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Suite L, Federal Building
Kansas City, Missouri
March 16, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

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

There is enclosed to the Division two copies of a memorandum by Special Agent A. E. Farland, dated February 24, 1934, reflecting an interview with prisoner George Kelley at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas. One copy each is being transmitted to the Dallas and St. Paul offices.

It is noted that Kelley spoke of Mrs. Frank Weber as an associate of the deceased Vernon Miller and his paramour Vivian Mathis. It is believed that Mrs. Frank Weber would also be an associate of Paula Harmon, who is prominently mentioned in the Bremer kidnaping case and who is thought to be probably now traveling with Arthur R. Barker. It is known that Curtis P. Harmon, the deceased husband of Paula, and Frank Weber were both killed in the bank robbery at Menomonie, Wisconsin, when the Kraft State Bank was robbed.

Special Agent H. E. Andersen, of this office, will conduct further interviews with Kelley and also with prisoner Eddie Doll in the near future to establish any further details of interest in connection with the data shown in the enclosed memorandum. The dates of residence and associations of various individuals in question will be established through these interviews to be had, if possible.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Kansas City, Missouri
February 24, 1934.

MEMORANDUM:

While at the Federal Penitentiary on February 19, 1934, accompanied by Detective Sergeant Earl C. Switzer, of the Homicide Squad of the Detroit Police Department, convict George Kelley was interviewed relative to his knowledge of the actions of Vernon C. Miller prior to his having been "put on the spot" in Detroit. Kelley stated that Miller had resided in the same apartment house as he and his wife Kathryn in Kansas City, Missouri; that they occupied apartments in an apartment house on Linwood Boulevard, fixing this location as being the same street that the Berkshire Apartments were located on; that this apartment was one block east of Troost on the north side of the street. He was unable to furnish the number of the apartment, but stated he and his wife, Kathryn, resided there under the name of George Kelley and wife; that Vernon Miller and his wife, Vi, also occupied an apartment there, but he was unable to furnish information as to whether or not he occupied this under the name of "Miller"

He also stated that Mrs. Frank Weber, whose husband was killed in the Menomonie Bank Robbery - the Kraft State Bank, at Menomonie, Wisconsin, also occupied an apartment there on the floor below, under her right name - Mrs. Frank Weber. That his wife and Miller's wife, Vi, were very close friends.

Kelley stated that in April 1933 he, convict Albert Bates, and Eddie Doll, alias Ed Larue, had robbed the Citizens National Bank at Arkadelphia, Arkansas; that they did not get much money at this time as the bank had been robbed two or three weeks prior to that time.

At the Burns Detective Agency it was ascertained that on or about March 1, 1933, the Citizens National Bank at Arkadelphia, Arkansas, had been robbed of $9200.00, but several arrests had been made and all of this money had been recovered. It was again robbed on April 17, 1933 of $2530.00. This money has not as yet been recovered and may possibly be the robbery which Kelley states he, Bates and Eddie Doll were in on. He also stated that after robbing the bank a posse had made an attempt to apprehend them but that they were well equipped with machine guns and other firearms, and after making a good fight they were able to make their getaway.

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However, their car was all shot up.

At the U. S. Penitentiary Annex, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, convict Albert Bates was interviewed and verified the fact that he, Kelley and Eddie Doll, alias Ed LaRue, had robbed the Citizens Bank at Arkadelphia, Arkansas, sometime during the month of April 1933 but they didn't get much cash as the bank had been robbed a week or two prior to that; that he and Kelley had held the Bank President and the Cashier up and that Eddie Doll had remained at the door with a machine gun. He recalled distinctly that one of the City Judges was about to enter the bank when he saw Eddie Doll standing in the doorway with a machine gun and did not enter the bank, even though Doll invited him in. He further stated that while making their getaway his car was badly shot up; that while Doll was driving the car Kelley, with a machine gun on one side, sprayed the side of the road, and he made an effort to do the same thing on his side of the road, but his machine gun had jammed on him. However, they did make their getaway.

Convict Bates stated that he, Convict Kelley and Eddie Doll, alias Ed LaRue, had also robbed the First National Bank at San Marcus, Texas, sometime after they had robbed the Citizens National Bank at Arkadelphia, Arkansas. That they had taken a little over $7000.00 from this bank; that they had made a clean getaway on this job.

At the Burns Detective Agency, who represent the National Bankers Association, it was ascertained that on or about June 17, 1933, the First National Bank at San Marcus, Texas, had been robbed of $7040.00, and none of this money had been recovered.

b7D During [redacted] the name of Vernon C. Miller had been brought up, he stated that Miller and Bailey were not very friendly; that Bailey and his gang had robbed the Central State Bank at Sherman, Texas, and that Bailey and Vernon Miller had an argument which came up, and explained that Miller, who was armed with a machine gun was to be the outside man, remaining out in front of the bank, while Bailey and his companions entered the bank and robbed it; that Bailey and his crowd came out of the bank and found Miller was not where he was supposed to be, and that during the argument Miller told him he had been "hemmed in" after he had parked and decided it would be better to move out and that he was going around the block when Bailey and his gang came out of the bank and that he later claimed his share of the proceeds of the robbery. b7D [redacted] furnished no further information as to who were the other participants in the robbery, and further requested that his name not be mentioned as having given this information.

At the office of the Burns Detective Agency, who represent the Bankers Association, their records show that the Central State Bank, of Sherman, Texas, was robbed on April 7, 1931, of $24,607.13; that Harvey Bailey was positively identified as being one of the participants. This after he had been apprehended and was being held in jail at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on the Urschel kidneping charge. Their records also show that the following suspects were named: Jimmie Williams; Hal Wolfe, alias Herbert Graham; W. W. Chesmain and Johnnie Johnson.

Mr. E. A. Dutton, manager of the Burns Detective Agency, was not able to furnish any information as he said all of the files in the Sherman bank robbery would be in the Dallas Office of the Burns Detective Agency.

Respectfully submitted:

A. E. FARLAND
SPECIAL AGENT

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
Post Office Box 515,
St.Paul, Minn.

March 16, 1934.

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

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (deceased) et al.
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE.
(Endeavor to deliver Federal Prisoner, Frank Nash).
St. Paul File No. 62-888

Dear Sir:

During the bank holdup at Mason City, Iowa, March 13, 1934, I am informed by the Chief of Police at Mason City, that a .45 Colt Automatic was left in the bank by the bandits. The number of said automatic is 91620, model 1911, United States property. It is suggested that efforts be made to trace this gun.

Very truly yours,

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WERNER HANNI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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March 28, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, (Deceased); RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases, Fugitive, I. O. #1201, ET AL., Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

In reply to your letter dated March 16, 1934, wherein you request the Division to trace a .45 Colt Automatic, number 91620, model 1911, United States property, recovered by the Chief of Police at Mason City, Iowa, after a bank holdup in that city on March 13, 1934, please be advised that the Ordnance Division of the War Department has been requested to trace this gun and you will be furnished with the results of the inquiry when the information is received by the Division.

It is noted a copy of your letter was not furnished to the Kansas City office, the office of origin in the above entitled case, which should receive copies of all reports and communications in order to be properly advised as to all matters pertaining to that case.

Very truly yours,

Director.

cc Kansas City.

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April 27, 1934.

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

Dear Sirs

Reference is made to your letter dated March 16, 1934, wherein you request that the .45 Colt Automatic, abandoned at Mason City, Iowa, on March 13, 1934, bearing No. 91620, Model 1911, United States property, be traced.

Please be advised that through the War Department all arsenals were requested to check their records with respect to this gun but information has today been received from Mr. Kahlert of the Ordnance Division, War Department, that no record of this gun could be located.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Division of Investigation

Suite L
Federal Building
Kansas City, Missouri
March 14, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: VERNON C. MILLER (Deceased) ET AL.
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Reference is made to letter of February 28th addressed by the Birmingham office to the Kansas City office with reference to information furnished by J. W. Ellis of Birmingham, Alabama, pertaining to Joe Debaca, now believed to be at Terrell, Texas.

From statements made by Ellis, it appears that Debaca and the person known to him as Brownie would probably be connected with Subject Galatas.

It is suggested that such surveillance as may be possible be placed on Debaca, and that his mail be covered immediately. Open interview with this individual might be made, if in the discretion of your office, same appears advisable.

It is suggested that the Oklahoma City office make discreet inquiry at the earliest opportunity at Hot Springs, Arkansas, to verify the statements of J. W. Ellis as shown in the letter from the Birmingham office.

It is indicated that copies of the letter from the Birmingham office were furnished to Dallas and Oklahoma City.

Very truly yours,

E. H. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

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March 15, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the seventeen photographs of latent fingerprints submitted by your office in connection with the case entitled VERNE MILLER, Deceased, et al. ATTEMPT TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

In connection with reported identifications of some of those latent fingerprints with the fingerprints of Verne Miller and Vivian Mathews, prior to the time they were submitted to the Division, your advice is requested as to the number of identifications in each instance, and whether these identifications constituted latent fingerprints other than those submitted with your letter of February 13, 1934.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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March 16, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

From the information submitted by your office relative to telephone taps that have been installed by Special Agents of the Los Angeles Office, it is observed that in the following instance no prior authority of the Director was obtained relative to the installation of the tap:

Title of Case	Telephone on which Tap Maintained	Date Tap Installed	Date Tap Discontinued
Vernon C. Miller, with aliases (Deceased), et al, Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner	Luther Raines, 524 East State Street, Long Beach, California, Telephone number not indicated	January 22, 1934	January 21, 1934

The Manual of Rules and Regulations specifically requires that the Director's authorization be obtained, and it is desired in all instances that this instruction be strictly followed. The only exception will be when, in my absence, an employee in Washington has been designated to act authoritatively on this question. It is desired that this specific authorization be obtained from Washington, D. C. in the above described manner in every instance.

Very truly yours,

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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:

From the information submitted by your office relative to telephone taps that have been installed by Special Agents of the Kansas City Office, it is observed that in the following instances no prior authority of the Director was obtained relative to the installation of the taps:

Title of Case	Telephone on which Tap Maintained	Date Tap Installed	Date Tap Discontinued
Vernon C. Miller, with aliases (Deceased), et al, Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner	F. B. Mulloy, 14 East 56th Street Terrace, Kansas City, Missouri, Harrison 0852	June 22, 1933	July 21, 1933
(Believed to be same as above)	Herbert A. Farmer, Joplin, Missouri, Telephone 1541-R-2	June 24, 1933	July 7, 1933
(Same as above)	Frank Vaughn, Joplin, Missouri, Telephone 4271	June 24, 1933	July 7, 1933

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The Manual of Rules and Regulations specifically requires that the Director's authorization be obtained, and it is desired in all instances that this instruction be strictly followed. The only exception will be when, in my absence, an employee in Washington has been designated to act authoritatively on this question. It is desired that this specific authorization be obtained from Washington, D. C. in the above described manner in every instance.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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March 16, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

From the information submitted by your office relative to telephone taps that have been installed by Special Agents of the Chicago Office, it is observed that in the following instances no prior authority of the Director was obtained relative to the installation of the taps:

Title of Case	Telephone on Which Tap Maintained	Date Tap Installed	Date Tap Discontinued
Vernon C. Miller, with aliases (Deceased), et al, Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner	Mrs. Myrtle Evans, 4870 Winthrop Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, Ardmore 0851	June 25, 1933	"Few days thereafter"
(Same as above)	Mrs. Margaret Lee, and Mrs. Allen, 6114 Washtenaw Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, Sheldrake 3939	July 1, 1933	July 17, 1933
(Same as above)	O. P. Inn, Melrose Park, Illinois, Melrose Park 645	July 3, 1933	July 12, 1933
(Same as above)	Edward McGuirl, 3334 South Oakley Street, Chicago, Illinois, Lafayette 5466	July 7, 1933	"For several days thereafter"

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Title of Case	Telephone on which Tap Maintained	Date Tap Installed	Date Tap Discontinued
Vernon C. Miller, with aliases (Deceased), et al, Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner	Mrs. Lillian Holden, 6857 Hermitage Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, Hemlock 3978	September 23, 1933	October 9, 1933
(Same as above)	Frank Hayes, 2000 Indiana Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, Victory 7292	September 27, 1933	"Approximately one week thereafter"
(Same as above)	Frank Hayes, 745 South State Street, Chicago, Illinois, Webster 7157	September 27, 1933	"Approximately one week thereafter"
(Same as above)	(Same as above)	October 29, 1933	Not indicated
(Same as above)	Mrs. Bidderman, Sherone Apartments, 4423 Sheridan Road, Chicago, Illinois, Telephone number not indicated	November 1, 1933	Not indicated
(Same as above)	Mrs. O'Shea, Sherone Apartments, 4423 Sheridan Road, Chicago, Illinois, No telephone number indicated	November 2, 1933	November 5, 1933
George Kelly Barnes, with aliases, et al, Charles F. Urschel, Victim, Kidnaping	Harold Carper, 5110 Kenwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, Hyde Park 8149	October 7, 1933	October 16, 1933
(Same as above)	Michigan Avenue Tavern, Morris Caplan, 1150 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, Webster 3397	October 7, 1933	October 16, 1933

Title of Case	Telephone on which Tap Maintained	Date Tap Installed	Date Tap Discontinued
Unknown Subjects, William Walton Hall, Victim, Kidnaping	Austin Hall, River Forest, Illinois, Telephone not indicated	October 15, 1933	October 17, 1933
Jack Klutas, with aliases, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act	Ernest Kosel, 6400 West Washington Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, Euclid 9300	November 17, 1933	November 22, 1933

The Manual of Rules and Regulations specifically requires that the Director's authorization be obtained, and it is desired in all instances that this instruction be strictly followed. The only exception will be when, in my absence, an employee in Washington has been designated to act authoritatively on this question. It is desired that this specific authorization be obtained from Washington, D. C. in the above described manner in every instance.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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March 15, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. COWLEY

Agent in Charge Purvis telephoned from Chicago this afternoon to request authority to tap the wire of Mr. Gilbert Nelson, a lawyer. Mr. Purvis stated he had received information from the Michigan State Police, who have been working with an informant of the American Railway Express Agency, indicating that Dillinger, "Pretty Boy" Floyd, and Ed and Ted Bentz are together. I authorized him to tap the wire.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Salt Lake City, Utah.	3-15-34	3/7-10/34	JOHN F. O'CONNELL - G.J.

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

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Harry Campbell was employed in the oil fields near Midwest, Wyoming, for a period of about four years, ending some time about 1930, and during that period of employment was injured in such manner as to cause him to limp perceptibly, possibly a permanent injury. Information indicates that the Police at Tulsa, Oklahoma, have made extensive investigations relating to the whereabouts of Harry Campbell and the possibility is reliably suggested that Campbell may be, or may have been in contact recently with Oscar Felt, a former intimate acquaintance at Evansville, Wyoming, who has been receiving mail for some time past at 165-34 Stoepel Street, Detroit, Michigan.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent Emerson Hopp, Salt Lake City, Utah, 1-26-3
Report of Special Agent W.F. Trainor, Kansas City, Mo. 12-17-33.

DETAILS:

AT MIDWEST, WYOMING.

Inquiry at this city developed information relative to the whereabouts of Mickey Rheinsmith, and as her relations, past history and character appear to have been treated fully in report of Special Agent E.J. Dowd, Dallas, Texas, dated 3-7-34, in the case entitled ALVIN KARPIS with aliases et al, EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim - KIDNAPING, it accordingly will not be repeated here. However, the following information, not recorded in report of Special Agent Dowd above mentioned, should be noted.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: John A. Dowd SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Mr. Bessie, Manager of the E.T. Williams Oil Field, Mail address Midwest, Wyoming, stated that Harry Campbell worked under him for a period of about four years, but Campbell originally came from Oklahoma and appeared to be a decent sort of young fellow at the time that he first commenced working for him. During the period of his employment under Mr. Bessie, Campbell become what was known as a "pumper" at the oil wells, an employment not requiring any great amount of skill but necessitating some experience, and involving an elementary knowledge of the principle of machinery. During the period of his employment under Mr. Bessie, Campbell injured his right leg very seriously, and apparently this injury has resulted in a perceptible limp which may still be apparent. It is three or four years since Campbell was employed under Mr. Bessie's supervision, and he was unable to submit the name of any other fellow employee of Campbell during the period of the latter's residence at Midwest, who was still located at this city, it being noted that the conditions of business at Midwest at the present time are no better than fair, and that many of the former residents of this vicinity have moved elsewhere.

Mr. Bessie, who has a fine reputation in the community, stated that he would make inquiry to obtain further pertinent information, and upon receipt of the same, would submit it to Postmaster George Nance for transmission to the Salt Lake City Division office. He stated specifically that he would endeavor to locate Campbell's employment record, and if possible an application for employment, which Campbell likely filled out prior to his connection with these oil wells at Midwest.

While Harry Campbell was at Midwest, he also had a brother similarly employed, but the brother of Harry Campbell left Midwest at the same time that Harry left, and the brother apparently went to some community in the northwest section of Utah. Mr. Bessie also stated that he would endeavor to ascertain the identity of that community, and the given name of Harry Campbell's brother.

AT CASPER, WYOMING.

Internal Revenue agent Holmes, whoe office is located in the Postoffice Building, stated that he recalls Harry Campbell and that he had occesion to see him frequently some years ago, inasmuch as Campbell was employed as a driver of a bus operating between Casper and Evansville, a community about three miles distant from the center of Casper. Holmes having ridden that bus on many occasions. He stated that he had not seen Campbell recently but that if he is able to obtain any information concerning the latter's whereabouts, he will communicate the same to the Salt Leke City Division office.

Through interviews with various members of the Police Department of Casper, it was learned that during the period of the residence of Harry Campbell and Glen Roy Wright, as referred to in report of Special Agent Hopp, Salt Lake City office, dated January 26, 1934, various members of the Police Department were keeping these two men under surveillance as suspicious characters, suspecting them specifically with perpetrating various burglaries which were at that time occurring in Casper. It appears also that these various policemen who were working on the case were very solicitous in keeping from their fellow policemen, and one another, the details of the information upon which they were working, and that a great deal of contention and bitterness exists among these police officers, one of which, Officer Newlin, has since that time been dismissed from the police force. It appears that during the time that Campbell and Wright were in the city of Casper, they resided at the residence located at 137 N. Jackson Street, which building is owned by Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Wheeler, of 125 N. Jackson Street.

An interview with Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Wheeler at their home, developed that Campbell used the alias "Jack Wade", and Wright used the alias of "Harry Martin", and resided at 137 N. Jackson Street together with a woman known to them as Mrs. Martin, who claimed to be the wife of Harry Martin, and the sister of Jack Wade, and that during the period between February 21, 1933, and on or about April 1, 1933, and at the time when they first moved to the above address, they had an automobile which bore Oklahoma license plates, but later these plates were changed and Wyoming 1933 license plates were attached to the car. With reference to these license plates, it was ascertained from the Register of Motor Vehicles in the County Court House at Casper, that license No. 1-3604 were issued by the State of Wyoming for 1933 to G.L. Martin, 143 N. Jackson St. (It will be noted there is no such number as 143 N. Jackson Street).

At Police Headquarters, Assistant Chief of Police Miller displayed a Certificate of Ownership for 1930 Ford Coupe, bearing motor number A 3004036, serial No. 1030925, for which car Oklahoma 1933 license plates No. 145200 had been issued, and which had been purchased by G.L. Martin from Earl Stamps, Tulsa, Oklahoma, which was issued on March 7, 1933 to G.L. Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler stated that these people did not act in any way calculated to create suspicion among the neighbors; that the woman who claimed to be Mrs. Martin told them that she played some musical instrument frequently at Tulsa, Oklahoma, from which community she had come to Casper, Tulsa apparently being her home city; that she gave renditions over the radio from Tulsa and claimed that her sister also was a radio performer, well known at Tulsa, Oklahoma. During the period that Wade and Martin resided at 137

N. Jackson Street, they had in their possession a Ukelele, a banjo and a guitar, and they took these with them when they left. They went to the Post office approximately every day and obtained mail through General Delivery under the names which they had given to the Wheelers. However, no record of a change of address for these people, or any recollection of them, could be located through the General Delivery window of the Post Office.

The Wheelers described Mrs. Martin as age 24; height 5ft. 7 or 8 in., weight 125 lbs., complexion dark, hair black, maybe a quarter breed Indian, very good teeth, a neat but not expensive dresser. This woman told the Wheelers that she was in the Walkathon Contest at Tulsa, Oklahoma, which ended around Christmas of 1932, and she had engeged in that contest under the name of Mrs. Martin. These three people left the residence at 137 N. Jackson Street very hastily, on or about April 1st, 1933, and left a number of items of clothing and other belongings after them at the time. Subsequently Mrs. Wheeler received a letter from some person, requesting that these items of property be forwarded to the writer of the letter whose address was at some community with a name like Ellsville, which was located about thirty miles from the City of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Mrs. Wheeler made an extensive search to locate this letter, subsequent to which she stated that she was confident that she had destroyed it. She could not recall the name of the writer of the letter, but knows that it was not Wade, Martin, Campbell or Wright, but believes it was some person representing himself as a relation of one of these people. Mrs. Wheeler stated that immediately upon receipt of that letter she contacted police officer Newlin and in compliance with officer Newlin's instructions, shipped the goods in question to the person who had sent the letter to her. It should be noted that former Officer Newlin claims that he immediately communicated the information concerning the receipt of the letter by Mrs. Wheeler, and the shipment of the goods as requested, to the Police Authorities at Tulsa, Oklahoma, who had exchanged communications with the Police at Casper previously, concerning Campbell, and this information was conveyed to the Police at Tulsa in ample time to allow them to handle the matter at the point of destination of the shipment. Neither former Officer Newlin, or Assistant Chief of Police Miller, are aware of the exact disposition of the matter by the Tulsa, Okla., police.

Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler stated that some woman who operated a red colored car, the make of which was not known, would visit some one or more of the people residing at 137 N. Jackson Street during the period of their residence at that address. Mrs. Wheeler stated that she saw this woman standing on the side-walk, and she could only state from observation that she appeared to be middle aged and heavily built. She seems to recall that they

called her "Nona". The Wheelers also stated that a woman by the name of Mrs. Chris Sailor, 1323 South Conwell St., Casper, who resides in the basement of the dwelling at that place, was employed as a washer-woman by these three people during the time of their residence at 137 N. Jackson Street, and that she might be in a position to give some information concerning the identity of the woman who drove the red car and visited these people.

Efforts to locate Mrs. Chris Sailor at the time were unsuccessful, and the details were submitted to Assistant Chief of Police Miller who stated that he would question Mrs. Chris Sailor and inform the Salt Lake City office of the results of this questioning.

Assistant Chief of Police Miller also stated that the Police at Tulsa, Oklahoma, apparently have a great deal of information concerning Harry Campbell; that the Ford Coupe for which Wyoming 1933 License No. 1-3604 was issued, was apparently recovered at Tulsa by the police at that city.

Accompanied by Police Officer Tony Wrowbleske, agent proceeded to Evansville, Wyoming, and interviewed Mrs. Sullivan, the Postmaster at that city, and Mrs. Sullivan stated, and was supported in her statement by Office Wrowbleske, that she knows everyone who has resided in Evansville during the last ten years for a period of a few weeks; that she was well acquainted with Harry Campbell during the period of his residence in that city, and that she always figured there was something wrong with his activities. However, she stated that at the time, a man by the name of Oscar Felt, who for a number of years was Mayor of Evansville, and who was closely associated in bootlegging activities with Harry Campbell, has recently gone to Detroit, Michigan, and is receiving mail in Detroit at 165-34 Stoepel Street. She suggested the possibility that because of their intimate relations, and because of the characters of the two men, they may be together at the present time. She had no further information which would indicate the probable whereabouts of Harry Campbell, but promised to communicate any information which she may be able to acquire in the future, immediately to the Salt Lake City Division office.

