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Suite L -
Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.
February 24, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Kindly refer to Division letter dated February 17, 1934, requesting that there be submitted to the Division at once a list of all wire taps which had been installed in this territory by this office since January 1, 1933.

In the case entitled Vernon C. Miller(deceased)et al, Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner, a tap was placed upon the telephone of F. B. Mulloy, 14 East 56th Street Terrace, Kansas City, Missouri, Telephone No. Harrison 0852; this tap having been placed on June 22, 1933, and extended up until July 21, 1933. Assistant Director Harold Nathan was at the Kansas City Division office at the time this tap was placed, and he authorized the same after he had telephonically conversed with the Division on or about June 22, 1933, it being believed that he spoke to the Director relative to this authorization.

A tap was placed on the telephone of Herbert A. Farmer, telephone number 1541-W-2, Joplin, Missouri, on June 24, 1933, and a similar tap was placed on the phone at that time of Frank Vaughn, telephone number 4271, Joplin, Missouri, both of these taps expiring on July 7, 1933. These taps were placed pursuant to authority of Assistant Director Harold Nathan, who was at the Kansas City Division office on this case at that time, and it is believed that he received authorization from the Director in a telephonic conversation with him on or before the first day of the tap.

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A tap was also placed on the telephone of Carl Tosso, 128 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, telephone number Grand 9030, this tap having been placed on September 30, 1933, and expired on October 17, 1933. Special Agent in Charge E. E. Conroy received telephonic authorization to place this tap on the morning of September 30, 1933, through telephonic conversation with Mr. V. W. Hughes of the Division.

The Division is respectfully advised that there appears to have been no letter of authorization ever received from the Division relative to these telephone taps.

In the case captioned Unknown Subjects, Ray E. Skidmore, Victim; Clarence E. King, Victim - Extortion, the following telephone observation and taps were had:

Telephone Number:	Place	Date placed:	Date Division authorized:	Date removed:
Independence, Mo. #2060	U.S.P.O., Independence, Mo.	1-17-34	1-22-34	2-15-34
Independence, Mo., #1798	R. E. Tindall, " "	"	"	"
Independence, Mo., #63	Dimoush Planing Mill, Indep.	1-2934		1-22-34
"	" " " "	1-23-34	1-23-34	2-15-34
Sugar Creek, Mo. #3715	John O'Renick, Sugar Creek,	1-22-34	1-22-34	"
Independence, Mo. #2268	J. O. Mack, Indep., Mo.	"	"	"
Independence, Mo. #1084-J	Ada Hopkins, " "	"	"	"
Sugar Creek, Mo. #943	Standard Oil Bulk Sta., Sugar Creek, Mo.	"	"	"

The Division is respectfully advised that there existed a misunderstanding relative to the Division's desires on records of telephone taps at the beginning of the above, in view of the fact that from January 17th to January 22nd, the telephone company was gratutiously making observations of calls received over the telephone numbers mentioned and was supplying the information to Agents of this Division office without any charge therefor. I was not of the opinion at the time that in those cases where a telephone company was volunterily and gratutiously furnishing the information it was necessary to receive prior authorization from the Division; accordingly, the authorization of the above phones was not received until January 22, 1933, when I conferred by telephone with Mr. H. H. Clegg of the Division. The observation of the Demoush Planing Mill, telephone number 63, was placed on January 20, 1934; was removed on January 22, 1934, as it was not thought important, and it was necessary to have another telephone number substituted for this, however, the observation of telephone number 63 was renewed on January 23, 1934, upon telephonic authorization from Mr. Clegg of the Division on that date, and was continued until February 15, 1934. The Division is respectfully referred to my letter dated January 27, 1934, particularly page two, for confirmation of my telephonic conversation with Mr. Clegg relative to the above described telephone observations. No letter of authorization relative to these telephone taps has been received.

In the case entitled Unknown Subjects, Edward George Bremer, Victim, Kidnaping, a tap was placed on February 12, 1934, on the office and residence telephones of Vernon Lynch, Des Moines, Iowa, telephone numbers 3-3271, 3-3272 and 5-0425. These taps are still in existence at the writing of this letter and were placed at the request of Special Agent in Charge Werner Hanni on February 12, 1934, as he advised that prior authority had been received from the Division to place them. Information relative to the placing of these taps is set out in my letter to the Division dated February 19, 1934; it will be noted in that letter that I have only mentioned telephone number 3-3271 for Mr. Lynch's office phone, however, he has two consecutive numbers for his office, 3-3271 and 3-3272, and the tap, of course is maintained on both office phones as well as his residence phone. No letter of authorization has been received from the Division by this office concerning the above mentioned tap.

Very truly yours,

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

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1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago Illinois

February 23, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of February 17, 1934, which requested list of all wire taps which have been installed by this office since January 1, 1933, The records of this office indicate that the following telphones were tapped on the dates indicated, and in connection with the cases named.

June 25, 1933 and for a few days thereafter. Telephone Ardmore 0051, listed in the name of Mrs. Myrtle Evans, 4870 Winthrop Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, in connection with the case entitled: Verne C. Miller with aliases (deceased) et al. Conspiracy to deliver escaped Federal Prisoner.

June 26 to 30, 1933 inclusive. Telpphone Nevada 3114, listed in the name of Jake Marks, 4201 West Van Buren Street, Chicago, Illinois, in connection with the case entitled; Verne C. Miller with aliases (deceased) et al. Conspiracy to deliver escaped Federal Prisoner. At this address resided two women, known as Catherine and Helen, who were friends of Harvey Bailey. This tap was placed on specific authorization of Mr. Hughes by telephone.

July 1 to 17, 1933 inclusive. Telephone Sheldrake 3939. This telephone is for Mrs. Margaret Lee and Mrs. Allen at 6144 Washtenaw Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. In connecti n with case entitled: Verne C. Miller with aliases (deceased) et al. Conspiracy to deliver escaped Federal Prisoner.

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Telephone Melrose Park 645, which is the telephone of O.P.Inn, Melrose Park, Illinois. In connection with case entitled: Verne C. Miller with aliases (deceased) et al. Conspiracy to deliver escaped Federal Prisoner.

July 7, 1933 and for several days thereafter. Telephone Lafayette 5466 listed in the name of Edward McGuirl, 3334 South Oakley Street, Chicago, Illinois, in connection with cases entitled: Verne C. Miller with aliases (deceased) et al. Conspiracy to deliver escaped Federal Prisoner.

September 23 to October 9, 1933 inclusive. Telephone Hemlock 8978. This is telephone of Mrs. Lillinan Holden, 6957 Hermitage Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. In connection with case entitled: Verne C. Miller with aliases (deceased et al. Conspiracy to deliver escaped Federal Prisoner.

September 27, 1933 and approximately one week thereafter. Telephone Victory 7202. This is telephone of Mr. Frank Hayes, 2000 Indiana Avenue. At the same time a tap was maintained on telephone Webster 7157, which is the telephone of hotel operated by Frank Hayes 745 South State Street, Chicago, Illinois. Both of these taps in connection with case entitled: Verne C. Miller with aliases (deceased) et al. Conspiracy to deliver escaped Federal Prisoner.

October 7 to 16, 1933 inclusive. Telephone Hude Park 8149. This is telephone of Harold Carper, 5110 Kenwood Avenue, Chiago, Illinois. Telephone Webster 8597. This is telephone at the Michigan Avenue Tavern opeated by Morris Caplan at 1150 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. These two taps were placed in connection with case entitled: George Kelly Barnes with aliases, et al Charles Urschel, Victim, kidnaping.

October 15 to 17, 1933 inclusive. Tap on telephone Austin Hall, River Forest, Illinois. In connection with case entitled: Unknown Subjects. William Walton Hall, Victim, Kidnaping.

October 29, 1933. Telephone Webster 7157. Telephone at the hotel operated by Frank Hayes 745 South State Street, Chicago, Illinois. In connection with case entitled: Verne C. Miller with aliases (deceased) et al. Conspiracy to deliver escaped Federal prisoner.

October 29 to November 1, 1933, inclusive. Tap on telephone at the apartment of Vivian Matthews in the Sherone Apartments, 4423 Sheridan Road, Chicago, Illinois. In connection with case entitled: Verne C. Miller with aliases (deceased) et al. Conspiracy to deliver escaped Federal prisoner. Telephonic authority received from the Director to place thistap.

November 1, 1933. Tap on telephone in the apartment of Mrs. Ridderman, Sherone Apartments at 4425 Sheridan Road, Chicago, Illinois. In connection with case entitled: Verne C. Miller with aliases (deceased) et al. Conspiracy to deliver escaped Federal Prisoner.

November 2 to 5, 1933, inclusive. Tap on telephone in the apartment of Mrs. O'Shea in the Sherone Apartments at 4425 Sheridan Road, Chicago, Illinois; in connection with case entitled: Verne C. Miller with aliases (deceased) et al. Conspiracy to deliver escaped Federal prisoner.

November 17 to 22, 1933 inclusive. Telephone Euclid 9300, which is the apartment of Ernest Rossi, 6400 West Washington Blvd., Chicago, Illinois. In connection with case entitled: Jack Klutas with aliases, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

In the event a tap on any telephone wires becomes necessary

in the future, authority from the Director will be requested before taking steps to install such taps.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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REN:ps February 12, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

Reference is made to Mr. Larson's letter dated February 9, 1934, particularly to the third paragraph on page one, wherein it is noted that Kathryn Kelly states that she and her husband have known LaRue (Edward Doll, Identification Order #1214), for a number of years; that he had visited them in Texas on several occasions; that she and Kelly spent a good deal of the time with him in and around Chicago and St. Paul; that between two and three years ago George Kelly left her in Texas and proceeded to Chicago, ostensibly for the purpose of engaging in some gambling enterprises; that he was gone for a considerable time when she received a communication from him instructing her to proceed to Kansas City, Missouri, and upon her arrival in Kansas City she was met at the station by Kelly and LaRue, and all three proceeded to the Phillips Hotel, which is near the Muehlebach Hotel, where she and George Kelly registered as R. G. Shannon and wife, and she recalls that LaRue registered as L. E. Lang, or Fern. Kathryn Kelly further described how George Kelly and LaRue kidnaped a Mr. Woolverton, a wealthy manufacturer of South Bend, Indiana. (A letter from the Chicago Office, dated February 10th, sets forth that this kidnaping took place during February, 1932.)

Corroborative of the above information, attention is invited to the Kansas City letter dated September 13, 1933, addressed to the Chicago Office, in the Kanmo Case, wherein it is noted that investigation conducted at Kansas City disclosed that an individual using the name "L. E. Lang", registered at the State Hotel, Kansas City, between the dates May 13, to 17, 1933. During the time of his stay at this hotel, he telephoned the local number, Harrison 6995, which developed to be a house of prostitution operated by Mrs. Mamie Hightower, alias Mamie Goss. The Kansas City letter points out that Mrs. Hightower is an unreliable character, but she, however, after several interviews, finally identified the telephone call as being for one of the prostitutes at her house named Maxine Miller, whose true name is Mabel Mueller; that she has never seen the party who called Maxine, but that she understood that Maxine met this individual some time on or about April 15, 1933, when he was stopping at the Muehlebach Hotel, under some unknown alias; that Maxine later met him and spent the night with him at the State Hotel, at which time he refused to give her any money; that thereafter Maxine proceeded to

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Chicago some time during July, 1933, and resided for a short time at the home of Josephine Myhart, 804 North Dearborn, telephone number Delaware 3789, Chicago, Illinois, but that Maxine has since departed from this address.

The Kansas City letter further reflects an interview with [redacted] 1629 Central Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, which is the same building occupied by Mrs. Hightower.

b7D Bert Haycock of the telephone company, a former policeman, Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, states that [redacted] is a very reliable informant from whom he had obtained valuable information during his period of employment on the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department.

[redacted] stated that she has known Maxine Miller for some time; that Maxine is a close friend of William Weisman (one of the suspects in the Kansas case, who is closely associated with the criminal underworld of St. Paul, Minnesota); that Maxine informed her, [redacted] that she is well acquainted with Louis Stacci, and that she formerly stayed at the O-P Inn in Chicago.

b7D [redacted] further explained, during the interview with her, that the reasons for Maxine's hurried departure from Kansas City, was that she had "rolled" a man at the Phillips Hotel in Kansas City for the sum of $150 and that the victim of her dishonesty was a very close friend of John Lazia, a noted gangster politician of Kansas City. [redacted] also furnished information which indicated that the man from whom Maxine stole the money is the same man with whom she had been in telephone communication while he was registered at the State Hotel. This is indicated by the fact that Mrs. Hightower, above referred to, mentioned that the men with whom Maxine associated had won $400 at a gambling establishment operated by Freddie Stross, at Kansas City, and that [redacted] had also made reference to the same fact. [redacted] further stated that Maxine is a very dangerous and treacherous woman, and that her entire game is that of "rolling" the men with whom she associates, but that she is well entrenched in the underworld gang in Chicago, with which Stacci is associated. Her home is in Dubuque, Iowa.

b7D [redacted] further stated that Maxine Miller told her that shortly after the murders committed at the Union Railway Station, at Kansas City William Weisman informed her before he left Kansas City that John Lazia and his gang had a part in the

b7D actual shooting. [redacted] identified a photograph of Weisman which was exhibited to her, and stated she personally saw Weisman, together with three or four other men, in the apartment of Mrs. Hightower on the day which she recalls to have been June 16, 1933 (the day before the Kansas City shooting), but could not identify other photographs exhibited to her as being likenesses of other men in company with Weisman, and stated that she did not notice them as closely as she did Weisman. She stated, however, that Mrs. Hightower handles liquor and that the men in company with Weisman were purchasing liquor from her on the occasion when she saw them.

The Kansas City letter also contains this paragraph:

"The situation in Kansas City is somewhat delicate politically, due to police connections with the John Lazia faction, and, therefore, very discreet action is being taken with reference to identification of the man at the Phillips Hotel who was presumably robbed by Maxine Miller."

The Kansas City letter also lists a number of long distance telephone calls made from the apartment of Mrs. Hightower which should be given careful consideration.

With reference to the letter from the Kansas City Office dated February 7, 1934, outlining the investigation to be made in connection with the Kansas City Massacre case, under section one, it is noted that attention is being given to the "Curly" angle. Briefly, an individual identified as "Curly" was seen to leave Chicago the day before the Kansas City shooting, according to information obtained by the Chicago Office from a confidential informant named

b7D [redacted]

Three days after the Kansas City shooting, Dr. Farr, accompanied Sheriff Tom Bash to the Kansas City Office, and related how an underworld character, whom he had known during the past fifteen years solely by the name of "Curly" had approached him in Cas Welch's place on 15th Street, between Troost and Forest Avenues, and asked him if he wanted to make some ready cash, and upon being told that he was agreeable to the proposition "Curly" stated some gangster in the city had been wounded. Dr. Farr agreed to meet "Curly" later in Cas Welch's place, but in the meantime reported the matter to Sheriff Bash and in turn to the Kansas City Office, where it was arranged that Dr. Farr should meet "Curly" and render the medical

aid desired and then to immediately advise Sheriff Bash where he went and to whom he had rendered aid.

Dr. Farr met "Curly" in accordance with the appointment had with him and was advised that the plans had been changed; that the wounded man was being taken to Seminole, Oklahoma, the following morning (January 21, 1933), where a negro doctor would take care of him temporarily, and that they would return him to Kansas City the following morning or Tuesday, in the event serious complications set in. "Curly" advised Dr. Farr that he could be reached over telephone Victor 6550, where he should simply ask for "Curly". This appears to be the Schuyler Hotel.

A letter from the Oklahoma City Office, dated June 29, 1933, addressed to the Kansas City Office, reflects that a letter dated June 21, 1933, was received from the Sheriff's Office at Chickasha, Oklahoma, containing information concerning a Cadillac Sedan, driven by an individual giving the name of "Lindsay", of Kansas City, Missouri, who was referred to as a racketeer. It does not appear that investigation was made of this matter, although the Sheriff in his letter indicated suspicious circumstances concerning this car and its occupants. The letter from the Oklahoma City Office, dated January 13, 1934, addressed to the Kansas City Office, reflects that investigation at Chickasha, Oklahoma, discloses that a green Cadillac Sedan, bearing Missouri tag numbers 313-998, and its occupants, had been in the vicinity of Chickasha, Oklahoma, from June 15 to June 25, 1933, as nearly as can be established by witnesses interviewed. Deputy Sheriff Al Marlow at Chickasha, places the date as June 14, 1933, when he was called to a residence two miles south of Chickasha to investigate a drunken driving charge, it being alleged that the operator of the above described sedan was driving the car in a reckless manner. The car was driven to the residence of a Mrs. Belle Downey, and when the Sheriff arrived, the sedan was parked in front of the house. The owner of the car gave his name as George Lindsey, Jr.

Mrs. Downey was interviewed by Special Agent T. M. Birch, whom he describes as being a very flashy woman, very indiscreet in her conversation, and under the influence of intoxicating liquors at the time she was interviewed. Mrs. Downey stated that Lindsey had married the daughter of her husband by a previous marriage, and that she had no use for the Lindsey family because of their underworld connections, and that she would certainly like "to see the law get them." Mrs. Downey places the date as June 15, 1933, when Lindsey

and his associates arrived at Chickasha, and stated that they had been on a drinking party. She also described the sedan as containing a recess back of the rear seat wherein two machine-guns, and a various assortment of pistols and ammunition were kept; that the drinking party at her house lasted until the night of June 16th, when George Lindsey received a telegram from Kansas City, and upon receiving this telegram he made several long distance calls from the McFarland Hotel, in Chickasha to Kansas City. Immediately upon making these telephone calls, George Lindsey announced that he and his two associates were going to Fort Worth and Dallas, departing about 8:00 o'clock; that Lindsey and his associates returned to Chickashahn the morning of June 18, 1933, between 12:00 and 2:00 o'clock; that they slept all day and night; that during their stay they requested a negro boy, who lives near her, to go to Chickasha and obtain all the papers, and their conversation seemed to center around the Kansas City Massacre.

Mrs. Downey's statement is corroborated by a mechanic at Chickasha named Bob Bostwick, or Boston, in that he states that the Cadillac Sedan, driven by Lindsey, was equipped with puncture proof tires, shatter proof glass throughout, and made the statement to Special Agent Birch that "no damn machine-gun could ever have hurt anybody in that car".

An unsuccessful check was made of the telephone calls emanating from the McFarland Hotel on the night of June 17th. The Oklahoma City letter simply sets this information forth for what it is worth. It appears from this letter that considerable additional investigation should be conducted at Chickasha, relative to the above facts.

Returning to the corroboration of the statement made by Kathryn Kelly to Special Agent in Charge Larson, reference is made to a letter from the Chicago Office, dated November 13, 1933, addressed to the Kansas City Office, reflecting an interview had with Maxine Miller. She was interviewed by Special Agent J. J. Keating, in apartment 407, 1430 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois, where she was found to be residing, and she stated that during the month of April, 1933, she met a Mr. Martin, who was a guest at the Muehlebach Hotel; that she took this man to a gambling establishment, operated by Freddie Stross, of Kansas City, Missouri; that he cleaned up the dice game with loaded dice; that because she was a sporting woman she stayed with him that night at the Stats Hotel; that on this occasion

Mr. Martin gave her $20.00; that she later met this man again in Kansas City, Missouri, and that she visited him at the Phillips Hotel where she ascertained that he was registered under the name of L. E. Lang; that she stayed with him all night, and that on this occasion he refused to pay her, stating that he only had $45. She stated that due to the fact that this individual appeared to be a "wise guy", while he was out of the room she ordered a quantity of cosmetics and other toilet articles and charged them to his bill.

A photograph of George Bates, one of the subjects in the Urschel Kidnaping Case, was exhibited to her for the reason that up to this time it was believed that L. E. Lang was identical with Bates, but she stated that the party known to her as Martin, or Lang, was not Bates.

She selected the photograph of Edward Doll, alias Eddie LaRue, as being identical with the individual known to her as Martin or Lang. She also identified the photograph of William Weisman, who beat her up in Kansas City, Missouri, during July, 1933, and stated that this individual at that time was living with a gambler named "Red Ward", in a double room at the President Hotel, and that he was working in a gambling house at 1104 and 1106 Baltimore Avenue, Kansas City, taking bets; that this gambling establishment is near the President Hotel; that Weisman is a close friend of Sammy Sadlow, who operates this gambling house, and that Sadlow would give no information relative underworld connections. She further advised that Weisman follows the races very closely and may be found in Florida during the winter time.

Maxine Miller agreed to supply the Chicago Division Office with any information which she might obtain relative to the possible whereabouts of Weisman.

She also advised that she is a native of Dubuque, Iowa, but disclaimed any knowledge concerning the Kansas City Massacre case.

The above information is submitted for your consideration in connection with the efforts now being made to locate LaRue, as the principal suspect in the Bremer Kidnaping Case.

Respectfully,

E. E. Beaty

MR. NATHAN ....
MR. TOLSON ....
MR. CLEGG.....
MR. C W. EY....
MR. EDWARDS....
MR. EGAN .....
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U. S. Department of Justice
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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Suite L -
Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.
February 15, 1934.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL.

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

Dear Sir:

Kindly refer to Division letter of January 31, 1934, containing comments to the effect that the Division was disturbed over the handling of the case involving the massacre of peace officers in Kansas City, Missouri.

Recently, while I was in Washington, D.C., Assistant Director H. H. Clegg instructed me to endeavor to eliminate certain difficulties, which appeared to have developed during my recent absence on special assignment.

Today, I have directed two communications to the Division regarding the massacre case, which have outlined the developments in the past, and the procedure to be followed in the future. It will be appreciated, if the Division would give those two letters most careful consideration.

Personally, I was pleased at the action of the Division in having Special Agent Harold E. Andersen assigned to the direct supervision of the massacre case. It will be recalled that I personally requested the Director to assign Agent Andersen to the Kansas City office at the time I was transferred here, in order that he might work on that case. I have found that during the past two weeks, Agent Andersen has developed a procedure to be followed in the future, which is logical and will probably bring this case to a logical conclusion at the earliest possible date.

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Mr. Clegg advised me, while in Washington, that apparently some dissension had arisen between Special Agents W. F. Trainor and A. E. Farland, who have both been working on the case, and who have developed more or less opposing theories. I have found that Agent Andersen eliminated this by instructing Agent Farland to follow out his own leads, and by specifically directing all of the investigation himself.

