is being called to the Bureau's attention as I want to impress the fact that the matter has been given careful consideration and my recommendation is based on a sincere desire to see the matter handled in a manner consistent with the facts.

Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN
Special Agent in Charge.

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RICHMOND, VIRGINIA	1/8/41	12/31/40	E. L. BARTON AS

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Inquiry at Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Virginia, discloses that USS GILMER departed from Norfolk, Virginia, on October 15, 1940, destination unknown.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent in Charge GUY HOTTEL, Washington, D. C. dated October 17, 1940.

DETAILS:

AT NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

Referral/Consult

ENCLOSURE TO WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE:

One photograph of MORRIS TRACKINER.

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WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

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GAN:BJS February 6, 1941

Mr. John C. Smort
4846 Parrish Street
West Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

Your undated letter addressed to the United States Secret Service has been referred to this Bureau for reply.

As Theodore Cole, the individual to whom you refer, is presently being sought by this Bureau as an escape from the United States Penitentiary at Alcatraz, I am enclosing a copy of the Identification Order issued by this Bureau concerning him.

In the event you have any information relative to his present whereabouts, it would be appreciated if you would communicate with Mr. John F. Sears, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, 4060 U. S. Court House Building, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

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Dear Sir:

i was listen to gang busters friday night. and i would like to have a photo of theo. Cole wanted by the police, i am around different towns a lot and i would like to see that fellow caught. as soon as possibile. i will be waintig for that wanted picture. thank you

Yours truly

/s/ John c. Smort
4846 Parrish St.
W. Phila. Penn.

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Yours truly
John. C. Smith
4846. PARRISH. ST
W. PHILA. PENN

San Diego, California

January 14, 1941

Special Agent in Charge
San Antonio, Texas

Re: ROCOL

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of January 4, 1941, in regard to the above case in which you request that an attempt be made to learn fro[redacted]Referral/Consult

[redacted]

Very truly yours,

N. R. DUFFEY
Special Agent in Charge

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Los Angeles, California
900 Security Building,
January 22, 1941.

Mr. Jerry P. Shields,
Postmaster,
Bakersfield, California.

Dear Sir:

I wish to acknowledge and thank you for your kind letter of January 9, 1941, making a report concerning the mail covers which have been placed on the mail of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Johnson and others.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

R. B. HOOD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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THEODORE COLE, was, FUGITIVE; EFP

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Origin: LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS			File No. L.R. 26-1984
Report made at: LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS	Date: 1/24/41	Period: 12/30/40	Report made by: C. A. MAY CVM
Title: [redacted]			Character: NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT b7D

Synopsis of Facts: Subject mortgaged 1937 Plymouth coupe, motor No. P4-187138 at [redacted] Arkansas, on November 21, 1940 for $60.00. Subject used as informant by [redacted] b7D and officers of this department went to [redacted] paid off mortgage for subject and brought car back to [redacted] Subject left [redacted] ostensibly to get information for Police Dept. and supposed to return on December 24, 1940 but never returned. Information received from U.S. Probation Officer, Fort Worth, Texas, that subject is probation violator for narcotics violation, and that he had received a letter from JOHN L. IRWIN, Pittsburg, Kansas, wherein IRWIN states [redacted] stole his 1937 Plymouth coupe bearing Indiana license No. 365-010. Subject also alleged to have information concerning THEODORE COLE, subject in ROCOL case. Effort to locate owner and subject unsuccessful to date. Value of car $200.00.

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References: Conference teletype to Dallas, Indianapolis and Kansas City, dated December 30, 1940.
Telegrams from Kansas City and Indianapolis, 12/31/40.

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References: (continued)
Conference teletype from Dallas dated December 30, 1940.
Report of Special Agent F. E. SMITH, Dallas, Texas, dated January 3, 1941.

Details:

On December 21, 1940, [redacted] telephonically communicated with SAC HALIFORD and informed that he had an informant who had been working with him in North Little Rock who stated he definitely knew the whereabouts of THEODORE COLE, subject in the ROCOL case (L.R. file 76-86). [redacted] stated this informant had left [redacted] and plans had been made between himself and the informant for the informant to bring COLE back to [redacted] and register him in a local hotel. [redacted] said he could furnish more details on this if an agent would contact him at his home late that afternoon; inasmuch as the informant would bring COLE back to [redacted] he desired an agent's assistance in apprehending COLE. b7D

Pursuant to this request, Special Agent in Charge HALIFORD and Special Agent J. J. RYAN went to the home of [redacted] in order to ascertain more details concerning the information furnished him by his informant as to the whereabouts of subject COLE. [redacted] informed that his informant had been working with him around [redacted] on some narcotics cases in collaboration with Mr. KILLOUGH of the Narcotics Unit of the Treasury Department who is stationed in the Federal Building in Little Rock. He said he had found his informant to be entirely reliable, and his informant had brought to his attention that he was well acquainted with subject THEODORE COLE (ROCOL case) inasmuch as he had served time with COLE in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma. [redacted] said his informant stated he could put COLE on the spot inasmuch as he knew his definite whereabouts but that it would require his ingenuity in getting COLE on the spot. b7D

A plan was formulated with [redacted] informant for the informant to proceed to COLE's hideout, probably in Oklahoma, and for the informant to bring COLE to [redacted] where the informant and COLE would register in some hotel. The informant said he would register under his correct name but COLE would probably use an alias. Upon obtaining the room and putting up for the night, [redacted] informant said he would leave the door slightly ajar so that officers could immediately come into the room and take COLE into custody. [redacted] said the pretext on which his informant intended to bring COLE back to [redacted] was that the informant would tell COLE that there was heavy spending at all the local stores due to the large construction program at Camp Joseph T. Robinson, and that he probably could make some big hauls by robbing some of the local stores. b7D

[redacted] w.a., LR 26-1984.

[redacted] said he placed so much faith in his informant's story that he paid off a $60.00 mortgage on his informant's car and that he, [redacted] was presently holding the car in a local garage in [redacted] b7D [redacted] until the informant returned to reclaim same. He said he had also given his informant $6.00 in cash for his expenses in making the trip to bring COLE back to [redacted]

[redacted] was questioned concerning the car which he had obtained from his informant when he paid off the mortgage on the car for his informant. [redacted] had been very secretive about the identity of his informant. When questioned in this regard, he exhibited the bill of sale which his informant had given him pertaining to the car which he had turned over to [redacted] It was noted that this bill of sale was made out to [redacted] informant and that the car was apparently sold to [redacted] by a Mr. IRWIN. No detailed notes were made in connection with this bill of sale due to the fact that [redacted] did not desire that Special Agent in Charge HALLFORD know the identity of his informant and [redacted] was apparently unaware of the fact that his informant's identity had been disclosed when he exhibited the bill of sale.

[redacted] informed that his informant was supposed to have COLE in [redacted] at one of the local hotels on the night of b7D either December 23 or December 24, 1940. He said he was going to personally check the registers of all the local hotels on those nights to determine if his informant had registered, and if so, this would indicate that his informant had COLE with him in his room. [redacted] said if his informant did register, he would immediately notify the Little Rock Field Division in order that the necessary investigation could be conducted to determine if COLE was with him.

Subsequent to the time [redacted] informant was supposed to appear in [redacted] with COLE, [redacted] telephonically communicated with Special Agent in Charge HALLFORD and informed that his informant [redacted] had failed to appear in [redacted] pursuant to the plans and [redacted] had determined through Mr. REEVES, the Probation Officer in Little Rock, Arkansas that [redacted] was wanted for violation of probation in Texas, and further that he had determined that the car in possession of [redacted] which [redacted] had in his possession at the present time due to the fact that he had paid the mortgage on same, had been determined to have been stolen. [redacted] was informed that an agent would contact him to determine full details in regard to this car; and that an appropriate investigation would be conducted.

AT [redacted] b7D

Officers [redacted] Police Department upon interview advised that subject had been working as an informant for them in conjunction with Agents KILLOUGH and RICHMOND

of the Narcotics Division, and that they had four cases started. They advised subject informed them that he had a car at [redacted] Arkansas b7D which he had mortgaged to ALBERT HOOK of [redacted] on November 21, 1940 for $60.00. They continued that subject told them he left the car at [redacted] as security, and that he had obtained $50.00 in cash for the same and that the remaining $10.00 was for interest. They stated the subject advised he desired to bring the car to North Little Rock and asked them to pay off the mortgage and bring it to [redacted] and hold it until they had completed the narcotics cases. They stated they both went to [redacted] with subject, and paid $60.75 and the car was released to them on December 16, 1940.

They further stated subject had left town and was to return on December 24, 1940 but that he did not show up as he had stated he would, and that they had received information that U. S. Probation Officer JOHN REEVES, Little Rock, Arkansas, had gotten a call from the Probation Officer at Fort Worth, Texas on December 29, 1940, stating that subject had violated his parole in Texas. He stated further that REEVES had written to the Probation Officer in Texas stating that subject had advised he would be in [redacted] on December 24, b7D 1940, as he had previously informed [redacted]

Officers [redacted] turned over to the writer the receipt obtained from ALBERT HOOK when they paid off the mortgage which subject had placed on the car. They also turned over to the writer the bill of sale purporting to show that subject had purchased the instant car from JOHN L. IRWIN for $200.00. This bill of sale also bears the signature of JOHN L. IRWIN and is notarized by J. B. SMITH, Notary Public, Panola County, Texas, on July 22, 1940. The officers b7D also advised that subject had a half-brother MICKY FORSHEE who works on a winter show at Alexandria, Louisiana. [redacted] also produced a letter he received December 30, 1940 from subject which was postmarked at Weslaco, Texas, and which stated that subject intended to stay there a few days and then go to Alexandria, Louisiana.

Instant car was examined by the writer at the L. G. HINKSON Garage, North Little Rock, and it was noted to be a 1937 Plymouth coupe, bearing 1940 Indiana license No. 365-010; the motor number was noted to be P4-187138; the odometer reading was 30,924. It was further noted that the grill was out of the radiator, and that the right front fender was smashed and torn. Mr. HINKSON stated that in his opinion the car in its present condition was worth approximately $200.00.

Probation Officer JOHN REEVES was telephonically contacted by the writer at which time he advised that he had received a telephone call from Probation Officer JOHN ALDERMAN at Fort Worth, Texas, who advised him that a warrant had been issued for subject as a probation violator, charge unknown to REEVES. He further stated that ALDERMAN had advised him subject was supposed to have stolen a car at Poplar Bluff, Missouri, but REEVES stated he failed to get any information from ALDERMAN concerning a description of the car.

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Upon receipt of this original information, reference conference teletype was sent to the Dallas, Indianapolis and Kansas City offices, and in reply thereto the Kansas City office advised that there was no record of instant car being registered in Missouri, and that the police at Pittsburg, Kansas had no information as to the car being stolen there or any information as to JOHN L. IRWIN. The Indianapolis office advised that the 1940 Indiana plates were issued to JOHN L. IRWIN, Richmond, Indiana, for the above described car at Richmond, Indiana. They further advised that IRWIN had left Richmond in June 1940 to avoid creditors, and it was believed he went to Detroit to his parents' home, whose names and address were unknown.

The reference teletype from Dallas advised that the United States Probation Officer at Fort Worth, Texas, received a letter from subject postmarked Weslaco, Texas, December 24, 1940; and also that the Probation Officer had a copy of the letter addressed to the Parole Board, Leavenworth Penitentiary, dated September 29, 1940, addressed to JOHN L. IRWIN, General Delivery, Pittsburg, Kansas, stating [redacted] stole his 1937 Plymouth coupe, described as lacking front grill and having right front fender badly damaged, and right rear fender broken, and bearing Indiana license No. 365-010. They had no information as to the motor number and place of theft, but had determined that [redacted] had been residing at Poplar Bluff, Missouri during the past fall. This teletype also furnished the information that the Probation Officer at Fort Worth held a warrant charging [redacted] violated his probation imposed in connection with a narcotics charge. b7D

The following description of subject [redacted] was obtained from [redacted]

Age	[redacted]
Height	
Weight	
Complexion	
Hair	
Scars & Marks	
Peculiarities	
Occupation	

ENCLOSURES: To Dallas - Photostatic copies, bill of sale on instant car.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE INDIANAPOLIS AT RICHMOND, INDIANA:
Will make further inquiry regarding JOHN L. IRWIN who is apparently the owner of instant car, in an effort to determine his present whereabouts.

THE DALLAS FIELD DIVISION AT FORT WORTH, TEXAS:
Will, at the U. S. Probation Office, obtain pertinent information regarding subject's FBI or police number, and request criminal record from the Bureau designating copy for Little Rock Office.

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At CARTHAGE, TEXAS:
Will endeavor to locate J. B. SMITH, Notary Public of Panola County, whose signature appears on the bill of sale on instant car.

THE NEW ORLEANS at ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA:
Will make appropriate inquiry concerning subject through MICKY FORSHEE, subject's half-brother, who is supposed to be with a show, name unknown, wintering at this point. In the event subject is located, he should be questioned as to his knowledge concerning the whereabouts of THEODORE COLE as well as being interviewed regarding instant offense.

THE HOUSTON FIELD DIVISION at WESLACO, TEXAS:
Will make appropriate inquiry at this city concerning subject and his present whereabouts. If located, he should be questioned as indicated in the lead set out above for the New Orleans Office.

THE LITTLE ROCK FIELD DIVISION at NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:
Will maintain contact with Officers YOCUM and EASTER, North Little Rock Police Department regarding any information they may have regarding subject.

At [redacted] b7D
Will contact ALBERT HOOK to whom subject mortgaged instant car for any information he may have regarding him.

At LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:
Will contact Narcotics Officers KILLOUGH and RICHMOND for any information they may have regarding subject.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA FILE NO. 76-70

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PHOENIX, ARIZONA	2-1-41	1-17-18-41	J. T. LOGUE els-

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
THEODORE COLE, was, I.O. #1471 RALPH ROE, was, I.O. #1472 FUGITIVES	ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: J. E. GLASSCOCK not located at Tucson, but is reported receiving mail general delivery at Tucson.

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DETAILS: AT TUCSON, ARIZONA:

The investigation herein is predicated upon information received from G. O. HATHAWAY, Deputy United States Marshal at Phoenix, Arizona, to the effect that one J. E. GLASCOCK, a resident of Tucson, address unknown, had information as to the whereabouts of Subjects. Subjects were reported by GLASSCOCK to be in Dennison, Texas; but GLASSCOCK, when interviewed by the Tucson Police Department, was unable to give logical support for his information, the police stating to HATHAWAY, that GLASSCOCK had been reading too many detective stories.

LAE OSBORN, who manages the St. Francis Hotel, 90 West Congress Street and also Mae's Place, 80 W. Congress, was interviewed to determine the whereabouts of J. E. GLASSCOCK, who was reported to be living on W. Congress Street. She stated that her records did not show GLASSCOCK'S residing in her rooming places, and she did not recall the name.

JAMES HERRON, Detective of the Tucson Police Department, stated that he did not recall GLASSCOCK, and the name did not appear in the police indeces. He stated that if GLASSCOCK had information of any value his name would have been indexed when he told his story to the police.

Mrs. MARGARET HUNTSMAN of the Merchants Credit Association, Valley Bank Building, stated that she had no record of this party whatsoever.

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Mr. HAROLD COLLINS, Postmaster, reported that one JOHN E. GLASSCOCK had called for a letter at general delivery on January 18, 1941, but no address in Tucson appeared on the card record. COLLINS will attempt to obtain this man's address if he again calls for mail.

The Tucson City and Telephone Directories were searched with negative results.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD

THE PHOENIX FIELD DIVISION: At Tucson, Arizona, will, at a later date, contact HAROLD COLLINS, Postmaster, and determine the present whereabouts of JOHN E. GLASSCOCK, and if he is the person who possessed information as to the whereabouts of Subjects, interview him to ascertain what information he has. It will be noted that the Police Department regarded this information as of no value.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.	2/20/41	1/29;2/13/41	GUY HOTTEL OBJ:NEK

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Inquiry at the Office of Ship's Movements, Navy Department, Washington, D. C., discloses that the U.S.S. GILMER is presently stationed at Puget Sound, Bremerton, Washington.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent E. L. BARTON, dated January 8, 1941, at Richmond, Virginia.

DETAILS:

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

The following investigation was conducted by O. B. JONES, Special Employee attached to the Washington Field Division:

Mrs. LAURA JACKSON, Office of Ship's Movements, Navy Department, Washington, D. C., advised that the U.S.S. GILMER is presently stationed at Puget Sound, Bremerton, Washington.

ENCLOSURE TO SEATTLE FIELD DIVISION:

One photograph of MORRIS TRACKINER.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE SEATTLE FIELD DIVISION

AT PUGET SOUND, BREMERTON, WASHINGTON

Will interview Lt. L. L. L. DILLEY, assigned to the U.S.S. GILMER, presently stationed at Puget Sound, Bremerton, Washington, and show the photograph of MORRIS TRACKINER, regarding the identification of the person who obtained information at the lighthouse service, Portland, Oregon, on December 16, 1937, regarding the ebb and flow of tides in San Francisco Bay.

Will ascertain any information DILLEY may furnish regarding the unknown individual and furnish same to the office of origin.

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472 THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471	ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: RICHARD E. LAWRENCE, Salem, Ohio, wrote the Gangbusters Radio Program under date of 1/22/41 that an individual closely resembling a description of Fugitive THEODORE COLE appeared at the Western Auto Associate Store at Salem on January 17, 1941.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent Ralph T. Hood, Oklahoma City, dated 8/25/40.

DETAILS: On December 13, 1940, THOMAS A. McLENDON, Assistant Manager of Bickford's Restaurant, 893 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y., appeared at the New York Field Office and advised that for the past five or six months a man had appeared at this Restaurant who resembles Fugitive THEORDORE COLE. He described the man he referred to as being 30 years of age, something over 6 feet tall and 190 lbs.

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A group of pictures of THEODORE COLE were exhibited to McLENDON, who advised that

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after closely examining them he was sure that the individual to whom he had reference was not THEODORE COLE. It should be noted that his description of the man who had been eating in his Restaurant does not in any way resemble the description of THEODORE COLE.

Mr. IKE McANNALLY, newspaper reporter for the N.Y. Sunday Mirror and a press representative for the Gangbusters Radio Program, turned over to the New York Office an original letter, dated January 22, 1941, from RICHARD E. LAWRENCE of the Western Auto Associate Store, Salem, Ohio, in which Mr. LAWRENCE advised that a man closely resembling the description of Fugitive THEODORE COLE was in his store on Friday evening, January 17, 1941 between 5:30 and 6 P.M., at which time he endeavored to purchase an automatic pistol, which model they did not have in stock. LAWRENCE went on to relate that this unknown person stated that he had worked at Mullins since 1934; that he had reported this incident to the local police directly after the Gangbusters Radio Program broadcast, and their investigation disclosed that the unknown person did not work at Mullins. Mr. LAWRENCE requested that the local police not be informed that he had written this letter.

The original letter from Mr. LAWRENCE is being retained in the files of the New York Office.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

CINCINNATI FIELD OFFICE

At Salem, Ohio, will interview Mr. RICHARD E. LAWRENCE, Western Auto Associate Store, relative to the individual who called at that store on January 17, 1941 whom he believes to be identical with Fugitive THEODORE COLE.

NEW YORK FIELD OFFICE

* At New York City, will conduct an investigation at the Seaman's House, YMCA, and the Maritime Commission, as requested by letter from San Antonio dated July 17, 1940.

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: HOWARD DUNCAN, former foreman, garment factory, State Pen., McAlester, Okla., claimed to have seen Subject THEODORE COLE at about 143 W. 2nd So., SLC, Ut. 8 PM evening of 1-30-41. Immediate investigation in that vicinity failed to locate this party. Appropriate investigation was conducted in vicinity where Subject alleged to have been seen with negative results. Photos of Subject COLE have been made by SLC PD and distributed to all detectives and many other officers in Department, and in event this party is located SLC Office will be advised immediately.

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DETAILS:

On the evening of January 31, 1941 REED E. VETTERLI, Chief of Police, Salt Lake City, Utah, contacted Special Agent in Charge JAY C. NEWMAN telephonically, advising that he had endeavored to reach Mr. NEWMAN by telephone earlier in the day but that Mr. NEWMAN was out of the office. Chief VETTERLI stated that on the evening of January 30, 1941 a man who informed that he had been a guard at the Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma had called at Police Headquarters and stated that as he was coming out of a beer place in Salt Lake City that evening, a man started into that place and upon seeing him turned and walked away. He stated that he recognized this man as being Subject COLE, who had been incarcerated in the Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma for two years while this party was a guard there.

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Chief VETTERLI stated that he inquired of this man as to whether he might be mistaken in his identification of COLE, and that this person stated that there was about one chance in 1,000 of his being mistaken.

Chief VETTERLI suggested that an Agent contact him on the morning of February 1, 1941 for complete details, and that he would appreciate having his men work with the Agent in this matter. Chief VETTERLI stated that upon receiving information from the informant he detailed two of his men to the section where COLE was alleged to have been seen, but no trace of him could be found.

On the morning of February 1, 1941 Agent in company with Special Agent VINCENT G. DOUGHERTY contacted Chief VETTERLI at his office, and he advised that HOWARD DUNCAN, whose residence address is 657 South 8th East, Salt Lake City, Utah and who is employed by the Pyke Manufacturing Company, 154 West 2nd South, Salt Lake City, Utah, had come to the Police Department sometime between eight and nine p.m. January 30, 1941 and had stated that he had seen THEODORE COLE, Subject in this case, as he was about to enter a restaurant on West 2nd South at about 8:00 p.m. that evening. Chief VETTERLI advised that he questioned DUNCAN as to how sure he was of his identification, and he stated that there was one chance in a thousand that he might be mistaken. Chief VETTERLI advised that he detailed Sergeant E. J. STEINFELT and Officers S. D. BECKSTEAD and W. L. MARROM to accompany Mr. DUNCAN to the above-mentioned vicinity in an effort to locate Subject, but that their efforts were in vain.

In company with Special Agent VINCENT G. DOUGHERTY, Agent contacted HOWARD DUNCAN at his place of employment, the Pyke Manufacturing Company, 154 West 2nd South, Salt Lake City, Utah, and he advised that he was foreman of the garment factory at the State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma for two years during the time that Subject THEODORE COLE was incarcerated there, and that Subject worked in this department under him during that time and he became very well acquainted with him. He advised that he left there in 1934 and that he has not seen Subject since. Mr. DUNCAN advised that at about 8:00 p.m. January 30, 1941 he was coming out of the Italian restaurant at 143 West 2nd South, Salt Lake City, Utah, and as he came out a party was entering the same restaurant and when this party saw DUNCAN he turned and did not enter that restaurant and went west on Second South. Mr. DUNCAN stated that he recognized this party as Subject THEODORE COLE. He advised that COLE was not wearing a hat and had on a dark overcoat. He was unable to describe his clothing other than that. Mr. DUNCAN advised that even though the eyes of this party met his eyes at the door of the Italian restaurant,

this party showed no signs of recognizing him, DUNCAN; and DUNCAN advised that he did not believe that he showed any signs of recognizing this party, and the party turned and went west on Second South just as though he had merely changed his mind about going into the restaurant.

Agents questioned DUNCAN very thoroughly as to this matter and he advised that he did not think he was mistaken. He stated, however, that of course everyone is reported to have a double and that if this party he saw was Subject COLE'S double, he was certainly a good one. Mr. DUNCAN advised that while it is possible he could be mistaken in his identification, he would always believe in his own mind that the party he saw was Subject THEODORE COLE.

Agents questioned him relative to whether he had thought much about the escape of COLE and HOE from the prison at Alcatraz and he stated that he had not; that he had learned that they had been reported as escaping, but had paid no particular attention to it until he saw this party as above mentioned. Mr. DUNCAN stated that he watched this party go west on Second South for a short distance and then he, DUNCAN, crossed the street and got in his car and went over to the Police Department immediately to report the matter. He advised that he went with the officers back to that vicinity and a thorough search was made of all the places in that vicinity, but no trace was found of this party.

In company with Special Agent DOUGHERTY, Agent contacted the following parties at the Italian restaurant at 143 West 2nd South, the place where DUNCAN claims to have seen Subject COLE; and they advised that they had seen someone who resembled the photograph of Subject COLE but they could not say positively that they had seen such a party in the restaurant: GRACE ERNSTSEN, LUCRETIA (PAT) JONES, MARY GERMANO, FRANK SCAGLIONE, GILDHA POLIDORI, ANGIE LORENZO.

Agents also contacted GEORGE CAMPBELL, General Delivery Window, Salt Lake City Post Office, and he advised that he had not seen anyone who resembled Subject COLE'S photograph receiving mail at that window.

