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SUBJECT CHARLES "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE.

September 22, 1934.

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re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (deceased);
RICHARD TALLMADGE GALATAS, with aliases - FUGITIVE,
I. O. #1801; CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD,
with alias - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1154; et al.
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.
Obstruction of Justice.

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On September 18, 1934 Willard E. Brooks, Clerk in the Office of E. W. Wilson, Chief Special Agent, Frisco Railroad Company, St.Louis, Missouri, phoned the undersigned that he was in possession of information which he was of the opinion may lead to some information of value to this Division.

On September 19, 1934 Mr. Brooks was contacted by the undersigned, on which occasion he stated, in substance, as follows:

After Harvey Bailey was arrested in connection with the Fort Scott, Kansas Bank Robbery, he engaged James G. Sheppard, Fort Scott, a very prominent lawyer at that point, as his attorney. Mr. Brooks stated that, according to the information he received, Sheppard apparently took very little interest in Bailey's case and at the time Bailey testified at his trial, Sheppard asked him but a very few questions, but the prosecutor for the state put Bailey through a very severe cross-examination. Mr. Brooks handed the undersigned a clipping from the Fort Scott Tribune, dated September 8, 1934, reading:

"Pleads Guilty to Charge.

James G. Sheppard receives sentence in estate case.

Under sentence of a term in the Kansas Penitentiary at Lansing not to exceed five years, James G. Sheppard, lawyer, was taken to the state institution early this afternoon by county officers. The attorney pleaded guilty to an embezzlement charge, growing out of the use of $6,000.00 in funds in the Harvey Kurtz estate before Judge W. F. Jackson in district court this morning."

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After handing agent clipping above referred to, Mr. [illegible] advised that, in his opinion, Sheppard is in possession of all kinds of information relative to the past activities of Harvey Bailey and Bailey's former associates. [illegible] thought struck him that, due to the fact Sheppard is now incarcerated, this Division would discreetly interview Sheppard, he may be able to obtain some information of value from him.

Submitted by:

46018

D. W. MAHER,
Special Agent.

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CC Kansas City
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S. P. Cowley
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers Building
Chicago, Illinois

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M. H. Purvis,
Division of Investigation,
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1900 Bankers' Building,
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P. O. Box # 967
Pittsburgh, Pa.

September 21, 1934

Mr. William A. Larson
Carter Hotel
Cleveland, Ohio

VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (Deceased);
RICHARD TAILMAN GALATAS with aliases - FUG.
I. O. #1801; CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY"
FLOYD with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O.#1194 et al.
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Dear Sir:

Confirming our telephonic conversation of this morning there is attached hereto the photograph of one HENRY MINEZ who may be identical with the "Hinny Miney" who, it is reported, is contacting FLOYD at the Bolton Hotel.

I called the Division furnishing Mr. Edwards with the fingerprint classification of MINEZ and was telephonically advised by him that there is no record of this individual in the Identification Unit of the Division.

It is suggested that if it is possible to determine the identity of MINEZ at Cleveland it may be well to place him under surveillance.

Very truly yours,

J. J. WATERS
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 2118,
Detroit, Michigan.
September 12, 1934.

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

Re: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (Deceased); RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1201; CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1194, et al. Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of September 11, 1934, please be advised that under date of September 8, 1934; Mr. John J. Ryan, Superintendent of the United States Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan, advised this office that he was that day in receipt of communication of Mr. B. Feldman, Chicago, the attorney for Vivian Mathias, requesting information as to what charges were filed against Vivian Mathias as a detainer.

Upon receipt of this information, Special Agent in Charge Larson of this office communicated with Special Agent S. P. Cowley of the Chicago Office under date of September 10, 1934, and it was agreed upon that Mr. Feldman should be advised by Mr. Ryan to contact the Chicago Office of the Division for information concerning the charges filed against Vivian Mathias in this connection at Kansas City, Missouri.

Mr. Ryan was accordingly informed that it was deemed advisable for him to suggest that Mr. Feldman call at the Chicago Office for this information and he advised that he would write Mr. Feldman to that effect immediately.

Today, upon receipt of your letter, I have endeavored to reach Mr. Ryan and determine whether his communication with Mr. Feldman went forward and have been advised that he has left for Springfield, Missouri and will not return for several days. In view of the confidential nature of this matter, it was not deemed advisable to discuss it with other officials at the United States Detention Farm and it is presumed that Mr. Ryan's letter to Mr. Feldman has gone forward and that, in all probability, your office may expect a call from Mr. Feldman.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Post Office Box 4907,
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September 24, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (Deceased);
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS with aliases,
I. O. #1201--FUGITIVE;
CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD with aliases,
I. O. #1194--FUGITIVE; ET AL
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner

This will confirm receipt of a telegram from the Chicago office dated September 21, 1934, signed Cowley, requesting that an investigation be conducted as to Florida license plates # 2122 and 2X6785, and my telegram of the same date advising that Florida license plate # 2122 was issued to Frank Miceli, Sarasota Hotel, Sarasota, Florida, for Packard coupe, motor number 287214, and that the Sheriff at Sarasota informed that Miceli is a celery buyer, coming to Sarasota several years and well known in that city; he is believed to have come from Cleveland, Ohio, and to have left Sarasota driving described Packard coupe on May 16th last.

The Motor Vehicle Commissioner at Tallahassee, Florida, with reference to Florida license tag 2X6785 advised that no such tag has ever been issued by the license bureau.

No further investigation concerning the aforementioned automobile tags will be conducted unless requested.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt,
Special Agent in Charge

cc Division
Kansas City
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Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

RE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (Deceased);
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS with aliases, Fugitive,
I. O. #1201; CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD,
with aliases, Fugitive, I. O. #1194; ET AL;
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, September 8, 1934, wherein on page 14 the names of Robert McCoy, John Pace, and Jerome Crotes are set forth as the attackers of Michael James LaCapra. It appears that these individuals were arrested by the Kansas State Highway Patrol on August 31, 1934. There are enclosed herewith copies of the criminal record of each of these individuals, together with photographs of McCoy and Pace. The Division does not have in its [illegible] photograph of Jerome Crotes, and the St. Louis office is re[illegible] to obtain a photograph of this individual and forward it [illegible] Division.

The attention of the Detroit office is directed to the lead with respect to a Buick sedan alleged to have been burned and recovered near Cleveland, Ohio during June of 1933, which car is said to have been used by subject Floyd in his flight from Kansas City after the massacre.

The Division desires that a thorough and intensive investigation be made with respect to this matter and that all leads relative [illegible] be promptly investigated.

Very truly yours,
For the Director,

T. D. Quinn,
Acting Assistant Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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Washington, D. C.

September 17, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

In accordance with Mr. Newby's request there are transmitted herewith six copies of a transcript of the criminal record of Robert McCoy, Identification file #825723; Jerome Crets, Identification Unit file #826850; and John Pace Identification Unit file #530600.

Six copies of a photograph of Pace and McCoy will be transmitted under separate cover. No photograph of Crets is found in the Identification Unit file.

Respectfully,

L. C. Schilder.

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U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 314,
Birmingham, Alabama
September 22, 1934

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with alias (deceased); RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1201; CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1194, et al. CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to telephonic instructions of Mr. Tamm, and confirming my wire of even date, this is to advise that Special Agent C. O. Pickard departed from Birmingham, Alabama at 9:15 PM over Southern Railway enroute to New Orleans, Louisiana where he will report to the Special Agent in Charge for the purpose of assisting in guarding Richard Tallman Galatas, with aliases.

Special Agent W. A. Temple departed from Oxford today by automobile enroute to Grenada, Mississippi where he will catch an Illinois Central train tonight enroute to New Orleans.

This office received a telegram from Special Agent W. M. Sirene advising that he is leaving Montgomery, Alabama at 9:45 PM 9-22-34 enroute to New Orleans.

Very truly yours,

J. H. Hanson

J. H. HANSON DOS
Special Agent in Charge

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September 24, 1934

Mr. R. G. Harvey,
Division of Investigation,
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326½ Post Office Building,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, (Deceased);
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases,
Fugitive, I.O. #1201; CHARLES ARTHUR
"PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases,
Fugitive, I.O. #1194 - et al
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

Dear Sir:

There are enclosed herewith 10 copies of a photograph of subject Galatas to be used by you for distribution to newspaper men at the time the arrest of Galatas is made public.

No enclosures are being forwarded to the Chicago and Kansas City offices, these offices already being in possession of copies of this photograph.

Very truly yours,
J. Edgar Hoover.

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Clegg
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DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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Washington, D. C.

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September 22, 1934.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

RE: KANSAS CITY MASSACRE CASE.

Upon being advised by Mr. Newby of the details of his telephonic conversation with Special Agent in Charge Waters in Pittsburgh concerning the purported presence of Pretty Boy Floyd in the Bolton Hotel in Cleveland, I contacted Mr. Cowley by telephone and advised him of these facts. After ascertaining the size of the Bolton Hotel, it was deemed impractical to attempt to raid the hotel and accordingly Mr. Cowley was instructed to have two agents proceed from Chicago to Cleveland for the purpose of conducting undercover investigation at the Bolton Hotel. Mr. Cowley was advised that Floyd was reported to enter and leave the hotel by the back door and to have all of his meals served in his room. Mr. Cowley was also advised that a gangster named Hymie Miney was reported to have been in constant contact with Floyd.

E. A. Tamm.
E. A. TAMM.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
FROM: UNIT #1

9-26- 1934.

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September 20, 1934

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

Mr. J. J. Waters, Special Agent in Charge of the Pittsburgh office telephoned this afternoon to advise that he had received information from Captain Mauk of the Pennsylvania State Highway Patrol, Greensburg, Pennsylvania, to the effect that an informant had furnished him with information that "Pretty Boy" Floyd and an unidentified Italian were occupying a room in the Bolton Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio; that they were remaining within their room and having their meals brought there; that on the occasions when they departed from the hotel they would always leave by a rear door.

I advised Mr. Waters that this information ran true with the information in the possession of the Division, and at this point you took up the telephone conversation with Mr. Waters, giving appropriate instructions with regard to the matter.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
September 19, 1934

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Ave. at 9th St., N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, (Deceased);
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1201; CHARLES ARTHUR
"PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases - FUGITIVE,
I. O. #1194, et al.
Conspiracy to Deliver a Federal Prisoner -
Obstruction of Justice.

Late during the night of September 18th, I interviewed one Earl Lopp of Ada, Oklahoma at this office. This man was brought to the office by Special Agent J. M. O'Leary and Allen Stanfield, Deputy U. S. Marshal of Ada, and they told me that he desired to discuss with me the possibility of his furnishing information which might result in the apprehension of Charles Arthur Floyd.

Lopp is the man who recently furnished information which resulted in the apprehension by Agent O'Leary and Allen Stanfield and some State officers of the notorious Aubrey Curtis "Red" Unsell, a fugitive bank robber now being prosecuted in this district for robbery of a National bank at Kingfisher, Oklahoma. No one, with the exception of Stanfield, Agent O'Leary and I, knows of Lopp's participation in this particular matter. Stanfield and O'Leary stated that they got in touch with Lopp on Wednesday of one week and that he told them he could "finger" Unsell, and that on the following Sunday, he came to them with the information which resulted in the capture of Unsell. This is given more or less as a background for this individual.

I do not know Lopp, but Allen Stanfield knows him slightly. He is about twenty-nine years of age, rather intelligent, although he has nothing but a high school education; he is married and has one child, is operating a truck for hire and states that he is making a living for his wife and child. He was born and reared in the Gore and Vian area, which is below Muskogee and near Sallisaw, Oklahoma, the home of Floyd. He has no criminal record, so far as is known. He informed me that he has never been in the penitentiary

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He states that he knows Floyd and at one time worked with him in the oil field and informs me that he saw him about three months ago near Webbers Falls, Oklahoma, which is in the Sallisaw area. He made no wild boasts, nor is he the usual garrulous type of informant. He stated that he believes he can locate Floyd if in Oklahoma, and that he thinks this can be done within a reasonable time. He further informed me that if Floyd is not in Oklahoma, he believes he has contacts that will enable him to ascertain where he is located.

Lopp informed me that he is interested in any reward offered for Floyd, and I told him what the Division will do in the event he furnishes us information which results in Floyd's capture. He informed me that he expects to leave Ada on the night of September 20th, or the morning of September 21st, to go into the Sallisaw country in an effort to see what he can do. Appropriate arrangements were made with him to keep in contact with this office through O'Leary and Stanfield.

Lopp, as is the case with almost any informant, is an unknown quantity, but I do know that he produced in the Unsell case, and the friends of Unsell would kill the informant in a moment if they knew it. I feel that we should take a chance with him in the instant matter. The Division will be advised of developments.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Kansas City

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Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

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

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Division September 11, 1934.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure: #670058

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Laboratory Report

September 22, 1934

Case: Vernon C. Miller with aliases (deceased) et al
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner

Number: 62-28915-2378

Specimens: One photo-micrograph showing the base of an exploded shell case from a .45 calibre automatic pistol.

Examination requested by: Kansas City Division Office.

Date received: September 11, 1934.

Examination requested: Ballistic.

Result of examination:

Examination by: Wiard

The photo-micrograph received from the Kansas City Division Office, made up by Mr. Gill of Kansas City, illustrating the fired .45 automatic pistol shell stated to have been fired in Floyd's gun, has been received in the Laboratory and is being retained in the files.

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September 24, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased);
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases, Fugitive,
I.O. #1201; CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD,
with aliases, Fugitive, I.O. #1194, et al;
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letter dated September 6, 1934 wherein you were advised that it was agreeable to the Division to have an Agent of the Chicago Office interview Miss Anna Hassels who is presently residing at 219 North Second Avenue, Maywood, Illinois, concerning the above entitled case.

This interview should be expedited.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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TITLE:	CHARACTER OF CASE:
VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased); RICHARD TALIAFAN GALATAS, with aliases, Fugitive, I.O. #1201; CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases, Fugitive, I.O. #1194, ET AL	CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Mack Yoakum alias Mallie Warden through Attorney James D. Willis, Waco, Texas, stated that he could put Pretty Boy Floyd on the spot; that he met him in March, 1934, at Sulphur Springs, Texas, at which time he paid a fine for one Eva Richetti at Kilgore, Tex. Yoakum was interviewed quite at length, but could furnish no definite information; claimed however, that Pretty Boy Floyd, Volney Davis, Doc Barker, have a hangout in the vicinity of McCurtain, Okla. P.