For the information of the Division, it may be noted that Agent Trainor is practically indispensable in connection with future investigation. He has a most intimate knowledge of the massacre files, which are most voluminous. He has worked long hours and has the interest of the Division at heart in connection with this case. I realize that he may not have a balanced judgment at times, and that his efforts in the past have occasionally been somewhat misdirected. With Agent Andersen directing the investigation, however, I feel certain that Agent Trainor's services will be extremely valuable.

It will further be noted that Agent Farland has recently requested transfer to the New York City, or Boston, office, in view of the illness of his mother. It is my understanding that such requests are usually granted by the Division. In this specific case, if the transfer is granted, there cannot possibly be any further friction between the two Agents in question.

There has been a definite plan of procedure laid down in connection with the investigation of the massacre case, and I do not anticipate any particular disturbance over the handling of the same in the future.

Trusting that my views on this matter are in accord with those of the Division, I am

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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February 17, 1934

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

In conversation with Special Agent in Charge Alt, at Tampa, Florida, he indicated that the Chicago Office had requested an interview with Mabel Mueller, who probably is Maxine Miller, who is acquainted with LaRue.

The Chicago Office requested that Maxine Miller be interviewed, and she is at the Patricia Hotel in Miami, but the Agent at Miami had been called in to assist in the investigation at Tampa.

I told him to defer this interview until the Agent could be released from Tampa.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

Charlotte, N. C.
February 20, 1934.

RE: CHARLES ARTHUR (PRETTY BOY) FLOYD with aliases - FUGITIVE.

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At Goldsboro, North Carolina.

On February 19, 1934, pursuant to telephonic conversation with L. B. Reed, Acting Special Agent in Charge, Charlotte Office, Agent proceeded to Raleigh, North Carolina, and interviewed Chief of Police C. B. Barbour and Captain Bruce Poole, Police Department, in reference to above captioned subject.

They stated that an automobile accident had occurred out on the Wake Forest Road about 2:30 that morning severely injuring S. E. Briggs of Washington, D. C., who was riding alone in a Ford Coupe and the two occupants of the other car, a "straight eight" Chrysler, involved, had fled from Raleigh, North Carolina. In the Chrysler car was found a varied assortment of burglar tools and clothing. They further informed Agent they had been informed that W. R. Proctor, called "Pick", and subject, were the occupants of the Chrysler car at the time of the accident; that Ted Saddler, a local resident, had taken these men in his automobile to Petersburg, Virginia.

Upon the return of Ted Saddler to Raleigh, North Carolina, he was picked up by local police and interviewed by Agent together with Captain Poole and Chief Barbour. After prolonged questioning, Saddler finally admitted that he had taken one of the man, unknown to him, resembling subject, to Petersburg, Virginia, and left him in the slum district and brought W. R. Proctor to a suburban district in Rocky Mount, North Carolina. Saddler finally agreed to accompany Agent with the officers to Petersburg, Virginia, and Rocky Mount, North Carolina, and point out the homes where he had taken these men.

Detectives Poole and Lowe, with informant and Agent, proceeded to Petersburg, Virginia, where, with the aid of local officers and state police, the home of B. M. Bowman, 28 Jackson Street., Ettrick, Virginia, was raided and one Melvin Archer picked up and placed in jail. Archer was immediately recognized and identified by the local police. Agent questioned Archer, who admitted he was one of the occupants of the wrecked Chrysler car and there was no doubt about it from his appearance, as Archer had a fractured jaw, some teeth missing, and a badly lacerated chin.

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Agents Levin and Smith of the Washington Field Office assisted in the raid and they questioned Archer.

Agent proceeded with Detective Poole and informant to Rocky Mount, North Carolina, where a second raid was made in Inglewood, a suburban district of this city. This raid resulted in the arrest of W. R. Proctor, Eugene Gunter and three women. Proctor readily admitted he was an occupant of the Chrysler car involved in the accident. At the house where Proctor and Gunter were arrested there was found a complete burglarizing outfit including three fruit jars and two packages of dynamite caps, some of which had been attached to fuses for immediate use together with balls of soap, a pint of nitro-glycerine, acetyline torches, four gas tanks, two automatic rifles, several pistols, cigarettes and clothing. In the garage a new Chrysler car, Imperial 8-motor #C. D. 4376, with 1934 Pennsylvania license plates, was found by the writer with officers. There was also a Ford Coupe, 1928 model, motor #A 756865, in the rear of this house. A check of the motor numbers with L. S. Harris, State Motor Vehicle Theft Bureau, Raleigh, North Carolina, revealed that the Chrysler car had been reported as stolen on December 14, 1933 at Southern Pines, North Carolina. The Chief of Police at Southern Pines, who reported the theft, had failed to give the owner's name, while the Ford Coupe is registered in the name of Eugene Gunter, 408 McKeever Street, Sanford, North Carolina, one of the men taken in the raid.

As before mentioned, there were found about 25 cartoons of cigarettes in the home raided. Agent questioned Proctor and Gunter at length concerning their theft in Interstate Transportation without results, however. Writer noted that the cigarette cartoons were stamped "Penders" so apparently they were stolen within the State.

Agent, Detective Poole and two Raleigh Police officers accompanied Proctor in a police car from Rocky Mount, North Carolina, to Raleigh, North Carolina. During the trip, agent questioned Proctor concerning the theft of the two Chrysler cars. Proctor finally admitted that the cars were stolen in Southern Pines, North Carolina, and High Point, North Carolina, respectively. He denied he had driven either cars outside of the State of North Carolina. Upon arrival in Raleigh, agent obtained the motor #C. O. 8880 from the engine of the Chrysler Imperial eight 1933 model, which figured in the automobile accident and checked said motor number with the State Motor Vehicle Theft Bureau, Raleigh, North Carolina. Mr. Harris of this Bureau, informed agent that this car was reported stolen from L. A. Welsh, High Point, North Carolina, on September 3d, 1933. At the time agent examined this car everything had been removed from car and impounded in the Sheriff's Office. However, agent was informed by Detective Bruce Poole, Police Department, Raleigh, North Carolina, that a varied collection of burglar tools and clothing comprised the loot found in this car.

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cc/Division
cc/Washington Field

D. M. Jordan,
Special Agent

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62-30619 February 23, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letter of January 27, 1934, requesting that an Agent from your office communicate with Mr. Ben Howle, Deputy Sheriff, Wichita Falls, Texas, for the purpose of obtaining any information Mr. Howle may have of interest to this Division. A report has not as yet been received from you.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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February 24, 1934

Mr. Harold E. Andersen,
c/o Tampa Terrace Hotel,
Tampa, Florida.

Dear Sir:

Upon completion of the questioning of Edward Doll alias Eddie LaRue at Tampa, Florida, it is desired that you proceed to Washington, D. C. for a conference, after which it is planned that you interview Kathryn Kelly at her present place of incarceration and subsequently I wish you to proceed to Canon City, Colorado for the purpose of interviewing the prisoner by the name of "Red", who is alleged to have information that Gus Stone is the individual for whom the Division should be looking in connection with the Kansas City massacre case.

I am advising you of these plans at this time so that you may organize all of the information which is available to you now in order that you may be prepared to interview Kathryn Kelly and subsequently to handle the investigation relative to the allegations concerning Gus Stone.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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February 27, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

Re: RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS with
aliases FUGITIVE. I. O.
#1201, et al.

ALVIN KARPIS, et al.
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM.
Kidnaping.

Reference is made to the request from the Division and from the St. Paul office to the effect that immediate investigative activity should be commenced here in connection with the location of those believed involved in the Bremer kidnaping case, to wit: Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker, Arthur R. Barker, Harry Campbell and Volney Davis. Due to the absence of tangible leads in this district, and the fact that the informant who furnished said information to the Division hasfailed to appear at this office, the only possible investigative work that can be done in the matter is to acquaint the 8th Precinct Detectives who worked on the Kansas City case with the fact that the apprehension of the above named five individuals is desired in the Kansas City case.

To that end Inspector Sullivan was interviewed and he communicated with Captain McDermott, in charge of the 3rd Detective District, and advised him to revive the arrangements which were in effect last Fall in the Kansas City case. Captain McDermott advised that he would call the eight detectives together for a conference just as soon as photographs of the individuals could be secured. Letter has gone forward to the Division requesting these photographs.

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At the same time information was secured that Captain Leahy of the Confidential Squad working under Inspector Sullivan had information with respect to Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd. Inspector Sullivan immediately communicated with Captain Leahy

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and advised him to cooperate in every way with this Division of fice in connection with his efforts looking toward the capture of Floyd.

Captain Leahy was interviewed and said that he received information a short time ago that Floyd is going in and out of the building at 1819 Broadway. This is a large building owned and operated by the Manufacturers Trust Company, and the manager of the building is absolutely reliable. The building holds a number of liquor dealers and tenants with unenviable reputations. Captain Leahy said that in the building are Johnny Torrio, famed New York and Chicago gangster and liquor operator, Ciro Terranova, the artichoke king and friend of Torrio, and Pauly Amarcie, bondsman for "Dutch" Schultz. It is also observed from the telephone directory that Hyman Vogelstein, attorney for the slot machine interests, is also located in this building. Captain Leahy said that the gang has headquarters on the 12th and 22nd floors and that on the 22nd floor is the concern known as the Long Island Drug Company, which is a blind, and that on the other floor is located an Italian genealogist by the name of Margano. He said that photograph of Floyd, #3999, has been identified by the elevator operators as a person who comes into the building once or twice a week and gets off at the 22nd floor, and that his most distinguished characteristic is the soft Southern drawl of his voice. Captain Leahy said that he received information from the manager of the building that Floyd came in around five o'clock Wednesday, February 21st, but the manager, was unable to get in touch with him; however, since that date he has had two men planted in the building in the office of the manager, and should the person who is supposed to be Floyd come in the building, they will be notified.

This information was immediately conveyed tothe Agent in Charge and steps are being taken whereby this office will work in conjunction with the two detectives assigned to this building.

T. H. TRACY,
Special Agent.

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NEW YORK CITY	2-28-34	2/1,3,5,10,14/34	G. V. DOHERTY

TITLE: RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS - FUGITIVE, with alieses - I. O. 1201, et al.

CHARACTER OF CASE: OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (ENDEAVOR TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER FRANK NASH).

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Lee H. Cady, Leroy, N. Y., furnished addresses of brothers-in-law of R. Galatas; also indicated Jules and Sidney Galatas of Montgomery, Ala., may have information as to said person's whereabouts. $200 check, drawn on Springfield, Ill. bank, believed forwarded by Dick to his mother in August, 1933. According to Mr. Cady, was subsequently sent to Mrs. Galatas in California. Long distance telephone calls, charged to Leroy 49 and 481, procured and reported.

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DETAILS:

DETAILS: This investigation is predicated upon a report made by SAC Dwight Brantley, when in Buffalo on January 24, 1934, at which time he requested that agent procure long distance records of calls made by either Lee H. Cady or Roscoe W. Babcock, said persons being members of the firm of Cady and Babcock, Liquidators, Leroy, N. Y., the firm number being Leroy 49 and R. W. Babcock's number being Leroy 481.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: J. X. Frey SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Agent communicated with Mr. J. E. Wykoff, Rochester Telephone Company, Lincoln Alliance Bank Building, Rochester, N. Y., and Mr. Wykoff stated that he would furnish said information but that it was to be understood that same was to be held in the strictest confidence as it might jeopardize his interests if it were found that he was supplying said information without the use of a court order. The following are the only toll calls made up to and inclusive of February 14, 1934 from said numbers:

Leroy 49 has not had any long distence calls since said phone was installed.

Leroy 481 had the following calls:

12-15-33 - Mr. Benford, plumber, Lewisburgh, Pa. 48R2 - 8:56 A.M. - 1 min.

12-28-33 - Detroit, Mich. Townsend 87094 - 8:30 P.M. - 3 min.

1-26-34 - " " " " - 8:30 P.M. - 4 min.

2-10-34 - Miller Johnson, Lewisburgh, Pa., 24883 - 7:12 P.M., 5 min.

The above are the only calls charged to said lines and, as Mr. Brantley had received all the numbers but the last one at the time of his visit, agent has not sent any memo. showing the call of 1-26-34. Agent, as directed by Mr. Brantley, will check said telephone records on a period of every two weeks unless instructions to the contrary are received from SAC Fay. Lee H. Cady has had no phone installed to date in his home.

Agent made several attempts to interview Mr. Lee H. Cady, as instructed by SAC Brantley and said interview was accomplished recently.

Mr. Lee H. Cady stated that since last being interviewed by S.A.C. Brantley, he has received no communications from Dick Galatas, nor has he or his wife or her mother received any word from Dick's wife; that since the last interview, he and his wife have talked the matter over and have thought of every possible place where Dick might be and have always reached the same conclusion that he must be in Mexico or in some other warm climate, especially a place where there is horse-racing. Mr. Cady stated that both he and his wife based said decision upon the fact that in the cool fall days and early winter, Dick Galatas suffered from the cold in Detroit.

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Mr. Cady also stated that on or about August 15, 1933, while living in Canisteo, N. Y., he received a package sent by himself at Springfield, Ill. to himself at Canisteo, N. Y., and not having mailed said package himself, he felt there was something irregular about it; that he opened the package up in the presence of the Postmaster in Canisteo, N. Y. and found therein a cashier's check in the amount of $200.00 drawn on a Springfield, Ill. bank, name of bank unknown, and also a gift for Dick's mother, and a note indicating that said check was for her; that thereupon he mailed said check to Mrs. Galatas in California but could not recall her address.

During this interview, Mr. Cady stated that one Clifford McKaig, a brother-in-law, lived in Bell River, Ont.; that Walter McFadden, brother-in-law, lived in Dresden, Ont.; that it was his understanding that Lew Connors drove Mrs. Galatas and Mrs. McFadden to the train at the time they came to Canisteo, N. Y., in 1933.

Mr. Cady also stated that Dick Galatas had two cousins, namely, Jules and Sidney Galatas, who control the liquor business in Montgomery, Alabama, and operated stills in close proximity thereto, which stills are located in an isolated area, and, as he understands, have from time to time been used as a "hide-out" although he has no positive knowledge of same.

During the entire interview, Mr. Cady continuously expressed his willingness to cooperate in locating Dick Galatas. However, when asked any direct questions, he became very evasive and had convenient lapses of memory. However, he indicated that due to the Immigration laws, it was necessary for Mrs. McFadden to return to Canada and that it was his intention to drive her to Dresden, Ont., to Walter McFadden's home, during the latter part of February, at which time he would make inquiry of his wife's people in Canada to ascertain whether or not they have received any word from Dick's wife or from Dick; that he would also make discreet inquiry while in Detroit, where he intended to remain for approximately a week's time, and that, if interviewed at a later date, he would gladly furnish the writer with all the information which he possessed and, in conclusion, stated that he could think of no particular person with whom Dick or his wife might be communicating at the present time.

Mr. Cady indicated that he had advised his wife of the visit by agents of this Division, furnishing her with the reason for

said visit. However, the writer made no attempt to interview Mrs. Cady (sister of Mrs. Galatas) to date, due to the fact that specific instructions were given that she was not to be interviewed. However, the writer is of the belief that Mrs. Cady might be more willing to supply information which will tend to safeguard her sister, but she will not be interviewed unless specific instructions are received by the writer to interview her.

Postmaster Houston, Leroy, N. Y., stated that he had no additional information, but that he will continue to cover all mail to the Cady and Babcock families, sending said reports daily to the New York office.

Agent will continue to contact, as directed by S.A.C. D. Brantley, unless notified to the contrary.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

NEW YORK OFFICE, at Leroy, N. Y., Genesee County, will, at a later date, again interview Lee H. Cady, for what additional information he may have as to the possible present whereabouts of Dick Galatas or his wife. Postmaster Houston should also be interviewed for whatever additional information he may have.

At Rochester, N. Y., Monroe County, J. E. Wykoff, Rochester Telephone Company, should be interviewed, and long distance telephone calls checked, reporting the calls made to or from Leroy 49 or 481.

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February 27, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letter of February 17, 1934, and to previous correspondence relative to the matter of defraying the hospital expenses and expense of medical attention for Eva Mae Nichols, Ralph Howe and Wilbur Underhill.

The Division of Accounts of the Department advises that it has received a communication from the Governor of Oklahoma relative to these accounts. It is therefore desired that you give these matters immediate attention and expedite the forwarding of these accounts to the Division.

You should also advise the Division as to the decision of the Oklahoma State Board of Affairs with regard to the settlement of the expenses for Wilbur Underhill, which matter was being considered by that Board.

The vouchers requested in Division letter of February 17, 1934, should be transmitted to the Division at once.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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1900 Bankers Building
Chicago, Illinois

February 23, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

This will refer to your letter, dated February 21, 1934, in which you mention the possibility of securing information from [redacted] with regard to the Kansas City massacre.

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You are advised that this matter was taken up with [redacted] upon the special instance and request of Mr. Harold Nathan, Assistant Director, [redacted] advised that he had not been able to secure any further information in regard to this matter.

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Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH
Acting Special Agent in Charge

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DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Fay called from New York. The police in New York have received a tip that Charles A. "Pretty Boy" Floyd is at 1819 Broadway, New York. The New York police are working on it and Mr. Fay is cooperating with them. He requests enlarged photographs of Floyd and the Barker-Karpis group.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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DALLAS, TEXAS	2-24-34	2/19 & 20/34	H. T. ARTERBERRY

TITLE: GEORGE WASHINGTON NASH, Sr. ET AL.

CHARACTER OF CASE: HARBORING AND CONCEALING A PERSON FOR WHOM A WARRANT OF ARREST HAS BEEN ISSUED - CONSPIRACY.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Joe Dodd's reputation at Paris, Texas formerly good, but now questionable. Houston Nash, Clyde Brandenburg, Charles Martindale, and Glenn Tipton frequently visited Voyt Williams, T. L. Jaggers, and Joe Dodd while they were drilling an oil well near Clarita, Oklahoma.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent C. B. Winstead, Dallas, Texas, dated 12/21/33.

DETAILS:

It was ascertained at the Paris, Texas Police Department that Joe Dodd was well known to them; that he was born and reared in Paris, Texas, but that he had had no criminal record known to them. Chief of Police Gus Cothran advised that Dodd's reputation about the town had been good for many years, but that a year or two ago he became interested in the drilling of an oil well near Clarita, Oklahoma at which time it was noted that he began to keep company with persons whose reputations were not of the best; that he was now broke and of recent months had spent but little time in Paris; that the last information had relative to his whereabouts was when he [Dodd] wired from Wichita Falls, Texas to a former stockholder in the company at Paris for $10.00 which was not sent him.

DETAILS:

Cliff Barnes, now a truck driver at Paris, Texas, was interviewed and stated that he was a tower-man for the company that drilled an oil well near Clarita, Oklahoma in which Voyt Williams, T. L. Jaggers, Joe Dodd and others were interested; that he worked at this well for several months; that while employed there he saw Houston Nash and associates Clyde Brandenburg, Charles Martindale and Glenn Tipton of Shawnee, Seminole and Clarita, Oklahoma respectively.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: P. J. Beary SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE 62-27915-1313

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Barnes further stated that these men would come to the well often; that they appeared to have no business and seemed to be just looking over the place; that he had engaged them in conversation at different times, but that he never heard one of them mention the names of Wilbur Underhill or "Pretty Boy" Floyd while there. Mr. Barnes further advised that the above named parties did not appear to want to converse with anyone in particular there at the well; that at no time did he become suspicious of their actions.

Mr. Barnes further stated that he had heard from Joe Dodd but one time since the first of the year and that was when Dodd wired him for $10.00, but that he (Barnes) did not send it to him; that the wire was sent from Wichita Falls, Texas. Barnes stated that all of them went broke, he thought, in the oil well venture at Clarita, Oklahoma

Gid Campbell, Paris, Texas advised that Joe Dodd's reputation in Paris was fairly good until a year or two ago when he (Campbell) noted that Dodd's associates about town were not of the best.

It was noted by writer during inquiry concerning Dodd that a number of Paris, Texas people took stock in the promotion company that drilled the well at Clarita, Oklahoma and since Joe Dodd was one of the promoters in same and since the venture was a failure, same was not calculated to increase personal favor for Mr. Dodd.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

hmc-eg February 23, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

Mr. Brantley telephoned last night advising that he was going to Chickasha, Oklahoma last night to see an informant who claimed he could put Charles Arthur (Pretty Boy) Floyd on the spot.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation
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Washington, D. C.

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February 28, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

Mr. Brantley telephoned last night at 9:30 P.M. and stated there were persistent rumors that Galatas was in Hot Springs, Arkansas; that this matter had been reported to Special Agent Kindell by Mr. Graham of the Burns Detective Agency; that similar information had been received from Memphis, Tennessee and Galatas is alleged to have been on the streets of Hot Springs recently and to have had six guns on his person.

Agent Brantley believed that an unknown, versatile, good, sound investigator should be sent into the Oklahoma territory to make the necessary investigations at Hot Springs. He stated he did not feel an Agent of his office could make the investigation as the men that worked on the Urschel case were generally known throughout Oklahoma and Arkansas and some of their pictures had been in the paper.

I informed him of the unlikelihood that any Agent would be available for such an assignment and, even if it became absolutely necessary, that it was very likely an Agent from his office would have to be sent to the office from which the incoming Agent came. After discussing the matter with the Director this morning, the attached telegram will be transmitted to the Oklahoma City office, if you approve.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

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RATON N MEX
February 25, 1934.

