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February 19, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case titled VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, et al - Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash) and to a letter from the Detroit Office to this office dated February 14, 1934, a copy of which is attached hereto, advising that Sergeant Earl C. Switzer of the Homicide Squad of the Detroit Police Department has furnished information to the Detroit Office concerning the possibility that Vernon C. Miller may have been killed by Basil Hugh Banghart and his associates in connection with subsequent events incident to the mail robbery at Charlotte, N. C. on November 15, 1933.

Special Agent M. D. Treub of this office endeavored to interview Banghart relative to this prior to his removal to Chicago but Banghart had been removed before Agent Treub could interview him, therefore this information is being furnished you for appropriate attention and, as will be noted from the last paragraph of the letter from the Detroit Office, it is requested that the Detroit Office be advised the result of the interview with Banghart.

Very truly yours,

EARLE M. BLACK, Assistant
Special Agent in Charge.

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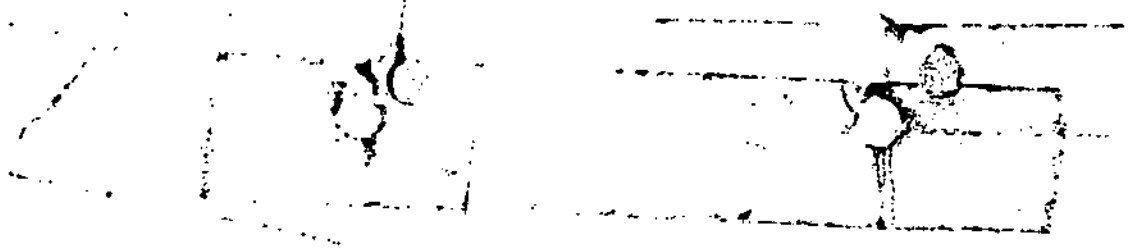

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Division of Investigation
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Washington, D. C.

February 9, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

Confirming telephonic conversation with Mr. Newby, in connection with his inquiry to determine whether the Identification Unit had a record on one Joseph Brucatto, alias James Lusco, who was supposed to have been arrested at Kansas City, Missouri, in 1924, charge violation National Prohibition Act; forfeited $1000 bond, please be advised that the files of this Unit did not reveal any information as to this individual by the above names or did any record appear under these names showing arrest at Kansas City, Missouri or Kansas City, Kansas.

The files reveal a fingerprint record received from the United States Marshal, Chicago, Illinois, on January 14, 1931, showing the following arrest:

Subject as Joe Brucato, #--, arrested by United States Marshal, Chicago, Illinois, January 12, 1931, charge violation National Prohibition Act.

The description of Joe Brucato, appearing on this fingerprint card, who possibly is identical with the individual concerning whom Mr. Newby inquired, is as follows:

Color white Age 31 years Height 5'7" Weight 150 lbs. Build medium
Complexion fair Eyes brown Hair brown Place of birth Italy

The following is the fingerprint classification:

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Respectfully,

L. C. Schilder.

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GENERAL AGENT AND CHIEF CLERK

Department of Justice
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MR. EDWARDS
MR. EGAN
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MR. LESTER
MR. LOCKE
MR. ROSER

February 15, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER:

Referring to your memorandum of February 13, 1934, hereto attached, concerning the hospital expenses and the expense of medical attention of Eva Mae Nichols and Ralph Rowe, who were wounded at the time of the apprehension of Wilbur Underhill, you are advised that, in my judgment, the appropriation "Support of U. S. Prisoners" is the only possible judiciary appropriation from which this expense might be paid.

I suggest that the matter be taken up with the Special Agent in Charge of the Oklahoma City office, with a view to having a voucher prepared on Form 1034, with full and complete itemization of the services and a statement of the facts in connection with the matter, the voucher to be approved by the Agent in Charge, and returned to the Department. We will then take the matter up with the Director, Bureau of Prisons, who has charge of the appropriation, and, if he approves, we will then submit the voucher to the Comptroller General for a decision as to whether it can be paid.

Respectfully,

J W Gardner

J. W. Gardner,
General Agent and Chief Clerk.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 1276,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

FEB 21 1934

Dear Sir:

With further reference to the matter of defraying the hospital expenses and expense of medical attention of Eva Mae Nichols and Ralph Rowe, the Division has been advised by the General Agent of the Department that in his judgment, the appropriation "Support of U. S. Prisoners" is the only possible judiciary appropriation from which this expense might be paid.

Accordingly, you should submit vouchers for these services, with full and complete itemization of the services and a statement of the facts in connection with the matter. The matter will then be taken up with the Director of the Bureau of Prisons, and, if his approval is granted, the voucher will be submitted to the Comptroller General for a decision as to payment.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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SUITE L - FEDERAL BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.
FEBRUARY 18, 1934.

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

RE: VERNON C. MILLER (DECEASED) ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

This office is in receipt of telegram from the Division dated February 18, 1934 quoted as follows:

"VERNON C. MILLER ET AL REPORT TRAINOR DECEMBER TWO SEVEN LAST PRESS VIGOROUSLY ALL LEADS SEEKING APPREHENSION ARTHUR AND FRED BARKER ALVIN KARPIS AND MEMBERS THEIR MOB PHOTOGRAPHS SENT YOU YESTERDAY KEEP PURPOSE THEIR LOCATION STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL WANTED FOR QUESTIONING BREMER CASE BASED ON ARTHUR BARKER LATENT FINGERPRINT FOUND URGENT PHONE DIVISION WHEN LOCATED STOP SEND TRAINOR REPORT AIR MAIL WITH ABOVE INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL OFFICES WHERE NOT PREVIOUSLY SENT EXPEDITE"

A second run of copies of the report of Special Agent Trainor dated at Kansas City, Missouri, December 27, 1933, is being typed at this office today, and each field office not already in possession of the report is now being furnished with same. These offices are listed as follows:

Birmingham	New Orleans
Boston	Philadelphia
Butte	Pittsburgh
Charlotte	Portland
El Paso	Salt Lake City
Jacksonville	San Antonio
Los Angeles	Washington Field

This letter is being forwarded for the information of the various offices which had already been in possession of Agent Trainor's report of December 27, 1933. There has been appended to the copies of this report now being furnished to the various offices above mentioned, a copy of Division telegram of February 18th, brief comments as to the identity of Arthur R. Barker and a statement to the effect that all offices are to be furnished with a report in the near future looking toward the apprehension of the Barkers, Karpis and others.

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Very truly yours,

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Copy to each field office
not listed above.

H. G. SPEAR
ACTING SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 18, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG.

Mr. Keith telephoned from the Field Office at 1:00 PM today and stated that they had just received another lead on "Pretty Boy" Floyd. Word was received from the Charlotte office to the effect that a Chrysler car had been wrecked near Raleigh, N.C., last evening and that two strange men abandoned the car, commandeered a car drived by a local resident of Raleigh and forced him to drive away. This morning the resident referred to telephoned his family in Raleigh that he was in Petersburg, Virginia. It is believed that one of the two men who abandoned the Chrysler may be Pretty Boy Floyd, and Mr. Keith is sending Agent Levin and another agent down to Petersburg to check up on the matter, although Mr. Keith stated that he believed it was just another wild steer on Floyd. The Chief of Police at Petersburg has also been contacted with regard to the above.

Respectfully,

C.E.Kleinkauf

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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February 19, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

Mr. Lawrence B. Burrow of Little Rock, Arkansas, called at this office and stated that some time ago he had written an anonymous letter to this Division concerning Richard Tallman Galatas, and stated that he had given the name of Harold Young, a local attorney, as a reference.

The attached letter addressed to the Oklahoma City Office contains the information submitted by Mr. Burrow.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley
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Suite L, Federal Building
Kansas City, Missouri
February 19, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of February 13, 1934, relative to memorandum by Special Agent A. E. Farland, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, January 12, 1934, in connection with the case of VERNON C. MILLER, et al, Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner. Copies of this memorandum were inadvertently omitted in letter of this office of February 1, 1934, when same was mailed to the Division.

Three copies of Agent Farland's memorandum are herewith transmitted to the Division and one copy each is being sent with copies of this letter to the Oklahoma City and St. Paul Division offices since it appears that the memorandum may be of value as a basis for general information to the St. Paul office in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case.

Later information may develop giving rise to specific leads which will be set out for the Oklahoma City office based upon the data shown in Agent Farland's memorandum.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEER,
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

WFT:B

cc - Oklahoma City
St. Paul

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Kansas City, Missouri
January 12, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE E. K. COFFEY:

IN RE: VERNON C. MILLER (DECEASED) ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER
K. C. FILE NO. 62-760-

On December 21, 1933, while at the Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, Deputy Warden A. J. Grohse stated that a convict named Lyman Ford, prison registration number had further information that he desired to furnish the Government which might aid in the apprehension of parties responsible for the death of the officers at the Union Station, Kansas City, Missouri, on June 17, 1933. Convict Ford stated that he believed, and it was the consensus of opinion among the convicts, that the Union Station massacre was pulled off by several ex-convicts. He named the following:

Fred Barker, who formerly served a sentence in the Kansas State Penitentiary, his registration number being 9836, having been released from the Kansas State Penitentiary in 1931.

Arthur R. Barker, alias "Doc" Barker, alias Bob Barker, who was sentenced to life imprisonment in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at Lexington, Oklahoma on a murder charge, but was paroled or pardoned sometime ago, the prisoners in the penitentiary having received information that Fred Barker paid $10,000.00 to have his brother released.

Volney Davis, who was also serving a sentence in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary and who, it was reported, was released from that institution, reports being that Fred Barker paid $200.00 for his release.

A former convict named "Shy" Corpus. Investigation developed that this man may possibly be Alvin Karpis, Kansas State Penitentiary Register Number 1579. Records show he was released from that institution on 4-13-1931.

Harry Campbell, whom Ford states is a known killer but was unable to furnish any information as to whether or not Campbell had ever served any time or not.

Convict Ford states that all these parties mentioned are known as killers and would not hesitate to kill an officer at

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at any time. He stated that they were known to frequent the home of Herbert Farmer, who resides near Joplin, Missouri. Convict Ford states that he is very well acquainted with Herbert Farmer, and that he was also a personal friend of Frank Nash, who was killed at the Union Station on the morning of June 17, 1933. Convict Ford was questioned very closely as to how he had obtained this information and replied that he had been talking to a convict named Jim Lawson, now serving a sentence in the Kansas State Penitentiary of from 20 to 42 years, having been received at that institution recently. His prison registration number is 2908.

Convict Ford further advised that a former convict who served time in the State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, under the name of Virgil Love, whose registration number was 6224, and who also served a sentence in the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, under the name of Joseph Howard, register number 27945. If interviewed and was in the right mood at the time of the interview might be able to furnish some valuable information; that he was running a filling station on the U. S. Highway number 40, located somewhere between Topeka, Kansas and Kansas City, the exact address he was unable to furnish, but he knew that Howard, or Love, could furnish information if he would. He also stated that convict Jim Lawson could furnish information if he would. He stated that a lawyer named Charles Hudson, of Wichita, Kansas, who was his (Ford's) attorney was visited by Frank Nash while he, Ford, was in jail at Wichita and through Hudson managed to place some "hot bonds" in one of the banks at Wichita. He was unable to furnish the name of the bank, but stated that the attorney, Charles Hudson, knew that the bonds were "hot" when he introduced Nash to the bank; that Nash gave him $500.00 to aid in Ford's defense but Ford states attorney Hudson did nothing for him.

Ford states that Fred Barker was reported to be in the slot machine racket at St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minnesota; that he will make further effort to obtain further information in regard to this matter. Ford also stated that the Barkers and Volney Davis made a hangout at Dick Barnes place and also Tom Mills' place, South Coffeyville, Oklahoma.

Convict Ford will be again interviewed.

Deputy Warden J. J. Graham stated that they had a convict named Alfred Denon, who is known in the penitentiary as "Ozzie" who either is insane or at times feigns insanity. No effort was made to obtain his prison registration number at this time. Mr. Graham states

that this convict has furnished very valuable information in the past. A day or two after the prison break at the State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas, when Bailey, Underhill and others escaped, this occurring on May 20, 1933, convict Genoe furnished information to the effect that he had carried $500.00 in currency, which was the property of Harvey Bailey; that they had made a false drawer in a table in the cell house and that the money was hidden in that place part of the time. Mr. Graham stated they verified this fact by examining the table and found the place where the money could have been hidden.

Genoe gave the guard, Mr. Lee, of the Isolation Yard at the Kansas State Penitentiary the following information relative to the break out at the Kansas State Penitentiary on Decoration Day.

"Frank Nash
Doc Barker
Fred Barker
Volney Davis
Jess Doyle

Outside gang which maneuvered to get guns into [illegible] for Harvey Bailey, et al.

Bailey, Underhill, Clark, Davis and Brady are now supposed to be in a hide-out with above named gang.

Bailey figures on organizing a similar break at the Federal Prison for the benefit of Stanley Brown, Earl Thayer, Underwood, Francis Keaton and Tom Holden.

The wives of Tom Holden and Francis Keaton are to work on some federal guard and if possible, get him to carry guns into the prison. The break is scheduled for Labor Day, Sept. 4.

If break is attempted; Nash, Bailey, Underhill, Doyle, Barker and Davis are to be in the vicinity of the prison to lend any necessary assistance after prisoners get outside the walls.

A copy of this memorandum was immediately furnished Warden Herbst of the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas. A copy was also furnished the Kansas City Division Office and is now in file 62-782, and is held in the file as an exhibit.

Deputy Warden Graham stated that he had another convict

named Gerald Kays, prison register number 29331, who was received at the penitentiary in 1932 to serve a sentence of from 2 to 20 years. He was called in to the Deputy Warden's office and stated that from information he was able to obtain about the shooting affair at the Union Station at Kansas City on the morning of June 17, 1933, was that Doc Barker, Fred Barker, Volney Davis and Verne Miller participated in this affair. That he had been talking with a convict named Herman Clanton, now serving a sentence in the Kansas State Penitentiary, and whose brother Ed Newton Clanton had been released recently. That the Barkers were from around Miami and Picher, Oklahoma; that Fred Barker was hanging out at a drug store in Tulsa, Oklahoma, run by a man named Monty Morse or Morris, also known as Chick Morse or Morris. That Barker was also friendly with Charley and Ray Sexton, of Tulsa; that they were employed by a man named Clyde McKinsey, the owner of the Acme Transfer Company of Tulsa, Oklahoma, as truck drivers; that they also hang out with a man named Jess Dukes, of Sapulpa, Oklahoma, Dukes being in the second hand business buying and selling oil field supplies; has a place directly back of the freight yards in Sapulpa, is known by all criminals as a "fence".

Kays further stated that one Joe Londale, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, who formerly served a sentence in the Federal Penitentiary, was very well acquainted with Clyde McKinsey, of the Acme Transfer Company, Tulsa.

During the conversation had with convict Kays in the penitentiary it was deemed not advisable to spend too much time with him. He was furnished with paper and requested to make a written statement as to his knowledge and same would be picked up later by Agent. He made the following written statement.

Lansing Kansas
Jan. 8, 1934.

I did time with Vaughnly Davis and Doc Barker in Okla. I knew Fredie Barker around Tulsa, and I am sure that you officers have the wrong description of Doc. He will weigh about 145 and black head and dark eyes and Fredie and him favors a lot. Fredie will weigh 155 or 160 and about 5-11. They are good friends of a woman who is the Sis of Bruce Light, and Busby, Kays she lives at Baxter Springs, Kansas, and that he seen them at Neosho, Mo. and that they lived there, and were going to St. Louis, Mo. then and wanted him to go with them.

There is a fellow by the name of Joe Brady that was a

pardner of Frank Nash and was with him on that mail robbery as the record will show I believe and he was the best friend he had and Dutch Morris, a prisoner in Okla., was too and I don't know whether he is out or not.

There is a boy doing time in Nebraska by the name of Charles Dotson, that know all of them and mighty talk. He has just been in about two or three month and were out at the time of the murder at K.C. Station. He has a father living at Warfee City, Okla., where they might hide, the is a place below Coffeyville, a filling Station and a fellow work there that they call Dad and these boys buys all their gns and amunation there or anything they want.

There is several places which I will list as follow where they could be found at some time or another.
Jase Dukes at Sepulpa, Okla. Will help you a lots I believe. there is a rooming house in Tulsa at 118½ Main on the next corner from the Hotel Brady at Tulsa. Jim Smith at Cone Springs, Arkansas he is a counterfiter or was and he knows and deals with all kind of people He mighty be in prison at Little Rock he were under bond when I was caught.

There is a fellow by the name of Jack Bready that excaped from Okla about 8 or 9 years ago and he was at Harrison Arkansas the last time I seen him. He is as good as they make them with any kind of a Gun. He is a second cousin of the Barker brothers and pretty Smarth. I never seen him but three or four times. He was with Sam Lock Hart, the Last I knew of him.

Shorty Sellers was a pal of his to and I thank Seller is in dallas Texas, as Busby said he was the last he knew, it is thought by all these men in here that Fredie Bark & Doc and Vaughnly Davis and Vern. C. Miller did the killing in K. C. Station, and Bill Camel or Bill Calloway was the fifth man in it in Okla. They were talking all the time about using a machine Gun, and there is a man in K.C.K.O. By the name of Tamp Barnnet that Sells dope machine Gun and any thing a crimal needs.

Herman Clanton told John Busby, that Pd or Pert Clanton is married and has a child. I don't know the Girl name, but you can find out by looking at the Muskogee, Okla jail records for she were in there for 14 days on I.V.A on a murder that Clanton committed on Ford Bradshaw. Herman said Ford Bradshaw was the one that killed that boys at Muskogee, Okla.

Doctor and Fredie Parker have people living north of Siloam Springs, Arkansas.

If I could get a parole or a tempery for 15 days I could catch Clanton, I believe, and I would know any of them if I were to run on to them. I could go to Claude Reeds at Claremore Okla and I am sure he could get in connection with Clanton. He is a cousin to John Busby and John could write him a letter for me. I don't know him personal.

Herman Clanton's brother that lives at Vinita, Okla is going to leave there soon. I don't know where he is going, Herman didn't says.

I see the next parole Board and I wouldn't have any trouble of making it if you people will get Mr. Ralph Roder at Howard not to protest me. I will help you officers any way I can inside or out. I would like to be parole to some Federal officers if you folks thinks I would be of any help to you. there is a dozen places, I could visit and pick up information you would want.

I am at your service any time, for I have a wife and baby, that is getting more pushiment by Mr Roder keep me in here than I am myself. I will appreciate anything you people see fit to do for me. I am threw trying to beat the Laws. I would do my best as an officer and as I know so many why I would have a little advange on some people.

When Mr. Calhoun, Federal Agent, were up here to see me in June, why I told him about seeing Frank Nash at Ft. Smith, Arkansas, and that Nash told the fellow that were with me, that he was going to Hot Springs, but I learned later that he come to Joplin, as Busby said he saw him there, and that he stayed out in the country some where. Bailey told some one in here and they told John Busby about him Nash having the wigs and when Busby and I told Mr. Calhoun why he said he already knew that. Mr. Calhoun taking a hold over which was a bum rap and I told him who stole or takin the car and Busby did to. Johne Busby told him that himself and Ralph Jarret, stole the car and I didn't have anything to do with is.

Bob Brady told Frank Lane that a Mr. Farmer at Joplin, Mo. and Mrs. Frank Nash were sure mad at each other over $500.00 that Farmer had of Noshes and he wouldn't give it too Mrs. Frank Nash.

I believe, that Daily will tell all he know to Dave Brady & Clark if it came to a tite place for them or this is what Frank Lane told Herman Clanton and Clanton told me. If I were out I would get a job of work with Farmer or I would get aquainted with Mrs. Nash or one of them women that were with Miller in Chicago I know if I could why I could finally win their confidence and learn what you want to know. But I relize you people don't understand my side of the story. I hope this is some help to you. Let me know some time in regards to this please.

John Busby, convict, made the following statement:

"Volney Davis, Jr. and Freddie Barker may be around Neosho Mo. Aspulpha; Joplin, Miami or Wichita. they were friendly with Ray Terrell wife at Alpha I met Dock and Freddy between Joplin and Neosho just after Dock got out of McAlester it was in Sep. in 32. he was living at Neosho then and staying part time at Herb Farmers, near Colonel Park out from Joplin I believe they will get a line on them around Neosho Mo.

Nute and Ford Bradshaw will be found around Claremore. Chicken Smart is a friend of there. Nute is married and has a baby 6 months old and his wife is the girl they had in jail at Muskogee over that killing there. Nute and Ford done the shooting or watch Cleeve Clanton at Chelsea he visits his brother when he wants to send Herman any word. Joe is his alis but I don't know what other name he has. He visits Marion like some times or he may be around some of the Dens around Tallasee Okla.

These above mentioned parties will be again interviewed.

On January 10, 1934, convict Jim Lawson, alias J. C. Lawson, registration number 3909, was interviewed by this Agent and Agent Purley, of the Kansas City Office. He stated that he was recently sentenced from Independence, Kansas, to serve a term of from 20 to 40 years as a Habitual Criminal; that he had been apprehended in California on information furnished by his wife of a robbery he committed at Independence, Kansas, and had been returned to that city where he was tried in the State Courts, entering a plea of guilty to the charge. He admitted having a long criminal record but stated that since he had been an inmate of the Kansas State Penitentiary on this charge he has got to thinking the matter over and decided that he would quit; that when he got out of the Penitentiary after

serving this sentence he intended to go straight. He stated that he had information in his possession at this time relative to the shooting affair of Government officers at the Union Station, Kansas City, Missouri, which occurred on the morning of June 17, 1933, and stated that he was positive that he would be of great help in causing their apprehension if given an opportunity to do so.

Before making any further statements he was advised by this Agent in the presence of Agent Hurley that he had no authority to make any trade with him, particularly causing his release from the penitentiary, for any information that he might be able to furnish. He was further advised by Agents that he was well enough versed in the customs that any promise made by any employee of the United States Government, particularly an Agent of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, would not be binding in a matter of that kind. He stated that he understood very well that it was a matter that would have to be handled with the Governor of the State of Kansas, and that he thought at this time the Governor was in a receptive mood. He was informed that this matter would be taken up with the proper authorities. He then furnished the following information:

Convict Lawson stated that he had been engaged in the business of being a criminal for the greater part of his life and that during the course of these years he had come to know most of the criminals in this section of the country; knew the manner in which they operated and also the connections that they had. He also stated that he had gained the confidence of most of these "mobs" and that he was fairly well posted with their operations. In order to corroborate the above statements Lawson related to Agents his connections during the past four or five years. He stated that in 1932 he and his wife were living at Tulsa, Oklahoma, and that at that time he was living with Olen Roy Wright, alias Campbell, and a party by the name of Webb. That at that time they were living at Webb's home. Lawson stated that he had just effected the release of his wife from jail at Joplin, Missouri. In order to show the tendency of these criminals Lawson stated that this "mob" had ordered him to get rid of his wife in view of the fact that she was well acquainted with all of their movements, and that at some time she might talk. Lawson refused to comply with their request and left Webb's home.