Reporting Agent in company with Special Agent ROBERT L. BROWN, Sergeant E. J. STEINFELT and Detective LELAND DALEY on the evening of February 1 conducted investigation in the vicinity of the Italian restaurant above-mentioned and contacted various beer parlors and hotels. The beer parlors contacted were located at the following addresses: 454 West 2nd South, 537 West 2nd South, 265 West 2nd South, 279 West 2nd South, 219 West 2nd South. The hotels were the West Side Hotel, 529 West 2nd South and the New Ritz Hotel, 140 West 2nd South. At the beer parlor located at 219 West 2nd South

the bartender, whose name is CARMEN SIRIAMNI somewhat resembled the photograph of Subject THEODORE COLE. It was ascertained, however, that he has been in Salt Lake City for the last twenty years and that he is well known to the police officers in Salt Lake City.

Agent again contacted HOWARD DUNCAN and had him interview CARMEN SIRIAMNI for the purpose of ascertaining if he could have seen such a party and could have been mistaken relative to his identification. Mr. DUNCAN after viewing CARMEN SIRIAMNI advised that although SIRIAMNI did resemble considerably the photograph of COLE and did resemble COLE in general size and features, he was positive that he had not seen SIRIAMNI and mistaken him for COLE.

Arrangements were made with Chief of Police REED E. VETTERLI to have numerous copies of Subject COLE'S photograph reproduced at the Police Department and to have all his detectives and many of his other officers supplied with the photograph of COLE in order that the entire city of Salt Lake might be "combed" for the purpose of ascertaining whether Subject COLE is presently located in Salt Lake City. Chief VETTERLI advised that he had instructed his officers to report to him immediately in the event they find anyone who answers the description of Subject, and in the event Subject is found the Salt Lake City Office will be notified immediately and appropriate investigation will be made.

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent F. D. FLANAGAN, San Diego, California, dated November 26, 1940.

DETAILS:

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THE SAN DIEGO FIELD DIVISION

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGI[redacted] THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. [redacted]	ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Mail cover on JACK JOHNSON, Shafter, California, and Mrs. JOHNSON reported.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent R. H. WILLIAMS, Los Angeles, California, dated 12-6-40.

DETAILS: Pursuant to request of reporting Agent, a mail cover was placed on mail of JACK JOHNSON, Shafter, California, through the cooperation of LOIS L. BERRY, Postmaster at Shafter, and the following mail tracings were forwarded to the Los Angeles Office.

To JACK JOHNSON, 24321, Box 1367, Shafter, California, from U.S. Treasury Department, San Francisco, California, postmarked at San Francisco, California-date obliterated.

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To Mrs. JACK JOHNSON, Shafter, Calif. Box 1367, from Mrs. SANDES, 501 So. E. 16, Okla. City, postmark obliterated.

To Mr. JACK JOHNSON, General Delivery, Shafter, California, from P. O. Box 677, Bakersfield, California. Postmarked at Bakersfield, California, December 23, 1940, 8 P.M.

To Mr. and Mrs. JACK JOHNSON, General Del. Shafter, Calif., postmarked Shafter, Calif. December 27, 1940, 11:30 A.M.

To Mr. JACK JOHNSON, Box 338, Shafter, Calif, from RAY A. KINS, Rt. Box 112, Paden, Okla. postmarked Paden, Okla. Dec. 14, 1940. P.M.

To Mr. JACK JOHNSON, 338 Shafter, Calif. postmarked Paden, Okla. December 14, 1940. P.M.

To Mr. JACK JOHNSON, Shafter, Calif. Box 338, from SAM JOHNSON, San Quinten, Box 65572, Calif. postmarked San Quentin, Calif. December 14, 1940. 5 P.M. This letter was received December 16, 1940.

To Mr. and Mrs. JACK JHONSON, c/o Government Camp, Shafter, California, from 2416 K. St., postmarked Bakersfield, California, Dec. 10, 1940, 7- P.M.

To JACK JOHNSON, P.O. Box 1367, Shafter, Calif. (24321) from U.S. Treasury Department, San Francisco, California, postmarked at San Francisco, Calif. December 11, 1940, 6- P.M.

To JACK JOHNSON, Shafter, Cal. from Box 207, Shafter, Calif. postmarked Shafter, Calif. December 7, 1940, 6-P.M.

By letter dated December 6, 1940, to JERRY P. SHIELDS, Postmaster, Bakersfield, California, it was requested that a thirty day mail cover be placed on the mail of Mrs. JOHNSON, mother of JACK JOHNSON, residing on Route 4, Rosedale. By letter dated January 9, 1941, Mr. SHIELDS advised that he has two families on Route 4 by the name of JOHNSON, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. JOHNSON and ELSIE, widow of R. A. JOHNSON. Both families have received little mail, all of which return addresses were apparently bills and checks from the Welfare Department for each family. No mail tracings were forwarded to the Los Angeles Office.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

AT MERCED, CALIFORNIA

*Will contact and interview ANDY KILGORE, whose address is known to Chief of Police GILBERT of Livingston, California. KILGORE telephonically advised the Los Angeles Division Office that a woman at the Atwater Barbecue Stand, located on the south side of Atwater, California, had told BILL ANDERSON, who also hangs around the Barbecue stand, that Subject COLE was in the vicinity of the McDANIELS place, located between Atwater and Livingston, California, ANDY KILGORE at Merced, California, should be interviewed for more definite information concerning Subject COLE.

AT SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA

*Will locate BILL CRAWFORD, Post Office 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 Mrs. CRAWFORD concerning Subject and LEE ROBERTS being in that vicinity and of their possible contacting the JOHNSONS.

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REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
Seattle, Washington	3/10/41	1/18/41	P. W. MOOTHART gt

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

CHARACTER OF CASE
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Mrs. SAM RAYMER stated subjects RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE called at her lunch room, Beaver, Washington, on April 5, 1940. Mrs. RAYMER was unable to identify photograph of MORRIS TRACKINER, but stated he might be the man riding in the back of the car driven by subjects.

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Reference: Report of Special Agent A. P. LeGRAND, Seattle, Washington, dated September 4, 1940.

Details: AT MOUNT VERNON, WASHINGTON

Mrs. BERL RAYMER, sister of Mrs. SAM RAYMER, Route 2, Bayview, Mount Vernon, was contacted and stated that her sister, Mrs. SAM RAYMER, was now living at 735 State Street, Sedro Woolley, Washington.

AT SEDRO WOOLLEY, WASHINGTON

Mrs. SAM RAYMER, 735 State Street, was contacted, and she stated that on April 5, 1940 two men, one about six feet tall and the other about 5' 8", drove up in front of her lunch room at Beaver, Washington, in a big black sedan, which appeared to be a Buick of a recent model, and entered the lunch room, asking for sandwiches. They stated that their names were RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE, which two names were recalled by Mrs. RAYMER to be the same as those appearing in the Seattle TIMES on April 4, 1940. Mrs. RAYMER

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stated that these two men were identical with the pictures appearing in the Seattle TIMES of April 4, 1940, and that she and her daughter, Mrs. CLINT YORK, who was working in the lunch room at the time, became very frightened. Mrs. RAYMER also stated that when these two men told her their names they asked her if she had ever heard of them before, which question she did not answer, and they went on to state that up to the present time all they had had on their hands was plenty of time, but that now they were in a hurry and that they did not have time to eat the sandwiches and requested that they be wrapped up, so that they could take them with them.

These men stated that they were looking for a sporting house, as they had been confined for some time and had not had any connections with women during that time, and that Mrs. RAYMER and her daughter would do. Mrs. RAYMER further stated that these men did not molest them any further, due to the fact that cars were passing on the highway, and a couple of cars had arrived at the lunch room at that time. She further stated that the tall man kept his right hand on his right hip pocket during the time the two men were in the lunch room.

Agent exhibited the photograph of MORRIS TRACKINER to Mrs. RAYMER, but she was unable to identify it. She did state, however, that there was a man lying in the back seat of the car driven by subjects, and that he sat up and looked out of the back window a couple of times, but she was unable to give any description of this man.

Mrs. RAYMER furnished the following description of THEODORE COLE:

Height	6'
Weight	180
Age	40
Complexion	Very light
Eyes	Bulging
Hair	Light, reddish
Eyes	Blue
Dress	Well dressed; light gray overcoat.

Mrs. RAYMER furnished the following description of RALPH ROE:

Age	40
Height	5' 8"
Weight	160
Hair	Dark, fluffy

Eyes	Brown
Dress	Well dressed

Mrs. RAYMER stated that her lunch room is located on Highway #101 about a mile out of Beaver, Washington, on the road to Averdeen, Washington. She also stated that when these men drove away in their car, they drove towards Port Angeles, Washington. She further stated that she reported this incident to the Sheriff's Office at Forks, Washington and understands that it was in turn reported to the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Seattle, Washington. She stated that she has not seen ROE or COLE since that time and has no idea where they might be at the present time.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE SEATTLE OFFICE

* At Bremerton, Washington, at the Puget Sound Navy Yard, will interview Lt. L.L.L. DILLEY, assigned to the U.S.S. GILMER, presently stationed at the Puget Sound Navy, Bremerton, Washington, and show the photograph of MORRIS TRACKINER, regarding the identification of the person who obtained information at the lighthouse service, Portland, Oregon, on December 16, 1937, regarding the ebb and flow of tides in San Francisco Bay.

Will ascertain any information DILLEY may furnish regarding the unknown individual and furnish same to the office of origin.

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REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
Indianapolis, Indiana	3-21-41	3-8-41	RALPH V. HARMAN JMT

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: GEORGE LAKIN, Gas City, Indiana, reported as bearing resemblance to RALPH ROE. LAKIN located and through fingerprints, determined to be not identical with ROE.

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Details: AT INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

This investigation is based upon a telephone call which was received at this office at 2:10 P.M., March 8, 1941, from ELMER RIGGS, Fairmount City, Indiana, at which time he advised that he knew an individual who resided in Gas City, Indiana, who resembled the photograph of RALPH ROE, appearing on Identification Order 1472.

Special Agent GEORGE F. MUNRO and reporting agent contacted RIGGS at Fairmount City, Indiana, and proceeded to Gas City, Indiana, where RIGGS pointed out the residence of an individual whom he stated was GEORGE LAKIN and whom he advised resembled the Identification Order of RALPH ROE, which he, RIGGS, had seen in the Post Office at Gas City, Indiana.

GEORGE LAKIN was located and taken to the Gas City, Indiana Police Department where he was fingerprinted and found not to be identical with subject ROE.

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REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS	4-2-41	12-21-40; 1-2,3;3-22-41.	A. G. HAUER FW

TITLE OF CASE:
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: Plan formulated with JOHN YOCUM, North Little Rock Police Department, and informant, 12-21-40 to apprehend Subject COLE, was unsuccessful. Informant W. S. WALLS failed to appear; later determined to have stolen 1937 Plymouth Coupe, motor P4-187,138. WALLS subject in NMVTA file, Little Rock file 26-1984. Apprehended March 16, 1941, Brownsville, Texas. A. C. GRIMSLEY alias R. C. Robinson, informant of JOHN YOCUM, appeared at this office 1-3-41. Interview failed to indicate his possession of definite information concerning location of COLE and ROE. Constable, Green Forest, Arkansas, advised Subject COLE reported treated by Dr. SLUSHER, now deceased, three years ago.

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REFERENCES: Report of Special Agent J. P. SLAYDEN, Little Rock, Arkansas, dated 7-5-40.
Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 8-25-40.
Telegram from Dallas dated 3-15-41, in case entitled "M. S. WALLS alias Bud Walls; NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT", Little Rock file 26-1984.

DETAILS:

On December 21, 1940, Mr. YOCUM of the North Little Rock Police Department, telephonically communicated with Special Agent in Charge FRED HALLFORD, and informed he had an informant who had been working with him in North Little Rock who stated he definitely knew the whereabouts of Subject COLE. YOCUM stated this informant had left North Little Rock and plans had been made between himself and

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the informant for the informant to bring COLE back to North Little Rock and register him in a local hotel. YOCUM said he could furnish more details on this if an agent would contact him at his home late that afternoon; inasmuch as the informant would bring COLE back to North Little Rock, he desired an agent's assistance in apprehending COLE.

Pursuant to this request, Special Agent in Charge HALLFORD and Special Agent J. J. RYAN went to the home of YOCUM in order to ascertain more details concerning the information furnished him by his informant as to the whereabouts of Subject COLE. YOCUM informed that his informant had been working with him around North Little Rock, Arkansas on some narcotics cases in collaboration with Mr. KILLOUGH of the Narcotics Unit of the Treasury Department who is stationed in the Federal Building in Little Rock. He said he had found his informant to be entirely reliable and his informant had brought to his attention that he was well acquainted with Subject COLE inasmuch as he had served time with COLE in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma. YOCUM said his informant stated he could put COLE on the spot inasmuch as he knew his definite whereabouts but that it would require his ingenuity in getting COLE put on the spot.

A plan was formulated with YOCUM and YOCUM'S informant for the informant to proceed to COLE'S hideout, probably in Oklahoma, and for the informant to bring COLE to North Little Rock, Arkansas, where the informant and COLE would register in some hotel. The informant said he would register under his correct name but probably COLE would use an alias. Upon obtaining the room and putting up for the night, YOCUM'S informant said he would leave the door slightly ajar so that officers could immediately come into the room and take COLE into custody. YOCUM said the pretext which his informant intended to bring COLE back to North Little Rock was that the informant would tell COLE that there was heavy spending at all the local stores due to the large construction program at Camp JOSEPH T. ROBINSON at Little Rock, and that he probably could make some big hauls by robbing some of the local stores.

YOCUM said he placed so much faith in his informant's story that he paid off a $70.00 mortgage on his informant's car and that he, YOCUM, was presently holding the car in a local garage in North Little Rock until the informant returned to reclaim same. He said he had also given his informant $6.00 in cash for his expenses in making the trip to bring COLE back to North Little Rock.

Mr. YOCUM was questioned concerning the car which he had obtained from his informant when he paid off the mortgage on the car for his informant. YOCUM had been very secretive about the identity of his informant. When questioned in this regard, he exhibited the bill of sale which his informant had given him pertaining to the car which he had turned over to YOCUM. It was noted that this bill of sale was made out to W. S. WALLS, YOCUM'S informant, and that the car was apparently sold to WALLS by a Mr. IRWIN. No detailed notes were made in connection with this bill of sale due to the fact that YOCUM did not desire that the writer know the identity of his informant and YOCUM was apparently unaware of the fact that his informant's identity had been disclosed when he exhibited the bill of sale.

Mr. YOCUM informed that his informant was supposed to have COLE in North Little Rock at one of the local hotels on the night of either December 23 or December 24, 1940. He said he was going to personally check the registers of all the local hotels on these nights to determine if his informant had registered, and if so, this would indicate that his informant had COLE with him in his room. YOCUM said if his informant did register, he would immediately notify the Little Rock Field Division in order that the necessary investigation could be conducted to determine if Subject COLE was with him.

Subsequent to the time YOCUM'S informant was supposed to appear in North Little Rock, Arkansas, with Subject COLE, Mr. YOCUM telephonically communicated with Special Agent in Charge HALLFORD and informed that his informant, W. S. WALLS, had failed to appear in North Little Rock pursuant to the plans, and he, YOCUM, had determined through Mr. REEVES, the Probation Officer in Little Rock, Arkansas, that WALLS was wanted for violation of probation in Texas and further that he had determined that the car in possession of WALLS which he, YOCUM, had in his possession at the present time, due to the fact that he paid the morgage on same, had been determined to have been stolen. YOCUM was informed that an agent would contact him to determine full details in regard to this car and that an appropriate investigation would be conducted.

A file, # 26-1984, has been opened in the Little Rock Field Division relative to WALLS' theft of mortgaged 1937 Plymouth Coupe, motor number P4-187,138, and leads set out to interview WALLS pertinent to information concerning COLE.

A telegram dated March 15, 1941, from the Dallas Field Division in the case entitled "M. S. WALLS alias Bud Walls; NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT" reported the apprehension of WALLS at Brownsville, Texas.

On January 2, 1941, Mr. YOCUM of the North Little Rock Police Department, called at the Little Rock Field Office, and advised Special Agent in Charge FRED HALLFORD that he had developed an informant in North Little Rock who he had been using in connection with his cases and this informant had advised him that he knew COLE and ROE to be alive today and that he could furnish definite information as to their whereabouts. YOCUM said he would either bring this informant to the Little Rock Field Office personally in order that Special Agent HALLFORD could converse with him, or he would have the informant to call at the office alone.

On January 3, 1941, A. C. GRIMOCEY alias R. C. Robinson, called at the Little Rock Office and informed that he was the man previously brought to the attention of this office by Mr. YOCUM. GRIMOCEY informed that he was also known as R. C. Robinson and had been arrested on several occasions under this name. He presently resides at 1509 Lincoln Avenue, Little Rock, Arkansas. He informed that he had served time in Alcatraz Prison, when it was a disciplinary institution. This was in 1925 when he, GRIMOCEY, was incarcerated therein for desertion from the Army. GRIMOCEY informed that he also served time in Leavenworth Penitentiary, having been committed to that institution in October, 1936 and transferred to the Lexington, Kentucky Penitentiary on November 11, 1936, and he was released from this institution on December 19, 1938. GRIMOCEY said he was convicted for possession of narcotics.

GRIMOCEY furnished the following information which indicates to him that COLE and ROE are still alive. He said he had become acquainted with a man in the vicinity of North Little Rock recently who was wanted by the Houston, Texas authorities and he had turned this man in to the North Little Rock Police Department. He said he could not recall the man's name but that his name could be obtained from Chief of Police ANDERSON who was familiar with this case and the fact that he, GRIMOCEY, had turned him in. Prior to turning this man in, GRIMOCEY informed that the man had informed him that he had seen Subject COLE in Konowa, Oklahoma, which is a small town located between Ada and Seminole, Oklahoma.

He also mentioned to GRIMOCEY the name of a man in Pine Bluff, Arkansas who is personally acquainted with both COLE and ROE. GRIMOCEY said he ascertained very little definite information from the man turned in by him as to the whereabouts of COLE and ROE. However, the name of the man mentioned in Pine Bluff was definitely recalled by him and he, GRIMOCEY, had recently met up with this man from Pine Bluff in North Little Rock, Arkansas, and the man from Pine Bluff had informed him that he was personally acquainted with both COLE and ROE and had stated that COLE and ROE were presently staying under cover in Maud, St. Louis, and Kmnowa, Oklahoma. GRIMOCEY said this man from Pine Bluff was apparently afraid to talk and furnish information as to the present whereabouts of COLE and ROE inasmuch as if he turned them in, his life might be in danger. GRIMOCEY declined to furnish the name of the man from Pine Bluff, Arkansas, but he stated he would be glad to make a trip to Pine Bluff and further talk with this man inasmuch as he believed he could get full details from him as to his knowledge to the present wherebouts of COLE and ROLE. GRIMOCEY said he was familiar with dope addicts and this man in Pine Bluff was a dope addict and he could put the pressure on him and get full details from him. GRIMOCEY desired he be furnished with expense money to go to Pine Bluff and converse with this man.

Inasmuch as GRIMOCEY had no definite information in his possession to indicate that he knew the whereabouts of COLE and ROE or that the man at Pine Bluff had any such definite information, he was informed that at the present time, no money could be paid him to contact his informant, but that this will be borne in mind and if it was desired that he contact the man at Pine Bluff at some time in the future, he would be so advised.

No leads are being set out for the Oklahoma City Field Division inasmuch as GRIMOCEY demanded money and had no definite information in his possession indicating that he knew the location of Subjects COLE and ROE, or that the man at Pine Bluff, Arkansas, had any such information.

AT GREEN FOREST, ARKANSAS

OTTO HARDSTY, Deputy Sheriff of Carroll County, and Constable, Green Forest, recalled that three years ago Dr. SLUSHER, now deceased, and wife reported that they had given food and treatment to Subject COLE. According to Constable HARDSTY, Dr. SLUSHER knew Subject COLE as a boy.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE DALLAS FIELD DIVISION AT BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS: Will interview W. S. WALLS, subject of Little Rock file 26-1984, and obtain all information that he might possess regarding subject COLE.

THE LITTLE ROCK FIELD DIVISION AT GREEN FOREST, ARKANSAS: Will interview Mrs. SLUSHER for any information she might have concerning Subject COLE.

Will again contact Deputy Sheriff OTTO HARDSTY for any further information relative to Subject COLE'S residence in Green Forest.

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DALLAS, TEXAS	4/11/41	3/19,20/41 4/5/41	E. J. ZACK

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: [redacted] probationer, positive he saw ROE and COLE in Seminole, Oklahoma, Thanksgiving, 1940. Names of possible contacts and information furnished. b7D

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DETAILS:

This investigation is predicated upon a report of Special Agent C. A. MAY, dated at Little Rock, January 24, 1941. That report has to do with the possible National Motor Vehicle Theft Act violation of [redacted] b7D

[redacted] is on probation in the Northern District of Texas for violation of the Harrison Narcotic Act. In December, 1940, Special Agent in Charge HALLFORD and Special Agent J. J. RYAN of the Little Rock Office, contacted [redacted] Police Department who is said to have a reliable informant in this case. In interview, [redacted] revealed that his informant had agreed to proceed to the purported hangout of subjects in this case, and to entice subjects down to [redacted] on the belief that a large haul might be made in local stores. [redacted] put such trust in this story that he advanced $6 so that informant might make the trip and paid on a $60 mortgage of informant's car, afterwards revealed to be the car involved in the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act Case. [redacted] did not desire to reveal the identity of this informant, but upon exhibiting a bill of sale to the car to those Special Agents, it was learned that the informant was [redacted] Subsequently b7D

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[redacted] gave the Little Rock Office the telephonic information that [redacted] had failed to appear as arranged and that [redacted] had learned that the automobile was in fact stolen.

On March 15, 1941, [redacted] was apprehended for violation of his probation in Brownwood, Texas, and was interviewed in the Tarrant County jail, Fort Worth, Texas, both as to the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act Case and his possible information as to the whereabouts of subjects. b7D

As to himself and his knowledge of the subjects, [redacted] related that he had been in contact with Officer KILLOUGH of the Narcotics Department and had assisted the latter in Little Rock in various narcotic cases. He, himself, as stated above, had for a long time been on "dope" and had been convicted under the Harrison Narcotic Act. He is a barber by trade, but has been deprived of a license because of his previous criminal convictions, to wit, Grand Larceny, Statutory Rape, and Narcotics. According to his own admissions, [redacted] has been tried for murder but successful in his defense on two separate occasions. [redacted] says that he was in McAlester Penitentiary at the time this COLE was there, that COLE had killed a man with a knife in the penitentiary during that same period, that he was very familiar with him, COLE, having cut his hair as prisoner barber many times. He stated that COLE sometime around 1928 had robbed a filling station and received a life-time sentence which was commuted to 15 years, and that during COLE'S stay at McAlester, the latter had been shot off the wall. b7D b7D

[redacted] b7D

As to the deal with [redacted] stated that his intention had been to carry out the plan which is roughly outlined above, that he is well-known in the country involved, that in his previous visits there he had been received by the inhabitants with a great deal of friendship. He said, however, that on this particular visit upon leaving the train in Seminole, he was greeted coldly by an Indian known to him as RED CLOUD, that RED CLOUD murmured something about [redacted] being mixed up with the law b7D

and that he had "better get out of town." Since he discussed this deal with no one besides [redacted] is of the opinion that [redacted] must have contacted the local Seminole Police. [redacted] is of the further opinion that none of the local police officers in that area can be trusted to refrain from imparting such information to subjects ROE and COLE. According to [redacted] all of the peace officers in that territory are afraid of the subjects. [redacted] stated that it would be death for him to go to Seminole at this time. b7D

As to the description and whereabouts of subjects, ROE and COLE, [redacted] is of the firm conviction that he saw TED COLE on Thanksgiving Day, 1940, in Sallisaw, Oklahoma. He described TED COLE as follows:

Height	5' 4"
Weight	165 lbs.
Eyes	Dark
clean shaven, well dressed	

He said that when he knew COLE in McAlester he was 21 or 22 years of age, but that COLE has aged 10 or 15 years in the last 5, but has gained 30 or 40 pounds. It should be noted at this point that in the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, dated July 21, 1939, at Oklahoma City, EARL MAGUIRE, a convict now incarcerated in Leavenworth Penitentiary, had made the same comment as to a description of COLE and that efforts to make MAGUIRE retract his story as to subject COLE being at large have always proved unsuccessful.

[redacted] was unable to give any information as to the purpose of subject's being in SALLISAW for as he said "obvious reasons." It is also noted that the giving of such description would only be evidence that [redacted] is acquainted with COLE and not that he saw him after his escape. It should be said that this description conforms substantially with the description given in Identification Order No. 1471. [redacted] stated that ROE and COLE hang out in the hills near Sallisaw, that they receive much help from local citizens, who are afraid of them. He says to his knowledge ROE and COLE have robbed a roadhouse across the river from Moffet, Oklahoma. he knows of no other jobs they have pulled since their escape. [redacted] emphasized the fact that no one has ever been b7D

successful in going into that country with a view to the apprehension of an outlaw, that the situation in this case is the same as it was with Pretty-Boy Floyd, that these individuals will have to be decoyed or put on the spot.