YOUR OPERATIVE W P MCKINZIE CALLED ME AT 230 AM TODAY FROM CANONCITY COLORADO ADVISING THAT CHAS A FLOYD WAS AT THE PALACE HOTEL IN RATON AND REQUESTED I TAKE HIM AT ONCE I CALLED MY MEN AND SEARCHED THIS HOTEL AND OTHERS AND NO SUCH MAN WAS LOCATED MCKINZIE WAS INVESTIGATED BY SHERIFF AT CANONCITY AT MY REQUEST AND HIS REPORT TO ME WAS THAT MCKINZIE WAS UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF LIQUOR I AM GLAD TO COOPERATE WITH YOUR DEPARTMENT AT ALL TIMES BUT I AM PROTESTING AGAINST MCKINZIES ACTION AND REQUEST THAT YOU INVESTIGATE AND CORRECT THE CONDITION

G.R FLETCHER SHERIFF

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J A DOWD
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SALT LAKE CITY UTAH

SHERIFF G R FLETCHER RATON NEW MEXICO WIRES W P MCKINZIE REPRESENTING SELF EMPLOYEE THIS DIVISION PHONED HIM LAST NIGHT FROM CANONCITY COLORADO ADVISING CHAS A FLOYD AT PALACE HOTEL RATON ASKING FLOYDS IMMEDIATE ARREST HOTEL SEARCHED NO ONE FLOYDS DESCRIPTION FOUND SHERIFF CANONCITY REPORTS MCKINZIE INTOXICATED INVESTIGATE IMPERSONATION PROMPTLY SEE IF HAS KNOWLEDGE FLOYDS WHEREABOUTS

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R H COLVIN
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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SHERIFF C R FLETCHER RATON NEW MEXICO REPORTS POSSIBLE IMPERSONATION INVOLVING W P MCKINNIE WHO PHONED SHERIFF FROM CANONCITY COLORADO SALT LAKE CITY OFFICE NOTIFIED COMMUNICATE WITH SHERIFF PROMPTLY

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G R FLETCHER
SHERIFF
RATON NEW MEXICO

GLAD TO INFORM YOU NO ONE EMPLOYED BY THIS DIVISION BY NAME OF W P MCKINZIE GLAD YOU ADVISED ME AM REQUESTING SALT LAKE CITY AND ELPASO OFFICES THIS DIVISION CONDUCT INVESTIGATION OF POSSIBLE IMPERSONATION FEDERAL OFFICER AGENT WILL CONFER WITH YOU IN NEAR FUTURE DEEPLY APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

FEBRUARY 26, 1934.

W PA MCKENZIE IMPERSONATION RETEL FEBRUARY TWENTY FIFTH STOP SUBJECT IS SUPERVISOR FEDERAL EMERGENCY RELIEF TRENCHANT DIVISION ADVISES HE GAVE NEGRO PORTER MRS EDDYS HOTEL CANONCITY DRINKS LIQUOR SATURDAY LAST AND PORTER TOLD HIM FLOYD WAS AT RATON NM STOP WILL LOCATE INTERVIEW PORTER SOON POSSIBLE.

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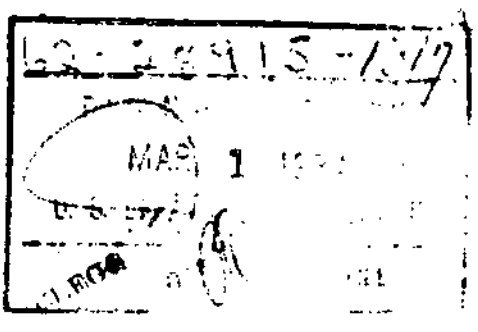

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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, et al., Edward G. Bremer - Victim - Kidnaping.

Reference is made to a telegram from the St. Paul office to this office, dated February 27, 1934, requesting that specimens of handwriting other than signatures be obtained of Volney Davis, Arthur (Doc) Barker, and Harry Campbell.

Please be advised that search of the files in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary failed to show any handwriting of these individuals other than signatures.

The office of the Parole and Pardon Attorney, state of Oklahoma, has a record on Davis and Doc Barker. Five letters written by Davis, when he was in the McAlester State Penitentiary, were found in this file, were borrowed, with the promise that they would be returned, and are transmitted herewith. These letters were receipted for and should be carefully preserved as it was definitely requested that they be returned when they have served their purpose.

The records of the Pardon and Parole Attorney do not disclose any specimens of handwriting of Arthur (Doc) Barker other than signature. I am transmitting herewith three parole reports purporting to bear his signature; one for February, 1933, rendered February 27, 1933 at Neosho, Missouri and witnessed by M. M. Roley, S. A. Keller and G. E. Barker, and in this parole report Doc Barker states that he was employed sixteen days during that month by S. A. Keller at Neosho, Missouri. Another for March, 1933, rendered at Neosho, Missouri, with the return address, Box 174 of that town, dated March 28, 1933, in which he stated that that would be his address indefinitely and that for eighteen days he worked for different parties as a common laborer at $1.50 per day, and witnessed by Jack Ziller and Rannie Farmer. The third report is for January, 1934, rendered at Neosho, Missouri, return address Post Office Box 174 of that town, dated January 30, 1934, in which he states that he will be at this address indefinitely, and that he has worked twenty days for different

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parties as a common laborer and has earned $54.00. It is witnessed by Jack Ziller and Mrs. Rannie Farmer.

Application for Banishment Parole bearing two signatures of Doc Barker was obtained from the records of the Pardon Attorney's office and also an Application for Clemency, dated June 16, 1931, bearing two signatures of Doc Barker was obtained at the Pardon Attorney's office and are transmitted herewith.

There was found in the file of Doc Barker at the Pardon Attorney's office a letter dated February 14, 1934, written at Neosho, Missouri, and signed George E. Barker, address Post Office Box 174, Neosho, requesting that some parole report blanks for his son, Doc Barker, be forwarded. A similar letter, dated March 28, 1933, signed George E. Barker, Post Office box 174, was obtained. There is nothing to indicate that these letters are in the handwriting of Doc Barker and are not being transmitted herewith.

All of the documents forwarded herewith have been copied and information contained therein in the nature of leads will be collated and proper investigation conducted.

The Kansas City office was apprised today telephonically of the names appearing on these parole reports.

As is indicated, no handwriting specimens could be found of Harry Campbell. Agent Hollis informs me that he has made a thorough search of the records in the Police Department at Tulsa, Oklahoma, but has been unable to obtain any specimens of Harry Campbell's handwriting there. He will conduct further investigation in an effort to obtain such specimens and, if obtained, same will be forwarded forthwith to the Division.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley,
Special Agent in Charge.

Encl's.
cc-St. Paul
Kansas City

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February 28, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 536,
Los Angeles, California.

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

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith copies of a letter dated February 14, 1934, signed by H. B. Kennedy, Deputy Sheriff, San Diego, California, with reference to Charles Arthur Floyd, with aliases, subject of Identification Order #1194.

You are instructed to have an Agent interview Mr. Kennedy at the earliest practicable date and obtain any information he has in his possession which may be of assistance in locating this individual.

In compliance with the request contained in Mr. Kennedy's letter, the Division has furnished him with copies of Identification Order #1194. A copy of this letter, with inclosure, is being forwarded to the Kansas City office of the Division.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Director,
Division of Investigation,
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Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

Mr. Borer informs me that he had telephonic request to ascertain whether or not the St. Paul Police Department has information that fingerprints were found on a beer bottle which was found at 804 Vernon Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, June, 1933.

Please be advised that I do not recall distinctly as to whether or not the St. Paul Police Department was informed by me to the effect that Nash's prints were found on a beer bottle. You will recall that the latent prints which have been identified as Frank Nash's on said beer bottle were submitted to the Division by the St. Paul Police Department, and under date of June 23, 1933, you sent me a Western Union telegram reading,

> "Latent fingerprint submitted by St Paul Police in connection with kidnaping identified through single fingerprint file as right thumb print of Frank Nash"

On the strength of this telegram, I am sure I did not notify the St. Paul Police Department. I am under the impression, however, that I received a telephone call from the Division on the same date, informing me of the same facts, and if I am not mistaken, I was instructed to advise the St. Paul Police Department of this fact and I find that two telephone calls were made between the St. Paul office and the Division on the 23rd day of June, 1933. At any rate, I can safely state that unless I had specific instructions from the Division to inform the St. Paul Police Department of the identification of the fingerprint in question, that they were not notified by me, but I am almost certain that telephonic instructions were to the effect to notify the St. Paul Police of the identification.

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Information as to the 804 Vernon Avenue address was first given to the police, according to newspaper records, at 11:30 P.M., Monday, June 19, 1933. The police failed to make an inquiry at that address until the following morning, that is, the morning of June 20, 1933; that the persons residing at that address, however, had departed from that address at 2:45 A.M., Tuesday, June 20, 1933.

Investigation by agents of the St. Paul office at this address was conducted and reported both in the Hamm Kidnaping Case as well as in the Kansas City Massacre investigation.

Very truly yours,

WERNER HANNI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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February 19, 1934

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

PERSONAL

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Just a line to express my appreciation for the splendid cooperation of your men in connection with our invalid "Pretty Boy" who seems within reach in Oklahoma.

Latest reports from our agents indicate our bank president informer had the right dope, but I hope that in delaying the capture they don't allow this prize catch to slip away. At all events, I am seizing this opportunity to express my personal appreciation for your valued cooperation so clearly evidenced in every report since last Tuesday.

Since circularizing your list of names and addresses of Special Agents in Charge, several of our agents' branch managers have suggested the advantages of having their offices placed on the mailing list to receive warnings or other material concerning criminals wanted by your Division. Some of our best informed and most successful representatives are in territories where your men appear to be most active, such as the northwest, down through the Mississippi and Missouri Valleys and the southwest. If you approve of this suggestion, it can be handled either by direct mailing or through distribution by this office.

With kind personal regards and best wishes for your continued success,

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Sincerely,

Deputy Manager,
Protective Department

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March 6, 1934

Mr. J. E. Baum,
Deputy Manager, Protective Department,
The American Bankers Association,
22 East 40th Street,
New York, New York.

Dear Mr. Baum:

I have been advised of your telephone call to this office on March 6, 1934 and regret extremely that I was unfortunately not present at the time in order that I might talk with you.

I have also been informed that no reply has been received by you as yet to a suggestion contained in your letter of February 19, 1934, to the effect that a sufficient number of copies of this Division's Identification Orders be supplied as will enable the branch managers of a number of your agents to receive individual copies thereof. I will be very glad indeed to arrange that these Identification Orders be supplied. I believe the most expeditious manner of handling the matter would be for you to indicate the quantity desired and these will be furnished you from time to time through the Division's New York City Office, the Special Agent in Charge, Mr. F. X. Fay, being advised to submit to you regularly the number of copies indicated by you. At your convenience, will you please advise me relative thereto.

With regard further to your telephonic inquiry of the 6th instant, particularly with reference to the bills pending in Congress relating to law enforcement matters, I beg to advise that my attitude is that the Division will, of course, be willing to endeavor in every possible way to enforce any law Congress may see fit to place upon the Statute Books. As a matter of policy it would not be advisable, as you can well understand, for me to enter into a discussion of the practicability of pending legislation. Naturally, if additional laws are passed and a greater volume of work placed under the investigative jurisdiction of this Division it will be necessary to provide additional man power. I assume that steps will be taken in connection therewith.

I desire to express my thanks for your interest in the work of this Division and assure you that I will be glad to cooperate with you at all times in matters of mutual interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

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February 20, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. [illegible], of the American Bankers' Association in New York, called and asked regarding the reason for the delay in the Oklahoma situation (the apprehension of Pretty Boy Floyd). He stated that Mr. Wood, a representative of his organization, had received information to the effect that Floyd is at Poteau, Oklahoma, in the home of a doctor where he is receiving treatment for a gunshot wound in his leg; that this house is being watched by agents of this Division, he understands; that Agent Frank Smith is among those watching the house, that the only excuse they have given for not getting Floyd is that they do not want to cause any unnecessary shooting and are waiting for an opportunity to get in the house and get Floyd under an anesthetic. He also stated they he understood the delay was occasioned by a woman contact. He further stated that Floyd's wife has been seen in the doctor's home during last week.

I immediately called Agent in Charge Brantley who advised that there had been rumors to that effect, that the story originated as gossip by one doctor who is a sworn enemy of the doctor who is allegedly treating the man involved; that they had investigated the matter but had not searched the house. He was instructed to immediately examine the house and advise the Division as to the results of said examination.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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Suite L, Federal Building
Kansas City, Missouri
February 24, 1934

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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

One E. B. Clark of 3665 East 9th Street, Kansas City, Missouri, telephone Benton 3272, called at this office this morning advising that he believed he could possibly help in the location and apprehension of Charles A. (Pretty Boy) Floyd and others.

Clark stated that he was formerly a trackman of the Union Pacific Railroad, but at the present time had been laid off; further stating that his wife, an Indian, had a sister, who married Ed Sanders, Sanders being a cousin of Ford Bradshaw. Clark further stated that Charles Cuttner's wife is the second cousin of Clark's wife.

Last week end Clark and his wife were visiting relatives in Oklahoma and vicinity and from Friday, February 16, 1934, to Sunday, February 18, 1934, Clark and his wife were at the home of Ed Sanders which is located about five or six miles northeast of McKey, Oklahoma, the point being between McKey and Marble City, Oklahoma. Access to a map to Oklahoma was furnished Clark and he indicated that in going to the Sanders home one would go north out of Paliseu, Oklahoma, on highway #17 to a point shortly prior to the road which turns to the west for Box, Oklahoma. The Sanders farm home being located on #17 highway. Sanders gets his mail out of the rural route from Vian, Oklahoma.

Clark further stated that he was at this home on Saturday night, February 17, 1934, when the officers were in that vicinity endeavoring to apprehend Ford Bradshaw. Likewise Clark stated that Bradshaw was nearby and waited until the officers had gone and then departed.

Clark states that Pretty Boy Floyd frequently comes to that vicinity, further stating that Charles Cuttner, above named, frequently associates and travels with Floyd. The Cuttner home is in the same vicinity as the Sanders home.

Clark advised that on February 13, 1932, he had been sentenced to the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, from the United States District Court at Kansas City, Missouri, in connection with having made whiskey and that he served five months and twenty days in that penitentiary and was released. He states that he had been mixed up with some Italians in Kansas City making whiskey and the Federal sentence resulted.

Clark further stated that the fact that he had served time in the penitentiary for this charge was known to the relatives of his wife in the vicinity of Caliaew, Oklahoma, and hence they would trust him. He advised that Ed Sanders had been endeavoring to get him to come to his farm in order to engage in farming and accordingly he, Clark, believed he could go to the Sanders' farm, together with his wife, and could effect the location and apprehension of Ford Bradshaw and Pretty Boy Floyd. He remarked that in the event he had opportunity to make an attempt to effect these apprehensions he desired to work by himself with his wife as he knew that the Sheriff at Caliaew, Oklahoma, whose name is not known to him, protected Floyd and would not cause Floyd's apprehension.

As this office is not in possession of information resulting from the recent drive by State officers and Agents from your office in Cookson Hills in Oklahoma to apprehend Floyd and others, the above information is being passed along to you for your consideration. In the event the information you have at hand might give rise to the possible advisability of using Clark near Caliaew as an informant, please inform me. Further contact with Clark will await a reply from your office to this letter.

Very truly yours,

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

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Mr. James E. Baum,
22 East 40th Street,
New York, New York.

Dear Mr. Baum:

I desire to express to you my appreciation for your recent interest as exhibited in your telephone calls to the Division in my absence with reference to reports that Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd was alleged to be located in a house at Poteau, Oklahoma.

It appears that this information has been circulated especially during the past ten days or two weeks, and that the Special Agents of this Division have subsequently made inquiries and determined that Floyd was not in the house in question. Further investigation was made concerning the source of the information, and it has been reported that the individual who circulated these reports has been confronted with his alleged informant, and he now denies that his informant told him many of the reports that he had circulated in connection with this matter.

I felt that you would be interested in this development and in the knowledge that the Special Agents of this Division were in fact making discreet inquiries concerning this matter at the time of your call. I am grateful to you, however, for your interest and appreciate your communicating with the Division with reference to these matters.

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BRANTLEY.

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Write & let Baum know.

D. E. N.

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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.	2/27/34	2/2-3/34	K. D. Deaderick

TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased); RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1201; ROBERT G. BRADY, with aliases, (Deceased) HARVEY J. BAILEY, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1189; ED DAVIS, with aliases, I.O. 1193, et al.

CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Investigation at Rush Springs, Chickasha, Maurika, Apache, Walters, and Agawam, Oklahoma fails to definitely ascertain the present whereabouts of Ed Davis.

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REFERENCE: Reports of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, Kansas City, Missouri, January 5, 1934, and Special Agent T. M. Birch, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, January 22, 1934.

DETAILS:

Agent with the assistance of Sheriff Horace Crisp at Chickasha, Oklahoma, and his Deputy, Al Marlow, both of whom are known to be reliable officers, made numerous inquiries at Rush Springs and Chickasha, Oklahoma, but secured no information indicating that Ed Davis was at either place, although there were some rumors to the effect that he had possibly been through that part of the country. Likewise, inquiries were made at Agawam, Oklahoma, as requested in the above referred to report of Agent Birch, without results, and also at Minnekah, Oklahoma, as requested in Agent Trainor's report, without results.

DETAILS

At Apache, Oklahoma, Agent, through the assistance of Sheriff Elmer Finley of Anadarko, Oklahoma, ascertained that the barber by the name of Crowe, as mentioned in Agent Birch's report, at Apache, Oklahoma, bears a good reputation, and there has never been any intimation that he associates with or harbors criminals, or is a criminal; that he has two brothers whose first names are not known who live in the vicinity of Apache, Oklahoma, and who are reported to have associated themselves with Ed Davis. However, no definite information in regard to these persons being with Ed Davis could be learned, same merely being a rumor.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: Dwight Brady SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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At Maurika, Oklahoma and Walters, Oklahoma, Agent contacted the Sheriff of each town, it being known that these men are anxious to apprehend Davis, but no information as to his present whereabouts could be learned from either source.

Under date of January 21, 1934, the Duncan Banner, a newspaper published at Duncan, Oklahoma, carried an article to the effect that Ed Davis is now blind in one eye and dying of disease in the vicinity of Duncan or Marlow, Oklahoma.

Agent ascertained through Chief of Police Sharpe of Duncan, Oklahoma that one F. E. Barden, reporter for the Duncan Banner, wrote this article. Barden was called to the Police Station and there interviewed by Chief Sharpe and this Agent, as a result of which, he admitted that he had no real evidence to substantiate his article; that he seriously regretted having published same; that should he, at any time, receive any information as to Ed Davis' whereabouts, he would immediately either notify Chief of Police Sharpe or the Oklahoma City Division office. Mr. Barden explained that he had only been in Duncan a very short time, and that he heard these rumors and believed that they were true, and based his article upon same; that he realizes now the unsoundness of his information. A clipping of this article is being forwarded to the Division with their copies of this report.

The Oklahoma City Division office file contains a memorandum submitted by Special Agent T. M. Birch January 22, 1934, to the effect that Percy Tence and George Nichols, uncles of Eva Mae Nichols who was in the house with Wilbur Underhill when he was recently apprehended at Shawnee, Oklahoma, had a Browning machine rifle in their possession, and the memorandum points out that possibly there was some connection between Underhill and the Nichols boys.

Agent discussed this matter with Sheriff Horace Crisp and his Deputy, Al Marlow, at Chickasha, Oklahoma, and they advised Agent that it had been definitely ascertained that these Nichols boys do not have a Browning rifle, and furthermore that they are not related to Eva Mae Nichols, a former associate of Wilbur Underhill.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE at Granite, Oklahoma, through the State Reformatory, will secure all possible personal history of Ed Davis, indicating names of all relatives there shown and any other personal history that may have a possible bearing on his present whereabouts.

PENDING.

ED DAVIS — A Phantom Bandit? HARDLY

BECAUSE HE IS NOW—

BLIND ◆ NURSED ◆ DYING

In One Eye — By His Pals — Of Disease

Ed Davis, Stephens county phantom bandit, is taking the last great rap—death—slowly, and with no chance for escape, the Duncan Banner learned late yesterday on excellent authority.

Davis is in the grip of a foe he cannot fight. His machine gun, his automatic pistols, and the other implements of his calling, banditry, are of no avail. It isn't a case of shooting his way out—not any more.

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A disease of long standing has made such inroads upon his health that he cannot hope to live more than a few months longer, at the most.

Ironically, Davis is dying in a tiny shack not far from the place where his first known murder, the slaying of J. R. Hill, Marlow, occurred, ending his life of crime where it officially started.

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He faces death in darkness. He can't see the bandit pals, who, true to the code of the underworld, are nursing him in his last illness.

The disease has already cost him the sight of one eye and the other is dimmed.

He can't have expert medical aid. Without those eyes he cannot resort to a bank robbery to obtain the money necessary to get attention that would ease the last few weeks of his life.

Petty crime is also "out." His face is too easy to recognize. Officers everywhere have it indelibly stamped upon their minds.

Davis is probably the most easy to identify of all the bandits who have occupied the crime spotlight during the past decade.

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His squint eyes, set close together, his long nose and cruel mouth set him aside from other men. To see him is to recognize him, officers say.

If he pulls a "job," he must be ready to get away quickly. He must have pals who will whisk him swiftly from the scene of his crime.

Those pals aren't the type to work with a slipping bandit. They'll take care of him, if they can, but they won't help him pull a job. The risk is too great for them.

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Neither will they share loot they obtain themselves. The law of the underworld won't permit it. A bandit must be "in" on a job if he is to share in the illicit profits.

Davis couldn't live with even the best medical attention. He is paying the har way for his life of banditry and carousal.

A slow, certain death, inevitable, is at th end of that long drama which reached it anti-climax when he killed a Marlow office and was sent to the "big house" at McAlest for life—and reached its climax, when, afte escaping from the Oklahoma pen, he "wer up" in Kansas and then participated in th Memorial Day break from Lansing last yea

In that hardy crew were such men as Wi bur Underhill, who died at McAlester of bu let wounds received from officers at Shaw nee, Bob Brady and others.

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The fact Brady is now at large, afte breaking from the same prison, is ironi Brady was recaptured in New Mexico severa months ago and taken back to prison. Davi remained at large. Now, Davis is dying an Brady is again out.

In the case of Davis, disease is accomplish ing an end sought fruitlessly by officers fo almost a year.

His approaching death leaves officers fre to run down Brady and others who hav again leaped into the crime spotlight.

P.O.Box 515, St.Paul,Minn.

February 27,1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.
KIDNAPING.
St.Paul File No.7-30.

Reference is made to Division letter of February 24, 1934, in the case of VERNON C.MILLER, with aliases, (deceased), et al, CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER, St.Paul File No. 62-880, which also refers to the BREMER kidnaping case, in which the Division requests that handwriting specimens, other than signatures, of all suspects in this case be forwarded to the Division for examination.

Please be advised that examination of the file in the case of VERNON C.MILLER, deceased, et al, failed to produce any handwriting specimens other than a signature of ALVIN KARPIS as A.GARTER, which it is presumed the Division does not desire.

Very truly yours,

W.A.ROHER, INSPECTOR.

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March 13, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 314,
Birmingham, Alabama.