Lawson then gave his version of the shooting at the Union Station at Kansas City June 17, 1933. He stated that he knew that Fred Barker, Doc Barker, Volney Davis and either Alvin Karpis or Harry Campbell were the participants, together with Vern Miller.

He stated that it was the intention of the above named "mob" to put Frank Nash on the spot. When asked why they had planned to kill Nash, he stated that Nash knew everything about the activities of these men and that they were afraid that in view of the fact that Nash was only being held on some small charge that he would attempt to effect his release from the authorities if he told what he knew, and that therefore they wanted to get him out of the way before he talked.

Agent Purland asked Lawson why Nash, who was sitting in the front seat of the automobile, had been killed and Special Agent Frank Smith, who was sitting in the rear seat in the logical position where a prisoner might be expected to be placed, was not harmed. He stated that only 20 people in the country could recognize Nash because of his changed appearance, wearing a toupee and a heavy mustache, but that these men knew Nash and consequently directed their fire to him. He further stated that when one of the police officers attempted to draw his gun they were forced to kill him, and also the other officer, who likewise attempted to draw his gun.

In order to show the connection between Frank Nash and the above mentioned criminals Lawson stated that Fred Barker and Frank Nash were the best of pals and that Nash was also quite friendly with the rest of this mob. He stated that when Doc Barker and Volney Davis were released from the State Penitentiary at Oklahoma they came directly to Fred Barker and then made contact with Frank Nash. According to Lawson, Fred Barker, Doc Barker, Volney Davis, and either Harpis or Campbell, together with Verne Miller, were either staying at Herb Farrar's home in Joplin, Missouri, or were staying at the residence of Vern Miller, in Kansas City, Missouri. Lawson further stated that this mob had a new connection in either Kansas City, Kansas, or Kansas City, Missouri, and it was at that time that plans for the massacre were made.

According to Lawson the above mentioned criminals are now hiding away in Canada near the Detroit line. He is convinced of the fact that they have changed their personal appearance and also have mutilated their finger tips so their fingerprints could not be made.

He was questioned particularly about all the above mentioned individuals and stated he knew all of them as he had served time with them. He was questioned particularly about Jerry Campbell, and stated he was unable to say where Campbell had served any time;

that he had been arrested and that both he and Campbell had been taken to the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, for safe keeping, but that Campbell got out, and as near as he can recall, sometime in 1932 Campbell disappeared for about five years and his whereabouts were unknown to anyone. He states Campbell never told anyone where he was. Lawson states he might have served time some place, but Campbell never said.

Lawson stated that this gang first had its inception about five or six years ago; that a convict by the name of Doyle, after having been released from the State Penitentiary, at Lansing, Kansas, was induced to go to Detroit where he met the "purple gang"; that it was the practice of this gang to solicit new members from convicts who were released from the State Penitentiary at Lansing; that convict Doyle in this manner met Fred Barker, and that the two of them became the ring leaders of this mob; that they became quite ambitious and after procuring machine guns began the business of robbing banks; that while in this business they became acquainted with Volney Davis, Harpis and Campbell.

Lawson stated that he was with Nash in Tulsa, Oklahoma, in 1932; that at that time he was on his way to Hot Springs, Arkansas; that it was his intention to make a connection with Nash's gang in Hot Springs in order to make some easy money. However, he stated that he got a wrong steer and was not able to make the proper connections. At that time he also saw Harry Campbell in Hot Springs, and that he likewise was trying to make a connection with Nash's gang. He was informed by Campbell that if he wanted to become a member of that outfit that he had to do what the bosses told him to and that Campbell told Lawson that the "bosses" were Frank Nash and Freddie Barker. Lawson, therefore, was unable to make this connection, but knew that Fred Barker, Doc Barker, Volney Davis and Alvin Harpis were members of this gang.

Agent Harland questioned Lawson closely as to whether or not Richard Tallmen Galatas was then connected with this gang in Hot Springs, Arkansas, and whether or not he was the brains of the outfit. Lawson stated that he personally did not know Galatas. However, he stated that there was what they call an "around the corner thief" who really controlled the mob. His interpretation of an "around the corner thief" was a man who did not actively participate in crimes but who was the pay-off man, who disposed of the loot and took care of the proper protection. Lawson stated that it was due to this ability on the part of the mob to have sufficient protection that comprised the inducement for men of

his type and of Campbell's type to solicit entrance into the mob.

Lawson was questioned as to his whereabouts at the time of the massacre and he stated that he was in California, but that he was in communication with events through the brother of Glen Roy Wright at Joplin, Missouri. He states that through the underworld grapevine he was informed of the Kansas City Massacre and knows definitely that the above named individuals were the perpetrators thereof. Prior to the shooting, Lawson states, Fred Barker, Doc Barker and Volney Davis were in Kansas City; that at that time they were in contact with a convict by the name of Bill Bennett, who is now serving time at the State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas (DO NOT MENTION THIS CONVICT'S NAME IN ANY REPORT). According to Lawson, Bennett had a visitor prior to the shooting and it is his impression that this visitor is an attorney from Leavenworth. He states that this mob, Fred Barker, Doc Barker, Volney Davis, Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, were getting ready to spring Bennett from the penitentiary; that at just this time the shooting occurred at the Union Station and Bennett was informed by his visitor that the mob had ducked out of town.

Lawson states that prior to the shooting Bennett had received $100.00 from this mob and on another occasion had received $50.00. (this will be verified at a later date as it was not deemed advisable to ask any questions or ask for any records from the record room while Convict Lawson was being interviewed).

Lawson further stated that a convict who is known as "Pale" Anderson, likewise received money from this mob and was in close contact with their operations. It should be noted that at this point, according to a statement made by Lawson, that convicts Bennett and Anderson are both employed in the Record Room at the State Penitentiary at Lansing, and that they are at all times aware of what transpires in the prison with regard to the keeping of records, and know what is doing and who the visitors are everywhere in the prison, excepting those that are visited in the Warden's front office. They are not able to get the records from that source. Lawson states that the convicts known as Anderson and Bill Bennett were anticipating Christmas gifts from this mob but that they were not forthcoming because of the fact that the mob did not take the chance of sending anything to the prison.

According to Lawson, penitentiary gossip has it that Alvin Karpis was thrown in a lime kiln in 1933 in Chicago, Illinois, but he has never been able to verify this fact.

Lawson states that Volney Davis comes from Tulsa, Oklahoma, and that at one time Lawson was a pal of his. According to Lawson, Davis served time at Granite and McAlester on a mail robbery charge; that at the present time he is about 28 or 29 years of age.

In 1931 Doc Barker, Ray Terrell and Shorty Williams were arrested and while enroute to the jail at Stillwater, Oklahoma, they effected their escape from Federal authorities; that at that time they were being held on a mail robbery charge. He further stated that while Doc Barker was doing time at Oklahoma that there was a Federal Hold Order on him, but that it was lifted for reasons unknown to him. (Note: See Oklahoma City Post Office records as to why the stop was taken off.) Lawson was able to furnish this information by reason of the fact he was employed in the record room of the State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, and is an expert fingerprint man.

Shorty Williams, according to Lawson, received a ten year sentence to be served at McAlester, Oklahoma, and Lawson does not know whether or not he is still incarcerated there. Lawson states he saw Doc Barker in Neosho, Missouri, in the latter part of 1932, and at that time Doc Barker was driving his own car and was staying at Herb Farmer's place near Joplin, Missouri. Lawson stated that he, himself, visited Farmer's place in November of 1932 but at that time nobody was at home. Lawson states that while he knows definitely that the two Barkers and Volney Davis were in Kansas City just prior to the massacre, he is not certain about Alvin Karpis or Campbell, but knows that one of the two was present and that they had been at Miller's house.

Agent Farland questioned Lawson as to the recent killing of Verne Miller and asked why Miller had been placed on the "spot". According to Lawson Miller was killed because he knew who had pulled the job at the Union Station and the mob became afraid of the fact that if Miller was ever apprehended he might talk, and furthermore, Miller was an "ex-copper" and could not be trusted by the underworld, their theory being that "Once a 'copper', always a 'copper'".

Agent Farland questioned Lawson as to his knowledge of Bernard Phillips and whether or not he knew that Bernard Phillips had recently been "put on the spot". Lawson stated that he did not know of this fact, but that if it did occur the reason for it was that the same mob had "put him on the spot" because of the fact that he, Phillips, was an "ex-copper" from St. Louis, and had formerly been

a protection man for the "Egan Rats".

Agent Farland questioned Lawson as to his knowledge of one Jess Doyle. Lawson stated that Doyle was down around Hot Springs, Arkansas, and that he had formerly served time with Nash, Doc Barker and Volney Davis. Jess Doyle, according to Lawson, was quite intimate with Frank Nash. He was unable to say whether or not Jess Doyle took part in the shooting at the Union Station in Kansas City.

Lawson again stated that all of this mob at one time or another hung around Tom Hills place and Wick Karnes place near Coffeyville, Kansas. Lawson states that Harry Campbell is now wanted for murder at Tulsa, Oklahoma. According to Lawson, Campbell is still at large and is probably in the locality of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Lawson states that Volney Davis has a great deal of affection for his mother and would probably attempt to get in contact with her.

With regard to the Barker family, Lawson states that Herman Barker, one of the brothers, committed suicide in 1927 at Topeka, Kansas. Doc Barker, according to Lawson, keeps in contact with his father, whom he favors more than he does his mother; but that on the other hand Fred Barker favors his mother. The father, George K. Barker, lives at Neosho, Missouri.

The records at the penitentiary reflect that Jess Doyle, convict number 9645, had been corresponding with Mr. Tom Hill, South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, Box 56; that he had also been corresponding with Miss Catherine Karnes, Box 71, Coffeyville, Kansas.

The records at the Federal Penitentiary reflect that Convict James Lawson, number 29072, corresponded with the following while serving a sentence in that institution:

Mrs. Ruby Lawson, wife, 406 No. Cherry St., Tulsa, Okla.
Mr. Leo Lawson, brother, 205 Third St., San Francisco, Calif.
Miss Alva McArthur, half-sister, Chico, Calif.
Mrs. L.A.McArthur, mother, box 364, Chico, Calif.
Mrs. L. A. McArthur, new address, 849 Gaugh St., San Francisco, California.
Mr. Clifford Lawes, friend, 1424 Byers St., Joplin, Mo.
Mr. Michael George, friend, Wilton, Okla.
Miss Bertha Bennyhill, friend, box 1407, Tulsa, Okla.

The records of the Kansas State Penitentiary reflect that convict Alvin Harpis, Register number 1[illegible] corresponded with the following:

John Karpis, father, 3010 Addison St., Chicago, Ill.
Mrs. Anna Karpis, mother, same address.
Mrs. F. E. Newborne, sister, 1108 No. Francis St., Chicago, Ill.
Mrs. R. Vamute, 1821 west Grand, Chicago, Ill.
Amelia Grooms, sister, 1234 No. Monroe, Topeka, Ka.

The records of the Kansas State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas, reflect that Virgil Love, alias Joe Howard, alias Verl Love, alias Earl Wilson, alias Pearlie, convict number 6524, also registration number 27845 Federal Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, correspended with the following:

Ad Love, father, 3005 Poplar St., K.C.Mo.

The record also shows that this Subject served a sentence at Booneville, Missouri, Jefferson City, Missouri, registration number 3071 that institution.

Respectfully submitted:

A. B. FARLEY
SPECIAL AGENT

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

A review of the file in the case entitled Vernon C. Miller, with aliases, Deceased, Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner, discloses that considerable attention is being given at the present time to locating FRED BARKER, ALVIN KARPIS, ARTHUR BARKER, VOLNEY DAVIS and HARRY CAMPBELL, the first two having been considered as suspects from the beginning of this investigation in view of their close association with Frank Nash, Francis L. Keating, Thomas Holden and Vernon C. Miller, as hereinafter related.

In this connection, the first report submitted in this case, which is the report of Special Agent in Charge R. E. Vetterli, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, June 26, 1933, reflected that Special Agent in Charge George Harvey obtained from the Warden of the Kansas State Penitentiary photographs of Fred Barker, #9836 and Alvin Karpis, #1539, which photographs were associated with the photographs of many other suspects and exhibited to the witnesses.

During the early stages of this investigation the witnesses examined these photographs and, based upon the results of these examinations, identification orders were prepared and issued by the Division on a selected group which, of course, did not include Fred Barker or Alvin Karpis.

The report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, December 27, 1933, reflects that on November 26, 1933 Deputy Warden Graham of the Kansas State Penitentiary, together with Mr. L. A. Laws, Guard at that institution, personally appeared at the Kansas City Office to furnish information which they considered of utmost importance to this Division. Mr. Laws informed Agent Trainor that a confidential informant, [redacted]

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b7D [redacted] who was a lifelong friend of the deceased Frank Nash, approached Guard Lers on November 25th very excitedly and in a "white heat", and stated that he had secured information through James Lawson, #3903, to the effect that Fred Barker, Lloyd "Doc" Barker, one Volley or Volney Davis, and Harry Campbell alias Dave Campbell had committed the Kansas City murders.

James Lawson was arrested at San Francisco on September 14, 1933 and because of his known association with the Barkers and Karpis he was questioned thoroughly by Special Agent William J. Ramsey, as reflected in the report of that Agent dated at San Francisco, California, September 19, 1933, but on that occasion Lawson insisted that he had been in San Francisco for approximately one year preceding his arrest.

The names of Volney Davis and Harry Campbell entered this investigation for the first time when mentioned in the report of Special Agent Trainor. The others, of course, have been kept in mind throughout this investigation, and I have been advised by Mr. Coffey of the Identification Unit that wanted notices were placed on all of these individuals on January 19, 1934, pursuant to the request of the Kansas City Office in a letter dated January 13, 1934.

The only evidence in possession of the Division at this time indicating the presence of the Barkers or Karpis at Kansas City on June 17, 1933 is the statement made by the informant now serving a life sentence in the Kansas State Penitentiary. Their photographs have been viewed by witnesses in this case without being even partially identified.

From a review of the Keating, Holden and Nash investigation, Division file 76-585, the following information was obtained:

Fred Barker was born and reared in the vicinity of Neosho, Missouri. He started his early criminal life at Tulsa, Oklahoma and is well known to the police of that city. Both Barker and Karpis are wanted for the murder of Sheriff Kelly at West Plains, Missouri in December, 1931. Wanted notices were placed in the Identification Unit of the Division on January 2, 1932. It appears that Fred Barker and Karpis, accompanied by Kate or Katherine Barker, mother of the Barkers, approached

a filling station in West Plains, Missouri, and because of his suspicions Sheriff Kelly began questioning them, at which time they drew guns and opened fire upon him. After this killing it was learned by the Tulsa Police Department that Barker and Karpis had been associated with a criminal attorney named J. Earl Smith, with offices at Tulsa, Oklahoma. After the Fort Scott bank robbery Smith was found to have turned in two bonds in the denomination of $1,000 to Fenner and Beane, brokers at Tulsa, Oklahoma, and a check of these bonds by the American Bankers Association revealed that they were stolen from the bank at Fort Scott, Kansas. This robbery occurred on June 17, 1932 (?). Smith, upon being questioned by the authorities, stated that he had received the bonds from a man named Dunlop, and Dunlop when questioned claimed that he had been given the bonds by Fred Barker and that he, Dunlop, was residing with Barker's mother, known to him as Kate.

After Smith was questioned by the authorities at Tulsa, Barker and his associates became apprehensive and, accompanied by his mother, Karpis and Dunlop, Barker moved to Minnesota, where they resided in a cabin on Bear Lake.

Investigation after the apprehension of Francis L. Keating and Thomas Holden, at Kansas City on July 7, 1932, disclosed that Fred Barker alias F. G. Ward, Alvin Karpis alias George Dunn, and Kate Barker, as Mrs. Arthur F. Hunter, occupied an apartment in the Longfellow Apartments, 4804 Jefferson Street, Kansas City, Missouri, from May 12, 1932 to July 5, 1932, thereafter moving to 414 West 46th Terrace, Kansas City, Missouri and remained two days, hurriedly departing from Kansas City on July 7, 1932, the day Keating and Holden were apprehended.

In the further search for Frank Nash, it was ascertained by the St. Paul Office, as reflected in the report of Special Agent J. D. Glass, dated November 1, 1932, that for about three months prior to April 25, 1932 Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker and Fred Barker's mother and the latter's paramour or husband, Dunlop, who used the alias of George Anderson, lived in a house at 1031 South Robert Street in West St. Paul, Minnesota, and that the owner of this house, who resided nearby at 1035 South Robert Street, became suspicious and noticed that Karpis and Barker, upon leaving the house or returning to it, each carried a violin case. She told her son Nick Hannegrath, who resided with her, of her suspicions and after closely observing these people he identified them as being Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker, whose photo-

graphs he had seen in a detective magazine as being wanted for the murder of the Sheriff at West Plains, Missouri. At about 1 A.M. on April 25, 1932 he reported the presence of Karpis and Barker to Chief of Police Ryan and Police Inspector James Crumley, of St. Paul, advising them that Karpis and Barker were asleep in the house at 1031 South Robert Street. The St. Paul Police Department, for some unexplained reason, delayed going to the house until 8 A.M. the following morning, and it appears that one hour prior to the arrival of the police the occupants of the house packed their belongings and hurriedly departed. The following day the body of Dunlop alias George Anderson was found on the shore of Lake Frenstad, near Webster, Wisconsin. The body was stripped of its clothing and showed that Dunlop had been shot three times at close range. Not far from the body, on a highway, there was found a bloodsmeared woman's glove.

On April 28, 1932 Mayor Mahoney of St. Paul, in campaigning for election, made a speech in which he charged that the St. Paul Police Department had tipped Barker and Karpis off so that they could make their escape.

After the apprehension of Keating and Holden, at Kansas City, the Kansas City Office, under date of July 11, 1932, sent a telegram to St. Louis, which in turn was relayed to Chicago and then to the St. Paul Office advising that "INDIVIDUALS IDENTIFIED AS FRED BARKER ALIAS F G WARD ALIAS TED MURPHY ALIAS J DARROWS AND ALVIN KARPIS ALIAS GEORGE DUNN ALIAS R E HAMILTON WANTED FOR MURDER OF SHERIFF WEST PLAINS MISSOURI DECEMBER LAST RESIDED LOCAL APARTMENTS (Kansas City) WITH WOMAN USING NAME MRS ARTHUR F HUNTER ALIAS KATE WHO POSED AS MOTHER LEFT KANSAS CITY JULY SEVENTH AFTER APPREHENSION KEATING AND HOLDEN STOP INDICATION NASH VISITED THESE PARTIES HERE STOP REPORTED DRIVING AUBURN SEDAN (Description set out) MISSOURI LICENSE NUMBER FIVE EIGHT EIGHT NAUGHT ONE FOUR AND CHEVROLET COUPE ILLINOIS LICENSE ONE NAUGHT TWO TWO EIGHT NINE ONE (Descriptions of above individuals set out)".

Further investigation by Special Agent Glass, as reflected in his report dated November 1, 1932, disclosed that on July 9, 1932 three men and a woman approached Mr. and Mrs. J. Lambert, an aged couple who resided at Wahtomedi, a summer resort on White Bear Lake, near White Bear Mountain, and arranged to rent one of the two large summer homes owned by Mr. and Mrs. Lambert. Mr. and Mrs. Lambert have positively identified the photographs of Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker and Mrs. Kate Barker as being those of the occupants of the summer home. The Lamberts also advised that these individuals were driving an Auburn sedan bearing Missouri license #588-014, identical with the above

described car. The Lamberts also advised that a third man resided with the above individuals but when shown a photograph of Frank Nash they could not positively identify it as being a likeness of this third man. They stated that they saw very little of him and that he never talked to them but kept out of sight most of the time, although the general description furnished fitted Nash. The Lamberts stated that negotiations were conducted by Fred Barker, that they took the group through the house, and they agreed to rent it for a period of three months, and that Alvin Karpis made an advance payment of $500 in cash and moved in on July 10, 1932, at which time they stated that they had been stopping at the Lowry Hotel in St. Paul. The woman stated her name was Mrs. A. S. Hunter and that the three men were her sons.

They occupied the house until August 12, 1932, departing on that date around 11:30 A.M. Upon their departure Alvin Karpis stated that they were giving up the place to go visit and live with some friend who had recently visited them. During their stay at White Bear Lake they were visited by many persons in high-powered and expensive automobiles, who usually came very late at night and slept through the morning, generally, leaving in the early afternoon. On two or three different occasions all of the occupants of the house were gone for two or more nights at a time. Mr. Lambert made a note of the Missouri license number 588-014, but did not succeed in obtaining the license numbers of other cars that appeared, although because of their suspicious actions he made an effort to do so.

It further appears that on August 12, 1932 at about 11 A.M., shortly before their departure from the house, two strange men, who parked their car on the highway, came to the house and spoke to Karpis and it is indicated that the message which these two men brought caused the hurried departure of Karpis and the others.

The records of the telephone company reflect that a telephone was installed in the house on July 15th and disconnected on August 15, 1932, and that during this period frequent calls were made to the Hollyhocks Inn, Emerson 2121, Herb's Garage, 305 West 4th Street, St. Paul Hotel, Cedar 4100, St. Francis Hotel, Cedar 9660, L. M. Peifer (brother of Jack Peifer), Dentist, 2056½ Marshall Avenue, Midway 6274, and residence of Gladys and Violet Harrington, Cedar 0988, all of the above being located in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Nothing further was heard of Karpis, et al., until May 26, 1933, when a man and a woman using the name of Mr. and Mrs. J. Stanley Smith, in response to an advertisement placed in a local paper by James P. McLaren, approached McLaren with a view to renting a two-story frame dwelling at 204 Vernon Avenue, St. Paul for the months of June, July, August and September, at the rent of $45.00 per month, the house being completely furnished. The parties renting the house inquired of Mr. McLaren regarding telephone and other utility services, and it was agreed that the water, gas, electricity and telephone services should remain in the name of McLaren, the tenants paying McLaren for the services as he was billed. The rental was paid by the woman in advance, and when renting the house gave as references: Doctor N. C. Martensen, 306 Bremer Arcade, St. Paul and Thomas J. Newman, attorney-at-law, Commerce Building, St. Paul.

The Smiths took possession of the house on May 27, 1933, and at the suggestion of Mrs. McLaren, Mr. McLaren copied the license numbers of the cars in which the Smiths arrived at the Vernon Avenue address: 1930 Chevrolet Sedan - 1933 Minnesota license #B-14839, and 1931 Essex Terraplane Sedan, 1933 Missouri license #157309.