A tracing of the signature of G.L. Martin, appearing on the Certificate of Ownership of the Ford Coupe, for which Wyoming 1933 License plates No. 1-3604 were issued, was made, and is being transmitted, together with a carbon copy of the receipt furnished by Mrs. H.C. Wheeler to Jack Wade, under date of 2-21-33, to the Kansas City office copies of this report, it being noted that Mrs.

Wheeler states that Jack Wade was required by her to sign his name on the original receipt furnished by her, to him, and that accordingly the name "Jack Wade" appearing on the carbon copy of the receipt attached as aforesaid to the Kansas City copies of this report is in the handwriting of Harry Campbell, the rest of the receipt being in the handwriting of Mrs. Wheeler.

Copies of the signature of C.L. Martin and Jack Wade are also attached to the St.Paul office copies of this report, which copies are being forwarded in view of the connection of Harry Campbell with the case entitled ALVIN KARPIS with aliases et al., EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim, KIDNAPING.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The DETROIT OFFICE: at DETROIT, MICHIGAN, will by appropriate inquiry, ascertain whether Harry Campbell is, or hes been, residing with Oscar Felt, a former intimate acquaintance at Evansville, Wyoming, who has been receiving mail for a short time past at 165-34 Steopel Street, Detroit, Michigan.

For the information of the Detroit office it is noted that Harry Campbell is wanted by the Division for questioning concerning the case of VERNON C. MILLER, Deceased, et al, Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner, and the case of ALVIN KARPIS with aliases et al., EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim, KIDNAPING, and that it is not desired that this information be communicated to police authorities.

The OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE: At TULSA, OKLAHOMA, will make appropriate investigation at Police Headquarters, it appearing that the Police Department of that city have an extensive file dealing with the activities of Harry Campbell.

The SALT LAKE CITY OFFICE: At CASPER, WYOMING, will interview Assistant Chief of Police Miller, in the event that no information is received from him in the near future concerning the result of the proposed interview with Mrs. Chris Sailor.

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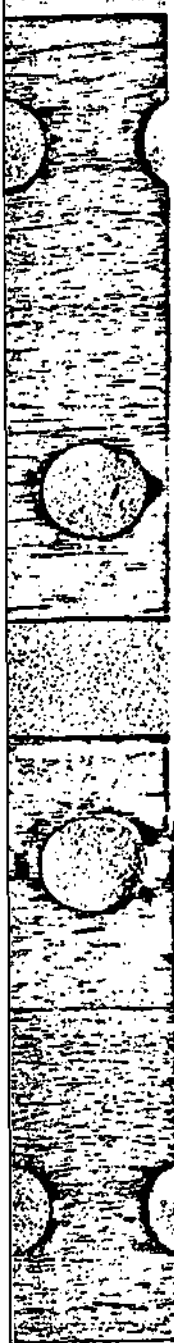
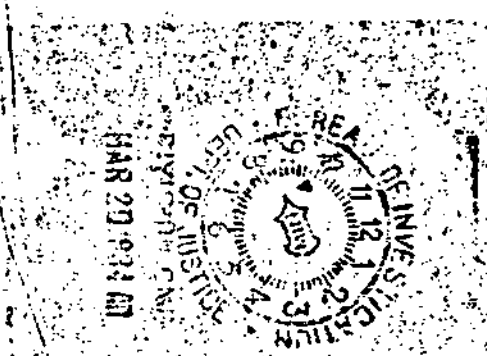
SUITE L FEDERAL BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
MARCH 16, 1934.





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

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to your letter of March 14, 1934 relative to identification of latent fingerprints found at the former residence of Vernon C. Miller at Kansas City, Missouri.

In connection with the question of which of the latent fingerprints were identified at this office with those of Vernon C. Miller, attention is called to letter to the Division from the Kansas City Office dated July 5, 1933, transmitting two enlargements of photographs of latent fingerprints identified by Special Agent J. E. Brennan on June 29, 1933. The Kansas City Office has a copy of each of these enlarged photographs bearing the original notes for identification by Agent Brennan. There is also in possession of this office two copies of the same photographs in small size with Agent Brennan's original notes for identification purposes.

To facilitate this identification in the Division the smaller photographs bearing the initials of Agent Brennan, showing the identification with the right index fingerprint of Vernon C. Miller, are herewith transmitted. It is requested that these particular copies of photographs be returned to the Kansas City Office for possible later use on trial of this case.

Very truly yours,

62-28915

E. E. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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503 U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.,
Salt Lake City, Utah.
March 16, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a report in duplicate of Special Agent John F. O'Connell dated March 15, 1934, entitled VERNON C. MILLER (Deceased) et al., Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

This report is being forwarded to your office because of the fact that the investigation reported therein involves Harry Campbell, subject of the St.Paul file entitled ALVIN KARPIS with aliases et al., EDWARD GEORGE BRUCE - Victim, Kidnaping.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. DOZD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc - Division.

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Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 16, 1934.

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

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases,
(deceased) et al. OBSTRUCTION
OF JUSTICE. (Endeavor to deliver
Federal Prisoner, Frank Nash)
St. Paul File No. 62-838

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith a key made by P. & F. Corbin, New Britain, Connecticut, which bears an initial and number. This key was found as being a key left behind by the bandits who held up a bank at Mason City, Iowa, March 13, 1934, and made their getaway.

Will you endeavor through the Corbin people to trace this key to determine the identity of the lock for which same is made. The key should be returned to this office when it has served its purpose.

Very truly yours,

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Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minn.

March 16, 1934.

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

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with
aliases (deceased) et al.
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE.
(Endeavor to deliver Federal
Prisoner, Frank Nash)
St. Paul File 62-868

Dear Sir:

With reference to your telegram in the above matter, dated March 14, 1934, I am transmitting to you herewith for ballistic examination, empty shells and two slugs used by the bandits in the holdup of a bank at Mason City, Iowa, March 13, 1934.

Very truly yours,

-WH:IM
Encls.

CC Division

WILLIAM HANNI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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U. S. Department of Justice
Division of Investigation
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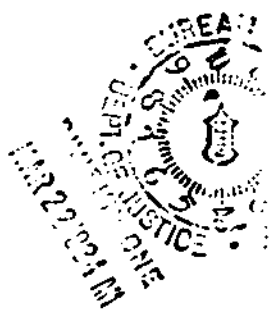
Suite L -
Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.
March 17, 1934.



REGISTERED MAIL

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

Dear Sir:

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

Kindly refer to Division letter of March 8, 1934, with reference to the return by this office to the Division of the original test bullets and cartridges fired from Thompson Sub-Machine Guns Nos. 1655 and 2232.

The exhibits in question are herewith enclosed.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy

E. E. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

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NEWCOMB CARLTON, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
J. C. WILLEVER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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KANMO ADDITIONAL FORTY FIVE CALIBER BULLET RECOVERED FROM UNION STATION WAITRESS WHO HAS BEEN KEEPING SAME AS SOUVENIR STOP BULLET APPARENTLY EXTRACTED FROM AUTOMOBILE TIRE PARKED IN FRONT OF UNION STATION MORNING OF MASSACRE STOP FURTHER INQUIRIES BEING MADE STOP REQUEST AUTHOPITY TO TURN BULLET OVER TO MERLE A GILL BALLISTICIAN WHO HAS ALL OTHER EXHIBITS IN HIS POSSESSIO[illegible] CONROY.

MR. NATHAN
MR. [illegible]
MR. [illegible]
MR. [illegible]
MR. EDWARDS
MR. [illegible]
MR. QUINN
MR. LESTER
MR. LOCKE
MR. RORER

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March 19, 1934

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

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, deceased,
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases,
FUGITIVE; I. O. 1201;
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

Dear Sir:

Confirming my telephone conversation with you on March 17, 1934, you are authorized to surrender the .45 calibre bullet, recovered from a Union Station waitress, to Merle A. Gill, ballistician, who has all the other exhibits in connection with the Kansas City massacre case in his possession.

In accordance with my instructions you should obtain at the earliest practicable date a complete list of all the exhibits in connection with this case now in the possession of Mr. Gill and furnish same to the Division. You should also furnish the Division with a complete list of all exhibits in this case irrespective of whose possession they are in, such list to be prepared from the information contained in the investigative file at your office.

This matter should receive your personal attention and a prompt compliance will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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March 17, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Confirming our telephonic conversation of March 15, 1934, this is to authorize the tapping of the wire of Mr. Gilbert Nelson, an attorney, in an effort to determine the whereabouts of John Dillinger, Charles Arthur Floyd and Edward and Theodore Bentz.

It is requested that the Division be advised immediately upon the obtaining of any information of value in connection with these cases and at least twice a week in the event negative results are obtained.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Mr. NATHAN .....
Mr. TOLSON .....
Mr. [illegible] .....
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[illegible] ARDS ...
[illegible] SUAN .....
[illegible] QUINN .....
[illegible] LESTER .....
CHIEF CLERK .....
Mr. [illegible] .....

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

P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
March 8, 1934

DB:CG

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

Dear Sir:

Recently Agents F. S. Smith and K. D. Deaderick of this office informed me that Mr. Al Marlow, the Undersheriff at Chickasha, Oklahoma, knows an informant who might be of considerable value in furnishing information that would result in the apprehension of Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

One night last week, I went with Special Agent Smith of this office to Chickasha, Oklahoma, and had an interview with Mr. Marlow. Mr. Marlow told me that it has been more than a year since he contacted his informant [redacted] and of his own knowledge, Birdwell and Floyd formerly frequented the informant's place, as he, Marlow, on one occasion before he became Undersheriff at Chickasha saw them there.

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Mr. Marlow told me that this informant more than a year ago told him that he could and would, for a consideration, "put the finger" on Floyd, and would make arrangements for his apprehension, but that he could not do it for his health and that he would require $1,000 for the services he would render, and that not one penny would have to be paid until Floyd had been apprehended. Marlow told me that he took it up with the officials of the State Bureau of Criminal Investigation and Identification at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and that he made arrangements to take some of these officials to the informant's house and did go there with two of them, one of whom is now dead, and that the one who is deceased was the man in authority, and that he got decidedly drunk before he got to the informant's house, and the informant would not even discuss the matter with him, and since that time, he, Marlow, had not discussed it with his informant.

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Marlow told me that he is not in position at this time to know what his informant can or will do in respect to this matter. The informant resides more than 150 miles from Chickasha, Oklahoma. At my request, Marlow promised he would contact the informant at an early date.

On Saturday, March 3, 1934, Mr. Marlow passed through Oklahoma City and told me that he was proceeding that day to contact his informant in Seminole County, and would let me know immediately when he returned to Oklahoma City what he found out.

On Sunday morning, March 4, 1934, Mr. Marlow informed me that he had learned in Seminole County that his informant recently had [redacted]

Agent Smith and I took Marlow with us to [redacted] and there interviewed his informant who is [redacted]

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This informant told us frankly that he knows Charles Floyd, that [redacted], former partner of Floyd, was related to him, and that formerly Birdwell and Floyd made frequent trips to his house; that while he had not harbored them, so to speak, he had entered no objections to their coming to his home for the reason that he was afraid to, but now that Birdwell is gone, he has no interest in Floyd, but that the latter has not been to his house since about the time he kidnaped the Sheriff in Missouri last summer which was June 16, 1933; that he does not, at this time, know the whereabouts of Floyd, but he believes possibly that he could ascertain that information within a reasonable time. He made no definite promises that he could learn the whereabouts of Floyd, but said that he believed he could, and that it was not his desire to tell us that he could do something that he would be unable to do. He stated that he has made and sold liquor for a number of years, and that this has been the extent of his criminal activities, and that this is generally known by the enforcement agencies in his community. This, too, is born out by Marlow.

This informant is different than the average "jailbird" who is desirous of furnishing the office with information in that not one time did he beseech us to use our influence to get him out of jail, and he was not expressive of a whole lot of bitterness, but did say that he thought his sentence was not commensurate with the offense he had committed for the reason that he was found in possession of only one gallon of whiskey.

The informant told us that he realized that this was a dangerous undertaking, and while he could not promise any definite results, he would be willing to try to ascertain the information with respect to Floyd. He stated

that it would, of course, be necessary for him to be released from jail, and that he believes that within 60 to 90 days, probably less time, he would be able to know whether he could furnish any valuable information concerning Floyd. He stated that he is not asking for a parole or commutation of sentence, but that should any arrangement be made whereby his release for a temporary period could be effected, and he should be instrumental in furnishing the Division with information concerning Floyd, he would be glad for the Government to give consideration to the commutation of his sentence. He stated that should he be instrumental in "putting the finger" on Floyd, that he would ask that the Government pay him $500.00, but that not one cent would have to be paid until after Floyd's apprehension. He stated that under no circumstances would he want his name mentioned, or would he ever want it to be known that he had any participation in such a matter or that he had even discussed it with officers.

Marlow, the Undersheriff at Chickasha, is a man 62 years old. He was for many years a Special Agent of the Rock Island Railroad, and has been a peace officer practically all of his life. He has the utmost confidence in this informant and stated that if the State officer, as heretofore mentioned, had not become intoxicated at the time he took him to the informant's house, Floyd's apprehension would have been effected long since.

I realize and so will the officials of the Division when they have read this letter that the informant is now in jail and that perhaps they will feel that this is just another "jailbird" trying to talk himself out of a jail sentence. I have talked to many prisoners in jail who have told me what they could do for law enforcement agencies if they were only on the outside, and I realize that in most cases, such stories can be discounted. This informant did not so impress me. Not one time during our conversation did he make a positive statement or declaration that he could accomplish results in this undertaking, but stated that he could ascertain in a little while whether his efforts would be productive of results. Frankly, I was impressed with his statements and with his candor and the lack of any assurance on his part of what he could do.

I made no promises to the informant, and I am making no recommendations at this time to the Division, but am submitting this information for your consideration and for such action as you feel it warrants. Under separate cover, I am furnishing you the name and a bit of identifying data with respect to this informant.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

HHC:DSS

March 19, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

The Secretary to Colonel Hutchinson telephoned. She wanted to know how many were killed at the Kansas City massacre and also the approximate date. I told her that the violation occurred some time in June, 1933; that four deaths resulted from this massacre, including the death of one Special Agent; that two of our Special Agents were wounded but were getting along splendidly now. The only information I gave her had appeared in the press. She expressed her appreciation.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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1216 Smith Young Tower
San Antonio, Texas.
March 17, 1934. GTJ/MS.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is had to report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, of your office, for November 28, 1933, in the case entitled Vernon C. Miller, et al, Obstruction of Justice, and report of this same Agent for Feb. 20, 1934, entitled Unknown Subjects, Edward B. Bremer, Victim, Kidnaping.

On page 5 of the report of Agent Trainor in the Vernon C. Miller case, wherein check was made of pay stations in the Pickwick Hotel and the Pickwick Bus Terminal, Kansas City, Mo., there was located a telephone call dated June 17, 1933, from Grand 8555 to Fannin 5866, and in the report of Agent Trainor for Feb. 20, 1934, in the Bremer case, page 20, mention is made of a telephone call, date not mentioned, from the Ambassador Hotel, Kansas City to Telephone 5866, San Antonio.

Telephone Fannin 5866 is a non-listed telephone of Mrs. Jule Jones Connor, Apartment 2, Thoreine Apartments, 3511 Broadway, San Antonio, Tex. Mrs. Connor occupied this apartment from January 10, 1933, to March 7, 1934, when she moved to a furnished residence at 524 Eleanor Street, San Antonio. Mrs. Connor was formerly married to a carnival man named Jones, who was killed in a railroad wreck near Shreveport, La., several years ago, exact date unknown. She received several thousand dollars from a Railroad Company and also a life Insurance Company. On Oct. 29, 1934, she married Iddian Reese Connor, sometimes known as Eddie Connor.

I. R. Connor is a confidence man, his main racket is working with the nationally known mob of fake eye doctors. So far as can be ascertained, he is no relation to Eddie Connor, the confidence man, who was killed in New York or New Jersey some two years past.

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Mrs. Jule Jones Connor has very few callers and I. R. Connor has been seen at the apartment only on very few occasions. She has twin boys aged seven, named Douglas and Larry. These two boys are both attending the Lamar Grammar School in San Antonio.

A cover on Mrs. Connor's mail has so far developed correspondence with L. D. Arnold, Room 428 West Hotel, Minneapolis, Minn. A list of all

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long distance telephone calls to and from Fannin 5866 since this 'phone has been listed to Mrs. Connor has been obtained and is attached to this letter.

This office will leave up to the judgment of the Kansas City office as to what extent it is desired that these telephone calls be checked as to the identity of the callers, as this office has no information that would connect Jule Jones Connor with either of the major cases hereinbefore mentioned. Neither do we have any information connecting any of the telephones listed that have been calling Mrs. Connor's 'phone since its installation. Being the wife of Connor, who is known to be a con man, it is possible that some of these calls will have anything to do with the two cases.

On January 23, 1934, a petition for divorce was filed in the 37th District Court, San Antonio, Texas, by Jule Connor versus Iddian Reese Connor, alleging their marriage on October 29, 1924, separation on January 10, 1933, the charge being extreme cruelty and infidelity in that Connor is alleged to be living with another woman, to-wit, one Katherine Graves, (place not stated); final decree of divorce granted March 7, 1934. Custody of twin boys, Douglas and Larry, age seven, awarded to Jule Connor. The service in these proceedings was by publication.

Very truly yours,

Cus T. Jones,
Special Agent in Charge.

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TOLL CALLS CHARGED TO FANNIN 5866
San Antonio, Texas Jan. 23, 1933 to Mar. 6, 1934.

DATE 1933	TO	FROM	TIME
Feb. 8	#1730 Tyler	S. A.	1:15 A.M. 3 min.
14	L. D. #16, Wichita Ks.	S. A.	10:55 P. M.
20	S. A.	L. D. #24, Texarkana, Ark. Connor calling	9:35 P. M. 4 min.
Mar. 2	S. A. Mrs. Jule Caller	L. D. #4, Room 334 Hot Spgs., Ark. to Jack or Mrs. H. N. Baxley	9:40 P. M.
5	S. A.	L. D. #4 Hot Spgs, Ark., to Eddie Connor	Not completed. Had checked out.
5	L. D. #9 Hot Spgs, Ark. Connor calling	S. A.	9:00 P. M. 12 min.
9	S. A.	Ft. Smith, Ark., #8949 PS Connor calling	8:35 P. M. 8 min.
11	S. A.	L. Rock Ark., #4-9749 PS Connor calling	9:35 P. M. 5 min.
17	S. A.	Shreveport, La., # 9256 PS Hughes calling	9:00 P. M. 6 min.
20	S. A.	K. C. Mo., Har. 9029 or 9039. Gean Connor call	10:40 A. M.
23	Shreveport, La. #4242 Rex Hotel	S. A.	11:15 P. M. 2 min.
24	Same as above	S. A.	1 min.
27	S. A.	Shreveport #4242 Rex Hotel Room 46. Grey call.	9:15 P. M. 14 min.
30	San Diego, Texas #188 B. K. or B. R. Powell	S. A. Coffey calling	Call not completed
Apr 1	S. A.	Shreveport #4242 Rex Hotel Room 46. Gray call.	11:25 P. M. 6 min.
6	S. A.	Ft. Smith, Ark. #8949 PS Woods calling	11:09 P. M.
10	K. C. Mo. Har. 4410 Commonwealth Hotel	S. A.	9:05 P. M.
11	K. C. Mo. Val. 7047 Belrieve Hotel	S. A.	11:55 P. M.
11	S. A.	Carthage Mo. #3954 PS Connor calling	9:45 P. M. 6 min.
16	S. A.	K. C. Mo. Har. 9237 PS Connor calling	9:05 P. M. 11 min.

DATE 1933	TO	FROM	TIME
Apr. 21	K. C. Mo. Val 7047 Bellrieve Hotel	S. A.	9:25 P. M. 2 min.
21	S. A.	Shreveport #9379 PS Grace Baxley calling	12:27 P. M. 6 min. Original call placed from Rex Hotel Room 45 on 4-20. Mrs. Baxley.
21	S. A.	Ft. Smith, Ark. #8949 PS Homis or Harris calling	9:25 P. M. 9 min.
23	S. A.	Shreveport #4242 Rex Hotel Room 43 or 5 Connor calling	10:20 P. M. 6 min.
24	S. A.	Shreveport #4242 Rex Hotel Room 46 Gray calling	10:50 P. M. 3 min.
29	Shreveport #4242 Rex Hotel	S. A.	6:37 P. M. 4 min.
29	K. C. Mo. Val. 7047 Bellrieve Hotel	S. A.	7:35 P. M.
May 1	New Braunfels, Tex. LD #12 Travelers Hotel	S. A.	1 min.
7	S. A.	Shreveport #4242 Rex Hotel Room 21 Gray calling	10:25 P. M. 13 min.
9	S. A.	Shreveport #4242 Rex Hotel Room 40 or 48 Gray calling	12:25 A. M.
11	S. A.	Same as Shreveport #4242 except Room 46	9:10 P. M. 8 min.
14	S. A.	Texarkana, Ark. LD #24 Room 538. Hays calling	10:27 P. M.
31	S. A.	Joplin, Mo. #9638 PS Woods calling	11:15 P. M. 10 min.
June 28	S. A.	K. C. Mo. Jac 9720 Ross call	1:35 A. M.
28	S. A.	K. C. Mo. Gray 8555 " "	10:55 P. M.
30	S. A.	K. C. Mo. Jac 9720 " "	9:10 P. M.
July 4	S. A.	" " " " " " "	12:39 A. M.
7	S. A.	K. C. Mo. Gray 8820 " "	9:25 P. M.
11	S. A.	K. C. Mo. Gray 8555 " "	10:07 P. M.
21	S. A.	K. C. Mo. Gray 8555 Jorden "	1:00 A. M.
Aug 1	K. C. Mo. Val 9487	S. A. Jule Connor	10:40 P. M.
12	S. A.	Minneapolis, Minn. Ma. 9886 PS Rogers calling	1:30 A. M. 6 min.
17	S. A.	K. C. Mo. Val 8925 Rice calling	9:45 P. M.
18	S. A.	K. C. Mo. Gray 9500 PS Wise calling	11:02 P. M.
24	S. A.	K. C. Mo. Val 8925 PS Rice calling	8:20 P. M.

DATE 1933	TO	FROM	TIME
Aug. 27	S. A.	K. C. Mo. Grand 9500 PS Rice or Wise calling	10:33 P. M.
Sep. 2	S. A.	K. C. Mo. Same as above	12:00 P. M.
4	S. A.	K. C. Mo. Jac 1082 Rice call	5:00 P. M.
5	S. A.	K. C. Mo. Grand 9500 " "	11:20 P. M.
9	S. A.	K. C. Mo. Grand 9500 " "	11:53 P. M. Call first placed from Val 8925 but tho this placed at 8:43 P. M. talked from Grand 9500 for 8 min.
Oct. 3	S. A.	Quincy, Ill. #4726 PS Rice call	10:12 P. M.
7	S. A.	K. C. Mo. LD #362, P to P for C. B. or I. R. Connor. Tried Ambassador, President & Majestic Hotels. If not ready by 10, cancel. Was ready at Vic 2197, but didn't talk as S. A. said had sent wire.	Ticket has G. 1703 marked out and F. 5866 marked in. G. 1703 assigned Grace Rogers, 206 E. Locust, who moved to 1705 Main 3-1-34. Has bill sent to 213 7th. G. 1703 non-published.
7	K. C. Mo. LD 396 to Mrs. E. Hays or E. Hays at Pickwick Hotel.	S. A.	Did not talk.
Nov.	NONE		
Dec.	NONE		
1934			
Jan. 5	S. A.	Chickasha, Okla. #2080 PS Brown calling.	4:55 P. M.
Feb. 10	Goliad, Tex. #53 Tumlinson Cafe for Peel, Prichard, or Mrs. Sankard.	S. A. Foster calling	Did not talk

All of above listed calls were charged to Fennin 5866, San Antonio, Texas, assigned as an unlisted number to Mrs. Jule Jones Connor, which was installed in Apt. #2, 3511 Broadway, San Antonio, Texas on January 23, 1933. On March 7, 1934 this phone moved to 324 Eleanor Avenue, San Antonio. These calls are up to and include March 6, 1934. All are station-to-station calls except one marked P to P.