[redacted] stated that he also saw RALPH ROE on the same occasion, Thanksgiving, 1940, but did not talk to him. He described ROE as being: b7D

Age	45
Height	5' 6" or 10"
Weight	163 lbs.

He has somewhat of a crippled gait, being located at that time about 100 yards from COLE. His hair [redacted] said, was formerly sandy, but now it appears black. He stated that ROE has not aged as much as COLE since his escape. It is to be noted that this description follows much more loosely the description given in Identification Order No. 1472.

As to possible informants and contacts of subjects ROE and COLE, [redacted] mentioned first an individual who lives in Sallisaw, Oklahoma, who runs a show of birds and monkeys. His name is unknown, but his wife is a school teacher. [redacted] stated this individual probably had some knowledge of ROE and COLE and that he could be relied upon. [redacted] mentioned secondly a man by the name of GOSSET, who is possibly still chief of Police at Duncan, Oklahoma. GOSSET is said to be in contact with GENE SMIDDEY. SMIDDEY will do whatever GOSSET tells him. GENE SMIDDEY'S brother, ROY, is now serving time in Alcatraz. [redacted] is of the opinion that GENE SMIDDEY has information as to the exact whereabouts of subjects. [redacted] mentioned further JACK SIMMS, Chief of Police, Seminole, Oklahoma. SIMMS is purportedly in contact with TANG HALL, well-known local outlaw. HALL is said to be willing to do anything SIMMS would require. Of course review of the file indicates that TANG HALL is not of the opinion that subjects are at large. [redacted] mentioned finally an Indian living near Sallisaw, Oklahoma, named RED CLOUD or FLEETWOOD. FLEETWOOD is a rancher and a minor dope peddler. It was FLEETWOOD who allegedly warned [redacted] on his own attempt to lure TED COLE down fromthe hills b7D

but [redacted] is of the opinion that for a proper consideration, FLEETWOOD would be able to give valuable information. [redacted] knows of an unknown girl who, after making statements in regard to subjects, was purportedly taken by them and dragged for some blocks behind an automobile. [redacted] emphasized the acute fear of individuals in that locality of subjects. [redacted] suggested that the BRADSHAW girls who are frequently in contact with outlaws near Sallisaw, might possibly have information. b7D

The interview of [redacted] was conducted on two different days and there intervened a conference of JOHN R. ALDERMAN, United States Probation Officer, for the Northern District of Texas. Mr. ALDERMAN stated that in none of his contacts with informant during the last three years has the latter made a false statement to him, and when impressed with the seriousness of his statements as bearing on a revocation of his probation, it is noted that [redacted] gave even additional information the next day on the case. b7D

[redacted] advised reporting agent that he has the utmost confidence and personal regard for JOHN ALDERMAN and gives entire credit to the latter for his having broken the dope habit three years ago. So great is this regard for ALDERMAN, that on one occasion, [redacted] surrendered himself to the Sheriff at Fort Worth, Texas, upon receipt of a telephone call from ALDERMAN. b7D

[redacted] was held for violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act. On the order of Mr. ALDERMAN, he was released with a promise to give affidavits as to the true nature of the deal by which he received possession of a certain motor car. One of these affidavits has been received. ALDERMAN stated that [redacted] will be returned to employment on the T. J. Tidwell Show, which travels in Texas, New Mexico, and Oklahoma, that [redacted] has agreed to give him advanced information as to the whereabouts of the show after each move. b7D

No undeveloped leads are being set out as a result of these interviews with [redacted] but the Oklahoma City Office will be notified by telegram when ALDERMAN is in receipt of information that the Tidwell Show is in Oklahoma. The Oklahoma City Office may then reinterview [redacted] b7D

For the benefit of the Oklahoma City Office the following description of informant [redacted] is included: b7D

Name [redacted]
Age
Height
Weight
Eyes
Hair
Build
Complexion
Nationality
Occupation

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE DALLAS FIELD DIVISION

At Fort Worth, Texas, will maintain contact with JOHN R. ALDERMAN and report to the Oklahoma City Office the presence of [redacted] in Oklahoma for interview.

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Springfield, Illinois	4-24-41	4-8-41	S. C. COTTON jfc

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Sheriff, Pontiac, Illinois, states one LAWRENCE SHORT identified photograph of subject COLE and said that COLE was working on a farm for EDGAR BROWN, one and one half miles south of Hazelwood, Indiana last Fall. Sheriff considers SHORT unreliable, and advised that he is presently confined in Cumberland County Jail at Toledo, Illinois.

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REFERENCE: Letter from Oklahoma City Office to Springfield Office, dated February 28, 1941.

DETAILS: At Pontiac, Illinois

Sheriff H. R. DAVIS, Sheriff of Livingston County, Pontiac, Illinois, was interviewed for any information he might have in this case and he stated that LAWRENCE SHORT, late of Pontiac, recently identified a photograph of subject THEODORE COLE as identical with a hired hand employed by EDGAR BROWN who lives on a farm about one and one half miles south of Hazelwood, Indiana. SHORT told the Sheriff that he had seen COLE on this farm sometime last Fall, but was unable to give the name of the suspect. Sheriff DAVIS was of the opinion that SHORT was unreliable, stating that he was inclined to "bluff" and to exaggerate. The reporting agent was unable to interview SHORT at this time due to the fact that he is presently incarcerated in the Cumberland County Jail, Toledo, Illinois.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

The Indianapolis Office

At Hazelwood, Indiana will conduct the necessary investigation at the farm of EDGAR BROWN to determine if subject COLE is employed or has been employed there.

The Springfield Office

At Toledo, Illinois will interview LAWRENCE SHORT at the Cumberland County Jail for further information concerning his identification.

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PHOENIX, ARIZONA	4-29-41	3-14-41	C. K. SMITHE JK

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
THEODORE COLE, with aliases, I.O.# 1471; RALPH ROE, with aliases, I.O.# 1472 - FUGITIVES	ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: J. E. GLASSCOCK, previously reported as having information regarding Fugitives' whereabouts, is receiving no mail at Tucson, Arizona, and his whereabouts are unknown.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. T. LOGUE, Phoenix, dated February 1, 1941.

DETAILS: AT TUCSON, ARIZONA

Mr. HAROLD B. COLLINS, Postmaster, advised that a watch kept at the General Delivery window since January 17, 1941, had failed to disclose that J. E. GLASSCOCK has ever received any more mail there. It will be recalled that GLASSCOCK was said to have reported to the Tucson Police Department that he had information as to Fugitives' whereabouts but that the Tucson Police Department maintained no record of this information and believed therefore that it must have been regarded as of no possible value.

Mr. COLLINS has no further information regarding GLASSCOCK'S whereabouts and has never heard of this individual.

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SEATTLE, WASHINGTON	5-3-41	3-4,17-41	T. S. CRUISE FAC

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Lieut. L. L. DILLEY, U. S. Navy, failed to identify photograph of MORRIS TRACKINER as the person who contacted him on 12-16-37 relative to information concerning the tides in San Francisco Bay.

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Reference: Report of Special Agent A. P. LeGRAND, Seattle, Washington, dated September 4, 1940.

Report of Special Agent P. W. MOOTHART, Seattle, Washington, dated March 10, 1941.

Report of Special Agent in Charge, GUY HOTTEL, Washington Field Office, dated February 20, 1941.

Details:

On March 4, 1941, Lieut. DANIEL A. FROST, O.N.I., Bremerton, Washington, was interviewed by Agent and advised that Lieut. L. L. DILLEY was presently stationed on the U.S.S. GILMER, on coastal patrol duty and could be reached at Seattle through Captain DAVIS, U. S. Navy, Exchange Building.

On March 17, 1941, the offices of the O.N.I. in the Exchange Building, Seattle, were telephonocally contacted, resulting in the information that the U.S.S. GILMER was presently docked at the Todd-Seattle Dry Docks, Seattle, Washington.

Lieut. L. L. DILLEY was interviewed by Agent on March 17, 1941, aboard the U.S.S. GILMER, and the photograph of MORRIS TRACKINER was

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displayed to him for his possible identification. Lieut. DILLEY was unable to identify the photograph as that of the person who contacted him at Portland, Oregon, on December 16, 1937, relative to information regarding the tides in San Francisco Bay. In this connection, Lieut. DILLEY advised that he had a very hazy recollection of the person who approached him, and that he was not in a position to state with any accuracy whether or not TRACKINER is the same party.

When questioned regarding the individual who approached him for the above-mentioned information, Lieut. DILLEY stated that he remembers the man as being about 40 years old and about 5' 8" in height. Lieut. DILLEY was unable to give a more accurate description, with the exception that he advised that the party wore a hat and appeared to be moderately well-dressed. Lieut. DILLEY was of the opinion that he would not recognize the individual were he to see him again.

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NEWARK, NEW JERSEY	5/8/41	3/18/41	CARLTON M. ROGERS

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Informant HOWARD GOMINGER, 3015 Carmen Street, Camden, New Jersey, had no information to give other than that he thought SUBJECT might be hiding in New York City. Junior High School teacher of Informant stated that he was scholastically retarded for his age.

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REFERENCE: Letter from Philadelphia Office dated February 21, 1941.

DETAILS: This investigation is predicated upon a letter received at the Philadelphia Field Office and referred to the Newark Field Office, from HOWARD GOMINGER, 3015 Carmen Street, Camden, New Jersey, who stated that he had reason to believe that THEODORE COLE was hiding in New York City, and asking that an Agent be sent to the above address so that the matter might be talked over with him.

Agent contacted HOWARD GOMINGER at his home 3015 Carmen Street, Camden, New Jersey. GOMINGER stated that he had good reason to believe THEODORE COLE, who had sometime ago escaped from Alcatraz Prison, was hiding in New York City. When questioned as to the source of his information, GOMINGER stated that he had picked it up from several different bars where notorious underworld characters of Camden hang out. GOMINGER could name no specific source of this information, but thought that New York City would be a good place for such a person to hide since there were so many people there. Agent explained to GOMINGER that unless he could more definitely ascertain the approximate location of SUBJECT COLE in

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New York City, that it would be exceedingly difficult to find him. Agent further advised GOMINGER to keep his ears open and be on the alert for whatever additional information he might uncover from the underworld characters lurking about Camden and forward the same to the Bureau's Newark Office.

Agent contacted MR. WALTON, Professor of Economic Law at the Woodrow Wilson Junior High School in Camden, New Jersey, where GOMINGER attends the tenth grade. MR. WALTON stated that GOMINGER was somewhat retarded for his age, being eighteen years of age and still in the tenth grade. MR. WALTON procured GOMINGER'S scholastic record which revealed that Informant's grades were definitely far below average although the results of several achievement tests showed that he was capable of doing better than average work. It was further discovered that GOMINGER'S FATHER had been dead for some years and that his mother was employed as a coil tester for R.C.A. in Camden.

In view of the fact that GOMINGER'S letter and beliefs appear to be based on fantasy rather than fact, no further investigation is being conducted.

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Fort Worth, Texas Police Department unable to locate cabin owned by ANTHONY LOLLA on Lake Worth. M. S. WALLS still in New Mexico.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent E. J. ZACK, Dallas, Texas, dated April 11, 1941.

Report of Special Agent S. M. WOLF, Dallas, Texas, dated October 21, 1940.

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DETAILS:

Detective ROY HILTS, Fort Worth Police Department, Fort Worth, Texas, advised that all efforts to gain information regarding a cabin owned by ANYTHONY LOLLA on Lake Worth, Fort Worth, Texas, had been unsuccessful. He stated that he had contacted numerous individuals who lived in that vicinity and that none of them have ever known LOLLA to own or operate a cabin in that vicinity. He stated that he has also attempted to locate LOLLA, who whom he is personally acquainted, but has been unable to contact him. HILTS advised the writer that should he develop any further information in this matter, he would transmit the same to the Dallas Office.

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U. S. Probation Officer JOHN ALDERMAN, Fort Worth, Texas, advised that M. S. WALLS, Probationer, who presumably has information concerning the recent whereabouts of the subject, is still with the Tidwell Show in New Mexico.

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ALDERMAN further stated that WALLS told him that he had further information in this case and that such information could be obtained when WALLS arrives in the State of Oklahoma. ALDERMAN advised that he would contact the Dallas Office immediately upon receipt of information that WALLS is in Oklahoma.

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UNDEVELOPED LEAD

THE DALLAS FIELD DIVISION:

At Fort Worth, Texas: Will maintain contact with JOHN ALDERMAN and report to the Oklahoma City Office the address of WALLS in Oklahoma, in order that he may be appropriately interviewed.

- P E N D I N G -

ZJV:VTM May 24, 1941

Special Agent in Charge
San Francisco, California

RE: ROCCA

Dear Sir:

News dispatches received in the Bureau indicate information was received in the form of a postcard by Federal inmates of Alcatraz Penitentiary allegedly from fugitives Cole and Rowe. This information seems to be originating from the San Francisco Chronicle.

It is desired that you submit a report immediately reflecting the outcome of your investigation with reference to this matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc-Oklahoma City

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT OKLAHOMA CITY FILE NO. 76-166

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
OMAHA, NEBRASKA	6/3/41	3/19;5/31/41	J. L. FLOOD GEP

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: F. L. PHILLIPS, an itinerant automobile polish salesman, called at the Kearney, Nebraska, Police Station and advised that in February, 1940, he saw one of the fugitives, he does not recall which, in a beer tavern in Los Angeles, California. He could not furnish location of the tavern or any other information. Mr. PHILLIPS advised that his brother, BURTON PHILLIPS, #259, U. S. Penitentiary, Alcatraz, is confined in this penal institution serving life for bank robbery. Lead set out for Kansas City Office to verify statements of PHILLIPS when he was interviewed in this case.

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DETAILS: At Kearney, Nebraska

Recently while the writer was in the Police Station at Kearney, Nebraska, Chief of Police LLOYD FRANK advised that a man who gave his name as F. L. PHILLIPS had called at the police station and said that someone had broken into his car and he suspected a young lady in Kearney but he would not furnish her name. He wanted Chief FRANK to examine the car for latent fingerprints. Chief FRANK advised that PHILLIPS is an itinerant character and he did not place much faith in his statements as he would not furnish the name of the girl. He advised him that nothing could be done unless he informed him of the articles taken from the car and the name of the girl,

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which PHILLIPS declined to do. Chief FRANK advised that PHILLIPS had expressed a desire to see an Agent of this Bureau. FRANK located PHILLIPS and brought him to the City Police Station. FRANK advised that PHILLIPS was driving an old model Chevrolet Coupe which bore Louisiana License #69-491.

Mr. PHILLIPS advised that he travels from town to town and was in Kearney for the day. He sells an automobile polish and buys his produce from the Des Moines Globe Auto Supply Company, 407 West 15th Street, Des Moines, Iowa. He said this company always knows his current address. PHILLIPS further advised that he has no permanent address, and prior to 1941, he lived in Los Angeles, California, for a short time. He was raised in Hutchinson, Kansas. He advised that his brother, BURTON PHILLIPS, was convicted in Federal Court at Wichita, Kansas, on March 23, 1936, on charges of bank robbery and was sentenced to serve a life term in the United States Penitentiary at Alcatraz Island, California, where he is #259. He said his brother was supposed to be a bad prisoner and he does not correspond with him.

PHILLIPS advised that approximately thirty days after ROE and COLE escaped from the United States Penitentiary at Alcatraz, he was interviewed at Salina, Kansas, by an Agent from the Kansas City Office. Mr. PHILLIPS also advised that he has observed photographs of ROE and COLE and studied their features. He said that in 1934 or 1935 he saw both ROE and COLE in Hutchinson, Kansas.

PHILLIPS stated that in February, 1940, he was in a beer garden in Los Angeles, California, and saw one of the Fugitives. He does not know which one. He said he did not report having seen this individual to any law enforcement officer although he knew the Government was seeking both of the Fugitives. He said he did not know the name of the beer tavern or the street on which it is located.

PHILLIPS impressed the writer as being rather unreliable. He did not have any further information concerning the Fugitive he claimed to have seen in Los Angeles.

Agent examined the file in this case in the Omaha Office. However, the name of PHILLIPS has not been mentioned in the serials in the possession of this office.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

KANSAS CITY OFFICE

AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Will examine its file in this case to determine whether F. L. PHILLIPS was interviewed at Salina, Kansas, shortly after the escape of Fugitives ROE and COLE so it may be known in some degree whether F. L. PHILLIPS is furnishing accurate information.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

San Francisco, California
June 12, 1941

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

Re: ROCOL

Dear Sir:

Kindly furnish the known criminal record of the following:

Name (inc. aliases)	City, Police Arrest, or Other Number.	Approximate date Fingerprints forwarded Federal Bureau of Investigation.	Fingerprint Classification.
KNUDE I. SUMMERVILLE alias JOHN SULLIVAN alias JOSEPH SULLIVAN	State Pen. #1605 Lansing, Kansas #11306 U.S. Disciplinary Barracks, Alcatraz, 4/19/19	not known	

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Please forward copies also to Butte and Oklahoma City.

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

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA N.O. FILE NO. 76-257

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
New Orleans, La.	June 5,1941	Apr.15,1941	ROBERT ANDERSON SH

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Unable to locate LENA RILEY at Golden Meadow, Louisiana, and vicinity.

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REFERENCE: Letter to New Orleans from Oklahoma City dated June 28, 1940; report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, August 25, 1940; and report of Special Agent J. P. HYLAND, JR., Houston, Texas, dated November 30, 1940.

DETAILS: AT GOLDEN MEADOW, LOUISIANA, AND VICINITY

MR. MORRIS BREAUX, Assistant Postmaster, was interviewed relative to the possibility of anyone by the name of LENA RILEY, LEONA STEWART, LENA or LEONA SPURGEON receiving mail in Golden Meadow, Louisiana. He stated that he had no recollection of mail being called for under any of these names, and he inquired of his General Delivery clerk, who also stated that she had no recollection of mail being called for under any of these names. He also stated that he has no forwarding address in his records for any person using these names.

The following contacts were made by the writer, with negative results, relative to the whereabouts of LENA RILEY, LEONA STEWART, LENA or LEONA SPURGEON: Sheriff's Office; C. BOUSEGARD, proprietor of LaFourche Bar; ELLIS DELATTE, proprietor of LaFourche Restaurant; FRANCIS FEDERINE, Marshland Cafe; C. LEDET, Crip's Saloon; JEFF GILBOE, Oil Field Cafe; MRS. FORNET, Callais Bar; MRS. HENRI CHERAMIE; Roosevelt's Night Club - all of the above at Golden Meadow, Louisiana; JOSE RODRIGUEZ, Casino Inn; Cut Off, Louisiana; MAURICE

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SAVOIE, Savoie Night Club, Larose, Louisiana; ENOS DANOS, Danos' Night Club, Raceland, Louisiana; LOUIS SAVOIE, Hawaiian Inn, Raceland, Louisiana; ARTHUR DEBAU, Welcome Inn, Raceland, Louisiana; SMITH DANOS, Danos' Cafe, Route 90, Raceland, Louisiana.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE NEW ORLEANS FIELD DIVISION:

*At Abbeville, Louisiana, will contact ROY CONNORS at the Moore Hotel in regard to any knowledge he might have as to the present whereabouts of subjects.

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REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.	6/12/41	4/11/41	L. M. FALLAW - MJD

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Records San Quentin Penitentiary reflect MRS. EDWARD SHOOK, Pine Knot, Calif., wrote Warden concerning her son, KNUDE I. SUMMERVILLE, former associate subject ROE, while SUMMERVILLE inmate of San Quentin 6/23/23 to 4/8/25, and that SUMMERVILLE prosecuted on undetermined charge at Caldwell, Idaho, during latter part 1935.

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Reference: Report of Special Agent D. W. MAGEE, Los Angeles, 4/5/40.

Details: AT SAN QUENTIN PENITENTIARY, CALIF.

MR. R. SMITH, secretary in the Warden's office, produced their complete files concerning KNUDE I. SUMMERVILLE, San Quentin #38,026, from which the following information was obtained:

SUMMERVILLE was received at San Quentin June 23, 1923, from Los Angeles County, Los Angeles Sheriff's Office #34,133, to serve one to fourteen years for fictitious checks. He was paroled April 8, 1925, and discharged from parole January 23, 1927. His criminal record was as follows:

As JOHN SULLIVAN, arrested El Reno, Okla., PD 4/10/22, narcotics, one year Oklahoma State Penitentiary.

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As KNUDE I. SUMMERVILLE, #11306, received U. S. Disciplinary Barracks, Alcatraz, 4/19/19 to serve 10 years for desertion at Vladivostok, Russia. (Sentence reduced and released 9/27/19)

As JOSEPH SULLIVAN, received State Pen., Lansing, Kansas, #1605, to serve one to five years for G. L.

The file reflected that prior to SUMMERVILLE'S release from San Quentin, his mother, MRS. EDWARD SHOOK, of Pine Knot, California (Big Bear Valley, San Bernardino County) wrote the parole board several times relative to SUMMERVILLE'S release.

The file contained a letter dated November 6, 1935 from DONALD ANDERSON, Prosecuting Attorney, Canyon County, Caldwell, Idaho, in which ANDERSON stated that he was trying K. I. SUMMERVILLE, as JAMES STONE, at an early date. The charge was not specified. The file further reflected that SUMMERVILLE in company with one PAUL SULLIVAN (an alias of Subject ROE) had been passing fictitious checks at Pomona, California, shortly prior to their arrest by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office in May, 1923.

Reference report reflects that Subject ROE, alias PAUL SULLIVAN, was arrested at Pomona, California, PD #98, on April 28, 1923, when ROE was seventeen years of age. He was arrested as PAUL SULLIVAN by the Los Angeles Sheriff's Office, #34,134, for robbery, on May 1, 1923, on the same date that SUMMERVILLE was arrested for bad checks, and on May 19, 1923, ROE under the name PAUL SULLIVAN was sentenced to serve time on the robbery charge at the State Reformatory at Ione, Calif. There is no evidence of subsequent association between ROE and SUMMERVILLE. An effort is being made to locate SUMMERVILLE for questioning to obtain any leads he might have as to ROE'S present whereabouts.

A letter is being directed to the Bureau, requesting SUMMERVILLE'S up-to-date criminal record, copies to be furnished to the Oklahoma City, Butte and San Francisco offices, for the purpose of ascertaining whether SUMMERVILLE is presently incarcerated.

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UNDEVELOPED LEAD

BUTTE OFFICE

AT CALDWELL, IDAHO, will ascertain from the Prosecuting Attorney whether K. I. SUMMERVILLE as JAMES STONE was convicted in the state court during the latter part of 1936 and if SUMMERVILLE is incarcerated in the Butte division will interview him concerning his association with Subject ROE, obtaining any information which he might have that would assist in locating ROE.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. MATTHEW F. McGUIRE
THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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

You will recall that Ralph Roe and Theodore Cole escaped from the United States Penitentiary at Alcatraz Island, California, on December 16, 1937. Since that time considerable investigation has been conducted by this Bureau without obtaining any information which would definitely show these two escaped Federal prisoners ever reached the mainland from Alcatraz Island.

I thought you would be interested in knowing of an informal conversation recently had by an Agent of our Kansas City Field Division and one of the guards at the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas. This guard, who declined to give his name to the Agent, stated that there were a number of guards and prisoners at the Leavenworth Penitentiary who were formerly at Alcatraz at the time Roe and Cole escaped; that it was common gossip among these guards at the Leavenworth Penitentiary that Roe and Cole had been killed by Alcatraz guards while trying to escape and that their bodies had been thrown into the bay. He informed that all prison guards are under instructions not to resort to violence at any time in connection with the handling of prisoners unless it is absolutely necessary in self-defense; that the guards who are supposed to have killed Roe and Cole allegedly were in considerable difficulty after the attempted escape of these two men and their alleged deaths; further, that due to internal conditions at Alcatraz and the possible repercussions that might ensue among the officials at this penitentiary, this matter was hushed up and soft-pedaled and the public was led to believe that Roe and Cole had escaped.

In view of the fact that administrative matters within the penitentiaries at Alcatraz and Leavenworth are involved herein, no investigation is being conducted by this Bureau in connection with these allegations unless such investigation is requested by you.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Special Agent in Charge
Kansas City, Missouri

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter from the Kansas City, Missouri, Office, dated July 2, 1941, relating matters concerning the alleged deaths of Roe and Cole at the hands of guards at the United States Penitentiary at Alcatraz at the time these subjects attempted to escape.

This matter has been referred to the Department for instruction relative to contemplated investigation at the United States Penitentiaries Alcatraz and Leavenworth in connection with these allegations.

You will be advised at a later date concerning the Department's opinion in this matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc Oklahoma City
San Francisco

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

Dear Sir:

Special Agent R. H. WILLIAMS of this office informs me that recently while at firearms training on the range near the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, he engaged a guard in conversation momentarily. This guard's name was not ascertained. During the course of the brief conversation Mr. WILLIAMS says that he brought up the ROE and COLE case and made a casual inquiry of the guard as to whether there are at this time any guards at the penitentiary at Leavenworth who formerly were stationed at Alcatraz. The guard replied that there are some guards now at Leavenworth who were formerly at the Alcatraz Penitentiary and that some prisoners formerly incarcerated at Alcatraz are now at Leavenworth.