At the time the McLarens were questioned by Agents of the St. Paul Office, a group of photographs of the suspects in this case were exhibited to them and they pondered over the photographs of Karpis and Barker, but were unable to make any definite statement. However, when Mrs. Frances Nash, wife of Frank Nash was questioned by Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley, she identified the individuals who were living at 204 Vernon Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota on the occasion of her visit there during June, 1933, as Fred Barker, Lloyd Barker and Alvin Karpis.

A latent fingerprint taken from beer bottles found at this address and submitted by the St. Paul Police Department, has been identified as a fingerprint of Frank Nash. It does not appear that other latent prints taken from the beer bottles were ever submitted.

Special Agent O. G. Hall, as reflected in his report dated July 27, 1933, was advised by John Tierney, Chief of the Identification Division and Chief of Police Thomas Deyhill, St. Paul Police Department, that all the bottles found at 204 Vernon Avenue were examined for fingerprints, but the only one on which any fingerprints were found contained

the fingerprints of Frank Nash, which bottle is being preserved by the St. Paul Police Department.

As reflected in the report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, July 3, 1933, Special Agents J. L. Flood and R. C. Coulter interviewed J. Glen Harrison, Assistant Editor of the St. Paul Dispatch-Pioneer Press on June 20, 1933, who stated that he had received information through a confidential source, whose identity he did not divulge, that the persons residing at 204 Vernon Avenue, St. Paul, were acting very suspicious; that they would not admit anyone to the house, including, the iceman, the milkman and on one occasion the repairman, who had called to repair a gas stove; that the repairman was finally admitted after calling at the premises four different times and on that occasion was escorted by a man who would not permit him to get out of his sight while in the house; that these individuals left 204 Vernon Avenue, Thursday, June 15, 1933, and were gone until 11:30 P.M., the following Sunday night, June 18, 1933, and after that time it was believed, but not definitely established, that they again left the house leaving the lights burning, and did not return until 2:00 A.M. on June 20, 1933.

Mr. Harrison further advised that he reported the matter at 11:30 P.M. on June 19, 1933 to Chief of Police Thomas Deyhill, and on the following morning to County Attorney Mike Kinkead, but he did not believe that they were making much investigation, and so consequently reported the matter to the St. Paul Division Office.

Harry Kirchoff, Clerk at the Cregel and Decker Drug Store, South Snelling Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, when interviewed by Special Agent R. L. Nalls, advised that his records disclosed that on June 15, 1933 he delivered a case of Blatz beer at 204 Vernon Avenue, and on June 17, 1933, the woman residing at this address ordered a half case of Blatz beer and a half case of Hamm beer which he delivered to this address.

Chief of Police Deyhill, when interviewed by Special Agent Flood, advised that upon receipt of the information from Mr. Harrison, of the Dispatch-Pioneer Press, he sent several detectives, including

Ed Fitzgerald and Tom Jensen to the house at 204 Vernon Avenue on June 19, 1933, around 12:00 midnight, and the detectives reported to him that no one was found at the house; that detectives Fitzgerald and Jensen returned with about one-half dozen brown, empty, quart size Ingesser beer bottles from the premises, which they turned over to John J. Tierney, in charge of the Fingerprint Division of the St. Paul Police Department.

Chief Dephill on the occasion of this interview appeared somewhat reluctant to have Agents interview the detectives who worked on the case, and it is indicated in the memorandum submitted by Special Agent Flood, appearing in the report of Special Agent Trainor, dated Kansas City, July 3, 1933, that Special Agent Hall would later interview the detectives in a discreet manner.

Agent Flood interviewed Mr. Tierney, who advised that the above mentioned beer bottles were given to him for examination for latent prints; that he suspected the individuals residing at the Vernon Avenue address as possibly being connected with the Hamm Kidnaping Case, and that it had occurred to him that Frank Nash was possibly one of the kidnapers. Mr. Tierney furnished Agent Flood with two photostatic copies of three latent fingerprints found on one of the beer bottles which he examined. Mr. Tierney advised that the latent fingerprint encircled by an ink marking was the right thumb print of Frank Nash. As to the other two latent prints, Mr. Tierney furnished no information.

Mr. Tierney requested Agent Flood to forward the latent right thumb print of Nash to the Division, together with two copies of the other two prints found on the beer bottle. In this connection the records of the St. Paul Police Department reflect that William Hamm was kidnaped at St. Paul on June 15, 1933; $100,000 ransom was paid on June 19, 1933, and forty-eight hours after the peyment Hamm was released.

It will be noted from the above that taking into consideration the admissions made by Mrs. Nash to Special Agent in Charge Brantley to the effect that the occupants at 204 Vernon Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, were the Barker brothers and Alvin Karpis, it would appear improbable, but not impossible, for the same individuals to

also be at Kansas City on the morning of June 17, 1933, when the Kansas City massacre took place.

There is attached to this memorandum a photostat of a group of photographs, including Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker, which were used during the course of the above investigation.

Immediately after the shooting at Kansas City, Special Agents W. F. Trainor and H. D. Bray interviewed Chief of Detectives Portley and Detective L. H. Van deVenter of the Joplin, Missouri, Police Department, and were advised that Herbert Farmer is a close friend of Fred Barker, Harry Campbell and Glenn Wright; that Farmer had frequently harbored these individuals at his place at Joplin; that Fred Barker was raised by Farmer's mother and at one time was employed by Farmer as a cab driver.

On June 23, 1933, Special Agents H. E. Andersen and B. R. Allen, while conducting investigation at Hot Springs, Arkansas, exhibited the photographs of Alvin Karpis and others as suspects in this case to Sam Watt, who identified Karpis as being a frequenter with Harvey Bailey at the Belvedere Club.

After the apprehension of Herbert Farmer, he was interviewed on July 14, 1933 by Special Agent Brantley, at the County Jail, Kansas City Missouri, at which time he was questioned concerning his knowledge of Fred Barker and admitted that he was very well acquainted with him. He advised that he had known Fred Barker and his brothers "Doc" and Herman, the latter now dead, all their lives, and that about 1920, while operating a taxi line at Picher, Oklahoma, he hired Fred Barker as a cab driver. He denied that Barker was related to him, but stated that his mother had taken care of him as a boy. He also stated that Barker has acquired a bad reputation, and is known as a "killer"; that Barker is frequently accompanied by Alvin Karpis, and that the two of them had frequently been to his home.

When first questioned concerning Barker, Farmer appeared to manifest considerable interest and made the remark, seemingly to himself, "I wonder if Barker could be associated with Verne Miller." It was apparent to Agent Brantley that he did not want to become known as a "squeeler" and the inference is that he was attempting

in an indirect way to advance the theory that Fred Barker was in some manner connected with Verne Miller and involved in the Kansas City shooting.

Farmer was again questioned by Agent Brantley on July 14, 1933, when Farmer voluntarily brought up the name of Barker by asking Agent Brantley the direct question - "Was Barker mixed up in the killing at the Union Station"? Farmer was not given an answer to this question, but was asked if in his judgment he thought Barker capable of participating in such a crime, and Farmer replied - "Yes, he is a murderer."

In the report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, dated Kansas City, Missouri, July 28, 1933, on page 33, reference is made to the memorandum of Special Agents Harold Andersen and Bruce Nathan, wherein it is stated that "Barker and Karpis have been prominent suspects in this case heretofore, and are known to be henchmen (especially Barker) of Herbert A. Farmer."

In the report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, dated Kansas City, Missouri, August 11, 1933, on page 10, wherein the Chicago Office is requested to conduct certain investigation, the following paragraph is noted:

> "It is noted in the statement recently made by Mrs. Nash that the Barker brothers, Fred and "Doc", whose real name is presumed to be Arthur R. Barker, have connections in Chicago, Illinois, and are probably still there. As an aid to the Chicago Office, photographs of Fred Barker and Arthur Barker are enclosed herein. Arthur R. Barker's photograph was taken in 1920, by the Joplin, Missouri, Police Department, when he was nineteen years of age, and therefore same is probably not an exact likeness at this time."

Under date of August 19, 1933, the Chicago Office, in running out the above investigation, forwarded a special delivery letter to the St. Louis Office of the Division requesting that investigation be conducted with respect to the Barker brothers and Karpis.

A second letter dated September 14, 1933, was sent by the Chicago Office to the St. Louis Office requesting that certain investigation be made in the vicinity of the 3600 block of Belmar Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri. The following paragraph is taken from this letter:

> "It has definitely been established that Helen Ferguson is an associate of Kate (mother) Barker, and that this contact should be watched closely. The Barker brothers and Alvin Karpis, all of whom are wanted for murder, may be located and apprehended. Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis were associates of Keating, Holden, Nash, Bailey, Miller and Phillips. When Harvey Bailey was recently apprehended at Ardmore, Oklahoma after his escape from the Dallas County Jail, it was reported that several strange men left Ardmore hurriedly by automobile, and that some of these men were carrying violin cases. During the Keating and Holden investigation at St. Paul, Minnesota, Agents of the St. Paul Office established that Karpis and Barker, while residing there, caused suspicions in the neighborhood in which they resided on account of their frequently carrying violin cases".

The investigation requested was made by the St. Louis Office, as reflected in the report of Special Agent M. B. Rhodes, dated at St. Louis, Missouri, September 25, 1933, without results:

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At the present time Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley and Special Agent Harold Andersen are devoting their entire time to locating and causing the apprehension of subject Richard Tellman Galatas, Identification Order #1201, who is directly responsible for engineering the Kansas City massacre. In the meantime Special Agent W. F. Trainor has reviewed the file in this case at the Kansas City Office, with particular attention being paid to Arthur P. Barker, #11906, Volney Davis, #12808, and Harry Campbell, #11056, all of the State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, and Fred Barker, #9836 and Alvin Karpis, #1539, of the State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas.

The report of Special Agent Trainor, submitted in the case entitled Vernon C. Miller, with aliases, deceased, et al., Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner, dated December 27, 1933, at Kansas City, Missouri, makes reference to the following reports:

AGENT	OFFICE	DATE
W. F. Trainor	Kansas City, Missouri	July 15, 1933
W. F. Trainor	Kansas City, Missouri	August 11, 1933
O. G. Hall	St. Paul, Minnesota	August 27, 1933
William R. Ramsey,Jr.	San Francisco, California	September 19, 1933
R. C. Suran	Kansas City, Missouri	September 22, 1933
O. G. Hall	St. Paul, Minnesota	December 7, 1933

and makes reference to the following reports submitted in the case entitled Frank Nash, with aliases, Fugitive, Escaped Federal Prisoner:

F. S. Dunn	Dallas, Texas	June 12, 1933
Raymond J. Caffrey	Kansas City, Missouri	July 29, 1932
S. P. Cowley	Chicago, Illinois	October 12, 1932
John D. Glass	St. Paul, Minnesota	November 1, 1932

Copies of the report of Special Agent Trainor were furnished the Oklahoma City Office, Dallas Office, and the San Francisco Office, directing undeveloped leads to those offices, as well as suggesting investigation in the district covered by the Kansas City Office.

Upon reviewing the report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, it was noted that the Kansas City Office was requesting photographic copies of fingerprints of the above named suspects, and I communicated with Mr. Rice, at the Identification Unit, who was acting in the absence of Mr. Coffey, who advised that he was in receipt of the Kansas City letter dated December 29, 1933, requesting the photographic copies of the fingerprints, and I requested that he read me the names of the subjects listed therein. I noted that no request had been made for photographic copies of the fingerprints of Fred Barker, and instructed him to have photographic copies also prepared of the print

of this individual and furnish the Kansas City Office with the photographs of each of the above suspects, which was accordingly done.

The Division letter dated January 13, 1934, prepared in the Identification Unit, contains this paragraph -

> "In accordance with the suggestion made by Mr. Newby, of the Division, there are also transmitted photographic copies of the fingerprint card of Fred Barker, Kansas State Penitentiary #9336."

The following criminal records on the above suspects appear in the files of the Identification Unit:

FRED BARKER

As Fred Barker, #---, arrested Police Department, Miami, Oklahoma, September 5, 1922, charge investigation; no disposition.

As Fred Barker, #3204, arrested Police Department, Tulsa, Oklahoma, October 5, 1922, charge vagrancy; sentence 30 days city jail.

As Fred Barker, #4079, received State Reformatory Granite, Oklahoma, June 23, 1923, crime conjoint robbery; sentence five years.

As J. Darrows, #293, arrested Police Department, Okmulgee, Oklahoma, December 19, 1925; charge investigation — bank robbery.

As Fred Barker, #3575, arrested Police Department, Little Rock, Arkansas, date not given; fingerprinted May 23, 1926; charge fugitive from justice.

As F. G. Ward, #---, arrested Police Department, Ponca City, Oklahoma, July 25, 1926, charge burglary; no disposition.

As Ted Murphy, #---, arrested Police Department, Winfield, Kansas, November 8, 1926; charge burglary and larceny; no disposition.

As Fred Barker, #9336, received State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, March 12, 1927; crime burglary, 2nd degree; sentence five to 10 years.

As Fred Barker, #3204, arrested Police Department, Tulsa, Oklahoma, June 10, 1931, charge investigation - burglary, car theft, fugitive; no disposition.

As Fred Barker, #293, arrested Police Department, Okmulgee, Oklahoma, June 10, 1931, charge burglary; turned over to county.

The following notations appear on the record:

"Admits being shot in Kansas City, Missouri, while attempting to get away from officers;
Admits being arrested twice in Tulsa, Oklahoma, for being drunk (As on print #4079).
Admits being arrested at Tulsa, Oklahoma for car theft — states case still pending (As on print #4709).
Now out on $10,000 bond (As on print #---, Police Department, Miami, Oklahoma).
WANTED: As Fred Barker for murder; notify Police Department and Sheriff's Office, West Plains, Missouri; per information received January 2, 1932; also notify Superintendent, Bureau of Identification, Tulsa, Oklahoma. STILL WANTED April, 1932. STILL WANTED per information received May 12, 1932.
This person was published as a fugitive in the monthly bulletin for January, 1933, issued by this Division."

ALVIN KARPIS

As Alvin Karpis, #7071, received State Industrial Reformatory, Hutchinson, Kansas, February 25, 1926, crime burglary, 2nd degree; sentence ten years; escaped March 9, 1929; returned March 25, 1930.

As Raymond Radley, #17902, arrested Police Department, Kansas City, Missouri, March 23, 1930; charge larceny of auto and safe blower. No disposition.

As Alvin Karpis, #7071, received State Industrial Reformatory, Hutchinson, Kansas, March 25, 1930, crime esceped convict.

As Alvin Karpis, #1539, received State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, May 19, 1930 - transferred from State Industrial Reformatory; crime burglary, 2nd degree; sentence five to ten years.

As George Haller, #8033, arrested Police Department, Tulsa, Oklahoma, June 10, 1931, charge investigation - burglary; no disposition.

As A. Korpis, #1609, arrested Police Department, Okmulgee, Oklahoma, June 10, 1931, charge burglary; turned over to county; no disposition.

The following notations appear on the record:

"Has a number of former arrests against him (As on print #7071);
Three jail sentences in Florida, for vagrancy;
WANTED as Alvin Karpis for murder; notify Sheriff's Office and Police Department, West Plains, Missouri, per information received January 2, 1932; also notify Superintendent, Bureau of Identification, Tulsa, Oklahoma. STILL WANTED April, 1932; STILL WANTED per information received May 12, 1932; WANTED as Alvin Karpis, robbery (State Bank), Ihlen, Minnesota, June 9, 1933. (Notify Sheriff's Office, Pipestone, Minnesota and State Bureau, St. Paul, Minnesota, per information received June 12, 1933.")

ARTHUR BARKER

As Arthur Barker, #841, Police Department, Tulsa

Oklahoma, arrested July 14, 1918; charge larceny of United States property - auto; no disposition.

As Doc Barker, #1740, Police Department, Joplin, Missouri, arrested February 19, 1920; charge jail breaking - escaped from county jail, Tulsa, Oklahoma; returned to Tulsa, Oklahoma.

As Claud Dale, #322, Police Department, Muskogee, Oklahoma, arrested January 15, 1921, charge attempted bank burglary; turned over to Wagoner County, Oklahoma.

As Bob Barker, #11059, State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, received January 30, 1921; safekeeping for robbery.

As Dock Barker, #11906, State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, received February 19, 1922, charge murder; life sentence. Paroled September 10, 1932.

VOLNEY DAVIS

As Volney Davis, #1025, received Police Department, Tulsa, Oklahoma, from Kansas City, Missouri, where he was arrested February 5, 1919, charge Grand Larceny; turned over to Tulsa County.

As Volney Davis, alias V. E. Davis, #9849, received State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, September 28, 1919, from Tulsa, Oklahoma, crime Grand Larceny; sentence three years.

As Volney Davis, #12303, received State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, February 3, 1923, from Tulsa, Oklahoma; crime murder; sentence life. Escaped January 8, 1925, returned January 25, 1925. On November 3, 1932 was granted leave of absence to July 1, 1933. On June 30, 1933, leave extended to July 1, 1934.

HARRY CAMPBELL

The records of the Identification Bureau, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Police Department, reflect that -

Harry Campbell, as Harry Campbell, arrested Police Department, Tulsa, Oklahoma, December 25, 1920, charge investigation; fined $19.00 and costs.

As Harry Campbell, #11056, received State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, January 30, 1920, from Lincoln County, Oklahoma; crime bank robbery — held for safekeeping.

As Harry Campbell, #9420, arrested Sheriff's Office, Tulsa, Oklahoma, April 29, 1932, charge burglary; disposition not given.

In considering the issuance of Identification Orders on the above named subjects, it is suggested that this procedure be followed:

That the issuance of the Identification Orders be held in abeyance until the apprehension of Subject Galatas has been effected and by issuing the Identification Orders incidental to his apprehension would indicate to these suspects that Galatas "had talked". This, in all probability, would result in the above named suspects seeking Galatas, after his release on bond, to deal with him privately — this, in the event they are not apprehended in the meantime. It is to be noted in this connection that none of the above suspects have ever been mentioned as such in the press.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby

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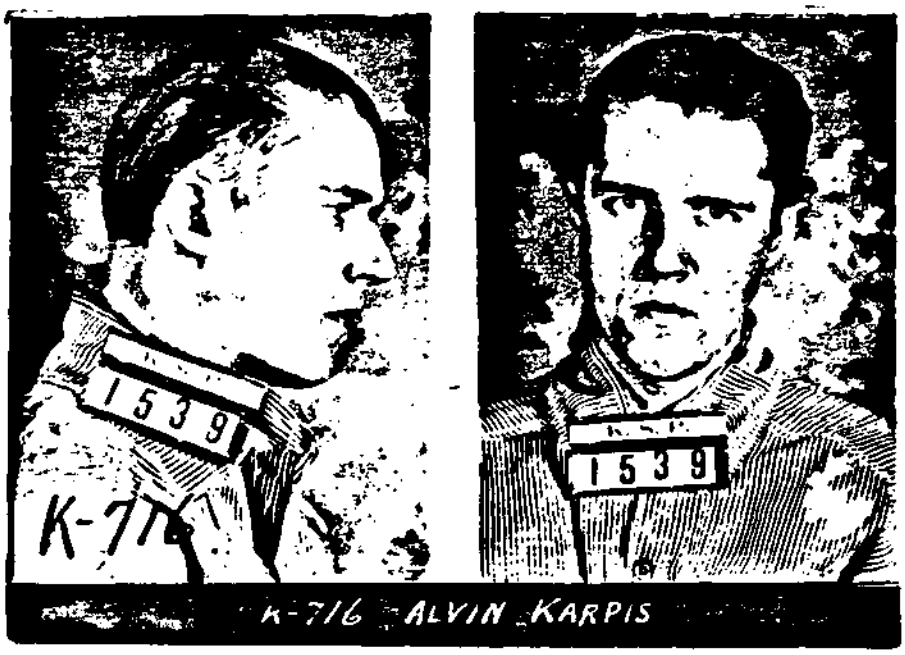
K-724
K-724 FRED BARKER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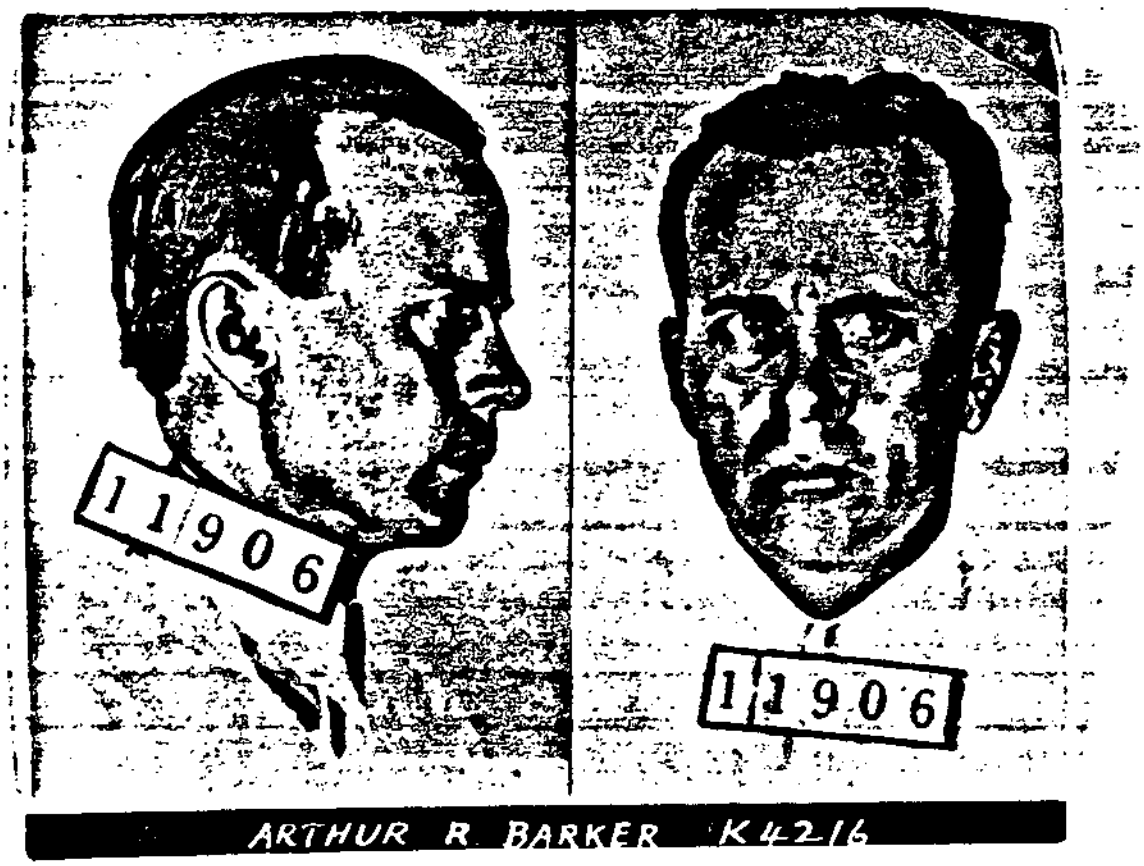

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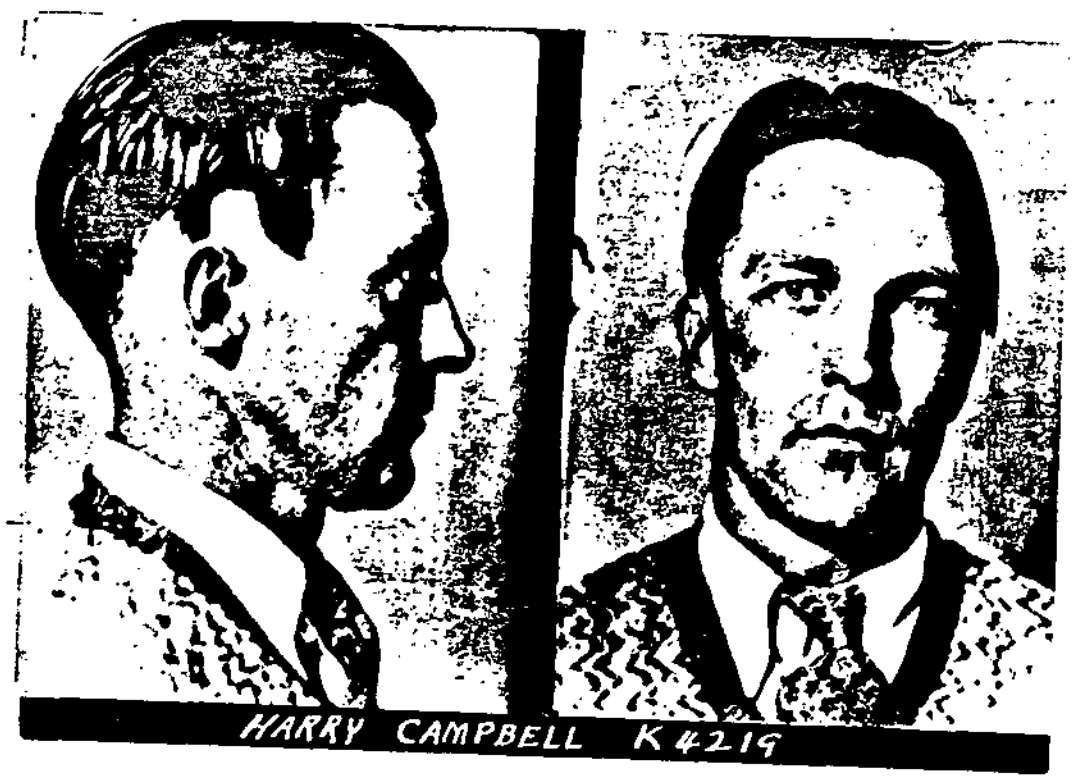

HARRY CAMPBELL K4219

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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February 18, 1934.