Abbreviations: PS Pay station

S. A. Designates F. 5866, San Antonio.

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March 19, 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 letters of January 27th and February 23rd, 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 which Mr. Howle may desire to communicate to this Division relative to matters falling within this Division's investigative jurisdiction. No report has yet been received from you upon this matter.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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1900 [illegible] BUILDING,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

March 19, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Box 1270,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

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

A mail tracing has been received by the Chicago Division Office which shows that a letter addressed to Mrs. May Green, 6357 South Hermitage Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, postmarked at Tulsa, Oklahoma, March 11, 1934, had a return address of the Alvin Hotel, Tulsa, Okla. Mrs. May Green is the mother of Lillian Holden, the wife of Federal Prisoner, Thomas Holden, who was closely associated with Frank Nash and the various gangsters in Chicago, St. Paul, and other cities. In view of the supposed recent appearance of Alvin Karpis and others in Tulsa, Oklahoma, it is suggested that an appropriate investigation be conducted to determine whether any of these men may be frequenting the Alvin Hotel.

Very truly yours,

E. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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March 19, 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 my letters of March 14, 1934, regarding the identifications effected as a result of the comparison of latent prints appearing in seventeen photographs submitted by your office in connection with the case entitled Vernon C. Miller (Deceased), et al, Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

You are advised that two additional fragmentary latent prints have been eliminated as being those of Vernon Miller, and four additional fragmentary latent prints have been eliminated as being those of Thelma Collins alias Vivian Matthews.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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WITH AGENT DEADERICK PROCEEDING TONIGHT TO TULSA AND VICINITY RELATIVE FLOYD MATTER DISCUSSED TELEPHONICALLY WITH DIVISION THIS MORNING ADDRESS CARE MINCKS HOTEL TULSA STOP HANSEN IN CHARGE MY ABSENCE=

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MR NATHAN
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Bureau of Investigation
Suite L -
Federal Building
Kansas City, Missouri.
March 20, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to Division letter of March 16, 1934, relative to identifications of fingerprints of Vernon C. Miller(deceased) and Vivian Mathis, former paramour of Miller, with certain latent fingerprints found at the residence formerly occupied by these parties at Kansas City, Missouri.

In this connection, the attention of the Division is respectfully invited to the letter from this office dated March 16, 1934, wherewith were transmitted photographs of the latent impressions which were identified with the fingerprints of Vernon C. Miller, and which photographs bear the initials of Special Agent J. E. Brennan, who made the identification at Kansas City, Missouri, about June 29, 1933. The only identifications as made by Agent Brennan were based upon these latent impressions, the photographs of which were transmitted with my letter of March 16th, and which had been previously transmitted with letter from this office of July 5, 1933. These same latent impressions shown in the photographs are included among negatives of same furnished to the Division from this office with letter of February 13, 1934.

The fingerprints of Vivian Mathis were not available at the time the analysis was made in this office shortly after June 29, 1933.

Very truly yours,

H. E. CONROY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:
St. Louis, Mo.	3-21-34	3-13-34	D. W. MAHER DWM:M

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

CHARACTER OF CASE:
Conspiracy to Deliver
Federal Prisoner.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Names and addresses of relatives, friends and acquaintances of Fred Barker, Arthur R. Barker and Alvin Karpis furnished this office by [redacted] St. Louis San Francisco R. R. Co. (Frisco Lines) incorporated in body of this report. 67D

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent W. Carter Baum, Chicago, Illinois, 3-9-34.

DETAILS:

On March 13, 1934 [redacted] 67D St. Louis San Francisco R. R. Co. (Frisco Lines), St. Louis, Mo., furnished this agent with a list of the following names and addresses of relatives, friends, and acquaintances of Fred Barker, Arthur R. Barker and Alvin Karpis taken from the files in his office and requested that the fact that same were furnished by him be treated as strictly confidential.

DETAILS:

CAROL HAMILTON, widow of Herman Barker, who was brother of Fred and Arthur R. Barker, is now living at Sapulpa, Okla. She is the aunt of Dorothy Karpis, wife of Alvin Karpis.

TOM ANTONE, now in penitentiary at McAlester, Okla., is a brother or half brother of Carol Hamilton. Antone was in Sapulpa on January 21, 1934 and very likely visited Carol Hamilton.

MRS. GEORGE A. (Arrie) BARKER, mother of Fred and

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: [signature] SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Arthur R. Barker, was residing at 401 North Cincinnati St., Tulsa, Okla. in December, 1927.

DOROTHY ELLA SLAYMON is married to Alvin Karpis.

MAYME TANKERSLEY, aunt of Dorothy Slaymon, resided at #6 East Haskell Pl., Tulsa, Okla. in May, 1931. She operated a beauty parlor at that address. In June or July, 1931 Mayme Tankersley, Alvin Karpis and Ray Karpis and Dorothy Slaymon resided on S. Lewis Pl., Tulsa, Okla.

RAY KARPIS, brother of Alvin Karpis, is now in the Reformatory at Hutchinson, Kansas.

DOROTHY KARPIS, wife of Alvin Karpis, had cousin, Juanita Haley, who resided in Sepulpa, Okla. on June 8, 1931.

MR. & MRS. L. J. RICHARDS, Dorothy Karpis' stepfather and mother, moved to a farm in Kiefer, Okla. in 1931 where they are supposed to still be residing.

MR. & MRS. HARRY COPELAND, who resided at Arkansas City, Kansas, in June, 1921 are close friends of Mayme Tankersley and a Mrs. Alvin Karpis.

D. C. KAEDY, commonly known as "Burr Head" is a bondsman, mouthpiece and fixer for Karpis, Barker, et al. In July, 1931 Kaedy resided at 230 Xyler St., Tulsa, Okla.

MR. & MRS. JOHN KARPIS, father and mother of Alvin Karpis, resided at 1114 N. Richmond St., Chicago, Ill., in Sept., 1931.

MRS. PHILLIP (Emily) NEUBOLD, sister of Alvin Karpis, resided at 1141 N. Francisco St., Chicago, Ill. in September, 1931.

DOC DARRON, GEORGE CUTTER and JIMMIE WILLIAMS, all of Tulsa, Okla. and TOMMY HILL of S. Coffeyville, Kansas, are friends of Karpis' and Barkers'.

ELMER A. INMAN, now in the State Penitentiary at McAlester, Okla., is a close friend of Karpis and the Barkers.

MRS. J. B. DUNLAP, mother of Fred and Arthur R. Barker, resided at 2739 Howard St., St. Louis, Mo. in 1931.

GEORGE BARKER, brother of Fred and Arthur R. Barker, at one

time had mail sent him care of General Delivery, Webb City, Missouri.

On June 10, 1931 JOE ANN SCOTT, alias Joe Ann Antone, alias Joe Ann Armour, alias Joe Ann Hamilton, was arrested at Tulsa, Okla. with Joe Howard, Sam Coker and Alvin Karpis. She is an associate of Fred Barker.

LAWRENCE DUVALL, now in Stillwell Penitentiary, St. Paul, Minn., and Alvin Karpis were close associates.

MRS. BERTHA YOUNG, sister of Fred and Arthur R. Barker, in April, 1932 resided in an apartment directly across from the Sedgwick Bank at Halstead, Kansas. Her husband, J. P. Young, is an inspector for the Pipe Line Company at Halstead.

JACK SOUTHERLAND, alias J. W. Gray, 607 E. 14th St., Kansas City, Mo., is a close friend of Fred Barker.

BRENT GLASSCOCK, who operates a store, believed to be a drug store, some place on S. Broadway, Kansas City, Mo., is closely connected with Fred Barker.

DOROTHY KARPIS, wife of Alvin Karpis, in June, 1931 resided for a few days in the 400 block on Cheyenne St., Tulsa, Okla. at which address she was arrested in connection with the robbery of a jewelry store.

67D [redacted] also advised that in December, 1931 there were recovered several letters which had been in the possession of Karpis and the Barkers, some of which bore the following addresses, all of Tulsa, Okla.:

213 N. Boston St.
114 E. 12th St.
408 E. Second St.
1706 S. Nogales St.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

KANSAS CITY OFFICE. Due to the fact that the St. Louis Division office file in the instant case is incomplete, the Kansas City Division Office, office of origin, is requested to check their file and set out leads for Division offices in which discreet investigation has not been made with a view to obtaining any information possible relative to the whereabouts of Fred Barker, Arthur R. Barker and Alvin Karpis.

ST. LOUIS OFFICE at St. Louis, Mo. will make discreet investigation at 2739 Howard St. at which address Mrs. J. W. Dunlap, mother of Fred and Arthur R. Barker, resided in 1931, for the purpose of ascertaining any information possible relative to their whereabouts.

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FLOYD MATTER DISCUSSED WITH DIVISION RECENTLY STOP LAST NIGHT WAS IN CONTACT WITH INFORMANT SALINA OKLAHOMA HE HAS NOT SEEN OR BEEN IN COMMUNICATION WITH SUBJECT DROVE WITH HIM MORE THAN HUNDRED FIFTY MILES INTO FASTNESSES OF NORTHEASTERN OKLAHOMA BUT HE UNABLE LOCATE HIDEOUT OF SUBJECT OF WHICH HE ALLEGED HE HAD KNOWLEDGE LETTER FOLLOWS=

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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

March 20,1934.

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

Dear Sir:

In order to complete distribution to the Postmasters in the St.Paul Office District of Identification Order #1201, RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases, wanted in connection with the Kansas City Massacre, it is respectfully requested that this office be furnished a supply of 2600 additional identification orders of the above named.

Very truly yours,

WERNER HANNI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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IDENTIFICATION
ORDER No. 1201
August 3, 1933

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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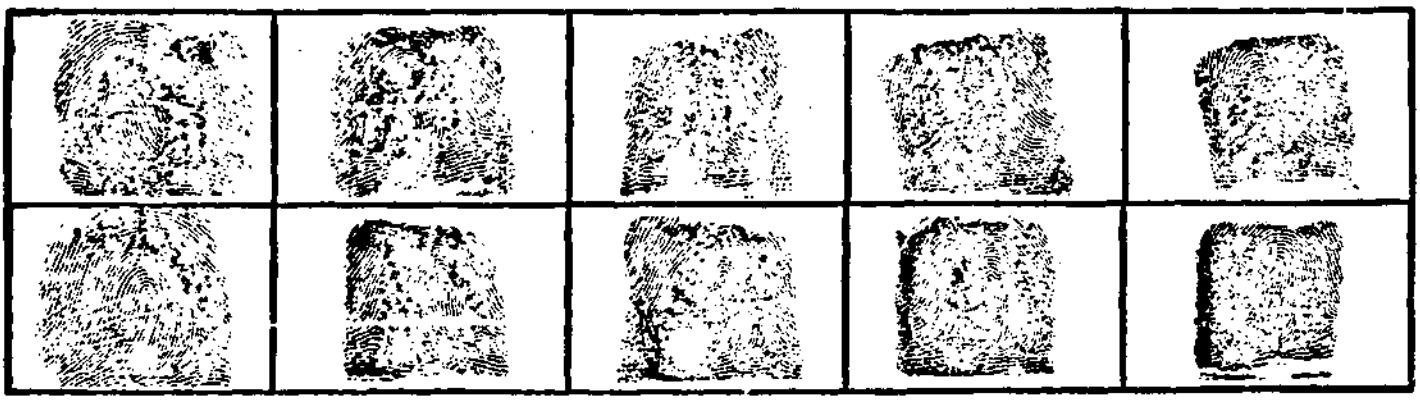
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, aliases, DICK GLADIS, RICHARD GALATAS, RICHARD CALATIS, RICHARD F. CALATES, DICK GALATAS, PRICHARD SHERIDAN, DICK SHERIDAN.



DESCRIPTION

Age, 43 years
Height, 5 feet, 9-1/8 inches
Weight, 155 pounds
Build, slender
Hair, dark chestnut, mixed gray
Eyes, blue
Complexion, medium
Scars and marks:
I-Clean. II-Clean.
III-Obl cic 2c on right jaw.

Richard Sheridan

CRIMINAL RECORD

As Richard Galatas, No. 7979, arrested police department, Toledo, Ohio, July 9, 1918; charge, suspicion - con man; released.

As Richard F. Galatee, No. 21434, arrested police department, Los Angeles, California, March 14, 1923; charge, fugitive Bunco from Chicago.

As Prichard Sheridan, No. 9091, arrested police department, Columbus, Ohio, April 29, 1926; charge, suspicious person; forfeited $50 bond May 1, 1926.

As Dick Sheridan, No. 5283, arrested Flint, Michigan, April 11, 1927; charge, suspicion - con game.

Richard Tallman Galatas is wanted in connection with the murder of Otto Reed, Chief of Police of McAlester, Oklahoma, William J. Grooms and Frank E. Herranson, police officers of Kansas City, Missouri, Raymond J. Caffrey, Special Agent of the United States Bureau of Investigation, and their prisoner, Frank Nash, at Kansas City, Missouri, on June 17, 1c .

Law enforcement agencies kindly transmit any additional information or criminal record to nearest office, United States Bureau of Investigation.

If apprehended, please notify the Director, United States Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, Washin on, D. C., or the Special Agent in Charge of the office of the United States Bureau of Investigation listed on the back hereof, which is nearest your city.

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REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:
Birmingham, Alabama	3-20-34	2/28-3-15/34	J. H. Hanson

TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased)
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases- FUGITIVE
I O 1201; ROBERT G. BRADY, with aliases- FUGITIVE
I O 1190; HARVEY J. BAILEY, with aliases-FUGITIVE
I O 1189; WILBER UNDERHILL, with aliases-FUGITIVE
I O 1191; Et Al

CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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[redacted] Calhoun, Georgia, who reported to the Chief of Police, Muscogee, Oklahoma, that she was in possession of information concerning whereabouts of Floyd, claims to have met acquaintance of Floyd's in Chattanooga, Tennessee, in December, 1933, who informed her Floyd was in Hollywood, California. [redacted] claim she is irresponsible and has ambitions to be a detective, which [redacted] also stated. Unable secure information concerning Floyd as result investigation Ball Ground, Canton, and Cartersville, Georgia. Cover on mail going to Pat Gardelle Sturney, step-son of Galatas, indicates he is receiving mail from Rockhill, S.C. and Charlotte, N.C.

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REFERENCE: Letters from Oklahoma City Office dated 2-2-34 & 3-1-34.

DETAILS:

On evening of February 28, 1934, SAC Dwight Brantley communicated with the writer at which time he stated that the Chief of Police at Muscogee, Oklahoma, had received a letter from a woman signing her name as [redacted] Calhoun, Georgia, route one, box 3, wherein she advised that she knew about Pretty Boy Floyd; further, that if she was contacted in this connection she requested that it be done discreetly.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: J. H. Hanson Special Agent in Charge

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AT CALHOUN, GEORGIA:

On the morning of March 1, 1934, the writer, accompanied by Special Agent J. R. McDonald, who on the previous night had located the home of [redacted] called at that place, at which time a conversation was had with [redacted] Immediately when inquiry was made for [redacted] desired to know the nature of the Agents' business, whereupon she was advised that [redacted] had been corresponding with acquaintances of the Agents, whose identity was not revealed, and that the Agents wished to speak to her personally for a few minutes. [redacted] without provocation, stated "I suppose it is something about that detective business", [redacted] also saying that [redacted] had a few minutes ago started walking down the road, [redacted] home being about two miles from town, and she was on her way to Calhoun where she could be found hanging around the streets. [redacted] stated [redacted] is about 18 years of age and that about a year ago she quit high school, saying she wanted to study to become a detective.

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[redacted] was located by Agents along the highway between her home and Calhoun and when interviewed stated that she had written a letter to the Chief of Police at Muscogee, Oklahoma; saying further that in the month of December, 1933, she, in company with a girl friend, [redacted] ran away from home going to Chattanooga, Tennessee, by bus. She said that upon arrival at Chattanooga they checked their baggage at the bus depot and while sitting around the depot made the acquaintance of a boy who gave his name as Jack Mack, whom she described as being about 25 years of age, 5' 8" in height, dark eyes, dark hair, medium complexion, and who, when asked as to his occupation, stated that he was an outlaw. She said that she asked him if he knew Pretty Boy Floyd, whereupon he replied affirmatively, stating that Floyd had been a partner of his and that they had been together on a couple of jobs. She, also, claims that Mack stated that Floyd was in Nashville, Tennessee, at that time. She further mentioned that Mack claimed his woman was in the hospital in Chattanooga with appendicitis; that he had been in Chattanooga, Tennessee, for a couple of weeks and was living at a boarding house some place. [redacted] although questioned closely, could furnish no further information concerning Mack on any statements that he might have made about Floyd and especially the latter's whereabouts in Nashville, Tennessee. She further claimed that [redacted] and Floyd are half-brothers. When asked where she stayed in Chattanooga [redacted] claimed that she stopped at a hotel along with [redacted] and that they were taken to this hotel by Mack, who she denied stayed with them. She stated they did not have any clothes with them when they registered at the hotel, the name of which she does not know, their clothing having been checked at the depot.

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[redacted] was, also, shown a group of photographs, among which was one of Floyd, but she was unable to identify it as Floyd. She further claimed that Lack wanted her to go with him to California, which she refused to do but that he told her he always could be reached in care of the Green Lantern Night Club in Hollywood, California, which place is run by a man named James Nunn, who could always tell her where he, Lack, or Pretty Boy Floyd could be reached.

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Subsequent to the above interview with [redacted] and while Agents were in Calhoun [redacted] sought agents, at which time he inquired as to the reasons Agents had contacted his daughter. [redacted] with tears in his eyes, stated that his daughter had been the source of much grief to him; that she was absolutely irresponsible, although she had never been in any serious trouble. He mentioned that she had refused to continue with her High School work in spite of his pleadings, the girl claiming to have a desire to be a detective. He said "she has communicated with various detective schools and that she spends the greater part of her time in reading detective stories and in loafing".

[redacted] who resides about five miles N.E. of Calhoun at the home of [redacted] informed Agents that she and [redacted] in December, 1933, decided to run away from home and that they went to Chattanooga where they stayed for a day and a night at some hotel, after which they proceeded to Jasper, Tennessee, returning home from there after being gone for a few days. [redacted] said that while in Chattanooga [redacted] made the acquaintence of some man in the bus depot and that he spent several hours with them, but that she at no time heard him say that he was an outlaw or that he knew Pretty Boy Floyd. She further claimed that she did not hear him say anything about Hollywood, California, or the Green Lantern Night Club. She, also, said that she did not remember his name, but that his general description was that furnished by [redacted] She did mention, however, that it was possible that this man had talked to [redacted] for a few minutes alone when she did not hear their conversation.

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[redacted] stated that he is not a half-brother of Pretty Boy Floyd, saying that the only relationship between him and Floyd is very distant - being that [redacted] married a woman who is distantly related to the Floyd family. [redacted] however, pointed out to Agent [redacted] He, also, mentioned to Agent that Pretty Boy Floyd's father formerly was a railroad employee, operating between Chattanooga, Tennessee, and Cartersville, Georgia, on the Central of Georgia Railroad, but that the family many years ago

moved to Oklahoma. He said that he did not know if Pretty Boy Floyd was born in Georgia or if he was born after the arrival of the family in Oklahoma, saying that he knows that there was another boy in the family named Bradley and a daughter named Pearl who did live in Georgia and that it was possible Pretty Boy, also, was born there but that his recollection of this is poor. He further mentioned that Pretty Boy Floyd's mother is a Akin, coming from a family bearing that name who live at Cartersville. [redacted] also, mentioned that the subject of Pretty Boy Floyd is a common topic of discussion in Calhoun and vicinity and that many people in that neighborhood have written to the Floyd family in Oklahoma asking if the stories about Pretty Boy Floyd are true but that they have never received any responses, with the result that so far as he knows nobody in that locality has any knowledge of Floyd.

67C/67D [redacted] also, mentioned that [redacted] had been forbidden to associate with [redacted] who [redacted] described is a very irresponsible child, but that last December [redacted] ran away from home and were gone a few days and upon their return mentioned they had been in Chattanooga and Jasper, Tennessee. He said he knew nothing whatsoever concerning the acquaintances they might have made on this trip, but that he has never heard his daughter mention anything about meeting any boys and especially anything about Pretty Boy Floyd.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent J. R. McDonald:

At Ball Ground, Georgia:

J. E. Tillison, Clerk, Post Office, advised that Roy V. Wright was unknown to him and that there was no one by that name receiving mail through the Post Office at Ball Ground; further, that "Pretty Boy" Floyd was unknown to him. Mr. Tillison was unable to identify the photograph of Floyd as being that of anyone whom he had seen around Ball Ground.

Postmaster F. E. Cagle advised that Roy V. Wright was unknown to him and that he, Wright, was not receiving mail through the Post Office at Ball Ground; that Floyd was unknown to him. Cagle was unable to identify the photograph of "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

In the presence of Agent Mr. Tillison communicated by telephone with the Postmaster at Tate, Georgia, whish is located about 10 miles from Ball Ground, who, according to Mr. Tillison, advised that no one by the name of Roy V. Wright was receiving mail through the Tate Post Office.

Mr. F. L. Bolling, Ball Ground, who has resided at this place for several years and whom Agent has found quite helpful on prior investigations, advised that he knew no one by the name of "Roy V. Wright" residing in or near Ball Ground; that he had never heard the name before; that "Pretty Boy" Floyd was unknown to him. Mr. Bolling was unable to identify the photograph of Floyd.

George Carney, local policeman, advised that "Roy V. Wright" as well as "Pretty Boy" Floyd were unknown to him. Carney was also unable to identify the photograph of Floyd.

None of the persons above contacted could furnish any information relative to any families of Floyd's ever having lived in the general vicinity of Ball Ground.

AT CANTON, GEORGIA:

Miss Margaret Edwards, Postmaster, advised that no one by the name of "Roy V. Wright" was receiving mail at that Post Office; that the only Floyds she knew living in Canton was W. T. Floyd and his family; that W. T. Floyd was a respectable and well thought of citizen.

Sheriff Lee Spear, advised that he knew of no one by the name of "Roy V. Wright" residing in Cherokee County; that Pretty Boy Floyd was unknown to him; that the only Floyds he knew was W. T. Floyd and another family by the name of Floyd, given name unknown, but who had a son who formerly worked for Mr. Johnson, who operates a grocery store in Canton. Sheriff Spear was unable to identify the photograph of Pretty Boy Floyd.

Mr. Eugene Floyd, son of W. T. Floyd, advised that his father came from South Carolina; that none of his relatives ever lived out West and that he was not related to the family of Floyd to which Pretty Boy Floyd belonged.