DETAILS:

This office is in receipt of letter from James D. Willis, Attorney-at-Law, Waco, Texas, in which it was stated that he had a party who desired to give the Government some information as to a hot tip on Pretty Boy Floyd.

At Waco, Texas, Mack Yoakum alias Mallie Warden was contacted at Room 410 Provident Building, the office of James D. Willis. Mack Yoakum stated that he had served a term from 1929 to 1932 in the McAlester, Okla. State Penitentiary for hot checks having been convicted at Okmulgee; that he had also served time in the Texas Penitentiary at Huntsville, Texas, under the name of Mallie Warden for hot checks from Navarro County.

Mack Yoakum stated at the present time he is residing at 415 Clay Ave., Waco, Texas. He states that he met Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd at Sulphur Springs, Texas, in March, 1934; that the manner in which he met him was that he had just previously paid a fine at Kilgore, Texas, for one Eva Richetti in February, 1934; that he was confidentially informed at the time he paid this fine that this woman did not want her fingerprints taken; that after he paid this fine at Kilgore he was

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at Sulphur Springs, Texas, at a filling station, the name of which he could not furnish, and he again saw Eva Richetti who was with a man whom she introduced as a Mr. Phillips, but Yoakum stated that he recognized him as Pretty Boy Floyd; that he later saw this same woman in April, 1934, at Wewoka, Okla. and he was asked by her to visit at her home; that he did not go, but was later told by her that her boy friend, meaning Pretty Boy Floyd, was at her home at the time she had invited him to visit her there. He stated that he could obtain Eva Richetti's address by locating Eva Richetti's mother, but he would be compelled to make inquiries at a filling station at Lehigh, Okla., but he could not, or would not, furnish the name of the filling station nor the party who was to give him the address of Eva Richetti. He stated that this Eva Richetti was a sweetie of Pretty Boy Floyd.

He stated further that Pretty Boy Floyd, Volney Davis, Doc Barker and possibly Blackie Thompson, have a hangout in the Cookson Hills in the vicinity of McCurtain, Okla.; that this community is controlled by the Catholic Church and that Pretty Boy Floyd has the protection of the Catholic Church and also all of the local officers; that even Governor Murray's wife is related to Floyd. He stated that Floyd had been shot through both legs at Stonewall, Okla. while robbing a bank; that he had been shot with a tracer bullet and is crippled and is not able to get around very fast and is still suffering quite a good deal from this wound; that some Doctor, name unknown, is treating Pretty Boy Floyd for this wound as it has never healed.

Yoakum stated positively that he could get into the hiding place if he was financed for the trip. He stated that Roland Trouts who did a hitch at McAlester under the name of Jakie is a very close friend of Doc Barker and that Roland Trouts' mother is part Indian, thought probably Cherokee, and she is very close to all the gang hanging out in the Cookson Hills.

He stated further that Pete Dyer, a convict at McAlester, has a close contact at Hot Springs, Ark. with a man called "Teddy"; that Teddy was a close friend of Ray Terrell, Danny Daniels and Frank Nash. He states that Danny Daniels' wife runs a sporting house at Tulsa, Okla. and plays the oil fields at Seminole.

Yoakum stated further that he knows a man who told him that he knew the party who killed a man by the name of Irby at Wewoka, Okla., and threw the body in the Wewoka Lake.

Yoakum was questioned quite at length and it was quite evident that most of his information was "hot-air". He was unable to definitely furnish the names of parties the Government could contact to verify his statements. He stated that he would have to make inquiries at a filling station to obtain the address of Eva Richetti and when asked what filling station and what the

name of the party was who runs this filling station he replied that he did not know, but that he could go with a Government Agent and show him the filling station. It was quite evident that this man is endeavoring to get on the payroll of the Government, as he stated that it would necessitate probably about two or three months undercover work to play in with the gang in the Cookson Hills and that he would have to be financed if he made an attempt to fall in with these crooks and put them on the spot.

After the interview with Yoakum a conference was had by this Agent with James D. Willis, Attorney-at-Law, who stated that he was of the opinion that Yoakum was giving a line of bull; that most of the facts as given by Yoakum had been displayed in big headlines in every newspaper in the States of Oklahoma and Texas.

Copies of this report are being furnished the Dallas and Oklahoma City offices for their information.

Pending.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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September 17, 1934

Mr. Nathan
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Mr. Coffey
Mr. Cowley
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

I telephoned Mr. Cowley at Chicago to advise him that the Director desires that he question Vivian Mathis concerning the Kansas City massacre case and that appropriate steps should be immediately taken to effect this in view of the fact that Vivian is scheduled to be released from the Federal prison at Milan, Michigan tomorrow, September 18, 1934. Mr. Cowley stated that he had been discussing this matter with Mr. Nathan of the Kansas City office, and it is his suggestion that Vivian, upon her release, be taken before a United States Commissioner for a hearing on her removal; that in the event she does not waive a hearing, a date will be set for her appearance, and that steps should then be taken to have the complaint dismissed and Vivian released unexpectedly from the institution where she is held so that there will be no attorneys or any other person present at the time she is released, and that she then be taken by Agents of the Division and held incommunicado in some apartment where she can be thoroughly questioned concerning the massacre case.

Mr. Cowley pointed out that the success obtained at the Chicago office in questioning the women has been the result of holding them indefinitely and breaking down their mental resistance and obtaining from them, piece by piece, the story of their activities. He stated that the same procedure with Vivian would possibly develop the information desired by the Division concerning the massacre case, and suggested that an Agent of the Kansas City office who is familiar with that case proceed immediately to Detroit and with an Agent of the Detroit office arrange to take Vivian into custody in accordance with this procedure. Mr. Cowley requested that it be ascertained at the Bureau of Prisons what the procedure would be in the event a detainer is on file at the institution, whether the prisoner is released at the expiration of the minimum sentence with good time off, or whether the prisoner is required to serve the maximum sentence in view of the detainer. Mr. Cowley also requested information as to whether the fare is paid the prisoner for transportation to any point designated by the prisoner. I telephoned Mr. Hammack, Acting Director of the Bureau of Prisons, who referred me to Miss Kinsella. Miss Kinsella advised that so far as the records of the Bureau of Prisons reflect Vivian Mathis will be released at Milan, Michigan, on September 18, 1934 irrespective of any detainer that may be on file at that institution; that, of course,

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if there be a detainer, the appropriate office will have been notified so that an arresting officer will be present at the institution to take the prisoner into custody, and in this event no fare is paid the prisoner for transportation to the place of prosecution or to her domicile.

After discussing this case with you, I telephoned Mr. Cowley and advised him of the information obtained from the Bureau of Prisons, and he said that he had been in communication with Acting Special Agent in Charge Black of the Detroit office and had been advised that no detainer had yet been filed, although arrangements had been made to take Vivian into custody on the complaint forwarded from the Kansas City office. Mr. Cowley suggested that Special Agent Anderson be instructed to proceed to Detroit immediately to assist in the questioning of Vivian Mathis, but in view of your suggestion that Special Agents of the Chicago office be assigned to handle this matter, I suggested to Mr. Cowley that Special Agent Suran be assigned as one of the Agents because the reports submitted by Agent Suran show that he has been giving a study to the massacre case, more so than has Agent Anderson of the Kansas City office. Mr. Cowley agreed with the suggestion, but stated that Suran had been questioning Gladys Sawyer who had not given the Division all the information in her possession, and for that reason did not like to take Suran although he felt that Suran was the best one for the assignment. He stated that he will take immediate steps to arrange for the release of Vivian at a time when no immediate transportation will be available to her so that Agents of the Division will have an opportunity to take her into custody, and she can then be taken to an apartment or some place where she could be held incommunicado.

With reference to the Bremer case, Mr. Cowley advised that considerable progress had been made through the questioning of the three women arrested in Cleveland, and that he is hopeful of locating the hideout, the indications now being that it is located in the vicinity of Long Lake, Wisconsin, that Agent Brown and Paula Harmon are in that vicinity at the present time, and that he is expecting to go there this evening to press this angle of the investigation; that they have not yet located "Pancho". Mr. Cowley further stated that it is his opinion that the Barker-Karpis gang are right in Chicago; that they always come to Chicago whenever they are chased out of any other town; that he is confident Helen Ferguson has furnished truthful information to the effect that she accompanied Doc Barker and Russell Gibson the other evening on an automobile ride during which time they kept constantly on the go; did not enter any buildings or joints except several gasoline stations; that Doc Barker had

advised her that he had been driving the past four or five days without stopping at any place; that what little sleep he had had, had been in an automobile and that during the time she was with them she rode on the front seat with Gibson and that Doc Barker occupied the back seat with a machine gun always in his lap.

Mr. Cowley stated that Helen Ferguson has a date to meet members of this gang again next Friday night but that he did not see much chance of taking them into custody in view of the fact that the meeting place is a crowded commercial district where everybody would be exposed to gunfire; that he saw no chance of taking them in the car while the Ferguson woman is also in the car without killing her; that it would be necessary to kill all in the car. Mr. Cowley stated that he would cover this matter as closely as it is humanly possible to do. He further stated that Helen Ferguson had learned Alvin Karpis and Fred Barker had gone to Kansas City but were expected to return to Chicago within a few days. I advised Mr. Cowley that the Kansas City office had requested authority to place a tap on the telephone of Mrs. Gibson, mother of Russell Gibson, and that the tap had already been placed. Mr. Cowley stated that he was glad this had been done and that he thought it would possibly produce results. He stated that the Agents working in the vicinity of Long Lake had ascertained Volney Davis and a girl known as Edna, whom Paula Harmon identifies as an escape from some institution in Kansas, has been residing most of the summer in the vicinity of Long Lake, and that they had been there up until two or three weeks ago. Mr. Cowley stated that he had already instructed the Kansas City office to endeavor to learn the identity of this woman escape.

Mr. Cowley also made inquiry as to what was desired with respect to tracing the long distance telephone calls from Louie Cernocky's place during November and December of 1933 and January and February of this year. He stated that he had recently sent out what he thought were about one hundred letters for the purpose of tracing these long distance calls. He said that he did not believe these letters would lead to the whereabouts of members of the Barker-Karpis gang. I explained to Mr. Cowley that the purpose behind tracing these long distance calls from Cernocky's place was to locate the hide-out and not the members of the Barker-Karpis gang, and pointed out that the Division letter was very specific in instructing that only the telephones located in McHenry and Lake Counties of Illinois, and all 'phones which were called and which appear to be located in southern Wisconsin be inquired into with a view to obtaining the identity of the subscriber. I also pointed out that from the list of long distance calls obtained early in the investigation

of this case reflected about a dozen calls which fell within the above category. Mr. Cowley stated that if it were agreeable to the Division, he would hold this investigation in abeyance until after some of the more promising leads had been given attention.

Mr. Cowley made further inquiry into the identification of the machine gun found in the lagoon at Lincoln Park and wanted to know whether the Division had made a positive identification of this gun in view of the fact that their investigation showed the gun had been traced to the Valparaiso, Indiana Police Department. I stated to Mr. Cowley that it was my understanding the laboratory had positively identified the markings on the shell as having been made by the bolt as distinguished from the gun itself and that the bolt is an interchangeable part of the gun, and pointed out that the laboratory had not been able to identify the markings on the bullet with the bore of the machine gun which has been recovered, which fact would tend to indicate that the bolt of the machine gun traced to the Valparaiso, Indiana Police Department might have been replaced by the bolt taken from the machine gun used in the massacre; that this interchange of parts might have purposely been made in order to cross up any possibility of identifying the gun. On the other hand, I told Mr. Cowley that the interpretation which I had placed on the letter from the Chicago office, reporting efforts to trace the gun recovered from the lagoon that it had not been definitely established that the gun recovered was the gun which had been sold to the Valparaiso Police Department; but that it is a deduction of those persons who were interviewed which is unsupported by any record. I also stated that the letter did not show whether the gun had been continuously in the possession of the Valparaiso Police Department from the time of its purchase until the time it was loaned to the Sheriff at Crown Point, Indiana. I suggested that perhaps Mr. Cowley had lost faith in the findings of the Laboratory in view of the mistake recently made in the ballistics identification in connection with the South Bend, Indiana bank robbery case. Mr. Cowley stated that he simply wanted to be sure that the Laboratory is convinced that the identification is positive. Mr. Cowley stated that he would review the correspondence with reference to this gun to see what further investigations can be made to trace the history of this gun.

I furnished Mr. Cowley with the details obtained from the Detroit office concerning the abstract of the criminal record on one Charles M. Carroll alias C. E. Misterhalter which was found in the possession of one of the three women arrested at Cleveland, Ohio, and in accordance with the Director's desire, he was instructed to make arrangements to personally interview F. J. Noonan of the Noonan Detective Agency at Cleveland, Ohio,

it appearing that this Agency had requested the record through the Sheriff's Office at Chardon, Ohio. Mr. Cowley stated he would proceed to Cleveland in the next day or two for the purpose of interviewing Noonan. He stated that if agreeable to the Division, he preferred to remain in Chicago until the hideout angle at Long Lake is thoroughly gone into.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby

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1616 Federal Reserve
Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri

September 7, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases,
Deceased, ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of August 30, 1934.

The photograph of Mrs. John Burke, alias Helen Ferguson, together with numerous other photographs of female contacts of the members of this gang, were shown at the Belle Claire Beauty Parlor, Armour Boulevard and Gillham Road, Kansas City, Missouri. The operators of that beauty parlor are unable to identify the photograph of Mrs. Burke as the companion of Vivian Mathis, whom they saw there during the summer and spring of 1933. Miss Puthoff, who is in charge of the beauty parlor, however, positively identifies the photograph of Paula Harman, who is frequently mentioned in the instant matter, and particularly mentioned in the case of Alvin Karpis, Et Al, Kidnaping, as one of the companions of Vivian Mathis. She also identifies positively the photographs of Gillian Hollen and Marge Keating as the other two women seen with Vivian Mathis. She stated, however, that there was a fourth woman, namely Mrs. C. J. Murphy, at the beauty parlor with Vivian Mathis at frequent intervals, and that Mrs. Murphy lived at the Newbern Hotel, according to the information that they had at the time. She was unable to identify any photograph shown to her as that of Mrs. C. J. Murphy, and describes her as being a woman in the late forties, with black hair, and of rather stout build.