MR. NATHAN .....
MR. TOLSON .....
MR. CLEGG .....
MR. CROWLEY .....
MR. EDWARDS .....
MR. FOXY .....
MR. QUINN .....
MR. [illegible] .....
MR. [illegible] .....
MR. ROSER .....

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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Mr. Brantley telephoned about 2:15 P.M. He stated that in connection with locating the Barker-Karpis mob, he had an informant in the Oklahoma City territory who is now ~~in Florida~~ working and receiving $20 per week salary; that this informant had been previously convicted five times and he believed that he could locate the Barker-Karpis mob and he will advise the Oklahoma City office of such location. I told Mr. Brantley that unless he heard promptly to the contrary to obtain the services of this individual and that he was authorized to commit the Division in a sum not exceeding $100 for such purpose and that before this sum had been expended, in the event additional expenditures were necessary, to communicate with the Division; that this individual should not be placed upon the rolls of the Division as individuals with previous criminal records are not accepted but that if he rendered personal services and travelled under the direction of Mr. Brantley, that he might start such negotiations at once. I subsequently talked with Mr. Tolson who approved the expenditure although he did not place the limitation at $100, but in view of the fact that this matter would be promptly initiated under the authorization I had given Mr. Brantley, I did not call Mr. Brantley again on the matter.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

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TITLE: CHANGED:
VERNON C. MILLER(DECEASED)
RICHARD TALIAFERRO GALATAS, with aliases,FUGITIVE,
IO 1201; C

CHARACTER OF CASE:
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER
FEDERAL PRISONER

HARVEY J. BAILEY, with aliases,FUGITIVE.
CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, FUGITIVE,
I O 1194, ET AL

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Telephone #9850, Topeka, Kansas, is a pay station located at Sears & Roebuck Company; telephone call made from this number on July 6, 1933, to Victor 0981; Dr. E. P. Quinn is an optician employed at Sears & Roebuck Company; as far as known, reputation is good; no information obtained concerning telephone number LD 26, or LD 199, at Lawrence, or Topeka, Kansas. E. R. Mc Fadden and C. W. Mc Vickers, Wichita, Kansas, alleged to be handling stolen bonds, emanating from Subject Floyd. P.

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, Kansas City, Missouri, dated December 15, 1933.

DETAILS:

DETAILS: Concerning telephone number 9850, Topeka, Kansas, which number was called on June 23, 1933, from the residence and office of Mr. George Lindsey, Sr., who resides at the Schuyler Hotel, it was ascertained from G. N. Grindle, Bell Telephone Company, Topeka, Kansas, that this particular number is assigned to a pay station at the Sears & Roebuck Company, 120 East 6th Street, Topeka, Kansas; upon checking the outgoing long distance calls around June and July, it was found one telephone call was made to Kansas City on July 6, 1933, to Victor 0981, which number, according to the Reverse Directory of Kansas City, Missouri, is assigned to 1015 Grand Avenue. No telephone is listed at Topeka, Kansas, under the name of Dr. Quinn.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: Acting SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Chief of Police M. J. Leonard, Topeka, Kansas, advised that he knew a Dr. H. E. Quinn employed as an optician at the Sears and Roebuck Company. He stated that Dr. Quinn had recently done some work for him, and so far as he knew, Quinn bore a good reputation. He stated that Quinn had been employed by Sears and Roebuck Company for about the past three years and formerly resided in Kansas City, Missouri. Chief Leonard stated, of course, he did not know what the activities of Quinn were while in Kansas City.

Concerning telephone call, Asa T. Kramer, telephone number LD 199, and LD 26, Capitol Hotel, from a saloon at 1412 Mc Gee Street, it was ascertained through Mr. Grindle that no LD number, as stated appears in Topeka. There is a Capitol Hotel at Topeka, Kansas, but no such hotel is known in Lawrence, Kansas. At the Capitol Hotel, Topeka, Kansas, examination of the registration cards for October 20 and other approximate dates disclosed no one registered there by the name of Asa T. Kramer, but a Neff Kramer was listed as having been in the hotel on October 22, 1933. No additional information was obtained concerning this Neff Kramer. The Capitol Hotel does not have No. LD 26 or LD 199.

Further information was obtained by consulting the City Directory at Topeka, Kansas, that H. E. Quinn resided at the Throop Hotel. This was verified by a telephone inquiry to that Hotel, which telephone number number is 7768. From previous investigation on other cases by this Agent, it was deemed advisable not to make a direct approach at the Throop Hotel at this time, because it is believed that information could be ascertained from that source confidentially.

Mr. J. E. Mc Coy, Mgr., S. W. Bell Telephone Company, Lawrence, Kansas, was interviewed, and he advised that there was no telephone numbers LD 26 and LD 199 in existence at Lawrence, Kansas, and he could find no record of any such numbers existing there in October of 1933. No telephone was listed under the name of Asa T. Cramer. The telephone Directory for Lawrence, Kansas, contained no such name as Asa T. Cramer. Asa T. Cramer was unknown to Chief of Police M. J. Leonard. Chief Leonard contacted the Credit Bureau at Lawrence, Kansas, and ascertained that Asa T. Cramer was unknown at that place. From the above named sources, so far as could be learned, there is no Capitol Hotel at Lawrence, Kansas.

December 12, 1933, I. E. Walston, House Detective of the Phillips Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri, called at the Kansas City Division office and surrendered a letter addressed to him by Mr. J. M. Miler of Wichita, Kansas, the same having been dated at Wichita, Kansas, December 1, 1933. The substance of the letter was that a very good friend of Miler's at Wichita gave to Mr. Miler the name and address of a man who was getting in touch with Wilber Underhill and Pretty Boy Floyd close to their hideouts, and requested that he be interviewed in connection with the same.

Mr. Walston, who was formerly Chief of Police at Wichita, Kansas, advised that Miler had formerly worked under him, and that he considered Miler a very good man on running down information of this kind, and one who could produce results. Mr. Miler's address was given as 1721 Victor Street in care of Clarence Webster. Wilber Underhill having been apprehended the information given by Mr. Miler concerning him, of course, is not material.

Mr. Miler was interviewed by this Agent for whatever information he possessed concerning the whereabouts of Subject Floyd.

Mr. Miler stated that he had obtained the information from [redacted] confidentially, and he did not desire that an Agent of this office approach [redacted] until he, Miler, first had an opportunity to interview him. Mr. Miler's present address is 609 So. Washington, Wichita; he advised that from [redacted] he obtained the information that W. R. Mc Fadden, 314 So. Clifton Street, Telephone No. 49 078, who is engaged in the selling of oil pipe and supplies and reputed to be a crook, was engaged with C. W. Mc Vickers, an attorney in the Beacon Building, Wichita, Kansas, Telephone No. 2 A 093, in the handling of stolen bonds, which were coming from Subject Floyd.

Mr. Miler stated that several years ago, Mc Fadden disposed of $15,000 worth of stolen bonds in Kansas City, Missouri, and it was reported that Mc Fadden brought approximately $100,000 worth of bonds into Wichita, Kansas, in November, 1933.

Mr. Miler stated that he would contact [redacted] and ascertain from him his attitude concerning being directly approached by an Agent of this Division, and perhaps [redacted] could furnish sufficient information, which could be verified, Mr. Miler stating that, he, Miler, had no personal knowledge concerning information above related. Arrangements were, therefore, made that morning for Miler to communicate with Agent at the Jayhawk Hotel as to whether [redacted] would furnish additional information; however, Miler failed to contact this Agent, and additional inquiry was made at his home. Mrs. Miler stated that her husband had contacted

the man for whom he had been looking, but had gone out into the country to work, and that she did not know the result of this interview.

Mr. Miller was previously furnished the address of this office and he stated that if he could possibly secure additional information, he would communicate the same directly to the Kansas City office in the event [redacted] did not desire to be interviewed directly.

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UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

KANSAS CITY OFFICE at Kansas City, Mo., will reinterview Bert Haycock and verify or obtain additional information concerning number LD 26 and LD 199 at Lawrence, Kansas.

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U. S. Department of Justice
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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Suite L, Federal Building
Kansas City, Missouri
February 13, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, Deceased, et al
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Shortly after the massacre on June 17, 1933, when the house formerly occupied by Vernon C. Miller at 6612 Edgevale Road, Kansas City, Missouri, was discovered, a thorough search of the interior of the house was made by Special Agent J. E. Brennen, of the Division, with Acting Chief of Detectives Jack Jenkins of the Kansas City, Kansas, Police Department, in order to secure all available latent fingerprints there. By the use of powders applied by those individuals there were numerous latent fingerprints brought out on various objects in the residence, principally from beer bottles of dark colored glass, a French style telephone of black color and a clock of silver metal finish with a round base. Photographs of the latent fingerprints were taken immediately upon the discovery of the prints. The films, positive and negative, are now in the possession of this office and are being transmitted to the Division for analysis in the laboratory. The objects from which the fingerprints were taken will be apparent from the photographs.

After analysis it is requested that all films herewith transmitted be returned to the Kansas City office.

The telephone and clock from which these prints were taken were of necessity returned to the premises immediately during June, 1933. The beer bottles which yielded latent fingerprints are being carefully preserved in the Kansas City office vault, properly identified, for the reason that this case is considered of such great importance that if they are ever needed as evidence they should be available without any danger of disturbance to the latent fingerprints now visible. If these bottles were to be shipped to the Division for analysis they would be apparently great danger of injury to the latent fingerprints encountered. The Kansas City office has therefore not deemed such procedure expediant, unless the Division should specifically so instruct.

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In comparison of these prints the following suspects in the Kansas City massacre case are suggested for attention by the Division and it is also requested that the single fingerprint file be searched:

Brady, Robert G.	Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, #3337.
Bailey, Harvey	Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, #3045.
Barrett, Roy	United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, #39186.
Bentz, Theodore	San Francisco, California, P. D. #48921.
Barnes, S. R.	Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, #8973.
Barker, Arthur R.	Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, #11906.
Barker, Fred	Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, #9836.
Crawford, Mary	Kansas City, Missouri, P.D. #20399.
Conn, Kenneth	Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, #2193.
Clark, Jim	Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, #2988.
Carson, Leonard	Kansas City, Missouri, P.D. #17901.
Conner, Louise	Memphis, Tennessee, P.D. #15689.
Covell, Benjamin H.	Miami, Florida, P.D. #4142.
Carlton, Harry	Chicago, Illinois, P.D. #C16239.
Coddy, Fred	Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, #3025.
Campbell, Harry	Tulsa, Oklahoma, S.O. #9420.
Clouse, Charles P.	P.C. Department circular, Case No. 114704, F.P.C. $\frac{29 \quad 10 \quad 13}{27 \quad 0 \quad 15}$
Doyle, Earl	United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, #28842.
Davis, Ed	Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, #2987.
Draper, Leslie	United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, #38664.

Doyle, Jess	Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, #9845.
Dragna, Nick	Kansas City, Missouri, P.D. #21307.
Donald, Phoenix	Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, #14993, F.P.C. $\frac{9 \quad U \quad 0 \quad —}{30 \quad U \quad 00 \quad 15}$
DeGrazia, Tony	Chicago, Illinois, P.D. #C26814.
Davis, Volney	Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, #12808.
Delmar, Frank	Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, #3343.
Engler, William E.	St. Louis, Missouri, P.D. #16270.
Engler, Bertha	Kansas City, Missouri, P.D. #20406.
Effronti, Lonnie	I.O. #1169.
Farmer, Herbert Allen	Kansas City, Missouri, P.D. #12790.
Floyd, Charles Arthur	I.O. #1194.
Farmer, Esther	U. S. Marshal, Kansas City, Missouri, #---, 7-11-33.
Griffin, Jack	St. Louis, Missouri, P.D. #19861.
Galatas, Richard Tallman	I.C. #1201.
Gargotta, George	S.O., Kansas City, Missouri, #374.
Huber, John E.	St. Louis, Misouri, P.D. #12481.
Holden, Lillian	Kansas City, Missouri, P.D. #20398.
Hunt, Sam	F.P.C. $\frac{28 \quad IO \quad 18}{12 \quad OI}$, Birmingham, Alabama, P.D. #---.
Howard, Joe	United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, #27845.
Kelly, Kathryn	Fort Worth, Texas, P.D. #5025.
Keating, Marjorie	Kansas City, Missouri, P.D. #20397.
Karpis, Alvin	Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, #1539.
Kurfess, Charles	Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, #9343.
Kornhouser, Max	Chicago, Illinois, P.D. #C-36888.
Kelly, George	U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, #29362.
Locatelli, Toby	Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, #42076.
Licaboli, Sam	Kansas City, Missouri, P.D. #21306.
Lambert, Stewart	St. Louis, Missouri, P.D. #36072.
Lugar, John	Des Moines, Iowa, P.D. #3951.—
LaBee, Ralph	Des Moines, Iowa, P.D. #18862.
Lawrence, Rocky	Kansas City, Missouri, S.C. (about November 1933)

Lawson, Jim	Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, #11066.
Martin, Samuel	New York City, New York, P.D. #51868.
Mulloy, Frank B.	United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, #39293.
McGinness, Charles	St. Louis, Missouri, P. D. #16342.
Miller, Vernon C.	I.O. #1195.
Nash, Frank	United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, #20769.
Nash, Mrs. Frances	U. S. Marshal, Kansas City, Missouri, 7-11-33.
McDonald, Horace P.	Charlotte, North Carolina, P.D. #1867.
Moran, John	Chicago, Illinois, P.D. #C-46457.
Mathis, Vivian	U. S. Marshal, Chicago, Illinois, 11-15-33 (as Clara Hayes alias Vivian Mathews alias Gibson, etc.)
Nigro, Bossie	United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, #21212.
Nimerick, Clyde	Des Moines, Iowa, P.D. #9024.
Nigro, Frank	Kansas City, Missouri, P.D. #7908.
Peyton, Alvie	Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, #1755.
Phillips, Bernard	Minneapolis, Minnesota, P.D. #20728, I.O. #1196.
Racchetti, Adam	Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, #25773.
Rainey, Walter L.	Kansas City, Missouri, P.D. #8543.
Sammons, James	State Penitentiary, Joliet, Illinois, #8838.
Sherrill, Roy D.	United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, #13320.
Stacci, Louis	U. S. Marshal, Chicago, Illinois, about 8-8-33.
Seaton, Louise	Fort Worth, Texas, P.D. #2703.
Smith, Delores	New York City, New York, P.D. #7441.
Taran, Sam	Chicago, Illinois, P.D. #C49250.
Tatman, John Edward	St. Louis, Missouri, P.D. #37471.
Uhls, Konn P.	Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, #9568.
Urben, Wencel J.	St. Louis, Missouri, P.D. #18972.

Underhill, Wilber	Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, #2337.
White, Charles	United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, #41018.
Wilhite, Edward	St. Louis, Missouri, P.D. #17734.
Weisman, William	Fingerprints attached.

It is also suggested that the Division make comparison with fingerprints of such other individuals as may be deemed appropriate. Attention is directed to the modus operandi file maintained on extortionists and kidnappers.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
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FEB 23 1934

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases, Fugitive, I. O. No. 1201, ET AL, CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

On February 19, 1934, Mr. Lawrence B. Burrow of the law firm of Moore, Gray and Burrow, 1101 - 1103 Boyle Building, Little Rock, Arkansas, called at this office and advised that he was the author of the anonymous letter dated January 31, 1934 from Little Rock advising that he might have information of value concerning the whereabouts of Richard Tallman Galatas and using as a reference Harold Young, an attorney in the Munsey Building at Washington, D. C.

Mr. Burrow stated that some time during the past Summer he, with several of his friends, went on a hunting trip and took with them two colored men, one being Tyre Murphy, a chauffeur of Hot Springs, Arkansas. Mr. Burrow stated that Murphy could be located most of the time around the cigar stand next to the Arkansas National Bank Building at Hot Springs. He stated further that Murphy was well acquainted in both Hot Springs and Little Rock, that he was formerly a chauffeur for Galatas and had done considerable driving for a number of confidence men and others in Hot Springs and vicinity. He stated that while on this hunting trip, during the early hours of one morning while he was supposed to be asleep, he overheard Murphy and the other colored man, whose name he could not recall, carrying on a conversation during which Murphy stated that Galatas was in the hills near Hot Springs, and that he did not get the exact place but heard reference made to Mount Ida, Coon Hollow and Dark Hollow.

Mr. Burrow stated that he did not believe an open interview would result in obtaining any information from Murphy but that he made his living by driving cars and that should he be employed by an Agent to do some driving without the Agent disclosing his identity it was entirely possible that some information could be obtained from Murphy, who, he states, he has every reason to believe knows the whereabouts of Galatas.

Mr. Burrow also stated that a Mr. Holloman in the automobile business at Hot Springs, Arkansas, also knows, he believes, the whereabouts of Galatas.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION.

Mr. Burrow requested that his name be left out of this investigation entirely, stating that associates of Galatas would have no hesitancy whatsoever in killing any one giving information concerning his whereabouts. He was given the name and address of Special Agent L. M. Chipman at Little Rock, Arkansas, and stated he would communicate with him concerning this matter.

In the event Mr. Burrow fails to contact Agent Chipman, it is requested that he be interviewed in such a way as not to disclose to his associates the identity of the Agent making the inquiry.

Very truly yours,

Director.

cc - Washington
Kansas City

U. S. Department of Justice
Division of Investigation
Bureau of Investigation

Suite L
Federal Building
Kansas City, Missouri.
February 21, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER(DECEASED)ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Recently after a bank robbery at Goodland, Kansas, on February 9, 1934, a gun battle was had between the bandits and peace officers in that territory, Sheriff Libby of Ness County, Kansas, being wounded in the encounter.

One of the bandits has been identified from a photograph as James Clark with aliases, Subject of I O #1192. As a result of the encounter, altho none of the bandits were captured, a 1911 Model U. S. Army Colt .45 calibre automatic was recovered with the serial number thereon buffed off. The serial number has been raised and is found to be No. 156 301. Our records of stolen Government guns in this office fail to reflect any information relative to the above described automatic and hence, it is desired that contact be had by you with the Ordnance Division of the War Department in an endeavor to trace this gun, in view of its connection with James Clark, above mentioned.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Suite L, Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

RE: VERNON C. MILLER (DECEASED)
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, IDENTIFICATION ORDER #1201,
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated February 21, 1934, in the above entitled case, wherein you state that after a recent bank robbery at Goodland, Kansas, on February 9, 1934, there was found a 1911 Model U. S. Army Colt .45 calibre automatic, bearing serial #156701 and request that the Division trace this gun through the Ordnance Division of the War Department.

Please be advised that leads of this nature should be directed to the Washington Field Office. Therefore, a copy of this letter is being forwarded to the Washington Field Office, with the request that it take appropriate action to trace the above gun.

It is further noted that you make reference to James Clark, with aliases, subject of Identification Order #1192. In this connection you are advised that the Division is no longer seeking the apprehension of this individual inasmuch as he has been thoroughly questioned with reference to the Kansas City massacre case and inasmuch as there is no process outstanding for his arrest, no active investigation should be undertaken with that end in view.

Very truly yours,

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Director.

c/c Washington.

U. S. Department of Justice

Bureau of Investigation

311 Hurley-Wright Building,
Washington, D. C.

February 19, 1934.

MR. NATHAN ...
MR. TOLSON ...
MR. CLEGG ...
MR. COWLEY ...
MR. EDWARDS ...
MR. EGAN ...
MR. QUINN ...
MR. LESTER ...
MR. LOCKE ...
MR. ROBER ...

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Re: Possible Lead as to Charles Floyd alias Pretty Boy Floyd.