Through Mr. Johnson of Johnson's Grocery Store it was learned that the "Floyd" referred to by Sheriff Spear as having worked for him, Johnson, was a Hansel Floyd who was at the present time employed at the Bradley Drug Store, Canton, Georgia.

Hansel Floyd advised that he was of the son of Circero Floyd who had died some years ago; that he was not related to the family of Floyds to which Charles, "Pretty Boy" Floyd belonged; that Charles "Pretty Boy" was unknown to him; that none of his relatives had ever lived out west; that he could furnish no information relative to the family of Floyds to whinh Charles belonged. This is also true of Eugene Floyd, above-mentioned.

AT CARTERSVILLE, GEORGIA:

H. Adams, Clerk, Post Office, advised that he attended school with Walter Floyd father of Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd; that Walter Floyd had married a Mamie Echolls whose family used to live on route 3, Adairsville, Georgia; that Walter Floyd had moved to Oklahoma many years ago; that at the time he moved out West "Pretty Boy" was a very young boy; that while he was not acquainted with Pretty Boy, the latter was supposed to have been in Cartersville some two years ago, although he did not see him; that Mrs. J. B. Stephens, an aunt of Pretty Boy's, resided at 103 Montgomery Street, Cartersville.

C. S. Mayes, Postmaster, was unable to furnish any information relative to the Floyds, Echolls, or Pretty Boy.

Chief of Police Vest Payne advised that so far as he knew Pretty Boy Floyd had never been in Cartersville; that he could furnish no information relative to this individual.

Mrs. J. B. Stephens, 104 (not 103) Montgomery Street, advised that her father, M. E. Floyd, was a brother of Walter Floyd, father of Pretty Boy Floyd; that Walter Floyd had married Mamie Eckolls whose parents formerly resided at Adairsville, Georgia, but who had moved out west several years ago; that the Eckolls as well as her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Floyd, lived at Sallisaw, Oklahoma; that Walter Floyd had moved to Oklahoma when "Pretty Boy" was very young and that she has not seen him for over twenty years and could furnish no information relative to his present whereabouts; that her parents, like herself, know nothing as to his whereabouts. In this connection, Mrs. Stephens advised that in exchanging correspondence with her parents they have told her that they know nothing relative to Pretty Boy or his activities other than that they read in the paper; that if he, Pretty Boy, was in Cartersville two years ago she, Mrs. Stephens, knew nothing relative to his being there.

Sheriff Caddison was not contacted inasmuch as Postmaster Mayes advised Agent that the Sheriff's wife was seriously ill and not expected to live and that the Sheriff was spending all of his time with his wife.

AT SUMMERVILLE, GEORGIA:

Mr. A. B. Taylor, P.O. Box 145, in a letter received in the Birmingham Office on March 1, 1934, reported that there were two suspicious characters in that neighborhood, one of whom might be Pretty Boy Floyd. Upon interview by the writer and Special Agent C.O.

Pickard, Mr. Taylor stated that there is a family named Parham residing on what is known as the old Godwin farm, which is about three miles S.E. of Summerville; that the Parham family is supposed to have come from Oklahoma and that they are criminally inclined, one of the sons having been killed at a nearby town when he was resisting arrest on a criminal charge of some kind; further, that this boy's father, Tom Parham, also within the last few months killed a Special Deputy Sheriff at Summerville, this being the officer who had killed the Parham boy. Tom Parham, according to Taylor, was convicted at a recent term in Summerville for the murder of this Sheriff. Mr. Taylor added that an acquaintance of his had recently gone to the Parham farm to purchase some liquor and subsequently told him that he saw two men at the Parham farm whose identity he did not know; that these men were cleaning a gun which might have been a machine gun and Mr. Taylor stated that in view of the fact that the Parham family was reported to have come from Oklahoma he thought it possible Pretty Boy Floyd might have been one of these men.

Mr. Taylor stated that he had no descriptions whatsoever of these two men and he further refused to divulge to Agents the name of the person who had seen these two men at the Parham farm. Mr. Taylor was unable to refer Agents to anyone who had been out at this farm, saying that so far as he knew the Sheriff, T. A. Cook, knew nothing about these persons. He, also,mentioned that the Sheriff's wife is seriously ill at this time and that the Sheriff is spending all of his time at her bedside, so Agents were unable to contact Sheriff Cook. Mr. Taylor mentioned that he is a salesman, unemployed at the present time, and that he knows nothing about Floyd other than what he has read in detective stories. He, also, said that he had never heard that Floyd originally came from Georgia. Mr. Taylor also mentioned that in the near future it was his intention to go to the Parham farm for the purpose of buying some liquor and that he would then communicate with the Birmingham Office, advising if the description of these men, if they are still there, coincided in any manner with that of Pretty Boy Floyd, whose photograph he stated he had obtained from a detective magazine. He, also, advised Agents against making any inquiry whatsoever in that neighborhood.

The Birmingham Office up to the present time has received no communications from Mr. Taylor in this respect.

AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA:

As a result of the mail cover placed on mail going to Pat Cardelle Sturney, the step-son of Galetas, now residing at 5 Clubview Oakpark, Montgomery, Alabama, three tracings were received in the Birmingham Office from the Postmaster at Montgomery, one being postmarked Charlotte and Augusta Ry Post Office March 6, 1934, bearing return address of 328 Wilson Street, Rockhill, South Carolina. Another being postmarked

Rockhill, South Carolina, the date of the postmark not being discernible bearing the return address of 214 Colonial Avenue, Charlotte, North Carolina. Another was postmarked Rockhill, South Carolina, March 10, 1934, and also bore the return address of 328 Wilson Street, Rockhill, North Carolina. All of these letters appear to have been written in the same handwriting, and while the handwriting does not appear to be that of Galatas these are tracings of the only letters that have recently been received by Sturney, who gets practically no other mail. The only other tracing that has been received was that of a letter postmarked Chicago, Illinois, March 3, 1934, with the return address of the Sigma Chi Fraternity. Sturney is a member of this organization, for which reason no leads are being set out to Chicago to check that letter.

Inspector of Police R. C. Goad of the Louisville and Nashville, Railroad Company has been contacted frequently to determine if Inspector of Police E. D. Steele at Montgomery, Alabama, has secured any further information concerning Galatas as a result of the latter's promise of cooperation with SAC Dwight Brantley and Special Agent H. E. Andersen when they were recently in Montgomery, but as yet no information has been secured from Mr. Steele.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

LOS ANGELES OFFICE at Hollywood, California, will ascertain if there is a Green Lantern Night Club there, also if James Munn is the Manager of this Club, and whether he is reported to be a harborer of criminals, or an associate of such persons. If so, will conduct appropriate investigation to determine if Jack Mack and Pretty Boy Floyd are known to frequent that club.

CHARLOTTE OFFICE at Charlotte, N.C. and Rockhill S.C. will conduct appropriate investigation to determine who at 214 Colonial Avenue and at 328 Wilson Street, Rockhill, S.C., is corresponding with Pat Gardelle Sturney, conducting appropriate investigation to determine if it is Galatas or his wife who might be at these addresses.

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MARCH 23, 1934.

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

Dear Sir: IN RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, DECEASED
RICHARD TALLEY GALATAS, with aliases, FUG.
I.O. #1201; CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with
aliases, FUG. I. O. #1194
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Please refer to letter from this office dated March 21, 1934, reflecting interview by Special Agent H. E. Andersen with Eddie Doll, prisoner at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, having reference to the identity of the person known as "Old Charlie" and also to a party known as "Big Homer", who are suspected as possible participants in the massacre and who may have a connection with the Bremer kidnaping case.

The photograph of Jack Davenport, which appears on page 2 of the American Bankers Association Journal for April 1928, Section 2, was displayed to Eddie Doll at the Penitentiary by Agent Anderson on March 22nd for identification purposes. Doll identified the photograph of Davenport as the party mentioned in the letter of March 21st to you. Incidentally, it was noted at the time that a photograph of Charles Fitzgerald, Kansas State Penitentiary No. 6621, also appeared on the same page of the Bankers Journal. During the discussion of the photographs on that page, Doll, of his own volition, pointed to the photograph of Charles Fitzgerald and asked Agent Andersen if he knew who that party might be. Agent Andersen was aware of the fact that a photograph of Charles Fitzgerald had been previously shown to Arthur Johnson, in the Colorado State Penitentiary, with a view to identifying it as a likeness of the party known as "Old Charlie", and that Arthur Johnson had stated that it was not such a likeness.

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At this time Doll volunteered the information that the photograph of Charles Fitzgerald is a likeness of "Old Charlie", alias "Big Fitz". He stated there is no question as to the identity, although he informed that during recent years Fitzgerald has taken on

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a more aged appearance, having a great many more wrinkles in his face and considerable gray hair. However, Doll is well acquainted with Fitzgerald, alias "Old Charlie", alias "Big Fitz", having participated with him in the robbery of the First National Bank, of Lincoln, Nebraska, and many other bank robberies in past years. Doll is probably better acquainted with Charles Fitzgerald than any other outlaw known to this Division.

Copies of this letter are being forwarded to the same offices who received copy of letter dated February 16, 1934 from this office setting out a complete list of correspondents of Charles J. Fitzgerald, since it now appears that Charles J. Fitzgerald is the individual known as "Old Charlie", and whose location should be effected.

It is pointed out that "Old Charlie" and the party known as "Big Homer" are closely associated, and also the individual known as Gus Stevens or Gus Stone, who has been mentioned frequently in the Brazer case and in the case of Eddie Doll, is a close friend of those individuals. Gus, whose true surname is not yet known, is a prominent suspect in the Kansas City massacre.

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b7D who is quite friendly with Chief of Detectives Tom Higgins, of the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, remarked several days ago to Special Agents F. E. Anderson and W. F. Trainor, of this office, that Higgins has informed him on numerous occasions that if he could get a photograph of a certain old man he is quite sure that it would be identified by witnesses as a likeness of one of the actual assassins in this case. [redacted] stated that Higgins informed him he received his information through a hoodlum, name not mentioned, who came from Chicago to Kansas City a few days after the massacre in June 1933. The informant is alleged to have told Higgins that he knew one of the assassins, the old man, and that the party is about 55 years of age, having gray hair and a very wrinkled face. Higgins is said to be under the impression that the old man in question served time in the Minnesota State Penitentiary at Stillwater.

b7D Higgins stated [redacted] that the "hoodlum" from Chicago had promised to secure and bring to him a photograph of the old man, but failed to return.

It is the opinion of this office that Higgins possibly may be referring to either Harry Sawyer or John Ingan as the Chicago hoodlum who approached him shortly after the massacre with the above

mentioned information. The Chicago Office is, of course, familiar with the identities of Hagan and Evans, who have been interviewed several times by Special Agent in Charge Purvis. It would not be advisable at this time to approach Chief of Detectives Tom Higgins, at Kansas City, for any information of this nature due to the existing circumstances in Kansas City.

Recently, while interviewing Mrs. Lottie West, one of the witnesses to the massacre, Special Agent W. F. Trainor displayed, among other photographs, that of Charles J. Fitzgerald mentioned herein, and Mrs. West was noticeably impressed with the features of the man. She stated that they absolutely resembled one of the men whom she saw with a machine gun, although the age of the man in question she believed to be not more than 40 years, or possibly as young as 35. For that reason her identification was somewhat discounted. She stated that the man in question moved with a very active step and did not appear to be an old man. The information was furnished to Agent Andersen by Eddie Doll that Charles J. Fitzgerald, known as "Old Fitz", is unusually agile and active for a man of his years, and possesses all of the activity and agility of a man of middle age.

It is noted from the criminal record of Charles J. Fitzgerald shown in letter from this office February 16, 1934, that Charles Fitzgerald served a term in the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia. It is believed possible that Warden Aderhold, at Atlanta, would recall the contacts and friends of Fitzgerald. A complete search of his file in the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, should be made for all pertinent information obtainable.

It may be noted here that while the report has been current that "Big Homer" served in the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, it has not been possible to identify a record of that individual at said institution, and therefore there is a probability that he could have served in the United States Penitentiary at Atlanta. Since he is known to be a close friend of Charles J. Fitzgerald, some information in this connection might be secured from Warden Aderhold.

Convict George Kelley at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, was also shown the photograph of Charles J. Fitzgerald appearing in the Bankers Journal, and advised Agent Andersen that the photograph is not a good likeness of him at present since he now appears much older, more wrinkled and gray, but that he still could identify it as the photograph of the party known as "Old Fitz",

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"Big Fitz", etc. Kelley does not know Fitzgerald intimately and stated that Eddie Doll would probably be best able to identify the photograph due to his intimate acquaintance with Fitzgerald.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SHEAR, ACTING
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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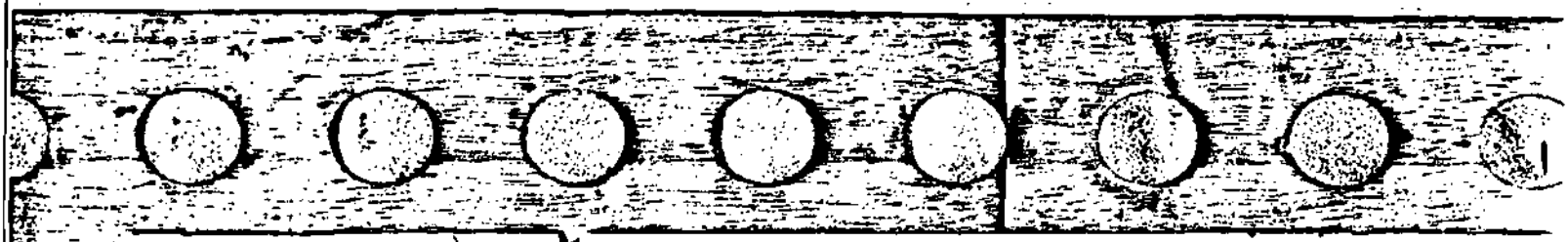

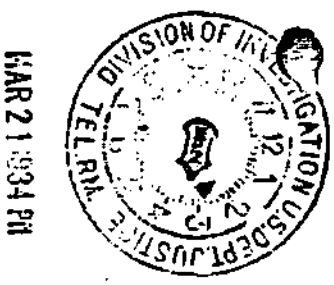

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RRN:GAJ March 20, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.,
Edward G. Bremer - Victim.
Kidnaping.

With reference to the contact which you have established through H. L. Alcorn, with one Leon Kramer, it is suggested that he be questioned very thoroughly, and in a discreet manner, with a view to obtaining detailed information regarding the tie-up between the St. Paul, Chicago, and New York City gangs. It is known to the Division that certain members of the old Keating-Holden-Nash gang frequented New York City, but the Division has never received any information indicating that members of the so-called Barker-Karpis gang have any connections in New York City. An effort should be made to develop this information through an interview with Kramer.

The Division is also desirous of ascertaining, possibly through Kramer, the authenticity of rumors to the effect that Bernard Phillips, with aliases, subject of Identification Order #1196, is dead. Kramer may also have information concerning the whereabouts of William Weissman.

Very truly yours,

Director.

cc Mr. W. A. Rorer,
St. Paul.

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503A U.S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.,
Salt Lake City, Utah.
March 9, 1934.

Mr. NATHAN
Mr. TOLSON
Mr. CLEGG
Mr. COWLEY
Mr. EDWARDS
Mr. EGAN
Mr. QUINN
Miss GANDY

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

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Dear Sir:

In a conversation with Mr. Gilbert Mecham, U.S. Marshal at this city, today, he, in discussing matters in general made known that he delivered Leon Epmier, who was sentenced in U.S. District Court, Salt Lake City, Utah, upon pleading guilty to a charge of post office robbery, to serve 3½ years in the U.S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, to the U.S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, on or about December 20, 1933.

Leon Epmier was arrested at this city by the local police with an associate named George Kerr who was under indictment at St. Paul, or Minneapolis, Minn., on a post office robbery, in which robbery Gus Schaeffer has been indicted. It also appears that Gus Schaeffer was indicted at Salt Lake City, Utah, for a post office robbery, together with Epmier, Kerr, and others.

Mr. Mecham stated that on the trip to the U.S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, Epmier was talkative, and stated, among other things, that he knew who was responsible for what is known as the "Valentine Massacre", which took place at Chicago, Ill., and it is believed by the U.S. Marshal that Epmier could furnish information of value in the "Kansas City Massacre" and in the Hamm kidnaping, if he was so inclined. Mr. Mecham believes that Epmier would probably help the Government in these matters if he was approached properly, since he is in fear of the Toughy mob and others, since it is known to these gangsters, and his past gangster associates, that he was one of the Government informants in clearing up numerous post office jobs which were cleared up some short time ago, and as a result of information which he furnished the post office department secured approximately a quarter of a million dollars in bonds and other valuable securities.

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Mr. Mecham has no objection to having such agent of this Division as may be designated to interview Epmier, make known that the agent is a friend of Mr. Mecham and that Mr. Mecham suggested the interview.

I submit this for any value it may have to the Division, and in the event you deem it worth while to have Epmier interviewed, especially on the "Kansas City Massacre" and the Hamm kidnaping cases.

Very truly yours,

John A. Dowd

JOHN A. DOWD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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RECORDED 62-28715-1446 March 21, 1934

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

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

Dear Sir:

There are enclosed herewith copies of a letter dated March 9, 1934, addressed to the Division by Special Agent in Charge John A. Dowd, of the Salt Lake City Office, setting forth information obtained through United States Marshal Gilbert Mecham, to the effect that Leon Epaier, who is now serving a three and one-half years sentence in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, is possibly in possession of information concerning the above entitled case, and other cases.

You are instructed to have an Agent interview Epaier at the earliest practicable date and endeavor to obtain from him all the information in his possession.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure 685196

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March 21, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 9, 1934, wherein you set forth information obtained from Mr. Gilbert Mecham, United States Marshal, Salt Lake City, Utah, to the effect that Leon Epmier, a Federal prisoner, now serving a sentence of three and one-half years in the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, is possibly in possession of information concerning the case entitled VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased); RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, Identification Order #1201, Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

The Division does not understand why the information set forth in your letter has been submitted in a personal letter to the Director. It appears that information of this nature should be submitted, either by letter or by report, to the office of origin for the appropriate attention of that office.

The Division has transmitted copies of your letter to the Kansas City Office, Chicago Office and the St. Paul Office, and a copy of the Division's letter of transmittal, dated March 21, 1934, is enclosed herewith.

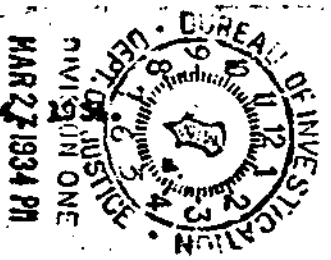
Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure 685198

P. O. Box 1583

Butte, Montana, March 24, 1934



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

VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased)
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS with aliases - FUGITIVE
I. O. 1201, et al
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner

Dear Sir:

Referring to my report, dated February 20, 1934, in regard to the above-captioned matter,

[redacted]

Very truly yours,

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D. H. DICKASON
Special Agent in Charge

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Suite L -
Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.
March 26, 1934.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
P. O. Box 215,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

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

It is understood that a bank at Sioux Falls, S.D., was robbed by bandits who had a machine gun and other weapons during the first week in March, 1934, and that some of the bandits have been identified as Alvin Karpis, T. L. Carroll and probably Arthur R. and Fred Barker. It is further understood that these same individuals have been identified by photograph as participants in the bank robbery at Mason City, Iowa, on March 14, 1934.

This office received ballistic specimens found after the Mason City bank robbery, and same are now temporarily in the possession of Merle A. Gill, Ballistician here. It is understood that there are some specimens of this nature in possession of the authorities at Sioux Falls, S.D., and it is requested that you secure same for examination in comparison with the Mason City exhibits to be forwarded to this office at the earliest possible date. Same will be returned promptly, if desired.

Very truly yours,

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

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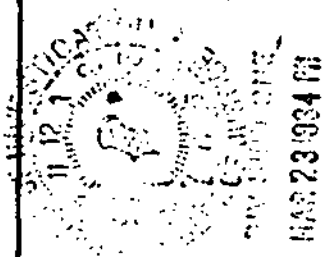

Information received possibly Galatas located in a house in the country from Hot Springs, Arkansas. Fugitive complaint obtained and with assistence of Deputy U. S. Marshal Agents raided the home of Albert Housley near Hot Springs, the suspected hideout of Galatas, but he was not found. Other places in vicinity of Hot Springs raided in an effort to locate Galatas, but without success.

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DETAILS:

On March 12, 1934, this office received information by telephone from one William "Bill" Graham, an Agent for the Burns Detective Agency, now engaged in investigation of bank robbers at Hot Springs, Arkansas, to the effect that a confidential informant of his had told him that Richard Tallman Galatas was in the vicinity of Hot Springs. Mr. Graham requested that an Agent from this Division office contact him immediately.

DETAILS: In compliance with instructions from Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley, the writer proceeded to the Marquette Hotel, Hot Springs, Arkansas, and there contacted Mr. Graham, who advised that his informant was [redacted] He stated that [redacted] advised him confidentially that Galatas was in Hot Springs and that he had been there for several months. According to Graham, [redacted] would not give him any further information, but requested that he, Graham, contact the Division office at Oklahoma City and have an Agent call [redacted] as soon as possible.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: Paul Hansen (acting) SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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b7D [redacted] Graham stated that he also had a confidential informant, [redacted] who was in Hot Springs for the purpose of taking the baths there, and that one night while he was out with her, he showed her pictures of various bank robbers, among which was a picture of Galatas, and that she pointed out this picture saying that she believed that she had seen him a few days before; that while out on a fishing trip she had strayed away from her party and during a storm she had rowed up to a house located on Lake Hamilton; that a man came out of this house dressed in old clothes and began asking her a lot of questions about what she was doing there. She stated that she told this man what had happened to her, and that he consented to drive her back to Hot Springs, letting her out at the Lane Apartments where she resides. She advised Graham that she is certain that this man was Galatas; that she would endeavor to go fishing on the Lake again and call at this house to ascertain whether or not Galatas was still there. She told Graham that she judged Galatas to be about forty-four years old, and that he drove her to town in a black or dark blue Buick Sedan.

b7D According to Graham, [redacted] stated that the house where she stopped on Lake Hamilton had either a green or red roof, four hunting dogs and some ducks running loose around the place; also, that a wire fence extended down into the water, the purpose being to keep the ducks on the estate. She stated that this house appeared to be a large hunting lodge having, she would judge, about eight rooms but only one story high.

Graham also stated that he has been acquainted with a lady for about four years who resides at Little Rock, Arkansas; that her name is Marjorie Fields, and that he met her while he was a member of the Arkansas legislature; that this woman is associated with Dr. Leonard Ellis of Hot Springs, and that Ellis is a very close friend of Galatas. According to Graham, about two months ago while he and Miss Fields were on a drinking party, she told him that Galatas was being protected by the Mayor and other city officials at Hot Springs and would never be caught there because of this protection. She also remarked that she had been on card parties at which Galatas was present.

Graham stated that several weeks ago while he was out with a stool-pigeon covering the Southern Grill and the Waukesha Hotel for bank robbers, this stool-pigeon informed him that one of the persons in the party of Dr. Ellis and Miss Fields was Galatas. He stated that this party entered the Waukesha Hotel and when the party came out, this stool-pigeon nudged him and pointed out Galatas.

According to Graham, the Police Department at Hot Springs is under the direct supervision of the Mayor and would do nothing to assist in locating and effecting the apprehension of Galatas, although they know him to be a fugitive. Graham stated that Galatas is very well liked in Hot Springs and that the people of Hot Springs would not furnish any information concerning his whereabouts.