Agent WILLIAMS informs me that he made inquiry of this guard as to whether the alleged escape of ROE and COLE was ever discussed among the guards at the penitentiary and whether he had any information as to whether there are any prisoners now at Leavenworth who profess to have any information concerning the ROE and COLE case. This guard then stated to Agent WILLIAMS that it appeared to be common gossip among the guards at Leavenworth that ROE and COLE had been killed by Alcatraz guards while trying to escape and that their bodies had been disposed of by throwing them into the bay. This guard then informed that all prison guards are under instructions not to resort to violence at any time in connection with the handling of prisoners unless it is absolutely necessary in self defense; that the two guards, whose names of course are unknown, who are supposed to have killed ROE and COLE allegedly were in considerable difficulty after the attempted escape of these two men and their alleged deaths. This guard then stated that due to internal conditions at Alcatraz and the possible repercussions that might ensue among the officials at the United States Penitentiary, this matter was hushed up and soft-pedaled, and the public has been led to believe that ROE and COLE escaped.

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Memo Mc Guire
Letter to K. C. re Okla C. + San Fran
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Z. J. V.

Re: RALPH ROE, w.a.s. - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472;
THEODORE COLE, w.a.s. - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471;
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

Agent WILLIAMS informs me that he explained to the guard with whom he was in conversation, that the Bureau had spent a great deal of time, effort, and money in the investigation of the ROE and COLE escape, and that if the truth of his allegations could be established, it would clear up a case and result in considerable saving to the government.

Mr. WILLIAMS stated that he requested the guard to furnish his name, but the guard declined, stating that he preferred to remain anonymous, but he believed that the proper kind of inquiries made among the guards formerly stationed at Alcatraz would probably develop some information along the same line.

In view of the fact that administrative matters within the penitentiaries at Alcatraz and Leavenworth are involved herein, no investigation will be conducted in these allegations pending the receipt of Bureau advices.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley

DWIGHT BRANTLEY
Special Agent in Charge

DB:HD
76-471
cc: San Francisco
Oklahoma City

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Oklahoma City, Oklahoma FILE NO. 76-83

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
Indianapolis, Indiana	6-17-41	5-2,17; 6-4-41	ROGER F. GLEASON JMT

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Investigation Hendricks County, Indiana, reflects no trace of any individual named EDGAR BROWN in the vicinity of Hazelwood, Indiana.

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Reference: Report of Special Agent S. C. COTTON, Springfield, Illinois, dated 4-24-41.

Details: In response to a request for investigation, the Indiana State Police furnished a report showing that a thorough check was made in Hendricks County, Indiana to locate EDGAR BROWN with negative results. There appear to be several families by the name of BROWN in that vicinity but none of them knew of an EDGAR BROWN living in that city or vicinity in the last five years. The report further reflects that none of the BROWN families contacted by Officer I. R. FOLTZ, who conducted the investigation, have any hired help and that apparently the complaint is unfounded.

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Form No. 1
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REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
CINCINNATI, OHIO	6-18-41	5-29-41	M. E. RICHARDSON RGB

TITLE
RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE,
I. O. #1472
THEODORE COLE with aliases - FUGITIVE
I. O. #1471

CHARACTER OF CASE
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

FRANK JONES, Norwood, Ohio, reports two men living at 1832 Hopkins Avenue, Norwood, Ohio, resembling pictures of Subjects. JOHN BISHOP and Y. M. WILSON, Suspects, questioned and it determined report unfounded.

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DETAILS:

This investigation is based upon information furnished Special Agent in Charge R. C. Suran, Cincinnati Field Division, by FRANK JONES, 1842 Hopkins Avenue, Norwood, Ohio on May 29, 1941, that two men presently residing at 832 Hopkins Avenue in Norwood, Ohio, closely resemble the Subjects in this case. After viewing photographs of Subjects ROE and COLE, he advised that one man at 1832 Hopkins Avenue, whose name he believed to be WILSON, and who lived on the first floor, resembled Subject ROE, and that a second man at this address, living on the second floor, whose name he believed was TAYLOR, closely resembled COLE.

JONES continued by stating that these men both had families and had recently moved into the 832 Hopkins Avenue address, and that one of the men drove a gray Sedan, bearing 1941 Ohio license 672-FH. He further advised that the building in which these men lived was rented by the Cleneay and Nourse Company, 111 E. Fourth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio.

At the Cleneay and Nourse Company, ROBERT REICKHOFF,

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Manager, informed the writer that this building had been rented recently to one JOHN BISHOP, a Roofing Contractor, through ROXIE HOWARD, an Agent for the JOSEPH P. SEBCY CO. MR. REICKHOFF produced a confirmation of rental form which reflected that BISHOP had given references upon renting this building as The Dana Roofing Company and the Dexter Lumber Company, both of Norwood, Ohio.

By contacting the Traffic Bureau of the Cincinnati Police Department by telephone, it was ascertained that Ohio 1941 license 672-FH, was issued by FRED W. SIPPEL, 2075 Mill Avenue, State License Bureau Station, Norwood, Ohio.

MR. SIPPEL informed the writer that he had issued Licenst 672-FH to JOHN L. BISHOP, 4804 Beech Street, Norwood, Ohio for a 1937 Pontiac Sedan, Motor No. 6-294100. Continuing he stated that he came in contact with BISHOP on one other occasion when the latter had given him a check in purchasing license plates for one of his employees by the name of WILSON. The check, he stated, was drawn on the Norwood-Hyde Park Bank on the account of The Bishop Home Improvement Company, and that the check was returned, bearing the notation "Two signatures needed." He stated he located JOHN BISHOP through the bank and that the latter immediately corrected the check and it was accepted by the bank.

SIPPEL stated that he had been told by someone whose name he could not recall, that JOHN BISHOP had either been in Cincinnati for a number of years, or had grown up in Cincinnati, and after leaving the city, had recently returned. Upon viewing the pictures of Subject COLE and ROE, SIPPEL stated that BISHOP, or the man whose name was WILSON, neither resembled Subjects COLE or ROE.

The writer proceeded to 1832 Hopkins Avenue, and upon arriving, observed a man too young to be either of the Subjects, standing by a car bearing License 672 FH, parked in front of the residence. Upon making inquiry, it was learned that this man was JOHN BISHOP and the owner of the car in question. It was noted that BISHOP was somewhat under the influence of intoxicating liquor, and upon being questioned regarding any suspicious characters in the neighborhood, talked

freely and informed the writer that he had been arrested in 1939 at Springfield, Ohio on a charge of drunkeness and disorderly conduct. He also advised that he had been born and raised in Norwood, Ohio, and had attended school there.

While questioning BISHOP, a car drove up to the curb, and a man who BISHOP claimed was an employee called WILSON, got out of the car and came over to talk to BISHOP. BISHOP introduced this man as Y. M. WILSON, and informed him that the Agent was looking for some crooks in the neighborhood. WILSON appeared to be very cooperative and stated that he was new in this locality, but would be glad to furnish any information regarding himself or others that he knew in the neighborhood. Both WILSON and BISHOP readily displayed their hands in order that their fingerprints might be examined, and it was noted that WILSON'S fingerprints were of an arch classification, while those of BISHOP revealed a primary classification of 17 over 3. In addition to the fingerprints of these men not corresponding with either of the SUBJECTS, it was observed that they did not resemble either COLE or ROE.

The descriptions of BISHOP and WILSON as obtained by observation during questioning are being set forth as follows:

Name	- JOHN F. BISHOP
Age	- 25
Born	- Norwood, Ohio
Race	- White
Height	- 5'11"-1/2"
Weight	- 168
Hair	- Brown
Eyes	- Brown, with glasses
Marks and Scars	- Cut scar on right cheek bone; cut scar right index finger, outer
Marital Status	- Wife and 3 children, ages four months to 7 years.
Employment	- Salesman 1937 for James T. Johnson, Springfield, O.; Kirchbel Plant, Chrysler Corp., Detroit, Mich.; presently employed as Roofing Contractor.

Relatives	- Brother, William Bishop, 28, 4915 Sycamore St., Cincinnati, O., Stanley Bishop, age 18, Palm Bros. Cincinnati, Ohio; Sisters, Mrs. G. Wheeler, 4804 Beech St., Cincinnati, O.; parents Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Bishop, 1617 Fisher St., Detroit, Mich.
Address	- 1832 Hopkins Ave., Norwood, O.

Name	- C. M. WILSON
Race	- White
Born	- Alabama
Age	- 41
Height	- 5'9"
Weight	- 197
Hair	- Brown
Eyes	- Brown
Build	- Medium heavy
Complexion	- Ruddy
Marital Status	- Wife and 3 children
Address	- 1832 Hopkins Avenue, Norwood, O.
Present employer	- JOHN BISHOP, Bishop Home Improvement Co., Cincinnati, O.
Former employment	- Becker Motors, Louisville, Ky.

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CLEVELAND, OHIO	7-10-41	6-2-41	R. E. PENLAND REP/MKI

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471	ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: RICHARD E. LAWRENCE, Salem, Ohio advised that individual who appeared in Western Auto Associated Store on January 17, 1941 possibly identical with photo of FUGITIVE COLE. This individual told LAWRENCE that he was employed at Mullins Corporation, Salem, Ohio. Examination of personnel records at Mullins Corporation fails to reveal information of value.

- RUC -

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent G. A. HARDISON dated at New York, New York, 2-25-41.

DETAILS: AT SALEM, OHIO

Mr. RICHARD E. LAWRENCE, Manager, Western Auto Associated Store, Salem, Ohio, was exhibited I.O. photograph of FUGITIVE COLE whereupon he advised that there was some similarity to this photo of individual who appeared in his store on January 17, 1941. Mr. LAWRENCE was positive that this individual had a small scar on his right cheek and a scar at corner of his right eye, and that he was about five feet seven inches tall. He said that he appeared to be about thirty years old and his description in general compares with description of FUGITIVE COLE as set out in I.O. #1471.

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LAWRENCE further advised that this individual cae into the store after he had noticed some "BB" guns in the window; LAWRENCE informed that he came in and asked to see some automatic pistols and since he did not have any in stock he displayed a catalogue of Rhode Spencer Company which contained pictures of 22 calibre automatics.

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He wanted to buy one of the pistols on a down payment and the rest on time, whereupon LAWRENCE asked him where he worked and he then informed that he was employed for Mullins Corporation, Salem, Ohio. LAWRENCE stated that the man wore a cotton jacket similar to those worn by barbers but that it bore no name or initials to indicate where he worked or his name.

LAWRENCE advised that this man was in the store for about fifteen minutes and that he had an opportunity to observe him closely but that there was nothing in the conversation which would be of value to this investigation other than that he was employed by Mullins Corporation. He said that he had been at Mullins Corporation for seven years, LAWRENCE stated.

Mr. R. B. CULBERSON, Employment Manager, Mullins Manufacturing Corporation, Salem, Ohio, upon interview, stated that he had never been approached by local police concerning this matter and that he knew of no one employed there whose appearance is similar to photo of FUGITIVE COLE.

CULBERSON made available to writer the employment files of Mullins Corporation, whereupon the writer and CULBERSON compared descriptions of all employees who were hired since December 17, 1937 with description of FUGITIVE COLE with negative results. The photo of COLE was exhibited to the guard on duty at the main entrance to the plant who stated that he had been there during the past five years and had never seen anyone in the plant similar in appearance to photo.

Inasmuch as LAWRENCE had stated that the man wore a jacket similar to a barbers jacket, writer visited the barber shops in town and exhibited photo with negative results.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Oklahoma City, Oklahoma — Houston FILE NO. 76-6

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
Houston, Texas	7/11/41	5/29/41	WILLIAM L. RYAN

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

O. C. HALES, who is alleged to have accused his former wife, JUANITA of having contacted subject COLE in Tulsa, Oklahoma in 1939, is now residing at "G" Street, Route 8, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

R.U.C.

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 1/29/40.

DETAILS:

AT HOUSTON, TEXAS:

A letter was sent to Sheriff IRA HEARD of Refugio, Texas May 29, 1941 requesting an investigation by his office as to the whereabouts of O. C. HALE, former husband of JUANITA HALE who stated that HALE had accused her of meeting subject COLE at Tulsa, Oklahoma in 1939. By letter dated June 6, 1941, Sheriff HEARD reported that ERNEST HALES, brother of O. C. HALES, had told him that O. C. HALES address is, O. C. HALES, in care of H. M. HALES, "G" street, Route 8, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD DIVISION:

At Oklahoma City:

Will contact O. C. HALES, whose address is, O. C. HALES, in care of H. M. HALES, "G" Street, Route 8, Oklahoma City, Okalhoma and obtain from him pertinent information concerning the fugitives as indicted in report of Special Agent EDWARD L. DUBOIS, San Antenio, dated March 29, 1940.

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REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
NEW YORK CITY	7-16-41	5-26,28-41	BIRCH D. O'NEAL

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RALPH ROE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O.#1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471	ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Employees of cafeteria at Seaman's House, YMCA, upon examination of photographs, believed subject COLE has frequented that place. Photographs left with chief house officer who will notify N.Y. office in the event person believed to be subject returns. Photographs exhibited to clerks, U.S. Shipping Commission and Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation, NYC with negative results.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent C.A. HARDISON dated February 25, 1941 at New York City.

DETAILS: Three slick finished photographs of subject THEODORE COLE were exhibited to the following persons at the Seaman's House, YMCA, 550 West 20th Street, New York City:

RAYMOND J. LINDLEY, chief clerk of the cafeteria
MILDRED SCHOSTALL, waitress
BEATRICE RAFERTY, waitress
H.I. SMITH, chief house officer
DANIEL J. HASSE, desk clerk
KURT SCHALLER, cafeteria manager

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Mrs. VIOLET YOUNG, mail clerk.

Mr. LINDLEY, upon examination of the photographs, advised that the photograph which is identical with the one appearing on the identification order looks like a person whom he saw there about a year or two ago. He did not have specific recollection concerning the activities of this man, but was of the impression that he hung around the cafeteria, and was somewhat of a bum engaging people in conversation, and subsequently getting a free cup of coffee.

MILDRED SCHOSTALL and BEATRICE RAFERTY examined all three photographs, and although they were interviewed separately and without having an opportunity to know what the other's reactions were to the photographs, indetified the standing photograph of subject THEODORE COLE as being in their opinion a person who had frequented that place for the last year or two. Both stated that the photograph, which is identical with the one appearing on the identification order, did not look like the individual they had in mind. When Miss Schostall and Miss Raferty talked the matter over together, they recalled certain incidents around the cafeteria concerning the individual they had in mind, and it was apparent that the person they had in mind was the same.

Neither could identify the photograph of subject COLE which exhibits him in a coat with white shirt open and collar folded outside of the coat.

None of the others at the Seaman's House, YMCA could identify any of the photographs as being of a person whom they had seen at that place.

The photographs of subject COLE were exhibited to GERALD HAGGERTY, clerk, United States Shipping Commission who daily interviews hundreds of seamen at the time they sign on ships, and he was unable to identify the photographs as being of any person he knew.

Interviews with DAVID GELLER, Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation, which issues certificates to seamen, resulted negatively. He checked his records, and stated that no person by the name of subject or his aliases appeared in his files.

Inasmuch as seamen frequently stop at the Seaman's Church Institute, 25 South Street, New York City, photographs of subject COLE were exhibited to Mr. J.J. KELLY, chief house officer, JOSEPH POSTER, sergeant of the house police, Mr. P.V. CURRY, superintendent of the post office station located in the same building,

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Oklahoma City, Oklahoma FILE NO. 76-257

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
NEW ORLEANS, LA.	August 9, '41	7/10,14/41	PAUL E. PETTYGROVE IRS

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: ROY CONNERS not presently located Moore Hotel, Abbeville, Louisiana. Last reported working for Latex Construction Company, Houston, Texas.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent ROBERT ANDERSON, New Orleans, dated June 5, 1941; report of Special Agent J. P. HYLAND, Jr., Houston, dated November 30, 1940.

DETAILS: At Abbeville, Louisiana

ALPHONSE J. MOORE, Proprietor, Moore Hotel, advised that ROY CONNORS was not presently residing at the hotel but added that he recalled CONNORS' staying at the hotel for a period of about six weeks in November and December 1940. He further advised that CONNORS was employed, while at Abbeville, by the Latex Construction Company of Houston, Texas, and that the crew left Abbeville to continue the job of laying a pipeline for the United Gas Pipeline Company at Houma, Louisiana. MOORE stated that he definitely recalls that CONNORS stayed at the hotel, describing him as a tall, slender, dark complexioned, talkative man of about 35 years of age, although he was unable to locate CONNORS's registration card. MOORE located the card of one C. N. PAYNE, 5602 Kansas Street, Houston, Texas, who was a member of the Latex Construction Company crew at Abbeville, Louisiana and stated that PAYNE, if contacted, might be able to provide the present address of CONNORS.

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At Lake Charles, Louisiana

GEORGE P. HAGAN, United Gas Pipeline Company, Fenton, Louisiana was telephonically contacted at which time he advised that the pipeline jobs at

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Abbeville, Louisiana and Houma, Louisiana had been done by the Latex Construction Company, Houston, Texas, and were completed some time ago. He further advised that personnel records on employees working on said jobs should be available at Houston.

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THE HOUSTON FIELD DIVISION

At Houston, Texas, will through the Latex Construction Company endeavor to locate and interview ROY CONNORS in regard to any knowledge he may have as to present whereabouts of subjects.

If this is unsuccessful, will contact C. N. PAYNE, 5602 Kansas Street, Houston, Texas, for possible information as to present whereabouts of CONNORS.

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August 22, 1941

Special Agent in Charge
San Francisco, California

Re: RCCOL

Dear Sir:

Your attention is directed to Bureau letter dated May 24, 1941 requesting that you submit a report reflecting your investigation with reference to press reports that certain inmates of Alcatraz Penitentiary had received a postcard from fugitive Rowe and Cole.

A review of the Bureau file does not reflect the receipt of such a report from your office. It is desired that you give this matter appropriate attention.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc- Oklahoma City

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Foxworth
Mr. Glavin
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KANSAS CITY	8-19-41	8-14-41	R. H. WILLIAMS CM

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Examination of the file in the Kansas City Office fails to reflect F. L. PHILLIPS was interviewed.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. L. FLOOD, Omaha, June 3, 1941.

DETAILS: AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Upon receipt of reference report the indices of the Kansas City Field Division were checked to ascertain if F. L. PHILLIPS had been interviewed at Salina, Kansas, shortly after the escape of Fugitives ROE and COLE. An examination of the file in this case, as well as a check of the indices, fails to reflect the name F. L. PHILLIPS, or that he had been interviewed relative to this matter.

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United States Department of Justice

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
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Director
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Washington, D. C.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated August 12, 1941, requesting immediate advice concerning the present status of the above-captioned case.

The investigation of the Kansas City Field Division has been completed, and a report dated August 19, 1941, has been rendered by Special Agent R. H. WILLIAMS of this Office.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY
Special Agent in Charge

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REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA	8/19/41	7-29;8-4/41	L. ALEX GILLIAM, JR. LAG:jec

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RALPH ROE with aliases - FUGITIVE, IO #1472. THEODORE COLE with aliases - FUGITIVE, IO #1471	ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: [redacted] Referral/Consult

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent L. ALEX GILLIAM, JR., San Diego, California, March 4, 1941.

DETAILS: [redacted] Referral/Consult

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REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
Springfield, Illinois	9-3-41	8-30-41	J.S.P.WILSON, JR. JSPW:lvr

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Information furnished by the Sheriff's Office, Pontiac, Illinois indicates that informant [redacted] is no longer incarcerated at [redacted] but has been released and may now be found in Champaign or Urbana, Illinois. b7D

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REFERENCES: Report of Special Agent S. C. COTTON, Springfield, Illinois dated April 24, 1941.

DETAILS: At Pontiac, Illinois:

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent S. C. COTTON:

At the Sheriff's Office at Pontiac, Illinois, Agent COTTON was advised that their office had received information to the effect that informant [redacted] was no longer incarcerated [redacted] but had been released and could now be found in Champaign or Urbana, Illinois. b7D

Leads are being set forth to locate and interview [redacted] in either Champaign or Urbana, Illinois.

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THE INDIANAPOLIS OFFICE

*At Hazelwood, Indiana

Will conduct the necessary investigation at the farm of EDGAR BROWN to determine if subject COLE is employed or has been employed there.

THE SPRINGFIELD OFFICE

At Toledo, Illinois

Will at the [redacted] verify informant [redacted] release and obtain any information which might be of value in ascertaining his present whereabouts. b7D

At Champaign-Urbana, Illinois

Will at the police departments in these two cities attempt to ascertain the whereabouts of informant [redacted] and if his whereabouts are ascertained will interview him for further information concerning his identification.

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JAB:MJB

September 12, 1941

76-2646

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:

A review of the Bureau file in instant case reflects that the latest report submitted by your office, the Office of Origin, is that of Special Agent T. A. Amber, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated December 8, 1940, which report fails to set forth any undeveloped leads. It appears that undeveloped leads are presently outstanding for those officers for which a copy of instant letter is designated.

It is desired that this case be afforded appropriate investigative attention without further delay and a report be submitted in the immediate future.

The Oklahoma City Field Division should afford the file of instant case a comprehensive and thorough review for the purpose of developing new undeveloped leads as well as restating the leads outstanding at the present time.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.	9/11/41	8/4/41	M. S. COPELAND - MJD

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Newspaper reporter JOHN U. TERRELL wrote in San Francisco Chronicle that subjects had escaped to South America and that a woman had informed one of the prisoners by letter that she received a card from them, indicating their escape was successful. Warden JOHNSTON, of Alcatraz Penitentiary, stated this story came from Prisoner HENRY YOUNG during his trial for murder of prisoner at Alcatraz and was traded to reporter for favorable trial publicity.

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Reference: Bureau letter to San Francisco office 5/24/41 (Bureau file #76-2686)

Details: AT ALCATRAZ ISLAND, CALIFORNIA

Warden JOHNSTON was interviewed at Alcatraz Penitentiary relative to the newspaper story written by JOHN U. TERRELL in the San Francisco Chronicle to the effect that subjects had escaped to South America and that a woman had informed one of the prisoners by letter that she received a postcard from them, indicating that their escape was successful. He declared that ever since the disappearance of the subjects, there had been hundreds of rumors concerning their whereabouts and success in their escape attempt. He stated that

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it was his opinion in view of the research and investigation he had done that the subjects had drowned in San Francisco Bay.

According to him this story originated with a prisoner, HENRY YOUNG, who was recently tried in San Francisco for the murder of a fellow prisoner at Alcatraz and was found guilty of involuntary manslaughter. HENRY YOUNG, he stated, through his attorney gave this story to JOHN U. TERRELL, reporter for the San Francisco Chronicle, in exchange for favorable trial publicity during the time of his trial and also gave him other information concerning Alcatraz Penitentiary, most of which information, he declared, was misleading and false. HENRY YOUNG, he pointed out, could not be interviewed at the present time, since he is in solitary confinement for another month, following his conviction at the hands of the San Francisco jury.

In view of the attitude of the San Francisco Chronicle during the trial of HENRY YOUNG, it was not deemed advisable to interview JOHN U. TERRELL, inasmuch as it was feared that any interview with him would become the subject of another newspaper article and would probably be presented in a distorted fashion.

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SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE

AT ALCATRAZ ISLAND, CALIF., will interview HENRY YOUNG at such time as he is released from solitary confinement and obtain from him all information concerning the receipt of a card by a woman from subjects and notification of that receipt to a fellow prisoner at Alcatraz.

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REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
DALLAS, TEXAS	9-18-41	8-29-41	J. L. SCHMIT

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: [redacted] last reported to U.S. Probation Officer, Fort Worth, Texas, 8/1/41 from Tumbling Shoals, Ark. b7D

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J.L. SCHMIT, Dallas, Texas, May 27, 1941.

DETAILS:

Assistant U.S. Probation Officer GEORGE CHOLLAR, Fort Worth, Texas, advised that [redacted] probationer who was assigned to the Fort Worth Probation Office, last reported to that office on August 1, 1941, at which time [redacted] was at Tumbling Shoals, Arkansas. At that time [redacted] was employed by [redacted] CHOLLAR further related that a memorandum was contained in the files of [redacted] showing that the Dallas Office is to be notified as soon as information is received that [redacted] is in the State of Oklahoma. b7D

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DALLAS FIELD DIVISION:

AT FORT WORTH, TEXAS: Will maintain contact with JOHN ALDERMAN, United States Probation Officer, and report to the Oklahoma City Field Division the address of [redacted] when he arrives in Oklahoma in order that he may be appropriately interviewed. b7D

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
San Antonio, Texas
September 16, 1941

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter from the Bureau dated August 9, 1941 in the above captioned matter, advising this office of the extreme delinquency of this case and requesting that some remedial action be taken.