Reference in this connection is made to pages [illegible] of the report of Special Agent R. F. [illegible] dated at Kansas City, Missouri, July 18, 1933. It is noted on page [illegible] of that report that telephone number 1995, Cicero, Illinois, was called by parties in the apartment of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Murphy, and also it is shown that from the same apartment there was called number 1296, Independence, Missouri.

Investigation through the telephone company at Kansas City developed that phone number 1296 at Independence was to [illegible] Holburt, R.F.D. 4, Box 107, Independence, Missouri. [illegible] burt's telephone has now been disconnected. Investigation, however,

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developed that Josephine Holburt resided on a small truck farm about one mile east of Independence, Missouri, which has been recently sold to Miss Minnie S. Kuhlman.

Miss Kuhlman advised Agent Trainor that the telephone number of Josephine Holburt, from whom she purchased the farm, is Westport 3821, Kansas City, Missouri, and that she resides at 712 West 48th Street. She advised that while she does not know much about Josephine, she knows that she resided with a man named McBride at the farm for several years, and that she recently married McBride.

The deed book records for Jackson County, book 591, indicate that on May 31, 1933, Josephine Frances McBride and her husband, David C. McBride, sold the property to Minnie S. Kuhlman.

Mr. and Mrs. David C. McBride were located at their apartment at 712 West 48th Street, which is in the better apartment residential district known as the Country Club Plaza. They were both interviewed, and strongly denied any knowledge of the identity of anyone named C. J. Murphy. They stated that they at no time have resided at the Newbern Hotel, nor do they recall having received any calls from anyone residing there. Mr. and Mrs. McBride are persons approximately sixty years of age. McBride is known to be a close friend of Herbert Allen Farmer, Subject in this case, and throughout the Nash, Holden and Keating investigation his name frequently occurred. He is a confidence man and gambler, and spends most of his time at the Majestic Hotel in Kansas City. He is no doubt a contact man for various members of the hoodlum class at Kansas City.

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7th page of Anderson's memo set out in report beginning on page 72.

It is noticed from the report of Special Agent J. J. Keating, dated at Chicago, Illinois, July 31, 1933, page 60, that although investigation was begun as to the identity of the person who was located and called at Cicero 1995, from the apartment of C. J. Murphy, the matter was not followed, and Joseph Stefana Gon, 5407 Cermak Road, Cicero, Illinois, in whose place of business that phone is, was not interviewed by the Investigating Agent, although it was ascertained by the latter that the party in question bears a good reputation. It is requested that this matter be given attention by your office, in an effort to identify C. J. Murphy.

This office has also made investigation of the long distance telephone calls of David C. McBride from telephone number Westport 3521, and it was found that the telephone is a non-published telephone. The following long distance calls were found to have been made:

December 10, 1933, to St. Louis, Missouri, telephone number Cabany 3199R
December 11, 1933, Los Angeles, California, Gladstone 4416
December 11, 1933, New Orleans, Louisiana, Wa. 5222, calling for Walter Hamlin
December 11, 1933, St. Louis, Missouri, Central 2171, to J. Weinbrenner
December 11, 1933, St. Louis, Missouri, Franklin 2070, to Bessie Trundell
February 25, 1934, St. Paul, Minnesota, Dale 8122
February 27, 1934, Chicago, Illinois, Van Buren 1047
May 23, 1934, to J. J. Moore, Snapp Hotel, Excelsior Springs, Missouri
May 28, 1934, to J. J. Moore, Snapp Hotel, Excelsior Springs, Missouri
July 9, 1934, to Leavenworth, Kansas, number 1362 (the telephone of John T. Glyn, notorious underworld contact man and private detective).
July 9, 1934, to Blue Springs, Missouri, number 2017 (this is the telephone of Dus Pusatera, an Italian Saloon Keeper and underworld character at Kansas City).

Copies of this letter are being transmitted to the St. Louis, Los Angeles, New Orleans, and St. Paul Offices, and it is requested that investigation be made as to the identities and connections of the parties who have been called by David C. McBride. Any additional information regarding these individuals which may be in the files of the interested offices should be reported, since it may have a bearing on the location of fugitives, not only in this case, but in the Dillinger and Karpis cases.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN,
Special Agent in Charge

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Supervisor - Unit One

1016 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,
Kansas City, Missouri.
September 21, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

SPECIAL DELIVERY

Dear Sir:

With further reference to my letter of September 20, 1934, relative to the State trial of Ralph Rowe at Shawnee, Okla., I am transmitting herewith certified photostatic copies of the Journal Entry and Information relative to Wilburn Underhill. Attached to these photostatic copies is a photostatic copy of the fingerprints and a copy of the photograph of Underhill.

With reference to the possibility of the necessity of C. W. Wilson, Record Clerk at the Kansas State Penitentiary, being a necessary witness at this trial, this office has been requested that Wilson be immediately advised by the state authorities as to whether his presence is desired and that, in the event there should be a postponement of the trial, he should be telegraphically notified. My information is that Mr. Wilson's wife is quite ill, and he does not desire to proceed to Shawnee unless his presence is essential. A telegram addressed to him at Lansing, Kansas, will reach him, and it will be appreciated if you will endeavor to comply with his wishes in this regard.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN,
Special Agent in Charge

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US Department of Justice
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P. O. Box #766
Cincinnati, Ohio

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September [illegible], 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1616 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,
Kansas City, Mo.

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased)
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1801; CHARLES ARTHUR
"PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases - FUGITIVE
I. O. #1184, et al.,
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

Dear Sir:

With further reference to my telegram of September 19, 1934, as per inquiry of Special Agent Chapmon Fletcher at Dillonvale, Ohio and vicinity, it was ascertained that approximately two weeks prior to September 16, 1934, a middle-aged man, who apparently did not resemble either Floyd or Richetti, was visiting at the home of William Dematti at Jug Run, about one and one-half miles from Dillonvale and was receiving mail as J. H. Greber. This man was driving a small green car, with Oklahoma license plates, number unknown. Shortly prior to the inquiry, the Postmaster received instructions from William Dematti to forward Greber's mail to Lehigh, Oklahoma and this party and his car have not been seen since.

This community where the Dematti family is located is such that it is practically impossible to get any information from the people living there, however, we are endeavoring to locate one Julia Tyl, a woman who has divorced her husband and formerly lived in this vicinity, being a woman of questionable character, with the possibility she might be developed as an informant in this connection.

Mrs. William Dematti, September 19, 1934 mailed a letter from Dillonvale to B. Ricchetti, Lehigh, Oklahoma. Recently Dave Dematti has moved to the Hanna Mines and we are arranging for a contact in that vicinity to determine who may visit with him.

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Report will be furnished later as to all developments in the vicinity of Dillonvale.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLY,
Special Agent in Charge.

OC Division
Oklahoma
Chicago
Little Rock
St. Louis
Indianapolis
Detroit

1216 Smith Young Tower
San Antonio, Texas.
September 21, 1934.

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Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Ill.

VERNON C. MILLER, U.S. Marshal
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, U.S.
FUGITIVE; I.O. #1801;
CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, U.S.
FUGITIVE; I.O. #1194, et al
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner

Dear Sir:

Referring to your telegram of instant date requesting complete record of Texas License plates #[illegible], you are advised that in response to telegraphic inquiry the Chief of the State Highway Patrol, Austin, Texas, advised that the license in question was issued to L. W. Wickman, Elmira Apartments, Galveston, Texas, for 1935 model Chrysler coupe Motor #[illegible].

Will you please advise if you desire any further investigation made relative to these license plates.

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Very truly yours,

Gus T. Jones,
Special Agent in Charge.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

FIM:MG

September 13, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM was for C.A.T.

In compliance with the request of Mr. Newby I am transmitting herewith two copies of an abstract of the criminal record of one "Slivers" McBride who is possibly identical with the David C. McBride alias "Slivers" McBride whose record Mr. Newby requested.

Respectfully,

L. C. Schilder

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Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, (Deceased);
RICHARD WALLACE GALATAS, with aliases, Fugitive,
I.O. #1201; CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOYD" FLOYD,
with aliases, Fugitive, I.O. #1194, et al;
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated September 7, 1934 addressed to the Chicago Office, wherein the name David C. McBride appears on page three. This individual is possibly identical with "Slivers" McBride referred to on the seventh page of the memorandum prepared by Special Agent R. E. Anderson, set out in the report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor dated July 3, 1933, beginning on page thirteen. You should also refer to the personal and confidential letter of Special Agent in Charge R. E. Vetterli, addressed to the Director under date of February 27, 1933 in the case entitled FRANK NASH, with aliases.

The criminal record and photograph of McBride are being forwarded herewith, as well as to each of the offices indicated below.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

LAH:AMP.

September 20, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

In accordance with Mr. Newby's request made last night, there are transmitted herewith five copies of the transcript of the criminal record of Sliver McBride, with aliases, Identification Unit file #8225.

Respectfully,

L. C. Schilder.

L. C. Schilder.

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P. O. Box #987,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Sept. 22, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that Mr. C. M. Reed, Supt. of Pinkerton's National Detective Agency, 221-225 Fourth Avenue, successor to former Superintendent Harry McMullen, called upon me September 20th and offered to be of assistance whenever possible.

Mr. Reed impressed me as being a little above the average head of a private detective agency and before McMullen left Pittsburgh, he advised me that Reed is very dependable. He was extended the usual courtesy but of course it will be impossible to determine to what extent it will be possible to cooperate with Reed until I ascertain more definitely the type of individual he is. My impression of him at this time is that he is a rather capable investigator. He proceeded here from Kansas City, Mo., where he was assigned for nine years and is thoroughly familiar with the various hoodlum mobs operating in the mid-west. He stated that it was his belief that Pretty Boy Floyd is in the Salislaw Hills in Oklahoma and that the peace officers, particularly at Seminole and residents in that neighborhood, would protect and cover him up because Floyd spends practically all the money he gets in that community. I am not sufficiently familiar with the detailed investigation in that section of the country in connection with Floyd but I am passing this information along to the Division for whatever value it may be worth.

Very truly yours,

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J. J. WATERS
Special Agent in Charge.

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September 22, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

With reference to a press dispatch emanating from Los Angeles yesterday indicating that the police were on the lookout for an automobile thought to contain either George Nelson or Charles Floyd, I contacted Mr. Dunn at Los Angeles last night and he advised that at 4:00 A.M. yesterday morning a policeman had "jumped" a suspicious looking car and had chased it through a portion of the city, firing some shots at it. Mr. Dunn stated that there did not appear any basis for the belief that the car contained Nelson or Floyd but that he was checking further into the matter and would advise the Division if there were any developments.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Magee called from New Orleans with regard to Galatas and advised that things look pretty hopeful; that this man has not had much sleep; that he is starting to open up to Anderson and Magee and give them a few angles on it; that is, his participation in the travels along the lines of going to Joplin and going back to Hot Springs and talking to men at the police station. I asked whether he admitted his participation in the crime and Magee stated he has not as yet but they think they will get it today; that after Anderson's arrival, he started opening up; that he is going to talk it over with his wife and make a decision today as to whether he will tell all. I asked what he had told so far and Magee stated he would let me talk to Anderson. Magee advised that they got a signed waiver from Galatas. I asked if they got one from his wife and Magee stated they had not but can get one as Galatas wants this and wants to take his wife along with him. I told Magee to, just as a precaution, get a waiver of removal against her for any charges that may be filed against her in the Federal Court. Magee stated he will do this. I told Magee that, as I indicated to Temple yesterday, if we get any indication that they are liable to spring a writ on us there, we want to get him out of that judicial district, preferably over into Texas. Magee stated they will do this and asked if they should hold a plane there. I stated that I did not believe that was necessary as they could charter a plane if it should become necessary. Magee stated he could do this and I told him to find out about this and then let the other plane go as there is no use in running up expenses inasmuch as this is liable to run into weeks. I asked where they are keeping Galatas and Magee stated he is in his apartment. I told Magee to keep him under continual guard and asked whether he had taken all precautions so that he can not commit suicide. Magee stated there is no danger of that. I asked if they had taken away everything he could use for the purpose of committing suicide. Magee stated there was no danger of this.

At this point I talked to Mr. Anderson and asked him what he had told them so far and was advised that he has just told them what they already know. Anderson stated that last night he told Galatas that they want full details and Galatas stated he wanted time to think it over. Anderson advised that he has admitted that he had a conversation at midnigh with Miller from Joplin. I asked whether he

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explained his motive in framing this thing and Anderson stated it was because of his friendship for Mrs. Nash as he felt sorry for her. Anderson stated that he was obligated to her and they know why. I told Anderson that we want to keep Galatas in New Orleans until we get everything possible from him; that the plane there should be sent back and they can charter a plane there if they have to move in a hurry. Anderson stated he would call if they get something and I told him to keep right after this. I told Anderson to take every possible precaution against his committing suicide and nothing should be left around that he can get into as there is no telling what he is liable to do.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:
Little Rock, Ark.	9/22/34	9/22/34	E. E. Conroy AJM

TITLE:	CHARACTER OF CASE:
Vernon C. Miller, with aliases, (Deceased); Richard Tallman Galatas, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1201; Charles Arthur Floyd, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1194; et al.	CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Telegram addressed to J. D. Conner requested that he and A. J. Conner meet "Eddie" at "sixteen line". Birmingham advised.

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DETAILS:

The Little Rock office was in receipt of a letter from Mr. Nobles, Manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company at Hot Springs, Arkansas, dated September 21, 1934, which is quoted as follows:

"Here is copy of message received this morning for Conner, con man. A. J. is a brother. Eddie may be Galatas or Mrs. Galatas son or some other connection worth investigating."