Shortly before noon Sunday, February 18, 1934, Acting Special Agent in Charge L. B. Reed of Charlotte, N. C. advised over long distance telephone as follows:

That at 2:30 a.m., February 18th, at Raleigh, N. C., Chrysler Straight-8, N. C. tags 109828 collided with a tourist automobile seriously injuring several occupants of the latter car; that in the Chrysler automobile were riding a man known as W. R. Proctor alias Pick known to Chief of Police Barbour at Raleigh, and a stranger with Proctor and that Chief Barbour had reasons for believing this stranger might be Pretty Boy Floyd; that Proctor and the unknown man thought to be Floyd had fled from the scene of the accident and had left Raleigh immediately in a Plymouth Coach, 1933 model automobile of Ted Saddler who works for the Lewis Sporting Goods Company at Raleigh, N. C.; that this Plymouth Coach bore N. C. license 369462, motor #PD 13782; that relatives of Saddler had just received a telegram from him sent from Petersburg, Virginia and presumably Saddler had hauled these men from Raleigh to Petersburg, Va.

Immediately upon receipt of this information, Agents Levin and Smith were dispatched by automobile to Petersburg and I personally got in touch with Chief of Police W. W. Jefferson of that city who happens to be a personal friend of mine. Jefferson already had received full information as to this by long distance from Chief of Police Barbour at Raleigh and was at work on the case. Flashes were placed with Virginia and Maryland State Police and with the Metropolitan Police Department of Washington, D. C. to pick up the above Plymouth Coach with all occupants and notify me. The name of Pretty Boy Floyd was not used in placing these flashes but Chief Jefferson at Petersburg knew about Floyd from information received from Chief Barbour at Raleigh.

All hospitals and hotels possible were checked through these arrangements at Petersburg, Richmond and elsewhere in that vicinity without results. It developed that Saddler, after delivering his passengers

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in Petersburg already had started back for Raleigh before we received this information. Saddler was apprehended in Raleigh by Chief Barbour working with Agent Jordan of the Charlotte Office. By long distance telephone arrangements were made to return Saddler at once to Petersburg in order that he might point out the house there where he delivered his passengers. Agents Levin and Smith of the Washington Field Office with Agent Jordan of the Charlotte Office, who arrived with Raleigh Police, located this house through the informant and apprehended Melvin Archer who, with Proctor, the Raleigh resident, had fled the scene of this accident. Archer was immediately returned by Raleigh Police, accompanied by Agent Jordan to Raleigh, N. C. Archer is not Pretty Boy Floyd and it develops that he is well known to the police at Raleigh, N. C. His fingerprints will be forwarded air mail through arrangements made by the Charlotte Office.

Due to the flashes placed with the State Police Departments, it is probable that press inquiries may be made of the Attorney General in this connection, and you are furnished with this brief summary of the developments for your possible use in this connection.

Very truly yours,

J. M. KEITH,
Special Agent in Charge.

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U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
311 Hurley-Wright Building

February 19, 1934

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U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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CHARLOTTE. NORTH CAROLINA

MELVIN ARCHER RETURNED TO RALEIGH FROM PETERSBURG VIRGINIA LAST NIGHT SECURE FINGERPRINTS IMMEDIATELY FORWARD BY AIRMAIL HOLD HIM UNTIL SEARCH IS COMPLETED

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. FILE NO. 62-479

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Oklahoma City	2/20/34	1/29-31/34	T. M. Birch

TITLE:	CHARACTER OF CASE:
GEORGE WASHINGTON NASH, SR., et al	Harboring and Concealing a Person for whom a Warrant of Arrest has been issued - Conspiracy

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: J. A. Hamilton, Auditor and Lloyd Brown, Cashier, First State Bank, Seminole, Okla., and Clay S. Duvall, Teller, First National Bank, Seminole, sign statements that Bruce Brady changed money at their banks. Signed statement of Patsy Greenan, Court Clerk at Coalgate, Okla., relative to obtaining of marriage license for Wilbur Underhill.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent T. M. Birch, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 1/12/34.

DETAILS:

Mr. J. A. Hamilton, Auditor of the First National Bank at Seminole, Oklahoma, stated that he has known Bruce Brady for a period of about ten years, having worked with him in the First National Bank of Wilson, Oklahoma. Mr. Hamilton stated that Brady lost his position in the bank because he was friendly with the lawless element in Oklahoma, and the harboring of Wilbur Underhill was not the first time that he had known of Brady to be in trouble of this kind.

Agent secured the following signed statements from J. A. Hamilton, Lloyd Brown and Clay S. Duvall, Seminole, Oklahoma.

DETAILS:

Seminole, Okla.,
January 30, 1934

"Statement of J. A. Hamilton, Auditor, First State Bank of Seminole: Sometime prior to the robbery of the Bank of Coalgate, Bruce Brady, whom I have known for approximately ten years and formerly worked with in the

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: [signature] SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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First National Bank of Wilson appeared at the window of the First State Bank of Seminole and had Lloyd Brown, a Teller, change $100.00 in $1.00 bills to bills of larger denomination. I talked with Bruce Brady on this date and am postive of his identity."

(signed) J. A. Hamilton,
Seminole, Oklahoma.

WITNESS:

T. M. Birch

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Seminole, Okla.,
January 30, 1934

"Statement of Lloyd Brown, Cashier of First State Bank of Seminole: On or about December 1, 1933, a man whom I have since identified as Bruce Brady appeared at my window in the First State Bank at Seminole and requested me to change some small bills to bills of larger denomination. Bruce Brady handed me a package which I counted, there being $100.00 in $1.00 bills in the package. In exchange for this money, I gave Bruce Brady five $20.00 bills. The money that Bruce Brady gave me was in a neat package all faced the same way. I remember this instance very distinctly because of the fact that Mr. Hamilton of the First State Bank told me that that the man who was getting the money changed was Bruce Brady together with the fact that it is a very unusual thing for a customer to present 100 $1.00 bills at the window and request larger bills in exchange for them."

(signed) Lloyd Brown
Seminole, Oklahoma

WITNESS:

T. M. Birch

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Seminole, Okla.,
January 30, 1934

"Statement of Clay S. Duvall, Teller of the First National Bank of Seminole: Prior to the robbery of the Bank of Coalgate, Bruce Brady, whom I have known for approximately ten years and formerly worked with in the First National Bank of Wilson, appeared at the window of the First National Bank of Seminole and requested me to change 150 $1.00 bills to bills of larger denomination. This I did, giving him, Bruce Brady, seven $20.00 bills and one $10.00 bill. The money that Bruce Brady gave me was in a neat package all faced the same way and had the

appearance of money that had been packaged by a bank teller. Brady left the First National and went to the First State Bank. After he left the First National Bank and went to the First State Bank across the street, I called Mr. Hamilton of the First State Bank who told me that Bruce Brady was at that time in the First State Bank getting some money changed. It was approximately five minutes after Brady left my window in the First National Bank that I called Mr. Hamilton of the First State Bank and he told me that Brady was there."

(signed) Clay S. Duvall,
Seminole, Okla.

WITNESS:

T. M. Birch

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Mr. Ellery Criswell, Assistant County Attorney at Seminole, advised Agent that a complaint had been filed against Huston G. Nash on July 1, 1931 charging him as N. J. Nash with larceny of tools and oil well equipment to the value of $1,669.00 and that Huston Nash had made bond and failed to appear for trial and that Seminole County still wanted Huston Nash for trial.

Agent secured copies of complaint against Nash filed in Seminole County, same being retained in the Oklahoma City file of this case.

Agent called at the Sheriff's Office in Konawa, Oklahoma relative to information that George W. Nash, Sr., paid taxes in money given him by Wilbur Underhill. Deputy Sheriff who collected the taxes from Nash was in McAlester, Oklahoma and Agent was unable to interview. Instructions were left with Deputy Sheriff Moore to have him make a written statement and mail same to the Oklahoma City office

Agent interviewed Patsy Greenan, Court Clerk at Coalgate, Coal County, Oklahoma relative to the purchase of marriage license by Bruce Brady and Hazel Hudson. Mr. Greenan stated to Agent that he was postive that Bruce Brady and Hazel Underhill obtained the above license but that due to the fact that a good friend of Bruce Brady's was a very good friend of his, together with the fact that public sentiment was very much in favor of Brady, he could not very well afford to make or sign a statement postively identifying Bruce Brady and Hazel Underhill as the two people who obtained the license under the names of Henry Underhill and Beatrice Hudson. Mr. Greenan also informed Agent that Bruce Brady had used the name of Collins in and around Coalgate and many people knew him as Collins.

Mr. Greenan finally prepared and signed the following statement:

Office of
COURT CLERK OF COAL COUNTY
Coalgate, Okla.

January 31st, 1934

Statement of Patsy Greenan, Jr., Court Clerk, Coal County, Oklahoma.

On November 18th, 1933 between the hour of 1:30 o'clock and 2 o'clock, P. M., a woman rather small, dark hair and accompanied by a man rather tall, dark, both nicely dressed appeared at the desk in the Court Clerk's office in the Court House at Coalgate, Oklahoma and obtained a marriage license. The woman used the name of Beatrice Hudson and the man the name of Henry Underhill. From pictures shown me of Bruce Brady and Hazel Underhill, since the above parties secured a marriage license, the resemblance and description compare with the resemblance and description of the parties which secured the above mentioned marriage license.

Witness my hand and seal at Coalgate, Oklahoma on this 31st day of January, 1934.

Patsy Greenan, Jr.
Court Clerk, Coal County, Oklahoma.

WITNESS:

T. M. Birch.

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UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE at Konawa, Oklahoma, at the expiration of 15 days will check to make certain that Deputy Sheriff who collected taxes from George W. Nash, Sr., has sent signed statement in regard to the payment of these taxes.

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(Addendum - next page)

ADDENDUM:

Deputy Sheriff W. I. Eads of Oklahoma County, Oklahoma, informed this office that investigation by him developed that Huston G. Nash was implicated in the attempted robbery of the bank of Harrah, Oklahoma, in Oklahoma County, during the month of December, 1933; that a strong case has been developed against him and it was felt certain that a conviction could be obtained in the State Courts against him for this offense, in which event a long sentence will be imposed upon him. The facts with respect hereto were furnished the Division and the Division advised that the same should be submitted to the United States Attorney at Muskogee, Oklahoma and his recommendations in the matter accepted.

The facts were discussed with Assistant United States Attorney Miller, Muskogee, by Agent in Charge Brantley and Mr. Miller stated that it would be entirely agreeable to the United States Attorney's office that Huston Nash be turned over to Oklahoma County for prosecution on the bank robbery charge. On February 14, 1934 Huston Nash was delivered to the custody of the Oklahoma County Sheriff's office and is now in the Oklahoma County Jail, Oklahoma City.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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February 19, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Gates telephoned. He inquired concerning the activities of this Division in connection with the location of individuals believed to have been in Virginia yesterday, who had been tentatively identified as "Pretty Boy" Floyd, and an associate.

I informed Mr. Gates that the information which we had received would indicate that if there were any arrests in this matter, they would obviously be for State violations and that consequently no information was available for release.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (Deceased); RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1201; et al

CHARACTER OF CASE: OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Alvin Karpis visited Mrs. L. J. Richards, mother-in-law, at Kiefer, Okla., several times, but has not been there for over a year. Mrs. Alvin Karpis left Kiefer some time ago for Chicago to visit her sister, Dorothy Slayman and has not returned to Kiefer. Harry Gideon, Night Officer, Maud, Okla., has no further information regarding the location of "Pretty Boy" Floyd. Personal history of Ed Davis obtained from records of the State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma. Correspondence records misplaced.

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REFERENCE: Reports of Special Agents R. C. Suran, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 9/22/33; J. J. Perkins, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, dated 1/3/34; W. F. Trainor, Kansas City, Missouri, dated 1/5/34.

DETAILS:

DETAILS: W. M. Jones, Postmaster at Kiefer, Oklahoma, was interviewed and stated that Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Richards moved to Kiefer about four years ago from Neosho, Missouri; that Alvin Karpis visited them several times at Kiefer some time ago, but has not been in Kiefer to his knowledge for over a year; that Mrs. Karpis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richards, was in Kiefer visiting her parents last Summer, but she left and went to Chicago, Illinois and, as far as he knows, she has not returned. He stated that before Mrs. Karpis left Kiefer she mailed a package by parcel post addressed to Dorothy Slayman at Chicago, street address unknown; that Dorothy Slayman is supposed to be a sister of Mrs. Alvin Karpis. Mr. Jones stated that Mr. and Mrs. Richards appear to be honest and respectable people, having two grand-children, a boy and a girl, living with them; that no one else resides with these people.

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Mr. Jones promised that if Karpis should happen to return to Kiefer, he would notify the Sheriff at Sapulpa, Oklahoma.

Mrs. L. J. Richards was not contacted at this time, acting upon advice of Mrs. Jones that she might not give any information of value and it would serve to put her on guard and possibly tip off Karpis.

Sheriff Will C. Strange of Sapulpa, Oklahoma, stated that he has a record on Alvin Karpis and knows he is wanted by the Government as well as the Sheriff at Westplains, Missouri for murder.

While Agent was talking to the Postmaster at Kiefer, Oklahoma, Sheriff Strange visited a restaurant across the street from the Post Office. A waitress at this restaurant told the Sheriff confidentially that Mrs. Alvin Karpis visited her mother one day last week, but left.

Sheriff Strange made arrangements through his informant at Kiefer to notify him if Karpis comes to Mrs. Richards' at Kiefer, Oklahoma.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent J. J. Perkins of the Oklahoma City office.

Harry Gideon, Night Officer, Maud, Oklahoma, stated that he had heard nothing further of "Pretty Boy" Floyd visiting the home of Frank Hall; that E. H. Cook, who is a neighbor of Hall, had been confined in a hospital with a sore leg and was unable to secure any information from Hall regarding the location of Floyd. Mr. Gideon stated that he would keep in touch with Mr. Cook and if anything of interest was learned he would immediately get in touch with the Oklahoma City office.

Records of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, disclose that Ed Davis, #24253, was received from Stephens County, Oklahoma August 3, 1931 for murder, sentence - life; that he escaped on May 5, 1932.

Greene McCurtain, Postmaster, State Penitentiary, McAlester, made a search of the records for the purpose of securing Davis' correspondence record, but was unable to find same. He stated that when Wilbur Underhill was brought to the penitentiary he remembered giving the correspondence record of Davis to J. W. Phillips, Assistant Deputy Warden, who failed to return same to him. He stated that Mr. Phillips was in Minnesota after a prisoner and upon his return, he would secure the correspondence record of Davis and forward it to the Oklahoma City office.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE will follow out the leads as suggested in reference report of Agent Trainor.

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NEW YORK CITY	2/21/34	2/20/34	L. G. TURROU

TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (Deceased); RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS with aliases - FUGITIVE I.O. #1201; et al

CHARACTER OF CASE: OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Lawrence Albert Townsend, who is serving a four years' sentence in a Canadian Federal Penitentiary, upon interview stoutly denied knowing Galatas or of ever having met him and that he has no knowledge as to his present whereabouts. He asserted that he never has been to Hot Springs, Ark. or in the State of Texas and stated that he had never used the alias of W. G. Allen and that he never heard of Chief of Police Baker of Port Arthur, Texas. Photograph of Townsend obtained and same is being forwarded to the Dallas office for the purpose of identification.

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REFERENCE: Letter from SAC E. E. Conroy, Kansas City, Mo. dated 2/12/34.

DETAILS:

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b7D [redacted] Lawrence Albert Townsend, Identification No.23045, was serving his four years' sentence for conspiracy to defraud at the St. Vincent de Paul Federal Penitentiary located about ten miles north of Montreal.

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Lawrence Albert Townsend, prisoner No.C-348 at the aforesaid penitentiary, was interviewed by agent, at which time he was closely questioned concerning his knowledge of Galatas and his present whereabouts. He advised that he had never used the name of W. G. Allen; that he was serving his present sentence under his true name, which is Lawrence Albert Townsend. He said he is 54 years of age and was born at Chestertown, Maryland; that he went to a male grammar school, No.19, at Baltimore, Md. and subsequently attended and graduated from the City College at Baltimore. He said that although he was arrested as a con man on three previous occasions in the United States, namely at New York City, Philadelphia, and Syracuse, he was never convicted before; that the four years' sentence imposed on him at Quebec, Canada was his first conviction which conviction he asserted was a "bum rap."

Townsend steadfastly denied knowing or ever meeting Galatas in his life and aside from reading in the newspapers about him had never heard of him before. He asserted that he had never in his life been in Hot Springs, Ark. or of having been arrested in Beaumont, Texas, as mentioned in the letter of reference. He said he had spent most of his time in the East occasionally visiting St. Louis, Mo., stopping there at the Woodward Hotel; that he left New York City for Canada in the middle part of June, 1933 and was arrested by the Canadian police in July, 1933 in Quebec, Canada, which resulted in his conviction on January 9, 1934 on a charge of conspiracy to defraud. He added that while in New York City he resided at the Imperial Hotel, 32nd Street and Broadway, under the name of Herbert E. Clark.

As suggested in the letter of reference, the name of Chief of Police Baker of Port Arthur, Texas, was discreetly mentioned to Townsend, to which he stated that he does not know him and had never heard of him and reiterated that he had never in his life been in the State of Texas.

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For the information of the Kansas City office the criminal record of W. G. Allen, referred to in the letter of reference, has not been received by the New York Division office.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS: DALLAS, TEXAS

Will exhibit the photograph of Lawrence Albert Townsend to Chief of Police Baker at Port Arthur, Texas, and determine whether Townsend is W. G. Allen, the individual who, he said, may possibly have information as to the whereabouts of Galatas.

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

801 Title Guaranty Building,
St. Louis, Missouri,
February 21, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled VERNON C. MILLER (Deaceased), etal, Conspiracy to Deliver a Federal Prisoner.

On February 19, 1934 Mr. Ed Monroe, Assistant Chief Special Agent of the Missouri Pacific Railroad, called at this office and advised the writer that he has recently issued a pass on the Missouri Pacific Railroad to Dutch Akers of the Hot Springs, Arkansas Police Department; that it is his intention also to arrange to place Dutch Akers on the payroll of the Missouri Pacific Railroad as a special employee during the racing season which is shortly to open at Hot Springs, Arkansas. Monroe stated that his sole purpose in so treating Akers was for the purpose of causing him to be indebted to Monroe with the hope that he, Monroe, will be able to obtain from Akers information as to the whereabouts of Dick Galatas.

The above information is being forwarded to the Division and the interested offices in order that they may be aware of the efforts of Monroe in this regard. It might be stated that Monroe is presently stationed at Little Rock, Arkansas.

Very truly yours,

D. M. Ladd,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Kansas City
cc Oklahoma City

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

February 21, 1934.

MR. Nathan
MR. Tolson
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MR. Quinn
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MR. Locke
MR. Rorer

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Baum, of the American Bankers' Association, called again today in connection with the delay in apprehending Pretty Boy Floyd who is allegedly in a house in Poteau, Oklahoma. He was advised that [illegible] in Oklahoma City had been instructed to enter the house if advisable and ascertain whether Floyd, in fact, is there. Mr. Brantley was called in this connection.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Rorer called from St. Paul (11:10 A. M.) He advised that they had ascertained where the three flashlights used in the Bremer case were bought; that they were bought in an F&h store in St. Paul the Saturday before Bremer was released; that there was a girl there who made an identification of Karpis, that she recognized his photograph without any trouble; that he wore a black cap that was peculiarly shaped; that it was not a chauffeur's cap, but looked like one. Mr. Rorer stated that they found such a cap in the car that Kagee used with the shell signs on it. The girl stated, further, that he had high hunting boots on and that the clothes he wore looked like a uniform. Mr. Rorer states that this description fits in with the one given by Mrs. John Miller of the man who left the note in the car. Mr. Rorer further states that the girlsclaims that she remembers distinctly filling these lights with 5¢ arrow batteries. He requested that this be checked with the laboratory. After talking with Mr. Coffey Mr. Rorer was advised that in the three flashlights there was an ever ready battery, three cells in each one. They bore the stamp "Good until October, 1934". In the swinging lantern there was a sure light battery. Mr. Rorer asked whether there were any fingerprints unaccounted for on the lights and he was advised that there was one fingerprint and a fragment of a fingerprint which had not been accounted for. Mr. Rorer advised that they are getting the fingerprints of this girl and will send them to the Division immediately.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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February 21, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Suite L - Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

There are being transmitted under separate cover in connection with your case entitled Vernon C. Miller (deceased) et al, Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner, specimens of bullets and shells after firing in two machine guns which were seized by the police after the arrest of Basil Banghart and Isaac Costner in Baltimore, Maryland. These sample specimens include one bullet fired through Thompson sub-machine gun #1655, one shell exploded in the above numbered gun, one bullet fired through Thompson sub-machine gun #2252, and one cartridge shell fired in above numbered gun.

These specimens should be submitted to the ballistic expert in Kansas City who is now in possession of the fatal bullets in connection with this case and a prompt report as to the result of his examination submitted to the Division.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

February 21, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

In connection with Director's letter of February 17, 1934, concerning information as to tapping of telephone and telegraph lines since January 1, 1933.

Please be advised that only one telephone line has been tapped by the St. Paul office which occurred during the investigation of the Kansas City Massacre, as well as the Urschel and Hamm Kidnaping Cases, and instructions to the effect to tap telephone was given by long distance from Kansas City, Missouri by Assistant Director Harold Nathan. Telephone line tapped was that of the Hollywocks Road House operated by Jack Pheiffer. There is no letter of authority to do this in the file. The tapping of this telephone line was conducted entirely unbeknown to the telephone company.

Very truly yours,

WERNER HAMMI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WASHINGTON D C

February 9, 1934

The Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Sirs:

I have a constituent, Mr. Hatler Smith, of Ahawnee, Oklahoma, who owned the residence at which Wilber Underhill was captured. The house was rented to another party, and Mr. Smith did not know of the characters of the renters. On the night that Underhill was captured the house and fixtures were damaged to a large extent by shooting and fire, and he has called the matter to my attention with a view of ascertaining if there are any provisions whereby he can be paid for this damage caused by the officers in their raid.

Any information you can give me in the matter will be appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

(S) TOM D MC KEOWN

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MR. LOCKE .....
MR. NORER .....
.....

February 12, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER

Attached hereto is a letter from Congressman McKeown with respect to alleged damages to the house of Mr. Hatler Smith, of Shawnee, Oklahoma, who is said to own the residence in which Wilbur Underhill was captured.

Can you in a quiet way ascertain approximately what the damage to Mr. Smith's house and fixtures may have been, due to the capture of Underhill?

William Stanley
The Assistant to the Attorney General.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR. STANLEY.

With reference to your memorandum dated February 12, 1934, to which you attached a letter from Congressman Tom D. McKeown, please be advised that I have requested the Oklahoma City Office to ascertain approximately what damage was done to Mr. Smith's house and fixtures incident to the capture of Wilbur Underhill.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Asst. Atty. Gen.