Please refer to my letter to the Special Agent in Charge at San Diego, California, dated January 4, 1941 in which there was pointed out the necessity of obtaining the name of the suspect who was residing at the Central Hotel in Santa Rosalia, Baja California, in order that investigation could be conducted in Mexico.

It will be further noted, as reflected by the report of Special Agent L. ALEX GILLIAM JR., San Diego, California, dated March 4, 1941, that

Referral/Consult

Santa Rosalia, Baja California, is some 2000 miles from Mexico City, therefore, until more specific information is received by this office regarding the suspect at that place, no additional investigation will be conducted by this office unless otherwise instructed by the Bureau, and this matter is being considered referred upon completion.-3

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Very truly yours,

Gus T. Jones

SEP 22 1941

GUS T. JONES
Special Agent-in-Charge

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

CJP:SS
cc San Diego
Oklahoma City

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

This Case Originated At OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA File No. 76-348

Report Made At	Date When Made	Period For Which Made	Report Made By
OKLAHOMA CITY	9-17-41	11-25,27-40; 2-23,26;5-19; 7-31;9-10-41	RALPH T. HOOD br

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

Synopsis of Facts: JOHN LAWRENCE SMILEY, Tulsa, denies having made statement that COLE was staying at the New Yorker Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri. COLE did not attend the hearing regarding the will of his grandmother, Mrs. NETTIE GRACE at Chandler, Oklahoma, 2-25-41, and has not been seen in vicinity of Stroud and Chandler. No information developed by Seminole Police Department.

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Reference: Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 8-25-40.
Report of Special Agent S. A. AMDUR, Oklahoma City, 12-8-40.

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FUGITIVE

Details:

By letter, dated September 14, 1940, the Omaha Field Division advised that THEODORE JAMES AUDETT, who is confined in the Douglas County Jail, Omaha, having been indicted in Federal Court on a bank burglary charge, was conditionally released from the U. S. Penitentiary, Alcatraz, California, on May 30, 1940.

In an interview with him on September 13, 1940, he informed Special Agent in Charge C. W. STEIN, of the Omaha Field Division, that he had been working in the machine shop with ROE shortly prior to this escape. He said it was the consensus of the inmates there that both men successfully made their escape and their way to the mainland because their bodies had never been recovered.

He said that an individual named TOM, who was commonly known as "LONG TOM" in Alcatraz, was a close friend of ROE, and he believes TOM had been sentenced with ROE for the same offense. TOM told AUDETT that if he contacted JIMMIE HUDSPETH and JEFF CLARK, both of Oklahoma, upon his release they would be able to get him in touch with ROE and COLE if they are alive. TOM told AUDETT that ROE had about $8,000 cash some place in Oklahoma, and that in order for ROE to get it, he would have to see HUDSPETH or CLARK. AUDETT believed that HUDSPETH resides in or near Ardmore, Oklahoma, and CLARK in or near Shawnee, or it may be just the other way around.

Leads are being set forth to locate JIMMIE HUDSPETH and JEFF CLARK for interview.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent W. L. PARKER at Tulsa, Oklahoma, on February 22, 1941:

Chief of Detectives GEORGE BLAINE, Tulsa Police Department, reported that JOHN LAWRENCE SMILEY, FBI number 2025, was arrested by his Department on November 25, 1940, after JACK HUTCHERSON, SMILEY's cousin, had reported that SMILEY had made a statement that COLE and ROE were not dead. HUTCHERSON thought that SMILEY had recently been released from Alcatraz.

BLAINE further advised that arrangements were made with SMILEY's wife to have her discuss the subject with him at the Tulsa Police Department, and he was overheard to tell her that he had recently been in St. Louis, Missouri with COLE, where COLE was staying at the New Yorker Hotel under the name of VAN METER. This information was transmitted to the St. Louis Office by teletype on November 27, 1940.

SMILEY was later interviewed by Special Agent W. L. PARKER at the Tulsa County Jail, where he was being held on a charge of violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act (Oklahoma City file number 26-7081), and he denied that he had seen either COLE or ROE for several years, or even knows whether they are alive.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent C. L. JOHNSON on February 23, 1941:

Mr. CHARLES H. BRACE, 601-A Prospect Street, Amarillo, Texas, contacted this office and advised that in a case to be held before the court at Chandler, Oklahoma, February 25, 1941, regarding the will of one NETTIE BRACE, there is the possibility that information may be obtained relative to the present whereabouts of TED COLE.

NETTIE BRACE, testator of instant will, was the grandmother of TED COLE and the informant, BRACE, and the latter stated that Mrs. ETTA COLE and Mr. FRED COLE, mother and stepfather respectfully of TED COLE, will be present at the coming trial. Mr. BRACE further stated that he is the one contesting the will as against the COLES and that he intended to "blast the crooked activities" of the COLE family open and was of the opinion that something of interest to the FBI might possibly come out relative to TED COLE, whom he believes is alive.

Mr. BRACE suggested that if possible, it may be advantageious to the Bureau to have an Agent present at this trial, to be held at Chandler, Oklahoma, February 25, 1941, scheduled for 10:00 a.m.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent T. C. ALLEN at Chandler, Oklahoma on May 19, 1941:

Sheriff MARVIN ROBERTS, Chandler, Oklahoma, when shown photographs of Fugitives readily identified COLE, but added in clarification, that he has not been seen around Chandler for many years. He expressed his doubt as to the possibility of Fugitives being alive.

BEN BRAZIL, County Court Clerk, Chandler, showed Agent the will of NETTIE BRACE, which is number 4995, Probate Matters. An examination of the will in question failed to disclose even the mention of the name of THEODORE COLE, grandson. ETTA COLE and ALTA COLLINS, daughters of the testator, EARNEST BRACE, son, CHARLIE BRACE and FANNIE BAUGHTON took under the will.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent T. C. ALLEN at Stroud, Oklahoma on May 19, 1941:

Agent, accompanied by Chief of Police DICK MURPHY, located and interviewed DAVE SEIFERT, who lives outside of Stroud. Mr. SEIFERT stated that he attended the hearing of the will of NETTIE BRACE, but that he did not see the Fugitive COLE. Mr. SEIFERT said he did not think that COLE was alive. SEIFERT was mentioned in the will.

Mrs. DAVE SEIFERT, wife of the above, stated that she thought Fugitive COLE was alive, but could give no explanation or reason

for her belief. She said Fugitive COLE has not been around Stroud.

Chief of Police DICK MURPHY, Stroud, Oklahoma, reported that he has not seen COLE. He added "if COLE is alive, he would have visited Stroud a long time ago because these are his old haunts". MURPHY mentioned he has talked with many of Fugitive COLE's associates and enemies, all of whom think him to be dead. In particular, Chief MURPHY said he had talked with a REBEL CORNET of Kendrick, Oklahoma, who had threatened to kill COLE because of his, COLE's, mistreatment of the CORNET family, but that he had no information to offer as to the whereabouts of Fugitive COLE.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent W. L. PARKER at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, on July 31, 1941:

Sergeant LOUIS DAVIS, attached to the office of the Provost Marshal, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, stated that he recently visited in Salina, Oklahoma, and was informed by JOHN DUNCAN, a former peace officer, age 81, that he, DUNCAN, had been informed by someone who knows ROE that he had seen ROE in Tulsa recently.

Sergeant DAVIS had no additional information.

On February 26, 1941, Mr. T. M. FIELD, Record Clerk, State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, telephonically informed Special Agent in Charge H. E. ANDERSEN that he had received a letter from Mr. H. R. DAVIS, Sheriff, Pontiac, Illinois, in which the Sheriff intimated that he had knowledge regarding instant case. The Springfield Office was requested to conduct investigation by letter dated February 28, 1941.

On September 10, 1941, Mr. JAKE SIMS, Chief of Police, Seminole, Oklahoma, and Mr. H. E. SULLIVAN, Sergeant, Seminole Police Department, informed Agent that they had received no further information concerning the present whereabouts of Fugitives.

P E N D I N G

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

BUTTE FIELD DIVISION

At Butte, Montana

Will disregard the lead set forth in the report of Special Agent L. M. FALLAW, San Francisco, June 12, 1941, in view of the fact that K. I. SUMMERVILLE has been interviewed.

DALLAS FIELD DIVISION

At Fort Worth, Texas

* Will maintain contact with JOHN ALDERMAN and report to the Oklahoma City Office the address of WALLS in Oklahoma, in order that he may be appropriately interviewed.

HOUSTON FIELD DIVISION

At Houston, Texas

* Will through the Latex Construction Company, endeavor to locate and interview ROY CONNORS in regard to any knowledge he may have as to the present whereabouts of Fugitives.

* If this is unsuccessful, will contact C. N. PAYNE, 5602 Kansas Street, Houston, Texas, for possible information as to present whereabouts of CONNORS.

KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION

At Russell, Kansas

* Will interview S. H. ARNEY for any information he may be able to furnish as to the location of Fugitives.

At Webb City, Missouri

* Will interview CHARLES L. POWELL, 618 South Walker Street, for any information he may have as to Fugitives or Fugitives' possible contacts.

LITTLE ROCK FIELD DIVISION

At Green Forest, Arkansas

* Will interview Mrs. SLUSHER for any information she might have concerning Fugitive COLE.

* Will again contact Deputy Sheriff OTTO HARDSTY for any further information relative to Fugitive COLE's residence in Green Forest.

LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

At Merced, California

* Will contact and interview ANDY KILGORE, whose address is known to Chief of Police GILBERT of Livingston, California. KILGORE telephonically advised the Los Angeles Division Office that a woman at the Atwater Barbecue Stand, located on the south side of Atwater, California, had told BILL ANDERSON, who also hangs around the barbecue stand, that Fugitive COLE was in the vicinity of the McDANIELS place, located between Atwater and Livingston, California. ANDY KILGORE at Merced, California, should be interviewed for more definite information concerning Fugitive COLE.

At San Bernardino, California

* Will locate BILL CRAWFORD, Post Office Box 266, and will interview him for information concerning the Fugitives and their alleged escape.

At Shafter, California

* Will interview LAWRENCE and SEEDAL JOHNSON in line with the information furnished by Mrs. CRAWFORD concerning Fugitives and LEE ROBERTS being in that vicinity and of their possible contacting the JOHNSONS.

OKLAHOMA CITY FIELD DIVISION

At Ardmore, Oklahoma

Will endeavor to locate JIMMIE HUDSPETH, who resides in or near Ardmore in connection with the information furnished by letter from Omaha, dated September 14, 1940.

At Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

* Will contact O. C. HALES, whose address is, O. C. HALES, in care of H. M. HALES, "G" Street, Route 8, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and obtain from him pertinent information concerning the Fugitives as indicated in the report of Special Agent EDWARD L. DUBOIS, San Antonio, dated March 29, 1940.

* Will interview RUSSELL KENNITH DOWNING, I. O. No. 1452, upon his apprehension, concerning information furnished by DWIGHT O. PUGH. (See page 23 of report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, December 2, 1938.)

At Salina, Oklahoma

Will contact JOHN DUNCAN, former peace officer, in regard to the information he furnished Sergeant LOUIS DAVIS, Provost Marshal's Office, Fort Sill, to the effect that he, DUNCAN, had been informed by someone who knows ROE that he had seen ROE in Tulsa recently.

At Seminole, Oklahoma

* Will locate a man named BOOTH, who may be a brother of HARRY M. BOOTH, alias BOOTS CUTLER, for information concerning the latter's whereabouts.

* Will recontact Informant BUSTER GATES and ascertain from him if he knows by what company DEE FREEMAN is employed, or if he has any information whereby DEE FREEMAN could be located. If he is possessed of this information it is requested that a lead be set out for the Springfield Office to interview FREEMAN as requested in the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, dated April 1, 1940.

At Shawnee, Oklahoma

Will endeavor to locate JEFF CLARK, who resides in or near Shawnee, in connection with the information furnished by letter from the Omaha Office, dated September 14, 1940.

At Tulsa, Oklahoma

* Will interview WILLIE HENRY, residing with one WATT HOLMES, 4620 Southwest 25th Street, Tulsa. HENRY was living with COLE's grandmother soon after the alleged escape and may have received information at that time.

* Will keep in touch with Mrs. ALMA BASCOM, alias Mrs. ALMA ROSS and Mrs. ALVA KAUFFMAN, 124½ East Archer, for the location of RICHARD D. WILLIAMS.

SAN FRANCISCO FIELD DIVISION

At the U. S. Penitentiary, Alcatraz Island

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

Will conduct investigation requested by Bureau letters, dated May 24 and August 22, 1941, with reference to press reports that certain inmates at Alcatraz Penitentiary received a postcard from Fugitives.

At Benicia, California

* Will locate and interview ROSE QUENTO, operator of a sporting house, possibly called the "Depot". She should be questioned relative to the identity of ELEANOR DAWSON and the circumstances surrounding the visit of ELEANOR DAWSON to ALLEN at San Quentin Prison, as reflected by the visitor's record. The whereabouts of the DAWSON woman should be ascertained so that she may be interviewed to determine whether she is related in any way to Mrs. G. I. DAWSON, the half-sister of Fugitive COLE.

At Oakland, California

* Through the members of the Police Department, Vice or Morals Squad, should endeavor to locate JEAN LEE, said by ALLEN to be a prostitute in Oakland. It should be borne in mind that ALLEN states about a year ago JEAN LEE operated a house of prostitution in Pittsburg, California. If located, JEAN LEE should be questioned as to her knowledge of the address 2421 Post Street, San Francisco, at which place a Mr. and Mrs. J. ROSE registered on September 13, 1937, and remained until December 15, 1937, disappearing on the latter date without advising the manager of the apartment. The possibility has been suggested that JANE ROSE and JACK THOMPSON might be identical with Mr. and Mrs. J. ROSE, who registered at the Post Street Apartment.

At San Francisco, California

* Through contact with persons in the sports and boxing circles, should endeavor to locate JACK THOMPSON and JOE OAKS. The former is said to be a colored pugilist who was once welter weight champion of the world. JOE OAKS is an ex-pugilist who is well known around San Francisco and Los Angeles, California. If located, THOMPSON and OAKS should be questioned relative to the visit paid by THOMPSON to ALLEN at San Quentin Prison on September 27, 1937, to determine whether it is a fact that OAKS accompanied THOMPSON on that date. They should be questioned as to the identity of JANE ROSE, 1735 Fifth Street, Oakland, who is also listed as having visited ALLEN on September 27, 1937. It is the contention of ALLEN that possibly OAKS signed his name as J. ROSE or JAMES ROSE and that through a clerical error the name was written in the records as JANE ROSE. The interview desired with these individuals is for the purpose of ascertaining whether they or any of their acquaintances were occupants of the apartment at 2421 Post Street, San Francisco, mentioned in the lead set out above.

* 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 Fugitives from Alcatraz Prison.

* 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, No. 249-AZ.

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, No. 249-AZ, reports, in order that he may be interviewed concerning instant escape.

* Will contact GEORGE FRAVEGA, 233 Clara Street, brother of JAMES SARGEART, No. 129-AZ, 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, 1618½ - 12th Street, sister of EDWARD BENTZ, No. 307-AZ. (See report of Inspector GURNEA, San Francisco, December 28, 1937, page 24.)

* At 3318 - 19th Street, will interview GEORGE VAN GLAHN, No. 337-AZ, releasee, for information concerning this case and also as to the whereabouts of his mother, Mrs. VARION VAN GLAHN, in order that she also might be interviewed.

* Will endeavor to locate Mrs. CHARLES (GLADYS) BERTA, wife of CHARLES BERTA, No. 132-AZ, at 1390 California Street, or 340 O'Farrell Street, and interview her concerning her knowledge of instant case.

* Will, through Detective McMAHON, determine the outcome of the case against DORIS MILLER and consider the advisability of contacting her with regard to her assistance as an informant in instant matter.

* Will conduct additional investigation regarding AL BARRY and LEE 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, December 2, 1938.

At the U. S. Penitentiary, Alcatraz Island

* Will examine the photographs made at Alcatraz Island upon the arrival of prisoners, of the twelve prisoners bearing Alcatraz numbers 463 through 474, and the white man whose photograph was taken with his head shaved should be the individual referred to by ROUBIDEAUX. If, after interview, this individual is not the individual who has information that Fugitive COLE contacted the wife of FRANK WASH, will forward to the Seattle Office these photographs to again be exhibited to ROUBIDEAUX.

SPRINGFIELD FIELD DIVISION

At Toledo, Illinois

* Will at the Cumberland County Jail verify informant [redacted] release and obtain any information which might be of b7D

value in ascertaining his present whereabouts.

At Champaign-Urbana, Illinois

* Will at the Police Departments in these two cities attempt to ascertain the whereabouts of informant [redacted] and if his whereabouts are ascertained, will interview him for further information concerning his identification. b7D

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ROCOL. ADVISE TELEGRAPHICALLY WHETHER REPORT SUBMITTED AS REQUESTED BUREAU LETTER AUGUST TWENTYSECOND LAST.

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Linden, Iowa.
Sept. 26th 1941

Fed. Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Dept. of Justice
Washington D.C.

Dear Sirs.

A few weeks ago while in Northern Minnesota I saw a man who resembles Theodore Cole from Oklahoma who escaped from Alcatraz.

I saw this mans picture in a magazine on my return from Minnesota and noticed the resemblance immediately and from the story the personily is also similar.

He is working in a small town and is possibly still there.

You can inform me if he has been caught. Of course I know the possibility of escape is quite remote, but their surely is a resemblance.

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Sincerely Yours

Berthol Keltner

Berthol Keltner

Ans. cc DM & Okla City

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

OKLAHOMA CITY

Transmit the following message to:

ROCOL. BUREAU LETTER DATED AUGUST EIGHTEEN, NINETEEN THIRTY-NINE, ADVISED OF WANTED NOTICE PLACED IN YOUR FAVOR ON WINNIE E. METCALF, FBI SEVEN THREE SEVEN ONE FIVE THREE. FINGERPRINT CARD ON CROCKET W. METCALF IDENTICAL TO WINNIE E. METCALF, REFLECTS APPLICATION FOR POSITION AS HELPER, REENFORCING ROD SETTER, U.S. ENGINEERS OFFICE, WAR DEPARTMENT, FORT RICHARDSON, ALASKA. GIVES ADDRESS ANCHORAGE, ALASKA. FURNISH JUNEAU SUFFICIENT INFORMATION TO QUESTION METCALF.

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Miss Barthol Keltner
Linden, Iowa

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Dear Miss Keltner:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated September 26, 1941, wherein you furnish certain information concerning an individual who you believe may be identical with Theodore Cole, a fugitive from justice, whose apprehension is being sought by this Bureau as an escaped federal prisoner.

I am requesting Mr. J. L. Dalton, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 739 Insurance Exchange Building, Des Moines, Iowa, to have a Special Agent of this Bureau contact you in the near future relative to this matter.

Your interest in furnishing me this information is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

CHG 3-176

cc Des Moines
Oklahoma City } with copy of incoming.

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ROCOL. RETEL TODAY, REPOT DATED SEPTEMBER ELEVENTH LAST BY SA M. S. COPELAND SUBMITTED.

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OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA 9-30- 1941
(Field Office) (Date)

FUG. SUP.

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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

O. C. FILE # 76-348.

Dear Sir:

This case was received December 17, 1937.
(Date)

The source or complainant:

San Francisco Field Division.
(Name)

San Francisco, California.
(Address)

*Summary of Complaint: There has been no concrete evidence to show these subjects actually escaped from Alcatraz. On the contrary, everything indicates that they did not. Hence, it is believed this case should be carried in a very deferred status.

This case after due consideration has been placed in a deferred status. It will receive appropriate attention immediately when personnel is available.

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Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN,
Special Agent in Charge

cc: Butte, Kansas City, Dallas, Little Rock, Houston, Los Angeles

*(If Bureau files contain information in field office files, list Bureau file number or refer to agent's report.)

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Springfield, Illinois	10-9-41	9-12,15,19, 23,24-41	R.DAVID O'BRIEN RDO:MS

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Investigation conducted with negative results.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J.S.P.WILSON, Springfield, Illinois dated 9-3-41.

DETAILS: At Toledo, Illinois:

Agent contacted Sheriff JAMES W.MILLER, who advised that informant [redacted] was released June 14, 1941, but advised that Mr. WALTER BREWER, States Attorney at Toledo, might be able to give the writer information as to where [redacted] was presently located. b7D

Agent contacted Mr.WALTER BREWER, who advised that he had recently received a letter from J. L.HANMORE, States Attorney at Homerville, advising him that [redacted] was presently located [redacted]

At Arcola, Illinois:

Investigation at Arcola was conducted with negative results as to the present whereabouts of [redacted]

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: A. H. Grant SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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The writer telephonically contacted Mr. J.L.HANMORE at Homerville, Illinois, who advised that [redacted] was presently living with [redacted]

At [redacted]

The agent proceeded to [redacted] father and interviewed [redacted] in regards to any information he might have concerning subjects. [redacted] furnished the same information as he had previously given to Sheriff H. R. DAVIS of Pontiac, Illinois, stating that he had known a TED COLE about two years ago and at this time COLE was working for a farmer by the name of EDGAR BROWN, whose farm was located south of Hazelwood, Indiana on U. S. Route 40. Report of Special Agent ROGER F. GLEASON, dated June 17, 1941 at Indianapolis, Indiana reflects that investigation in Hendricks County, Indiana discloses no trace of any individual named EDGAR BROWN.

The lead set out for the Springfield Office at Champaign-Urbana, Illinois has been disregarded inasmuch as informant [redacted] has been located.

Inasmuch as information received from informant [redacted] is seemingly unfounded, no lead is being set out for the Indianapolis Office and this case is being

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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	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS	10-9-41	7-30-41	JOHN I. MASON VEE

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Man suspected of being subject COLE stayed one night at home of Dr. SLUSHER at Green Forest, Arkansas, during fall of 1937. Mrs. SLUSHER's mother recognizes picture of COLE.

- RUC -

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent A. G. HAUER, Little Rock, Arkansas, dated 4-2-41.

DETAILS: AT GREEN FOREST, ARKANSAS:

Mrs. BESSIE G. SLUSHER, widow of Dr. C. W. SLUSHER, was interviewed and advised that one night about 9 p.m. in the fall of 1937 a man came to their door and asked if he could stay all night. Dr. SLUSHER allowed him to sleep in an old house on the rear of his property. Mrs. SLUSHER stated that the man had breakfast with them the next morning and then walked on down the road. Later that day Dr. SLUSHER saw a picture of COLE in a magazine and told her that it was COLE who had stayed all night. Mrs. SLUSHER advised further that Dr. SLUSHER did not treat the boy and had never seen him before. She furnished the following description of their lodger:

Age	25
Height	5' 6"
Weight	135 - 140 pounds
Build	Slender
Hair	Medium brown, mousy looking
Teeth	Unusually large, square teeth
Dress	Faded blue overalls and shirt; no coat

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A photograph of subject COLE was exhibited to Mrs. SLUSHER, and, after examining it carefully, she stated that it was not a picture of their lodger, and she had never seen him before.

Mrs. MARTHA LONGFELLOW, Mrs. SLUSHER's mother, was also interviewed and advised that the suspect had said he was on his way from Oklahoma to visit his folks in either Alabama or the Carolinas. She stated that he mowed their front lawn before he left to pay for his breakfast. Mrs. LONGFELLOW described the lodger as:

Age	30 - 35
Height	5' 6"
Weight	135 pounds
Build	Slender
Hair	Light, mousy color
Teeth	Very broad upper teeth
Eyes	Gray-blue
Complexion	Fair
Nose	Broad
Remarks	Clean appearing.

Mrs. LONGFELLOW was shown a picture of subject COLE, and, after studying it, advised she was positive it was a picture of the man who had stayed all night.

Deputy Sheriff OTTO HARDESTY of Carroll County, Green Forest, Arkansas, advised that on the day after the suspect had stayed at Dr. SLUSHER's, he, HARDESTY, had showed the doctor a picture of COLE in the "Official Detective" Magazine which Dr. SLUSHER had recognized as the man who had stayed with him. Mr. HARDESTY could furnish no further information and stated that he does not remember the date but believes it was in approximately the fall of 1937.

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KANSAS CITY	10-21-41	10-16-41	DANIEL J. HARRINGTON CM

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Investigation at Russell, Kansas, fails to reveal any person as S. H. ARNEY.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, September 17, 1941.

DETAILS: AT RUSSELL, KANSAS

The writer checked the city directory and the telephone directory in an endeavor to locate S. H. ARNEY, but these two sources failed to reveal any such name as S. H. ARNEY.

The following people were contacted, but could give no information as to the identity of S. H. ARNEY:

E. D. MOHL, Chief of Police
ADAM A. DEINES, Patrolman
TED STEINLE, Sheriff
WARD L. HAROLD, Clerk at the Post Office
FRANK A. VOPAT, County Clerk.

It was explained to the Reporting Agent by Sheriff STEINLE that thirty or forty per cent of the population of Russell, Kansas, are transients because of the oil fields there, and it is quite possible that S. H. ARNEY worked in the oil fields for a short time and then left this town. Sheriff STEINLE stated that he has a record of the men who are working in the oil fields now and the name of S. H. ARNEY was not on this list.