The telegram mentioned in Mr. Nobles' letter is quoted in its entirety as follows:

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HI BIRMINGHAM ALA SEP 20

DETAILS: J D CONNER

WHITE FRONT HOTSPRINGS ARK

WILL SPEND SUNDAY SAME PLACE AS LAST SUNDAY COME OVER YOU AND

A J SIXTEEN LINE TODAY

EDDIE

SEP 27 1934 AM
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The identity of J. D. Conner has not been known by the Little Rock office heretofore, although it is apparent that he is a brother to A. J. Conner and Eddie Conner, whose identities have been known heretofore. Eddie Conner is the alleged deceased husband of Lou Conner, a subject in this case. A. J. Conner is known as a "junior con man" at Hot Springs, Arkansas. In view of these circumstances, it appears that there is a possibility that persons in question may be communicating with Richard Tallman Galatas, subject of this case.

The Birmingham office was advised by long distance telephone regarding the above, and requested to make an intensive investigation relative to same.

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Post Office Box 4907,
Jacksonville, Florida

RAA:SLR

September 24, 1934

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 1276,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases
(Deceased);
RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS with aliases,
I. O. #1201--FUGITIVE;
CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD with aliases,
I. O. #1194--FUGITIVE; ET AL
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner

I am enclosing for your information and use in the investigation of above-entitled case, making the apprehension of Charles Arthur Floyd, with aliases, Fugitive, I. O. #1194, copies of a letter dated at Fort Myers, Florida, September 11, 1934, from Leander J. Pace, connected with the Immigration and Naturalization Service, to John M. Avery of Miami, Florida, of the same service. The enclosed letter is self-explanatory and it may be that from the information contained therein leads can be obtained that might be helpful in locating this fugitive. If the statements therein are believed to be of value, and you will advise the Jacksonville office, an Agent will be detailed to contact the man in Fort Myers, Florida, for any additional data he may have with reference to this matter.

Copies of the enclosed letter are being furnished to the Division, Kansas City and Chicago offices.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt,
Special Agent in Charge

cc Division
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Chicago
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Fort Myers, Florida.
September 11, 1934.

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Mr. Avery:

There is a man living here in Fort Myers, a former resident of Henrietta, Oklahoma, and who has just returned from a visit out there, told me the following story:

He said his wife's sister married a man in Henrietta, Oklahoma, by the name of Lee Beavers. Lee Beavers has a brother named Claude. This Claude Beavers, according to my informant, is associated with Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd, and very often Floyd visits Lee Beavers place in Henrietta, Oklahoma, accompanied by Claude Beavers. Also Claude is supposed to visit Floyd from time to time.

A little over a year ago, two unidentified men carried Claude Beavers to Lee Beavers home in Henrietta, badly wounded from gun-shot wounds beleived to have been inflicted while he participated in a bank holdup. Lee Beavers wife secured medical aid for him, and kept him hid until he recovered. At the time he was carried to Lee Beavers home, he is said to have had two or three machine guns and other arms with him.

According to my informant Claude Beavers closely resembles "Pretty Boy" Floyd, and is believed to have been identified as Floyd in several holdups.

Within the last year Claude Beavers is supposed to have served about eight months in the Oklahoma state prison at McAlester, for a minor offense, having been released a short time ago.

I would like for you to get in touch with a Department of Justice Agent, if there are any in Miami, tell him about this, and if he is interested, tell him the next time he has occasion to pass through Fort Myers, to look me up and I will take him to the man who gave me the information. He has already told me he would be glad to talk to a Department of Justice Agent.

There may or may not be anything to the above information, but I have known my informant about three years and during that time found him to be reliable.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Leander J. Pace

Leander J. Pace.

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October 3, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

RE: WILLIAM C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased);
RICHARD TALBOT GALATAS, with aliases -
FUGITIVE - I.O. #1201; CHARLES ARTHUR
"PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases - FUGITIVE,
I.O. #1194, et al.
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Dear Sir:

In response to your letter dated September 24, 1934 relative to the issuance of an Identification Order on Adam Richetti, please be advised that the Division concurs in the suggestion made by you and therefore is now preparing an Identification Order showing Richetti to be wanted for violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act. It is deemed advisable to keep Richetti's connection with the above entitled case confidential, so far as it is possible to do so.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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September 24, 1934

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at Ninth Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, Deceased; RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1201; CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1194; ET AL;
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

It will be recalled that at the conference attended by various Special Agents in Charge at Washington in August, I mentioned that on August 25, 1934, Jim Bracewell, Special Agent connected with the Great Lakes Pipe Line Company, Tulsa, Oklahoma, called at this office and advised Special Agent W. F. Trainor during a general conversation that Chief of Detectives Thomas J. Higgins, Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, had discussed the Floyd matter with him on the previous day. During this conversation Higgins stated that he understood that the Department of Justice claimed to have made an identification of Richetti's fingerprint at the home of Verne Miller in Kansas City. Bracewell advised that Higgins indicated that he thought this identification was not accurate.

As I stated at the time this information was furnished to Mr. Tamm and others at Washington, I have no information as to how this information came into the possession of Higgins. It has been treated in confidence by me and by the Agents assigned to this office, it being my understanding that it was not to be made public. My purpose in writing this letter at this time is to place this conversation on record, and to suggest to the Division that, in view of the fact that Richetti's connection with the case is known to persons outside the Division, the Division consider the desirability of issuing an identification order for him.

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In the event the Division agrees with this suggestion the necessary information for the preparation of the identification order will be immediately prepared and forwarded by this office.

Very truly yours,

R. P. NATHAN,
Special Agent in Charge

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cc - Oklahoma City
Mr. Cowley, Chicago

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October 18, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (Deceased);
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS with aliases,
Fugitive, I.O. #1201; CHARLES ARTHUR
"PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases,
Fugitive, I.O. #1194, ET AL,
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

Dear Sir:

In your letter of September 25, 1934, concerning the above captioned case, you indicated that you were enclosing copies of the photographs of Robert McCoy, John Pace and Jerome Cretes. It would appear that these photographs through some inadvertence have become misplaced and it is suggested that additional copies be forwarded as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri.
September 25, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St., N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases(Deceased); RICHARD TALLMANG ALATAS with aliases, Fugitive, I.O. #1201; CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases, Fugitive, I. O. #1194; ET AL, CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Reference is made to Division letter of September 22nd, 1934, addressed to this office, wherein mention is made of Robert Mc Coy, John Pace and Jerome Cretes, who were the attackers of Michael James LaCapra.

In letter from this office dated September 23, 1934, the Division has been advised as to the furnishing of bond and release of these individuals.

For the completion of the Division's file with reference to these parties, I am enclosing their photographs, taken by the Wichita Police Department on or about 8-31-34.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN
Special Agent in Charge

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TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, (Deceased); RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1201; CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases, I.O. #1194, et al.

CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER A FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. advised data re: Policy 1238087A may be secured from their San Francisco office; Policy 5033971-C issued to Charles Floyd in 1922, may be identical with Charles Arthur Floyd. License numbers desired by Chicago office checked and data furnished Chicago by teletype. Photos of Rose Ash Baird, Beulah Baird, Charles Arthur Floyd, Ruby Floyd and Jack Dempsey Floyd, secured from "True Detective Mysteries" Magazine.

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REFERENCE: Letter from Kansas City dated September 17, 1934; letter from Oklahoma City Office of Sept 5, 1934, and Division letter of September 14, 1934.

DETAILS: With reference to the letter addressed to Mrs. Zella Golden, 815 East Ninth Street, Kansas City, Missouri, bearing return address of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., N. Y. C., on which appeared the number 1238087-A, Mr. George J. Kelley of the Inquiry Office of said insurance company was contacted in New York City. Mr. Kelley states that the number 1238087-A refers to the number of the policy, and checking this number, he finds that this policy is issued on the life of Otto A. Hall; that it is a monthly payment ordinary life policy, and that the entire file in connection with same is in the office of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., 600 Stockton Street, San Francisco, California. He states that a check of the records in the New York Office do not show that any policy has been issued on the life of Mrs. Zella Golden, 815 East Ninth Street, Kansas City, Mo., and he is unable to find any correspondence through which he can identify the letter which was sent to Mrs. Golden in the Metropolitan Life Insurance envelope from New York City, Sept. 8, 1934. He states that their form envelope 251-434 is a standard envelope used by many departments of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. He checked the records of his company to ascertain whether any policy had been issued to subject Charles Arthur Floyd, Richard Taliman Galatas, Mrs. Zella

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Golden, Rose Baird, or Beulah Baird, and the only information of value he could secure was that policy number 5053971-C, which is also in the Pacific Coast office at San Francisco, California, was issued in 1932 to one, Charles Floyd, who stated he was born in 1903 and gave his occupation as Automobile Apprentice. He states that this party may or may not be identical with Charles Arthur Floyd. He further states that the New York Office of this insurance company does not maintain a file on the so-called Industrial Policies, and that it is possible that Mrs. Zella Golden or one of the members of her family may have an Industrial Policy, in which case the information concerning same can be secured from Manager William J. Slack, of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., Bryant Building, 1102 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, which is known as the Westport Office of the insurance Company, and covers the address of Mrs. Golden.

On September 21, 1934, the Chicago Office requested investigation regarding New York license plates 3Y7864; New Jersey plates E6213, and New York plates 3E5817. Investigation was made, and the Chicago office advised by teletype that New Jersey license E6213 is listed to Mrs. Anna Andrews, wife of Everett Andrews, for a 1932 Blue Nash Sedan, Motor No. 309868; that Mrs. Andrews according to her Automobile License Application is 36 years of age, 150 pounds, 5'-7½", Brown hair, Blue eyes, born in New York City; that D. M. Norris, who has been renting the house at 114 Raab Avenue, Bloomfield, New Jersey, reports that Everett Andrews is said to be the owner of this residence, and to be in the business of house screening; that the Norris Family advises, Everett Andrews and Wife lived at this address until about September 1, 1934 when they left Bloomfield, supposedly for Cleveland, Ohio; that the future rents for the house are supposed to be collected through a Mr. Arthur Marsters, who is in the Real Estate business on Greenwood Avenue in Bloomfield, N. J., who would probably know the future address of Mrs. Anna Andrews if this becomes of value to the investigation; Mr. Arthur Marsters was not at his office and could not be located September 21, 1934 when this investigation was being made.

Re: New York License plate 3Y7864, same is listed to Ralph Lent, 236 Tecumseh Avenue, Mount Vernon, N. Y., occupation salesman, has been listed at this same address since 1930, which is a residential section of Mount Vernon, consisting of all private houses. He is supposed to reside with his wife Edna at this address, and according to the Mount Vernon, N. Y. Police Department has no criminal record. This license was issued to Mr. Lent for a 1934 Ford Tudor Sedan.

Regarding New York License plate 3E4819, the New York Motor Vehicle Dept. at Albany, N. Y. advised that this license has been issued to Betty Babold of the Stuyvesant Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y., for 1934 Pontiac Sedan, Motor No. 1042818.

Regarding Division letter of September 14, 1934 requesting the finger prints of Louis Buckwalt alias Louis Buckhouse, N. Y. C. Police Dept. No. B46045, this matter is receiving attention and the fingerprints will be forwarded to the Division as soon as they are received from the N. Y. Police Dept.

Regarding the letter from the Kansas City, Mo. Office, dated September 17, 1934, and specifically to Paragraph E, in which one Michael James LaCapra, states that Davis is connected with the Underworld Syndicate headed by an individual whom he calls "Lucky" of New York City, this individual is probably Charles Luciana, alias Charles Reed, alias "Lucky", N. Y. C. Police No. B-72321, who is known as a general gangster and racketeer, a boss of a Lower East Side, N. Y. Gang, operating chiefly in beer and liquor. Luciana alias "Lucky" has business connections with one Lepke, "Longie" and other local New York City mobs, and Luciana is usually in the company of Michael Coppola, alias Michael Ross, alias Michael Bruno, alias John Grosso, alias "Little Mike," alias "Trigger Mike," N. Y. C. Police Dept. No. B-54988; Antonio Deriso, alias John Binney, alias Vincent Nerviano, N. Y. C. Police Dept. No. B-90490; and Angelo Landasco, alias Jerry Demarest, alias "The Lug," alias Jerry the Lug." Luciano alias "Lucky" is apparently wealthy, Division Record No. 00820.

In connection with the request of the Kansas City Office in letter of August 22, 1934, the following photographs have been secured from "True Detective Mysteries" Magazine. Photos of Rose Ash Baird, Beulah Baird, Charles Arthur Floyd; photo of Floyd and his wife, Ruby, photo of Mrs. Ruby Floyd, photo of Mrs. Ruby Floyd and son, Jack Dempsey Floyd. These photos will be sent to the Division where they may be copied and furnished to interested offices.

Referring to Kansas City letter of September 17, 1934 with reference to Cadillac Sedan Serial 4669, Motor No. 801478, which was in the possession of William Weisman in 1930, letters have been directed to the Motor Vehicle Departments of New Jersey, Connecticut, and New York, and results will be reported when received.

With reference to the case against Dr. I. N. Silvers in the District of New Jersey, letter has been received from Assistant U. S. Attorney Thomas V. Arrowsmith, Trenton, N. J., advising his opinion that further efforts should be made to establish the fact that Wesley Miller was in fact the man who went to Dr. Silver's office, and that Silvers knew that a warrant or process of arrest had been issued against Miller.

Regarding Division letter of September 15, 1934, requesting that Rubin Bass, who is now thought to be serving time in New Jersey, be located and interviewed, this matter will be the subject of a special communication to the Division, in view of the fact that Special Agent T. H. Tracey is already in communication with a member of the family of Rubin Bass.

The cover on the mail going to Leon and Nellie Loquet of Freehold, N. J. is being maintained and Kansas City, Oklahoma City, and the Division have already been advised concerning letter postmarked at Avon, Montana, September 7, 1934.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS: SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE.