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, Deceased.
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases -
FUGITIVE, Identification Order #1281.
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated February 28, 1934, addressed to the Kansas City Office, wherein you set forth information obtained from Mr. J. H. Ellis, 9813 Parkway, Fairfield, Birmingham, Alabama, concerning a Mr. Davis, and his wife, from Norfolk, Virginia, whom he met in Hot Springs, Arkansas, and who, he states, was "fleeced" out of $9,000 by confidence men in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

It appears from the facts stated in your letter that the Mr. Davis referred to by Mr. Ellis is in reality Mr. William A. Johnston, of Roanoke, Virginia, who during May and June, 1933, visited Hot Springs with his wife, and during the course of his stay there became acquainted with subject Galatas, and several other confidence men, who later "fleeced" him out of $10,000.

The facts in this case have been investigated by the Division and the results of the investigation have been presented to the appropriate United States Attorney, who rendered the opinion that the case was not a proper one for prosecution in the Federal Courts. The title of the above investigation was W. S. Snead, with aliases, et al., Swindling on Government Reservation, Oklahoma City the office of origin.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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P. O. Box 314,
Birmingham, Alabama,
February 26, 1934.

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

Re: Vernon C. Miller, with aliases, Deceased, et al.
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Dear Sir:

Mr. J. W. Ellis, who at the present time is residing at 5013 Parkway, Fairfield, Birmingham, Alabama, where he is temporarily living with his sister, Mrs. P. McKelley, his home being at 10 Highland Place, Pueblo, Colorado, called at the Birmingham Office.

Mr. Ellis related the following. He is an Inspector of Construction for the War Department, but has been on furlough for the past one and one-half years. In August, 1932 he went to Hot Springs, Arkansas, where he stopped at the Virginia Hotel, and about a month and a half later he met a man known to him as L. W. Brownie. Shortly after becoming acquainted with Brownie, the latter suggested that they go into the restaurant business, and when Ellis stated that he only had $75.00, Brownie said that he could get enough capital, and that Ellis would not have to worry about that part of it. Thereafter they opened the Daytona Dining Room located at 732 Central Avenue, in Hot Springs. This building was rented from one of the two banks in Hot Springs, Ellis being unable to recall which one of them it was. He stated that while he himself had no experience in the restaurant business, Brownie was an experienced man and the business flourished for several months thereafter.

During the time this business was in operation Ellis stated that he noted that frequently various women called on Brownie and also a number of men; that they held frequent conferences, and that he often saw Brownie thereafter in possession of considerable amounts of money. He also said that Brownie received a good many long distance telephone calls, most of them coming from Chicago. He also stated that while he did not know it at the time, that Frank Nash frequently ate at this restaurant, and that Galatas also was a frequent customer there.

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Ellis claims that on the day that Nash was apprehended, he was within twenty or thirty paces of the White Front Cigar Store, and that at that time he heard it discussed that Nash had been kidnaped, saying that

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he did not know Nash at that time, but that some by-stander had described the man who had been allegedly kidnaped, saying that from the description he recognized this man as the person that he had frequently seen in the restaurant, and that he returned to that place and told Brownie about it, the latter becoming greatly excited. About a month after that time, Brownie left the restaurant without saying where he was going, and Ellis claims that he has heard nothing else about him, with the result that the restaurant failed. Ellis stated that Brownie was supposed to have lived with a Mrs. Murray on Chapel Street at Hot Springs, and that this woman knows Brownie very well, inasmuch as the latter has spent the greater part of his life in Hot Springs. Ellis claims to know nothing else about Brownie's past history.

A man named Joe Debaca alias Joe Cumico alias Joe Philips was employed by Brownie for a while at the Daytona Dining Room, being employed in the capacity of a cook, staying there for only about a month, when he went to work at the Mountain Valley Hotel on the south side of Hot Springs. Ellis says that he believes that Debaca was placed at this hotel by Brownie for the purpose of getting a line on a rich Irishman who owns the hotel property, and who was to be a victim in a kidnaping case. He claims that Debaca asked him to go in on the kidnaping of this man. These plans, according to Ellis, were in the process of formation at the time that Nash was taken into custody, with the result that they dropped these plans.

Ellis claims that his reason for coming to this office to furnish this information is that while he was at Hot Springs he became acquainted with Dr. Davis from Norfolk, Va., and the latter's wife, having met them casually when they were at Hot Springs, and having become acquainted since he himself had worked at Langley Field and was able to talk about Virginia with Dr. Davis and his wife. Ellis also mentioned that his chief duty in connection with the operation of the restaurant was to solicit business, inviting customers to eat in the cafe, with the result that Dr. Davis and his wife came there on several occasions and he made the Doctor and his wife acquainted with Brownie. Ellis claims that he told Dr. Davis to be on the alert for confidence men, but Brownie apparently made the Doctor and his wife acquainted with several confidence men, who thereafter fleeced the Doctor out of nine thousand dollars. This fleecing, according to Ellis, took place at Little Rock, but he says he is not acquainted with any of the details, inasmuch as he never saw Doctor Davis after this affair took place and knows of it only through newspaper stories. He said that inasmuch as he himself perhaps is responsible for Dr. Davis being fleeced out of this money, he feels that if the Bureau has any information that may be of assistance in apprehending Galatas, that he would like to furnish it to the proper authorities.

Debaca and Brownie, according to Ellis, are very close, and he believes that they might be together at this time. Brownie, according to Ellis, is very well acquainted with Galatas as well as all other confidence men and crooks who have headquarters at Hot Springs. Debaca at the present time is located at Terrell, Texas, where he is employed by the Palace Cafe. Ellis said that he has written to Debaca on several occasions with a view to learning the present whereabouts of Brownie, but that Debaca within the past month or two had written him stating that he had not seen Brownie for a few months, when the latter stopped in the Cafe with several people and when they were driving a car bearing a Corpus Christi license tag.

Ellis brought to the Birmingham Office, portions of this letter from Debaca, which are attached hereto and which were received by Ellis in an envelope postmarked Terrell, Texas, January 16, the portion of this letter attached hereto being as follows:

" - - - - - - - Brownie ate in this cafe quite a while back. He would not talk much to me and he had no company with him and I guess he thot I'd might say something to him in regards to the Daytona. Ther car were Corpus Cristi licenses. I don't know what that Jew is doing and I don't care as I am done with that town.

"Ellis I wish you would do me this favor. Inclosed you will find some letters addressed to some friends of mine and I wish you would mail them for me out of your town, and if I should get an answer, please forward them back to me here. I'll appreciate very much.

"Some day you and me are going to open up a small cafe somewhere, we aren't whipped yet. The cafe business owes us a living and we will get it.

"With best luck and wishes of the season to you,

I remain your friend

Write Joe Debaca
Palace Cafe
Terrell Texas.

Ellis said that he received with this letter several letters that were already addressed to other persons, and which he mailed in Birmingham in accordance with Debaca's request. He stated that he did not recall to whom these letters were going. He stated that since receiving this letter he received a similar request from Debaca. He further stated that should he

receive any more such requests he will bring the letters to the Birmingham office where they can be seen before he mails them. He also said that Debeen has received no mail at his address in response to these letters.

Ellis further claims that there were many other men and women who were calling on Brownie, but that he is unable to describe them, other than to say that there was one woman named Mildred Grout, with whom he has corresponded at Route #1, Box 688, Memphis, Tennessee, where she is supposed to be staying at the present time with some man, whom she refers to as John. Ellis said that he has also written to this woman at General Delivery in Memphis, also at R.F.D.#34, Memphis. This woman, according to Ellis, is very close to Brownie. Ellis described this woman as being thirty years old, 5'8", 160#, dark hair. The man with her whom she calls John he described as being 6' tall, weighing 145#, thirty years of age, slim build. He described L. N. Brownie as being forty years of age, 6' tall, weighing 150#, medium build, having brown hair and brown eyes. Debeen he described as being about thirty-five years of age, 5'7", 150#, dark curly hair, with dark eyes.

Mr. Ellis further stated that he contemplates taking a trip to Hot Springs, Arkansas, some time in the near future, and that it is his intention at that time to make inquiries among various persons with a view to ascertaining the present whereabouts of Galatas. He stated that he would enjoy cooperating with this Division.

The writer was unable, from the conversation with Ellis, to attach any particular significance to the information that he was furnishing. The Birmingham files on this case reveal no information concerning any of the persons that Ellis mentioned, other than Galatas and Nash, of course.

It is not known if Ellis is as well acquainted with Hot Springs as he claims, but he mentioned Mayor Lockwood and Dutch Akers, and in general stated that the Police Department, as well as the City Officers were crooked and were controlled by a man named Jacobs, whom he described as a Jew from St. Louis, who is a gambler.

Copies of this letter are being sent to the Oklahoma City and Dallas Offices for their information, in the event that the Kansas City office desires to check any of this data. Mr. Ellis has stated that he would not leave Birmingham until he had called at the Birmingham office prior thereto. If the Kansas City Office desires that Ellis be interrogated along any particular line, it will be appreciated if it will advise.

Ellis was shown photographs of various subjects in this case and he identified the photograph of Galatas as that of the man that he had frequently seen in the Daytona Cafe, saying also that he had seen Galatas around town on numerous instances, but Ellis had no knowledge of

the Cadillac Sedan or Ford Coupe that Gelatas is supposed to have owned, according to reports in this file. He also said that he did not know where Gelatas lived in Hot Springs, mentioning that it is very possible that he would be there at this time, in view of the numerous rooming houses that are located there and where he could be readily concealed.

Efforts were also made to determine if Ellis was seeking a job as an informant, but he would make no definite statements in this respect, saying that he expects to secure work shortly with the War Department.

Very truly yours,

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

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SUITE L - FEDERAL BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.
FEBRUARY 28, 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

Dear Sir:

Kindly refer to Division letter dated February 21, 1934 with which were transmitted one bullet and cartridge each from Thompson sub-machine guns Nos. 1655 and 2232, these guns having been seized by the Police after the arrest of Basil Banghart and Isaac Costner, Baltimore, Maryland.

There is transmitted herewith one photograph of the cartridge case showing the breach and pin impression of the bullet fired from Thompson sub-machine gun bearing serial No. 1655, also a similar photograph of the cartridge fired from Thompson sub-machine gun No. 2232. These photographs were furnished by Merle A. Gill, Forensic Ballistician here, who has made a comparison between the cartridges and bullets in question with the evidence bullets obtained in the Union Station Plaza case here. Mr. Gill has rendered a report under date of February 28, 1934, advising that a comparison of the above mentioned bullets indicates that there is no connection between those obtained from the guns at Baltimore, Maryland and those used in the Union Station Plaza massacre.

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.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of February 28, 1934, in connection with the case entitled Vernon C. Miller (Deceased), et al; Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner, in which a report is made concerning the comparison of bullets and cartridges fired with Thompson sub-machine guns numbers 1655 and 2252.

It is desired the original test bullets and cartridges fired in the above numbered guns be returned to the Division.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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P. O. Box 1278,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,
February 24, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is hereby made to Division letter dated February 20, 1934, in the case entitled, "Hazel Hudson Underhill, et al, Harboring and Concealing Wilbur Underhill, for Whom a Warrant of Arrest Had Been Issued", regarding the damage done to the house where Wilbur Underhill was apprehended, which house is owned by the Fidelity Building and Loan Association of Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Mr. Butler Smith, who rented this house from the Fidelity Building and Loan Association and in turn rented it to associates of Wilbur Underhill, advised Agent Paul Hansen that the damage to this house and fixtures would in his estimation be less than $50.00.

Agent Hansen discussed this matter with Mr. George E. McKinnis, Jr., attorney for the owner of this property, and also with Mr. George E. McKinnis, Sr., president of the Fidelity Building and Loan Association of Shawnee. Mr. McKinnis, Sr. advised Agent Hansen that he had recently had an appraisement made of the damages done to this house and fixtures, and that a memorandum had been prepared in that regard by Mr. H. L. Roark, a carpenter. A copy of this memorandum was turned over to Agent Hansen and is now on file in the Oklahoma City office. A copy of it is as follows:

February 24, 1934

"Fidelity Bldg. & Loan Assoc.
Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Gentlemen:

Per your request I have examined the house at 806 West Dewey and find the damages caused by the federal officers and

Underhill fusilade, Dec. 31, 1933, can be repaired as follows: -

Patching plaster	$15.00
Replacing broken glass	7.00
Repairs to screens	7.00
Repairs to windows & doors	15.00
Repairs to siding	5.00
Inside decoration	125.00
Outside painting	60.00
Total - - - - - -	$230.00

I will undertake and agree to repair the house in good order as it was before it was shot up for the above amount."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) M. L. Roark

Agent Hansen was present at the time Underhill was captured, and observed upon numerous occasions the damage done to this house and can state that the respective repairs as listed are needed, but, of course, he has no idea as to whether the estimate made by Roark for each of these repairs is reasonable.

Mr. McKinnis, Sr. advised that the charge of $125.00 for inside decoration is for filling up the holes with plaster and either recalcimining or repapering the entire inside of the house which would be necessary, he said, in view of the fact that every room has been damaged with bullet holes, and it would be necessary to refinish the entire room where any patches were made over holes.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley,
Special Agent in Charge.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI. St. Louis FILE NO. 62-872

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St. Louis, Mo.	2-27-34	1/25/34 to 2/18/34	J. F. YEARSLEY FFY:E

TITLE: VERNE 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:

Sheriff Deuser, Clayton, Mo., suspected Wm. Weisman of robbery of store operated by individual formerly residing next door to Weisman in St. Louis, Mo. Grounds for suspicion proved false. Major Means, Mo. State Highway Patrol, of opinion Floyd at #231 N. Champion St., Youngstown, O. On 2-13-34 and associate of Buelah Baird, 522 N. End St., Quincy, Ill., house of prostitution operated by Marie Poe. Names of individuals residing there obtained, as well as telephone calls to and from said address. Tom Kearney, St.Louis, contacted on several occasions without results.

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REFERENCE: Letter from Division, dated 1-22-34 and letter of Kansas City Division Office, dated 1-17-34, directed to St. Paul Division Office.

DETAILS:

In response to the reference Division letter, dated January 22, 1934, Special Agent B. L. Damron of this office on January 25, 1934 interviewed Sheriff P. C. Deuser at Clayton, Mo., at which time he stated that several weeks prior thereto he had received information that a small store had been broken into and robbed and that the proprietor of this store formerly lived next door to William Weisman when the latter lived in St. Louis, Mo., and that Weisman may have committed this robbery; further, that the proprietor of said store was out of town at the time of the robbery but soon returned and straightened out the entire matter, stating he knew Weisman but did not know anything of his activities or present whereabouts and he did not suspect him of burglarizing his store.

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Sheriff Deuser advised that at the time he communicated with the Division in Washington, D. C. he had not yet interviewed the proprietor of the store and was not in possession of all the facts, as stated above.

In response to reference Kansas City Division office letter, it is stated that Special Agent G. B. Norris of this office on February 18, 1934 interviewed A. W. Hildinbrand, Supt. of Mails, at Quincy, Ill. for the purpose of ascertaining who had been receiving mail at 522 N. 2nd St., Quincy, as well as who was residing at that address at the present time. Mr. Hildinbrand stated that 522 N. 2nd St., Quincy, is the address of Marie Poe who operates a house of prostitution. The mail carrier covering this address was interviewed by Mr. Hildinbrand and stated that the following persons have resided at 522 N. 2nd St. since Marie Poe took up residence there.

Herbert Besling has resided at this address for the past two years.

Grace Farrow moved from 522 N. 2nd to 600½ N. 5th St., Quincy, on October 5, 1933 and on November 23, 1933 moved to 416½ N. 5th St., Quincy, where she now resides.

Edna May Humphrey on August 26, 1933 changed her address from 522 N. 2nd to General Delivery, Quincy. On October 11, 1933 moved to 429 Broadway and then to 644 Jersey, Quincy.

Marion Martin moved from 522 N. 2nd St., Quincy, to Springfield, Ill. on January 31, 1933 and left forwarding address of General Delivery, Springfield, Ill.

Special Agent Norris ascertained at the office of the Telephone Company at Quincy, Ill. that the following long distance telephone calls to and from Phone 1150, which is the number assigned to Marie Poe, 522 N. 2nd St., Quincy, Ill., were made as indicated:

Date & Time of Call	From	To
9-29-33 at 8:37 P.M.	Phone 1150	Phone 1044W Jacksonville, Ill.
9-27-33 at 12:11 A.M.	Phone 1150	Vera Shower, Mexico, Mo.
11-13-33 at 9:30 P.M.	Phone 1150	Vera Showers, Mexico, Mo.
11-12-33 at 12:19 P.M.	Phone 1150	Phone 5006-F2 Hannibal, Mo.

11-3-33 at 9:49 P.M.	Phone 1150	Phone Douglas 0373, Chicago, Ill.
1-31-34 at 12:29 A.M.	Telephone 1150	Telephone Valentine 2814, Kansas City, Mo.
1-31-34 at 12:49 A.M.	" "	Telephone Valentine 2814, Kansas City, Mo.
1-28-34 at 8:34 P.M.	" "	Telephone Valentine 2814, Kansas City, Mo.
1-27-34 at 8:45 P.M.	Mrs.D.K.Arthur, Telephone 1150, Quincy, Ill.	Telephone Victor 2800, D. K. Arthur, Victoria Hotel, Kansas City, Mo.
1-28-34 at no time stated	Telephone 1150	Telephone 645, Mexico, Mo.
1-15-34 at 10:30 A.M.	Marjory Arthur, Telephone Victor 2800, Kansas City, Mo. Charges Collect.	Marie Poe, Telephone 1150, Quincy, Ill.

All of the above mentioned long distance calls were made from telephone 1150, Quincy, Ill. excepting the last mentioned call which was a collect call. Only collect calls from other persons to telephone 1150 at Quincy, Ill. are recorded in Quincy, Illinois.

Frank Adolph, who is Acting Chief of Police at Quincy in the absence of Chief of Police J. A. Connery, was interviewed by Agent Norris and stated that he is personally acquainted with Marie Poe, 522 N. 2nd St., Quincy, Ill. and that he is also acquainted with Herbert Besling who was formerly a member of the City Fire Department in Quincy, Ill. He stated that Betty Gilbert, a sister of Marie Poe, moved from Quincy, Ill. several months ago to Mexico, Missouri, and that Marie Poe came to Quincy from either Mexico or Macon, Mo. He further stated [redacted] has acted as an informant to the Chief of Police in Quincy and that in the opinion of Mr. Adolph, Chief of Police Connery is the proper person to determine whether Floyd is actually calling at 522 N. 2nd St. Mr. Adolph stated that Chief Connery is presently in New Orleans, La. and will return to Quincy on Feb. 20, 1934; that if an agent will call upon Chief Connery at that time this matter will be given proper attention. He stated that in the meantime he will not mention this investigation to anyone. 67D

Asst. U. S. Attorney Marks Alexander, Springfield, Ill., a former resident of Quincy, Ill., advised Agent Norris that Chief of Police Connery is entirely reliable and considered highly efficient.

Undeveloped leads relative to the above listed telephone calls are not being set forth at this time inasmuch as it is thought advisable to interview Chief of Police Connery prior thereto.

On February 21, 1934 Major Means of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Macon, Mo., accompanied by Captain Thomas L. Leigh and Sergeant Shaw of the same organization located at Kirkwood, Mo., called at the St. Louis Division office and advised Special Agent in Charge Ladd that "Charles Arthur Floyd" had been associating with one Buelah Baird (Golden) and that on February 13, 1934 at 4:30 P. M. at Youngstown, O. a letter was mailed addressed to Mrs. Robert Hendricks, 1818 Newton St., Kansas City, Mo. bearing a return address of G. I. Gauly, 231 N. Champion St., Youngstown, O. Major Means is of the belief that Charles Arthur Floyd and Buelah Baird (Golden) are at this address in Youngstown, O. as he had previously heard that they were some place in the State of Ohio. Accordingly, a telegram was forwarded to the Detroit Office, requesting that the above information be given immediate attention and covered in detail.

During this investigation Special Agent D. W. Maher of this office has on numerous occasions contacted Tom Kearney, mentioned frequently in this case, without results.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

ST. LOUIS OFFICE will conduct further investigation in this case, developing additional information along the lines indicated in the body of this report.

DETROIT OFFICE is requested to conduct necessary investigation at 231 N. Champion St., Youngstown, Ohio, ascertaining the identity of G. I. Gauly who may possibly be Charles Arthur Floyd and conduct any other investigation that appears to be advisable in connection herewith.

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617 Federal Bldg.
Los Angeles, Calif.
February 27th, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:-

Please refer to Division communication of the 17th instant, having reference to the subject of tapping of telephone wires.

The following is a record of the only telephone taps instituted within the investigative jurisdiction of this office since January 1st, 1933:

August 15th to August 22nd, 1933 -

In the case entitled VERNON C. MILLER, deceased, et al, Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash) Los Angeles File No. 62-964, a tap was maintained on the telephone wire of LUTHER HAINES, residing at 524 East State Street, Long Beach, California, with whom was residing the mother of Subject RICHARD GALATAS.

January 22nd to January 31st, 1934, inclusive -

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During this period a telephone tap was maintained in connection with the case above indicated and at the same address.

In both of the above indicated instances no letters of instructions were received from the Division. In both instances the taps were instituted as a result of telephonic communications from Division officials, in the first instance from Mr. Hughes and in the second instance from Mr. Dwight Brentley.

It might also be explained in connection with these two taps that the telephone company at Long Beach, California, volunteered to and did install the taps in question. The telephone company's action in this regard was responsive to contact made for the purpose of ascertaining whether arrangements could be perfected whereby an Agent of this office might listen in at the telephone central to conversations on the line in question, with the result that the General Manager of the telephone company

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offered his fullest cooperation and arranged for the installation of the taps in an apartment rented by this office for the purpose, such apartment being in the neighborhood of the location under surveillance.

Very truly yours,

J. E. P. DUNN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI. FILE NO. 62-474

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CHARLOTTE, N. C.	2/28/34	2/16,18,19/34	F. I. McGARRAGHY. MLD

TITLE:	CHARACTER OF CASE:
VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, (deceased); RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, et al.	CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Newspaper article reported that gun used in Kansas City Massacre was obtained by Special Agent of Railway Express Company, Inc., at Gibson, N. C. Express Agent, Gibson, N. C., suspicious of credentials of alleged Special Agent of the Railway Express Company, Inc. Investigation discloses W. A. Hughes actually Special Agent of the Railway Express Company, Inc., and gun not used in Kansas City Massacre.