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UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION

*At WEBB CITY, MISSOURI, will interview CHARLES L. POWELL, 618 South Walker Street, for any information he may have as to Fugitives or Fugitives' possible contacts.

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DES MOINES	10/31/41	10/21/41	R. V. HARMON JR. plb

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471.	ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Clerk at general store and Chevrolet Garage, Osage, Minnesota near Park Rapids, Minnesota, may be identical with fugitive Cole. Town marshal of Linden, Iowa saw clerk on September 7, 1941 when clerk sold him fishing license at Osage, Minnesota. Informant later saw magazine picture of subject Cole and believes clerk at Osage may be identical.

RUC

REFERENCES: Letter from Bureau to Berthol Keltner, Linden, Iowa dated 10/10/41.

DETAILS: At Linden, Iowa

BERTHOL F. KELTNER, town marshal, advised that he had been on a fishing trip in Minnesota in the early part of September, 1941 and that he had purchased a fishing license at the general store and Chevrolet Garage at Osage, Minnesota which is approximately twenty two miles west of Park Rapids, Minnesota. He explained that this was a typical small town general store; that the clerk who waited on him did not attract his attention particularly but that he had talked to him for about thirty minutes while purchasing two "June bug" spinners. He explained that the clerk had a little difficulty in finding the second spinner and that he, Keltner, had quite a lot of time to observe the clerk while the clerk was looking for this spinner. Keltner advised that he was in the store from between ten and eleven a.m. on Sunday, September 7, 1941. He stated

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that he thought nothing more of the incident until he returned to Linden, Iowa about a week later and happened to read an old issue of the "American Detective" which carried a lengthy article about Alcatraz Prison and discussed the impossibility of escape from that prison. He showed agent the April, 1938 issue of the "American Detective" which carried the article beginning on page 30 and Keltner explained that as soon as he noticed a picture of subject Cole which was in this issue that he immediately thought of the clerk at the general store at Osage, Minnesota and noticed the marked resemblance between the picture and the clerk. He commented that perhaps the most distinguishing characteristic which suggested the resemblance was the nose inasmuch as both subject Cole and the clerk had an unusual up turned nose. The magazine article did not carry a detailed description of subject Cole but Keltner gave substantially the same description as carried on I. O. 1471 with the exception that the clerk at Osage, Minnesota may have been 5'9" or 10" tall rather than 5' 7-1/2" and that he would estimate the clerk's weight at 150 lbs. instead of 135 lbs. as given in the I. O. He also stated that he did not notice any scars on the clerk's face but commented that no scars were visible even in the picture on the I. O. and that perhaps the scars were not pronounced enough to be noticed especially since it was a cloudy day and rainy also when he was in Osage, Minnesota and that there was only a dim light in the general store.

He explained that of course he did not know the clerk's name and that was the only time that he had been in Osage, Minnesota and he did not know the name of the owner of the general store and Chevrolet Garage but commented that it was a very small town and that there would be no difficulty in determining the clerk referred to inasmuch as this was the only combined general store and Chevrolet Garage in Osage, Minnesota.

Keltner could not locate his fishing license purchased from the clerk at Osage, Minnesota and believed that he may have destroyed the license because of a certainty that he would not return to Minnesota during the present year and of necessity would have to purchase another license next season if he returned to Minnesota.

Keltner explained that his only companion was CARL BORST, a farmer living near Linden, Iowa and that Borst might be able to give additional information.

Carl Borst, RFD, advised that he did not pay much attention to the clerk in the store at Osage, Minnesota and that he did not know the name of the proprietor of the store but was certain that the general store was in connection with the Chevrolet Garage. He made substantially the same comments about the description of the clerk in respect to subject Cole's description on I. O. 1471 and he added that the clerk smiled quite a lot and was always laughing. Borst looked through his fishing equipment to possibly locate Keltner's fishing license without result and explained that he, Borst, did not purchase his license at Osage, Minnesota and that therefore his license would not show the name of the clerk as would Keltner's if it could be located.

MERRITT E. REESE, temporary address RFD, Linden, care of Carl Borst, permanent address Reese Resort, near Ponsford, Minnesota, advised that he had contacted the clerk at the general store at Osage, Minnesota for the past he believed about three years and explained that the clerk seemed as he commented to be a sissy sort of fellow and certainly not be likely to be identical with subject Cole. He did not notice a great deal of similarity when looking at the picture on the I. O. 1471 but when showed the magazine article he admitted there was a great deal of resemblance and commented that the clerk might be identical with the subject Cole. He could not give the name of the clerk or the name of the proprietor of the store. He made substantially the same comments about the description of subject Cole on I.O. 1471 with reference to the clerk.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

ST. PAUL FIELD DIVISION

At Osage, Minnesota

Will make appropriate investigation to determine if clerk, name unknown, at Osage, Minnesota General Store and Chevrolet Garage is identical with subject Cole. This confirms teletype of October 21, 1941.

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TITLE
RALPH ROE with aliases, FUGITIVE
I.O. #1472
THEODORE COLE with aliases, FUGITIVE
I.O. #1471

CHARACTER OF CASE
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Individual reported to Atlanta Field Division to be identical with subject THEODORE COLE. Comparison of description of individual reported with description of subject revealed that they are not identical.

- RUC -

DETAILS: At ATLANTA, GEORGIA

This investigation is predicated upon information received from Private CHARLES BATCHA of the United States Army, who stated that he is officially assigned to Company C, 22nd Infantry, 4th Division, Fort Benning, Georgia, but that he is presently a patient in Ward C-3, Lawson General Hospital, Atlanta, Georgia. He stated that he suspects another individual to be identical with subject THEODORE COLE and gave a description of the person whom he suspected which would indicate that the two were possibly identical.

This information was furnished the Atlanta Field Division on October 15, 1941. Special Agent THOMAS H. DAVIS, JR. of the Atlanta Field Division, contacted inspector W.D. VEAL, G-2 at the Lawson General Hospital and advised him of the informant's identification of a fugitive. Inspector VEAL stated that he would attempt to learn the identity of the individual who had been so identified and advise this office of

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the results.

Inspector VEAL on October 24, 1941 called Special Agent T.H. DAVIS by telephone at the Atlanta Field Division and stated that the individual who had been identified by Private BATCHA was enlisted and hospitalized at the Lawson General Hospital, and that his name was PETER S. VICARA, age 22, a resident of 217 Thompson Street, New York City, and that he had come from Camp Upton and had enrolled July 23, 1940. Inspector VEAL reported further that VICARA appeared to be much younger than the fugitive, but that if an agent would come to the hospital he would be able to look over the file of VICARA and then be in a position to make positive identification or elimination of the subject as being the above fugitive.

On October 29, 1941 the reporting agent contacted Inspector W.D. VEAL at the Lawson General Hospital, who advised that VICARA had been discharged from the service on October 28, 1941 by reason of a certificate of disability, and had returned to his home at 217 Thompson Street, New York City. He advised further that VICARA'S father's name was JOSEPH and his mother's name was ANGELINA, and that he was twenty-one years, ten months old at the time of his enlistment of July 23, 1940, being born on September 23, 1919.

He advised further that the file which he had on VICARA revealed him to have the following description:

Height	5'4"
Weight	150
Hair	Black, bushy
Eyes	Brown
Scars	None

It is to be noted that subject is 5'7½" tall, weighs 135 pounds, has blue eyes and brown hair and has numerous scars.

Inspector VEAL advised further that he was positive that the individual was not identical with subject.

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BUTTE, MONTANA.	11/1/41	9/8/41	HOWARD H. WALLACE, JR. HP

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

K. I. SUMMERVILLE, alias James Stone, was convicted on November 20, 1935, of the crime of first degree burglarly, and was sentenced on November 23, 1935, to a term of three to fourteen years in the Idaho State Penitentiary. SUMMERVILLE'S present whereabouts unknown.

RUC

References: Report of Special Agent L. M. Fallaw, San Francisco, California, 6/12/41.
Report of Special Agent Ralph T. Hood, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 9/17/41.

Details:

On September 4, 1941, a letter was addressed by the Butte Field Division to V. K. JEPPESEN, County Attorney, Caldwell, Idaho, requesting that he forward to us all information contained in his file relative to K. I. SUMMERVILLE, or JAMES STONE, the alias used at Caldwell, Idaho, by SUMMERVILLE.

V. K. JEPPESEN, Prosecuting Attorney, Canyon County, Caldwell,

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Idaho, advised by letter received September 11, 1941, as follows:

"Our records indicate that the above party was convicted on November 20, 1935, of the crime of 1st Degree Burglary, and was sentenced on November, the 23, to a term of three to fourteen years in the State Penitentiary.

"I am not personally acquainted with the facts of this case and have no present information regarding this man's whereabouts, therefore I am unable to give you further details, but hope the above is the information you desire."

Reference report of Special Agent Ralph T. Hood, made September 17, 1941, advises that the lead set forth in the report of Special Agent L. M. Fallaw, San Francisco, California, June 12, 1941, shall be disregarded, in view of the fact that K. I. SUMMERVILLE has been interviewed.

As there is no further investigation to be conducted in this field division, this report is being referred upon completion to the office of origin.

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ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA	11-5-41	10-24-41	C. F. BRUSCH LH

TITLE: RALPH ROE, with aliases, Fugitive, I. O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, with aliases, Fugitive, I. O. #1471.

CHARACTER OF CASE: ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Clerk at general store and garage at Osage, Minnesota, reported identical with Subject COLE. Investigation at Osage reveals clerk not identical with Subject.

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DETAILS: By date of 10-21-41 the St. Paul office received a teletype from the Des Moines office advising that the town marshal of Linden, Iowa, had seen a clerk in the general store and Chevrolet garage at Osage, Minnesota, and believed that the clerk was identical with THEODORE COLE, the fugitive Subject.

AT OSAGE, MINNESOTA:

MRS. L. C. ENFIELD, Osage, Minnesota, was contacted upon the advice of Sheriff MOX OLSON of Becker County Minnesota, who stated that she was the wife of the proprietor of the Chevrolet garage and general store in Osage, Minnesota. Sheriff OLSON stated that MRS. ENFIELD was thoroughly reliable. Prior to speaking with MRS. ENFIELD, Agent entered the store and observed there the clerk who bears a slight resemblance to Subject THEODORE COLE. It was noted at this time, however, that this clerk does not have the scars which are listed on the identification order

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#1471 which was issued by the Bureau in December of 1937. This identification order contains information to the effect that Subject COLE has two scars, one at the corner of his right eye which is crescent shaped, and one on the right cheek. The clerk at this general store had neither scar. MRS. ENFIELD advised that this clerk's name is OTTO SELSTATE, and that she personally knows that he has been around that community of Osage, Minnesota, for at least the past five or six years. MRS. ENFIELD stated that this individual had been employed by her husband for the past three and one-half years, and prior to that he had worked on a farm just outside the town of Osage, Minnesota. MRS. ENFIELD further stated that she was positive of the dates in this case inasmuch as she had attended the SELSTATE wedding in the month of June 1937.

MRS. ENFIELD was also questioned as to the possibility of some other clerk being employed on September 7, 1941, when the town marshal of Linden, Iowa, allegedly saw someone in this store who appeared to be identical with Subject COLE. MRS. ENFIELD advised that the present staff in the store has been there since before September 7, 1941, and that no member of the staff in any way resembled the description of Subject COLE, but that the only other employees in the general store and garage were either relatives of hers or her husband, all of whom were much larger men than the Subject is described on the identification order as being 5' 7½" in height.

OTTO SELSTATE was contacted and furnished the following information: SELSTATE stated that he was 24 years of age and had been in the vicinity of Osage, Minnesota for about the last six years. During the last three and one-half of which he has been employed by MR. ENFIELD in the Chevrolet garage and general store. When asked to give some definite proof of his whereabouts sometime prior to January 1, 1938, SELSTATE stated that he could easily prove his whereabouts on June 9, 1937, in that he was married on that day less than one block from the place of his present employment, which ceremony was attended by many of the people living in that community. SELSTATE also stated that the marriage license for this wedding had been secured at Park Rapids, Minnesota, and was a matter of record in the county

court house under the approximate date of June 6th or 7th of 1937. SELSTATE was not positive just how many days before the wedding he had secured the license.

Inasmuch as it was noted that SELSTATE does not fit the description of Subject COLE, and SELSTATE is able to establish his whereabouts during the time that COLE was still incarcerated in the federal penitentiary at Alcatraz, it is not possible that this individual is not identical with Subject COLE.

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI	11-4-1941	10-24-1941	DANIEL A. HRUSKA ebc

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

CHARLES L. POWELL, formerly of Webb City, Missouri now at Camp Hulen, Texas. Lead set out to interview him.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 9-17-41.

DETAILS:

AT WEBB CITY, MISSOURI

Effort was made to locate CHARLES L. POWELL at Webb City, Missouri but it was ascertained the POWELL residence was closed, and Mrs. J. REED, 610 South Walker Street, a neighbor of the POWELLS, advised Mr. POWELL is in the Army and is somewhere in a camp in Texas. She advised Mrs. RICH, who is Mr. POWELL'S daughter, could give the present whereabouts of her father, CHARLES L. POWELL.

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Mrs. E. [illegible]RICH, daughter of CLARLES L. POWELL, advised her father is a Sergeant in the United States Army and is presently stationed at Camp Hulen, Texas, and is a member of Battery G, 203 CA(AA).

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UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE HOUSTON FIELD DIVISION

AT CAMP HULEN, TEXAS

Will locate Sergeant CHARLES L. POWELL, Battery G, 203 CA(AA), and secure from him any information he may have as to Fugitives or Fugitives' possible contacts.

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LOS ANGELES	11/17/41	11/13/41	R. A. PETERS VM

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: BILL ANDERSON, who is supposed to have information concerning Subject COLE, is now with 7th Bombardment Group in Fort Douglas, Salt Lake City. No record of BILL CRAWFORD ever having rented Post Office Box #266, San Bernardino, California.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent R. H. WILLIAMS, Los Angeles, California, dated 3/12/41.

DETAILS: By letter dated August 12, 1941, Mr. N. L. CORNELL, Sheriff of Merced County, Merced, California, was requested to interview ANDY KILGORE, who is mentioned in reference report and ascertain from him what information he had received from BILL ANDERSON regarding the information that Subject COLE had been seen in the vicinity of Merced by a woman who is employed in a barbecue stand between Atwater and Livingston, California.

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By letter dated August 18, 1941, Sheriff CORNELL, advised that the information regarding Subject COLE had not been told directly to ANDY KILGORE by BILL ANDERSON, but had come to him second hand. Sheriff CORNELL further advised that BILL ANDERSON is now in the United States Army and stationed with the 7th Bombardment Group at Fort Douglas, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Sheriff CORNELL also mentioned that in the vicinity of Atwater and Livingston there formerly lived a family named McDaniels and that several people in that neighborhood had seen a man hanging around the McDANIELS home who looked like Subject COLE. Sheriff CORNELL stated that the McDANIELS family moved from Merced, California, some time ago and are probably living in Tulare County at the present time, but he did not know exact address.

By letter dated August 15, 1941, MR. JAMES W. COLE, Chief of Police at San Bernardino, California, was requested to locate and interview BILL CRAWFORD in accordance with the lead set out in reference report. By letter dated August 19, 1941, Chief COLE advised that he was unable to locate BILL CRAWFORD at San Bernardino, California, and that Post Office Box #266, where CRAWFORD was supposed to have received his mail, had never been rented to anyone by the name of CRAWFORD. Chief COLE furnished a list of all the people who had rented the Box since 1931 up to the present date, and requested that if the approximate time at which the letter sent by BILL CRAWFORD from Box #266 could be ascertained, an effort would be made to locate him through the party who had the rental of the Box at that time.

From 1937 to 1939, the Box was rented to RUTH RAHE, and from 1939 to 1940, it was rented to IRENE C. WOODHOUSE. From 1940 to 1941 Miss JOSEPHINE TRACY rented this Box. Miss TRACY was questioned by Chief COLE, but she knew nothing about BILL CRAWFORD nor had she ever heard of him.

The report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, dated April 1, 1940 indicates that a letter from BILL CRAWFORD to informant RUTH CRAWFORD was received around the latter part of 1939 or the first part of 1940. It is noted from Chief COLE's letter that IRENE C. WOODHOUSE had the rental of Box #266 during 1939 and 1940, and she may know the identity of BILL CRAWFORD.

By letter dated August 12, 1941, MR. A. E. ANNIS, Chief of Police, Shafter, California, was requested to interview LAWRENCE and SEEDAL JOHNSON in accordance with the lead set out in reference report. No report as to the results of this interview has been received.

On April 7, 1941, OSCAR CORDEL, Special Agent for the Department of Agriculture, advised that he had learned that one JACK JOHNSON, Shafter Migratory Labor Camp, Shafter, California, had stated to one of the guards at the Camp that Subject COLE had twice taken dinner recently with JOHNSON. No effort was made to cover this lead inasmuch as the report of Special Agent, R. E. WILLIAMS of Los Angeles, California, dated December 6, 1940, indicates that this same information had been previously reported and JACK JOHNSON, the Informant, was interviewed and admitted that he had manufactured the story about seeing Subject COLE.

For the benefit of the Salt Lake City Office, for whom a lead is hereinafter being set forth, BILL ANDERSON, who is presently with the 7th Bombardment Group at Fort Douglas, is supposed to have heard a woman employed at a barbecue stand some where near Atwater, California, state that she had seen Subject COLE in the vicinity of Atwater and Livingston, California, at some time in the past.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE SALT LAKE CITY FIELD DIVISION

Will interview BILL ANDERSON, who is stationed with the 7th Bombardment Group, Fort Douglas, and ascertain from him the identity of the woman employed at the barbecue stand near Atwater, California. Also ascertain from ANDERSON if he knows where the McDANIELS family is presently living and any other information that may assist in covering this lead.

LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

At San Bernardino, California, will interview RUTH RAHE and IRENE C. WOODHOUSE, the parties who had the rental of Post Office Box #266 from 1939 to 1940, and endeavor to identify and locate BILL CRAWFORD through them. If CRAWFORD is located, will interview him for any information he may have concerning the Subjects of this case and their alleged escape.

* At Shafter, California, will interview LAWRENCE and SEEDAL JOHNSON in line with the information furnished by MRS. CRAWFORD concerning Subject and LEE ROBERTS being in that vicinity and of their possible contacting the JOHNSONS.

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FILE NO. 76-244

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
Salt Lake City, Utah	1-28-42	12-5,6-41	JOHN T. PLUNKET - E.F.

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: BILL ANDERSON, who is supposed to have information regarding Subject COLE, reported by Army officials, Fort Douglas, Utah, to have been transferred, whereabouts not ascertainable until about 1-20-42.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent R. A. PETERS, Los Angeles, California, dated 11-17-41.

DETAILS:

The reference report stated that BILL ANDERSON was with the Seventh Bombardment Group at Fort Douglas and requested that he be interviewed there.

Through Captain N. C. CHRISTENSEN, of Fort Douglas, it was ascertained that the Seventh Bombardment Group left Fort Douglas "several weeks ago", and its whereabouts would be available in about forty-five days.

Captain CHRISTENSEN further stated that while the available records of the personnel of the Seventh Bombardment Group did not contain the name of any BILL ANDERSON or WILLIAM ANDERSON, that there was a W. A. ANDERSON on the Group roster, and that this was the only man bearing the name ANDERSON in this group who had a "W" as an initial. Captain CHRISTENSEN advised that while it was not definitely shown that this W. A. ANDERSON went with the Seventh Bombardment Group on their current transfer, it must be presumed that he did, inasmuch as there was no record of his being transferred out of the Group before they left.

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THE SALT LAKE CITY FIELD OFFICE:

AT SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH,

Will, about January 25, 1942, re-interview Captain N. C. CHRISTENSEN, Fort Douglas, Utah, to ascertain if the present whereabouts of W. A. ANDERSON, of the Seventh Bombardment Group, are available, and if it is possible to contact him and obtain the information referred to in the reference report.

February 9, 1942

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76-2686

Special Agent in Charge
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Re: ROCOL

Dear Sir:

By teletype dated September 24, 1941, the Bureau advised the Oklahoma City Office with a mail copy going to Juneau, of the fingerprint card received on Winnie E. Metcalf, #FBI-737153, a wanted notice for whom had previously been placed in your favor. You were at that time requested to furnish the Juneau Field Division with sufficient information to question Metcalf in this case.

The Bureau file fails to reflect any action taken as a result of this teletype and it is desired that the Oklahoma City Office and the Juneau Office advise as to the result of the investigation relative to this matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc-Juneau

Mr. Tolson
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FILE NO. 76-6 AHB

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
HOUSTON, TEXAS	2/12/42	9/17/41, 2/2, 3/42	J. J. MURRAY

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RALPH ROE, was - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1472; THEODORE COLE, was - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1471.	ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: CHARLES L. POWELL now at Santa Monica, California. C. N. PAYNE unable to furnish information concerning CONNORS' whereabouts. CONNORS no longer employed by Latex Company.

- RUC -

REFERENCE: Reports of Special Agents RALPH T. WOOD, Oklahoma City, September 17, 1941 and DANIEL A. HRUSKA, Kansas City, November 4, 1941.

DETAILS: AT CAMP HULEN, TEXAS

Captain E. B. STUCKEY, Acting Provost Marshal, advised he had left the 203d Coast Artillery (AA) at Santa Monica, California, on January 21, 1942, and that at that time CHARLES L. POWELL was Regimental Truck Sergeant of the 203d; that the Regimental Headquarters are located at the U. S. Veterans' Home, Sawtelle and Wilshire, Santa Monica, California, and that the Motor Pool is located on these grounds.

The identification orders issued on fugitives were exhibited to Captain STUCKEY who advised he could not furnish any information on their possible contacts.

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RALPH ROE, was - FUGITIVE
THEODORE COLE, was - FUGITIVE

HOUSTON, TEXAS
2/12/42

The following interview was conducted by Special Agent D. J. FLICKINGER on September 17, 1941, at Victoria, Texas:

C. N. PAYNE, a painter, located and interviewed at the Air Base, advised that he was unacquainted with ROY CONNERS, and that he had never been employed by the Latex Construction Company, although he had been in Abbeville, Louisiana, in the capacity of a mattress salesman, and had stayed at the Moore Hotel. He was unable to identify the pictures of either of the Subjects or to identify the picture of CONNERS furnished by the Houston Police Department. Mr. PAYNE stated that he had formerly lived at 5602 Kansas Street, Houston, Texas

E. G. SHIER, Assistant Postmaster, Victoria, Texas, was interviewed with negative results.

The following investigation was conducted on February 2, 1942, at Houston, Texas:

Miss MILDRED DUTY, time checker of the Latex Construction Company, Oil and Gas Building (Telephone Charter 4-2531) was telephonically contacted by and stated that ROY (RAY) CONNORS had been employed by that company until recently; that the job he was working on had been completed and he had not been reemployed. She stated that in the event he was reemployed she would notify this office.

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RALPH ROE, was - FUGITIVE
THEODORE COLE, was - FUGITIVE

HOUSTON, TEXAS
2/12/42

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THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

AT SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA;

Will locate Sergeant CHARLES L. POWELL, Regimental Truck Sergeant, 203d CA(AA) Motor Pool, United States Veterans' Home, Sawtelle and Wilshire, and secure from him any information he may have as to fugitives or fugitives' possible contacts.

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United States Department of Justice
940 First National Building
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
March 20, 1942

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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RE: RALPH ROE, was - FUGITIVE
I.O. #1472, et al
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter (76-2686) dated February 9, 1942 and to Bureau teletype dated September 24, 1941 advising that a fingerprint had been received reflecting that CROCKET W. METCALF made application for a position at Fort Richardson, Alaska and that he was identical with WINNIE E. METCALF, F.B.I. #737153, against whose file a wanted notice had been placed for questioning in this case.

Pertinent information was furnished the Juneau office by teletype to the Seattle Office dated September 26, 1941. By teletype dated September 29, 1941 the Seattle Division advised that METCALF was interviewed by Special Agent in Charge VOGEL in March, 1940 at Juneau, and disclaimed any knowledge of the prison break and stated he was not well acquainted with either subject.

It is therefore requested that the wanted notice as to METCALF, F.B.I. #737153 be withdrawn.

Yours very truly,

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W. G. BANISTER, RJN
Special Agent in Charge

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United States Department of Justice

P. O. Box 440
Juneau, Alaska
March 18,1942

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: ROCOL

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of February 9, 1942, (Bureau File 76-2686) directed to the Oklahoma City Office concerning the above captioned case.

Attention is directed to the report of the writer dated at Juneau, Alaska, March 13, 1940, which reflects investigation of W. CROCKET METCALF, alias WINNIE METCALF, at Juneau, Alaska, and also the results of an interview with this man.

In view of the information contained in the report referred to above, it would not appear necessary to interview METCALF again.