Contact the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., 600 Stockton Street, San Francisco, California, with regard to Policy 8033971-C issued to Charles Floyd, to see whether this particular Charles Floyd is or is not identical with Charles Arthur Floyd; also with regard to Policy 1238087-A. In connection with this last numbered policy, the Kansas City office in covering the mail of Mrs. Zella Golden, 815 East Ninth Street, Kansas City, Mo., secured a tracing from the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., mailed from N. Y. C., September 8, 1934, and advised that Mrs. Golden is the mother of Rose and Beulah Baird, who are now believed to be in company with Charles Arthur Floyd and the latter's companions. Therefore, immediate investigation is requested to determine the business transaction of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. with Mrs. Golden, as it is just possible that one of her daughters, now believed to be with Floyd, has an insurance policy with the company, and that some physical examination or other transaction may have occured, which could be the cause of locating these individuals at present.

KANSAS CITY OFFICE.

Contact Manager William J. Slack, 1102 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Mo., Manager of the Westport Office of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., to ascertain whether his office has any record

of policies which may be helpful in locating Rose and Beulah Baird or Charles Arthur Floyd, as his office covers the address of Mrs. Zella Dolden, 815 East Ninth Street, Kansas City, Mo., who received the communication from the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., postmarked at N. Y. C., September 8, 1934. If any of the parties mentioned have an Industrial Policy or regular policy, the monthly premium of which would be less than $10., it might be handled through Mr. Black's office.

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326½ Post Office Building,
New Orleans, La.
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St. N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Re: Vernon C. Miller, with aliases, Deceased; Richard Tallman Galatas, with aliases, Fugitive, I.O. 1201; Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd, with aliases, Fugitive, I.O. 1194; et al. Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Confirming telegraphic information of September 22, 1934, relative to the apprehension of Subject Galatas and wife at 1:00 p.m., on the 22nd inst., at New Orleans, Louisiana, the following is a complete resume of the developments to date:

At 11:30 a.m. on the 22nd inst., United States Attorney Rene A. Viosca, New Orleans, telephoned Special Agent D. W. Magee at the New Orleans office and requested a conference. Agent was introduced to an individual in Mr. Viosca's office, hereinafter referred to as Confidential Informant #1, whose name is being furnished the Division by separate cover. This informant stated that he had viewed a photograph of Subject Galatas in the September 15, 1934, issue of Liberty Magazine and that this individual was known to him under the name of E. W. or WILLIAM LEE and was the Southeastern distributor of the Liquid Colophane Company at room 503 Stearn Building, New Orleans, Louisiana. This informant was reluctant to furnish this information and did so only under the promise that his name would never be disclosed. His purpose in disclosing this information was to secure the $1,000.00 reward offered by the Liberty Magazine and any other existing rewards offered. Agent Magee advised him that to agent's knowledge there was no reward offered by the Department of Justice for information leading to the apprehension of Subject Galatas or his wife but that if the information was furnished and proved to be true, the matter would be submitted to the Department for an opinion relative a reward.

Confidential Informant #1 was taken to the New Orleans Division Office by Agent Magee and permitted to view the existing photographs of Subject Galatas and his wife, and was positive in his identification of Subject Galatas from photograph bearing Columbus, Ohio, arrest #9091, and of the identification of Mrs. Galatas from Miami, Florida, arrest #1959.

Information concerning Confidential Informants Nos. 2 and 3, whose names will be furnished the Division by separate cover, will be set out in subsequent paragraphs.

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Confidential Informant #1 advised that it has been the custom of Subject Galatas to remain in his office on Saturday afternoons until 2:00 p.m., and that his wife always remained with him; that Subject Galatas, whom he knew under the name of E. W. Lee, always wore his hat but never wore glasses in the office; that he always refused to furnish or furnished false addresses of his place of residence; that he claimed to own an apartment house in Los Angeles, California; that he claimed to be from Southern California; that the main office of the Liquid Colophane Corporation was located in Los Angeles.

Agent Magee instructed Confidential Informant #1 to advise no one of his information, and, as a matter of fact, he was requesting this of agent, and was told to remain silent on the matter in the event it was a true identification. This he promised to do.

Special Agents J. V. Blake and D. W. Magee proceeded to 503 Stearn Building, 348 Baronne Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, leaving Special Agent Alex Rosen as lookout in an automobile in front of the Building.

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In the front office of the aforementioned Company there were three salesmen and another male individual, who later developed to be Chester Bugbee Simpson, who operates an adjoining office to Subject and is distributor for Oilpure Refiners Sales of Louisiana. The three salesmen immediately left the office. One of these salesmen is Leonard Berger, who, when subsequently located and interviewed for the purpose of stopping any publicity, advised that he has no definite information as to the true identity of Subject Galatas, and, to the knowledge of agents, this statement appears to be correct. Berger has lived in New Orleans all of his life and formerly operated a wallpaper store in this city. The two other salesmen are Confidential Informants Nos. 1 and 3.

It was immediately apparent to Agents Blake and Magee that E. W. or William Lee was Subject Galatas, and he was immediately taken into custody and immediately admitted his identity. Mrs. Galatas was in an adjoining office and was also taken into custody, and both were brought to the New Orleans Division Office for interview.

A representative of the Universal News Service was in the Post Office Building and noticed the entrance of agents, and asked for a story. No information was given to him and he was told to return at 4:30 p.m., this statement being made for the purpose of stalling the news representative away. He was subsequently advised that it was an interrogation only of two individuals for harboring an escaped federal prisoner by the name of Jeanfreau, who has been reported to have been in New Orleans, where he is a well-known former liquor distributor. This apparently satisfied the Universal News representative and he was told to contact the New Orleans office in about ten days to two weeks for further information.

In this connection, agent asked for the telephone number and address of

this representative and he stated that he could always be reached through the Postal Telegraph, and request is made of the Division to defer from using the Postal Telegraph for communications on important matters until this connection between this news representative and the Postal can be investigated, as the news representative states that he hangs around the Postal Telegraph office. The name of this news representative is Mr. Krebs, first name not ascertained, but who stated that he is the brother of the night managing editor, Ben Krebs, of the Times-Picayune, a New Orleans daily newspeper.

In an effort to forestall any publicity on the instant case, agent immediately contacted all the salesmen present at the time of the arrest, as well as Chester Bugbee Simpson who was taken to the New Orleans Division Office with Subject Galatas and wife, and they were warned and instructed in the procedure that they were to follow in the instant case. Simpson has properly identified himself, as have the others, and they were not held, and it is believed that they will treat the matter in strictest confidence. Neither Simpson nor Berger have definite knowledge of the identity of Galatas.

For the time being, Subject Galatas and wife are held in the apartment of agent, which appears to be a logical and safe place.

A preliminary interrogation of Subject Galatas, which is subject to revision on subsequent interrogations, was made to Special Agents Bleke and Magee, and the facts are as follows:

Subject Galatas stated that he was sitting in the back of the White Front place at Hot Springs, Arkansas, a smoke shop, booking shop and cigar stand, on the day that "Doc" Miller (who is Subject Nash) was apprehended; that immediately upon the departure of Miller and the arresting officers, everyone was of the opinion that it was a kidnaping; that he, Galatas, did not see the officers or Nash, but immediately left for the home of Mrs. Miller (Nash) and informed her. He states that Doc Miller and his wife resided at the Oak Lawn Tourist Camp and that Mrs. Miller requested to be taken to a telephone immediately. Subject Galatas stated that he took Mrs. Miller to the Connor woman's residence (a subject of the instant case), who resides a block up from the Como Hotel in Hot Springs on South Central. Galatas stated that he would not have taken her up there had he known that she was going to use the long distance telephone, that, in fact, he did not know that she called long distance until later when she told him, although he states that she did not tell him who she, the Miller woman, called. Galatas stated that he was in the kitchen with the colored maid drinking beer during the telephone conversation or conversations.

Galatas states that the Connor woman was not following any occupation at that time but was trying to negotiate for a beauty parlor. He states that he has known the Connor woman since the early 1920's, having met her when he, Galatas, was in charge of new accounts, working under contract for another individual who had a contract with the Security Trust Company at Memphis, Tenn.

Subject Galatas stated that Mrs. Doc Miller (Nash), stated, when leaving the Connor's residence, that she wanted to go to see Herb Farmer at Joplin, Mo.; that she could not drive a car and that she wanted to get there immediately; that he, Mrs. Doc Miller (Nash), and her daughter proceeded to the aviation field

at Hot Springs, Arkansas; that he does not recall who engaged the pilot, name believed to be Charlie, but that all three left in the afternoon of the day that Nash was apprehended, and arrived at Joplin, Mo., and proceeded to the Herb Farmer farm location; that he, Galatas, desired to return to Hot Springs the same day but was compelled to remain at the Herb Farmer place over-night; that he has no information or knowledge of the facts that developed at the Herb Farmer place; that he personally placed no long distance calls to Kansas City, St. Louis, Chicago, or elsewhere, other than to his wife in Hot Springs, Arkansas; that he went to town (Joplin) with Herb Farmer and got some beer; that the only ones present at the Herb Farmer place were Herb Farmer, his wife, and an old man; that he left Joplin, Mo., by plane, returning alone with the pilot; that he left Joplin about 9:00 a.m. and arrived in Hot Springs about 10:30 or 10:45 a.m.

Subject Galatas was questioned as to his purpose in going to Joplin and his only answer was "because I was crazy". He stated that he was not interested in Doc Miller (Nash) and only went up there for the ride and nothing else; that he did not know the purpose of Mrs. Doc Miller's trip, other than that she stated she wanted to see Herb Farmer.

Subject Galatas states that he did not know of the Kansas City shooting until he had returned to Hot Springs and heard the radio account of same; that a couple of days after his return to Hot Springs, he and his wife drove their Cadillac car to Little Rock, Ark., and from there to St. Louis, Mo. At St. Louis, Mo., Subject Galatas states that he stayed with people whose name or address he refused to give, stating that it would implicate people who did not know a thing about the matter; that they stayed with these people three or four days. Galatas intimated that it was a private family but his wife states it was a hotel or they called it a hotel. Galatas stated that he would refuse to give the name of these people if he was "beat to death". No force was used at this interview.

Subject Galatas stated that he rented a private garage at St. Louis and stored the Cadillac car and paid two weeks storage, and he has never contacted the place since. He refused to state, and denied knowledge of the location of the garage. He states that some time ago he tore up the piece of paper with the address. Undoubtedly this car is stored with the friends aforementioned, whose name and location will be secured if possible. The Cadillac car, both Subjects advise, was left under the name of Elizabeth Galatas.

Subject Galatas states that after three or four days stay in St. Louis, they went immediately to Los Angeles, California, traveling, he believes, on a Missouri Pacific through Little Rock, Ark., where no contact or stop was made, over the Southern Pacific to Los Angeles; that he stopped only a few hours in Los Angeles and took a bus over the Ridge Route to Sacramento, California. Subject Galatas states that he and his wife resided at 1022 Fifth Street, Sacramento, for a period of a month or a month and a half, in a rooming house located near a park; that at this point he assumed the alias of Edwin J. Lee or William Lee and, under the alias of William Lee, purchased a new Plymouth Coupe, motor #PD-59178, serial #3004574, which bore 1934 California license 3D5074, and, when located in New Orleans, bore 1934 Louisiana license #128807.

Galatas stated that after a month or a month and a half residence in

Sacramento, California, he and his wife proceeded to Santa Monica, California, and resided at the Rio Rita Apartments, moving to a different apartment in the same apartment house during their stay there, which was the majority of the time they were in Southern California; that they later moved to the Ferncliff Apartments and stayed there about a month.

Subject Galatas stated that he and his wife decided, immediately after they left Hot Springs, to drop all contact and association with relatives and friends and are positive in their statements that they have never communicated with anyone, for the purpose of avoiding apprehension. Galatas stated that he took a bank roll of sufficient size to carry him through until shortly before he left Los Angeles, when he sought employment and, for a time, endeavored to make a livelihood by taking and selling action photographs for the Graflex Camera; that while so engaged they traveled practically all over California, living always in tourist camps and under the name of Edwin W. or William Lee; that he was careful not to be arrested, and his wife never contacted her son, and that they avoided all old acquaintances and never visited cabarets, which, he stated, he and his wife do not enjoy

Subject states that while in Los Angeles, for a time he sold a rubber sole shoe product, but was unsuccessful and, in the early part of 1934, met up with Mr. H. W. Grapes, who is the head of the Liquid Colophane Corporation, main address 3636 Beverly Boulevard, room 604, Los Angeles, California, and that he secured a contract with H. W. Grapes, who, he states, does not know his correct identity, for distribution and field representative of Louisiana and Mississippi and Southeastern States.

Subject Galatas states that he arrived in New Orleans, Louisiana, about April 7th or 10th, 1934, and resided first at the Carroll Hotel for a period of two months, moving to the Pontchartrain Apartments, the most exclusive apartments in New Orleans, for a period of two months, and that, as he has recently been hard-pressed, he has been residing in a small apartment at 912 Harding Place, Apartment F, and that this is his present address.

At this point of the interview, Subject Galatas states that he had made a previous trip in the Plymouth Coupe to New Orleans, and agent found evidence in the form of electric light bills, to the effect that he had lived at 614 Metairie Road from 9/18 to 12/7/33. Subject stated that he returned to Los Angeles shortly before Christmas in 1933, later returning to New Orleans as aforementioned.

On the first trip to New Orleans he states that he endeavored to sell a rubber sole product for a Los Angeles firm, manager's name and address not remembered, but was unsuccessful. He states, however, that on this trip to New Orleans he resided at 1461 Metairie Road instead of 614 Metairie Road.

Subject Galatas and his wife so far have denied knowledge of facts and the names of the parties responsible for the Kansas City shooting, and stated that they knew none of these hoodlums and that they hoped they would get their just desserts.

Subject Galatas was very mild and soft-spoken and completely broken in

spirit. He resembles the photograph on the Identification Order without the glasses. He appears and acts non-interested and as though he was in a trance or recovering from a sedative. He denies that he uses narcotics in any form. He appears under-weight, as does his wife, although her spirit is more hopeful.

Subject Galatas states that the 1933 model Ford Coupe he owned in his name was not paid for and it was returned to the dealer, either in Hot Springs or Little Rock, Ark.

Galatas states that Mrs. Doc Miller (Nash), thought they would take Miller (Nash) to Joplin, but could or would not explain this thought.