Graham stated that [redacted] was not in on any of the graft that the Police Department has been getting from various criminals in Hot Springs, and for that reason he believes [redacted] would assist in locating and effecting the apprehension of Galatas. According to Graham, [redacted] also be interested in obtaining any reward for the apprehension of Galatas. Arrangements were made by Graham to contact [redacted] and on the night of March 13, 1934, the writer contacted [redacted] in the rear of a drug store in Hot Springs. [redacted] stated that he has a confidential informant, a former convict, who advised him that Richard Galatas has been in Hot Springs for the past several months and that he is being hidden out by Dr. Albert Housley. [redacted] stated that Housley is a former convict; that he received a sentence of one to fourteen years in Arkansas State Penitentiary for being in possession of stolen goods, and that he is now on parole from that institution. [redacted] further stated that Housley lives about sixteen miles south of Hot Springs on a farm in a hollow, but that he could not definitely state the exact location of Housley's home. [redacted] requested that this Agent treat the information given by him in strict confidence, not notifying any of the other officers of the Hot Springs Police Department because he stated that if the information he furnished should be called to the attention of Chief of Detectives "Dutch" Akers, he would undoubtedly lose his job.

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On March 13, 1934, this information was furnished to Special Agent in Charge Brantley, Oklahoma City, and he stated that he would contact this Agent at Hot Springs on the following afternoon. On the following afternoon, Special Agent in Charge Brantley arrived at the Marquette Hotel about 3:00 P.M. and conferred with Graham and this Agent relative to the information furnished by [redacted] and also regarding the information furnished Graham by the two women informants referred to above. Graham was unable to state definitely the exact location of Dr. Housley's home, but stated he would try to procure that information as soon as possible.

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Mr. Brantley and the writer conferred with [redacted] furnished practically the same information as set out above with the exception that he stated that he believed Housley was residing about sixteen miles south of Hot Springs on Route 70. Mr. Brantley, accompanied by the writer, proceeded to Route 70, and sixteen miles from Hot Springs contacted Postmaster Harris, who is in charge of a small sub-station located there. Harris was interviewed relative to the location of Dr. Housley's home, and agreed to show the writer and Mr. Brantley the exact location. In accordance with these arrangements, Postmaster Harris, Special Agent in Charge Brantley and the writer proceeded about four miles from Postmaster Harris' home on Route 70 at which place Harris pointed out a small farm house in which he said, according to his information, Dr. Housley resided with his wife. Harris stated he had never seen any other persons at Housley's home and that so far as he knew, Housley had not had any callers during the past three or four months. Harris also pointed out a house

about three hundred yards from the house referred to above and on the same Route 70, which he stated he believed Housley had recently built. He stated, however, that he was not sure Housley owned this place. The writer and Special Agent in Charge Brantley then proceeded back to the Marquette Hotel, and Mr. Brantley called Little Rock, Arkansas and made arrangements to have Special Agents Frank Smith, Kelly Deaderick, L. M. Chipman and Deputy United States Marshal Payne of Hot Springs proceed to Hot Springs on the following morning and meet him and the writer together with Mr. Graham at 5:30 A.M. in front of the Marquette Hotel.

In accordance with the above arrangements, the above Agents, accompanied by Deputy United States Marshal Payne, met the writer and Special Agent in Charge Brantley and Graham in front of the Marquette Hotel at 5:45 at which time all of the above referred to men proceeded to the house which, according to Postmaster Harris, belonged to Dr. Housley. This house was raided and Housley came to the door accompanied by his wife and allowed the Agents and the Deputy United States Marshal to examine all the rooms, but Galatas was not found therein. Housley stated he had not seen nor did he know Galatas; that he believed the reason that the house was raided was because of the fact that he was an ex-convict and they could not let him alone when he was trying to live honestly. He was questioned regarding the house referred to above which, according to Postmaster Harris, he had constructed recently, and he stated that he did not own this house but that he believed a party by the name of W. A. Ewing owned the same. The home of Ewing was raided and Galatas was not found therein. Ewing resides there with his wife and two small children.

The above named Agents and Deputy United States Marshal Payne then proceeded to Lake Hamilton and eight houses or lodges were raided in the vicinity of the Lake, including the lodge of Frank Clark, supposed to be an intimate associate of Galatas, but without success.

On February 14, 1934 a letter was received from J. R. Demby, former Postmaster at Hot Springs, Arkansas, who stated that sometime ago he had interviewed Mr. Butterworth of this Division and that there are certain persons in Hot Springs who can furnish information as to the hiding place of Galatas, but that these men are desirous of a reward and they want to be extremely cautious as they are afraid of the gang; that if Mr. Butterworth will contact him, Demby, he will put him in touch with the persons who have the information. Demby did not name the men.

Agent Butterworth interviewed James R. Demby at his residence, 506 West Grand Avenue, Hot Springs, Arkansas. Mr. Demby said that Mr. W. F. Broughton, 709½ Hobson Avenue, Hot Springs, had reported to Mr. Demby that Mr. Broughton had seen Richard Galatas on Lake Catherine, near Hot Springs, in February, 1934.

Agent Butterworth interviewed Mr. Broughton at 709½ Hobson Avenue, Hot Springs, and Mr. Broughton informed this Agent that about February 1, 1934 he was fishing on Lake Catherine in front of a cottage owned by Herbert Akers, Chief of

Detectives of the Hot Springs Police Department and saw Richard Galatas on the front porch of the cottage. He said that he was alone in a boat when he saw Galatas and that it was between one and two o'clock in the afternoon; that he was sure the man he saw was Galatas as he had seen Galatas frequently in Hot Springs, Arkansas during the past five years and could not be mistaken as to Galatas' identity. He stated that there were two other men at Mr. Akers' cottage with Galatas, one of whom he did not know, and that the other man was a man whom he recognized as having been a former employee at the Garland County Jail at Hot Springs and that this man had also been a night watchman at Whittington Park, the local ball park at Hot Springs, in December, 1933. He said that he does not know the name of this man but will ascertain who this man is and communicate the information to Mr. Demby. He said that the man with Galatas was not one of the Deputy Sheriffs of Garland County, but had been a guard at the jail.

Lake Catherine and Lake Hamilton are not far distant. Some of the houses on Lake Hamilton above referred to are lodges and seldom frequented in the winter. A search was made for other houses on Lake Catherine, in addition to those which were raided on Lake Hamilton, but none was found.

Referring to the report of Special Agent F. S. Smith, Oklahoma City, December 9, 1933, Agent Donovan Owens of this office conducted the following investigation on March 9, 1934:

Deputy Sheriff Charles Jones, Billings, Oklahoma, has no information concerning Will Davis' harboring Wilbur Underhill and associates, and in the opinion of Agent Owens he will not have any. However, he has the telephone number of the Oklahoma City Division office and in case he receives any information, he will telephone same direct to the Oklahoma City office.

Reference is made to letter from the Kansas City office, March 4, 1934, requesting certified copy of the record of marriage of Mrs. Frances Mikulich Luce to Frank Nash. This record has been obtained at Hot Springs and is attached to copies of this report going to Kansas City.

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

March 14, 1934.

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Director,
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Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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

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With further reference [redacted] paid informant of this office, please be advised that he was interviewed on March 14, 1934, by Special Agent O. C. Hall, at which time he stated that "Frisco Dutch" Steinhardt is associating with two men from Buffalo, New York. These are the two men who appeared with "Frisco Dutch" two nights ago at 311 Hennepin Avenue in Minneapolis with a Lincoln Sedan bearing new and clean license plates, the car being very muddy.

He stated that "Frisco Dutch" returned from Milwaukee two days ago and remarked that he had placed a $500 bet on a race horse at seven to two odd, the horse running at Agua Caliente, Mexico. The horse won. "Frisco Dutch", according to the informant, appears to have plenty of money. The informant suggested that the race tracks would be an excellent place to dispose of the ransom money as a bill could be cashed at every pari mutuel machine. This office is considering this and will take whatever steps seem feasible to cause the necessary investigation in cities in which race tracks are located.

Concerning the Kansas City massacre, the informant stated that he had talked to Frankie Barton and that Barton had in general conversation mentioned that one Sam Kemp, who is in the drug business in Kansas City, would probably know a great deal about the Kansas City shooting as Kemp, according to Barton, has many underworld friends and often helps underworld characters and might possibly be associated with them in disposing of stolen property. The informant stated he did not know how correct this information was, but this office is sending a copy of this letter to the Kansas City office for whatever check they desire to make regarding it.

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The informant stated that in Jack's Smoke Shop, 311 Hennepin Avenue, where this mob hangs out, there is one telephone and probably two. He stated that he is almost positive a telephone call was made to "Frisco Dutch" in Milwaukee over one of these telephones. This office is making an immediate check of the toll calls from telephones at 311 Hennepin Avenue.

Isadore Blumenfeld, also

Yesterday, Tom Banks, Barney Berman, "Kid Can", and other members of the Minneapolis part of the Twin Cities underworld, entered pleas of guilty in Federal Court to charges under the Internal Revenue Act, these charges being the outgrowth of their liquor business. Tom Banks was fined $2,000.00, Barney Berman was sentenced to a year and a day in the Leavenworth Penitentiary, and "Kid Can" was given a year in the Workhouse. The other defendants, minor members of the gang, received smaller sentences.

It was called to the attention of this office yesterday by Herold Stassen, County Attorney, Dakota County, that the fingerprints and photograph of Tom Banks had not been secured. Mr. Stassen's interest in this was that a few days ago, Agent Hall, while investigating an angle of the Bremer kidnaping case, located a party in Minneapolis who witnessed four men take one Con Althen from his room at the Library Apartments in Minneapolis shortly before he was found dead in Dakota County, just beyond the boundary of Minneapolis. This information was given to Mr. Stassen with the suggestion that he display photographs of one Goldie, Tommy Russell, "Kid Can", and Tom Banks to this person. Mr. Stassen did display photographs and obtained a positive identification of "Kid Can" and Goldie as being two of the four persons taking Althen from his room. However, there is no photograph available of Tommy Russell and Tom Banks. Two days after securing this identification, Stassen received an anonymous letter setting forth that Tom Banks, "Kid Can", Goldie, and Tommy Russell had actually committed the murder in Minneapolis but had dumped the body in Mr. Stassen's county, which has been the established custom here for some time.

This office is also desirous of obtaining a photograph of Tom Banks and particularly want his fingerprints. Consequently, steps were taken immediately to have Banks brought in and photographed and fingerprinted, through the cooperation of the United States Attorney here. In the event these efforts do not produce results, this office intends to request the Division to take the necessary steps to have this done through the United States Marshal's office. The Division will be further advised regarding this.

In this connection, the informant stated that the underworld thought it was a big joke that Tom Banks had not been given a penitentiary sentence as he was a ring leader of the conspiracy. He stated that the general talk is that "Kid Can" and Barney Berman drew the jail and penitentiary sentences in order to save Tom Banks from going to jail.

The informant was given $10 to help defray expenses. He will be interviewed again within a few days.

Very truly yours,

W. A. ROHER,
Inspector.

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Suite L, Federal Building
Kansas City, Missouri
March 21, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, et al
Edward George Bremer - Victim
KIDNAPING

Please refer to letter from Inspector W. A. Rorer to this office, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, March 12, 1934, relative to certain ballistic exhibits which had been obtained from the St. Paul Police Department in connection with the shooting of Roy McCord on January 13, 1934, which exhibits were furnished the Kansas City office for comparison with the ballistic exhibits in the Kansas City massacre case.

Please be advised that a comparison has been made of the ballistic evidence received with that of the ballistic evidence in the massacre case by Merle A. Gill, Forensic Ballistician of Kansas City, Missouri, in whose possession the Kansas City ballistic evidence is maintained. Mr. Gill reports that all of the fired exhibits in the McCord case have been compared with similar evidence in the massacre case and no identification was obtained to indicate that the weapons used in the McCord case were involved in the Kansas City case. Mr. Gill states that in addition to comparing the McCord exhibits with the Kansas City massacre case, he also compared them with the following cases wherein machine guns were used by the bandits, but no identification was made:

South St. Paul, Minnesota	Slaying of police officer.
Chicago, Illinois	Slaying of police officer.
Grand Haven, Michigan	Bank robbery.
North Kansas City, Missouri	Bank robbery.
Kansas City, Missouri	Slaying of Detective Carpenter.
Kansas City, Missouri	Slaying of Jimmie Howard.

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The ballistic evidence received from St. Paul, under date of March 12, 1934, is being returned under separate cover to the St. Paul office in order that the same may be returned by that office to the St. Paul Police Department.

Very truly yours,

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

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DIRECTOR

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

BUREAU OF PRISONS

WASHINGTON

March 20, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

In re: Lloyd Parker, No. 17243-L.

The Parole Board has requested information in the above-named case with reference to whether or not the investigation conducted by your Division has brought out any facts prejudicial to subject.

Very truly yours,

Sanford Bates.

Director.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR,
BUREAU OF PRISONS.

Reference is made to your memorandum dated March 20, 1934, wherein you state that the Parole Board has requested information concerning the case of LLOYD BARKER, No. 17342-L, and you inquire as to whether investigation by this Division has brought out any facts prejudicial to Barker.

Please be advised that during the investigation of the Bremer kidnaping case this Division has received considerable information concerning the family of Lloyd Barker. There is attached, hereto, for your confidential information a mimeographed copy of a memorandum dated February 21, 1934 setting forth information concerning the so-called Barker-Karpis gang. You will note that the mother, Mrs. Katherine Barker, better known as "Mother" Barker, accompanies her sons, Arthur R. and Fred Barker, and aids and abets in their criminal activities. The criminal records of the members of this gang are set forth at the end of the attached memorandum and this Division is presently engaged upon an intensive search for all the individuals named in the memorandum.

Of course, Lloyd Barker has been incarcerated in the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas since January 16, 1922, for the crime of robbing the United States Mails and, therefore, it has not been possible for him to be a participant with his brothers, Arthur R. and Fred Barker, and their associates in this kidnaping case and several other crimes of major importance in which they are involved.

This Division is presently looking into the parole of Arthur R. Barker, for it appears that, while in different sections of the country engaged upon criminal activities, monthly parole reports purporting to have been prepared and signed by him have been received regularly by the Parole Officer at McAlester, Oklahoma, always furnishing the address of his father, George E. Barker, Post Office Box 174, Neosho, Missouri. Under date of February 15, 1934, an additional supply of blank forms for parole reports was requested and it is suspected that the father has been preparing and submitting these reports on behalf of his son.

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In view of the foregoing, I am of the opinion that Lloyd Barker should not be released on parole unless there has been presented sufficient evidence to offset the criminal tendencies evident in members of his family which would warrant favorable action upon his application for parole.

Incidentally, this Division is receiving very excellent cooperation from Warden Fred G. Zerbst at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, during the course of the investigation now under way, with a view to bringing about the apprehension and successful prosecution of members of one of the worst gangs with which this Division has come in contact in recent years.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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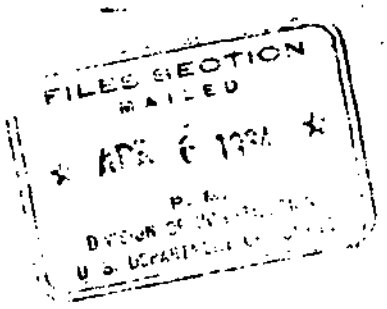

P. O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 7, 1934.

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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 GEORGE BREMER -
Victim. KIDNAPING.
St. Paul file No. 7-30.

With reference to personal and confidential letter from the Division addressed to me under date of March 3, 1934, concerning a news article which appeared in the St. Paul Pioneer-Press Dispatch on February 11, 1934, under the heading "Car Clue Links Hamm, Bremer Kidnap Cases", I am attaching hereto a memorandum submitted to me by Special Agent O. G. Ball.

Very truly yours,

W. A. ROBER,
Inspector.

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St. Paul, Minnesota,
March 7, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR INSPECTOR W. A. RORER:

Concerning the news clipping in The St. Paul Pioneer-Press Dispatch of 2-11-34 captioned "Car Clue Links Hamm, Bremer Kidnap Cases", please be advised that my recollection of that article and the circumstances surrounding the story are as follows:

On June 15, 1933, Mr. Hamm was kidnaped. He was released on June 19th on payment of $100,000.00 ransom. On June 17th, the Kansas City massacre occurred. On my return to this office on June 23rd, I was assigned to the Kansas City massacre case. Other agents had done some work on the case, including Agent R. C. Coulter who, as shown on page 30 of the report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor dated 7-3-33 at Kansas City, Missouri, was advised on 6-20-33 by J. Glen Harrison, Assistant Editor of the Dispatch Pioneer-Press, that through confidential sources he had received information regarding 204 Vernon Avenue, St. Paul, and the suspicious actions of its occupants. The occupants left there on Thursday, June 15, 1933, and returned 11:30 p.m. 6-18-33. They left the house and did not return until 2:00 a.m., 6-20-33, This it will be noted corresponded with the period of Mr. Hamm's abduction. Mr. Harrison reported the matter at 11:30 p.m., 6-19-33 to TOM DAHILL, St. Paul Police Chief, and the following morning to MIKE KINKEAD, County Attorney, St. Paul, but told Mr. Coulter he did not believe they were making any investigation to speak of and hence told this office.

What happened was that the Assistant Safety Commissioner went to the house (although as far as can be learned, he had never before made such investigations) and reported to the Police Department that there was nothing to the information given by Mr. Harrison.

MR. THOMPSON, reporter of the paper, then made an investigation, interviewing the landlord, neighbors, storekeepers, and others and learned that among other automobiles at that address had been one bearing license 1933, Missouri, 157309. This car was an Essex Terraplane Sedan which, according to the records of the Missouri license bureau, was issued to A. CARTER. This car was found at the Roberts Motor Company, St. Paul, by the St. Paul Police. The newspapers also received information that the car had been seen at Balsam Lake, Wisconsin, on June 20, 1933.

In that connection, the records of the Roberts Motor Company showed the car to have been transferred on June 10, 1934. This was evidently a false recording. Roberts Motor Company was reputed to be a Leon Gleckman garage.

On my return to St. Paul, I investigated the whole matter as the Police Department on June 20th or 21st searched the house and found a latent fingerprint on a beer bottle which, when sent to the Division, was found to be the fingerprint impression of Frank Nash. Telegraphic advice to that effect was received by this office on June 20th and by the Police Department.

The newspapers got this information, probably from the police, and already the press had carried stories that Bailey, Floyd, et al, were involved in the Kansas City massacre. Quite naturally, I presume, it was assumed that there was some connection between the occupants of 204 Vernon Avenue, St. Paul, and the Kansas City massacre. KARPIS, the BARKERS, and their gang are known to the Twin Cities newspapers for the reasons that prior to June, 1933, they had been discovered in a house in West St. Paul by a neighbor who had notified the police. The police are said to have "tipped them off" to leave. This created a major scandal and was played on by Mayor Mahoney in his election campaign of two years ago.

After I made my investigation in St. Paul, I went to Balsam Lake and a filling station attendant there identified KARPIS' photograph as being likeness of man there on June 20, 1933, in the Essex car registered to A. CARTER. My St. Paul investigation established that KARPIS, the two BARKER boys, and PAULA HARMON or WINNIE WILLIAMS had been at 204 Vernon Avenue. I knew they associated with Frank Nash because I had worked on the KEATING-HOLDEN case.

The newspapers a day or two after June 20th carried editorials severely criticizing the police for their lexity with regard to 204 Vernon Avenue. They also carried stories regarding KARPIS and BARKER and alleged another police "tip off". Confidential information received later was to the effect that TOM BROWN, member of the St. Paul Police Department, Kidnap Squad, had tipped off the occupants at 204 Vernon Avenue to leave.

The above, I think, will show how the newspapers knew, as a result of their own inquiries and the first confidential information they received, that NASH, KARPIS (A. CARTER), BAILEY, etc., were associated and the reasons for their surmises.

I do not know what happened in Kansas City after June 17th but I recall that "A. CARTER" was identified as VERNON MILLER, which my investigation disputed, and it now has been established that "A. CARTER" was ALVIN KARPIS. I do recall a news article with a Kansas City date line stating that VERNON MILLER had used the name "A. CARTER".

I have been informed by Special Agent R. L. Nalls that THOMPSON, the St. Paul Pioneer-Press Dispatch reporter, had told MR. NATHAN that he had checked the Essex car to "A. CARTER".

As to the connection between the above and the BREMER case, please be advised that one of the cars at 204 Vernon Avenue was traded at Roberts Motor Company on 6-10-33 for a car that was used by a couple at 628 Grand Avenue in St. Paul under the name of BERGSTROM in January, 1934. This car was sold to one of the renters of Post Office boxes at White Bear Lake,

Minnesota, mentioned previously herein as the gang who shot McCORD. This information the newspapers secured as indicated and I have not any doubt that a certain member on the St. Paul Police Department gave them what they could not get through ordinary inquiries. It will be remembered that the McCORD shooting was a police matter, it having occurred prior to the BREMER kidnaping.

I believe, and investigation conducted tends to establish it, that the persons occupying 204 Vernon Avenue in June, 1933, later in January, 1934, lived at 628 Grand Avenue.

At the present time, I am bringing in every one connected with any of these deals and attempting to identify "C. W. DAVIS."

McCORD, mentioned above, was shot shortly before the BREMER kidnaping by unknown persons in St. Paul. In that connection, confidential information received by me is that HARRIS and one of the BARKERS did the shooting. McCORD'S companion at the time of the shooting got the license number of the gunman's car and gave it to the police. They traced it to a DAVIS, after a transfer, at White Bear Lake where DAVIS and others had a Post Office box.

From this the newspapers, I presume, reached the conclusion as reflected by the article mentioned to me by you.

Very truly yours,

O. G. HALL,
Special Agent.

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
MARCH 21, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

IN RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, (DECEASED)
RICHARD TALLMAN GATES, with aliases,
FUG. I. O. 1201; CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD,
with aliases, FUG. I. O. 1194
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Confirming my telegram of even date, please be advised that shortly after noon a representative of the Associated Press telephoned me advising he had just received a bulletin from Chicago indicating that one J. George Zeigler had been killed in Chicago last night, apparently in connection with a gang killing. He further advised me that his bulletin indicated that Zeigler had been tentatively identified by Federal Agents in Chicago as being an individual who had manned one of the guns in the Union Station massacre case.

Accordingly you were telegraphically requested to obtain a photograph of the deceased individual in Chicago and forward the same to this office; your attention having been called to the report of Special Agent Cere, Salt Lake City, dated June 26, 1933, in the above captioned case.

Very truly yours,

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M. C. SPEAR, ACTING
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Room 1403
370 Lexington Ave.
New York City

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Registered Mail

March 21, 1934

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

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases
(Deceased), et al.
Obstruction of Justice (Endeavoring to
deliver Federal Prisoner, Frank Nash).

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the request contained in your letter of March 16, 1934, in the above entitled matter, inquiry was made at the office of the P & F Corbin Company, New Britain, Conn., in an effort to determine the possible identity of the lock for which their key #CR-234,946 was made.

Mr. W. F. Middlemass of the P & F Corbin Company, advised that the key, which he described as a cylinder type key, was cut in June, 1923, and no doubt, was cut in the Corbin factory at New Britain, but that it is a stock change key, that is, it was made up for cylinder locks to be kept in stock, and not for a predetermined cylinder lock. He stated also that there is no possible way, from their records, to determine the identity of the lock for which it was made, inasmuch as the only records maintained by the company are of master keys.

The key in question is being returned herewith.