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DETAILS: On February 16, 1934, Special Agent J. T. McLaughlin of the Charlotte office reported that the Greenville, South Carolina, News, a Greenville, South Carolina, newspaper, carried a news item in its February 16, 1934, issue, to the effect that an express company detective had located at Gibson, North Carolina, a gun, said to have been used in a $250,000.00 train hold-up, and also in the Kansas City Depot Massacre.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: L. B. Rice Acting SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent R. L. Fagan, Charlotte, North Carolina:

Agent Fagan interviewed R. E. Doster, Station Agent, Gibson, North Carolina, who advised that one W. A. Hughes, representing himself to be a Special Agent of the Railway Express Company, Inc., at 8:05 A. M., on February 13, 1934, got off the south-bound Seaboard train at Gibson, and went into the railway express office and demanded a package, stating that the package was sent to D. D. Roughton; that this package bore the word "pistol", was a pine-wood box, two feet long, five inches wide and three inches thick; that Hughes stated his territory as a Special Agent is South Carolina, and that he is checking up on guns being shipped in that territory; that Hughes said this gun was used in a $250,000.00 robbery out West.

Mr. Doster further advised Agent Fagan that Hughes signed a receipt for this package, signing "D. D. Roughton by W. A. Hughes"; that the package was sent from Richmond, Va., by Frank Roughton, on January 18, 1934; that a charge of thirty-seven cents was paid by Hughes for the package.

Mr. Doster said that Hughes presented some credentials that looked "phoney" to him; that these credentials stated that Hughes is a "Special Agent of the Railway Express Company."

Mr. Doster said that he became suspicious, and after Hughes had left and gone on in the south-bound train, he (Doster) called the station at McColl, South Carolina, and had the train conductor check up on Hughes; that the conductor notified him that Hughes was travelling on a Seaboard Air Line annual pass.

The following description of Hughes was given by Station Agent Doster to Agent Fagan of the Charlotte office:

Name	W. A. Hughes
Age	45 years
Height	five feet, ten inches
Weight	130 pounds
Build	slender
Eyes	blue; right eye protrudes quite noticeably
Hair	dull grey
Nationality	American

Agent Fagan talked to Chief of Police Williams, who advised that he had heard nothing about the above until Mr. Fagan brought it to his attention.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent L. O. Carver of the Charlotte office.

Agent Carver interviewed Mr. A. H. Worrell, an Agent of the Railway Express Agency, Inc., Charlotte, North Caroline, who advised that W. A. Hughes is an Agent of the Agency at Columbia, South Carolina; that he rides on an annual pass of the Seaboard Air Line, as well as other railways, and that it is his duty to confiscate pistols under proper circumstances. Mr. Worrell advised Agent Carver that he had written to Mr. Hughes at Columbia, South Carolina, and had been advised by telephone that Mr. Hughes did confiscate the pistol at Gibson, North Carolina, as shown, and that the pistol was an old one, and so far as he knew, had no gangland history, as alleged in the newspaper item.

The writer interviewed Mr. W. A. Hughes, Railway Express Agency, Inc., Columbia, South Carolina, who advised that the newspaper article above referred to reported events that were figments of someone's imagination. He stated that in his capacity as Special Agent of the Railway Express Agency, Inc., he has recently been trying to check on some thefts, particularly of guns, over the railway lines in North Carolina and South Carolina; that he had a gun shipped from Richmond, Virginia, to Gibson, North Carolina, and that he allowed the gun to remain in the express office at Gibson, North Carolina, for two weeks as a part of his plan to trap whoever was guilty of stealing this type of merchandise. He stated that on February 13, 1934, he was travelling on the south-bound train passing through Gibson, North Carolina, and got off that train for a few minutes and picked up the package involved in this case. He stated that he said nothing to the Railway Agent at Gibson, North Carolina, which might support the statements made in the newspaper article; that the only thing he had said with reference to the gun was that it "had a history", and that he had made no particular reference to the Kansas City Massacre or to any particular criminal event.

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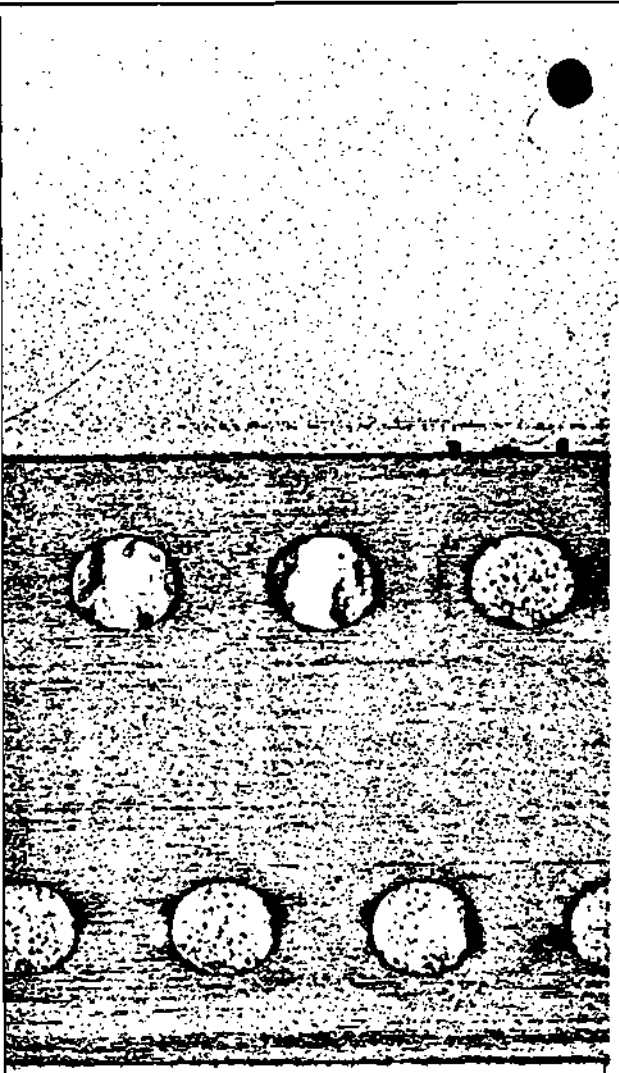

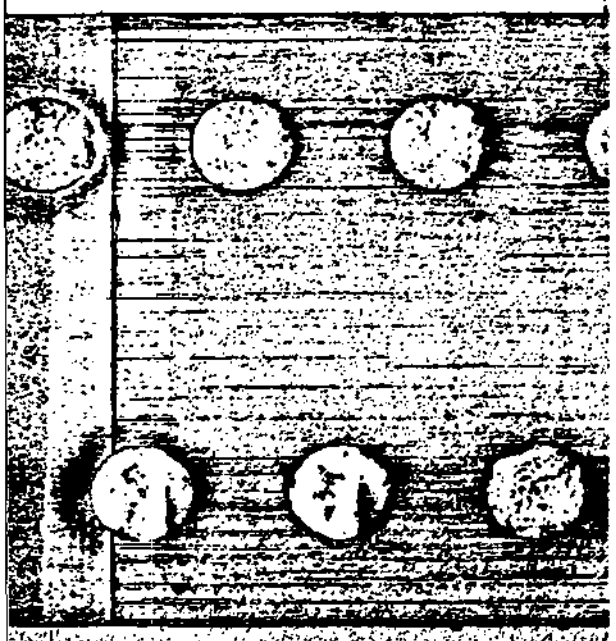

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

February 27, 1934.

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MR. Tolson	
MR. Clerk	
MR. Cowley	
MR. Edwards	
MR. Egan	
MR. Quinn	
MR. Lester	
MR. Locke	
MR. Rorer	

MEMORANDUM

Colonel Gates telephoned. He stated he had received a query for information concerning Harry Williams, arrested last Saturday at Wilkesboro, North Carolina, whose fingerprints have been sent to this Division. It is rumored that Williams may be identical with "Pretty Boy" Floyd. I informed Mr. Gates that there is no basis for this rumor, and further, that information relative to Williams would have to come from the Wilkesboro Police Department, and not from this Division.

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FORM NO. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Kansas City, Mo. FILE NO. 62-785

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Cincinnati, Ohio.	2-28-34	2-24-34	H. D. Harris - C.E.

TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (Deceased); RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS with aliases - FUGITIVE; I.O. #1201; ROBERT C. BRADY with alias - FUGITIVE I.O. #1190; HARVEY J. BAILEY, with alias - FUGITIVE I.O. #1189; et al.

CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Inmate Nathan King, #62986, Ohio Penitentiary, Columbus, Ohio, has received no further correspondence from Texas City, Texas.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent Elias Morton, Cincinnati, Ohio, 12-15-33.

DETAILS: AT COLUMBUS, OHIO.

Since the date of reference report this agent has on a number of occasions been in contact with Miss Amanda Thomas, daughter of Warden P. E. Thomas, Ohio Penitentiary, who is also in charge of the mail room, and Miss Thomas advises that since talking with this agent on December 13, 1933, she has kept a close watch on all mail for Inmate Nathan King, #62986, but that he has never received any more letters from his supposed brother, Otis Amos, from Texas City, Texas, or from any other point, and that he has furthermore not received any mail except from his wife.

PENDING.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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March 1, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

Mr. Brantley telephoned last night and stated that a Special Agent of his office at Muskogee, Oklahoma advised that the Chief of Police at that place was in receipt of a message from Jennie Mae Curtis of Route 1, Box 3, Calhoun, Georgia to the effect that Pretty Boy Floyd was at Calhoun, Georgia now.

Mr. Brantley stated he telephoned this lead to the Birmingham office and it is observed that Mr. Hanson has proceeded to Calhoun, Georgia personally.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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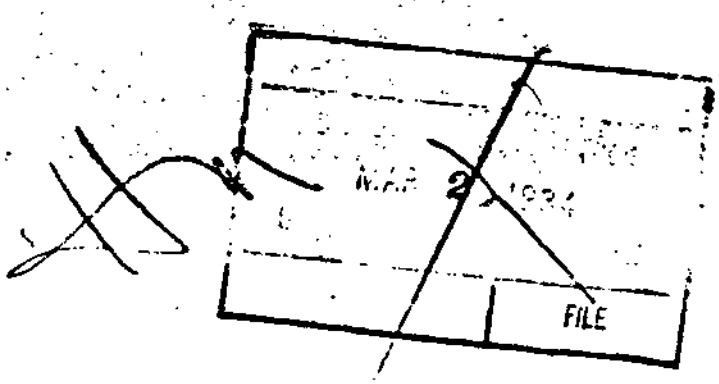

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U. S. Department of Justice
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P. O. Box 1276,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,
February 28, 1934.

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

Dear Sir :

Reference is hereby made to Division letter dated February 20, 1934, in the case entitled, "Hazel Hudson Underhill, et al, Harboring and Concealing Wilbur Underhill, for Whom a Warrant of Arrest Had Been Issued", regarding the damage done to the house where Wilbur Underhill was apprehended, which house is owned by the Fidelity Building and Loan Association of Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Mr. Hatler Smith, who rented this house from the Fidelity Building and Loan Association and in turn rented it to associates of Wilbur Underhill, advised Agent Paul Hansen that the damage to this house and fixtures would in his estimation be less than $50.00.

Agent Hansen discussed this matter with Mr. George E. McKinnis, Jr., attorney for the owner of this property, and also with Mr. George E. McKinnis, Sr., president of the Fidelity Building and Loan Association of Shawnee. Mr. McKinnis, Sr. advised Agent Hansen that he had recently had an appraisement made of the damages done to this house and fixtures, and that a memorandum had been prepared in that regard by Mr. H. L. Roark, a carpenter. A copy of this memorandum was turned over to Agent Hansen and is now on file in the Oklahoma City office. A copy of it is as follows:

February 24, 1934

"Fidelity Bldg. & Loan Assoc.
Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Gentlemen:

Per your request I have examined the house at 606 West Dewey and find the damages caused by the federal officers and

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Underhill fusilade, Dec. 31, 1933, can be repaired as follows: -

Patching plaster	$15.00
Replacing broken glass	7.00
Repairs to screens	7.00
Repairs to windows & doors	13.00
Repairs to siding	3.00
Inside decoration	125.00
Outside painting	60.00
Total - - - - -	$230.00

I will undertake and agree to repair the house in good order as it was before it was shot up for the above amount."

Very truly yours,

(Signed) H. L. Roark

Agent Hansen was present at the time Underhill was captured, and observed upon numerous occasions the damage done to this house and can state that the respective repairs as listed are needed, but, of course, he has no idea as to whether the estimate made by Roark for each of these repairs is reasonable.

Mr. McKinnis, Sr. advised that the charge of $125.00 for inside decoration is for filling up the holes with plaster and either recalcimining or repapering the entire inside of the house which would be necessary, he said, in view of the fact that every room has been damaged with bullet holes, and it would be necessary to refinish the entire room where any patches were made over holes.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley

Dwight Brantley,
Special Agent in Charge.

U.S.DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois
February 21, 1934

D. HL DICKSON
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
302 FEDERAL BUILDING
BUTTE MONTANA

CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD WITH ALIASES IO ELEVEN NINE FOUR PAUL SAHLSTROM UNKNOWN AT CAMP ELMWOOD ROCKFORD ILLINOIS WHICH IS SUMMER CAMP NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT ROCKFORD CONCERNING THIS INDIVIDUAL OR LICENSE PLATES

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1900 Bankers Bldg.,
Chicago, Illinois
February 24, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 1563,
Butte, Montana

Dear Sir:-

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases,
Deceased; RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS,
with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1201;
CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases,
I.O. #1194 -- et al.
Obstruction of Justice (Endeavor to
Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash)

Reference is hereby made to your telegram directed to this office under date of February 21, 1934, concerning license plates issued to Paul Sahlstrom, Camp Elmwood, Rockford, Illinois, for a Durant automobile, motor number 111460.

On February 21, 1934, Special Agent Arthur McLawhon, of this office, proceeded to Rockford, Illinois, where he made a search of the City Directory and ascertained that there was no one listed therein by the name of Paul Sahlstrom. It was noted there were only two Sahlstroms listed in the directory as living in Rockford; namely, Simon Sahlstrom, at 2232 10th Avenue, and Gustav R. Sahlstrom, at 1211 8th Avenue.

At the Post Office in Rockford, Agent McLawhon was informed that they knew of no street or suburb of Rockford, which was known as Camp Elmwood.

Agent McLawhon made inquiry at the Rockford Police Department and was informed there they had no record of a Durant Sedan having been stolen from their city. They did not know the location of Camp Elmwood, nor were they familiar with anyone by the name of Paul Sahlstrom in that city.

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Agent McLawhon interviewed Gustav R. Sahlstrom at his home on Eighth Avenue and was informed he did not know of anyone in Rockford by the name of Paul Sahlstrom, nor did he know anything of the location of Camp Elmwood.

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Mr. Simon Sahlstrom was interviewed at his home on Tenth Avenue and he advised he knew no one by the name of Paul Sahlstrom; however, he was quite positive Camp Elmwood is a summer camp of a Swedish Lodge, called The Vega Lodge, with headquarters at 15th Avenue and 9th Street in Rockford, Illinois.

A clerk at the headquarters of the lodge mentioned advised Agent McLawhon that Camp Elmwood is a summer camp operated for the members of the Vega Lodge only, and is located on a river about fourteen miles from Rockford, but that the place was closed up during the winter months and no one was living there at this time. The clerk advised he was a member of long standing in the lodge and knew all of the members thereof, but he was positive there was no such member as Paul Sahlstrom, nor had there been such a member in recent years. He was equally as sure there had been no one by the name of Paul Sahlstrom at Camp Elmwood for the past several years.

Agent McLawhon returned to the Post Office and questioned the Assistant Postmaster as to whether their rural delivery reached the place known as Camp Elmwood. The Assistant Postmaster recalled that this place was on their rural delivery route No. 1. Agent requested that inquiry be made of the clerk in charge of said route to ascertain if anyone by the name of Paul Sahlstrom had been receiving mail at Camp Elmwood, and it was ascertained this name was unknown to the clerk and carrier.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge

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D. H. DICKASON,
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION,
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
302 FEDERAL BUILDING,
BUTTE, MONTANA.

CHARLES ARTHUR O FLOYD IO ELEVEN NIN FOUR ILLINOIS THIRTY THREE LICENSE NINE TWO THREE FOUR SIX SEVEN ISSUED TO PAUL SAHLSTROM CAMPELLWOOD ROCKFORD ILLINOIS FOR DURANT MOTOR ONE ELEVEN FOUR SIXTY

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1900 BANKERS BUILDING
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Division of Investigation
302 Federal Bldg.Butte,Mont.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

CHARGE

CHICAGO ILLINOIS
FEBRUARY 21, 1934. 9:35 A.M.

D. M. LADD
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
801 TITLE GUARANTY BUILDING
ST. LOUIS MO.

BUTTE WIRING QUOTE CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD WA IDENTIFICATION ELEVEN NINE FOUR TELEGRAM FROM WYOMING ADVISES CAR GREEN SEDAN SIMILAR TO NINETEEN TWENTY EIGHT NASH CARRYING LICENSE NINE TWO THREE HYPHEN FOUR SIX SEVEN ILLINOIS PROCEEDING NORTH WITH TWO MEN THEREIN POSSIBLY BE FLOYD AND CLYDE BARROW PLEASE CHECK ILLINOIS LICENSE WIRING RESULT TO BUTTE

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1551 First Nat'l. Bank Bldg.,
El Paso, Texas,

February 24, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: VERNON C. MILLER (Deceased), et al,
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

In the file of the above case you will find claims from the Shawnee Municipal Hospital for the payment of certain hospital bills and medical expenses in connection with the capture of Wilbur Underhill. I tried to arrange some way to pay these bills before I left there but it seems it will be difficult inasmuch as none of those for whom charges were made were Federal prisoners at the time.

I took up the matter of the payment of the bills for Wilber Underhill with the State Board of Affairs, W.C.Hughes, Chairman, and who indicated that they would probably take favorable action. The matter had not been decided up to the time I left Oklahoma City. For your information I attach hereto copy of a letter which I have just received from S.K.Brown, Warden of McAlester Penitentiary, in which he advises that Governor Murray has stated he would O.K. the payment of the bills insofar as Wilber Underhill was concerned. There is also attached copy of a letter received from Miss Johnnie Lota Henry, Superintendent of the Shawnee Municipal Hospital, on the same subject. These communications are transmitted to you for your full information in the premises.

Most certainly every effort should be made to liquidate these debts. The Division is morally responsible as immediately following the battle with Underhill these wounded persons had to be taken care of and inasmuch as the battle was the result of our own activity and not at the instance of state officers, I had to assume responsibility for the hospital bills. This matter was put up to me by the City Manager of Shawnee at the time and I had to state that they might look to the Government for the expense.

Very truly yours,

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R. H. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Division.

OKLAHOMA STATE PENITENTIARY

S.E.BROWN, WARDEN,

McAlester, Oklahoma.

February 9, 1934.

Mr. R. H. Colvin,
Department of Justice,
El Paso, Texas.

Dear Mr. Colvin:

I am enclosing you a letter from Robert Ray regarding the reward we advertised for the arrest and return of Wilbur Underhill. You will kindly give me your opinion about this matter.

Regarding the Doctor bills and the hospital bills, I took this matter up with Governor Murray and he O1K.'d payment of the bills insofar as Wilbur Underhill was concerned. I do not know what disposition will be made of the bills of the other two parties. I have sent all these bills to the Governor and asked him to take the matter up with the Department of Justice at Washington, D. C. and advise me.

We are getting along fine and dandy but sure are going to miss you in this section of the country. I wish you every success in your new post and I will be very glad to hear from you at any time.

With best regards, I am,

Yours very truly,

(Sgd.) S. E. Brown,
W A R D E N.

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Encl

C O P Y

Miss Johnnie Leta Henry, R.N.
Superintendent.

SHAWNEE MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL
134 South Center St.

Shawnee, Oklahoma.

February 20, 1934.

R.H. Colvin
1331 First Nat'l Bank Bldg.
El Paso, Texas.

Dear Mr. Colvin:

Warden Brown of the Oklahoma State Prison called on me recently and explained a proposed arrangement concerning Wilbur Underhill, Eva Mae Nickols and Ralph Rowe's hospital bills. He explained that Governor Murray consented to pay for Wilbur Underhill's hospital bill providing that the Federal Agency would pay for the other two. He also said that he would mail a claim for me to file for the payment at an early date, but I have heard nothing from him.

I sincerely appreciate your thoughtfulness and kindness in helping us secure those hospital bills.

I hope that your change from Oklahoma City to El Paso will prove most profitable. We regreted to see you leave us.

Thanking you again for any influence you may use. I am,

Very truly yours,

SHAWNEE CITY HOSPITAL

(sgd.) J. LETA HENRY R.N.
Johnnie Leta Henry, Supt.

JLH:RB

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P.O.Box 815, St.Paul,Minn.

February 26,1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases(Deceased),etal;
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - ATTEMPT TO DELIVER
FEDERAL PRISONER.
St.Paul File No.62-888.

Please obtain and forward immediately latest photographs of VIVIAN MATHEWS and BOBBY MOORE.

Very truly yours,

W.A.BOHER,INSPECTOR.

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U S Department of Justice
224 Federal Bldg
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203 P.O.Bldg.,St.Paul,Minn
CC Division

Re: KANMO CASE,
St.Paul File 62-3888

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St Paul Minnesota
February 27 1934

E E CONROY
Division of Investigation
U S Department of Justice
Suite L, Federal Building
Kansas City, Missouri

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203 P.O.Bldg., St.Paul,Minn.
CC Division

Re: KANSO CASE,
St.Paul File 62-888

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February 26, 1934.

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

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

Dear Sir:-

With reference to report of Special Agent L.C. Turrou dated at New York City 2/21/34:

You are advised that LAWRENCE ALBERT TOWNSEND, whose photograph accompanied report of Agent Turrou, is not identical with W.G. ALLEN.

Very truly yours,

F.J. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge.

These two individuals were associates. Townsend in custody. Allen was not in custody. I misunderstood memo of Ident Unit see Serial 1192

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cc Division
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P. O. Box 514,
Birmingham, Alabama,
February 28, 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 with aliases, Deceased,
Et Al - Conspiracy to Deliver Federal
Prisoner.

Reference is made to the above entitled case and especially to the activity of Inspector of Police, Z. D. Steele, Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company, at Montgomery, Alabama, who had offered his cooperation to Special Agent H. E. Anderson and Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley. This is to advise that during the past and present week frequent contact has been had with Mr. Steele in Montgomery telephonically and up until the present time Mr. Steele's officer, the Mr. Kelly referred to in previous correspondence, has been reported to have still been ill, with the result that Mr. Steele has secured no additional information at Montgomery. This matter will be followed closely.