Galatas states that Doc Miller (Nash) shortly before the Kansas City case, was met by him, Galatas, in front of the Sterns Hardware Company in Hot Springs, and informed by Doc Miller that he was getting a marriage license; that he, Galatas, walked to the court house with Miller (Nash) and signed as a witness on a marriage license but never witnessed the marriage or knew where or whether he did marry.

Galatas was of the opinion that Nat Picchi or Matthew Picchi, an Italian, owned the White Front cigar and booking establishment at the time Doc Miller (Nash) was apprehended, or, as Galatas worded it "kidnapped".

Subject Galatas when questioned, stated that he has known Herb Farmer for several years, having met him at Hot Springs, Arkansas first.

Subject Galatas when questioned why he ran away from Hot Springs, Ark. stated that it was apparently because he was a weakling and a coward. Subject's wife stated that she influenced him to go because they were both scared to death over the Kansas City case, although both disclaimed knowledge of the participants. Subject Galatas stated that had he known who were the participants he would have gone to the Department of Justice a long time ago.

Subject Galatas intimated that he had been peace-maker in several fights, and political faction fights in Hot Springs, Ark. and that he always got into trouble over them and that was one of the reasons why he was glad to leave Hot Springs, Ark. In one instance he states that he was involved innocently in a shooting where George McLaughlin, nick named "Fats", who worked in the City Hall, Hot Springs, and was a brother of the Mayor; that George McLaughlin, in this instance was involved in a killing. Subject Galatas states that the Masons tried to kick him out, and that he was greatly discouraged and therefore left Hot Springs. This undoubtedly will be his defense.

Subject Galatas states that while in Hot Springs, Ark. last, they lived for a period of at least two years at a home owned by a Mrs. Virginia M. Martin, a widow of a prominent doctor, the residence being located at 127 Harrell Street; that he left some furniture there and a trunk and possibly two.

Subject Galatas states that he has a small bank account in Hot Springs, Ark. but has never cashed checks on same since he left.

It is the plan of the reporting agent, subject to revision after conference with Special Agent Anderson, upon his arrival, to use Special Agent Anderson, Kindell and Temple for statement from subject Galatas and his wife. The reporting agent and others available will attend to the preliminary interrogation.

Subject Galatas and wife are being properly guarded and no one other than employees of the Division have knowledge of their location.

PERSONAL HISTORY OF SUBJECT RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS

Age, 43; born Montgomery, Alabama, November 18, 1890.

Completed eight grade City Schools, Montgomery. Father was in hotel and restaurant business, lost out. Subject Galatas went to work as Call boy at Western Union for a short and subsequently as bill collector for C. S. Griel, who was Secretary of the Elks at Montgomery and in the wholesale whiskey business. Worked for a year or so at this occupation and subsequently as a salesman for shoe and gents furnishings for Alexander Rice at Montgomery, Ala. Subject Galatas came to New Orleans, La. with his father who opened a restaurant and went broke and the family then went back to Montgomery, Ala. where the father died in 1912.

Subject Galatas states that he is of French descent and that his grandfather was Provost Marshal at Covington Parish, Louisiana for 36 years.

Subject Galatas states that he left Montgomery, Ala. about 1910 after getting shot in the neck while assisting officers making an arrest; that thug shot him in neck and the officer killed the bandit.

Subject Galatas states that he then went to Louisville, Ky. and got a job at the Franklin National Bank as solicitor for new accounts, where he remained for two months.

Subject Galatas states that for some time thereafter he was either solicitor for banks or for individuals holding contracts with banks, and in this capacity has been connected with the Chicago Savings Bank & Trust Company, working under a Mr. Silas W. Hatch and under him at Evansville, Ind., at the Union Savings Bank Pittsburg, Pa., at fifteen different banks in Chicago over a period of several years, also in Detroit and Fords Bank, with the Third National and the Fulton National Bank at Atlanta, Ga. Subject Galatas as a new account bank solicitor, stated that he has worked in other banks at Monroe, La., New Orleans, La., Nashville, Tenn. and Vicksburg, Miss., as well as other cities which he has forgotten. Galatas states that in 1911 he solicited accounts for the Guaranty Title & Trust Company, working under a man by the name of Page, who had the contract soliciting new accounts.

Subject Galatas states that at one time, date not remembered he operated the Broadway-Strand Theatre in Detroit, Mich.

Galatas states that he was residing in Los Angeles, Cal. in 1924. He states that he has resided in Hot Springs six or seven years before the Kansas City case.

Subject Galatas states that he was inducted in the U. S. Army at Camp Gordon at Atlanta, Ga., but was discharged a few days thereafter for disability to his feet and legs, as he suffered from flat feet and arthritis.

Subject Galatas states that he married his present wife, whose maiden and married name he refuses to furnish, at Riverside,Cal. six years ago, under the name of Richard Tallman Galatas.

Mrs. Galatas states that she is 40 years of age, but refused to give information concerning her personal identity or history.

Subsequent investigation and interrogation of subject Galatas and wife will be along the lines of knowledge of the Kansas City case and the names of the participants.

Division will be advised immediately of any important developments on this case.

The arrival of Special Agent Harold Anderson is expected at 5:00 p.m. on the 23rd instant.

Very truly yours,

R. Whitley

R. Whitley,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Kansas City (2)
Chicago (1)

These copies being held in New Orleans office for time being.

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The Division instructions on code informants are explicit. Is there any reason why these names are not included in the letter?

E. A. TAMM - Room 5107

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October 3, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased); RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1201; CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1194, et al.
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Dear Sir:

The Division desires an explanation as to why it is necessary to refer to a confidential informant in a personal and confidential letter without furnishing the name of the informant as was done in your letter dated September 23, 1934, wherein you advised that the name of the confidential informant would be furnished the Division by separate cover.

Section 49 of the Manual of Rules and Regulations appears to be very specific in that the name and address of an informant, whose name should not appear in an investigative report, shall be furnished the Division in a personal and confidential letter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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U. S. Department of Justice

D.M.:cw.
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326½ Post Office Building,
New Orleans, La.
September 25, 1934.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St. N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Re: Vernon C. Miller, with aliases (Deceased);
Richard Tallman Galatas, with aliases,
Fugitive, I.O. #1201; Charles Arthur "Pretty
Boy" Floyd, with aliases, Fugitive, I.O. #1194;
et al.
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

There are transmitted herewith three copies of statement secured from Subject Richard Tallman Galatas on the night and morning of September 24 and 25, 1934, in the New Orleans Division Office by Special Agents H. E. Anderson, L. A. Kindell and D. W. Magee, who signed as witnesses to this statement. The original and one copy, both signed by Subject as Richard Tallman Galatas, will be retained in the New Orleans office file, to be transmitted to the Kansas City Office upon the removal of Subjects or upon public notice of the apprehension of Subject Galatas and wife.

Agents Anderson, Kindell and Magee, on September 24, 1934, secured individual voluntary signed waivers from Subject Richard Tallman Galatas and his wife, waiving the filing of removal proceedings, hearing before any court, judge, commissioner or magistrate, the issuance of a warrant for removal and any proceedings of any kind or character whatsoever in this district, and agreed voluntarily to accompany officers of the Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, to the Western District of Missouri to answer there any proceedings begun in or proceeses issuing from the District Court of the United States of the said district, against them.

With reference to the waiver of Subject's wife, a clause was inserted which included any charges that may be filed against her in the Western District of Missouri.

Very truly yours,

R. Whitley

R. Whitley,
Special Agent in Charge.

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NEW ORLEANS,
September 25,
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I am making this statement of my own free will to E. W. Magee, L. A. Kindell, and H. E. Andersen, knowing them to be Special Agents of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, after being advised that whatever I say can and may be used against me in court.

My name is Richard Tallman Galatas. I am forty-five years of age. For several years prior to June 16, 1933, I was a resident of Hot Springs, Arkansas.

About two or three months prior to June 1933 I met Frank Nash, whom I knew as Doc Miller, through Herbert Farmer, of Joplin, Missouri, the meeting taking place in Hot Springs, Arkansas. I was located at the White Front Pool Hall in the capacity of making baseball books. In the latter part of May or early part of June two men came into the White Front and introduced themselves to me and propositioned me to handle some Blue Ribbon beer. They told me that it was beer that they had been handling in Chicago during Prohibition and it was an excellent grade of beer and would deliver in Hot Springs, Arkansas, for less than the genuine Blue Ribbon, so I said - "Well, if it is not the genuine Blue Ribbon I don't want to buy it. I am not bootlegging and don't want to handle any beer of any kind. However, I have some here that I buy for the purpose of giving it to customers." That evening after dark I was standing in front of the White Front running a book when this fellow said - "How about going over to get a drink? I want you to try this beer anyway and maybe you can connect me with someone who can handle it." I said - "I don't know of a soul who would be interested in that kind of a proposition." But anyway I got in the car with them and went down the street. I got in the back seat and one fellow got in the back seat with me, and there was one man in the front seat - the driver. We pulled up to the side entrance of the Eastman Hotel, (now the Kingsway). I noticed that the car parked double instead of parking along the curbing. This boy, the driver, got out and ran around the car and opened the door for us to get out and when we got out I became suspicious and I walked on through the entrance to the Coffee Shop into the back, and there was no way for me to break away from the men because I was cornered. I thought one of them was armed. I didn't see any pistols but I saw a bulge in his pocket and thought it was a pistol. I walked through the corridor and got into the elevator in company with the two men. When the elevator stopped on the main floor I got off right quick. I went down through the lobby, hailed a car, and went to the White Front. Almost coincident with my arrival at the White Front the two men drove up in front of the White Front. They were driving a Cadillac Sedan with Illinois license. The biggest boy got out of the car and came over and said - "What's the matter? Why didn't you come up to get some beer? This is good beer." So I said I saw a friend of mine I had been looking for a few days, and I had to see him and I would have come up later. So he said - "We'll go back down and get some now," and I said - "I can't go now but will go some other time."

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While I was talking to them Nash walked up. He started talking to me and it was then that I told this boy, one of those who had taken me to the hotel, that I could not handle it anyway because "I haven't any money to take care of it." I showed him a Five Thousand Dollar mortgage. Nash was there at this time, having walked up. I explained to the boy that I could not handle any proposition owing to the fact that I did not have any money and there was no use for me to go any further into the proposition. I was afraid of a snatch and that is why I showed them the mortgage to convice them that I was broke. I thought in this way that I would ward off any snatch. At the same time I did not want the men to suspect what I really thought.

I met Nash again in the White Front. He broached the subject that he was surprised to learn that I was broke, and I explained to him that that was the reason that I did not open the book. He said - "Well - I'm going to Chicago and I will be back in a few days. I am going to get some money and will a couple of thousands take care of the book?" I said - "I would not take the money from you unless you would accept it as an interest in the place or make a loan with the understanding that if I lose the money I will owe you Two Thousand Dollars, and if I win anything I will give you ten per cent on your money,"and he said that was satisfactory. I think that was the last I saw of Nash until this other time, when he was arrested. I was suspicious then but it was so far fetched that it was unreasonable for me to be sure in my own mind. There was no way for me to figure the connection. I wondered at that time why Nash should offer me Two Thousand Dollars to open a book, and I became suspicious of him, and wondered if they might be connected with some snatch racket.

On June 16, 1933, at about 12 noon, I was in the back of the White Front. I came out front and the boys were talking about a kidnaping. That was the first thing I heard - that someone was kidnaped. I said who and somebody spoke up and said three men came in here and put guns on Doc Miller, put him in a car and drove off with him. We stayed there talking for a little while and nobody could decide what to do. I later reported the incident to Chief of Police Joe Wakelin, and Chief of Detectives Dutch Akers. They called the surrounding towns and asked that the car be stopped. I went to the Oaklawn Tourist Court and got Mrs. Nash and took her to my house, after informing her of what had happened. She had something to eat in the dining room and I went into the back yard. I remember that about this time I went to the police station and overheard two telephone calls come in from Benton, Arkansas, the first advising that the police there had stopped the car containing Nash and found he was in custody of officers. The party called back a second time, almost right after, and said he was not sure that they were officers, although one of them had exhibited a gold badge. The car that took Nash away was a Buick Sedan with California license.

At this time I was residing at 107 Harrell, Hot Springs, Arkansas. My telephone #3842 was listed in the name of Mrs. George W. Bates. This name was adopted so as to get the same results as an unlisted telephone, not wanting to be called at all hours of the night.

I am informed by Mr. Kindell that on June 16, 1933, at 2:24 p. m. a long distance call, to be designated as No. 1, was placed from my telephone to the police department at Little Rock, Arkansas. I called the Police Department

to find out if they had heard anything of the car and they reported that the car had been stopped at Little Rock, Arkansas, and that there were three officers taking a prisoner to Joplin, Missouri.

Mrs. Nash was in the dining room and I told her this man was arrested and in the custody of officers, so I had been told by the Police Department, and what is the man wanted for, and she said "I don't know. I asked her what he could have been wanted for, and she said "Probably on a bootleg charge." I asked her "At Joplin?" and she said - yes - at Joplin, Missouri for bootlegging. I asked her specifically at the time and she denied emphatically that he was wanted or that she knew of any place that he was wanted except on the bootlegging charge.

To the best of my knowledge I believe that I told the police officers at Little Rock that I was Chief of Detectives at Hot Springs. I am pretty certain of this.

Mrs. Nash said - "If they are taking him up to Joplin, how long will it take me to get up there?" I told her quite a while as there are tough roads. She could not drive her own car. I told her if she could not drive the car I could not take her but I would hire a chauffeur and she did not like that and asked me if there was an airplane service out of Hot Springs. I said - "No, the airplane service is out of Little Rock but none in that direction," but that there was an airplane field in Hot Springs and the man would take trips anywhere. So she said - "Well - let's go out there and see how much it will cost and what arrangements we can make."

On the way out I stopped at the home of Lou Conner. I stopped at Mrs. Conner's on the way to the field as Mrs. Nash wanted to use the 'phone. Mrs. Conner was not at home but her front door was open and the maid was there. I went in and waited while Mrs. Nash placed the call. When she completed her call she told me that she had called Chicago and could not get the party she wanted, but had left a message. I don't remember who was asked for, nor what place she called. This call shall be designated as No. 2.