Very truly yours,

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F. X. FAY
Special Agent in Charge
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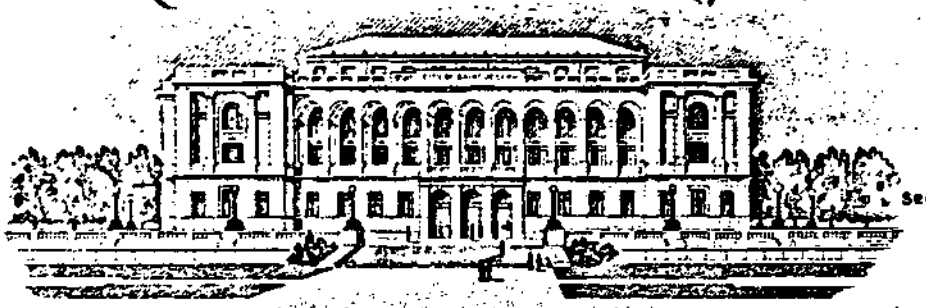

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CITY OF SAINT JOSEPH

SAINT JOSEPH, MISSOURI

March 16, 1934

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,
Bureau of Investigation,
Identification Division,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Kindly advise me where I can obtain photograph, description and fingerprints of W. A. Rush and Adam Richetti, alleged to be accomplices of Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd.

Thanking you in advance for the above information, I am

Yours very truly,

Chas A Enos

CHAS. A. ENOS
Chief of Police

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

Dear Sir:

The Division is in receipt of a request from the Chief of Police at St. Joseph, Missouri, for photographs, description, and fingerprints of W. A. Rush and Adam Richetti, alleged to be accomplices of Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd.

Richetti has been identified in the Division's files and the information furnished St. Joseph.

Upon the basis of the information furnished it has not been possible to identify W. A. Rush in the fingerprint files of the Division and your office is requested to advise whether this individual is a known associate of Floyd and furnish supplemental descriptive data sufficient to identify his record in the Division.

Very truly yours,

Director.

cc - Kansas City.

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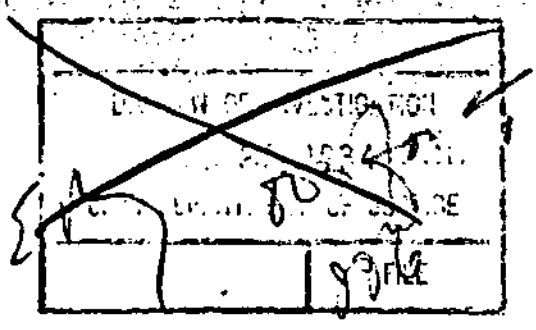

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Mr. Charles A. Enos,
Chief of Police,
St. Joseph, Missouri.

MAR 24 1934

Dear Sir:

In response to your request of March 16, 1934, there is transmitted herewith a photostatic reproduction of the record card of Adam Richetti, Oklahoma State Penitentiary No. 25773, who is possibly identical with the individual concerning whom you inquire. This record card bears the fingerprints, photograph, and description of Richetti.

With regard to W. A. Rush you are advised that upon the basis of the information which you have furnished it has not been possible to identify this individual in the fingerprint files of the Division. Should you subsequently come into possession of information regarding him, particularly, additional aliases, arrest or commitment numbers, I shall be pleased to have a further search made in an effort to effect identification.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure 689628.

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

1900 Bankers Building
Chicago Illinois

March 21, 1934.

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

Re: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases
(Deceased), et al.
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Dear Sir:

There are attached to this letter two copies of the photographs of George Zeigler alias Fred C. Goetz, and copies of this man's fingerprints are being forwarded to the St. Paul office with a copy of this letter.

Zeigler is described as follows:

Age - - - - - -39
Height - - - - 5'8" or 9"
Weight - - - - About 175 lb.
Build - - - - -Medium
Color of hair -Sandy brown
Color of eyes -Blue
Complexion - - Florid
Race - - - - - White
Nationality - -Scandinavian or Dutch
Residence - - -2141 Gunderson Ave., Berwyn, Ill.

This man is referred to in the Chicago office letter of even date, in which fingerprints were sent to the Division.

For the information of the St. Paul office, it will be noted that James George Zeigler alias G. B. Johnson alias A. W. and W. A. Johnson alias Fred C. Goetz was shot to death on March 20, 1934, in Cicero, Illinois. This man bore Chicago Police No. 96578, having been arrested on June 5, 1925 in Chicago for attempted rape and was also wanted for murder and robbery which occurred in 1925 in Chicago. This man is apparently identical with the George Zeigler described by Arthur Johnson alias "Red" Price in a number of reports in the above entitled case and in the case entitled "Alvin Karpis with aliases, et al.; Edward George Bremer - Victim - Kidnaping"

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In addition to the photographs enclosed to the Division, two photographs each of this individual, that is, a Chicago Police photograph of Goetz and a photograph taken of this man following his death, are enclosed to the St. Paul and the Kansas City offices. Other photographs will be distributed to interested offices at the time that a report concerning this matter is submitted, at which time undeveloped leads will be set forth.

When found dead, this man had a one thousand dollar bill in his possession and Special Agent W. Carter Baum found steel saws sewed in a belt which he carried in the car with him. He also had gauze in his satchel, which contained riding breeches, hunting boots and woolen socks. This man is a possible suspect in both the Kansas City massacre and in the kidnaping of victim Bremer.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Purvis per W. C. B.

M. H. PURVIS
Special Agent in Charge

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

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Kansas City, Missouri March 21, 1934.

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MAR 24 1934 PM

M. H. Purvis
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1900 Bankers Building
Chicago, Illinois

KANSAS ASSOCIATED PRESS HERE ADVISES J GEORGE ZEIGLER MURDERED CHICAGO TODAY BELIEVED RESEMBLES KILLER THIS CASE STOP REFER REPORT AGENT GERE SALT LAKE CITY JUNE TWENTY SIXTH LAST AND SUBSEQUENT INVESTIGATION PERTAINING THERETO FORWARD PHOTOGRAPH DECEASED IMMEDIATELY

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WESTERN UNION GIFT ORDERS SOLVE THE PERPLEXING QUESTION OF WHAT TO GIVE

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI. FILE NO. 62-410

REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:
DALLAS, TEXAS.	3-19-34.	3-17-34	C. B. WINSTEAD.

TITLE:	CHARACTER OF CASE:
VERNON C. MILLER (Deceased); et al.	CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Joe DeBaca, Italian, came to Terrell, Texas, from Hot Springs, Arkansas, Sept. 14, 1933, with Howard Collins; denies acquaintance with any racketeers. His wife left him and returned to Hot Springs. Son of Joe DeBaca, rancher, Kenton, Idaho.

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REFERENCE: Letter from Birmingham Office, dated February 28, 1934; and letter from Kansas City Office, dated March 14, 1934.

DETAILS:

Chief of Police M.L. Sullivan, Terrell, Texas, stated he has known Joe DeBaca ever since the latter came to Terrell, Texas about six months ago with another man who also works at the Palace Cafe in Terrell; that both DeBaca and his compenion Howard Collins are cooks, and about two weeks after DeBaca arrived in Terrell, his wife and small baby came to Terrell, Texas; that he became acquainted with them in a generel way and they told him that they came to Terrell because they had gone broke in the restaurent business in Hot Springs, Arkansas; that subsequent to their arrival at Terrell DeBaca and his wife had trouble and she left him and went back to Hot Springs.

Chief of Police Sullivan informed Agent that some three or four weeks ago a man by the name of French came to Terrell and obtained employment as a dish washer at the Palace Cafe where he worked about a week; that he stole an overcoat and left Terrell; that after French left he was informed that French and DeBaca had been on a big drunk together and French had suggested to DeBaca that they

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: F.J. Baum SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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pull a robbery together and get some money; that DeBaca had declined to go in with French on this proposed stick-up and remarked that he was not quite ready to leave Terrell.

b7E [redacted] DeBaca was interviewed at the police station and questioned concerning his knowledge of J.C. French, and informed that French was suspected of having burglarized a place in Oklahoma where latent fingerprints were taken and that French, who was suspected of having burglarized the place in question, had used the name of Joe DeBaca. DeBaca stated that he had never been fingerprinted in his life and would gladly furnish his prints. He was thereupon fingerprinted and his fingerprint card is attached to the Division copies of this report.

He stated that he was born in Italy, but his parents moved to the United States when he was one year of age, and that he was reared near Pocatello, Idaho, on a ranch; that his father is Joe DeBaca, Sr., a rancher, and lives about 75 miles from Pocatello and his post office address is Kenton, Idaho; that he has worked all over the country as a restaurant cook; that he moved to Hot Springs, Arkansas about a year ago and married a Miss Ruby Dillard, whose father, Jim Dillard, is a city fireman at Hot Springs; that he came from Hot Springs to Terrell in September, 1933, in his Ford Automobile, accompanied by Howard Collins, who is night cook at the Palace Cafe at Terrell where he (DeBaca) obtained employment two days after his arrival, as day cook.

DeBaca was then questioned as to his connections in Hot Springs. He stated that all he ever did there was cook and work hard; that he became acquainted with no racketeers of any sort and knows none of them; that he worked for J. Collins at the Mountain Valley Hotel for three months as a cook; that he worked for James Scott at the Crystal Grill; that he worked for John Williams at the Home Southern, and also for one Brownie at the Daytona Restaurant; that none of the above persons had partners so far as he knew and that they all are still in Hot Springs - or at least were when he left there on September 14.

DeBaca stated that a Mr. Schaflody of St. Louis, Missouri, owns the Mountain Valley Hotel. He is not sure as to the pronunciation or spelling of the name, but at any rate this same man owns a spring at Hot Springs from which water is shipped all over the country; that he became acquainted in Hot Springs with none of the gangsters or racketeers as none of them hung out around the restaurants where he was employed; that he believes most of the racketeers hang out around the Southern Grill in Hot Springs.

At the time DeBaca was questioned he had a letter in his shirt pocket and referred to this letter by stating he had just received it that morning from his wife. When asked where his wife is he stated she was in Hot Springs, and upon being asked when she would return to Terrell he stated from the way she wrote she was not going to come back to him.

Joe DeBaca is described as follows:

Name: Joe DeBaca
Age: 32
Ht.: 5' 6"
Wt.: 150
Build: medium
Comp. swarthy
Hair: black
Eyes: brown
Nativity: Italy
Relatives: wife - nee Ruby Dillard, Hot Springs, Arkansas.
Father: Joe DeBaca, Kenton, Idaho.
Marks & Scars: Tattoo - blue, woman's head and bust, with arms uplifted - right 4-arm inner.
Teeth: left upper front tooth gold.
Occupation: resteurant cook
Residence: Terrell, Texas.

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HATLER SMITH
109 North Bell
SHAWNEE, OKLA.

March 21, 1934.

Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director,
Division of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Press reports in the Shawnee Morning News of March 19th stated that the Government was going to repair the property which loss resulted from the attempted capture of Wilbur Underhill in this city, of December 29th, 1933.

Personally, I discussed this matter with Mr. Frank Smith and a Mr. Hansen of Oklahoma City on my visit to their office yesterday, they suggested that I address you direct with reference to the matter.

In the first place, the property meaning the real estate did not belong to the writer, same being owned by the Fidelity Building & Loan Ass'n., of this city. However, I did own the furniture in the house which was occupied by the outlaws at the time of the raid. Federal officer's of Oklahoma City have absolved me from any connection with them, as I rented them house to them upon recommendation of one of our Representatives from this County.

For your information, I am attaching hereto the list of the damage resulting therefrom, in accordance with the request ofthe Oklahoma City Office. It is my understanding that the owners of the property have submitted an estimate of something over $200.00 for repairs to the house. Certainly, if they are entittled to recovery, I too, should be placed in the same position.

My furniture was all purchased after I was married which was on the 19th day of February 1932, consequently, you will observe that it was practically new. I have been out of employment since November 1932, at which time the Shawnee National Bank failed, for whom I worked. Coming as it did, this incident has been an extremely hard blow under such circumstances.

Yours very truly,

HATLER SMITH

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These items represent articles and property stolen or taken by souvineer hunters from the house in question due to the fact that no police protection was afforded theowner thereof. The owner being out of town at the time of the disaster.

	Cost.	
1 Bed Room Lamp	4.50	
1 Bed Room Clock (Little Ben)	4.50	
1 Eastman Kodak (Post Card)	25.00	
1 36 Pc 1836 Rogers Silver	35.00	
6 Crystal Goblets (2.00 ea)	12.00	
1 Set Chinaware	38.00	
1 Wicker Sewing Basket	5.00	Gift to Mrs. Smith
Slip covers for Divan and two chairs	25.00	Labor for making $12.50 Material cost $12.50
6 Budoir Pillows	18.00	
1 Portfolio	15.00	Engraved Hatler Smith
5 Large Panels (Curtains) two tie backs	16.00	
8 Pillow Cases	8.00	34.00 — 40.00
8 Feather Pillows	16.00	
4 Hand-made Quilts	40.00	
1 cover for Dressing Table	7.50	
2 Bed spreads (12. & 10.)	22.00	
12 Sheets (Pequoit)	18.00	
12 Face Towels(some Embroy'd)	10.00	
18 Bath Towels	9.00	— 12.00
12Tea Towels	4.00	
2 Bed Pads	5.00	
7 Radio Tubes	7.50	
1 Electric Iron (Hot Point)	6.50	

The following item were damaged by fire caused from bullet or tear gas guns:

1 Beaty Rest Mattress	37.50	Actual cost to repair by Sealy Mat Co	25.4
1 Set Beaty Rest Springs	37.50	" " "	10.9
1 Bur Walnut Bed Stead,		Actual cost to repair Burned & Bullet holes	7.5
1 Chinese rug	195.00	" " "	7.0
1 Divan	285.00	" " "	14.5

The pepairs made on the latter items were made by the Factories who produced them.

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March 31, 1934.

Mr. Hatler Smith,
105 North Bell Street,
Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated March 21, 1934, submitting estimates on the amount of damage done to your household furnishings and property at the time of the attempted capture of Wilbur Underhill in the house owned by you at Shawnee, Oklahoma on December 29, 1933.

Please be advised that this matter is now receiving investigative attention and the results of the investigation will be submitted to the Department for an opinion as to what disposition should be made of your claim.

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Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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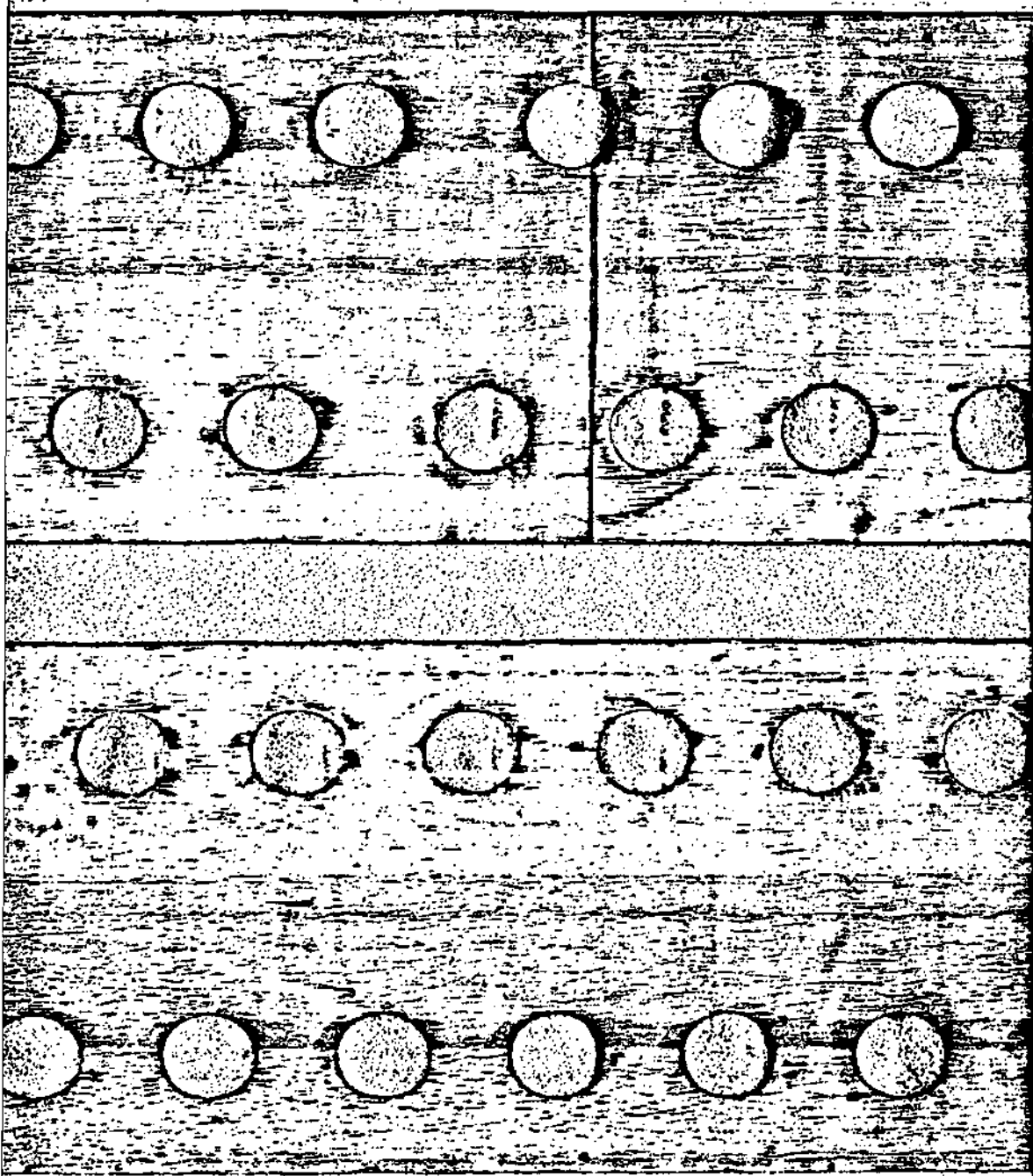

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1930 Bankers Building
Chicago Illinois

March 21, 1934.

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

Re: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (Deceased),
et al.
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVERY FEDERAL PRISONER

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the reports from your office in the above entitled case and reports from your office entitled "Alvin Karpis with aliases, et al.; Edward George Bremer - Victim - Kidnaping", concerning interviews with Arthur Johnson alias "Red" Price, who is now confined in the Colorado State Penitentiary at Canon City, Colorado.

This man named one George Zeigler as a friend and confederate of Frank Nash when this individual was hiding in the vicinity of Chicago following his escape from Leavenworth Penitentiary. One James George Zeigler alias G. B. Johnson alias J. A. Johnson alias A. W. Johnson alias Fred C. Goetz, was shot on March 20, 1934, at Cicero, Illinois, having been murdered while entering a restaurant by men using a shotgun at a distance of a few feet. It is believed that this man was identical to the George Zeigler mentioned by "Red" Price. Fingerprints of this individual disclosed that he bore Chicago Police No. 96578 under the name of Fred C. Goetz and was arrested on June 5, 1925 on a charge of attempted rape of a seven-year old child. He was wanted on October 8, 1925 for the murder of a chauffeur, who was driving Dr. H. R. Cross, when a robbery occurred, in Chicago, Illinois.

Two pictures of Fred C. Goetz taken by the Chicago Police Department in 1925, and two copies of his pictures taken after death, are enclosed to your office. The pictures taken after death show mutilation to the extent that identification would be doubtful. It is suggested that you show these pictures immediately to Arthur Johnson alias "Red" Price, so that he can identify them if possible. The results of this identification should be forwarded to the Chicago Division office by telegram.

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A description of Zeigler is as follows:

Age - - - - -30
Height - - - 5'8" or 9"
Weight - - - About 175 lb.
Build - - - -Medium
Color of hair - Sandy brown
Color of eyes - Blue
Complexion - Florid
Race - - - - White
Nationality -Scandinavian or Dutch
Residence - -2141 Gunderson Ave., Berwyn, Ill.

When searching Zeigler's effects, Special Agent W. Carter Baum discovered a size 32 Hickock belt, much worn, which had concealed in the front immediately in the rear of the buckle eight steel saws about one-fourth inch wide and about six inches long, which would be of use in cutting steel bars. In the cheap suitcase which Zeigler had in the car was an expensive looking khaki or brown shirt without identifying marks of any kind except for the name, "William Young and Co., 208 North Center Street, Reno, Nevada". He had two pairs of woolen socks which had gray feet and red tops. These red tops extended from the ankles upward. This man had a pair of high top leather shoes which had regular soles and heels with oil leather tops about 14" or 16" high. He had in his possession a pair of striped denim pants, a Plymouth shirt, gray in color, size 14½, size 33 sleeve, bearing the symbols, 014980. He also had two pairs of riding pants, brown in color with leather on the inside of the knees. These pants were of the laced leg variety. He had an elastic knee supporter with tags showing the letters C and G Hornbro seamless Size S No. 66118. He also had a package of gauze such as is usually used to dress wounds. There were no identifying marks on the shoes or clothing except an old laundry mark on the denim pants, which was apparently CMC. No labels appeared in any of the clothing except as mentioned. A card in this man's possession with writing on it indicated that he probably knew "Doc" Stacey.

If the picture of this man is identified by Arthur Johnson alias "Red" Price, it is suggested that appropriate interviews be made at Reno, Nevada, for the purpose of ascertaining who bought this shirt, since the riding pants and boots may have been purchased at the same time. It has been reported at various times that this gang had a hideout in the vicinity of Reno, Nevada and this information might assist in the location of such a hideout.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS
Special Agent in Charge

MCB:AB

Suite 1 -
Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.
March 22, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER(DECEASED); RICHARD TALLEY GALATAS, with aliases-Fugitive, IC 1201;
CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases-Fugitive,
IC 1194, ET AL.
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

b7D [redacted] Kansas City, Missouri, appeared at this office a few days ago and advised Special Agent K. F. Traylor that at the residence where she boards and rooms reside Elmer Johnson and his wife. Johnson is employed as shop foreman at the Diamond T Truck Company, 16th and Oak Streets, Kansas City, Missouri, where his telephone number is Harrison 1792.

[redacted] requested that her name not be mentioned outside of this Division as furnishing the information, which she gave.

It was stated by the informant that sometime shortly after January 1, 1934, Elmer Johnson, while conversing with friends at the residence, remarked that, while he was at his home at Sulphur Springs, Arkansas, during the Christmas holidays, he saw Charles Arthur Floyd, who, he stated, is residing on a farm near Sulphur Springs.

b7D The farm where Floyd is said to reside is adjacent to a farm owned by the Johnson family. [redacted] was under the impression that the father of Elmer Johnson still resides at Sulphur Springs.

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67D [redacted] stated that about March 5th, Elmer Johnson again made a remark of similar nature, stating that he had again been to Sulphur Springs, and had seen "Pretty Boy Floyd." She stated that she knows nothing further in regard to this matter, and that she has no associates or relatives, who are implicated with criminal gangs; that her only reason for furnishing this information is that she desires to share in any reward which might be offered for the apprehension of this fugitive and believed that she might as well make the money as someone else.

67D [redacted] remarked that the location of Sulphur Springs is adjacent to Noel, Missouri, altho she did not know whether it was situated in the State of Missouri or close to the line in Arkansas, but in the conversation with Johnson, she was led to believe that the town of Sulphur Springs is close to Noel.

In discussing this information with Sheriff Tom Bash of Kansas City, Missouri, who is also interested in apprehending Floyd, Mr. Bash stated that one of his most efficient and trusted deputies comes from Sulphur Springs, which is about three miles south of the Missouri line in the State of Arkansas. This Deputy Sheriff is named Lawrence Hodges. Mr. Bash called Hodges into conference.