Very truly yours,

R. C. VOGEL
Special Agent in Charge

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA FILE NO. 76-244

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH	4-18-42	4-9-42	EUGENE P. CLARK bp

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: W. A. ANDERSON, Seventh Bombardment Group, Fort Douglas, Utah, believed to be Informant [redacted] now reported to be in foreign service; address unknown and not ascertainable. b7D

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent R. H. WILLIAMS, Los Angeles, California, dated 3-12-41.
Report of Special Agent R. A. PETERS, Los Angeles, California, dated 11-17-41.
Report of Special Agent JOHN T. PLUNKET, Salt Lake City, Utah, dated 1-28-42.

DETAILS: Major N. C. CHRISTENSEN, G2 Salt Lake City, Utah, referred to in a former reference report as Captain N. C. CHRISTENSEN of Fort Douglas, was contacted at the Salt Lake Army Air Base. Major CHRISTENSEN produced the records of the Seventh Bombardment Group in which roster was contained the name of [redacted] He advised that these records reflected that [redacted] left Salt Lake City, Utah, with the Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, Seventh Bombardment Group, on secret orders in November, 1941, and that his office had no record of the present address of [redacted] He stated that the Seventh Bombardment Group had been assigned somewhere in the Pacific and that he could not advise at which Army post office this Group would receive their mail. b7D

Insofar as there are no other leads outstanding in this Division which could be expected to produce any further information of value, this case is being referred upon completion to the office of origin.

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FILE NO. 76-259

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
DALLAS, TEXAS	6-17-42	6-9-42	C. REX MYERS

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RALPH ROE, was, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472 THEODORE COLE, was, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1472	ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

M. S. WALLS presently employed Alamo Shows, San Antonio.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. L. SCHMIT, Dallas, dated September 18, 1942.

DETAILS:

JOHN ALDERMAN, U. S. Probation Officer, Fort Worth, Texas, advised that M. S. (BUD) WALLS is presently employed by the Alamo Shows, San Antonio, Texas, and that other than this address, his present whereabouts are unknown. Further Mr. ALDERMAN stated that the probation period of WALLS would expire in February, 1943, and that his address will be unknown after that date.

For the information of the San Antonio Field Division, WALLS is allegedly in possession of information relative to the present whereabouts of ROE and COLE, and a lead has been set out for the Dallas Field Division to ascertain if WALLS will be in Oklahoma at any time in connection with the show for which he is employed, and that if it is found that he is, to be in Oklahoma, such information is to be transmitted to the Oklahoma City Field Division in order that WALLS may be interviewed by agents of the Oklahoma City Field Division.

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THE SAN ANTONIO FIELD DIVISION

At San Antonio, Texas, will ascertain from the Alamo Shows what bookings they have in Oklahoma, if any, and if it is ascertained that they do have bookings in Oklahoma, advise the Oklahoma City Field Division of these bookings and their dates.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA FILE NO. 76-338

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS	6-26-42	6-24-42	JAMES L. EVANS

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RALPH ROE, was. FUGITIVE, I. O. # 1472 THEODORE COLE, was., FUGITIVE, I. O. # 1471	ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

M. S. WALLS, presently employed by Alamo Shows located either at Hot Springs or Fort Smith, Arkansas. Unable to determine bookings for Alamo Shows.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent C. REX MYERS, Dallas, Texas dated 6-17-42.

DETAILS: Junior Chamber of Commerce, San Antonio Newspapers, Police Department and BOOBIE OBADAL, Manager Texas Exposition Shows, unable to furnish any information as to bookings of Alamo Shows. It was determined that JACK RUBACK is presently owner of Alamo Shows and his forwarding address was given to the Lamar Hotel as Fort Smith Arkansas.

Examination of Bill Board Magazine for week of June 20 reflects Alamo Shows booked for Hot Springs Arkansas.

JOHN ALDERMAN, U. S. Probation Officer, Fort Worth, Texas advised that M. S. (BUD) WALLS is presently employed by the Alamo Shows, and that other than this address his present whereabouts are unknown. Further Mr. ALDERMAN stated that the probation period of WALLS will expire in February 1943, and that his address will be unknown after that date.

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For the information of the Little Rock Field Division WALLS is in possession of information relative to the present whereabouts of ROE and COLE, and a lead has been set out for the San Antonio Field Division to ascertain if WALLS will be in Oklahoma at any time in connection with the show by which he is employed, and that if it is found that he is to be in Oklahoma such information is to be transmitted to the Oklahoma City Field Division. In order that WALL may be interviewed by Agents of the Oklahoma City Field Division.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE LITTLE ROCK FIELD DIVISION:

AT HOT SPRINGS AND FORT SMITH ARKANSAS:

Will ascertain from the Alamo Shows, possibly located at either Hot Springs or Fort Smith Arkansas, what bookings they have in Oklahoma if any, and if it is ascertained that they do have bookings in Oklahoma advise the Oklahoma City Field Division of these bookings and the dates. If Alamo Shows have left Arkansas will attempt to determine their present whereabouts.

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This case originated at EL PASO, TEXAS — File No. 62-503

Report made at	Date when made	Period for which made	Report made by
EL PASO, TEXAS	11/28/41	11/1,2,3,4,5, 14,18,19,21/41	MANUEL A. SANCHEZ J.st.

Title	Character of case
ROSCOE JAMES PITTS, with aliases: Paul Kline, Boby Phillips, Rosco Pitts, Robert Thomas, Robert James Phillips, Robert J. Phillips, Robert J. Phillips, Robert J. Philipps, Robert James Philipps, James Andrews, Jack Phillips, Jess Edward, Robert James Pierce, Robert Pitts.	MISCELLANEOUS SELECTIVE SERVICE

Synopsis of Facts: Subject arrested by Texas Highway Patrol without registration card. Upon fingerprinting it was discovered that prints had been altered by means of surgery. Subject has extensive criminal record. Presently wanted by N. Carolina police. Subject confides in informant of robberies in California and New Jersey. Doctor in New York purportedly performed operation on fingers. L. C. Neeley alleged to have been doctor's nurse in office. USA advises that if leads are covered and prove negative, PD of North Carolina be advised that Subject to be released. Criminal record set out.

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DETAILS: This investigation is predicated upon information received from Texas State Highway Patrolmen, R. L. LOVELACE and R. OWENS on October 30, 1941, to the effect that the Subject was being held in the El Paso County Jail for failure to have a registration card on his person. When an attempt was made to fingerprint the Subject, it was discovered that he had altered his prints.

On that same date a teletype was sent to the Bureau with a description and a reply was received that he was ROSCOE JAMES PITTS with an extensive criminal record which is being set out at the conclusion of this

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report.

On November 3, 1941, the Subject was interviewed in the company of State Office LOVELACE and admitted being a former inmate of Alcatraz and Atlanta, having been convicted at Birmingham, Alabama, on a National Motor Vehicle Theft Act violation in June 1935. He also admitted the robbery of a wholesale house in Wilkesboro, North Carolina in May of 1940 in company of one D. ARMAND WILLIAMS and HORACE WILSON.

A teletype embodying the above information was sent to the Birmingham office and a reply was received, verifying his conviction in 1935 and Subject was not presently wanted there.

The criminal record received from the Bureau substantiated this and reflected that he was wanted by the Police Department at Wilkesboro, North Carolina for robbery of a wholesale house.

Upon being questioned further as to his Selective Service status, PITTS advised the Agent that he had registered at Catawba County, Newton, North Carolina, when released from the County road gang at that time. He gave as his address, 1712 Caldwell Street, Charlotte, North Carolina, and his parents names as Mr. and Mrs. B. L. PITTS of the same address, claiming that he lost his registration card.

PITTS stated to the reporting Agent that on his release from Alcatraz in 1938, he had his fingerprints altered by means of surgery. According to him, the skin on all of his fingers was removed to the bone and new skin was grafted from his chest. During the time the skin was being grafted, his hands were bound to his chest so that new skin would adhere to his fingers. On his chest where his hands had been bound, the scars were plainly visible caused from the removal of the skin. He described the operation as being very painful and said that he would not endure it again for a "million dollars".

Inasmuch as his fingerprints seem to bee completely altered, the above information was submitted to the Bureau by letter dated November 6, 1941, for the interest of the Technical Laboratory and the Identification Division. Likewise a letter was written to the Director, as an interesting case.

On November 5, 1941, the Agent discussed the case with the Assistant United States Attorney, WILLIAM E. CLAYTON, who advised that a complaint be filed against the Subject for violation of the Selective Service Act immediately pending an investigation, as he was of the opinion that the Subject was possibly wanted for some other crime. On the same date, the Agent filed a complaint before United States Commissioner, A. J. W. SCHMIDT, charging the Subject with violation of the Selective Service Act. On the same date, a teletype was sent to the Charlotte Office to ascertain if Subject had registered at Local Board #2 in Catawba County, Newton, North Carolina, and if so, advise if delinquent. On November 6, 1941, Charlotte advised that he was not registered but that one PAUL EUGENE CLINE, described as 5'5" in height, 127 llbs in weight, age 32 years, brown eyes, black hair, was registered. This description does not fit the Subject.

On November 10, 1941, three teletypes were sent to Charlotte requesting them to ascertain if Subject was registered with local board in Charlotte and also requested to conduct an investigation of his parents at 1712 Caldwell Street, Charlotte, North Carolina, to ascertain the whereabouts of their son, during the last six months, in order to learn if possible the name of the doctor who performed the operation on his fingers.

On November 11, 1941, the Charlotte Office advised that Solicitor A. E. HALL of North Wilkesboro, North Carolina, had informed the Charlotte Office that they would extradite the Subject through State extradition proceedings in order that Subject be prosecuted for robbery of the wholesale house in that city. HALL further informed the Charlotte Office that in view of the Subject's previous criminal record, the complaint believed

filed against him for violation of the Selective Service Act would probably be dismissed, as the Subject would not be accepted in the Army due to his criminal record. The Charlotte Office then advised the El Paso Office to inform the Texas State Highway Patrol of the extradition proceedings going instituted by the State authorities in North Carolina.

When this teletype was received by the El Paso Office, the Agent on November 14, 1941, contacted the Assistant United States Attorney, R. NEILL WALSHE, advising him of the information contained in the teletype from the Charlotte Office and he recommended that all the outstanding leads concerning this individual be covered and if they resulted in negative information, that the Subject be released to the North Carolina authorities for the reasons set forth in the teletype.

On November 18, 1941, the reporting Agent contacted Informant A who advised that he had for some time been trying to get the Subject to talk, because he felt that he had committed some grave crime or he would not have had his fingerprints altered. In the company with Informant B, they both gave substantially the following information:

PITTS has written his life story while in jail here in El Paso, for the purpose of selling it to some detective magazine. In which it tells of his adventures in Alcatraz and relates the escape of TED COLE and RALPH ROE from Alcatraz. It is to be noted that he is very detailed about this escape and has made the statement to Informant B that some day TED COLE may be apprehended but he challenges the FBI to ever find RALPH ROE.

Informant B stated that the Subject had mentioned to him that he wished the FBI would turn him over to the North Carolina State Police right away because if they kept on investigating they might find out that he was wanted for - graver crimes in California and New Jersey. He also told Informant B that he had committed a $11,000 robbery in Martinez, California and

had also participated in a fur and chain store robbery. He likewise claims participation in the Ashbury robbery in New Jersey.

According to Informant A, the Subject had planned a jail break from the El Paso County Jail, inasmuch as he had attempted to persuade the elevator boy to assist him. However, he abandoned this idea when he realized it was impossible.

On November 19, 1941, Informant B advised the Agent that the Subject had made the statement that a doctor who performed the operation was an elderly Italian around 65 or 70 years of age who had an office between Park and Madison Streets in New York City. Informant B gave the following names of which one might possibly be that of the doctor's. First name, ALTON or ALTOR; Last name might be one of the following, CARDON, CARDARONNE, CONDOR, CARMON, CAVARRON. The Subject did make the statement that the nurse's name in the doctor's office was L. C. NEELEY. As the Bureau would be interested in learning the identity of the doctor, a lead is being set out for the New York City Office to check the doctors in the vicinity of Park and Madison streets with the names set forth above.

Informant B also advised that the Subject has made the remarks to him that one Miss MAUSEY BRAUNER, employed in her father's bakery on Palisaides Avenue, Union City, New Jersey, six blocks from Hoboken line, is one person who knows his true identity. He also informed Informant B that CONNIE SMALL who resides at 1201 King's Street, Charlotte, North Carolina, a former girl friend of his, knows his true identity. Appropriate leads are being set out to check the above information.

The following is the criminal record of ROSCOE JAMES PITTS, FBI #452508.

Contributor of fingerprints	Name and Number	Arrested or received	Charge	Disposition
USA Roanoke, Va	Robert J. Phillips #287	8/6/32	auto theft	trans. to Danville Va U.S.Court
USIR,Chillicothe Ohio	Robert James Phillips #7714 C	9/10/32	vio.NMVTA	18 mos. 7/1/33, disch.by parole.
PD Charlotte, N.C.	Robert James Pierce,#1919	11/4/33	housebreaking & larc.	2 yrs. on roads
B of I. Prs.Div. Raleigh, N.C. #32619	Robert Pitts Camp #411 Huntersville, N.C.	date not given	larc. & larc.	2 yrs. 11/6/33 escaped 5/17/34.notified 2/6/35. Recapt.8/3/38
SO Asheville,N.C.	Robert James Phillips #2412	7/1/34	inv.	trans.to Muscogee Co. Ga 7/1/34
USM Asheville, N.C	Roscoe Pitts #_	6/11/35	vio.Dyer Act	
SO Birmingham,Ala.	Rosco Pitts, #1518	6/24/35	vio Dyer Act	
USP Atlanta, Ga.	Bob Phillips #46572	7/6/35	vio.NMVTA	18 mos.10/11/36,trans to USP Alcatraz Calif.

#46572A, USP, Atlanta, Ga., 10/17/35, out on write of Habeas Corpus Ad Test, to U. S. Court, Anniston, Ala. in custody of USM. #46572 USP Atlanta, Ga., 2/29/36, out before U. S. Court at request of U. S. Attorney in custody USP Guard. As Roscoe Pitts, w.a., 2 yrs. and 6 mos. USP Atlanta, Ga. to run concurrently with sentence now being served in said institution.

USP Alcatraz, Cal.	Bob Phillips, #353-AZ	10/15/36 (in trans fr. USP Atlanta,Ga.	vio.NMVTA	3 yrs. 2 mos. 3 days-rel. 7/28/38 to SPr. Cp. Nash Co., N.C.
PD Miami Beach, Fla.	Roscoe James Pitts #5857	3/28/41	1.Fail to reg. civ.reg.2.Fail to reg. conv. of Dyer Act	3/29/41, 90 days

Pictures of the Subject as well as photographs of his fingers have been forwarded to the Bureau for study.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

NEW YORK CITY FIELD DIVISION

AT NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK

Will endeavor by appropriate investigation through informants to locate a doctor by the name of ALTON or ALTOR and last name possibly one of the following: CARDON, CARDARONNE, CONDOR, CARMON, CAVARRON, who reportedly lives between Park and Madison Streets in New York City. This person is to be checked to ascertain if he performed the operation mentioned in the foregoing report. It is to be noted that one L.C. NEELEY is purported to be the nurse in this doctor's office.

NEWARK FIELD DIVISION

AT UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY

Will interview Miss MAUSEY BRAUNER, employed in her father's Bakery on Palisaides Avenue, six blocks from the Hoboken line for any information she may have concerning the Subject and his true name.

CHARLOTTE FIELD DIVISION

AT CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

Will definitely ascertain if Subject has registered at any of the local boards.

Will conduct an appropriate investigation of the parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. PITTS, 1712 Caldwell Street, in an effort to ascertain the true name of the Subject.

Will interview CONNIE SMALL, 120 King's Street for same information. If the above investigation proved negative, will advise the Police Department at North Wilkesboro, North Carolina, to make arrangements for extradition of the Subject.

EL PASO FIELD DIVISION

AT EL PASO, TEXAS

Will await the results of the leads set out and act accordingly.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

INFORMANT A [redacted]

INFORMANT B [redacted]

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FILE NO. 62-503

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
EL PASO, TEXAS	2/5/42	1/22,24/42	MANUEL A. SANCHEZ, JR. mld

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
ROSCOE JAMES PITTS, was	MISCELLANEOUS SELECTIVE SERVICE

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Informant advises Subject mentioned Dr. LEO BRANDENBURG while relating the process of having his fingerprints altered. However, he would not admit Dr. BRANDENBURG's participation but did state the doctor responsible for the operation was from New Jersey. Subject also confided in Informant of participation in Asbury Park robbery.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent MANUEL A. SANCHEZ, JR., El Paso, Texas; 11/28/41
Letter to the Bureau from Newark Field Division dated January 15, 1942

DETAILS: By letter dated January 15, 1942, the El Paso and Charlotte Field Divisions were advised that an investigation was being instigated by the Newark Office concerning the activities of Dr. LEO BRANDENBURG, who had been mentioned in the report of Special Agent ROBERT J. BROWN, dated December 10, 1941, at Charlotte, as the person responsible for the removal of the fingerprints of the above-captioned individual. The El Paso Field Division was requested by the Newark Field Division to interview Informant "B", who had been referred to in reference report as the one to whom the Subject had admitted participation in the Asbury robbery, Asbury Park, New Jersey.

Accordingly, on January 21, 1942, the writer re-contacted Informant "B", who was thoroughly interviewed concerning any remarks made to him by PITTS while incarcerated in the El Paso County Jail. Informant "B" advised that PITTS had stated

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that his prints had been removed by means of surgery three months prior to his arrest in El Paso, which would make it June or July of 1941. According to the Subject, the skin on all his fingertips was completely removed to the bone and new skin grafted from his chest. During the time the skin was being grafted, his hands were bound to his chest for a period of three months so that new skin would adhere to the fingers. He described the operation as being very painful and as having taken three months for its completion. During this discourse he mentioned to Informant "B" Dr. BRANDENBURG's name. However, he would not definitely admit that Dr. BRANDENBURG was responsible for the operation. Yet PITTS did state to Informant "B" that Dr. BRANDENBURG had performed a similar operation on TED COLE, an escaped prisoner of Alcatraz, in addition to plastic surgery on his face. PITTS claimed that the operation cost him approximately $10,000.

Immediately after the operation, PITTS stated, he was removed to a convalescent home; he frequently spoke about a beach nearby and how nicely situated it was, but would never give any definite details as to its location.

When PITTS mentioned Dr. BRANDENBURG's name, he requested Informant "B" never to mention that name to anyone because, if he did, he would know who had talked.

During his incarceration in the El Paso County Jail, PITTS boasted to Informant "B" of his participation in several robberies, one of which he stated as the Asbury Park robbery on June 30, 1940, at Asbury Park, New Jersey. According to Informant "B", PITTS stated: "We robbed the Asbury Park bank in New Jersey and kidnapped two messengers, although two of us got caught, CLOFE and J E (TONY CLOFE and J E DUGGAN), and they never squealed and never will." Informant "B", however, could not recall any further details concerning this except that he did mention a JIMMY, last name unknown, as another of the participants in the instant robbery.

Among those mentioned frequently in PITTS's conversations with Informant "B" was one CONNIE SMAIL of 1201 Kings St., Charlotte, North Carolina. According to PITTS, he and CONNIE SMAIL traveled to Miami, Florida, where they lived together for three months. He stated that he had given her a $3,000 fur coat which he had stolen.

PITTS also mentioned a MAUDE BRUNNER, who was described as a cashier in her father's bakery on Palisades Avenue, either 318 or 226, Union City, New Jersey; at any rate, six blocks from the Hoboken line. PITTS stated that her father was a staunch German

and very pro-Nazi and that he was known only as "BOB" to them. Both of these individuals, according to PITTS, are supposed to possess a great deal of information concerning his activities.

Informant "B" also stated that PITTS constantly during his conversations spoke of RALPH ROE, who is an escaped prisoner from Alcatraz, having escaped in company of Ted COLE on December 16, 1937.

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NEWARK FIELD DIVISION

AT UNION CITY, NEW JERSEY

Will interview Miss MAUDE BRAUNER, employed in her father's bakery on Palisades Avenue, six blocks from the Hoboken line, for any information she may have concerning the Subject's activities and alleged operation, exhibiting Subject's picture.

AT NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

Will conduct an appropriate investigation concerning the activities of Dr. BRANDENBURG and his connection with the removal of Subject's fingerprints.

CHARLOTTE FIELD DIVISION

AT CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

Will interview CONNIE SMALL, 1201 King's Street, for information concerning the Subject's activities and operation, bearing in mind that she is alleged to have spent three months in company of Subject in Florida during 1941.

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Informant WFM

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Post Office Box 1679
El Paso, Texas
June 22, 1942

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

Re: ROBERT JAMES PITTS, was; Dr. LEOPOLD WILLIAM A. BRANDENBURG, Jr., was
MISCELLANEOUS; SELECTIVE SERVICE;
UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION;
HARBORING

Dear Sir:

In view of the report of Special Agent ABRAHAM DICKSTEIN, dated June 3, 1942, Newark, New Jersey, which reflects that Subject PITTS in signed statement implicated Dr. BRANDENBURG and that PITTS is known to have associated with various criminals, which corroborates the information furnished by Informant "A", whose identity is known to the Bureau and who is referred to in the reports of Special Agent MANUEL A. SANCHEZ, Jr., dated November 28, 1941, and February 5, 1942, El Paso, Texas, please be advised that a review of our files reflects that Informant "A" advised, in addition to the information contained in the latter reports, that PITTS described a national bank robbery in California in which $76,000 was taken and a messenger boy kidnapped and in which PITTS claimed participation. He also made reference to a fur robbery in Los Angeles, California, where a loss of $150,000 occurred, and to a robbery of Earl Carroll's Night Club, in which $8500 was taken, in which he also admitted some participation and knowledge thereof. However, it is to be noted that Subject PITTS also advised Informant "A" that Dr. BRANDENBURG performed a similar operation on TED COLE, an escaped prisoner of Alcatraz, in addition to plastic surgery on his face.

All of the above information was not included in the above reference reports of Special Agent MANUEL A. SANCHEZ, Jr., because at that time the reliability of the informant was questioned. However, inasmuch as that information furnished by Informant "A" and reported in the reports of Special Agent SANCHEZ has now been proven reliable to date by investigations by the auxiliary field divisions, the Charlotte Field Division is being requested to interrogate PITTS with reference to the above alleged participations in the robberies listed herein.

There are transmitted with copies of this letter to the Newark Field Division two postcards received by Informant "A" from Subject PITTS, in which Subject PITTS states that "he tried to put the shake on BRANDENBURG for five grand but it was caught on the other end," and other similar statements concerning the Doctor.

Very truly yours,

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D. A. BRYCE,
Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge
Newark, New Jersey

Re: ROBERT JAMES PITTS, with aliases
DR. LEOPOLD WILLIAM A. BRANDENBURG, JR.,
with aliases; MISCELLANEOUS; SELECTIVE
SERVICE; UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID
PROSECUTION; HARBORING

Dear Sir:

Your attention is directed to the letter from the El Paso Field Division dated June 22, 1942, wherein reference is made to information furnished by Informant A of the El Paso Office to Special Agent Manuel A. Sanchez, Jr. It is noted that Pitts claimed to have participated in a robbery of a National bank in California in which $76,000.00 was taken and during the course of which robbery a messenger boy was kidnaped. On the basis of the information furnished the Bureau was unable to locate data concerning such a bank robbery. Information likewise cannot be located in the Bureau's files relative to the fur robbery referred to in reference letter in which furs in the value of $150,000.00 allegedly were taken.

The report of Special Agent Manuel A. Sanchez, Jr., El Paso, Texas, dated November 28, 1941, in the captioned case, reflects that subject Pitts while incarcerated in the El Paso County, Texas, Jail related to Informant B of the El Paso Office details concerning the escape of Ted Cole and Ralph Roe from Alcatraz and made the statement that Ted Cole may be apprehended "some day" but that he, Pitts, challenges the Bureau to ever find Ralph Roe. It appears that the individuals above mentioned are identical with the subjects in the case entitled "Ralph Roe, with alias, Fugitive, I. O. 1472; Theodore Cole, with aliases, Fugitive, I. O. 1471; Escaped Federal Prisoner," the office of origin of which is the Oklahoma City Field Division.

It is further noted in the report of Special Agent Manuel A. Sanchez, Jr., El Paso, Texas, dated February 5, 1942, in the captioned case, that Pitts related to Informant A of the El Paso Office that subject Dr. Brandenburg in instant case had performed a surgical operation similar to that performed on subject Pitts on the finger tips of Ted Cole in addition to a plastic surgery operation on Cole's face.

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It is further noted, as reflected in the report of Special Agent Sanchez dated February 5, 1942, that subject Pitts boasted of his participation in several robberies, one of which allegedly was the robbery of the Asbury Park Bank at Asbury Park, New Jersey, on June 30, 1940, in which two messengers were kidnaped. It is further reflected that two of the subjects involved in the robbery, namely "Cioffy" and Joe (Tony Cioffa and Joe Duggan), were apprehended. It appears that the case above referred to is the one entitled "Nicholas Anthony Cioffa, with aliases, Et Al; Asbury Park National Bank and Trust Company, Asbury Park, New Jersey (7/30/40); Bank Robbery (Robbery)," the office of origin in which is the Newark Field Division.