Then we went to the field and made arrangements for the plane. I was informed that it would take some time to get the plane ready and returned home.

Just before we boarded the plane we stopped at Lou Conner's again, as near as I can recall at this time, and Mrs. Nash placed a call to Herb Farmer's home at Joplin, Missouri. This call should be designated as No. 3. This call was telling the Farmers that she and her daughter were coming by plane to Joplin.

Later I took Mrs. Nash to the airport and boarded the plane for Joplin, Missouri, in company with Mrs. Nash and her young daughter, and the pilot, Charley Stover. My reason for boarding the plane was that when Mrs. Nash got in the plane she became hysterical and wanted me to ride over with her, and I asked Charley if he would charge me anything for going over and he said "No." I wanted to get rid of her to stop newspaper notoriety.

I was trying to appease her in every way to keep her from thinking that I might have something to do with Nash's arrest. She told me, as we got on the plane, that Herb Farmer was to meet her at the field. When we got to Joplin we circled and finally landed in the old airport. Herb Farmer was not there and I learned later that he was at the new airport. We got a taxi to a drug store and 'phoned the Farmer residence. We were told to wait and Herb would come for us. He came after us and took us out to his farm, located near Joplin, Missouri. Herb Farmer and I left almost immediately and went back to the Midway Drug Store. Herb went there to try to make some connection to find out if Nash had been brought to Joplin. I went up to the hotel then to look for the pilot, found that he was out, waited around a while and then decided to go back out to the farm with Herb Farmer. We went back to the farm and we did not get the information that Nash was not in town. We went back to the farm. Mrs. Farmer and Mrs. Nash were in the back and discussed Nash's apprehension by officers at Hot Springs.

Later we drove into town and I put in a call from the drug store to my home in Hot Springs. This is call No. 5. I believe the maid answered the 'phone and I had made a station to station call and talked to the maid and told her to tell Mrs. Galatas that I would not be home until "tomorrow."

I walked out to get a sandwich and while I was doing that Farmer was making another check to see if Nash had gotten in. When Farmer returned he told me that Nash had not arrived in Joplin. We drove back to the farm and then drove back into town to get some beer; then drove back to the farm.

I have known Herb Farmer four or five years. I first met him in Hot Springs. I thought Herb Farmer was a gambler and short con man.

When we got back to the farm with the beer I stopped in the kitchen and asked Mrs. Farmer if I could make a sandwich. I had not been able to get one uptown. She came out in the kitchen and made egg sandwiches.

Mrs. Nash told me that "they" were taking her husband to Kansas City from Fort Smith, Arkansas, by train. She asked me what time does the train get in Kansas City in the morning and I said to the best of my recollection I figured it would get there about breakfast time.

I am advised by Mr. Kindell that 'phone call, designated as No. 6, was placed from the telephone of Mrs. Lou Conner, Hot Springs, to telephone of Herbert Farmer at Joplin, Missouri, on this night. I did not talk to anyone in Hot Springs from the Farmer residence. I do not know who talked from Hot Springs. I assume that Mrs. Nash received her information through this call, though she could have gotten the information from Herb Farmer.

I am advised by Mr. Kindell that a long distance call, designated as No. 7, was placed from the 'phone of Herb Farmer to the residence of Vernon C. Miller in Kansas City at 10:17 p. m., June 16, 1933. On this occasion I did not talk to Vernon Miller, as I believe that Herbert Farmer and I

were then in Joplin proper. Some time after call, designated as No. 8, which will be mentioned below, was received, Mrs. Nash told me that she had called Kansas City early in the evening but had been unable to locate the party, and that she left word for him to call her. I went to bed at about eleven o'clock, as did the rest of them. Shortly after midnight Mrs. Nash was calling for somebody to come out to the telephone. She was crying and I took the receiver and conversed with a man I knew as "Verne." I told him who I was and that I had brought Mrs. Nash over there and he thanked me. I told him that Nash had been arrested at the White Front by three officers and taken away. I asked him if there was anything else I could do and he said "No." I told him I would go on back to Hot Springs early in the morning.

Mrs. Nash told me that she told Verne Miller that Nash and the officers were en route Kansas City, and were due to arrive that morning by train. Mrs. Farmer came out of her room and I went back to bed. I was up first in the morning. Those present in the house at the time this telephone call was received were Mrs. Frank Nash, Herbert Farmer, Mrs. Herbert Farmer, and myself. I left the next morning. Nothing worthwhile occurred in that interval. I was up first and waited for Mrs. Nash to get up, and I told her I was going to take the plane on back to Hot Springs, and asked if there was anything else I could do, and she said - "No - not now." I told Esther Farmer goodbye and Herb was out getting the car. He drove me to the airport and I went back to Hot Springs.

I stayed at home most of the morning and I went downtown where I heard of the massacre at Kansas City. I then went over to get Lou and took her over to my house. I told her what had happened in Kansas City and that I had taken this party, Mrs. Nash, over there and let her use the 'phone and apologized for the "heat" I had brought on her.

I talked with Dutch Akers on my return. We talked about the Kansas City massacre and he knew that I went to Joplin. I told him that I was in Joplin.

The reason I showed such an active interest in this case was:

First. I wanted to avoid the newspaper notoriety that would come to me personally owing to the fact that this man, Nash, had been a steady customer in the White Front.

Second. That I was afraid the woman, Mrs. Nash, might believe that I might be the cause of Nash's arrest.

On either July 17, or 18, 1933, my mother and my wife's mother, who had been living at my home with my wife and myself, drove to Little Rock, Arkansas, where my mother and mother in-law boarded a train for the home of my brother-in-law, Lee Cady, near Glenn Falls, New York.

The purpose of their trip was that I expected to have notoriety in this case and I wanted my mother and my wife's mother to leave. I had not intended to leave at this time.

The next morning I decided to leave with my wife because I knew there was going to be a lot of excitement and notoriety, and because I feared arrest. I went to St. Louis, had my wife store my Cadillac car.

I adopted the name of William Lee at Sacramento, California, and have used every means known by me to conceal my identity and prevent apprehension by the Government. I have corresponded with no one and neither has my wife. I have communicated with no friends or relatives, for the purpose of avoiding apprehension.

With reference to the actual participants in the murders at the Union Station at Kansas City, Missouri, on June 17, 1933, I want to state that I surmise that Verne Miller not only laid the plans leading up to the murders at the Union Station, but that he was an actual participant.

I have read the foregoing statement consisting of six pages, and as same is the truth I have signed each page of this statement.

Witnesses:

Special Agent, Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice, Kansas City, Mo.

Special Agent, Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice, New Orleans, La.

Special Agent, Division of Investigation,
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

August 14, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

For your information in connection with the recent indications of a possible hook-up between the Lazia killing in Kansas City and the Kansas City Massacre, I wish to advise that Mr. Jerome Walsh, Kansas City attorney who defended Lazia against income tax prosecutions by the Government was a classmate and very close friend of mine in Washington some years ago. I have not maintained this contact and I am unable to even guess how much he would confide in me. However, it has occurred to me that it is possible that if Walsh is in possession of inside knowledge with regard to the identity of the murderers of Lazia that he might very well give me considerable information which might possibly not be given by him to other investigators.

Respectfully,

E. P. Coffey.

E. P. Coffey.

Tamm said to take no action on this 8-20-34

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KANMO SUBJECT GALATAS AND WIFE APPREHENDED NEW ORLEANS ONE PM TODAY [redacted] ADMIT IDENTITY WILLING WAIVE FOR REMOVAL STOP INFORMATION CAME FROM CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT [redacted] FOR SUBJECT BIRMINGHAM NAME NOT TO BE USED STOP SUBJECT AND WIFE OPERATING LIQUID COLOPHANE COMPANY ROOM FIVE NAUGHT THREE STEARN BUILDING NEW ORLEANS STOP SUBJECTS RESIDENTS NEW ORLEANS FIVE MONTHS CAME FROM LOS ANGELES RESIDED THERE FERNCLIFF APARTMENT AND RIO RITA APARTMENT SANTA MONICA CALIFORNIA STOP SUBJECTS LEFT JOPLIN FOR HOT SPRINGS AFTER KANMO CASE THEN DIRECTLY LOS ANGELES THIS MATTER SUBJECT VERIFICATION STOP RESIDENCE SUBJECT NEW ORLEANS NINE TWELVE HARDING PLACE APARTMENT F STOP SUBJECT ADOPTED NAME E W OR WILLIAM LEE AFTER LEAVING HOT SPRINGS AND RESIDED TEN TWENTY TWO FIFTH STREET SACRAMENTO CALIFORNIA ONE MONTH STOP HAS CALIFORNIA DRIVERS PERMIT UNDER NAME WILLIAM LEE OWNS PLYMOUTH COUPE LOUISIANA LICENSE FORMERLY NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR CALIFORNIA LICENSE THREE D FIVE NAUGHT SEVEN FOUR STOP MOTHER RESIDES LONG BEACH CALIFORNIA SISTER MRS HUGH MARTIN SAME STOP SUBJECTS APPREHENDED BY MAGEE AND BLAKE [redacted] STOP SUBJECT DISTRIBUTOR FOR H W GRAPES BUSINESS STYLED LIQUID COLOPHANE COMPANY MAIN BUSINESS ADDRESS THREE SIX THREE SIX BEVERLY BOULEVARD ROOM SIX NAUGHT FOUR LOS ANGELES STOP GRAPES RESIDES VALENTINE HOTEL KANSAS CITY STOP GRAPES WIFE RESIDES SEVEN SIXTEEN WEST CHESTNUT DENISON TEXAS STOP IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION NECESSARY HERE FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS LATER

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased);
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1201; CHARLES ARTHUR
"PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases, FUGITIVE,
I. O. #1194; et al;
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

There are transmitted herewith three copies of memorandum of Special Agent H. E. Andersen, dated New Orleans, Louisiana, September 24, 1934, which concerns statements and admissions made by subject Richard Tallman Galatas, alias Edwin W. Lee, alias William Lee, and made to Agent Andersen on September 23, and 24, 1934.

Very truly yours,

R. Whitley

R. Whitley,
Special Agent in Charge.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILES:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased);
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Interview with Richard Tallman Galatas the night of September 23, and 24, 1934, by the writer, was productive of the following information in addition to that which has heretofore been incorporated in this case:

Galatas related that a short time prior to the apprehension of Frank Nash at Hot Springs, Arkansas, two men from Chicago, whose names he did not recollect, called on him to obtain his O. K. in the distribution of illicit beer bearing the labels of the Blue Ribbon Brewing Company. Galatas informed these men that he was not interested in their proposition, advising them that he did not deal in beer himself, and that he did not feel in a position to back them with the City Administration at Hot Springs. The men left, but a night or two later appeared at the White Front Cigar Store and invited Galatas to go to the Eastman Hotel and have some cold beer with them. Galatas got in the car and noticed the third man who was driving. The car proceeded to the side entrance of the Hotel when one of the men he had met got out and opened the door to the car and told him to get out. Galatas noticed that all three individuals were armed. He was directed to proceed to the basement of the Eastman Hotel, the driver remaining in the car and Galatas's two companions going with Galatas. They entered an elevator and the floor was called. The car, unbeknown to the two individuals, stopped at the first floor of the Hotel, and as some people started to enter the elevator Galatas made a hurried exit.

Galatas made his way to the White Front Cigar Store and told some of his cronies what had happened. He then concealed himself and a few minutes later observed the car he had ridden in and the three men drive up to the White Front and inquire for him. He had arranged so that he did not have to meet them.

Within a day or two one of the men, aforementioned, in company with Frank Nash, alias Doc Miller, accosted him, and during the conversation he pulled out a mortgage which he had on his property, and in answer to their queries as to the money he had been making stated that he was almost broke but was merely putting on a big front. Nash and the other man appeared greatly surprised and they conferred at some length about the racket business in Hot Springs. Nash, whom Galatas maintained he knew at that time only as Doc Miller, offered to loan him a few thousand dollars to carry on, and Galatas intimated that he might have use for the money at a later date.

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In explanation of the foregoing, Galatas stated that while in the "booking" business at Hot Springs it was his habit to keep most of his money at his residence. He stated that this was generally known and that in his opinion the men who invited him to the hotel room intended to hold him for ransom and have someone, in his opinion Herbert Farmer, to act as a go-between and collect the money from his wife. He said it would have been very easy for these men to have obtained at least Ten Thousand Dollars from his wife had she thought he was in danger. He was pressed for reasons as to why he suspected Herbert Farmer and Nash, and stated that their actions subsequent to the night in question clearly indicated to him that they had knowledge of what had transpired.

Galatas advised that it was his intention to get in contact with some Government official through Tom Kearney, a bookmaker at St. Louis, and inform him that Nash and Verne Miller, whom he also stated he had met at Hot Springs, could be located at that point through proper investigation. He claimed, however, that before he had an opportunity to take this action Frank Nash was taken into custody by the Government officers.

Galatas has not satisfactorily explained the telephone calls which form the basis for the conspiracy through which an attempt was made to liberate Nash at Kansas City, Missouri. It is believed that this information will be secured within a very short time.

In reports of this case it appears that Verne Miller placed a telephone call from a pay 'phone in the Union Station at Kansas City, Missouri, at 12:05 a. m., June 17, 1933. This call was to the residence of Herbert Farmer, who resides near Joplin, Missouri. Statements made by both Mrs. Nash and Esther Farmer reveal that Galatas talked to Verne Miller, and that a general conversation was carried on between them regarding a change in the route which the officers were taking in bringing Nash to Kansas City. Their statements indicate that Galatas advised Miller that Nash, with his captors, would arrive in Kansas City from Fort Smith, Arkansas, by train at approximately 7:20 a. m. that morning. Their statements also indicate that Galatas inquired over the telephone whether his presence would be required in Kansas City and that he remarked, in substance - "Well, as long as you don't need me I will return to Hot Springs in the morning."

Galatas was questioned with reference to this telephone call and stated that he could not afford to make any statement relative thereto, as if he admitted such a conversation he would undoubtedly get the "hot seat." He was questioned along that line over a period of time and when the writer inquired - "Did you ask Verne how he was going to deliver Nash?" - Galatas replied - "No I did not." He then remarked that he had been tricked into making an admission which might hang him, and said that should agent testify in a murder trial he had no doubt that his statement would be very harmful to him.