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With reference to the informant at Memphis, Tennessee, who had promised to go to Hot Springs, Arkansas for the purpose of contacting Lou Connors, this is to advise that Special Agent Peterson has advised me that this man has not as yet made that trip, but contemplates doing so shortly after the first of March, when the racing season is reported to commence at Hot Springs.

Mr. Blaine Danley, Probation Officer, U. S. District Court, Memphis, Tennessee, through whom the above information has been contacted, has advised Special Agent Peterson that he himself intends to go to Hot Springs within a few days to take the baths, and that while he is there he will attempt to ascertain the whereabouts of Galatas. Mr. Danley has informed Special Agent Peterson that he has heard that Galatas is living on some lake out of Hot Springs. Mr. Danley is being furnished with the telephone number of the Oklahoma City Office in order that he can communicate with that office should he secure any information that would need immediate attention.

Special Agent R. E. Peterson has also advised that on the night of February 26th he talked with Bill Grimms, an operative of the Burns Detective Agency, who works in Arkansas, and that this man claims to have seen Galatas in Hot Springs on two successive Saturday nights within the past month. Grimms informed Special Agent Peterson that he had furnished this information to Special Agent Frank Smith. He also advised Peterson that it is his information that Galatas is living on a lake near Hot Springs. Mr. Grimms undoubtedly is the Mr. W. B. Graham, operative of the Burns International Detective Agency, mentioned in letter of the New Orleans Office, of February 19, 1934, directed to the Kansas City Office.

Very truly yours,

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

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March 1, 1934

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Dept. of Justice
P. O. Box 866
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Re: RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS - FUGITIVE
with aliases. I. O. # 1801
et al
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor to
Deliver Fed. Prisoner Frank Nash).

Information has been received by this office to the effect that an individual resembling Charles Arthur Floyd, recently seen in New York City, remarked that he had once had a girl friend in Knightsville or Knightstown, Indiana, whose name was Knightsville or Knightstown. It is believed that he said the town was Knightstown and the girl's name was the same. He remarked at the time that the girl's name was the same as that of the town where she resided.

For the purpose of determining whether the individual seen in New York City was Floyd, it is respectfully requested that an immediate investigation be conducted at Knightstown or Knightsville in an effort to locate and if deemed advisable interview the girl in question, and ascertain whether she knew Floyd and can identify his photograph.

Very truly yours,

J. M. RAY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 314,
Birmingham, Alabama.

Dear Sir:

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

Referring to my conversation with you of February 28th with respect to Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd, Subject of Division Identification Order No. 1194, I beg to inform you as follows:

Special Agent T. M. Birch of this office was in Muskogee, Oklahoma on February 28th and informed me that the Police at Muskogee are in receipt of a letter, dated February 19th, 1934, from [redacted] Calhoun, Georgia, in which she states that she has information concerning the whereabouts of Floyd; that she must be contacted cautiously, carefully and discreetly.

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Immediately upon receipt of this information, I telephoned you. Mr. Clegg of the Division likewise was advised.

Agent Birch obtained the letter received by the Police at Muskogee and it is quoted as follows:

"Calhoun, Ga.
2/19/34

"Chief of Police

"I know about 'pretty boy' Floyd. I was with one of his partners not long ago. And I was suppose to meet his partner at a certain place but didn't have the money to get there on so I wrote & told him I couldn't be there. Please don't give me away so they will get a hold of it. If I could get to the place where I was supposed to I could get them there & the Law could catch them. Don't give me away & I will help you all find them. If you all

will help me get to the places I will help get them. Don't print or let any one know this but you all & myself. You all can communicate with me through mail not over phone for I won't answer any questions over a phone. Pretty Boy Floyd Is not in Okla. You all can take my word for that. I am going to help you all find him if you want me too.

"I am a girl of 18 yrs. I have plenty of nerve and I am willing to do my Part.

Your Friend

[redacted]

Calhoun, Ga

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" P.S. Pretty Boy was born here, about 7 miles from where I live.

"Pretty Boy is supposed to be at Calhoun now he is planing on a certain job there. I can find out where he is quicker than you can but I not going to tip He or his buddies off because it would be impossible for you or I either one to see them then. But remember do not give Me away. I can catch P.Boy. If you don't believe it give me a chance. I'm not afraid of anything & I have got the nerve. Give me a chance & I'll do my part by helping you. Now if you all want to help you remember this will have to be Secret business Because if they get the tip that I'm helping you all it will be too bad for Me But I'm not afraid of getting Shot for he & his partners know me & they wont shoot me. If want me to help let me know He has got a plan all fixed up to Kidnap a certain person at a Certain place & I know all about that. This is all Im going to tell you all now."

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley,
Special Agent in Charge.

AIR MAIL

cc-Kansas City
Division (AIR MAIL)

P. O. Box 1275
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
March 1, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to a letter from the New Orleans office, dated February 19, 1934, to the Kansas City office in this case, a copy of which was furnished the Oklahoma City office. The letter referred to an interview had by Special Agent L. A. Kindell of the New Orleans office at Shreveport, Louisiana on February 17, 1934, with W. B. Graham, a private detective with the Burns International Detective Agency, concerning Richard T. Galatas, subject of I. C. 1858.

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Immediately upon receipt of said letter, I instructed Special Agent Chipman who is stationed at Little Rock, Arkansas to confer at once with Graham, who spends much of his time at Little Rock, Arkansas and vicinity. Agent Chipman informed me that he had learned that Graham could be located at the Ward Hotel in Ft. Smith, Arkansas.

Special Agent Smith was in the vicinity of Ft. Smith and contacted Graham there on February 22, 1934. Graham stated to Agent Smith that about the time it was getting dark on the evening of February 17, 1934, he was standing on the street in Hot Springs, talking with a hi-jacker and an ex-convict whose name he would not give, and that while standing on this street, he observed a short, stocky man, unshaven and roughly dressed, leaving a small car which he had just driven up and parked at the curb. He did not describe the car; that as this short, stocky man left the car, the hi-jacker remarked, "There is your man, Galatas"; that he, Graham, shadowed the man who was pointed out to the Kenkeaha Hotel, and that this man entered a side entrance of the hotel, passed through the lobby and on into an elevator, but did not register; that he, Graham, remained on watch at the hotel and that approximately one-half hour later, placing the time at about 8:30 p. m., he observed this same man enter the lobby of this hotel from the elevator; that he had been shaved, his hair had been cut, and that he was neatly attired in a tuxedo, wearing a black overcoat with a velvet collar, and wearing a derby hat; that this man then went to the Kingsway Hotel where he

entered the ballroom and danced for some time, and upon completing his dancing, he left the Kingsway Hotel in company with a bunch of Jews, and that time was not wearing a hat; that this man, in company with these Jews, went to the Arlington Hotel where he remained for a longer period of time, and that he never saw him leave the Arlington Hotel. Graham told Agent Smith that he readily identified this individual as Galatas from his photograph.

Graham stated to Agent Smith that his hi-jacker informer told him that Galatas, when not in Chicago, was stopping at a camp home on Lake Hamilton near Hot Springs, which is owned by one Clark of Hot Springs, who is associated with a man by the name of McLaughlin, who is a brother of the Mayor of Hot Springs.

Mr. Graham told Agent Smith, in much detail, of the line-up and activities of the underworld in Hot Springs, and stated that the underworld received protection from the local officers, etc. Graham spoke very disparagingly of the Chief of Detectives, Dutch Ahern of Hot Springs, but stated that the Chief of Police at Hot Springs was in every respect dependable and trustworthy, adding that Galatas has the slot machine concessions in Hot Springs, and would have a number of concessions at the coming race-track meet there.

Agent Smith stated that at the time he interviewed Graham the latter was wearing two large automatic pistols, fastened in shoulder straps, and two large-calibre frontier pistols in holsters attached to his belt, and had in his room a shotgun and a high-powered rifle.

It is noted from the letter from the New Orleans office to the Kansas City office, referred to, that Graham told Agent Kindall that Galatas was located at a lodge on Lake Catherine near Hot Springs, and it is further observed that the interview with Agent Kindall took place on February 19, 1934, and that Graham told Agent Smith that he made all of these observations in Hot Springs on the evening of February 17, 1934.

On February 24th, the information contained in the letter from the New Orleans office to Kansas City, and the information obtained by Agent Smith from Graham was furnished Agent Chipman who was then at Hot Springs, with instructions to make appropriate inquiries and investigation there in connection with this matter.

Upon receipt of report from Agent Chipman concerning his activities at Hot Springs, the proper report will be submitted.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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March 2, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

There is attached hereto a memorandum concerning Ed Davis, with aliases, who was arrested, with several other individuals, by the Police Department, Los Angeles, California, yesterday on charges of robbery. Davis was the subject of an Identification Order issued by this Division showing him to be wanted in connection with the murder of Special Agent Raymond J. Caffrey and several other peace officers at Kansas City, Missouri on June 17, 1934. He is now being thoroughly questioned by Special Agents of the Division concerning his knowledge of this crime. You will be advised as to the results of the questioning.

A photograph of Davis is attached.

Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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MEMORANDUM

On June 17, 1933 at Kansas City, Missouri, there was perpetrated a massacre resulting in the death of Special Agent Raymond J. Caffrey of this Division, Chief of Police Otto Reed of McAlester, Oklahoma, Officers William J. Grooms and Frank E. Hermanson of the Kansas City Police Department when a group of machine gunners attempted to free a notorious criminal, Frank Nash. Nash was also killed.

There was assembled a large group of photographs of suspects and among the suspects were the photographs of a number of convicts, who under the leadership of Harvey Bailey and Wilbur Underhill, escaped from the State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas on May 30, 1933. Included in this group was one Ed Davis, who, according to the records of this Division, began his criminal activities in 1919 when as Ed Davis, #2186, he was received at the State Reformatory at Granite, Oklahoma, for the crime of burglary, sentenced to two years.

On January 23, 1923, as Ed Davis, #12780, he was received at the State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma for the crime of robbery, to serve a sentence of ten years. On August 3, 1931, as Ed Davis, #24253, he was received at the State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma for the crime of murder, to serve a sentence of life imprisonment. He escaped from this institution on May 26, 1932 and, as George Allen, was arrested by the Sheriff at Nevada, Missouri on June 17, 1932, together with Jim Clark and Bob Sawyer as the perpetrators of a bank robbery at Fort Scott, Kansas. For this offense, as Ed Davis, #2987, he was sentenced to the State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas, to serve a life sentence. He again escaped May 30, 1933, as above related.

Although Davis was not indicted in connection with the murders committed at Kansas City, Missouri, his apprehension has been sought by this Division for questioning in connection with that case.

Telegraphic information received from the Los Angeles Office of the Division reflects that this individual has been taken into custody there on robbery charges.

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VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (deceased); RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1201, ET AL	OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - ENDEAVOR TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER FRANK NASH

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

On February 18, 1934 information received to the effect that Charles Arthur Floyd, I.O.#1194 had figured in accident near Raleigh, N. C. and subsequently had been driven by one Ted Saddler of Raleigh, N.C. to Petersburg, Va. Investigation at Petersburg disclosed that the individual claimed to be Charles Arthur Floyd was in fact not him but was one Melvin Archer. Archer returned to Raleigh, N. C. to face charges in connection with accident in which he figured.

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On the morning of February 18, 1934, a telephonic communication was received from Special Agent in Charge L. B. Reed at Charlotte, N. C. to the effect that he had received information from the Chief of Police of Raleigh, N. C. to the effect that Charles Arthur Floyd, alias Pretty Boy Floyd, I.O. #1194 had, at approximately 2:30 a.m. on February 18, 1934, been seen near Raleigh, N. C. and that the car in which he was traveling, namely a Chrysler Sedan bearing N.C. tags 109828 had figured in an accident and that Floyd and his companion had immediately thereafter contacted one Ted Saddler of Raleigh, N. C. who had driven these two individuals probably to Petersburg, Virginia. Information was also furnished that Saddler was driving a 1933 Plymouth Coach bearing N.C.

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tags # PD 13782; further that in the wrecked Chrysler was found a set of 1933 Virginia license tags 186684. Special Agent in Charge Reed also advised that Pretty Boy Floyd was probably in the company of an individual known as W. R. Proctor alias Pick. He also furnished information to the effect that Ted Saddler had wired his wife at Raleigh, N. C. from Petersburg, Va. in the early hours of February 18, 1934 the contents of the message not being known. It is, of course, understood that the informant of Chief of Police Barbour of Raleigh, N. C. claimed that the individual traveling with Proctor was Pretty Boy Floyd. This is the only indication that this individual was Pretty Boy Floyd.

In connection therewith, Special Agent M. D. Traub submitted a memorandum advising that he had contacted Charles Burnham, Auto Squad, Detective Bureau, Baltimore, Maryland Police Department and had placed the data with respect to the Plymouth Coach driven by Ted Saddler on the teletype to all police districts at Baltimore and had broadcast the information to all radio cars in Baltimore. Also, Agent Traub notified the Maryland State Police through Newton Pavese who advised Agent Traub that he would furnish all of this information to the Maryland State Police sub-stations.

Special Agent R. E. Smith and the writer proceeded to Petersburg, Virginia and there contacted Chief of Police W. W. Jefferson who had previously been informed by Special Agent in Charge Keith of the developments at Raleigh. Chief Jefferson had advised Special Agent in Charge Keith that he was aware of the developments, having received a long distance telephone call from Chief of Police Barbour at Raleigh, N. C. Upon interview Chief Jefferson advised that he had personally after receipt of the information from Chief Barbour, checked all of the hospitals in Petersburg and that his men had checked all of the hotels but without results as to the location of Pretty Boy Floyd. In addition, Chief Jefferson advised that he had ascertained through one confidential source that Ted Saddler had sent a telegram to his wife at Raleigh, N.C. at 5:50 a.m. on February 18, 1934 from the Norfolk and Western Railway Depot at Petersburg, this telegram stating in substance that he, Saddler, was proceeding to Richmond, Virginia and would be back (meaning to Raleigh, N.C.) early that same day. Chief Jefferson requested that no attempt be made to secure more detailed information as to this telegram and his wishes were complied with. This information was immediately

telephoned to Special Agent R. P. Burruss at the Washington Field Office.

Agents then proceeded to Richmond, Va. and there contacted Lieutenant Nickolas of the Virginia State Police, explaining the situation to him. He advised that the hospitals and hotels in Richmond, Va. had been thoroughly checked for recent arrivals answering the description of Pretty Boy Floyd but that these attempts had been unsuccessful.

At the office of the Virginia State Police, Agents were advised by Special Agent R. P. Burruss that Ted Saddler had been apprehended at Raleigh, N. C. and had consented to accompany officers of the Raleigh Police Department and an Agent of this Division back to Petersburg for the purpose of pointing out the house to which he had delivered the individual he claimed to resemble Pretty Boy Floyd. Lieutenant Nickolas furnished a detail of men and at 9:40 p.m. Special Agent D. M. Jordan attached to the Charlotte Division Office, arrived at the Petersburg Police headquarters in company with Ted Saddler and Chief of Detectives Poole of the Raleigh Police Department.

The writer accompanied Saddler, Agent Jordan, Captain Poole and Detective Beasley of the Petersburg Police Department on a tour of inspection. Saddler pointed out the home of one S. F. Bowman as being the place to which he had delivered the person resembling Pretty Boy Floyd. Necessary precautions were taken and a search of the house was made. There an individual named Melvin Archer was taken into custody of the Petersburg Police. This is the individual Saddler delivered there earlier in the day. It was obvious at a glance that this individual was not Pretty Boy Floyd.

Archer was taken to Petersburg Police headquarters where he was questioned at length and in detail by Agent Smith and the writer in an attempt to obtain information with respect to the Chrysler Sedan bearing N. C. tags 109828 in which he was riding and which figured in the accident at about 2:30 a.m. near Raleigh, N. C. on February 18, 1934. He repeatedly claimed that he had secured a ride with the driver of this car who was unknown to him at Fayetteville, N. C. and that he was unable to furnish the name of the driver. He further claimed that it was the first time he had ever been in the Chrysler Sedan and that he had no knowledge of an individual named W. R. Proctor alias Pick.

In the course of the conversation with Virginia State Policeman J. C. Aaron it was ascertained that 1933 Virginia license plates

#186684 which had been found in the Chrysler Sedan at the scene of the accident had in fact been issued to the Delta Oil Company, Petersburg, Virginia from which the tags had been stolen on January 18, 1934 at Petersburg, Virginia and that these tags were dead ones.

The writer is familiar with the case of the hi-jacking of the Barnwell Brothers' truck which occurred on January 19, 1934 at approximately 1 a.m. about four miles from Petersburg and it was thought that perhaps these two incidents, namely the stealing of the tags and the hi-jacking might have some bearing on each other. Archer was accordingly questioned with respect to the theft of these tags and also with respect to the hi-jacking but denied all knowledge thereof claiming again that he did not know what was in the Chrysler Sedan and was unable to furnish any information along that line. Archer was returned to Raleigh, N. C. by Officers of that Police Department at 2 a.m. on February 19, 1934. Captain Poole advised that Archer would be held in custody at Raleigh for running from the scene of an accident, for possession of burglar tools which had been found in the Chrysler Sedan and several other charges including the outcome of the injuries of the tourist driving the car which had been struck by the Chrysler Sedan.

At 11:50 p.m. on February 18, 1934 a resume of the above information was furnished the Washington Field Office.

There being no further information in this district, this case is being

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

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March 2, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the memorandum of Special Agent A. E. Parland, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, February 15, 1934, in connection with your case entitled Verne C. Miller (Deceased), et al, Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner, in which are described various members of the Karpis gang. The fingerprint records of all individuals described have been located in the Division's files with the exception of the following:

George Brock	Goldie Johnson
Tom Hill	Jim Clark
Harold (Pat) Wright	Homer Good.

Should additional data be received at any time with regard to any of the above named individuals which may assist in identifying a fingerprint record of them or if their fingerprints are available to your office, the same should be immediately forwarded to the Division.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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

REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:
Oklahoma City, Okla.	March 1, 1934	Feb. 20, 1934	T. M. Birch

TITLE: GEORGE WASHINGTON NASH, SR.
HUSTON G. NASH
BRUCE MERRILL BRADY alias MERRILL BRADY alias
B. M. BRADY alias SLIM BRADY

CHARACTER OF CASE: Harboring and Concealing a person for whom a warrant of arrest has been issued - Conspiracy.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: U. S. Attorney William F. Rampendahl, Muskogee, Okla., advised that upon receipt of report of Special Agent Frank S. Smith, dated 1-19-34, file 62-481 entitled, "Hazel Hudson Underhill, et al", which report has since been forwarded, he will consider the signed statement of Hazel Underhill relative to Bruce Brady and Huston Nash, and that this case will, in all probability, be presented at the special call of the Grand Jury in March.

REFERENCE: Letter of SAC R. H. Colvin, Oklahoma City, Okla., dated February 2, 1934.

DETAILS: United States Attorney William F. Rampendahl, Muskogee, Oklahoma, when conferred with regarding the probable prosecution of subjects in the instant case, stated that he had no knowledge of the signed statement of Hazel Hudson Underhill relative to Bruce Brady and Huston Nash, but that upon receipt of the report of Special Agent Frank S. Smith, dated 1-19-34, Oklahoma City file No. 62-481 entitled, "Hazel Hudson Underhill, et al", which report has since been forwarded to Mr. Rampendahl, he will go over the facts of the case and, in all probability, the case will be presented to the Grand Jury during the special call in March, 1934.

The Oklahoma City Division office was requested by telephone to furnish Mr. Rampendahl with a copy of Agent Smith's report of 1-19-34, Oklahoma City file 62-481.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD: OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE at Muskogee, on March 15, will make inquiry at the office of the United States Attorney relative to the prosecution in instant case.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: Dwight Brawley SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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DIRECTOR

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

hhc-eg March 3, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

Mr. Brantley, S.A.C., Oklahoma City, while discussing other matters, advised he is in receipt of a message from the Birmingham office that the originator of the rumor that Pretty Boy Floyd was in Calhoun, Georgia was merely one who was seeking a position as a detective.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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P. O. Box 1276,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,
March 1, 1934

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

AIR MAIL

Dear Sir :

Reference is made to Division letter of February 27, 1934 relative to the matter of defraying the hospital expense and expenses of medical attention for Eva Mae Nichols, Ralph Rowe and Wilbur Underhill.

On February 27, I forwarded to the Division vouchers with respect to the expenses of Eva Mae Nichols and Ralph Rowe. From this letter, you will observe that Special Agent Hansen of this office recently had occasion to interview Miss Leta Henry, superintendent of the Shawnee City Hospital, at which time she informed him that Mr. Sam Brown, warden of the State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, has informed her that the State of Oklahoma will pay the hospital and other expense of Wilbur Underhill.

This office is in receipt of a letter from Special Agent in Charge R. H. Colvin of the El Paso Division office, dated February 24, 1934, in respect to this matter, and with which he transmitted a copy of a letter, dated February 9, addressed to him by Warden S. E. Brown of McAlester, in which it was stated that the Governor of Oklahoma has "O.K.'d the payment" of the bills insofar as Wilbur Underhill is concerned.

Today, Special Agent K. D. Deaderick of this office had a conference with Mr. W. C. Hughes, Chairman of the State Board of Affairs of the State of Oklahoma, who advised him that the State of Oklahoma will take care of the payment of the expenses of Wilbur Underhill; that the same had not been paid to date but will be paid eventually.

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Very truly yours,

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Dwight Brantley,
Special ~~Agent in Charge~~.

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March 5, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 514,
Birmingham, Alabama.

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Dear Sir:

There are being forwarded under separate cover an additional supply of Identification Order #1201, RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases. You are instructed to distribute this Identification Order to all names appearing on your mailing list and to prepare a circular letter addressed to all postmasters in your district requesting them to prominently display this Identification Order on the Bulletin Board in their respective post office building.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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MARCH 1, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
801 Title Guaranty Building,
St. Louis, Missouri.

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases,
(DECEASED) ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL
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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

Dear Sir:

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Special Agents A. E. Parland and M. F. Treinor interviewed [redacted] Lansing, Kansas, today in connection with this matter. [redacted] advised that he has definite information, received through the "grape vine", that Fred Barker, Kansas State Penitentiary No. 9836, and Clyde Nimerick, alias James Woodruff, alias Eddie Woodruff, Kansas State Penitentiary No. 8742, participated as actual slayers in the instant massacre on June 17, 1933 at Kansas City, Missouri. He stated that he also has information that about sixty days ago both Nimerick and Barker were killed by being placed on the spot near Centralia, Illinois. He does not know what disposition was made of the bodies of these men or any other facts in connection with the manner of their slayings; however, he stated that he also has the information that they were killed by Danny Webster, a Detroit and Chicago gangster, and Bert White, also a gangster in Detroit, Chicago and other middle-western cities. He stated that he does not believe either of these individuals have a Police or Penitentiary record. Port Huron, Michigan is said to be the home of White, and he also believes that both of these alleged assassins would be known to the Police in Detroit, Michigan. He stated that his information is that Nimerick and Fred Barker were put on the spot because the "heat" was too great.