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February 19, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

While talking to Mr. Brantley by telephone on another matter I advised him that the $100 limit on the informant whose services he was obtaining in the search for the Lindbergh-Hauptmann [illegible] was rescinded, that he should use the services of this individual for two weeks and before the end of the two weeks he should advise the Division as to what services he has rendered, and the cost thereof, and that he, further, should make recommendations for the future if he had any recommendations to make.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Kansas City, Missouri FILE NO. 62-456

REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:
Oklahoma City, Okla.	2-21-34	2-5-34	J. J. Perkins

TITLE:	CHARACTER OF CASE:
Vernon C. Miller (Deceased) et al.	CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Dr. Early Williams, now confined in the City Jail, Muskogee, gives statement relative to receiving a telephone call from an unknown party when he was practicing medicine at Seminole, Oklahoma, requesting that he proceed to a point on the highway between Seminole and Shawnee, Oklahoma, to attend a wounded man. Did not answer call in fear of being highjacked or kidnapped.

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REFERENCE: Report Special Agent G. A. Stevens, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, January 16, 1934.

DETAILS: Dr. Early Williams, (colored), now confined in the City Jail, Muskogee, Oklahoma, awaiting trial on charge of selling Narcotics, stated that when he was practicing medicine at Seminole, Oklahoma, he received a telephone call between the hours of 8 and 9:00 PM one night, the exact date being unknown to him; that in answering the call, he asked the party if he was white or colored, and received the reply, "A white man"; that this party requested him to immediately proceed to a point on the highway between Seminole and Shawnee, Oklahoma, where he would be met by another man who would take him to a man that was wounded. He stated that the call sounded so mysterious it aroused his fear that he was either going to be highjacked or kidnapped, and as a consequence, informed this party that he could not go.

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REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:
Butte, Montana	2/20/34	2/10-16/34	D. H. Dickason MD

TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (DECEASED)
RICHARD TALIKAN GALATAS, with aliases -FUGITIVE
I. O. 1201, ET AL

CHARACTER OF CASE: Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Long distance telephone from Kansas City Office advised that Mrs. Lee Cady, sister of Mrs. Galatas, Le Roy, New York, had mailed a letter to George W. Smith at Vulcan, Alberta, Canada. [redacted] P

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Reference: Telephone communication from Kansas City Office, 2/10/34; carbon copy of letter from Kansas City Office to Director, dated 2/15/34.

Details:

At Butte, Montana

DETAILS: A long distance telephone from Special Agent H. E. Anderson, Kansas City, Missouri, on February 10, 1934, advised that a cover had been maintained on the mail received by Mr. and Mrs. Lee Cady at Le Roy, New York, and that Mrs. Cady is a sister of Mrs. Galatas, who is believed to be with her husband; that the New York Office, on this date, had advised the Kansas City Office, by telegraph, that Mrs. Cady had mailed a letter to George W. Smith at Vulcan, Alberta, Canada, [redacted]

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BUTTE OFFICE will await information from [redacted] in regard to this matter.

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P. O. Box 1583

Butte, Montana, February 20, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
503A U. S. Court House and Post Office Building,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of the following telegram:

"Thermopolis, Wyoming, February 20, 1934.

U S DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
DEPT. OF JUSTICE
BUTTE MONT

RELIABLE INFORMATION JUST RECEIVED DARK BLUE OR GREEN SEDAN SIMILAR TO 1928 NASH LICENSE 923-467 ILL WENT NORTH 4 PM YESTERDAY TWO MEN HEAVILY ARMED DESCRIPTION TALLIES TO FLOYD & BARROW ACTIONS AND SPEED TRAVELLING MADE THEMSELVES SUSPICIOUS FRONT DOOR GLASS NEXT TO DRIVER SHATTERED

JOHN A PARKER."

I do not know John A. Parker or anything about him. Have covered the points where this car would probably stop in Montana, but it does not seem very strong to me. Use your own judgment in ascertaining who Parker is and why he sent this telegram.

Very truly yours,

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D. H. DICKASON
Special Agent in Charge

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
1216 Smith Young Tower
San Antonio, Texas.
February 21, 1934. GTJ/ML

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

VERNON C. MILLER, (deceased)
et al; Conspiracy to
Deliver Federal Prisoner

Dear Sir:

On the night of January 22, 1934, SAC Colvin, Oklahoma City, telephoned the San Antonio Office that Jim Clark, former I.O. #1192 and Frank Delmar, both of whom participated in the last escape from the Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas, on January 19, 1934, had two days previously left the vicinity of Pawhuska, Okla., and were ostensibly headed for McAllen, Texas. SAC Colvin advised that they were driving a black Plymouth coupe with red wire wheels, motor PD 91556; that it bore Texas 1933 license plates #617-773. Only a meager description of Delmar was furnished.

Contact was immediately established with all peace officers in McAllen, Texas, and vicinity. Through the immediate cooperation of Chief Patrol Inspector of the U. S. Immigration Service in that vicinity, it was ascertained that 1933 Texas license plates #617-773 were issued to Beulah Jackson, McAllen, Texas, for the Plymouth coupe above described.

Investigation developed that Beulah Jackson did not reside in McAllen, although a woman by that name had been in that vicinity during the summer of 1933, and she was alleged to have been from Miami, Okla., and that she had formerly been married to one George L. Wright, present whereabouts unknown, and who is an ex-convict from Oklahoma; that this marriage was supposed to have been consummated at Miami, Okla., some time in 1918; that George L. Wright has a brother by the name of Ed Wright, who formerly lived in or near McAllen, Texas, and who when last heard of was working in a garage at San Juan, Texas, and who had formerly worked for Inman's garage at McAllen.

A thorough investigation at McAllen failed to locate the present whereabouts of George L. Wright or his brother Ed. Wright. Thinking that possibly the Inman garage at McAllen, due to the similarity of the name, might have some connection with the Oklahoma outlaw Mat Inman, now alleged to be in jail at Seminole, Okla., a thorough investigation was made of that angle and it developed that there is no connection between the Inman garage and the Oklahoma Inman.

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Director, #2 February 21, 1934.

At the time Bob Brady and Jim Clark were apprehended near Tucumcari, New Mexico, by Sheriff Ira Allen, on October 6, 1933, they were traveling in the identical coupe herein described with the exception that at that time it bore Oklahoma license #538-623, that had been issued in the name of F. M. Atwood, Oklahoma City. Clark had in his possession a Bill of Sale showing the car was purchased for cash from Reinar Brothers Motor Company, Oklahoma City, Sept. 26, 1933, by F. M. Atwood. Jim Clark admitted that he had purchased this car under the name of Atwood at Oklahoma City.

At the time Brady and Clark were transferred to the Lansing Prison this car was delivered to his alleged wife who had come to Tucumcari at the time of his arrest and was registered at the Elks Rooming House under the name of Beulah Jackson. At that time she was accompanied by a woman giving the name of Leona Defer, who claimed to be the wife of Bob Brady.

On Feb. 6, 1934, the Warden of Lansing, Kansas, State Prison telegraphed the Police at Houston that they had reliable information that Jim Clark and Frank Delmar were at that time at Houston and that Jim Clark was either living with or in connection with a woman named Goldie Johnson.

Special Agent J. V. Murphy working with City Detective A. C. Martindale at Houston, Texas, located Goldie Johnson living in an apartment house at 901 Austin Street, Houston, Texas. A surveillance of this woman developed that she was calling for mail at General Delivery, Houston, under the name of Leona Defer. She has so far received mail postmarked "Neloganey, Okla," with no return address. On Feb. 17th, she received a letter postmarked Tulsa, Okla., bearing return address Mrs. M. F. Stebbins, 145 N. Lewis Street.

In cooperation with City Detectives at Houston Special Agent J. V. Murphy kept a surveillance on the apartment house at 901 Austin Street for several days. The surveillance of Goldie Johnson or Leona Defer developed that she was residing in a front apartment at this address, together with two other young woman, one of whom suits the description of Beulah Jackson, the alleged wife of Jim Clark. Photographs were obtained from the Oklahoma City office of Leona Brady alias Leona Defer and Beulah Jackson. The photograph of Leona Brady is identical with the woman calling for mail as Leona Defer and residing at 901 Austin Street as Goldie Johnson. One of the women staying with her is quite similar in appearance to the photograph of Beulah Jackson.

Special Agent J. V. Murphy arranged with City Fire Marshal John Steel, Houston, Texas, and accompanied him as a Deputy Fire Marshal on a fire hazard inspection of 901 Austin Street and thereby was able to make a very thorough check of the apartment house. No information was obtained that would indicate that Clark or Delmar is occupying this apartment house.

Director, #3 February 21, 1934.

On February 10, 1934, Kansas State Highway Police Inspectors Dever, Wallace, Christenson, Preston, and Silverthorne arrived in Houston in an endeavor to locate Clark and Delmar. Inspector Dever informed Agent Murphy that they had been working with Post Office Inspector Geo. Hill at Tulsa, Okla., and a cover on the mail of Mrs. Johnson, alleged mother of Leona Defer at Nelagoney, Okla., and Cedarvale, Kan., had developed that Mrs. Johnson had recently received a letter from Houston which letter stated that "Francis would have an operation soon, but Jimmie was all right. That they intended to remain in Houston and Mrs. Johnson could write to her in the name of Leona Defer, General Delivery."

A check of all the hospitals in Houston failed to develop any information of any person being operated on that might suit the description of Frank Delmar, it being assumed that the Francis referred to was probably Frank Delmar.

The Kansas State Highway Police working with Agent Murphy at Houston received advices that James Clark and Frank Delmar had been positively identified as participating in a bank robbery on Feb. 9, 1934, at Goodland, Kansas, and that Jim Clark had been shot in the foot during this robbery. It is possible that this is the reason that Clark and Delmar have not contacted the women in Houston.

In cooperation with the Houston Police and the Kansas State Highway Police a close surveillance is still being maintained on the women at Houston, Texas.

It is noted that the Identification Order on Jim Clark has never been reinstated since his apprehension at Tucumcari, New Mexico, and advice is requested from the Division as to whether or not it is desired that this office should continue to take the lead in any further attempts to locate and apprehend Clark. Of course, it is the policy of this office to render all police and law enforcement agencies assistance in the matter of apprehending any major criminals, however, in the Clark matter we have been taking the lead.

Very truly yours,

Gus T. Jones,
Special Agent in Charge.

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March 3, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1216 Smith-Young Tower Building,
San Antonio, Texas.

RE: VERNON C. MILLER (deceased);
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases,
FUGITIVE. Identification Order #1201.
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated February 21, 1934, wherein you set forth information relative to investigative activities in your district with a view to causing the apprehension of Jim Clark, subject of former Identification Order #1192, and Frank Delmar, both of whom participated in the recent escape from the Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas, on January 19, 1934.

In reply to your request to be informed whether it is the desire of the Division to continue an active investigation with a view to causing the location of subject Clark, you are advised that the Division does not deem it advisable to continue efforts to locate him inasmuch as there is no process outstanding for his arrest in connection with the above entitled case, and inasmuch as he has been thoroughly questioned concerning this case.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION,
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Very truly yours,

Director.

cc Kansas City

U. S. Department of Justice
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
~~Bureau of Investigation~~

SUITE L - FEDERAL BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.
FEBRUARY 21, 1934.

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

RE: VERNON C. MILLER (DECEASED) ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL
PRISONER.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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Dear Sir:

Kindly refer to Division telegram dated February 21, 1934 wherein reference is made to letter from this office to the Division under date of February 13, 1934.

The Division is respectfully advised that on or about June 29, 1933 the latent fingerprints mentioned in previous letter as having been obtained by Special Agent J. E. Brennan and Mr. Jack Jenkins at the house at 6612 Edgevale Road, Kansas City, Missouri, were discovered and photographed. On that same date, June 29th, Mr. Harold Nathan, Assistant Director, telephoned the Division from the Kansas City Field Office requesting that photographs and fingerprints be immediately furnished the Kansas City Division Office of the suspects in this case as named on pages 59 and 60 of the report by Special Agent in Charge R. E. Vetterli, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, June 26, 1933. Division telegram of that same date, June 29, reflects that photostatic copies of the fingerprints requested and available photographs were being forwarded to the Kansas City Office that night via Air Mail.

Upon receipt of these photostatic copies of fingerprints, comparisons were made between the prints in question and the latent prints found at the above described residence; these comparisons having been made at Kansas City by Special Agent J. E. Brennan. As a result of these comparisons, Special Agent Brennan identified some of the latent prints as those of Vernon C. Miller, South Dakota State Penitentiary No. 4240. This identification is reported on page 23 of the report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, July 3, 1933. It will be noted that although the latent prints were compared by Special Agent Brennan with the prints of numerous other suspects, no identification other than that of Vernon C. Miller was made.

As noted in Kansas City letter dated February 13, 1934, the beer bottles containing latent prints have at all times, since their location on or about June 29, 1933, been carefully preserved in the Kansas City Division Field Office. The telephone and clock upon which were found latent prints, were immediately returned to the residence from which taken at 6612 Edgevale Road on or about June 29, 1933.

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The photographs, both positive and negative copies, of these latent fingerprints have been continuously retained in the file of the Kansas City Division Office, with the exception that under date of November 21st, 1933 two complete sets of the positive photostatic negatives of these fingerprints were furnished the Chicago Office with Kansas City letter of that date, in order that the known fingerprints of Vivian Mathias, paramour of Vernon C. Miller, could be compared with these latent prints. These photostatic copies of latent prints were received back at the Kansas City Division Office from the Chicago Office on December 7, 1933 at the time of receipt of report of Special Agent E. P. Guinane, dated at Chicago, Illinois December 4, 1933 in the case entitled VIVIAN MATHIAS, with aliases, BOBBIE MOORE, with aliases, MISCELLANEOUS, HARBORING AND CONCEALING A PERSON FOR WHOM WARRANT HAS BEEN ISSUED AND CONSPIRACY. With that exception, all copies, both positive and negative, of these photographs of the latent prints above mentioned have been retained in the file of the Kansas City Division Office up until the time of their transmittal to the Division with Kansas City letter dated February 13, 1934.

Although these latent prints were being compared with the prints of suspects in this case immediately after discovery of the prints, undoubtedly photographic copies of this latent evidence should have been transmitted to the Division for careful analysis there. However, it appears that in the excitement in connection with this investigation at that time shortly after the massacre happened, this was overlooked. At that time this case was being handled at the Kansas City Office in the nature of a special assignment, numerous Special Agents being assigned to the Kansas City Office specifically for investigation on this case.

Since the departure of Agents assigned to this case on special assignment from the Kansas City Office during the latter part of July, 1933, the investigation in the case has been pursued by Agents regularly assigned to the Kansas City Division Office. A great part of this continued investigation has been looking toward the location and apprehension of individuals who participated or conspired with the participants in this massacre. The results obtained relative to the location and apprehension of individuals connected with this massacre have been quite completely described in the letter from the Kansas City Office to the Division under date of February 15, 1934.

Immediately upon the return of Special Agent H. E. Andersen to the Kansas City Office on January 31, 1934, he was placed in charge of the investigation of this case pursuant to Division instructions, Agent Andersen to work under the supervision of the Agent in Charge of this Office. Agent Andersen, together with Special Agent W. F. Trainor, immediately started to make a thorough review of the case file, in order that all leads could be checked from the beginning, both for evidence of the conspiracy in this case and for information relative to the whereabouts of suspects. Through this review it was noted that photographic copies of these latent prints had not

previously been submitted to the Division for analysis and comparison there with the known prints of suspects. Therefore, the prints were transmitted to the Division with Kansas City letter dated February 13, 1934, in which letter are set out the names and police or prison numbers of numerous individuals who have at one time or another been mentioned as possible suspects in the instant conspiracy. It is desired that the fingerprints of those individuals listed be compared with the photographs of the latent prints submitted in order that it may be determined if any of those individuals listed were visitors at the address formerly occupied by Vernon C. Miller at 6612 Edgevale Road, Kansas City, Missouri, about the time of the massacre on June 17, 1933. It will be noted that the objects from which the latent prints were taken, especially the telephone and beer bottles, are such that any legible latent prints found thereon would have probably been placed within a comparatively recent period prior to the discovery of this evidence on or about June 29, 1933, and hence shortly subsequent to the date of the massacre, June 17, 1933.

A review of the case file will reflect that numerous witnesses have tentatively identified various suspects as being participants in the massacre. As stated above, the individuals named in Kansas City letter dated February 13, 1934, have been mentioned at various stages of the investigation as having been possible associates of Vernon C. Miller in this conspiracy. It is believed by checking the prints of these individuals against the latent prints that it may be determined if any of these individuals were at Miller's residence, above described, shortly subsequent to the massacre. This investigation being relative to an alleged conspiracy, it would seem important to determine all possible associates in the conspiracy with Miller, and particularly those individuals who were associated with him at Kansas City about the time of the massacre. It appears quite possible that in the event this requested comparison by the Division results in the identification with the latent prints of any of the individuals listed, that such individuals should then be located, thoroughly interrogated and their whereabouts immediately prior to and at the time of the massacre on June 17th be thoroughly checked.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR
ACTING SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

MCS-jgw

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Suite 1 -
Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.
February 21, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Please refer to Division letter dated January 18, 1934, to your office, relative to one [redacted] an informant, who was furnishing information to your office concerning the location of approximately $400,000 worth of Libery Bonds, said to have been stolen from the Lincoln National Bank at Lincoln, Nebraska.

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Will you kindly furnish this office with any information [redacted] to give relative to the name of the "machine-gunner" in the Kansas City massacre?

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report

February 15, 1934.

Case: Vernon C. Miller (Deceased) et al;
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Number:

Specimens: 1 rental lease showing signature of Vernon Miller, alias Vernon Moore. 1 photographic copy of signature of Alvin Karpis. 1 hotel registration card bearing signature of A. C. Carter, thought to be identical with Vernon Miller. The name H. E. Buchan also appears on the hotel register card.

Examination requested by: Kansas City Office.

Date received: January 20, 1934.

Examination requested: Handwriting.

Result of examination: Examination by: C. H. Appel.

February 9. The specimens are insufficient in number. Nevertheless, the writing motions employed in writing the registration appear to be different from the known specimens so that as far as this is of value in comparing the handwriting it would appear that Miller or Karpis did not write them. This, of course, is not conclusive. Copies of a chart showing some of the comparisons made by means of tracing are attached to copies of this report.

THE ORIGINAL EVIDENCE WHICH WAS SUBMITTED IS BEING RETAINED IN THE LABORATORY FOR ANY SUBSEQUENT EXAMINATIONS WHICH MAY BE DESIRED. SHOULD YOUR OFFICE DESIRE THIS ORIGINAL EVIDENCE FOR USE IN ANY SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDINGS WHICH MAY DEVELOP, THE DIVISION SHOULD BE NOTIFIED IN AMPLE TIME TO PERMIT THE TRANSMITTAL.

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2 - Laboratory.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Suite L, Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: Vernon C. Miller (Deceased) et al;
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Dear Sir:

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

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

MR. Nathan
MR. Tolson ✓
MR. Cleza
MR. Cowley ✓
MR. Edwards
MR. Egan
MR. Quinn ✓
MR. Lester
MR. Looke
MR. Horer

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February 21, 1934.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

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One Four TOLSON

Mr. Brantley called twice. First he wanted to furnish additional facts concerning the rumor that Pretty Boy Floyd was in a house in Poteau, Oklahoma, and that he had been under the care of a physician at that place. Mr. Brantley attempted to explain that the sources of the information indicating he was there were apparently unreliable and came from sources in which no credence could be placed, and he further stated that from the same sources it was stated that he had been there but was not there at the present time and that to enter the house would certainly prevent his subsequent return if it should be known that the place had been raided. I asked him how long this information had been known. He said ten days. I asked him if any one under any pretext had entered the house to determine if Floyd was there. He stated they had not. I told him that it frankly from here looked silly to think that we were investigating the informants rather than trying to find out whether Floyd was in the house in which information had been received he was located. He indicated that the information was purely speculative, that it did not particularize Floyd, except that some motion had been there and probably it was Floyd. I asked him if he had found out the truth as to that. He had not, although the agents were in that vicinity looking around. I informed him that the Division was disturbed, first because reported activities in connection with an effort to locate Floyd was known to the Oklahoma City office and was not known to the Director, and information had reached the Director from outside sources; that the Division was embarrassed at not knowing anything about the inquiry that had been made; secondly, the information received was that Floyd was in the house and that our agents were waiting until he could be placed under an anesthetic before trying to determine if he were there. With regard to the anesthetic, Brantley stated that the physician who had on one occasion indicated that Floyd was in this residence of a rival physician had stated that he would inject an opiate into Floyd if he had an opportunity so that there could be no fireworks if a raid were made, and that this was the source of such rumor. I told Mr. Brantley that the Division could not, from this point, make a determination as to whether a raid should be made immediately but certainly the desire did not exist that the case be "flushed" prematurely but that if we had received information a week or ten days ago that Floyd was in the house it appeared that some sort of ingenuity could have been brought to bear by selling fuller brushes,

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making a health officer's inspection, or some other means, to determine if Floyd was in the house. Brantley did not think this could be done in that town. I again instructed him to report telegraphically or telephonically to the Division daily until this lead has been brought to a logical conclusion.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

Los Angeles, Cal.
Feb. 20th, 1933

J. Edgar Hoover, Director,
U.S. Bureau of Inv.
Dept. of Justice

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Dear Sir

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Just to recall to your attention, your letter of July 29th, 1933

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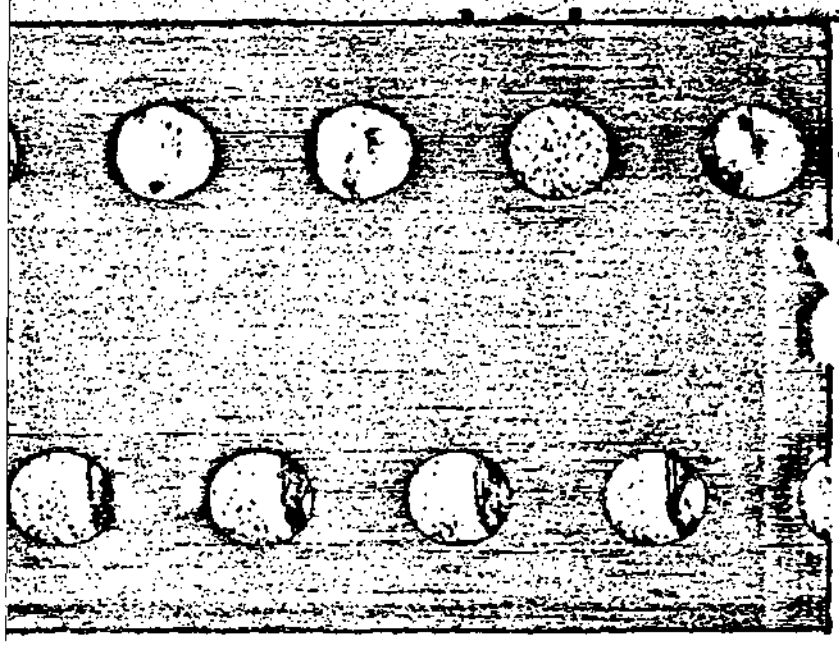
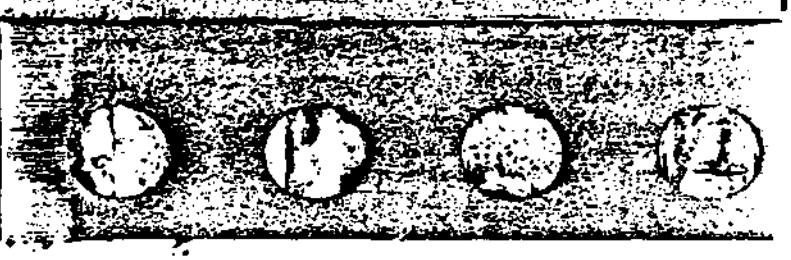
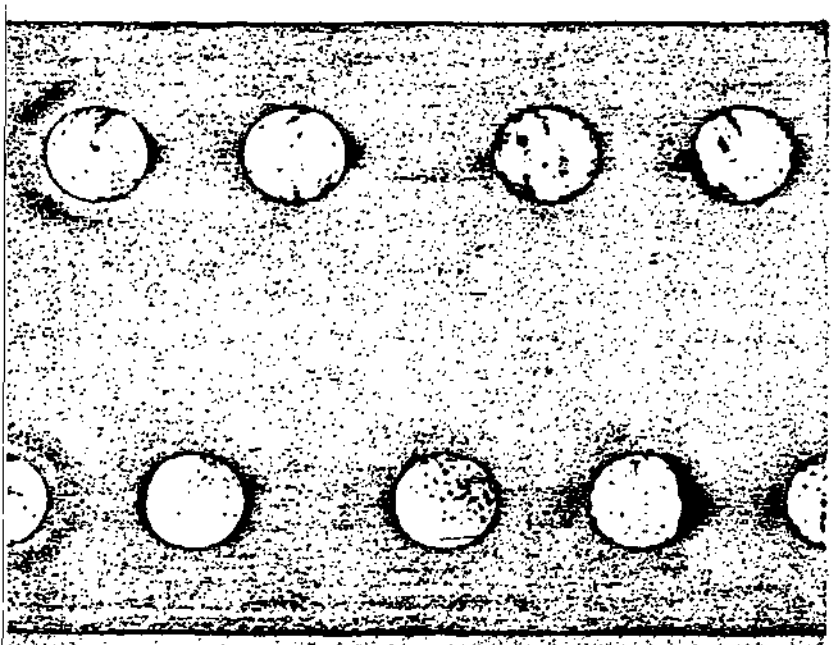
Reply Los Angeles 8/8/34

Should the bureau, desire my aid in the matter, at this time, I wish to assure







your my proposition
is still open.