It is desired that the Newark Field Division vigorously interview subject Pitts relative to the cases hereinbefore mentioned for any additional information which may be obtained relating to cases over which the Bureau has investigative jurisdiction. Particular attention should be given the possibility that subject Pitts may have information concerning activities of fugitive Theodore Cole and Ralph Roe subsequent to their escape from Alcatraz and he should be closely interrogated concerning this case. Similar close attention should be given to the possibility that Pitts may be in possession of information concerning persons other than those whose identities are known who participated in the robbery of the Asbury Park National Bank and Trust Company hereinbefore referred to. Efforts should also be made to develop further information concerning the alleged robbery of a national bank in California in which $75,000.00 was obtained as well as the robbery in Los Angeles, California, of furs in the value of $150,000.00.

It is desired that the results of the interview had with subject Pitts relative to the matters hereinbefore mentioned be reported separately and under the cases to which the interrogation relates rather than under the caption of instant communication.

The El Paso Field Division should immediately forward copies of the reports of Special Agent Manuel A. Sanchez, Jr. dated November 28, 1941, and February 5, 1942, to the Oklahoma City Field Division for its information in the case pertaining to fugitives Theodore Cole and Ralph Roe.

For the information of the Oklahoma City and Los Angeles Field Divisions there are enclosed herewith copies of the letter dated June 22, 1942, from the El Paso Field Division relating to captioned case, to which reference is made in the first paragraph of this letter.

One copy of the letter to the Bureau from the Charlotte Field Division dated June 29, 1942, in instant case advising that subject Pitts is

understood to have been removed to Newark, New Jersey, in connection with instant case and suggesting that he be interviewed by the Newark Field Division is being enclosed herewith for the completion of the files in the Newark Office. The Newark Field Division should afford this matter immediate attention.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure
cc - Charlotte
Oklahoma City (enclosure)
Los Angeles "
El Paso

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA FILE NO. 76-290

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.	11/16/42	10/5,13/42	OTHO A. EZELL aam

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: [redacted] former Sacramento Police Department Informant, reliability unknown, reported that one DANIEL SEELEY, employed [redacted] Richmond Shipyard, former inmate of Granite Reformatory, Granite, Oklahoma, states COLE seen two months ago in Duncan, Oklahoma, at beauty shop operated by COLE's wife. SEELEY's step-father, GEORGE HOG, returned to DUNCAN, Oklahoma, 10/12/42 and offered to take informant to see COLE to prove his statement. b7D

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REFERENCE: Teletype to Oklahoma City dated 10/5/42.

DETAILS: AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

[redacted] telephonically advised the writer on October 5, 1942 that one DANIEL SEELEY had formerly been in the Granite Reformatory at Granite, Oklahoma. He stated that SEELEY had advised him that COLE, subject of this case, had been seen two months ago at Duncan, Oklahoma, in a beauty shop operated by COLE's wife. [redacted] stated that SEELEY was presently employed at Richmond Shipyard #2 and that [redacted] it was during this time that SEELEY informed [redacted] concerning COLE's alleged whereabouts [redacted] stated that SEELEY's step-father, GEORGE HOG, whose last name was unknown on October 5th, had planned to return to Duncan, Oklahoma, some time during the week of b7D

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October 11th to 17th, 1942, and had offered to take [redacted] back there with him in order that he might see COLE and to prove his statement. b7D

A check was made with DORIS LAYTON, Richmond Shipyard #2, and she advised that their records reflect a welder trainee by the name of DANIEL SEELEY residing at 671 Hayes Street, San Francisco, California. SEELEY was born at Duncan, Oklahoma, in 1917 and is registered at the local draft board at Granite, Oklahoma. Miss LAYTON stated SEELEY was described as 5'11", weight 175 pounds and is married and has two children. He was given a classification of 4-F apparently because of his time spent in the Granite Reformatory, Granite, Oklahoma.

Following receipt of the above information same was immediately furnished the Oklahoma Field Office by reference teletype and [redacted] was contacted again on the evening of October 13, 1942 and he advised that SEELEY's stepfather was named GEORGE HOG and that he resides on Route 1 or 2, Duncan, Oklahoma. [redacted] stated that GEORGE HOG had departed from San Francisco on the night of October 12, 1942 to return to Duncan, Oklahoma. [redacted] could furnish no further information concerning COLE's whereabouts nor could he furnish any information as to the accuracy of the statement made by DANIEL SEELEY. b7D

No investigation is being conducted here unless advised to the contrary inasmuch as it is believed that the Oklahoma City Office has already checked out the possibility of COLE's presence in Duncan, Oklahoma. This case will remain in a deferred status in the San Francisco Field Division. According, leads in the San Francisco Field Division contained in the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD dated September 17, 1941 at Oklahoma City are not being reinstated.

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TITLE
RALPH ROE, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472
THEODORE COLE, with aliases -FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471

CHARACTER OF CASE
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Teletype received 10-5-42 from San Francisco, advising that former P.D. Informant reported that DANIEL SEELEY, employed at Richmond Shipyards and former inmate of Granite Reformatory, Granite, Oklahoma, stated that Subject COLE seen two months ago in Duncan, Oklahoma at beauty shop operated by COLE'S wife. Investigation at Duncan indicates that COLE'S wife never been there. RAY SHARP, Chief, Duncan P.D., addressed letter 10-15-42 to SEELEY requesting further information. Reply 10-27-42 advised statement had no foundation.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau File No. 76-2686.
Teletype from the San Francisco Field Division, 10-5-42.

DETAILS:

On October 5, 1942 the Oklahoma City Field Division received a teletype from the San Francisco office advising that [redacted] a former Police Department Informant, whose reliability was unknown, had reported that one DANIEL SEELEY, who was employed with him at Richmond Shipyards, and who was a former inmate of the Granite Reformatory at Granite, Oklahoma, had stated that Subject COLE was seen about two months ago in Duncan, Oklahoma at a beauty shop operated by COLE'S wife. It was further stated that SEELEY'S step-father planned to return to Duncan, Oklahoma in about a week and offered to take [redacted] to see COLE'S wife to prove his statement.

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- at Lawton, Oklahoma -

On October 8, 1942 the reporting Agent interviewed RAY SHARP, Chief of Police, Duncan, Oklahoma, and he advised that he had known DANIEL SEELEY all his life and knew when SEELEY had been sentenced to the Granite Reformatory. Chief SHARP stated that SEELEY was paroled to him after this sentence and has apparently reformed. He left about three months ago to take work in the shipyards in California. Chief SHARP stated that he believed in view of his friendship with SEELEY that if SEELEY had heard that Subject COLE was in Duncan at any time he would have notified him. For that reason he advised he felt sure that COLE had never been there. He stated that he did not think COLE'S wife was living in Duncan because of his acquaintance with most of the beauty operators. Chief SHARP informed that the step-father mentioned in the San Francisco teletype is GEORGE HOGUE, and his wife, SEELEY'S mother, presently resides at Duncan.

Accompanied by Chief SHARP, Mrs. GEORGE HOGUE was interviewed and she advised that she had never heard her son speak of THEODORE COLE, and that she did not know him. She advised that she believed there was a beauty operator in Duncan by the name MARIE WYNEE (pronounced WINES) but she had never seen her. She agreed to make inquiry concerning MARIE WYNEE and advise Chief SHARP of the results.

Chief SHARP was recontacted on October 15, 1942 and he advised that SEELEY'S mother, Mrs. GEORGE HOGUE, had been by to see him after making inquiry to determine if MARIE WYNEE, COLE's wife, was in Duncan, and that she had obtained information to the effect that there was no one by that name residing in Duncan, Oklahoma.

Chief SHARP later contacted GEORGE HOGUE, who has been in California, and who is mentioned in the San Francisco teletype as being SEELEY'S step-father. HOGUE has been staying with his step-son, and is well known by Chief SHARP. When questioned concerning the remark made by SEELEY that Subject COLE had been to visit his wife in Duncan, he denied any knowledge of the same.

In view of the fact that Chief SHARP is very well acquainted with DANIEL SEELEY, he suggested that he contact SEELEY in regard to his statement. As stated before SEELEY had been paroled to him from the Granite Reformatory, and SEELEY has expressed considerable confidence in Chief SHARP.

On October 15, 1942 Chief SHARP addressed a letter to DANIEL SEELEY at 572 Linden Street, San Francisco, California requesting that he explain

his statement in regard to Subject COLE.

On October 22, 1942 Chief SHARP advised that he had received a reply from DANIEL SEELEY. SEELEY had stated that he was riding to work with several people and that someone asked him where his home was. He replied that his home was in Duncan, Oklahoma, whereupon the interrogator asked if he knew RALPH ROE and THEODORE COLE. He replied that Duncan, Oklahoma was the former home of RALPH ROE and that he had heard of him, and replied that it was his impression that several of ROE'S relatives still lived at Duncan, and that he thought COLE'S wife had operated a beauty parlor there. He further explained in his letter to Chief SHARP that he had no information whatsoever as to the whereabouts of THEODORE COLE and advised that he was personally acquainted with him. He volunteered that if he should ever receive any information concerning the whereabouts of either of these Subjects, he would immediately contact Chief SHARP.

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Date: January 8, 1943

To: SAC, Oklahoma City

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

The file reflects this case has been carried in a deferred and inactive status in your office since September 30, 1941.

It is now desired that this case be reopened and afforded thorough investigative attention. You should cause this file to be thoroughly reviewed and submit a report bringing it up to date in the immediate future.

The other offices receiving copies of this letter should handle the leads outstanding in their territories at an early date.

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Los Angeles
San Francisco

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RALPH ROE, was., FUGITIVE, I.O. #1472;
THEODORE COLE, was., FUGITIVE, I.O. #1471

CHARACTER OF CASE
ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: No record of BILL CRAWFORD at Post Office Box #266, San Bernardino, California. SEEDAL and JACK JOHNSON may be located working on a national defense job at Lompoc, California. CHARLES L. POWELL denied ever knowing subject.

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REFERENCE: Bureau file #76-2686.
Report of Special Agent J. J. MURRAY, Houston, 2/12/42.
Report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, Oklahoma City, 4/10/40.

DETAILS:

Special Agent ALLEN H. MERRILL contacted Captain MILTON G. NORUM, Headquarters Sector Command, Pasadena, and was advised that Sergeant CHARLES L. POWELL, Army Serial No. 7040924, was stationed with the Fifth Armored Division at Camp Cooke, California.

JOHN C. REILY, Chief of Police, Shafter, California, advised the Los Angeles office by letter that LAWRENCE JOHNSON had been living at San Jose in the Spring of 1941. A check of the Post Office in Shafter indicated that all of the JOHNSONS had moved away and had not left any forwarding address. However, Chief REILY was sure that SEEDAL and JACK JOHNSON were working on a national defense project near Lompoc, California.

Sergeant A. L. LUCE of the San Bernardino Police Department advised by letter that Post Office Box #266, San Bernardino was rented by RUTH RHAE from 1937 to 1939 and that IRENE C. WOODWARD had rented this box from 1939 to 1940. Sergeant LUCE stated that he then attempted to trace RUTH RHAE but could find no one who knew of this person nor was there any forwarding address left at the post

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office. Sergeant LUCE then found that IRENE C. WOODHOUSE had left the forwarding address of 1264 21st Street, San Bernardino. A check of that address revealed that no one at that address had ever heard of IRENE C. WOODHOUSE. The neighbors in that area were also contacted but they advised that the name of IRENE C. WOODHOUSE was unknown to them.

On March 17, 1942 Mrs. EMMA ROSS, 826 South Hope Street, telephonically advised the Los Angeles Field office that on the preceding Sunday night she was in Abe Lyman's Cafe around 7:00 p.m. eating dinner when she noticed a man and woman sitting in a near-by booth. The woman had a red coat and a red hat and the man had the appearance of a preacher. The man was about 5'8" tall, 160 lbs., and wore a dark suit; he appeared familiar to the informant who stated that she later looked at a photograph of RALPH ROE and believes it was he.

AT CAMP COOKE, CALIFORNIA:

Sergeant CHARLES L. POWELL, Headquarters Service Company, Rear Detachment, 145th Signal Corps, Fifth Armored Division, stated when questioned concerning the subjects that he did not know either of them and had not ever heard of them. He advised that he was born at Louisville, Kentucky and had attended the Faridale High School. He added that he had spent all his life in the vicinity of Louisville, Kentucky. He joined the Army at Fort Knox, Kentucky on June 14, 1940. He remained in Fort Knox until April of 1941 when he was transferred to Pine Camp, New York. He remained there until September 12, 1941 when he was transferred back to Fort Knox. On February 13, 1942 Sergeant POWELL was then transferred to Camp Cooke, California. During his travels about the country in the Army he stated that he had never heard of either of the subjects and had not even heard anyone talk concerning their escape from Alcatraz.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

At Lompoc, California will attempt to locate SKEDAL and JACK JOHNSON believed to be employed by a National defense project there and interview them concerning the subjects and their possible whereabouts.

At Los Angeles, California, will exhibit photographs of subjects to the manager and employees of Mike Lyman's Cafe to determine if they ever recall seeing either of them there. It is noted that the informant who alleged seeing RALPH ROE may have meant Mike Lyman's Cafe.

Federal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice

Little Rock, Arkansas
January 18, 1943

Director, FBI

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated January 8, 1943 (Bureau File #76-2686), requesting that this case be reopened and afforded thorough investigative attention, and called attention to the fact that the leads outstanding in all offices should be afforded attention at an early date.

The file in this office reflects that the only lead outstanding in this case for the Little Rock Office is that set forth in the report of Special Agent JAMES L. EVANS, San Antonio, Texas, dated June 26, 1942, for the Little Rock Office at Hot Springs or Fort Smith, Arkansas to ascertain the bookings of the Alamo Shows. The exact purpose of the lead is not known to this office, and this inquiry will not be made at this time and will be left to the discretion of the office of origin to locate the Alamo Shows if deemed advisable.

This case is being considered referred upon completion to the office of origin with this communication.

Very truly yours,

FRED HALLFORD, SAC

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA FILE NO. 76-206

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
ST. PAUL	3-12-43	3/10,11,12/43	PAUL R. CASEY LE

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
RALPH ROE, was, I.O. #1472, FUGITIVE THEODORE COLE, was, I.O. #1471, FUGITIVE	ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Confidential Informant T-1 advised that she operated the State Line Cafe on the Arkansas, Missouri border and United States Highway #65 in August and September of 1942; that one evening a prostitute named "ALPENA MARIE", from Alpena Pass, Arkansas, came into the cafe with a man using the name CREIGHMORE or CRAIGMORE. A taxi cab driver from Harrison, Arkansas later advised her that "ALPENA MARIE" was the wife of the only man ever to escape from Alcatraz Penitentiary and that CREICHMORE was the man and was hiding in the Ozarks in the vicinity of Alpena Pass. T-1 was unable to identify Subject COLE'S picture from a number shown her.

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DETAILS: This investigation is predicated on a telephone call from Deputy Sheriff C. L. CHERRY, Lakeville, Minnesota, who telephonically advised on March 10, 1943, that there was a woman operating a cafe at Lakeville who told him that she was formerly a cook at the State Line Cafe on Highway 65 and the Arkansas, Missouri border; that she cooked there in August and September, 1942. She told Deputy Sheriff CHERRY that a man named CREIGHMORE or CRAIGMORE came into the cafe with a prostitute by the name of "ALPENA MARIE" and that she later found out that CREIGHMORE was supposed to have been the only man who had ever escaped from Alcatraz.

On March 12, 1943 the person named by Deputy Sheriff CHERRY, and who hereafter will be designated in this report as Confidential Informant T-1, was interviewed at Lakeville, Minnesota and submitted the following information.

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She advised that she formerly operated the State Line Cafe located 30 feet north of the Arkansas, Missouri line on United States Highway #65, during the months of August and September, 1942. She stated that one evening, about dusk, a woman and man came into the cafe and the waitress (whose name she could not remember and who is now in California) who was assisting her at that time, came to the kitchen and advised that she would not wait on this woman who was known as a prostitute from Alpena Pass, Arkansas and who was using the name "ALPENA MARIE". The waitress told her that this woman had caused trouble in the cafe before and she did not want to take her order. T-1 advised that she herself took the order from "ALPENA MARIE" and the man accompanying her and waited on them. She stated that when the pair entered the cafe they took a table facing the door and that when she waited on them she was unable to get a good look at the man inasmuch as he kept his back mostly towards her and she could only get a profile view. She was rather curious as to the identity of "ALPENA MARIE" and later questioned a taxi cab driver by the name of "IKE" from Harrison, Arkansas. This cab driver told her that "ALPENA MARIE" was a prostitute from Alpena Pass, Arkansas and that she was married to the only man who had ever escaped from Alcatraz. He advised that this man's name was CREIGHMORE or CRAIGMORE and that he was presently hiding in the hills in the vicinity of Alpena Pass, Arkansas. T-1 was shown a number of pictures and Identification Orders from this Field Division, among which was an Identification Order on COLE but was unable to identify COLE as the person she had seen. She advised that she did not know the name of the man who was supposed to have escaped from Alcatraz except that "IKE" the cab driver had called him CREIGHMORE. She advised that when he came into the cafe he wore a cap and he kept his cap on at all times. She described him as about 30 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches tall, dark hair, dark complected, thin face, and appearing like he had been hiding in the hills for some time. She advised there was a great deal of contrast between his attire and the dress of "ALPENA MARIE" whom she advised was very modishly dressed and wore a large number of diamonds on her finger.

T-1 advised that "ALPENA MARIE" bootlegged in that neighborhood and on this particular night went to a dance hall in the vicinity and sold liquor to customers inside the dance hall but that CREIGHMORE who accompanied her that evening did not attempt to enter the dance hall. She was unable to submit any further information relative to "ALPENA MARIE" or the person accompanying her but stated that the people in this vicinity would not cooperate with law enforcement agencies and turn over to them any one who was wanted inasmuch as they were all very clanish and all of them in this neighborhood were violating the Internal Revenue laws by making corn whiskey in the hills.

T-1 requested that her identity be kept secret when an interview was held with "IKE" the cab driver in Harrison, Arkansas inasmuch as she plans to return to the State Line Cafe this summer and intends to operate the cafe as she did in 1941 and 1942.

In regard to the foregoing information it will be noted that in the report of Special Agent RALPH T. HOOD, made at Oklahoma City on February 12, 1938, copies of which were forwarded to all Bureau offices, the following information was set forth, on page ten of this report.

With reference to the family of Subject COLE, the step-father and mother, MR. and MRS. FRED COLE, resided at Wook Lake, California, while his sister, MRS. VIOLA DAWSON resided at Belle, California. About 1928 or 1929 Subject COLE resided with his parents at ALPENA PASS, ARKANSAS, where he married MARIE WYNNE, who since divorced him.

Reference is also made to information set out in Agent HOOD'S report of the above date. On page 12 of this report the following information was set forth: COLE, MRS. MARIE WYNNE, alias "ALPENA MARIE", ex-wife, Alpena Pass, Arkansas. She and COLE were married in 1929 after a courtship of 3 weeks and they did not live together after August, 1929.

T-1 advised that she thought the information passed on to her by "IKE" the taxi driver was true. She did not think that he was telling a legend of COLE which in all probability has gone through that hill country. She did feel, however, that "IKE" would not cooperate if a law enforcement officer were to interrogate him in regard to Subject COLE.

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THE LITTLE ROCK FIELD DIVISION

AT HARRISON, ARKANSAS: Will interview "IKE" a taxi cab driver who furnished the information in this report to Confidential Informant T-1. T-1 advised that he was the only cab driver in Harrison and was a huge man weighing about 300 pounds and was well known among the people there as "IKE".

Will locate one CREIGHMORE or CRAIGMORE and determine if he is identical with Subject COLE.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT T-1:

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Date: April 5, 1943

To: SAC, Oklahoma City

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

With reference to the report of Special Agent Edward M. Davis, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated December 11, 1942, the latest report submitted by your office, the office of origin, and Bureau letter dated January 8, 1943, it is desired that you afford this matter attention and submit a report bringing it up to date without further delay.

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REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS	4-10-43	3-30-43 4-7-43	HENRY H. MOORE RP

TITLE: RALPH ROE, was, I. O. 1472, FUGITIVE; THEODORE COLE, was, I. O. #1471, FUGITIVE

CHARACTER OF CASE: ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: IKE MARSHALL, Cab driver, interviewed with negative results relative to COLE's whereabouts. "ALPENA MARIE" presently residing in Harrison, Arkansas. Mail cover placed on her mail April 7, 1943.

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REFERENCE: Bureau file #76-2686.

Bureau letter to the Little Rock Field Division dated March 24, 1943.

Report of Special Agent PAUL R. CASEY, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated March 12, 1943.

DETAILS: AT HARRISON, ARKANSAS:

IKE MARSHALL, Cab driver, stated that he vaguely recalled being in some cafe on Highway 65 last Summer when there was a discussion relative to the man with "ALPENA MARIE" at the time. He recalled stating that her former husband was the only man to have ever escaped from Alcatrez, but that this statement was made from hearsay information and that he had no reason to know it to be a fact. MARSHALL did not recall the names CREIGHMORE or CRAIGMORE as being the names of anyone known to him. He stated that he had carried "ALPENA MARIE" and numerous men in his taxi for the past several years but did not remember any as being one that would resemble the photograph of THEODORE COLE, which was exhibited to MARSHALL at the time. He stated that "ALPENA MARIE" was presently residing at the Harrison Hotel, 207 East Stevenson Street, Harrison, Arkansas; that she is presently engaged in prostitution at Harrison and numerous places. MARSHALL seemed to recall

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that at some time in the past, he had seen a person in the vicinity of Harrison who in a way resembled the photograph of THEODORE COLE, but he could give no definite places or dates.

FLOYD HUDSON, Chief of Police, stated that he was familiar with the activites of "ALPENA MARIE" and on several occasions she had been in jail for drunkenness and heresy. HUDSON knows her [redacted] be a prostitute and that she bears a very poor reputation in the vicinity of Harrison. A photograph of COLE was exhibited to HUDSON, and he seemed to think that he had seen a person resembling that of COLE, but could give no specific date or place. HUDSON expressed a willingness to be on the alert and stated that he would notify the Little Rock Field Division should anything develop relative to "ALPENA MARIE's" contacting any suspicious persons.

HUDSON also stated that MARSHALL was reliable but was known in Harrison to be a big talker and that he could have exaggerated his story that he was supposed to have told in the presence of others last Fall on Highway 65 in the cafe there.

JEFF CARROLL, manager of Krogers Grocery, stated that he had sold groceries in small amounts to ALPENA MARIE for the past 11 years and that on Saturday, March 27, 1943, she purchased the largest amount of the entire period, this being for $5.00. CARROLL stated that the groceries were delivered to the Harrison Hotel.

RALPH REA, postmaster, on April 7, 1943, placed a mail cover on MARIE WYNNE COLE, known as "ALPENA MARIE". REA stated that she received quite a bit of mail, but at that time he did not know any details relative to from whom.

W. J. MOORE, manager of the Telephone Company, stated that the Harrison Hotel was restricted against calls being placed from the hotel to other exchanges. MOORE stated that it would be impossible to check any incoming calls but that if any were called to his attention for MARIE WYNNE COLE, he would cooperate and notify the Little Rock Field Division immediately.

AT ALPENA, ARKANSAS:

JEWELL COXSEY, postmaster, stated that MARIE WYNNE COLE received considerable mail that he forwards to Harrison. He knows of mail being received by her from the following:

NORA SHULTZ, a sister, Pittsburg, Kansas.

Mrs. HENRY (BESS) VAIL, a sister, Orange, Texas.

Numerous soldiers

COXSEY is of the opinion that she has never been contacted by her former husband, THEODORE COLE, and the names CREIGHMORE and CRAIGMORE were unknown to him in the vicinity of Alpena.

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THE LITTLE ROCK FIELD DIVISION AT HARRISON, ARKANSAS:

Will, on or about May 7, 1943, contact postmaster RALPH REA relative to the results of the mail cover.

Will contact Chief of Police FLOYD HUDSON relative to any information he has been able to develop about "ALPENA MARIE's" activities.

Will again contact IKE MARSHALL, cave driver, since he indicated a willingness to inquire of "ALPENA MARIE" her activites at this time.

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Date: March 24, 1943

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PERSONAL ATTENTION

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject:
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ESCAPED FEDERAL PRISONERS

It is desired that the leads set out for your office in the report of Special Agent Paul R. Casey, Saint Paul, Minnesota dated March 12, 1943, be afforded thorough, discreet investigative attention immediately.

Every effort should be made to determine the present whereabouts and activities of "Alpena Marie" alias Mrs. Marie Wynn, Fugitive Cole's ex-wife, to determine whether she is in contact with this subject at the present time.

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