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In mentioning Nimerick, the informant referred to him as Eddie Woodruff. Kansas State Penitentiary records show that Clyde Nimerick is the correct name of that individual. A good description of Nimerick was not obtainable from the Penitentiary records, since the file could not be located there. Reference is made in this connection to page 15 of the report of Agent Treinor in the Bremer kidnaping case, dated February 20th at this office, where Clyde Nimerick is shown as an associate of the Barkers. He is shown as Des Moines, Iowa Police Department No. 9024. Records of the Des Moines, Iowa Police Department appear to carry his age as 36, whereas the age shown on the Kansas State Penitentiary records would indicate that he is now 42, since his age in 1924 was given as 32. A photograph of Nimerick taken during 1924 at the Kansas State Penitentiary and one of his more recent photographs taken 12-29-31 by the Des Moines Police Department are enclosed herewith. Also an enlarged photograph of Fred Barker, Kansas State Penitentiary No. 9836, is forwarded herewith.

It is requested that the St. Louis Office make appropriate investigation immediately to verify the alleged deaths of these individuals.

It is also suggested that the Chicago Office institute investigation to identify Danny Webster and Bert White, if possible, since these individuals would probably possess much information in connection with this case.

It is intimated by the informant that Betty Webster, wife of Danny, was involved in some manner in the same incident at Centralia, and claims not to have any information regarding her personal history.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR
ACTING SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Oklahoma City, Okla.	3/3/34	1/2-19/34	O. H. Franklin

TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER (Deceased), et al.

CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Frank Sawyer, confined the Okla. State Penitentiary, McAlester, Okla., states that he has not seen or heard of "Doc" Barker since he (Sawyer) escaped from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, at which time, Barker was also an inmate of this institution; claims he does not know Fred Barker, Campbell, Karpis or Davis; declines any knowledge of participants in Kansas City Massacre.

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REFERENCE: Letter from Kansas City Division Office, dated February 8, 1934.

DETAILS: Frank Sawyer who is confined in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, stated that he casually knew "Doc" Arthur Barker while he was confined in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary in 1930; that during that year, he (Sawyer) escaped from the Penitentiary, and that he has not seen or heard anything about "Doc" Barker since that time. Sawyer stated that he did not know Fred Barker, Volney Davis, Alvin Karpis or Harry Campbell. He stated that he had no knowledge of the participants in the Kansas City Massacre. He further stated that when he escaped from the Lansing, Kansas Penitentiary on Memorial Day in 1933, he was in company with Harvey Bailey, Jim Clark, Ed Davis, Bob Brady and Wilbur Underhill, at which time, they kidnaped the Warden of the Lansing Penitentiary. He stated that he left these men at Jay, Oklahoma, where they released the Warden the day following the break. He further stated that he then traveled alone, and was later captured near Chickasha, Oklahoma in the early part of June 1933, and returned to the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, where he is serving a life sentence on a murder charge. He stated that he had met Vernon Miller at a "joint" on Troost Avenue in Kansas City, Missouri in June 1930; that Vernon Miller was introduced to him by Harvey Bailey. Sawyer would not go into details concerning various underworld connections in

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Kansas City, Missouri, or in furnishing the above information, and after questioning him at great length, it was very apparent that he is the type of criminal that would not give any information even though he were able to do so.

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March 3, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER (deceased)
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with
aliases - FUGITIVE. Identifi-
cation Order 1201, et al.
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal
Prisoner.

There are enclosed herewith copies of a letter dated February 1, "1933", received from Mrs. Emma Johnson, Arnett, Oklahoma, wherein she sets forth information concerning one HENRY BUCKER, of Fairview, Oklahoma, whom she believes to be associating with Charles Arthur (Pretty Boy) Floyd. She also makes reference to one Carl Bucker.

You are instructed to have an agent interview Mrs. Johnson at the earliest practicable date for the purpose of obtaining first-hand information from her relative to the individuals named in her letter.

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Very truly yours,

Director.

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March 5, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. J. W. GARDNER,
GENERAL AGENT AND CHIEF CLERK.

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There are transmitted herewith five vouchers, two of which are in favor of J. A. Walker, M. D., for medical services, two in favor of Shawnee City Hospital, for hospital fees, and one in favor of Gaskill Undertaking Company, for ambulance service; all of which expenses were incurred in connection with the apprehension of Wilbur Underhill, at which time Eva Mae Nichols and Ralph Rowe, for whom these expenses were incurred, were wounded.

In accordance with your memorandum of February 15, 1934, these vouchers are being submitted without the designation of the appropriation from which payment is to be made, in view of the opinion expressed by you, that the appropriation "Support of U. S. Prisoners" is the only possible judiciary appropriation from which these expenses might be paid.

It will be appreciated if you will expedite action on these vouchers, in order that payment may be made at the earliest possible date. In this connection it is requested that checks in payment of these accounts be transmitted to this Division, in order that they may be forwarded to the payees, through the Oklahoma City office.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
February 27, 1934

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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letter dated February 17, 1934 concerning vouchers for the hospital expenses of medical attention of Eva Mae Nichols, and Ralph Rowe in connection with the apprehension of Wilbur Underhill.

I am transmitting herewith a voucher signed by the Geskill Undertaking Company of Shawnee, Oklahoma in the amount of $6.00, ambulance fee of this establishment for taking Ralph Rowe, Eva Mae Nichols, and Hazel Underhill from the scene of the shooting to the Shawnee hospital.

Enclosed are two vouchers prepared by the Shawnee City Hospital, Shawnee, Oklahoma, one for $16.50 for hospital expenses for Eva Mae Nichols, the other in the amount of $20.50 for hospital expenses of Ralph Rowe.

I am transmitting two vouchers signed by Dr. J. A. Walker, physician, Shawnee, Oklahoma, one for $30.00 for professional services rendered Ralph Rowe, the other in the amount of $15.00 for medical attention rendered Eva Mae Nichols.

Please be advised that recently Special Agent Paul Hansen of this office, when in Shawnee, had occasion to be at the Shawnee Hospital, and while in a conversation with Miss Leta Henry, Superintendent, she stated to him that Mr. Sam Brown, the Warden of the State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, not very long ago called upon her and informed her that the State of Oklahoma would take care of the hospital expenses of Wilbur Underhill, in that he was an escaped convict from the State Penitentiary, but that to date, the bill had not been paid.

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At a very early date, another inquiry of a discreet nature will be made in an effort to determine whether the hospital expenses and doctor's bill for Underhill have been paid.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge

Division of Investigation

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P. O. Box #766,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

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March 5th, 1934.

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

Re: Vernon C. Miller, with aliases (Deceased); Richard Tallman Gelatas, with aliases - FUGITIVE, IO #1201; ROBERT G. BRADY with aliases (Deceased); HARVEY J. BAILEY with aliases - FUGITIVE, IO #1189, ET AL; CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed are fingerprints of Rose Baird and Jaunaita Buelah Baird, who have been identified as accomplices of Charles Arthur Floyd in the robbery of the Mount Zion Deposit Bank at Mount Zion, Ky. It is requested that these fingerprints be classified and searched in the Identification Unit of the Division.

It is also requested that a photostat copy of these fingerprints be furnished to the Kansas City Office, and that the Kansas City Office be notified of the results of the fingerprint search.

Very truly yours,

E. S. Connelley,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Division of Investigation

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

Mr. Brantley, S.A.C., Oklahoma City, advised over the telephone that a man representing the Burns Detective Agency, Mr. A. B. Cooper, has a lot of stool pigeons in that part of the country and one of them advised last night that Pretty Boy Floyd is supposed to be hiding on a ranch in Clovis, New Mexico. Mr. Cooper states that this stool pigeon, who gave him this information, has given him a lot of reliable information in the past and he believes there is something to it.

Mr. Cooper intends to go to Clovis, New Mexico and would like to have an Agent accompany him. Inasmuch as this is in Mr. Colvin's territory, Mr. Brantley suggested that this should be referred to Mr. Colvin and it was agreed that this would be satisfactory.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley

S. P. Cowley.

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CINCINNATI, OHIO	3/5/34	3/3/34	J. F. EVANS

TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (Deceased); RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1201; ROBERT C. BRADY with aliases (Deceased); HARVEY J. BAILEY with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1169; WILBER UNDERHILL with aliases (Deceased); ED DAVIS with aliases, I.O. #1193; BERNARD PHILLIPS with aliases, I.O. #1196; CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, I.O. #1194, ET AL.

CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

Charles Arthur Floyd, "Killer" Bill Miller, Jaunaita Eualah Baird, and Rose Baird robbed Mt. Zion Deposit Bank, Mt. Zion, Ky. Jaunaita Eualah Baird and Rose Baird convicted for robbery; sentenced 5 years; Court of Appeals reversed case; case dismissed. Photographs and fingerprints of Baird girls obtained. Miller, Floyd, and the Baird girls stopped at Charley Fledge's farm near Sherman, Ky., prior to the time they robbed bank and immediately after robbing bank.

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent D. L. Nicholson, Detroit, Mich., dated 2/15/34.

DETAILS: AT WILLIAMSTOWN, KY.

DETAILS:

Agent interviewed Reuben Taylor, present Sheriff of Grant County, Ky., who informed Agent that he could secure all the necessary information from the former sheriff, William Taylor.

Agent contacted former sheriff William Taylor, who advised that he kept no records of this case, and was referred to Charles J. Webb, former Deputy Sheriff of Grant County, Ky.

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Mr. Webb furnished Agent with two photographs, one of Jaunaita Buelah Baird, and the other of Rose Baird. These photographs are being forwarded to the Kansas City Office. Webb also furnished to Agent the fingerprints of Rose Baird and Jaunaita Baird. These prints are being forwarded to the Identification Unit of the Division of Investigation, with the request that they be searched and classified and that the Kansas City Office be notified of the results. It is also requested from the Identification Unit that photostat copies of these prints be forwarded to the Kansas City Office.

In reference to the details of the bank robbery at Mt. Zion, Ky., Mr. Webb furnished the following information. He advised that Charles Arthur Floyd and "Killer" Bill Miller, accompanied by Jaunaita Buelah Baird and Rose Baird, stopped at the house of Charley Fledge. Fledge, a former railroad man, was an acquaintance of Miller. Floyd and Miller stopped at his house under the pretext of buying his farm, or a farm in that vicinity. Fledge's farm is located near Sherman, Ky., on a side road off of U. S. 25. After looking the farm over and talking seriously about the purchasing of it, Miller and Floyd informed Fledge that they would look at another farm or two in the vicinity before definitely making up their minds. Under this pretense they departed in the direction of Mount Zion, Kentucky. They returned later that day, telling Fledge that they had not definitely made up their minds, and after dinner, and under the cover of darkness, departed for Cincinnati, Ohio. It was during this interim, and while Floyd and Miller were supposedly looking for a farm site to purchase, that they robbed the Mount Zion Deposit Bank, obtaining $2,000.00. All four parties were identified as being participants in this robbery.

Sheriff Webb stated that the girls, Jaunaita Buelah Baird and Rose Baird, were returned to Williamstown, Ky. for a trial of robbery of the Mount Zion Deposit Bank; that they were sentenced to a three year term and were incarcerated in the State Penitentiary at Frankfort, Ky.; that on appeal the Court of Appeals reversed this case for lack of evidence; that the case was returned for trial at Williamstown, Ky., and the judge dismissed it, evidently for the reason that they had no more sufficient evidence than that for which the Court of Appeals reversed the case.

In this case the girls were defended by F. A. Harrison, Attorney, Williamstown, Ky. Agent did not deem it advisable to contact Mr. Harrison in reference to what he knows about this case.

Mr. Webb furnished the information that Mr. Fledge was a man of good reputation in the community, and that the only reason

that Miller and Floyd stopped here was so that they would have a place to stay for a few hours while posses would be watching the roads after they had robbed the bank.

Mr. Webb informed Agent that Mrs. J. A. Lee, wife of the City Jailer at Georgetown, Ky., had become very friendly with the Baird girls during their stay in this jail prior to their trial at Williamstown, Ky., and he was quite sure that she had an address of the Baird girls.

Agent contacted Mrs. Edgar Wright, daughter of Mrs. J. A. Lee, by telephone. She informed Agent that the last address they had was just after the girls' case was dismissed on its second trial. Mrs. Wright advised Agent, on Agent's request, that if her mother still had this letter that the same would be forwarded to the Cincinnati Office and that any other pertinent information that they could give would be forwarded by letter. If the Cincinnati Office receives any information concerning the Baird girls, or receives a copy of this letter, the same will be forwarded to the Kansas City Office.

PENDING.

ADDENDUM:

Descriptions of Jaunaita Buelah Baird and Rose Baird, as obtained from fingerprint card received from former Deputy Sheriff Webb, Grant County, Ky., are as follows:

Name	Jaunaita Buelah Baird
Age	24 years
Height	5' 4"
Weight	105 lbs.
Build	Slim
Complexion	Light
Hair	Blond
Eyes	Blue
Scars & Marks	One mole under right eye; scar in back of head from pistol shot; two gold crown teeth on upper right side.

Address	2402 E. 30th St., Kansas City, Mo.
Nativity	Kansas City, Mo.
Residence	Kansas City, Mo.
Criminal History	Arrested 5/1/31, Williamstown, Ky., charge, accomplice to bank robbery; disposition of case, convicted but reversed on appeal; not re-tried.

Name	ROSE BAIRD
Age	25 years
Height	5' 3 1/2"
Weight	115 lbs.
Build	Slim
Complexion	Light
Hair	Dark brown
Eyes	Blue
Scars & Marks	None
Residence & Nativity	Kansas City, Mo.
Criminal History	Rosie Lee Ash, #21938, arrested Police Dep't., St. Louis, Mo., June, 1925, suspicion robbery; disposition of case not known;
	Rosie Lee Ash, #17341, arrested Police Dep't., Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 15, 1929, charge shop lifter and drugs; disposition of case not known.
	Rosie Lee Baird, #22772, arrested Police Dep't., Toledo, Ohio, Apr. 17, 1931, charged with suspicion; disposition not known.
	Arrested 5/1/31, Williamstown, Ky., charge, accomplice to bank robbery; convicted; reversed on appeal; not re-tried.

Disposition sheets are being forwarded to the Division in relation to the charges of accomplice to bank robbery as against Jaunaita and Rose Baird. It is requested that the Kansas City Office check on the dispositions of the arrests of Rose Baird at St. Louis, Mo., Kansas City, Mo., and Toledo, Ohio, that is, provided the Division does not supply this information.

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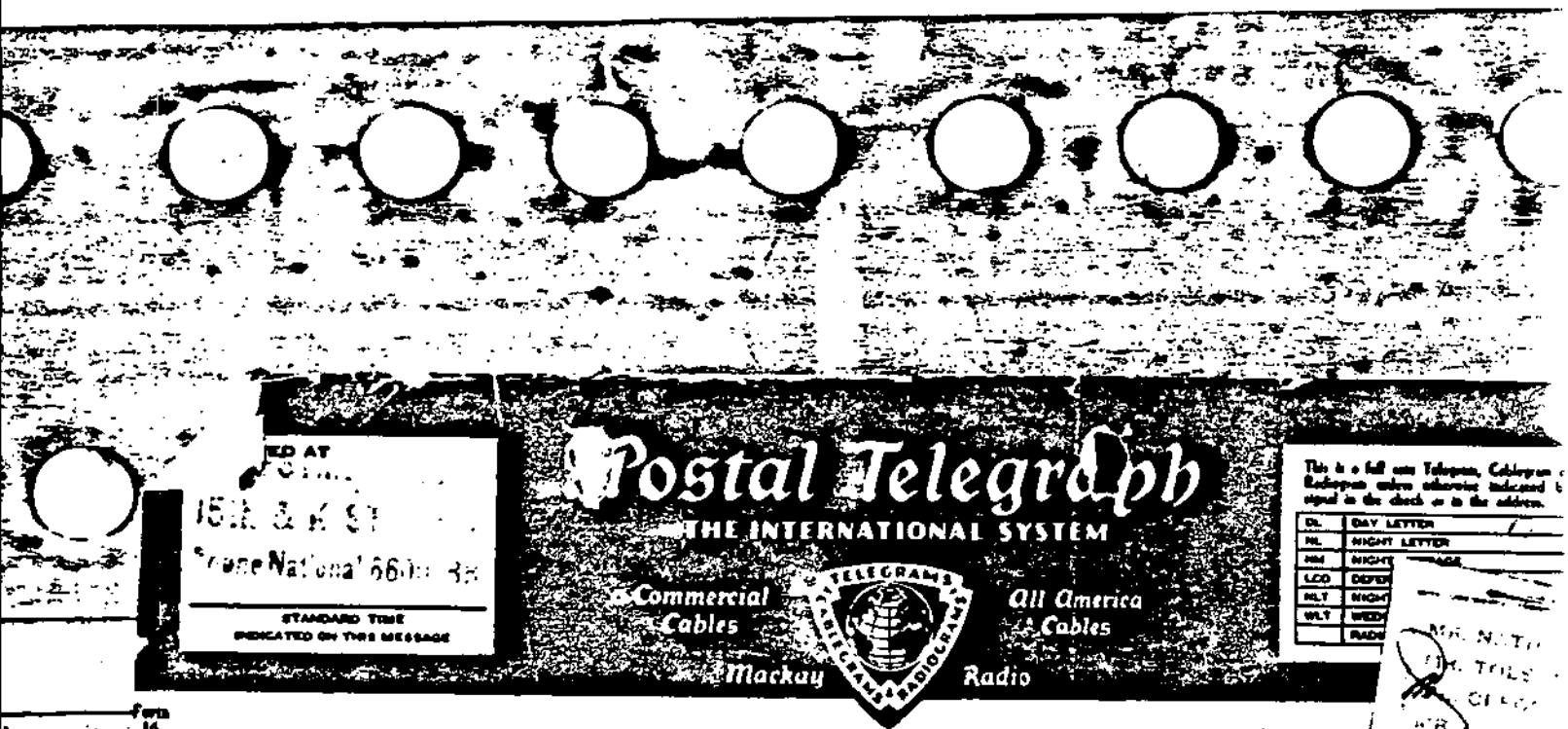

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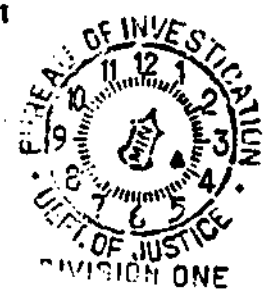

Director,
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Dear Sir:

I am enclosing herewith photographic copies of the fingerprints and photographs of Rose Baird, alias Rose Ash, and Juanita Baird, alias Beulah Baird.

These two girls are alleged by Major Means of the Missouri State Highway Patrol to be now travelling with Charles Arthur Floyd, with aliases, and Adam Richetti; and it is suggested that these fingerprints be placed on file in the Division's Fingerprint Unit.

Posted as "wanted" By Div. 3-9-34

A copy of this letter if being forwarded to the Kansas City Office to which is attached a set of these fingerprints, for their assistance in connection with the investigation of the case entitled VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, etal; Obstruction of Justice.

Very truly yours,

D. M. Ladd,
Special Agent in Charge.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Burke, of the Department, called and stated he had received a letter from his brother's wife, who left Washington about two weeks ago and drove to her home in Billings, Montana; that in the vicinity of Casper, Wyoming, they passed a green car with the windshield broken. Upon arrival in Billings the paper there reported that Pretty Boy Floyd had been in the vicinity. The lady did not take the license number nor did she have any description of the inmates of the car. I thanked him. I believe no action should be taken on the foregoing.

Very truly yours,

H. Nathan.

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Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to Division wire of the first instant, instructing the writer to proceed to Los Angeles immediately and there interview Ed. Davis, I.O. 1193, who was in custody with respect to the "Kammo" and other Division cases.

Accordingly, I arrived at Los Angeles, California, the morning of March 2, 1934, and interviewed Ed. Davis in the presence of Special Agent C. D. White of the Los Angeles Office. Upon arrival at Los Angeles, however, I ascertained that Special Agent in Charge Conroy of Kansas City, who was thoroughly familiar with Ed. Davis, and his reported activities, had gone over in detail all matters with Ed. Davis, in the presence of Special Agent White, and they are submitting a detailed report, and in order to avoid a repetition, I will simply give you the highlights of my conversation with him.

In the first place, Ed. Davis does not at all resemble the individual whom I saw at Kansas City. There is no question about this at all. I ascertained that Davis would probably warm up, and be more willing to talk if sympathy was indicated for his wife and son, for whom he has the utmost devotion, and his reaction under these circumstances was all that could be expected. He stated positively that he was not in the Kansas City shooting at all; that when he escaped from the Lansing Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas, he, Wilbur Underhill, Bob Brady, Harvey Bailey and Jim Clark drove the Warden in a car which they had taken away from a guard near Lansing. He stated they immediately headed South, and that he, Ed. Davis, has never been back in Missouri at all; that he has been working through Oklahoma and Texas. At that time Harvey Bailey's knee, where he had been shot, was bothering him, and as

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a result, they dropped Harvey Bailey and Wilbur Underhill at some unknown point in Oklahoma, and, furthermore, on the 16th of June, Bob Brady, Jim Clark and Ed Davis positively held up the Black Rock Bank at Black Rock, Arkansas. He stated that Harvey Bailey and Wilbur Underhill were not in on this holdup, but after they had held up the bank on the 16th of June, they were cut off from reaching their car, and spent the day in the swamps, finally located a farmer and took his car away from him and gave him $20.00, and told him that this would reimburse him for securing his car when they were through with it; that then Ed.Davis, Bob Brady and Jim Clark drove into Oklahoma City, Okla, where they joined Wilbur Underhill and Harvey Bailey.

He stated that the letter that all parties had written in connection with their participation in the Black Rock Bank Job was written for the purpose of taking the "heat" off of these five individuals, owing to the fact they understood they were wanted in connection with the Kansas City massacre.

While Ed. Davis says that Harvey Bailey and Wilbur Underhill were not mixed up in this bank job, they also affixed their fingerprints and signature to the letter in question.