Mr. Hodges stated that his brother, William Hodges, resides at Sulphur Springs with his wife. William Hodges engages in the business of collection adjustments and travels considerably, but usually spends the week ends in Sulphur Springs.

Lawrence Hodges stated that it is his knowledge that there is no law enforcement of any consequence at Sulphur Springs, Arkansas, and that any information obtained there would have to be secured in a strictly confidential manner through parties known to be cooperative and trustworthy. He stated that the locality of Sulphur Springs would be an excellent hide-out for Subject Floyd.

Lawrence Hodges is personally acquainted with Elmer Johnson, and his relatives of Sulphur Springs, and he stated that the elder Johnson, whose first name he does not recall, operated a stone garage, which is the main garage at Sulphur Springs. The elder Johnson is now said to be deceased, but other members of the family still conduct the business. Mr. Hodges stated that the members of the Johnson family are considered reliable. However, it was further stated that the entire populace in the vicinity of Sulphur Springs consists of mountain folks, and they are always reluctant to furnish information regarding the whereabouts of any fugitive. For this reason, he believes, that it would be futile for any stranger to seek information at Sulphur Springs, because of the fact that the town is small and an investigation could not be kept confidential.

Lawrence Hodges stated that his brother, William Hodges hunts and fishes a great deal in the vicinity of Sulphur Springs and is intimately acquainted with practically every individual in that locality. That no matter how well guarded any information might be around Sulphur Springs, he believes his brother could secure it. He also stated that due to his acquaintance with Elmer Johnson, he believed he might be able to secure some information of value through personal interview with him at Kansas City.

Accordingly, on March 21, Hodges interviewed Elmer Johnson. He did not indicate that this Division was aware of the fact that Floyd was reported to have contacts at Sulphur Springs, but advised Johnson that he had heard through some of his relatives that there is a possibility that Floyd might frequent that place. He requested Johnson to assist him in a confidential manner in locating Floyd. Johnson advised him that he is personally acquainted with Floyd, but said he has not seen him for several years, and he volunteered to seek any available information when he again goes to Sulphur Springs, which may lead to Floyd's location.

After discussing this matter with Agents of this office, Hodges again interviewed Johnson, requesting him to come to the Kansas City office for interview, since Johnson had indicated that he was aware the Government was seeking to apprehend Floyd.

Elmer Johnson was interviewed on March 21st by Special Agents Harold E. Andersen and W. F. Trainor in company with Deputy Sheriffs John Kelley and Lawrence Hodges. Johnson stated that he has no definite information that Floyd is in the vicinity of Sulphur Springs, but that he has in mind several people in that vicinity who might protect him.

Elmer Johnson frankly stated that his relatives began their business at that place many years ago when Oklahoma was an Indian Territory, and that they had made their money by dealing with parties of the outlaw class who traveled between the Indian Territory and the North; that, therefore, it would be unwise for business reasons for any one, particularly him, to do anything which would reflect activity in connection with the apprehension of a party such as Floyd.

However, Johnson stated that he would personally welcome an opportunity to assist the officers and stated he believes he could secure information through guarded inquiries in Sulphur Springs if Floyd is in that vicinity. He stated he makes occasional trips to Sulphur Springs to see his relatives, and that he would do his best to secure this information, which he will give to this office and the Sheriff at Kansas City, upon his return at the earliest opportunity. He proffered no information which would indicate frankness in corroboration of the data furnished by [redacted] and, of course, he could not be questioned in that connection without disclosing the source of the information.

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In view of the development of facts subsequent to the report of [redacted] it appears that her statements were based upon conversation which she did actually overhear and, therefore, it is believed that Elmer Johnson is for some reason concealing information. It is thought possible that he is reluctant to state all the facts in his knowledge for fear of injury to some of his friends or relatives at Sulphur Springs. There is a

$500.00 reward offered for Floyd by the Sheriff at Kansas City. This was mentioned to Johnson and he was advised by the Deputy Sheriffs that if he furnished information that would lead to Floyd's apprehension, he would share in such reward. It is apparent that Johnson is very much interested in the financial gain which such information might bring him.

Johnson, when asked exactly what he would do to assist this office, stated that he intends to proceed to Sulphur Springs within the next few days and when there, he will arrange with his brother, who is in the garage business at that place to notify him immediately when and if Floyd comes to Sulphur Springs. He stated he will take with him when he next goes to Sulphur Springs a code book used in the automobile parts business and will arrange with his brother to use a code of this kind in sending him a wire stating the location of Floyd. It was apparent from the statements of Elmer Johnson in this connection that he believes he is in possession of information which may place him in position to cause Floyd's apprehension, and it is thought quite probable that he will assist in the manner mentioned at such time as he can do it without endangering any of his relatives or friends.

This information is being transmitted to you, in order that you may be advised as to the plans which are now being made.

The question of making any of the inquiries openly at Sulphur Springs, Arkansas, has been considered by this office and, based upon the information of Lawrence Hodges, would not appear advisable, as it is believed information of this kind could not be secured by such inquiry.

Lawrence Hodges has today wired his brother, William Hodges at Sulphur Springs, simply stating that he desires him to get in touch with him by telephone. When William Hodges calls, he is to be requested to come to Kansas City to see his brother as soon as possible. No discussion will be had of the instant matter by telephone and nothing will be shown regarding it in any telegrams to William Hodges. Arrangements are, however, to be made with William Hodges to seek the information regarding Floyd's location at Sulphur Springs.

Any further developments which occur will be made known to you, and if it appears that Floyd is located at Sulphur Springs, you will receive a telephone call from this office to that effect.

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Sheriff Tom Bash of Kansas City has offered to devote his armored cars, gas equipment, machine guns and man power to the services of this Division for a raid to apprehend Floyd, if and when he is located. The point in question is about five hours drive from Kansas City.

Very truly yours,

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

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cc(3)Division
62-760

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March 23, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Brantley telephoned last night from Oklahoma City inquiring as to the importance of the assignment of Special Agent Burch to Washington on a special. He pointed out that Burch was now in the interior portions of Oklahoma and had developed contacts which are resulting in the obtaining of information never before learned of and which appear likely to lead to the apprehension of Pretty Boy Floyd. He stated that after six or seven days it could be told if this information was really to lead to the apprehension desired. He asked if he could be notified by wire today as to whether Burch should proceed immediately, or whether he might be permitted to remain at Oklahoma City in view of this situation. I told him that I would make inquiries to determine the desires of the Division.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

During telephonic conversation today Mr. Sanford Bates inquired as to whether I desired the transfer of Vivian Mathers to Milan, Michigan, immediately. He stated that the quarters there are being enlarged, and will be completed in approximately thirty days, and he felt that would be the logical time to make the transfer. I told him that we would want it done sooner than that, within the next week or ten days. Mr. Bates seemed to feel that the plan we have in mind would not be effective, and that we would meet difficulties in connection with privileges that would be requested by Kathryn Kelly in return for information given us by her. I informed Mr. Bates that the information given by her so far has checked one hundred percent; that she has asked only for the right to correspond with her daughter and listen to the radio and that we are giving her no more. I stated that in my opinion if she gives information that is useful it should be made of record and if she later wanted consideration for parole or pardon the matter would be up to the Board handling such requests. I further stated that since she is perfectly willing to cooperate with us in obtaining information, I certainly could see no harm in [illegible].

Mr. Bates asked if I had any objection to his taking the matter up with Miss Hironimous, of the Alderson, West Virginia, Reformatory where she is in town today. I told him I had no objection to this. Mr. Bates telephoned after his conference with Miss Hironimous and stated that she agreed with him that it wouldn't allay suspicion to transfer other inmates with Vivian Mathers, and suggested that if any question is raised, it be stated that she is being transferred for her own protection. They felt this to be a more plausible explanation. Mr. Bates felt that in any event she, herself, would know the reason for her transfer. I told him I could not understand this in view of the fact that such transfers are made from time to time. He stated, however that it would be somewhat out of the ordinary for a short-termed prisoner who is causing no trouble. I informed Mr. Bates that if he felt the matter could not be handled effectively in the manner suggested, I would prefer that he take no action until I had talked with the Agents since they had specifically requested that Vivian Mathers be transferred with several other prisoners. I told him I would try to effect some other arrangements. Mr. Bates assured me of his desire to cooperate and suggested that after talking with the Agents I call him back and he would work out some way if I desired it.

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Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
Director.

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March 23, 1934

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

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, (Deceased); RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. No. 1201, Conspiracy to deliver Federal Prisoner.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter of the Chicago Office addressed to your office in the above entitled case, dated March 3, 1934, with which were transmitted photographic likenesses of Vivian Matthews, the former paramour of subject Miller, and Bobbie Moore, it being noted that the photograph of the latter was not a very good one.

There are inclosed herewith, and to all offices receiving a copy of this letter, several photographic reproductions of the photograph of these two women obtained from the files of the Identification Unit of the Division.

The photograph of Vivian Matthews bears No. 2231 of the United States Industrial Institute for Women, Alderson, West Virginia, and the photograph of Bobbie Moore bears No. 2230 of the same institution.

It is noted that the letter of the Chicago Office dated March 3, 1934, directed to the St. Paul Office did not designate a copy for the Kansas City Office, which is the office of origin in the above entitled case. It is important that copies of all communications written in connection with this case should be furnished the Kansas City Office in order that it may be properly informed of each and every investigation made in connection with that case.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Kansas City

1900 Bankers Building
Chicago Illinois

March 3, 1934.

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

Re: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (deceased), et al.
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter of Inspector W. A. Rorer at St. Paul, Minnesota, February 26, 1934, requesting the latest photographs of Vivian Matthews with aliases and Bobbie Moore with aliases.

In response to this request, the Chicago office is forwarding to the St. Paul office with this letter group picture 6000 of the Chicago Police Department, showing a likeness of Vivian Matthews, the paramour of Miller, and a portrait of Bobbie Moore, which is not a very good likeness, and which was copied from a picture of her which she had in her possession.

Since both of these women are now believed to be incarcerated in Alderson, W. Virginia, having been sentenced from Chicago, Illinois to serve a year and a day for harboring Miller, it is believed that better pictures may be secured from that source if such pictures are desired.

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Very truly yours,

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M. H. PURVIS
Special Agent in Charge

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U.S.Industrial Institute for Women,
Alderson, W.Va. - No. 2230

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
Bureau of Investigation
P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
March 22, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

With reference to telegram from the Division, dated March 15, 1934 with respect to the damage done to the house where Wilbur Underhill was recently apprehended, which house is owned by the Fidelity Building and Loan Association of Shawnee, Oklahoma, please be advised that Special Agent Paul Hansen immediately proceeded to Shawnee where he contacted some of the leading painters and contractors. Through the assistance of Chief of Police Budd, the following persons, all of Shawnee, agreed to look over this property and make an estimate of what it would cost to repair it:

Ray R. Moore
Grant and Son
Wirfs Company
H. D. Troop
M. E. Harrison

Chief Budd stated that all these persons are reliable contractors and that their work can be relied upon. An appointment was made by Agent Hansen with each of them to meet at the so-called Hatler Smith house at 606 West Dewey Street, at which time, a key was secured and the last four above-mentioned contractors appeared there and looked over the property. All agreed to figure on this repair and send an estimate to the Oklahoma City Division office that night, March 16, 1934. To date, only two estimates have been received, one for $75.00 by M. E. Harrison, and one for $40.00 by H. D. Troop. These estimates are being copied below, and the original of each is being kept in the Oklahoma City Division files.

Memo. Mr. Stanley Mutter
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"Mr. Hanson
Okla. City.

Gentlemen:

"We will furnish materials and labor
2 coats on walls and repair wood work and walls
repatched and outside holes repatched retouched with
paint and screens repaired

for the sum of
Seventy five dollars 75/00

Yours truly,

M. E. Harrison
604 W. Chapman St.
Shawnee, Oklahoma."

"March 17, 1934

"Division of Investigation,
United States Dept. of Justice,
224 Federal Building,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Gentlemen: The undersigned contractor hereby proposes to furnish all material and labor to replace broken glass, damaged door panels, interior and exterior caseings, window and door screens; patch holes in plaster and redecorate the walls; paint the new sideing boards on the outside to match the rest of the house, use plastic wood wherever practical in fixing small holes. In general repair the house into as good a condition as it originally was, for the sum of $40.00."

Respectfully submitted by

H. D. Troop.

A representative of Wirfs Company did not seem enthusiastic about making a bid on this repair work. A Mr. Grant of Grant and Son promised to send in a bid, but from Agent Hansen's observation of him, he was not impressed that Grant would do this. In view of the facts stated herein, further effort will not be made to secure any bids on this house unless it is the desire of the Division that this be done.

It might be stated here that when Agent Paul Hansen was in charge of the Oklahoma City Division office during my absence, March 20, 1934, Mr. Hatler Smith who had rented this house and sublet it to Underhill's associates, and whose furniture has been damaged and some stolen, called at the Oklahoma City office and advised Agent Hansen that he had heard that some persons in Shawnee had made a bid on the estimated cost of repairing this house, and that a piece appeared in the Shawnee newspaper wherein it quoted Smith as saying the Government would repair this house. Mr. Smith said that he did not advise anyone that the Government was going to repair this house, and in fact, was not in town when Agent Hansen was there. The latter fact is corroborated by Agent Hansen. Mr. Smith observed, however, that as the Government was securing bids on the estimated damage done to this house, it seemed that they had some intention of fixing the house up, and if such was the case, he believed that as his loss was greater than the owner of the house by the damage and theft of some of his furniture, he thought it would not be unreasonable if the Government paid him his loss also. Agent Hansen informed Smith that he had no information regarding the intention of the Government with respect to repairing this house, and suggested if Mr. Smith wanted to take this matter up that he write to the Division concerning it. The Division, therefore, will probably receive a letter from Mr. Smith in this regard.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Bramley

DWIGHT BRAMLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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

Dear Sir:

IN RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, DECEASED
RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS, with aliases - FUG.
I.O. 1201; CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases,
FUG. I. O. #1194
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Reference is made to Division letter of March 14, 1934, pertaining to this matter and to the case of ALVIN KARPIS, ET AL EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM. KIDNAPING, wherein reference is made to a long distance telephone call made on the night of June 16, 1933, from Kansas City to the Hollyhocks Inn, St. Paul, Minnesota, which had an apparent connection with this massacre. It is also pointed out in the letter from the Division that Paula Harmon, believed to be an associate of the so-called BARKER-KARPIS gang, probably made a long distance telephone call from Kansas City, Missouri, to Beaumont, Texas, during April or May 1933, to one Theodore Riley, to whom Paula Harmon also forwarded $40.00 by mail, evidently from Kansas City, Missouri.

Investigation in connection with Paula Harmon's appearance in Kansas City, as made recently by this office, has disclosed that she was here on May 13, 1933, when she secured an express package by calling at the Railway Express Agency in person. It is also indicated that she was visiting at the residence of Vernon C. Miller, 6612 Edgevale Road, telephone Jackson 7073, and that she was also in friendly contact with the family of Frank B. Mulloy, 14 East 56th Street Terrace, telephone Hiland 0852.

Investigation in this matter has also shown that Frank B. Mulloy is associated in a business way with June Kathrens, of the Kathrens Storage Company here, and that Kathrens was also friendly with Vernon C. Miller. Kathrens resides at number 3 East Concord Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, where he resided in June 1933, having telephone number Hiland 6707. The telephone number at the Kathrens Storage Company is Logan 3400. The telephone number at the wholesale beer establishment operated by Kathrens and Mulloy jointly is Victor 4400. These numbers were the same in June 1933. There were also

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during June 1933 two road houses in Kansas City in which Mulloy and Kathrens were interested; namely, the 85th Street Tavern and the Horse Shoe Club, telephone numbers Jackson 9702 and Jackson 9515 respectively.

Attention is called to the report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor dated at Kansas City, Missouri, November 28, 1933, in this matter, especially to pages 5 and 6, showing long distance calls from the telephones of these two road houses during the months of April and July 1933. It may be stated here that it seemed apparent at the time that report was made that there should be some record of long distance telephone calls from those telephones of May and June 1933, and although this office has endeavored repeatedly, through the assistance of the telephone company, to locate such records, it has been definitely stated by telephone company officials here that there were no calls during that period (May and June 1933), inasmuch as there are no toll tickets to be found. The telephone company does not render a bill on telephones such as these, same having been pay telephones and the only available record would be the toll tickets.

Investigation has been made heretofore of the records pertaining to Frank B. Mulloy's telephone and it was found that there were no long distance calls from that phone to any point in Texas during the period from April 1 to August 1, 1933. The telephone of Mulloy shows the following long distance calls during that period:

DATE	CITY	PERSON	NUMBER
Apr. 6	Chicago, Ill.		Maywood 1893
Apr. 28	Leavenworth, Ks.		1475
May 4	Leavenworth, Ks.	Adler	1475
May 16	Chicago, Ill.	June E. Kathrens	Delaware 9782 (Stevens Hotel)
May 23	Western Union Telegram signed Rosemary		
May 24	Chicago, Ill.		Boulevard 1752
May 25	Leavenworth, Ks.		727
May 25	Leavenworth, Ks.	T. Hogan	727
June 8	Leavenworth, Ks.	Hogan's restaurant	2839
June 5	Chicago, Ill.		Boulevard 1752
June 29	Chicago, Ill.		Superior 4660 (St. Clair Hotel)
July 1	Leavenworth, Ks.		325
July 1	Western Union telegram signed Mulloy		
July 3	Leavenworth, Ks.		325

Investigation has not been completed in this District with reference to the identity of the parties called by Mulloy and to whom the telegrams appear to have been sent, although it does not appear that any of these calls pertain to either this or the Bremer case. Attention is directed to the fact that Maywood 1893, Chicago, Illinois, is evidently the private telephone of Louis Stacci.

As outlined in the report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, in this case, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, December 8, 1933, on page 11, the long distance telephone call made from Kansas City, Missouri, to the Hollyhocks Inn, St. Paul, Minnesota, on the night of June 16, 1933, was made from the Union Railroad Station. Same was a station to station call and the name of no one, either calling or being called, is shown on the record. A photostatic copy of the long distance toll ticket reflecting that call is herewith transmitted to the Division.

Inquiry was made of the telephone company on March 17, 1934 and March 19, 1934, to determine whether there were any long distance telephone calls from the phone numbers Hiland 6707 and Victor 4400 made to Beaumont, Texas, or other points in Texas, during April, May or June 1933 which could be identical with the call alleged to have been made by Paula Harmon to Theodore Riley, as mentioned in the reference letter from the Division. Agent was advised, however, that the long distance telephone toll tickets for the months of April and May 1933 have been destroyed, pursuant to the regular policy of the telephone company. There may be a few May tickets still available, and a search is still under way by the telephone company to locate such as may be found.

The telephone company is still unable to locate any toll tickets for Jackson 9515 or Jackson 9702 for May or June 1933.

It is thought probable that there may have been some long distance calls on Hiland 6707 for June 1933 which would now be available, and within the next few days the Kansas City Office will be advised as to what is discovered in this connection.

It has been indicated in several communications in the Bremer case that Paula Harmon is believed to have stopped at the Baltimore Hotel during April or May 1933 when she was in Kansas City, and, accordingly, the long distance telephone records in possession of the auditor of the hotel were completely searched for the months of April and May 1933 but there are found no long distance telephone

calls to Beaumont, Texas on those records.

The daily local telephone records of the hotel in question are still available and reflect all telephone calls made within Kansas City from that Hotel. A partial search has been made to locate telephone numbers called from any room at the hotel identical with those of Frank B. Mulloy, June Kathrens, Vernon C. Miller, or the road houses, telephone numbers of which are all mentioned herein. To date there has been discovered nothing pertinent, but the search is continuing. A later report will be rendered in connection therewith.

It is noted that investigation has been made and reported heretofore, through the Bremer case, at the Baltimore Hotel, in an effort to locate a registration of Paula Harmon, especially during the months of April or May 1933, but same was done without result.

Special Agent W. F. Trainor, who made this inquiry of the telephone company at Kansas City, Missouri, was advised that even though the long distance toll tickets for the months for which long distance calls are thought to have been made are available, unless specific telephone numbers are indicated for search there is no means of determining whether long distance calls were made from Kansas City to a given point without a search of the records pertaining to approximately 250,000 telephones in Kansas City and the suburbs. This is true because the records do not reflect long distance calls by cities, and the toll tickets are filed under the respective numbers of the source from which the calls emanate. The telephone company would decline to make such a search, and would require definite information as to what telephone and what date is to be considered.

The telephone records indicate the following toll calls on the telephone of Vernon C. Miller, listed under the name of Vincent C. Moore, 6612 Edgevale Road, for the period from April 1 to June 16, 1933, which was the full period for which the telephone was used:

April 12, 1933 - to Joplin, Mo. - Number 1541W2. Residence Subjects Herbert Allen Farmer and Esther Farmer.

April 16, 1933 - to Joplin, Mo. - Number 1541W2 - Same as above.

April 18, 1933 - to Leavenworth, Ks. - Number 458 - Barnes-Collard Chevrolet Company.

April 29, 1933 - to Leavenworth, Ks. - Number 1362 - Telephone of Jack Glyn.

May 3, 1933 - By "Moore" to Minneapolis, Minnesota - telephone number Atlantic 3177 - Nicollet Hotel, Room 764.

June 1, 1933 - to Hot Springs, Ark. - phone number LD12 to Dick Latius (Evidently Richard Tallman Galatas, Subject of this case).

June 16, 1933 - Suburban call to Overland Park, Kansas, Number 411.

The long distance telephone calls mentioned above have been previously investigated. Subjects Herbert Allen Farmer and Esther Farmer denied, when interviewed, that they were at home when the telephone calls of April 12th and 16th were made at their house, having no other plausible explanation to offer.

The telephone call to the Chevrolet Company at Leavenworth, Kansas, could not be verified as no one there seemed to have any definite recollection of same. It was ascertained, however, that in all probability Miller had traded with that company.

The telephone call to Jack Glyn, of Leavenworth, Kansas, was noted originally in this investigation. Glyn is a close associate of all hoodlums and was formerly Chief of Police at Leavenworth, Kansas. He "fronts" for the friends of the most notorious criminals who are in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, and was formerly able to arrenge interviews for such parties with prisoners until the Warden became suspicious of him and failed to show him any further courtesies.

The telephone call made to the Nicollet Hotel, Minneapolis, Minnesota, was investigated without definite results.

As to the suburban call made on June 16th to Overland Park 411, it was ascertained that this is the number of the Milburn Golf Club, at which Miller is said to have played golf a great deal. He is shown by the records of that golf course, according to previous investigation made by this office, to have played for the last time there June 13, 1933. A further check is being made of the identities of all parties who might have been on the course when this telephone call was received on June 16th. It is indicated that the call was of five minute duration and was made at 6:11 P.M.

A check of the calls from Overland Park 411 as of June 16th reveals that there were no long distance calls placed on that date, and suburban toll tickets show that the following Kansas City numbers were called:

Valentine 8100 - Alcazar Hotel
Victor 6328 - Erie Railroad Company
Grand 1125 - Hamm-Singer Corp. 200 Grand Ave.
Victor 9200 - J. J. Engle & Company
Drexel 0448 - Williams Meat Co., 20 Kansas Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas.
Victor 7690 - Stanley & Stanley, Attys., 212 Federal Reserve Bank Building.