I also wish to advise you that all efforts to locate Crotty in the Crookston hills country, are now, as before, futile.

Trusting to hear from you soon as possible, I am

Yours Very Truly
Paul Beach
918-W-15th St.

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March 6, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 617,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, Deceased,
RICHARD TALBOT GALATAS, with aliases,
Fugitive, Identification Order #1201,
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

There are enclosed herewith copies of a letter dated February 20, 1933, addressed to the Division by Paul Beach, 918 West 18th Street, Los Angeles, California, wherein he makes reference to previous correspondence had with the Division concerning the location and apprehension of Charles Arthur (Pretty Boy) Floyd.

Copies of this letter are being forwarded to your office for your information in the event Mr. Beach should communicate with you.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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REM:GAJ March 6, 1934.

Mr. Paul Beach,
918 West 18th Street,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated February 20, 1934, wherein you make reference to previous correspondence with this Division concerning the location and apprehension of Charles Arthur (Pretty Boy) Floyd.

In the event you are in possession of additional information concerning the whereabouts of this individual you are requested to communicate with:

Mr. J. E. P. Dunn,
Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
617 Federal Building,
Los Angeles, California.

Thanking you for your interest in this matter,

I am

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Miss White:

Accidently tore up the cofrected copy which Mr. Newby sent down.

He has the letter to Oklahoma, I suppose. It was not sent down with the attached.

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FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CONSIDERATION

Louis McHenry Howe
Secretary to President.

Arnett Okla
Feb 1. 1933
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Washington D.C.

I wright you about some thing that the Law is afried to tuck then or dont want to one. but this was told to me by one of the ganen that Henry Bucker of Fairview Okla Mr Bucker of Arnett Okla are one of Pertty boy Fould right hand of men. and I found out that Carl Bucker is a out Law to

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Your truly
Mrs Emma Johnson
Arnett
Okla

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PS Henry Bucker live at Fair View Okla

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March 5, 1934

Mrs. Emma Johnson,
Arnett, Oklahoma.

Dear Madam:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated February 1, 1934, by reference from the Secretary to the President, wherein you set forth information concerning the activities of one Henry Bucker, of Fairview, Oklahoma, whom you believe to be associated with "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

Please be advised that a copy of your letter has been forwarded to Mr. Dwight Brantley, Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, 224 Federal Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, who will assign an agent to interview you in the near future.

Thanking you for bringing this matter to the attention of the Division, I am

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
Director.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice
Room 1403
370 Lexington Avenue
New York, N. Y.

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February 23, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the investigation entitled RICHARD TILLMAN GALATAS with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. C. #1201, Obstruction of Justice, Endeavor to deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash, also to the kidnaping case in the matter of UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, EDWARD G. BRELER, Jr. - VICTIM. In the former case, reference is made to the report of Agent Trainor, Kansas City, December 27, 1933, and in the latter case to Division letter to the St. Paul office dated February 12th and an additionel letter to this office dated February 18th.

It is requested that this office be furnished with the criminal records of the following named:

Fred Barker.
Arthur R. Barker.
Volney Davis.
Harry Campbell.
Alvin Karpis.

It is also requested that photographic copies of the fingerprints of each of the above named be furnished this office.

It is further requested that the Division furnish this office with gloss photographs of the above individuals in amounts designated:

Fred Barker	-	6
Arthur R. Barker	-	6
Volney Davis	-	10
Harry Campbell	-	10
Alvin Karpis	-	6

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It is requested that the above information and data be furnished this office as soon as possible in order that concentrated investigative attention may be devoted to both these cases.

Very truly yours,

F. X. FAY,
Special Agent in Charge

cc Kansas City
cc St. Paul

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March 6, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
370 Lexington Avenue, Room 1403,
New York, New York.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter dated February 23, 1934, wherein you make reference to the case entitled RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS with aliases - Fugitive, Identification Order #1201, CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER, and also to the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, Edward C. Brewer, Victim, KIDNAPING, and request to be furnished with the criminal record, glossy photographs and photographic copies of the fingerprints of members of the so-called Barker-Karpis gang, there are enclosed herewith one set of the fingerprints and six sets of the photographs of these individuals.

The complete criminal records of these individuals, as reflected in the files of the Identification Unit of the Division were set forth in a memorandum dated February 21, 1934, which was furnished your office with Division letter of the same date.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Very truly yours,

Director.

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CC Kansas City,
CC Mr. Borer, St. Paul.

P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
February 23, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases;
Unknown Subjects;
Edward George Bremer - Victim,
Kidnaping.

Attached hereto you will find a copy of a letter I have written the St. Paul office in the above captioned case, and from the latter part thereof, it will be observed that Agent Perkins interviewed one Tom Antone, a convict at the State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, who desires to work with Agents of this Division, or any officers, in an effort to locate these subjects, or any of them.

At the time Agent Perkins was at the State Penitentiary in McAlester, Mr. Dunn, the Deputy Warden, told him that Antone, although he is a convict and has escaped, is thoroughly reliable and any promises made by Antone, he would keep; that he feels that Antone is in a position to locate the parties mentioned, that is, possibly the Barkers, Alvin Karpis, Volney Davis and Campbell; that Antone is courageous and would be willing to take all kinds of chances; that he, Dunn, or the Warden, should make arrangements, if desired, for Antone to work with the Agents and that a report could be circulated to the effect that Antone had again escaped, which, of course, would be fictitious, and that once on the outside, he could work with Agents of the Division undercover.

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No commitments in respect to this matter, however, have been made by this Division. My recommendation of such a thing is unfavorable, but I am submitting it to you for such instructions as you desire to furnish me in connection therewith.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley,
Special Agent in Charge.

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801-Title Guaranty Building,
St.Louis,Missouri.

February 22,1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S.Department of Justice,
Suite L, Federal Building,
Kansas City,Missouri.

Dear Sir:

On February 21st,1934 Major Lewis Means of the Missouri State Highway Patrol called at this office and advised that Charles Arthur Floyd and Adam Sacchetti had on the night of June 7,1933,stolen a 1933 model Pontiac Coupe from a school teacher of the Excelsior Consolidated District located at Cromwell, Oklahoma and that they had abeondoned this car on June 16,1933 at Bolivar, Missouri. He stated that all information as to the name of the owner and the motor number of this car could be obtained from the authorities at Cromwell,Oklahoma. Further that the authorities at Bolivar, Missouri had the names of the witnesses necessary to establish that these subjects were in possession of this car at Bolivar and that they abandoned same at that place.

It is suggested that appropriate investigation be conducted relative to this violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act. It would seem that this case would be a logical one in which to obtain some Federal process for Floyd, it being noted of course that there is an I.O. now outstanding against him but that no federal process has ever been issued.

A copy of this letter is being forwarded to the Oklahoma City office in order that they may conduct the necessary investigation at Cromwell,Oklahoma. You should consider yourself the office of origin.

Very truly yours,

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cc-Division
Oklahoma City

D.M.Ladd,
Special Agent in Charge.

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February 23, 1934.

Mr. Floyd Smith,
1763 Broad Street,
Augusta, Georgia.

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated February 10, 1934, wherein you indicate that you have information relative to the whereabouts of one John W. Davis, alias, Frank Foster, #256,611, and Pretty Boy Floyd.

From the information furnished by you it has not been possible to identify John W. Davis in the files of this Division. However, this Division is interested in locating Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd for questioning in connection with the murder of one of the agents of this Division and several other individuals in Kansas City, Missouri on June 17, 1933.

Therefore, I am referring a copy of your letter to Mr. R.A. Alt, Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Post Office Box 4907, Jacksonville, Florida, who will assign an agent of his office to interview you relative to this matter in the very near future.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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DWIGHT BRANTLEY
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
224 FEDERAL BUILDING
OKLAHOMA CITY OKLAHOMA

I HAVE BEEN PARTICULARLY EMBARRASSED BY YOUR FAILURE TO KEEP THIS OFFICE ADVISED CONCERNING DEVELOPMENTS IN FLOYD CASE STOP I RECEIVE MORE INFORMATION FROM PRIVATE PARTIES IN NEWYORKCITY CONCERNING THE HANDLING OF THIS MATTER IN OKLAHOMA THAN I DO FROM YOU STOP YOU WILL PLEASE KEEP THIS OFFICE ADVISED DAILY BY TELEPHONE OR TELEGRAPH OF THE SITUATION AND COMPLY SPECIFICALLY WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED TO YOU BY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR CLEGG

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Room 1403
370 Lexington Avenue
New York, N. Y.

RBN:TEM

February 24, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

With reference to Division letter of February 17, 1934, concerning telephone wires which have been tapped by this office since January 1, 1933, you are advised that the only case in which wires have been tapped is that entitled VERNE C. MILLER (DECEASED)et al, RICHARD TALLIAN GALATAS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1201 - Obstruction of Justice. In this investigation this office was assisted by members of the New York City Police Department, who were interested in maintaining a surveillance of certain of the individuals involved, and taps were arranged by the police and maintained at the places listed below on approximately the dates shown:

Louis Buchalter — Majestic Apartments, Central Park W., New York City: July 27th to July 29th, 1933.

Max Zweibel — 115 West 85th Street, New York City: September 15th to September 24th, 1933.

Office in General Motors Building, Broadway & 57th Street, New York City(apparently headquarters of liquor dealers): October 16th to October 20th, 1933.

Ben Kutlow — 336 Central Park West, New York City: October 20th to October 24th, 1933.

Garden Bar & Grill 8th Avenue & 49th Street, New York City: November 5th to November 7th, 1933.

In addition to the above, arrangements were effected through the management of the hotels Pierre, New York City, and Ritz-Carlton, Atlantic City, N. J., whereby it was made possible to listen in upon the telephone conversations of residents of apartments in these hotels. At the Hotel Pierre this arrangement related to the apartment of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Buchalter and continued from August 16, 1933 until about October 1, 1933. At the Ritz-Carlton Hotel the arrangement related to rooms occupied

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by the Buchalters, Mrs. V. Allen and certain other individuals reputed to be connected with them. This arrangement continued from August 4, 1933 to August 7, 1933.

Very truly yours,

F. X. FAY
Special Agent in Charge

Suite L -
Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.
February 12, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
P O Box 1583,
Butte, Montana.

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER(DECEASED)ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

On February 10, 1934, a telegram was received from the New York office advising that Mrs. Cady of Le Roy, New York, mailed a letter to George F. Smith, Vulcan, Alberta, Canada, on January 29, 1934.

For your information, the sender of the letter is Mrs. Lee H. Cady, a sister of Mrs. Richard Talman Galetas, Fugitive, in this case.

The foregoing information was telephoned to Special Agent J. P. Mc Carthy of the Butte office by Special Agent H. E. Andersen, Kansas City, on February 10, 1934. The Butte office was requested to conduct investigation at Vulcan, Alberta, Canada, to determine whether George F. Smith is identical with Fugitive Galetas. In the event such were the case, the Butte office was requested to keep Galetas under surveillance, if possible, and to advise the Kansas City office by telephone, in the premises. In the event, it is determined that Smith and Galetas are not identical the Butte office was requested to ascertain his reliability, and if reliable, to interview him openly for any information he may have relative to Galetas.

Very truly yours,

H. E. CONNERY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

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Suite 1 -
Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.
February 12, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
P O Box 1276,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER(DECEASED)ET AL.
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Reference is made to letter from the St. Louis Division office dated February 7, 1934, to the Kansas City office.

Deputy Warden T. W. Scott, Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, was interviewed by Special Agent H. L. Andersen on February 8, 1934, and advised that the information he furnished to the Post Office Department at St. Louis, Missouri, was furnished to him by one Roy Morgan, a convict in the institution.

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Roy Morgan, Register No. 34,730, was interviewed by Agent Andersen and advised that he was received at the institution March 17, 1929, from West Plains, Missouri; crime, grand larceny; sentence, 10 & 15 years. Morgan stated that he has been a criminal for the past fifteen years and has served time in various penal institutions, including the State Prison at Mc Alester, Oklahoma.

He related that for sometime past plans had been perfected by inmates of the penitentiary to effect an escape. A convict known to him as Major Taylor, an old friend from Oklahoma; one Snake Jordon, a convict named Pruden, with several other convicts, have asked him to join in the plot to break out of the penitentiary; that the above men had been associated in Oklahoma, and are very close to Fred Barker, Doc Barker, Volley Davis and Ed Davis.

The wife of Major Taylor called at the prison, Monday, February 5, 1934, to visit her husband and returned again the next day. After her departure, Taylor informed the convicts before mentioned, including Morgan, that his wife was making a trip to Oklahoma to contact Doc Barker, Fred Barker, Volley Davis and Ed Davis, and some others, whose names are not known, regarding the prison break. The four persons last mentioned, with their companions, are planning to drive to the prison walls within the next week or so and, at a signal from some insiders

in the plot inside the walls, plan to throw a hook ladder over the wall and shoot the tower guards, if necessary. The prisoners just prior to that have planned to hold up the guard at sick call with a gun to be furnished them by one of the guards at the institution, who was formerly a racketeer in Oklahoma.

After conferring with the individuals in Oklahoma, Mrs. Taylor intends to return to Jefferson City to see her husband, or to send one Billie Johnson, a woman ex-convict from Mc Alester, Oklahoma, and prostitute of Tulsa, Oklahoma, or Blanche Martin, Frank Nash's first wife, who resides at West Tulsa, Oklahoma. The one who calls to see Major Taylor will tell him of final arrangements made for the break and will then disappear.

Roy Morgan was asked why he had reported this matter to the prison authorities. He said that he had done so because he felt certain there would be gun play and that a meone would get killed, because of the desperate character of the desperadoes from Oklahoma.

Major Morgan stated that while he did not know where Mrs. Taylor was going to meet Doc Barker and the others, he felt certain, that she would only know of two places in Oklahoma, where they might be contacted, - the American Hotel at West Tulsa, Oklahoma, which is occupied by Bill Ollie, mother-in-law of Frank Nash by his first wife, or Tang Hall's rooming house at Seminole, Oklahoma. He described Tang Hall as a wholesale dope operator, whose rooming house is frequently visited by Pretty Boy Floyd.

In addition to the hang-outs at West Tulsa and Seminole set forth above, Morgan said that a small heavy set woman, who wears glasses and is an ex-convict from Mc Alester Penitentiary, where she served time for burglary, runs a rooming house at West Tulsa, and takes care of the over-flow when too many of the gangsters visit town to stay at Tang Hall's place.

In connection with the foregoing, Morgan advised that the local officers in West Tulsa and Seminole, Oklahoma, are in league with the out-laws and cannot be trusted to cooperate in any way.

The informant was questioned as to his information regarding the Kansas City massacre. He voiced the opinion that the Barkers and Volley Davis had participated in the assassinations. When asked for his reason, he stated that an ex-convict friend of his named Jimmie Cartwright wrote him from Denver, Colorado, shortly after the massacre and

stated that things in Kansas City in connection with the killings there looked bad for the Barkers. Cartwright, according to Morgan, stated that he met the Barkers at St. Paul, Minnesota, within a few days after the murders at Kansas City, and that the Barkers told him they left Tulsa, Oklahoma, shortly before the occurrence and had passed through Kansas City just before the men were murdered at the Union Station. Morgan stated that the proceeding, coupled with the fact that Fred Barker was a very close friend of Frank Nash, led him to believe that the Barkers and Volley Davis, their inseparable companion, participated in the killings.

Convict Morgan requested that the information furnished be treated in confidence and promised to endeavor to secure more definite information with reference to the massacre.

Arrangements were made with Deputy Warden Scott so that any additional information secured by him will be forwarded direct to the Kansas City office.

A check of the visitors' register at the penitentiary revealed that Mrs. R. D.(Major)Taylor visited her husband R. D. Taylor, Register No. 41, 759, on February 5 and 6, 1934.

As a matter of information, Taylor is now serving a sentence totaling seventy-five(75)years, for robbery, having been received at the penitentiary October 10, 1932.

An outline of the foregoing information was furnished by telephone to Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley, Oklahoma City, on February 6, 1934.

Mr. Clegg of the Division was also briefly advised by telephone of the information set forth above.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY,
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

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Suite I -
Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.
February 10, 1934.

Mr. Maurice M. Milligan,
United States Attorney,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Regarding the enclosed copy of letter to Attorneys Block & Kirsch, your record will probably reflect the disposition of certain minor personal property turned over to Mrs. Nash by Mr. Vandeventer, your predecessor. I will be pleased to lend any assistance which you may desire in the future should you receive an inquiry from this law firm regarding the same.

Very truly yours,

M. C. Spear, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc-Division
cc-Oklahoma City
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Suite L
Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.
February 10,1934.

Block & Kirsch,
Lawyers,
National Bank of Commerce Building,
Paragould, Arkansas.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of February 6, 1934, wherein you inquire, as representatives of Mrs. P. E. Bouse, Administratrix of the estate of the deceased Frank Nash, regarding certain property of the deceased, you are respectfully referred to the office of the United States District Attorney at Kansas City, Missouri.

Very truly yours,

W. C. SPEAR, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

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P. O. Box 514,
Birmingham, Alabama,
February 12, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Suite L, Federal Building,
Kansas City, Mo.

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased);
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases -
FUGITIVE. I. C. #1201, et al.
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor to Deliver
Federal Prisoner Frank Nash).

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from the Kansas City Office dated February 5, 1934 concerning the above entitled case, and concerning the fact that the confidential informant at Memphis, Tennessee had contemplated a trip to Hot Springs, Arkansas for the purpose of securing information as to the whereabouts of Galatas.

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This is to advise that Special Agent [illegible]. E. Peterson has ascertained from Mr. Elaine Danley, Probation Officer at Memphis, that the informant did not go to Hot Springs, Arkansas during the week-end of February 3 and 4; however, that he contemplated making the trip there during the week-end of February 10 and 11. He is to be contacted at the first opportunity, and the Kansas City Office will be immediately advised as to the results of his inquiry.

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Special Agent Peterson has also advised that Mr. William Grimm, an operative of the Burns Detective Agency at Memphis had contacted him, stating that he had met a woman named Marjorie Fields, 816 Cumberland Street, Little Rock, Arkansas, and who works in the Post Office Building in that city. This woman, according to Grimm, knows Galatas, and she was reported to keep company with a Doctor named Ellis or Elliott, who has treated Galatas on numerous occasions. According to Grimm, on one night when he was out with this woman, she made the remark that Galatas had better get away from Hot Springs or he would get caught. Grimm has advised that Marjorie Fields is about twenty-eight years of age, likes to wine and dine and becomes talkative when under the influence of liquor. Grimm informed Special Agent Peterson that he would be glad to introduce any of the agents to this girl.

Very truly yours,

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

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Division and stated that she will furnish any information she receives concerning the Barkers or Ed Davis, all of whom are well known to her. She is acquainted with other outlaws and said that she would be glad to furnish any information concerning them.

With respect to the situation at Seminole, Oklahoma, you are advised that an informant, who has operated with this office and who has proved himself to be thoroughly reliable, was requested to make inquiries at Seminole over the week-end of February 10th and to furnish this office with any information that might indicate that the Barkers, Ed Davis, Volney Davis, Harry Campbell, or any of the others of this gang, all of whom are well known to the informant, were in Seminole, or intended to visit there. The informant made the necessary contacts at Seminole, especially at the place of Tang Hall, who is known to the informant, and also at the rooming house operated by the heavy set woman who wears glasses, and who is an ex-convict, but reported to me that he had failed to obtain any information indicating that any of the persons named had recently been in Seminole, or expected to be there any time in the near future. In addition to having this informant make inquiries at Seminole, Agent F. S. Smith, of this office, conducted investigation there and failed to obtain any information that would indicate that any of these criminals had been at that city, or expected to be there in the near future.

Reference is made also to your letter of February 8, 1934 transmitting photographs of the Barkers, Harry Campbell, Volney Davis and Alvin Karpis. Agent F. S. Smith has viewed all of these photographs and informs me that he is unable to identify any of them as being present at the massacre at the Union Station on June 17, 1933.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-Division

Suite L -
Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.
February 17, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
P O Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER(DECEASED)ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

This office is in receipt of a letter from Fred S. Hird, U. S. Marshal, Des Moines, Iowa, dated February 13, 1934, wherein he advises that on February 1, 1934, he removed Richard Persing, with aliases(Subject of an impersonation case file by that name being carried under St. Paul #47-334)to Dubuque, Iowa.