Ed. Davis also stated that he arrived in Oklahoma City either the 17th or 18th of June, and the same day he arrived there, he conversed with his wife, whom he met at a designated point, and that Ed. Davis, Jim Clark and Bob Brady continued to operate through Oklahoma, Texas and Arizona up until about the middle of September, at which time Ed. Davis states he decided he would break away from the trio and try to get a new start, and, accordingly, he and his wife, and his son, left for California.

Davis frankly admits that he has been involved in several bank "stick-ups", and states that this was the job which they pulled. He stated that since leaving Lansing, Kansas, he had never been in the states of Missouri and Kansas, because he figured they were too close to Lansing Penitentiary, and that it was too "hot" for him there, and the other men felt the same way about it. He is absolutely positive that none of the five individuals, who have been mentioned above, had anything to do with the Kansas City massacre, owing to the fact that three were involved in the bank robbery the day before, and were en route to Oklahoma City, where Harvey Bailey and Wilbur Underhill were awaiting their arrival. Accordingly, he stated that he can positively account for all five individuals on June 17th, and it was, of course, impossible for them to have been in Kansas City.

Davis tells me he was never in Chicago, Minnespolis or St. Paul. He appeared to be frank in his statements. He stated that all members of his group, with the possible exception of Harvey Bailey, could not understand why anyone would pull any such job as was pulled

in Kansas City without some remuneration. He stated that while he admitted they all had the reputation of being "bad men", that they really were not as bad as they were painted to be.

Davis stated that he gathered from certain remarks that Harvey Bailey had made, that perhaps the latter had some idea as to who might have pulled the job, but he never did discuss it with the other men.

Davis denies knowing Verne Miller or his purported wife; emphatically denies ever having met Kelly or his wife. While he admits knowing Fred Barker and Arthur Barker, he states he has not seen these two individuals for years, and does not know Volney Davis, Alvin Karvis or Harry Campbell. He states that as far as "Pretty Boy" Floyd is concerned, he no doubt knew him when he was a youngster, having been born and raised in Oklahoma, but has not seen him for years, and absolutely has not been on any jobs with him. He has no idea who might have pulled the Bremer kidnapping.

Davis also states that Harvey Bailey was absolutely innocent of the Urschel kidnapping, and frankly stated that he would not make this statement if he was not positive. He stated Harvey Bailey no doubt exchanged some money for some other Subject who had participated in the Urschel kidnapping; that he, Harvey Bailey, did not know it was the ransom money at the time, stating that Harvey Bailey was too wise and too shrewd to go down on the Shannon farm, which was "hot", with any of the ransom money on him.

The gist of his activities around California, and other details, will be submitted by Agent in Charge Conroy and Special Agent C. D. White of the Los Angeles Office.

Ed. Davis also stated that he had not seen Frank Nash for a long period of time; that he only spent one night in Hot Springs, Arkansas, and never stayed there for any period of time. He denies knowing the wife of Frank Nash or Dick Galatas.

I then talked to Lona Davis, the wife of Ed. Davis, and she stated that she is positive that Ed. Davis was not mixed up in the Kansas City massacre, because he frequently discussed with her various jobs that had been pulled, and had been contemplated, and at no time was the Kansas City massacre alluded to by Davis as a job in which he might have participated. In fact, Mrs. Davis states she has been with Harvey Bailey, Wilbur Underhill, her husband, Bob Brady and Jim Clark, after the shooting at Kansas City, and from their conversation, all but Harvey Bailey were at a loss to know why anyone would participate in such a job without deriving some benefit therefrom. She stated that at one time Harvey Bailey made the remark that he thought he knew who might have pulled the

job, but did not amplify his remarks any further. She also stated that she does not know Verne Miller or his purported wife, or Kelly and his wife. Does not know Frank Nash or his wife, or Herbert Farmer; that she has not been in any difficulty whatsoever during her life.

She stated that she is absolutely positive that either on the 17th or the 18th of June, 1933, which she places through the Black Rock Bank robbery, and she knows it was the first or second day thereafter, Ed Davis came into Oklahoma City and she drove out on a street car and met him and conversed with him for some time, and that she later saw the other four Subjects. In order to prove her contention, Mrs. Davis states the car in which Harvey Bailey and the others escaped from Lansing Penitentiary, was the same car that was driven out to the scene of the Black Rock Bank robbery, and while she has never seen any reports on the robbery of this car, she is positive that if the various law enforcement officers will check up on this, they will ascertain positively that the car in which they escaped from Lansing was the car that was driven by Bob Brady, Jim Clark and Ed. Davis to Black Rock, where they pulled this bank job, and when they were cut off from returning to the car, same was, of course, abandoned there, and she believes that the finding of this car there by law enforcement officers will positively "cinch" the placing of these men at Black Rock, Arkansas, on June 16, 1933.

She does not have any idea who might have participated in the Kansas City shooting.

Both Davis and his wife appeared willing to talk; to a certain extent his wife was fairly open in her conversation. Davis would deal in generalities, but we could not pin him down to any particular time at any particular place, with the exception of the Black Rock Bank robbery.

Other details in this matter will be covered in the complete report to be submitted by Special Agent in Charge Conroy and Special Agent White at Los Angeles, and, to reiterate, I desire to again state that I saw no one in Kansas City who at all resembles the appearance of Ed. Davis.

Ballistic tests are being made of the various guns found in the possession of Ed. Davis, and they will be forwarded to the Kansas City Office.

Copy of this letter is going forward to the Offices at Oklahoma, Kansas City, Los Angeles, Chicago and St. Paul.

Very truly yours,

R.E. Vetterli,
Special Agent in Charge.

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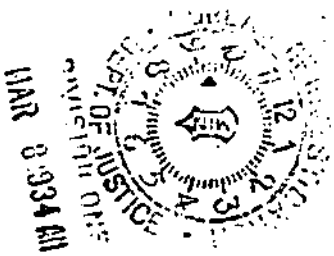

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Director
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of March 2, 1934, with reference to identifications of individuals mentioned in memorandum of Special Agent A. E. Farland, dated February 15, 1934, in connection with the case entitled Vernon C. Miller, deceased, et al, Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner. It is noted that all individuals mentioned in the memorandum of Agent Farland have been identified through fingerprint records in the Division except the following:

George Brock
Harold (Fat) Wright
Jim Clark
Tom Hill
Goldie Johnson
Homer Good

Agent Farland advises with reference to GOLDIE JOHNSON that he was informed by an officer, name not recalled, in the Tulsa, Oklahoma, Police Department, that this individual served several years ago in the State Penitentiary, Canon City, Colorado, the particulars of the sentence and the charge upon which convicted are not known. Further inquiry might develop details of this through the Tulsa, Oklahoma, Police Department and thereafter through the Colorado State Penitentiary.

GEORGE BROCK is thought to have a criminal record at St. Joseph, Missouri, and inquiry is to be made though the Police Department there. Agent Farland advised that he secured this information from police at Tulsa.

HOMER GOOD, a constable at Tulsa, Oklahoma, is thought by Agent Farland to be well known to George Carver, an Agent of the Alcoholic Beverage Unit of this Division at Tulsa, Oklahoma. Captain George Stewart of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Police Department, is also familiar with Homer Good. These individuals may know of any criminal record of Homer Good.

HAROLD (FAT) WRIGHT, employed by the World Publishing Company, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and brother of Glenn Leroy Wright, a notorious outlaw,

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is said to be well known to Captain Stewart of the Tulsa, Oklahoma, Police Department, who may be aware of any criminal record of that individual.

JIM CLARK is former subject of Division I.O. #1192.

TOM HILL is the former subject of case entitled Tommie Hill, A. W. Karns, Madge Hill Karns, Perjury, which case originated in the Oklahoma City office. He was also a subject of a file involving theft from interstate shipment and according to the records of the Kansas City office in that case on May 6, 1924, Hill pleaded guilty at Fort Scott, Kansas, and was sentenced to serve four months in the Montgomery County Jail and was fined $1,000.00. The indictment in that case, charging theft from interstate shipment, was returned in Federal Court at Fort Scott, Kansas, November 14, 1923. It does not appear from the Kansas City file that there were any fingerprints of Tom Hill taken at the time of his conviction in this district. Agent Farland was told today at the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department that Hill served a sentence of one year and one day in the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, for National Motor Vehicle Theft Act violation, having been sentenced at Nowata, Oklahoma, according to the belief of Police Sergeant Jeff Rayen here. Investigation will be made at Leavenworth to secure his fingerprint record if this be the fact. The Oklahoma City file number of the case involving Hill, having to do with Perjury, appears to be 74-31.

Very truly yours,

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

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March 26, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled Alvin Karpis, with aliases, et al, Edward G. Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping, and to Division letter dated March 2, 1934, addressed to your office, requesting information to identify six individuals mentioned in the memorandum of Special Agent A. R. Parland, dated February 15, 1934, in connection with the case entitled Vernon C. Miller, deceased, et al, Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Of the six individuals mentioned in Division letter of March 2, 1934, four have been definitely identified, namely; Jim Clark, #152708, Tom Hill, #171546, Goldie Johnson, #745686, and Harold (Pat) Wright, SO., Tulsa, Oklahoma, #6168. It has not been possible to definitely identify George Brock or Homer Good, the other two individuals named in Agent Parland's memorandum. The fingerprints of the first four named individuals will be compared with the latent prints in this case and will be entered in the single fingerprint file.

The files of the Identification Unit reveal the fingerprints of one W. R. Brock, a copy of whose criminal record is attached herewith, and of two individuals named Homer Good, whose criminal records are as follows:

Homer Good

Subject as Homer Good, #10858, arrested SO, Tulsa, Okla., Sept. 26, 1933, charge violation of National Prohibition Act; deferred sentence.

Homer A. Good

Subject as Homer A. Good, #108, arrested by USM, Wichita Falls, Texas, (date not given), charge violation National Prohibition Act; sentence 20 days - fine, $75.00. (Print received May 23, 1932).

The fingerprints of the three individuals named above are being compared with the latent prints in this case, but before entry in the single fingerprint file further information is desired as to their identity with the George Brock and Homer Good mentioned in Agent Parland's memorandum.

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Director.

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RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases, FUGITIVE; I. D. #1201; et al.	OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (ENDEAVOR TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER FRANK NASH)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Information obtained through elevator starters at 1819 Broadway, New York City, that individual resembling Charles Arthur Floyd was seen in that building; however this individual upon interview identified himself as Murray B. Saul of Brooklyn, N.Y.

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DETAILS:

On February 27, 1934, Special Agent T.H. Tracy was advised by Captain Leahy of the Detective Bureau, New York Police Department, that an individual resembling Charles Arthur Floyd had been seen going in and out of an office building at 1819 Broadway, owned by the Manufacturers Trust Company; that there were several liquor dealers renting office space in this building, and that the individual resembling Floyd had been frequenting an office on the 22nd floor occupied by the Long Island Drug Company; further, that the elevator starters had identified a photograph of Floyd as that of the individual they had seen entering this office.

DETAILS:

Acting on instructions of Special Agent in Charge F. X. Fay, Agent joined Detective Goldstein of the New York Police Department during the morning of March 1, 1934, in the office of the superintendent of the building, John Ray, Room 622, at 1819 Broadway, and ascertained that Mr. Ray had instructed the elevator starters, Jerry Clifford and W. Rogers, to notify him immediately in the event the individual in question entered the building.

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Mr. Ray stated that he had not seen the person described by the starters; however, Clifford and Rogers were interviewed in Mr. Ray's office and advised Agent that the individual, whom they had seen on several occasions during the past ten days, wore a dark blue overcoat, a light fedora hat, gray-green trousers, was about 5'10" in height, and weighed approximately 180 lbs. They also observed that he usually came into the building alone, and on each occasion went into the office of the Long Island Drug Company on the 22nd floor, but when he left the building he always had three or four men with him, who they believed were his bodyguards. Clifford stated that he had heard the individual in question talking with other persons as they were leaving the elevator, and believed that he had a southern accent; however Rogers, who stated that his home is in Terre Haute, Indiana, said that this individual had a western accent, and that on one occasion he asked the person in question where he was from, to which the latter replied California; that this individual subsequently told him that he had traveled all through the west and knew one "Bud Taylor", a pugilist of Terre Haute, Indiana, whom he, Rogers, had known for a number of years, also that he once had a girl friend who lived in Knightsville or Knightstown, Indiana, and that her name was the same as that of the town where she resided. Rogers did not remember whether the name was Knightsville or Knightstown, but said that he subsequently looked the town up on the map and ascertainedthat there was such a town in Indiana.

The Cincinnati office was requested by letter to conduct investigation at Knightsville and Knightstown, Indiana, on March 1, 1934, in an effort to locate and interview the girl in question, to determine whether she could identify the photograph of Floyd.

Agent exhibited a photograph of Floyd to the elevator starters, both of whom stated that it bore a strong resemblance to the individual they had seen.

Mr. Ray advised Agent that the name "Long Island Drug Company" was a blind, and that the individuals occupying that office on the 22nd floor were liquor dealers, further that the firm "Steinthal Public Accountants" which is the only other firm located on the 22nd floor, is also a blind.

Detective Goldstein and Agent remained in Mr. Ray's office until about 6 P.M. on March 2, 1934, at which time Rogers advised Mr. Ray that the person in question had just entered the building alone and had gone to the 22nd floor.

Special Agent in Charge F. X. Fay and Captain Leahy were immediately notified and shortly thereafter appeared at 1819 Broadway, with Special Agents George Starr and W. F. Seery and several detectives from the New York Police Department.

Upon entering the office of the Long Island Drug Company, it was ascertained that there were only two individuals in the office at that time, namely Abraham H. Steinberg, who gave his occupation as salesman for the Long Island Drug Company, and Murray R. Saul, who stated that he operates the Bonafide Laboratories, 141 West 20th Street, with one Lloyd Smith, also the Fort George Sales Company at the same address, manufacturing cosmetics. It was subsequently ascertained that Saul was the individual referred to by Rogers and Clifford, and it was observed that Saul's features somewhat resembled those of Floyd, however it was obvious that he was not identical with Floyd. Saul was questioned at length by Mr. Fay and Captain Leahy, and Captain Leahy subsequently verified Saul's statements regarding his identity by telephonically communicating with Saul's sister in law, whom Captain Leahy knew personally.

The following description and information was obtained from Saul by personal observation and questions by Mr. Fay:

Name	Murray R. Saul
Age	35; born Odessa, Russia, May 1, 1899.
Height	5'9"
Weight	175
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Dark brown
Complexion	Medium fair
Scars and marks	Tattoo - right inner forearm, eagle perched upon flag, surrounded by border of three stars and four "y's", underneath which the number 1917 appears.
Residence	1095 East 15th Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Marital status	Married; no children
	Arrived in United States May 1, 1905, with his parents, Samuel and Ida Saul, also two brothers and one sister, Louis, age 9; Joseph, age 4; Lena, age 12, respectively, at the time

they arrived in the United States.

He said that he was drafted into the United States Army on Armistice Day, 1918, and discharged on the same day; that he has traveled throughout the western section of the United States, and at one time worked as a deckhand on the Great Lakes on a boat owned by the Interlake Steamship Lines. He exhibited a card indicating that he is also a representative of the Lehigh Wholesale Liquor Distributing Company, 1931 Third Avenue, at 106th Street, Manhattan, telephone Lehigh 4-1209; also 1932 New York State Motor Vehicle Bureau card #391568, issued May 31, 1932, to Murray R. Saul, 2007 Ocean Avenue, Brooklyn, containing the following descriptive data: Born May 1, 1899; white; male; weight 180; height 5'9 1/2"; eyes brown; hair brown.

Abraham H. Steinberg, of the Long Island Drug Company, exhibited a letterhead of the Long Island Drug Company to the writer, indicating that the following are officers of that concern: H. Alkon, President; M. Alkon, Treasurer; B. H. Mindling, Secretary; also indicating that the Long Island Drug Company has an office at 9702 - 150th Street, Jamaica, Long Island, telephone Jamaica 6-7590.

After Saul's identity had been established by Captain Leahy, as previously mentioned herein, it was decided not to take him into custody.

On March 8, 1934, the Cincinnati office was telegraphically advised to disregard the lead contained in the letter to that office dated March 1, 1934, requesting that investigation be conducted at Knightstown and Knightsville, Indiana.

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1216 Smith Young Tower
San Antonio, Texas.
March 5, 1934.

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

VERNON C. MILLER et al
(Deceased) Conspiracy to
Deliver Federal Prisoner

Dear Sir:

Reference is had to my letter of February 21, 1934, concerning the possibility of apprehending Jim Clark and Frank Delmar at Houston, Texas.

Following out the leads mentioned in my letter of reference, Special Agent J. V. Murphy, in cooperation with Kansas State Highway Police Officers, who are in Houston, Texas, working on this matter, advises Leona Defer, former paramour of Bob Brady, and her sister and brother-in-law George and Frances Brown, have moved from 901 Austin Street to 809 LaBranch Street, Houston, Texas.

A woman informant who is being paid by the Kansas State Highway Police Officers, has managed to gain the confidence of Leona Defer [redacted] It appears that this matter is very well lined up and may result in the apprehension of Jim Clark and Frank Delmar.

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Recently a woman and two men called on Leona Defer. They were driving 1929 Model Peerless coupe motor 18-C-2583, 1934 Oklahoma License 416-061. This license was issued to Mrs. Nettie Knox, 1401 N.E. 14th Street, Oklahoma City.

A copy of this letter is being furnished the Oklahoma City office with the request that a discreet inquiry be made to ascertain the identity of Mrs. Nettie Knox and whether or not she is a police character. That of-

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fice is requested to keep the information contained in this letter strictly confidential.

Your attention is invited to the closing paragraph of my letter of February 21st, wherein I asked advice as to whether or not we should take the lead in attempting to bring about the apprehension of Jim Clark, especially in view of the fact that the Identification Order that we cancelled at the time he was last apprehended, has never been re-instated and so far as known he is not at the present time charged with any Federal offense.

Very truly yours,

Gus T. Jones,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Oklahoma City.

RAN:CSH

March 7, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR UNIT FOUR,
EQUIPMENT SECTION

Transmitted herewith is a memorandum containing data for Apprehension Order #298 on Al DAVIS, with aliases, Identification Order #1193.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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APPREHENSION ORDER
No. 1193-298

Dear Sir:

In Re: ED DAVIS, aliases
W. E. DAVIS, KEITH STONE, EBBROM EDWARD
DAVIS, GEORGE ALLEN, GEORGE KEITH ALLEN,
Subject of I. O. No. 1193

Identification Order No. 1193 on the above named subject is hereby cancelled, inasmuch as he was taken into custody at Los Angeles, California, on February 28, 1934.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover,

Director.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

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March 7, 1934

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

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I talked with Special Agent ~~Howard~~ Harold Andersen who is now at the Chicago Office and he advised that the lead directed by the Chicago Office to the Salt Lake City Office had not yet been covered, and in connection with the Kansas City massacre case that the confidential informant, [redacted] of the Chicago Office could not now be located in Chicago, and in view of the fact that Eddie La Rue alias Doll had received a ten year sentence and was now in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, he deemed it advisable to proceed immediately to Leavenworth for the purpose of interviewing La Rue in accordance with the suggestion made by La Rue when interviewed by Special Agent Anderson at Tampa, Florida.

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Anderson stated that in the absence of instructions to the contrary he was proceeding immediately to Leavenworth for this purpose and that he would also interview Charles J. Fitzgerald, Lee Turner and others in connection with the Kansas City massacre case before proceeding to Cannon City, Colorado to interview "Red" Price.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby.

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420 Federal Building,
Dallas, Texas.

March 5, 1934.

MEMORANDUM TO S.A.C. BLAKE:

Re: RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, w.m. FUGITIVE, I.O. #1201; ROBT. C. BRADY, w.m. FUGITIVE, I.O. #1190; HARVEY J. BAILEY, w.m. FUGITIVE, I.O. #1189; et al.
Conspiracy to Delivery Federal Prisoner.

Detective Jack Reems of the Ft. Worth, Texas, Police Department, advised the writer that about a week ago his wife received a letter from Mon Coffer, her step-brother, who with his family live on a farm eleven miles west of Cotebo, Kiowa County, Oklahoma, in which letter he stated among other things, that he and his family were well and that they were getting along all right and would continue to do so unless the officers visited the farm at a time when Charlie Floyd was there, said letter intimating that Floyd visited Coffer from time to time.

Detective Reems stated that he did not know Coffer at the time he married Mrs. Reems and had only met him once, which was about a year ago; that his wife's mother was left a widow when his wife was a small child and she married the father of Mon Coffer, who died a year later; that the family scattered and have not been in communication with one another for a number of years; however, Coffer has written to Mrs. Reems on two or three occasions.

Mr. Reems further stated that Coffer married the daughter of one Seth Floyd who resides on a farm between Duncan and Medicine Park, Oklahoma, and is unable to state whether any relationship exists between Seth Floyd and "Pretty Boy" Floyd; that Coffer has served a term in the State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, and later was sentenced to serve a term in the Texas State Penitentiary from Wilbarger County, Texas, on a forgery charge, he being released about six months ago.

F. S. DUNN,
Special Agent.

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Post Office Box 4907,
Jacksonville, Florida

March 5, 1934

RAA:SLH

Mr. C. R. Clark,
Post Office Inspector,
Orlando, Florida

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your telegram of March 3, 1934, advising that an unknown informer who claims to be an Oklahoma acquaintance of PRETTY BOY FLOYD reports Floyd passed through Orlando at 4 P. M. on March 3, 1934, and inquired for the road leading north; that he was traveling in a black Stutz sedan with Missouri license and was accompanied by three men.

Immediately upon receipt of your telegram, I communicated with the office of the Sheriff, Chief of the Road Patrol, and the Jacksonville Police Department, who broadcast this information by radio to all officers. All roads from the south were covered by the officers of these three organizations during all of Saturday night, March 3, 1934, and up to this time no information has been received to the effect that this sedan has been located.

Concerning the report furnished to you as recorded in your telegram, it will be appreciated if you will furnish me with any additional information you might have obtained in connection with this matter.

Your interest in reporting this information to this office is indeed appreciated.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt,
Special Agent in Charge

cc Division

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March 5, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

Mr. Brantley, S.A.C., Oklahoma City advised over the telephone that Mr. Clegg requested that he call him at the expiration of two weeks in regard to the Barker-Karpis gang. Mr. Brantley stated that his informant advised him that he has been up in the country and this is a pretty smart outfit. This informant states he has been right in their alleged hide-out and they are not coming in. It is probable that Campbell and Rice may come in but Barker and Karpis will not. Mr. Brantley believes this informant is telling the truth.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley

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