None of these calls were made after 6 P.M. An investigation of all calls made to the above numbers which were reached from Overland Park 411 failed to reveal any calls of a suspicious nature which apparently might be connected with any of the Subjects in this case.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR, ACTING
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc - 2 St. Paul
1 Chicago
1 San Antonio

U. S. Department of Justice
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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Suite L -
Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.
March 24, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to the letter from the Chicago office dated March 21, 1934, addressed to the Division, relative to the assassination of one James George Zeigler, Chicago, PD #96578, whose fingerprints are presumably on file in the Division's Fingerprint Unit. It is requested that a comparison of those fingerprints be made with such of the latent impressions taken from the residence of Vernon C. Miller at Kansas City, Missouri, as have not been eliminated by identification.

It is requested also that the Kansas City office be furnished with the criminal record of James George Zeigler, which may appear in the Division's records at Washington, D.C.

Very truly yours,

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

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March 29, 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 your letter of March 24, 1934, in connection with the case entitled Vernon C. Miller (Deceased), et al; Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

As requested by you the fingerprints of James George Zeigler, Chicago, I.D., #96578, (deceased), have been compared with the latent fingerprints taken from the residence of Vernon C. Miller at Kansas City, Missouri, but no identifications have been made.

A search of the fingerprint records of the Identification Unit has failed to disclose any prior criminal record of Zeigler.

Very truly yours,

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Director
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Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

IN RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, DECEASED
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases - FUG.
I. O. #1201; CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with
aliases, FUG. I. O. #1194.
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Please refer to letter from Special Agent in Charge Conroy addressed to the Director, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, March 20, 1934, relative to the recovery from a Union Railroad Station waitress of a .45 caliber bullet found shortly after the instant massacre at the Union Station at Kansas City.

Through arrangement with Mr. Tom Bash, Sheriff here, the waitress, Miss Dorothy Kendrick, 5929 Outlook Avenue, Overland Park, Kansas, appeared at this office later on March 20, 1934, after dictation of the above mentioned letter. She was interviewed by Special Agent in Charge Conroy and Special Agents Andersen and Trainor in the presence of Sheriff Bash, and advised that the bullet which she had given to Sheriff Bash on March 3, 1934, and which was later turned over by Sheriff Bash to this office, had been received by her on March 2nd from Mr. L. T. Mart, 1915 Walnut Street, Kansas City, Missouri. She agreed that the bullet in question should be retained by the Government for whatever disposition might be desired.

Miss Kendrick also advised that L. T. Mart had given her several other ballistic specimens on June 18, 1933, and that Mart advised her at that time that he had picked them up at the Union Railroad Station immediately after the massacre. These specimens, she stated, she turned over to the Kansas City Police Department immediately upon receiving them on June 18th. She could not recall the descriptions of these specimens and stated she gave them to two police detectives, names not known, who were at the Union Station on June 18th. It may be noted that certain specimens were later released by Chief of Detectives Tom Higgins to Merle A. Gill on June 18, 1933, and it appears that the bullets received by Gill

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included those which were turned over by Miss Kendrick to the Police Department. This will be shown in more detail in a report now in process of preparation.

Miss Kendrick stated that L. T. Hart, when presenting the bullet to her on March 2, 1934, told her that he had been keeping the bullet as a souvenir and that he had picked this up among other specimens on the Station Plaza immediately after the shooting on June 17, 1933. Hart is to be interviewed to determine all particulars in regard to this matter from him, and if he has any additional exhibits same will be secured.

General details were sought through the interview with Miss Kendrick pertaining to the shooting at the Union Station, but she stated that she did not observe any of the individuals who participated in the massacre in a manner which would enable her to identify anyone. She stated that she had heard a colored woman named "Alice", who works in the Ladies Rest Room at the Union Station, remark that she had seen the assassins in a distinct manner and she believes that "Alice", whose last name she does not know, through timidity has never stated what she actually might know in regard to the matter. She also stated that a pantry man at the Union Station, name not known to her, had also remarked that immediately before the massacre he was accosted by the assassins while he was in his car near the Union Station, and for that reason she believes that he would be able to identify them if he were not afraid to do so.

Agent Trainor ascertained on March 21st at the Union Railroad Station that the name of the pantry man in question is Paul Martenson, and that he works at night. Arrangements are being made through Sheriff Bash to interview Martenson privately at the Kansas City Office during the day time, in a hope that full information may be secured from him as to his knowledge of the identities of the assassins. He was interviewed in the early stages of this investigation and advised that he could identify no one.

You are being advised of these circumstances in advance of the completion of the various inquiries and the rendition of a consolidated report pertaining to the ballistic evidence, in order that the Division may be in possession of such facts as are available.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR, ACTING
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

March 19, 1934.

MR. NATHAN
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MR. CLEGG
MR. COWLEY
MR. EDWARDS
MR. EGAN
MR. GUINN
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Agent in Charge Brantley called on the telephone and advised that he had received a letter from Miles Plemmons, Post Office Box 33, Salina, Oklahoma, advising that he could put Pretty Boy Floyd on the spot; that the letter requested that Mr. Brantley personally come to see him as he could explain the proposition more clearly in a personal interview than he could in writing; that the Deputy Sheriff at Salina is the only other person that knows of his proposition; that last Spring Mrs. Floyd and a lawyer came to his home and offered him $1,000.00 to make proper arrangements so that Floyd could give up and get a life sentence; that this same lawyer sent his representative to see him on the 12th. of this month; that they rode within one half mile of the barn Floyd was using as a hide-out; that he knows the location of the barn and the name of the owner thereof; that it will be a dangerous proposition as they (Floyd is alleged to have four or five others with him) have four machine guns.

Mr. Brantley stated that he would endeavor to see Miles Plemmons either this afternoon or tomorrow morning.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

Mr. Sanford Bates telephoned to advise that he has ascertained that the new quarters being prepared at Milan, Michigan, will be completed within approximately one week, and he thought he could arrange to move Vivian Mathews, with several others, at that time. He said he wanted to do everything he could to help us, and asked that we notify him after it has served our purpose so that he could make arrangements for the return of the inmates to Alderson.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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Director,
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Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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

With reference to the above entitled matter, there is attached, hereto, a copy of a memorandum submitted to me by Special Agent W. C. Baum. On reading the items in the Press concerning the death of James George Zeigler, I noticed that a "Government Agent" had been quoted as stating that Zeigler was identified as one of the killers in the Kansas City massacre. I, therefore, immediately inquired of Mr. Baum as to whether he had made any such statement to the Press. He stated that he had not done so and the facts surrounding his investigation at the Cicero Police Department are enumerated in his memorandum.

It is also interesting to note the manner in which this investigation was handled by the newspapers and the Cicero Police Department.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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March 21, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE
M. H. PURVIS

Re: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (Deceased), et al. - CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Upon having an article in the Chicago Daily Tribune, dated March 21, 1934, called to agent's attention on that morning, which indicated that one J. George Zeigler had been shot to death in Cicero, Illinois, agent immediately suspected that this man was identical with the George Zeigler who had formerly lived at 439 Scoville, Oak Park, and who was named by Arthur Johnson alias "Red" Price as a prominent member of the gang which associated with Frank Nash in 1931.

Agent proceeded immediately to the Cicero Police Department, where he identified himself to Superintendent of Police Michael Solar and Sergeant Frank Donohue of the Cook County Coroner's office. These men were in direct charge of the investigation of the death of Zeigler, and Chief Solar seemed to be relying chiefly upon the opinion and advice of Sergeant Donohue. There were numerous persons standing in the Chief's office and also in the small room which is outside the Chief's office, and where the complaint desk is located. Agent noticed that several of these men were newspaper men and later ascertained that many more were newspaper men. Before agent talked to Chief Solar or to Sergeant Donohue, the various newspaper men were requested to leave the Chief's office, and at that time agent indicated to those men that he desired to obtain as much information concerning the identity of Zeigler as might be known. Chief Solar and Sergeant Donohue offered to cooperate in full and indicated that they did not know the identity of this man and did not know who his murderers might be. The newspaper men, during agent's interview, were clamoring at the door of the Chief's office, requesting that certain membership cards in certain associations be delivered to them for photographing, and the Chief finally complied with their request and handed these cards to the newspaper men to be photographed.

Both Sergeant Donohue and Chief Solar expressed a desire to know why agent was interested in this case and indicated that they would appreciate any help which might be forthcoming which would aid them to solve the case. Since agent had never worked with either of these men before, and since the Cicero Police Department does not bear the best of reputations, agent was hesitant to tell them the real cause of his investigation, but did not consider it inadvisable to tell those men that a man named Zeigler was reported to have been a former associate of Frank Nash, and agent was interested in this man because of that gangland association.

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Agent made this remark in only the presence of Solar and Donohue and made no mention whatsoever of the Kansas City massacre, and indicated to these men that this department had no charge against Zeigler but that he was wanted solely for questioning in regard to the activities of certain gangs. These men informed agent that they had not learned where Zeigler was living and seemed to think that agent had not revealed his full knowledge concerning this man but did not press their questions in this regard.

Subsequent to this, various persons were brought into the office of Chief Solar for questioning, where Sergeant Donohue stridently questioned them. These men were connected with the garage at 40 West Chicago Avenue, Oak Park, Illinois, where Zeigler received his mail. There were no newspaper men present at first when agent questioned these men. However, in a short time the discipline which had occurred upon the arrival of agent broke down, and the various members of the press began invading the office of Chief Solar. These men seemed to know that agent was from the Division of Investigation and asked for agent's name, knowing that the last name was Baum. Agent refused to give these men his name or any information concerning his reason for being in this investigation, and told them that he was not permitted to make any statement of any kind to the press. It was with some astonishment, in consequence, that about an hour later agent observed in the Chicago American an article indicating that a Federal Agent had called at the Cicero Police Station and had indicated that Zeigler had been positively identified as a member of the gang which participated in the Kansas City massacre. Agent immediately called you by telephone and informed you that this article in the paper was not true, and that agent had not made the remarks indicated.

Agent returned to Chief Solar's office and there examined a Times newspaper, which had agent's name in it, that is, Baum, and indicated that agent had made some remarks about the fact that a car sold by Bergl had been used in the Kansas City massacre, and that these remarks had been made at the County Morgue. Needless to say, agent had made no mention of any such fact, and had not been at the County Morgue. Papers in Zeigler's possession showed that his Chevrolet car had been purchased from Bergl. Bergl was questioned in some detail about this by agent and no reporters were present. Bergl denied that he know Zeigler. However, agent told Bergl that his past dealings with criminals belied this fact. Bergl, however, found a warm friend in Sergeant Donohue, who stated that he had known Bergl for twenty years, and that he saw nothing wrong with selling cars to criminals if they had the money, and indicated on a number of occasions that Bergl was conducting a legitimate automobile business. Bergl was taken to the County Morgue, but agent did not visit the morgue, but stayed at the Cicero Police headquarters. Donohue indicated to agent,

upon his return, that Bergl had only partially identified Zeigler and had not been able to give any additional information.

Agent procured the various cards and papers in Zeigler's possession and made a list of all the information contained on them. The clothes then in Zeigler's possession were examined, and although the police and the press had apparently examined these clothes, agent found in the belt attached in the rear of the buckle six flexible steel saws suitable for sawing steel bars. This belt was not worn by Zeigler but was with his riding breeches and hunting boots, and was undoubtedly used by him when he went on hold-up jobs. Agent requested Sergeant Donohue and Chief Solar to have this belt photographed or allow agent to have it photographed for record because of the interest in criminal enforcement, but Sergeant Donohue seemed reluctant to release this belt or have this lead followed. Sergeant Donohue, upon finding the address where Zeigler had lived, did not reveal this to agent but instead proceeded to that address with several newspaper reporters and attendants. Later in the afternoon, after finding that Zeigler had moved, numerous newspaper reporters came into Chief Solar's office and reported to him information which they had found concerning various addresses which Zeigler had had in his possession. It appears that members of the press had been given full information concerning these addresses and were making the check rather than through the regular police channels. The investigation seemed to be wholly disorganized and the members of the press seemed to be the investigating officers, even assisting in conducting the man held to and from their cells. Agent took no part in the questioning of any man in the presence of the press, and made no remarks in the presence of any members of the press other than to state that he knew nothing about the case and was merely an observor.

Agent also made mention to Sergeant Donohue, while he was discussing this case with him, that when Donohue was asking what crimes this man may have committed, it was possible that this man may have been a member of the gang which held up the bank at Madison, Indiana in 1931, although agent indicated that Sergeant Donohue would have to go into this question himself, and that there was no information which agent had which would indicate that this man was a member, but that it might be an angle which Sergeant Donohue might develop. Agent does not know what Donohue did along these lines.

Agent discussed the appearance in the papers of the article stating that Zeigler was connected with the Kansas City massacre with Sergeant Donohue, and Donohue said that he had not heard agent make any remark concerning the Kansas City massacre and indicated that he did not know how this article had appeared, but it is plain to agent that

having heard the name of Nash, immediately concluded that agent was interested in the Kansas City massacre and had given this information to the members of the press.

Although apparently unnoticed by the other investigators, agent noticed a reference on a card to "Doc" and Elm, which very likely meant "Doc" and Elmer Stacey.

In view of the information in this memorandum, it would appear that the utmost care must be taken in discussing police matters of any kind with Chief Solar or Sergeant Frank Donohue.

Agent will again repeat that no statement of any kind regarding this case was made to any member of the press, and that only the most meager information was furnished to Chief Solar and to Sergeant Donohue, the names of other suspects not being mentioned to these men. The information which agent discovered will be incorporated in a report in the very near future.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Carter Baum

W. CARTER BAUM
Special Agent

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

On March 19th I had occasion to talk telephonically to Mr. S. P. Cowley of the Division, at which time I informed him of a letter received at this office from one Miles Plemmons, Post Office Box 33, Salina, Oklahoma, in which he stated that he had information concerning the hideout of Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd and probably other outlaws.

The letter from Plemmons is quoted here.

"Salina Okla.
March 14 1934

"Mr Dwight Brantley.

Dear Sir:

"I have a proposition that I want to take up with you. I would like very much for you to drive up here to Salina Okla for I can talk and explain things more clearly than I can write. and if this proposition meets with your aproval and you decide to come inquire for Charlie Whiteday, deputy Sheriff here. as he is the only man that knows anything about this proposition and he advised me to write to you. Mr. Brantley I will tell you in my own way what I know about this proposition.

"Last spring Mrs Floyd and a Lawyer came to my home and offered me a thousand dollars to make proper arrangments so as her son Charles Floyd could give up and be given a life sentence and gave me name and address of parties in tulsa Okla. that they figured that they could get to Govoner Murry, that proposition

proved to be a failure. so this same Lawyer sent his repersentive the 12 of this month and wanted me to talk with Floyd himself. so I decided to go with him and I rode with him within ½ mile of the Hay barn that they are using as a hideout. there is Floyd and 4 other desperate criminals in this bunch

"Now the way I have this figured out is this. for you to come to my county seat, Pryor Okla. and leave me put the 5 of them on the spot in the Hay barn thru the lawyers man and you make arrangments with my sheriff and United states deputy Marshal here and you be in charge of taking this bunch to a cleaning. as I know the location of the Barn and surrounding country and will be a dangerous affair as the lawyers man claim they have 4 machine guns and I also know the name of the man that owns the farm, the way I have this situation sized up the lawyer is grafting pretty boy Floyds mother out of a large sume of money and furthermore I will ask you not to make known our proposition to any of the sheriff force in Delaware County. and when I see you I can explain this to you. Now if you feel that this proposition is fair I will expect a letter from you soon telling me the best way this can be handled I am a man with plenty of formar experence of this kind, letters of recomendation and so on.

Yours

Miles Plemmons

P.O. 33. Salina Okla. "

On Monday night I left the Oklahoma City office with Special Agent Deaderick and arrived the following morning at Salina, Oklahoma, where Plemmons was contacted through Charles Whiteday, Deputy Sheriff at Salina.

Plemmons is a man 54 years of age, appears to be sane, states that at one time he was Sheriff at Burns, Oregon, has in the past throughout the states of Kansas, Arkansas and Missouri assisted law enforcement agencies in obtaining information concerning crime, is at present unemployed, and has been residing in Salina for approximately four years; that his only source of income is a Spanish-American War pension in the amount of $30.00 per month, and that he is interested soley in the matter referred to this office for any money that he can get out of it. He told me that he had discussed this matter with Sheriff W. J. Walker at Pryor, Oklahoma, the county-seat of Mayes County, in which is located Salina, and with Charles Whiteday, Deputy Sheriff at Salina.

Plemmons told me that two yeare ago a young man, whose name he does not know, but who is a stenographer and secretary to an attorney by the name of Cummings in Miami, Oklahoma, came to his home at Salina, accompanied by a woman, who was represented to him as being the mother of Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd; that these people told him that it was their desire to negotiate through him with the Governor of Oklahoma for the surrender of Floyd in order that he might escape the electric chair and be given a life sentence in the penitentiary; that it was their request that he, Plemmons, make the arrangements for such surrender through the Sheriff at Tulsa, Oklahoma; that all "papers" necessary to the surrender be prepared and signed by the Governor, following which Floyd would surrender himself to the Sheriff at Tulsa and would be taken to the county, which was not named, in Oklahoma which would have jurisdiction of any crime that he had committed and that he be immediately sentenced to life imprisonment in the penitentiary, and that the young man and this woman assured him that one thousand dollars would be placed in the Post Office at Salina for him, should the surrender be effected. Plemmons stated that he immediately wrote to the Sheriff at Tulsa, Oklahoma, but never received any response from him, but did receive a letter from F. N. Burns, of the F. N. Burns National Detective Agency, Tulsa, Oklahoma, which stated that Plemmons' letter to the Sheriff at Tulsa had been turned over to said agency and the tenor of the letter was that Burns would be glad to handle the matter of the surrender of Floyd and requested that Plemmons bring Floyd to the Burns Detective Agency in Tulsa, and that if any rewards were forthcoming, that, of course, Plemmons would be entitled to them. (The F. N. Burns National Detective Agency is not in any way connected with the W. J. Burns International Detective Agency.) The letter from the F. N. Burns Detective Agency referred to by Plemmons was exhibited to the writer and it is dated in May, 1932 and contains in substance the information set out in this paragraph.

Plemmons stated that a week after the first visit of the woman and the young man to his residence, they called again and he told them that the undertaking had been unsuccessful. He stated that he did not see or hear anything further from these people until March 12th of this year when the young man called to see him again and told him that he was going down into the mountain country to contact Floyd and that he wished Plemmons would accompany him, as it was still his desire to try to effect the surrender of Floyd with the state of Oklahoma; that the young man said his primary purpose was to have Floyd sign some papers on that day which would effect the placing of Floyd's son, Jackie Floyd, in an Indian school in western North Carolina, and that this was being handled through the Indian Service, Department of Interior in Washington, D.C., which, of course, required the signature of Floyd on the papers. Plemmons stated that he got into a car, he thinks a Chevrolet Coach, with this young man and they drove some sixty miles from Salina down into Westville, Oklahoma and from

Westville some four or five miles into the hill country and stopped on the road in front of a farmhouse; that the young man got out, went up to the farmhouse and that he, Plemmons, told the young man he did not wish to meet any outlaws and that he climbed a hill, sat down on a log and observed the young man go from the farmhouse to a large hay barn, from which he saw three men emerge; that he was so far away he could not identify any of them but one was a tall man, the second a small one, and the third a heavy-set man. He stated that he remained on the log until the young man completed his business, although he did not see any papers signed, nor did he know what took place between this young man and the three alleged outlaws, and that they then left and drove back to Salina. He stated they left Salina that morning about nine o'clock and returned at five in the afternoon.

Plemmons told me that he has never seen Floyd and that he does not know whether the woman who came with the young man is in fact the mother of Floyd.

Plemmons accompanied Agent Deaderick and me to Westville and thence to the byroad he said was traveled by him and the young man on March 12th. We drove many miles farther than Plemmons said he and the young man drove. This was during the daytime. He could not recognize any farmhouse as the one he said he and the young man went to on March 12th. We drove Plemmons for several hours over practically every road within many miles of the vicinity where he stated he and the young man drove on March 12th, but he was unable to recognize any place seen as the farmhouse alleged to have been visited by him and the young man.

After all of this driving Plemmons stated that he and the young man had a bottle on the day that they left the farmhouse, but had not drunk any before they arrived there and that he did not believe that they were drunk when they left. Plemmons stated that he just must be mistaken, that probably they went through some town other than Westville, but he could not think of the name of it.

Plemmons stated that the young man with him said that the name of the man who operated the farm on which the hay barn was located is named Long, first name unknown, and that this man Long is supposed to be an uncle of one Jack Long, a one-time notorious character in Oklahoma. Plemmons said, however, that he didn't see Long and doesn't know in fact that the young man is telling the truth and all of his statements are predicated upon what the young man told him.

Although Plemmons was unable to locate any farmhouse or place which he said he visited on March 12th, he insisted that he had seen just what he has reported and that he feels that possibly if Floyd were not at

the hay barn, that some outlaws were there. We afforded Plemmons every opportunity to point out the place he had in mind and offered him transportation to any point that he would suggest, but he said he had no further roads or places in mind. He stated, however, that he would make a further effort to locate this place and, if he finds it, he will notify this office. He stated that the young man whom he is alleged to have accompanied into that country told him that this was not the place at which the outlaws resided permanently, but was just a stopping place for them and that they traveled between Missouri and Texas and had several hideouts in that section of the country.

Mr. W. C. Colvin, Postmaster at Westville, Oklahoma, was discreetly interviewed, the reason for the inquiry not being disclosed to him, with reference to any Longs who might live near Westville and be served by that Post Office. Colvin stated that he had been residing there since before statehood and that he knew practically everybody in the community and that there is no Long who is receiving mail through that office. He stated that the only Long he knows of in the community is a George Long, who resides on a farm near Watts, Oklahoma, which is some nine miles north of Westville; that he has known Long for many years, who formerly was employed by the Kansas City-Southern Railway, and that he is a man who enjoys a good reputation and is supposed to be of good character. The location of the farm of George Long was furnished Plemmons and he stated emphatically that that could not be the place.

The spot alleged to have been visited by Plemmons on March 12th apparently is located in Adair County, Oklahoma near the Arkansas line and is country than which there is none rougher and better adapted for purposes of hideouts of gangsters and criminals.

Plemmons, who is apparently sane, has a decided detective complex. He states that he reads detective magazines practically all the time and reads everything that appears in any newspapers that he can get his hands on about crime and criminals.

Sheriff W. J. Walker at Pryor, Oklahoma, which is not far distant from Salina, stated that he has not known Plemmons very long and that when Plemmons first discussed this matter with him, he gained the impression that he was a little "off" mentally and that nothing has occurred to alter this opinion.

Charles Whiteday, an Indian, Deputy Sheriff at Salina, says that he has known Plemmons for some two years or more and that while he has never been intimately associated with him, he believes him to be sane and knows of

nothing to indicate that he is unreliable. He stated that he saw Plemmons get into an automobile on March 12th in the morning in Salina and saw him return that evening, but he does not know where he went or with whom he was traveling that day.

Plemmons related many stories during the time I was in his company about how Floyd travels. On one occasion he stated that Floyd places a mattress in the rear compartment of a coupe, gets in there and goes to sleep and has a woman drive him up and down the country. Such stories as these, of course, do not impress me with the soundness of Plemmons' mentality.

Plemmons stated that he would let me hear from him within a few days and that when I do hear that he would have the exact location of the alleged hideout.

At this time I am not undertaking an investigation concerning the identity of the young man from Miami who is alleged to have accompanied Plemmons on March 12th. However, should further word be not received from Plemmons within a reasonable time, this angle of the case will be given further consideration.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley,
Special Agent in Charge.

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