Mr. Hird advises that during his removal of Persing, the latter informed him that within thirty days, he could establish connections with Pretty Boy Floyd in or about Seminole, Oklahoma. Mr. Hird indicates that he passed this information on to Special Agent Noonan of your office on February 10, 1934.

In the event Persing has not already been interviewed by your office relative to any possible information he may have concerning the whereabouts of Pretty Boy Floyd, as well as his association with Subject Floyd, it is requested that such an interview be had, and the information obtained be furnished this office.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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Oklahoma City
K.C.File 47-569(Re: Richard Persing)

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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
February 17, 1934

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Suite L, Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Re: Vernon C. Miller (Deceased) et al
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal
Prisoner.

Reference is made to your letter dated February 12, 1934 and to a telephonic communication received by me on the night of February 8, 1934 from Special Agent H. E. Andersen of your office with respect to certain information obtained from a convict at the Missouri State Penitentiary to the effect that possibly Fred Barker, Doc Barker and others might be found at either Tulsa or Seminole, Oklahoma during the week-end of February 10, 1934.

I beg to inform you that Special Agent H. E. Hollis of this office was immediately requested to conduct investigation in this matter and he learned that "Big Ollie" is Mrs. Ollie Platt, who is now operating an apartment house at 10th & South Cheyenne Streets, Tulsa, Oklahoma, having left the American Hotel in West Tulsa, Oklahoma during July, 1933; that appropriate investigation was made at the apartment house operated by "Big Ollie" by Agent Hollis, assisted by Agents M. Sorola and A. E. Farland of the Kansas City office, who was in this territory, and reliable members of the Tulsa Police Department, and also at the American and Phoenix Hotels in West Tulsa. However, Ed Davis, Fred Barker, Doc Barker, and Volney Davis were not found at either place and no information was developed indicating that they had been, or intended to come to any of these places.

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[redacted] an informant of Deputy Sheriff E. A. Haverfield, Bowata, Oklahoma, and this Deputy Sheriff is well known to Agent Hollis. [redacted] was contacted by Agent Hollis and she agreed to cooperate with the

Suite L, Federal Building
Kansas City, Missouri
February 19, 1934

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1900 Bankers Building
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, Deceased, et al
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

There is transmitted herewith a copy of the report, dated at Washington, D. C., February 14, 1934, by Special Agent R. P. Burruss, in the above entitled case, with reference to War Department records of Richard Tallman Galatas, Fugitive, I.O. #1801.

It is kindly requested that the Chicago office make immediate investigation at the addresses in Chicago, Illinois, shown in the last paragraph on page two of the enclosed report. Particular attention is called to the names of D. E. Ward and Frank Pardee, who signed affidavits for Galatas which were acknowledged by Raymond R. Olson, Notary Public, at Chicago. It is thought possible that these individuals could be located through the Notary Public and they are very probably close friends of Galatas. Every effort is being made to apprehend this fugitive, who is the only remaining person indicted in this case not yet in custody.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPZAR,
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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Washington Field

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326 Post Office Building,
New Orleans, La.
February 19, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Federal Building, Suite 1,
Kansas City, Missouri.

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~~AIR MAIL~~
SPECIAL DELIVERY.

Dear Sir:-

Re: Vernon C. Miller (Deceased) et al,
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

The following letter has been received from Special Agent L. A. Kindell, of this office, dated February 17, 1934, at Shreveport, Louisiana:

"W. R. Graham, private detective, Burns International Detective Agency, attached to the Memphis Office, today advised me that he has received information from a confidential informant, in whom he places great dependance, that Dick Galatas, I.O. #1201, is located at a lodge on Lake Catherine, near Hot Springs, Ark. The lodge, while it is not generally known, is the property of one ----- Clark, a big shot in the gambling racket in Hot Springs. Clark is associated with one ---- McLaughlin, a brother of the Mayor, and this brother does the "fixing".

"Galatas has made two trips to Chicago but is now at the lodge, the informant advised. He expects to remain there as the racing is opening up at the Springs. He is associated with Sol Sterns and Galatas is reached by Sterns communicating with his, Sterns', wife, who in turn communicates with a Mrs. Taylor, located at the Howe Hotel in Hot Springs, who in turn communicates with Clark then to Galatas. This applies to telephonic communications.

"Graham stated he had worked with the following agents of the Division in this and other matters: Agents Chipman, Butterworth, Peterson and Harold Anderson, the latter who is reported to be working out of the Division in the matter. Graham was anxious to talk to Anderson.

"Graham stated he is proceeding to Hot Springs and will be at the Marquette Hotel over this week end. He stated that while he could not describe the location of the lodge, he could point it out.

"Detectives Weeker and Best of the local police dept., stated that they had known Graham for years and he is OK. He was a former Deputy U. S. Marshal at Shreveport."

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The above is for your information and such action as might be deemed advisable.

Very truly yours,

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R. Whitley,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-Division
Oklahoma City
Chicago
Birmingham

1806 First Nat'l Bank Bldg.
Charlotte, N. C.

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February 18, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Hurley Wright Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

This is to advise you that Special Agent D. M. Jordan of this office was in Petersburg, Virginia, on the night of February 18, 1934, at which time he was accompanied by Police Officers from Raleigh, North Carolina, and where he met one or more agents from the Washington Field Office, in connection with an investigation to determine the identity of an individual thought at that time to be Charles Arthur (Pretty Boy) Floyd, subject of Identification Order #1194.

Agent Jordan had prior authorization from me to go to Petersburg, in view of the urgency of the matter, and as I have received a special request from the Chief of Police at Raleigh, North Carolina, that one of the agents from this office make the trip with the Raleigh officers.

Very truly yours,

L. B. Reed, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

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FEBRUARY 20, 1934.

Mr. D. M. Patterson,
Adams Hotel,
Phoenix, Arizona.

RE: VERNON C. MILLER (DECEASED) ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL
PRISONER.

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to telegraphic request of Mr. R. H. Colvin, Special Agent in Charge of the office of this Division at El Paso, Texas, I am transmitting herewith a photograph of J. A. Brady, alias Ducky Doyle.

As the enclosed photograph is the only one of this individual in the possession of this office, it is respectfully requested that when it has served its purpose to you, it be returned to Mr. Colvin for transmittal to this office.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR
ACTING SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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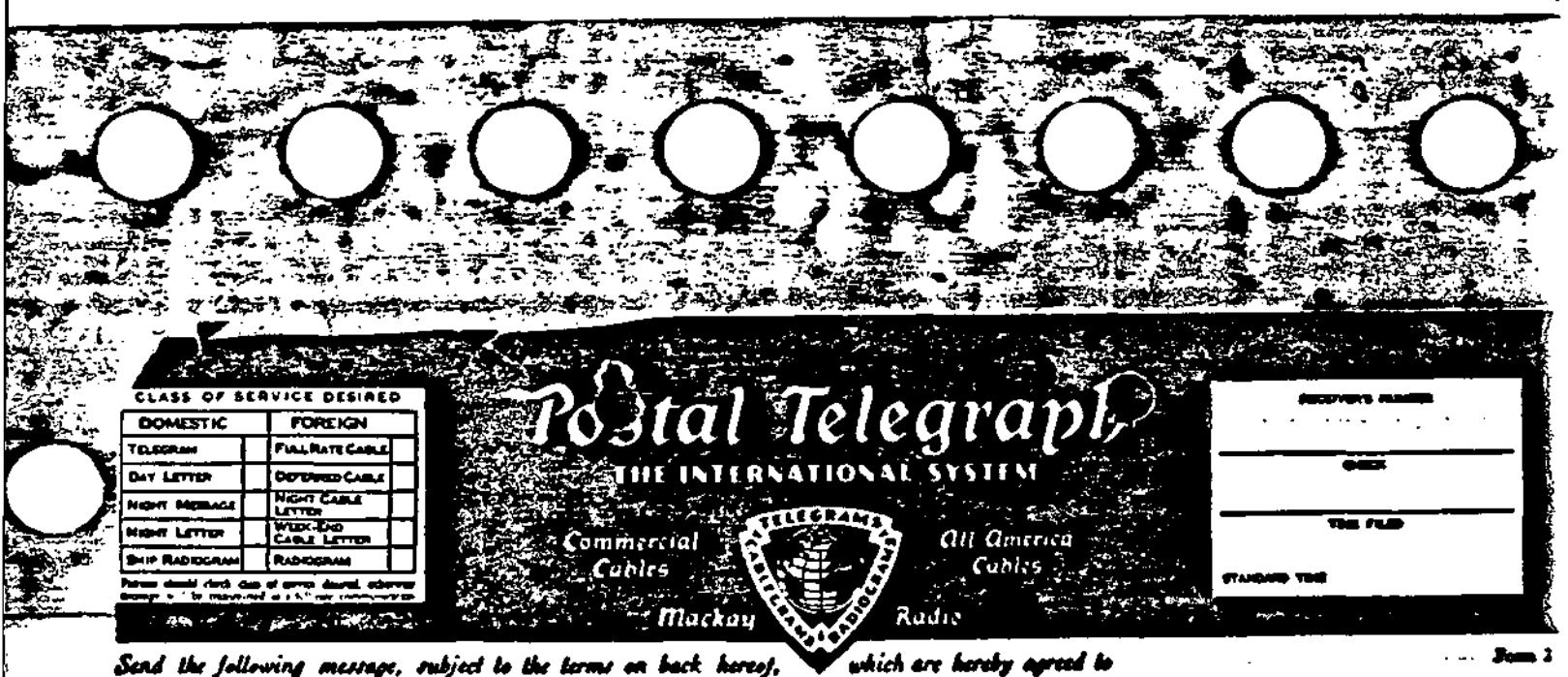

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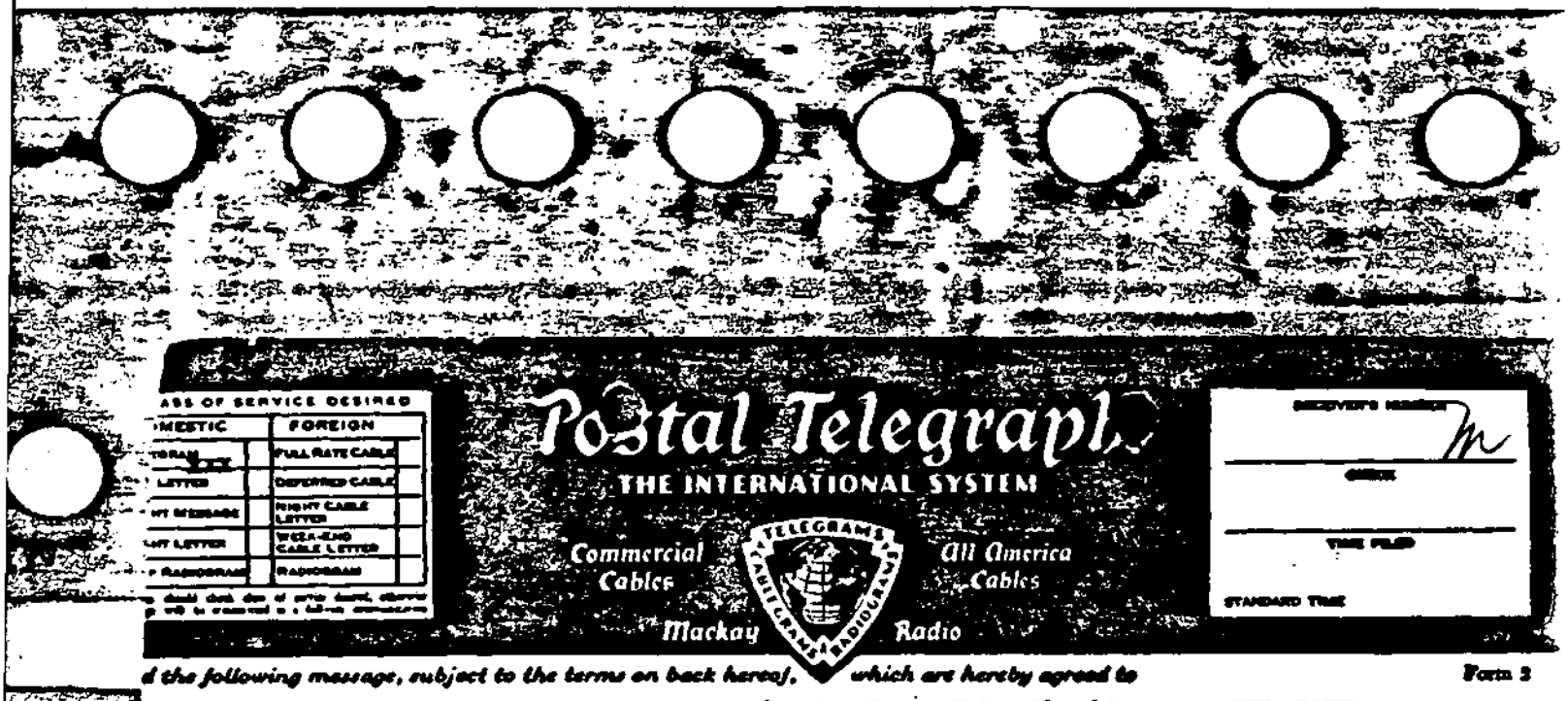

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801 Title Guaranty Building,
St. Louis, Missouri,
February 21, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
P. O. Box 1276,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled VERNON C. MILLER (DECEASED), etal, Conspiracy to Deliver a Federal Prisoner.

Mr. Ed Monroe, Assistant Chief Special Agent of the Missouri Pacific Railroad, advised the writer on February 19, 1934 that some time within the next month, a race track is to be opened at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and that he believes the races, which are to be held at that place, will be attended by Fred and Doc Barker and Alvin Karpis.

It is not known whether this information will be of any value, however same is forwarded to your office as of possible interest.

Very truly yours,

D. M. Ladd,
Special Agent in Charge.

DML:A
cc Division
cc Kansas City

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December 12, 1933.

CRIMINAL RECORD OF FRANK NASH

On September 13, 1913, Frank Nash, #4458, was received at the State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, from Kiowa County to serve a life sentence, crime - murder. On March 25, 1918, this sentence was commuted to 10 years and on July 10, 1918, he was granted a full pardon.

Nash as Charles R. Edgar, #1596, was arrested with W. E. Weber alias A. C. Keller, #1597, by the Police Department, Joplin, Missouri, July 26, 1919, charged with grand larceny - auto, and was tried July 27, 1919, and acquitted.

Nash was arrested by the Sheriff's Office at Cordell, Oklahoma, October 18, 1919, charge - investigation, bank robbery. On December 18, 1919, he was convicted at Cordell, Oklahoma, for burglary by explosives of the Corn State Bank at Corn, Oklahoma, on October 17, 1919, and was sentenced to serve 25 years in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary as #10672. On October 15, 1922, Nash made application for clemency in the form of a sixty day furlough, alleging business reasons. On December 29, 1922 the Governor of Oklahoma signed an order commuting the 25 year sentence to 5 years, and on the following day, December 30, 1922, Nash was discharged from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary.

Nash as #20769, was received at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, March 3, 1924, crime - assault of mail custodian, sentence - 25 years. He escaped from this institution on the evening of October 19, 1930.

Nash was arrested at Hot Springs, Arkansas, on June 16, 1933, and was shot and killed by gangsters at the Union Station in Kansas City, Missouri, on June 17, 1933.

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Suite L -
Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.
January 30, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
625 Lafayette Building,
Detroit, Michigan.

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FEB 27 1934

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER (DECEASED) ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

There is enclosed one copy of the report by Special Agent E. F. Trainor, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, January 29, 1934, in the above captioned case, wherein certain details with reference to Charles Arthur Floyd, Subject of Identification Order No. 1194, are shown.

It has been ascertained since the dictation of that report, from Captain L. M. Means of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Springfield, Missouri, who is seeking to apprehend Floyd, that Bulah Beard, alias Jaumita Rose, Rose(Ash)Beard, alias Rose Saunders, and a man named "Killer" Bill Miller robbed a bank at Mount Zion, Kentucky, during 1931, after the murder of the Ash boys at Kansas City; that shortly after the robbery of the Mount Zion Bank, Miller, Floyd and Bulah and Rose Beard were pursued by officers at Bowling Green, Ohio. Miller was killed at that time, and a police officer of Bowling Green, Ohio, was also killed. Identification of ballistic exhibits showed that the officer was killed by Floyd, who escaped at the time. Rose and Bulah Beard were held at Bowling Green on their capture and were removed to Kentucky for prosecution on charges of robbery, where they were convicted and sentenced to serve two or three years, but on appeal, it is said that the conviction was set aside. Through a confidential informant, Captain Means has ascertained from Mrs. Ruby Floyd, now residing in Fort Smith, Arkansas, that during the time of the incarceration of Bulah Beard, she resided with Floyd at Fort Smith. This latter information is somewhat inconsequential. It is desired, however, to check the details at Bowling Green, Ohio, and the points mentioned herein, as a matter of general information. It is also thought probable that the fingerprints of the two women might be available at Bowling Green.

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Your office is requested, therefore, to make appropriate investigation at Bowling Green, Ohio, and follow same through appropriate leads in the State of Kentucky, the exact location of which are not known at present.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc-Oklahoma City
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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

From: UNIT #1
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V. W. Hughes
Room 418.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Suite L, Federal Building,
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Dear Sir:

FEB 27 1934

Re: Vernon C. Miller, with aliases, Deceased;
Richard Tallman Galatas, with aliases,
Fugitive, Identification Order 1201, et al,
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Reference is made to your letter of January 30, 1934 addressed to the Detroit Office of the Division, wherein you make reference to one Bulah Baird, with aliases.

For your information, there is transmitted, herewith, a copy of a record of an individual believed to be identical with the person referred to above.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

420 Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

February 24, 1934

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

RE: Vernon C. Miller (deceased); et al.
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDL. PRISONER.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to Division letter dated 1/27/34 requesting that Ben Howle, Deputy Sheriff at Wichita Falls, Texas, be interviewed in connection with important information he claimed to have concerning "one of the four outstanding men wanted today:"

Special Agent E.J. Dowd interviewed Deputy Sheriff Ben Howle, who is also Assistant Jailer at the County Jail in Wichita Falls. He stated that CHARLES "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD is the man to whom he had reference; that Floyd visits Wichita Falls from time to time. In this connection he stated that he received positive information to this effect from a confidential informant [redacted] who has a room in the home of Don Faichney, son-in-law of Phi Taylor, 1713 Pearl St., Wichita Falls. [redacted] informed Howle that Floyd has been visiting Wichita Falls; that the last time he was there he stopped at the Old Mill Tourist Camp - owned and operated by Phi Taylor, located just beyond the city limits of Wichita Falls on the Fort Worth highway. When Floyd is in town he contacts Florence Lackin (Likens) in the 600 block on Brook Street; she is a widow with one child. According to Howle, she also runs around with Dan Tucker, step-son of H.L. White, Deputy Sheriff at Wichita Falls.

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After receiving the above information Howle stated that he and Sheriff Perry Browning interviewed Phi Taylor at the Old Mill Tourist Camp. Taylor admitted that it is true that Floyd stopped at his place, that the last time Floyd was at Wichita Falls was just before the Christmas holidays, when he was accompanied by 4 other men; that while at the camp 2 of these men constantly kept guard. Floyd uses a new Dodge motor with second-hand body, and Howle's information is that he is equipped with plenty of guns and steel vests; that Floyd now runs around with a local man (name unknown) and one named Anderson, who has a brother living one half mile West of Coalgate, Oklahoma. According to Ben Howle, Phi Taylor promised to place Floyd on the spot the next time he comes to the tourist camp, but this is doubtful as Taylor is known in the past to have harboring criminals, especially when he operated the Hearn Hotel at Wichita Falls, which place is now being run by Taylor's son-in-law Jim Newland.

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Howle also advised that Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker, in the past, stopped at the Old Mill Tourist Camp; and only recently learned this from one of the prisoners in jail - Noble Hurt, an escaped Federal prisoner who was captured at Seymour, Texas and lodged in the County Jail at Wichita Falls and now in the County Jail at Dallas, and who claims to have associated with "Pretty Boy" Floyd and Clyde Barrow. Howle further stated that years ago Floyd lived and worked North of Electra, Texas and is well known in that vicinity.

He stated he wrote to the Division at Washington with a view of getting some cooperation in capturing Floyd at Wichita Falls, as he feels that the job cannot be accomplished by the Sheriff's department and Police department, both of whom are not sufficiently equipped with modern guns, etc., to combat Floyd.

The local officials at Wichita Falls were apprised of the report that Floyd comes to that city and they are cooperating with the Dallas Division office in an effort to bring about the apprehension of Floyd.

Very truly yours,

F. J. Blake

F. J. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge.

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February 20, 1934.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR. 145

Mr. Alt called last night at about 8:45 and stated that they had just finished interviewing LaRue who had admitted participating in the Tupelo, Mississippi bank robberies, the Lincoln, Nebraska bank robbery, the Colfax, Washington bank robbery, the Blue Ridge bank robbery, the Effingham, Illinois mail robbery and the kidnaping of Mr. Woolverton at South Bend. Mr. Alt stated that although LaRue had admitted participating in the above offenses, he had refused to make any admissions in writing; that he implicated in the Tupelo, Mississippi bank robbery, himself, Kelly and Bates; in the Lincoln, Nebraska robbery, Ed Bentz, "Big Homer", "Big Slim", who was found dead at Red Wing, Minnesota, a party referred to as "Shorty", a Gus and an "Old Jelly"; that the bank at Colfax was robbed by himself, Bentz, Bates and Kelly; that the Blue Ridge job was committed by Bates, Kelly and himself; that the mail robbery at Effingham, Illinois was committed by Bentz, himself and a man known as "Red", who is wanted in the Luer case, and one Jim Evans.

Mr. Alt advised further that LaRue had implicated in the Bremer case, Whitey Anderson, Jack Pfiefer's brother, and possibly Jack Pfiefer himself. Mr. Alt stated that LaRue had merely suggested these names as possible participants but had nothing definite on them. He stated further that Agent Anderson was of the opinion that he was getting some good information in the KARPIS case; that the Gus mentioned in the Lincoln, Nebraska case is reported by LaRue to have been the "trigger man" at Kansas City. Mr. Alt stated LaRue would be again interviewed today for further information concerning the Kansas City case; that LaRue is so exhausted that they had to stop working on him for the night. Mr. Alt requested that in connection with the Woolverton kidnaping case, no action be taken to locate LaRue's brother in whose house Mr. Woolverton was held until after they had completed their interview with LaRue. He also suggested that two Agents could leave today but that he would communicate with the Division before dismissing them.

Respectfully,

S. P. Gourley.

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