Galatas stated that he would gladly plead guilty to the Federal charge against him in the event the sentence was not more than two years, as he understood would be the case, but maintained that he would rather die than sign a statement or readily make an admission against those involved in the "massacre case." He said that he felt that his life was in danger from mobsters who no doubt felt he had double crossed them with reference to the apprehension of Nash; that even though he were found not guilty by the Government in Kansas City he would not live long as the mob would probably be waiting for him to put him on the spot.

From the statements of Galatas as set forth above it appears to the writer that Galatas was probably desirous of getting rid of Frank Nash, and that pursuant thereto he may have passed the word on to Informant A, whose identity is known to the Division. It should be noted that Informant A was without doubt aware of the fact that Frank Nash was frequenting Hot Springs at intervals, and that he could have worked with the Government for Nash's apprehension, had he desired, months before. It is interesting to note that within a very short time after Galatas became desirous of ridding Hot Springs of Nash that the latter was "fingered" to Government agents by Informant A. The Division, of course, knows the relationship which existed between Galatas and Informant A.

The information recorded above is being furnished in order that it may be of record at this time. It is believed that a complete statement will be secured from Galatas regarding his activities in the "massacre case."

H. E. Andersen,
Special Agent.

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Mr. Homer S. Cummings,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I believe that if a federal agent could be assigned to stick around the White Front Cigar store here during the coming winter season, that our government can find out where Richard Galatas is hiding and we could stop the con men from working here. Charles Rockafellow of the Rockafellow Hotel here can tell you who it was who took Mr. Yudin, of Tucson, Arizaona ~~in a recent~~ con game here which your Inspector Ross is investigating.

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A former member Hot Springs police force.

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K.C. POLICE KNOW MAN WHO HIRED LAZIA'S SLAYERS

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underworld circles as an expert with that type of weapon.

These men not only were willing to lend their services to those who could pay the price, but they also were eager to reap some of the large profits offered by those desiring to employ professional bombers.

He began an investigation, it was said, that revealed to him the identity of the men responsible for the bombings, and he sent word to them that they must cease their activities.

"Do that," he told them, "or you'll find yourself floating down the river."

Outsiders Not Afraid.

This threat, it was said, caused the two Kansas City members of the 4-man gang to fear for their lives. But the two imported killers were not so timorous.

"Who's Lazia?" one of them asked.

"He's a North side politician with a big drag," the Kansas City men answered. "He's a big man."

"Yes," one of the imported gangsters said, "but a bullet will make him a little man."

This remark reached the ears of another Kansas City man, who at that time had no connection with the bombers. Neither was he associated with Lazia or his North side political organization. He was not an Italian by birth or descent. But he was a man who long had looked upon Lazia with envious eyes. He had seen Lazia holding a high position in Kansas City politics, wielding influence, in control of certain rackets, and, apparently, riding to wealth.

Envy Plays Role.

He had envied Lazia, but he did not know of any way to supplant him until he had heard that a man who was a member of a gang antagonistic to Lazia had said, "A bullet will make a little man of Lazia."

The name of this Kansas Cityan is known to police. Saturday night they knew he still was in town. And they knew he sent for the man who had made the remark about what a bullet would accomplish.

Police quoted this man as saying to the member of the bombing squad: "If you believe what you say about a bullet making Lazia a

the hotel door when he stepped from his motor car.

And, having made all their plans for the murder, they spent their time in an apartment within three minutes' drive of the hotel, awaiting word from the fourth gangster who stood at Twelfth street and Baltimore avenue to spot Lazia's car when it started for the Park Central.

On the night of July 16, this fourth gangster telephoned to his three accomplices when Lazia, with Carolla driving, started for the hotel from downtown. His three accomplices, with Gregory driving, hurried to the alley at the rear of the hotel. Gregory remained at the wheel. The other two took their positions behind the bushes to the east of the Park Central.

Gunmen Make Escape.

Lazia arrived a few minutes later, stepped from his car into a hail of bullets which caused his death several hours later in the St. Joseph hospital.

The two gunmen ran to their car and Gregory drove to a North side cabaret where they joined the man who had telephoned them.

The gang remained in Kansas City a few days and perpetrated the Dubinsky bombing. This was their last job in Kansas City. They went their separate ways, but Gregory decided to return.

Gregory, a few days after his return, was shot as he prepared to enter the Buckingham hotel at Thirtieth street and Forest avenue. He was taken to a hospital.

There he was identified in connection with the holdup of a Fairbury, Neb., bank. When he had sufficiently recovered from his wounds, he was arraigned on the charge of holding up two clerks employed by the Merchants bank and his bond was fixed at $10,000, which he furnished. Then he disappeared.

Expect Arrests Soon.

The other man who came back

HIRER OF LAZIA KILLERS KNOWN TO POLICE HERE

Kansas Cityan's Promise of $12,000 to Assassins Revealed.

KC Post Sept 22-

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One of Alleged Slayers in Custody; Wide Search On for Others.

Promise of a Kansas City man to pay the slayers $12,000 led to the murder of John Lazia, North Side politician, in front of the Park Central hotel July 10.

The man who hired the assassins is known to the Kansas City police.

They announced Saturday night. So are the men who fired the shots from ambush when Lazia, his wife, Mrs. Marie Lazia and Charles Carolin drove to the hotel from Lake Lotawana, where they had spent the earlier hours of the night.

The slayers, however, received only $4,000 of the sum promised them to commit the murder, police said they had learned.

One in Custody.

One of the alleged slayers now is in the custody of the police, and authorities throughout the United States have been requested to watch for others of the gang who were involved in the plot to kill the North Side political leader.

Ironically enough, the story of the murder as told Saturday night by Thomas J. Higgins, chief of detectives; Robert J. Coffey, chief of police, and Otto P. Higgins, director of police, revealed Lazia, reputed overlord of the gambling rackets in Kansas City, in the role of a protector of the public from bank bandits and other "big time" criminals.

Lazia was killed because, in the parlance of the underworld, he had "turned cop." He had joined the law enforcement agencies in Kansas City in an attempt to keep down major crime and the success with which he was meeting aroused the envy of the man who hired assassins to slay him from ambush, the police officials said.

Two Aides Imported.

The events leading up to Lazia's slaying had their inception months before he was killed.

The story as related Saturday night follows:

Two Kansas City men, ambitious to acquire "easy money," looked upon the bombing racket as the means through which their ambitions most easily could be realized.

These two imported two others, one of whom was Jack Gregory. The second was from Chicago. He was a veteran of the World war, a big man, physically, who had seen service in France as a machine gunner, and who was recognized in

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1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building
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September 25, 1934

Special Agent in Charge
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Sir:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases, Deceased
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1201
CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1194, et al
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Reference is made to letter from the Detroit office dated September 22, 1934, in the above entitled case, transmitting copies of reports in the case entitled Buick Sedan, Motor #8771459, Unknown Subjects, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act. A review of the reports transmitted to this office indicates a very strong possibility that the Buick Sedan in question is the car referred to by Michael James Lacapra, mentioned in the report of Special Agent W. F. Trainer, dated at this office September 5, 1934.

The Kansas City office has on September 24, 1934, telegraphically requested the Division to compare latent fingerprints mentioned in the report of Special Agent W. E. Peters dated at Detroit, Michigan, September 30, 1933, in the National Motor Vehicle Theft case with the known prints of the following individuals:

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Charles Arthur Floyd, I.O. #1194
Adam Richetti, Oklahoma State Penitentiary #23773
Vernon C. Miller, I.O. #1195
Edward Wilhite, St. Louis, Missouri, P.D. #17734
Jack Griffin, St. Louis, Missouri, P.D. #19134
Charles Gargotta, Division File #36046
Michael James Lacapra, Wichita, Kansas, P.D. #6124
John Lazia, Missouri State Penitentiary #20259

and also with the prints, if found available, on Tony Lacoco, Tony Gizzo, Sam Scola and Gus Fascone. Scola and Fascone were killed by Sheriff Tom Bash at Kansas City, Missouri, on August 12, 1933. The parties whose police numbers are not shown are known to be or to have been prominent in local underworld circles and it is very probable that they have police records at Kansas City. However, very discreet means will be taken to secure such identification records from the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department.

With reference to the party shown in various reports in the National Motor Vehicle Theft case, including the report of Agent Peters dated at Detroit, Michigan, August 28, 1934, Edward Wilcheck, the thought has occurred that possibly Edward Wilcheck might be identical with Edward Wilhite. A full figure photograph with front and side views of Wilhite is enclosed herewith to the Detroit office. It will be borne in mind that the Buick Sedan mentioned by Lacapra was presumably in the possession of Wilhite and Jack Griffin at Kansas City before it was used by Charles Arthur Floyd and there is a possibility that Wilhite and Griffin may have been the parties who placed the Ohio license tags on the Buick car.

It is suggested that concentrated effort be made to determine all facts that may be of interest in connection with this matter at Cleveland, Ohio, and Akron, Ohio, since it apparently may have a connection with the solution of the instant case. It is suggested that all connections of the deceased Nathan Gershon be established, if possible. For the information of the Detroit office it has been ascertained that Blanche Howard, the sweetheart of Jack Griffin, kept company with a man named T. J. Gerson, also known as Lou Gerson, who is still alive and residing in Kansas City; that individual is said to be related to Tom Gershon, Assistant City Prosecutor at Kansas City, Missouri. There has been some suspicion cast upon the party named T. J. Gerson in connection with the robbery of the First National Bank at Fairbury, Nebraska, which occurred on April 4, 1933, in which robbery Wilhite and Jack Griffin have been accused. This may be a coincidence in names only, but the Detroit office is nevertheless being informed of this phase of the matter since it might be possible to establish a relationship between the deceased Nathan Gershon and the other individuals mentioned here.

Very truly yours,

H. B. MATLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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526½ Post Office Building,
New Orleans, La.
September 25, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Sir:

Re: Vernon C. Miller, with aliases (Deceased);
Richard Tallman Galatas, with aliases, Fugitive,
I.O. #1201; Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd,
with aliases, Fugitive, I.O. #1194; et al.
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In connection with the investigation of this case, it is kindly requested that careful and discreet inquiry be made to determine the identity of the person who purchased Plymouth Coupe, motor #PD 59178, serial #3004570, California 1934 license #3D6074. This car was supposed to have been purchased on July 18, 1933, but it is not, at this time, known from whom it was purchased. It is believed that the automobile registration records in Sacramento will disclose this. The license in question was issued to one William Lee, 725 Seventh Street, Santa Monica, California.

The San Francisco Office is requested to conduct appropriate investigation at Sacramento with respect to the registration of this car, and to inform the Los Angeles Office thereof immediately, as it is believed that perhaps the car was purchased somewhere in the vicinity of Los Angeles, probably Santa Monica.

The Los Angeles Office is requested, upon receipt of the desired information from San Francisco, to contact the firm or person selling this car and ascertain the particulars in connection therewith, along with the identity of the purchaser, and to conduct careful and discreet inquiry at 725 Seventh Street in an effort to determine the identity of said William Lee.

It is believed that William Lee is identical with Subject Galatas and the inquiries requested should be made carefully and discreetly without divulging any information as to whose identity you are seeking to establish.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley,
Special Agent in Charge.

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AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

Director,
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Dear Sir:

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September 26, 1934.

Mr. Nathan
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Mr. Tamm

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I talked to Mr. Harvey at New Orleans and they have obtained nothing from subject Galatas or his wife of any importance. Harvey had a thousand reasons and excuses why the interrogation was not going satisfactorily including the general suspicious nature of the people of New Orleans, the lack of large apartment buildings, et cetera.

I talked to Mr. Cowley at Chicago and ascertained because of developments there, it would be virtually impossible for him to proceed to New Orleans at the present time. I asked Cowley about the desirability of bringing prisoners by plane to Chicago and he stated he thought this would be a good idea. He stated that since it will be necessary to charter a plane, it will cost no more to utilize a plane in Chicago which had been used on previous occasions and which had been found very satisfactory and reliable. This plane is being sent from Chicago to New Orleans and will arrive there about midnight. Two agents of the Chicago office are making the flight and I will have Mr. Brantley accompany these two agents and the prisoners back to Chicago. Agent Suran and Agent Brown are both familiar with the Kansas City case and accordingly it will be unnecessary for Agent Anderson to proceed to Chicago. The prisoners will leave New Orleans after noon tomorrow so as to arrive in Chicago after dark tomorrow evening. After the prisoners have departed from New Orleans, I will instruct Agent Harvey to return to New York and Agent Anderson to return to Kansas City, if these arrangements meet with your approval.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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Mr. Tamm

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Harvey called from New Orleans and stated that they had worked on Galatas all night and that he indicated that he will say anything they want him to say but will not admit anything concerning the case. I pointed out to Mr. Harvey that, of course, a statement of this kind from him is absolutely of no value since he will afterwards state that he indicated that he would agree to anything.

Galatas claims that he met Nash two or three months before the killing and that he saw him the day before Nash's arrest. He claims that he knows nothing of the Massacre although admitting that he made the airplane trip with Mrs. Nash. He has admitted talking to Verne Miller after midnight on the day upon which Nash was apprehended but claims that no mention was made of the massacre. It has been ascertained that Mrs. Galatas called Farmer's residence and told the Farmers of the change in the plans as to taking Nash to Kansas City rather than to Joplin. Mr. Harvey stated that they deemed it advisable to separate Mr. and Mrs. Galatas and hold them in separate places and I told him this would be entirely satisfactory. He stated that they had in mind using Agent Perronnin's residence but I stated that the Division did not desire to expose individual agents to a possible suit as a result of actions of this kind and recommended that they rent an apartment or house in which to detain the Galatases.

Respectfully,

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September 25, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

For your confidential information Special Agents of this Division, on September 22, 1934, located and apprehended Richard Tallman Galatas who was indicted at Kansas City, Missouri on September 1, 1933 charged, with ten other individuals, with conspiracy to deliver a Federal prisoner in violation of Section 141 of the U. S. Criminal Code. This case arose out of the attempt to deliver Frank Nash at Kansas City, Missouri on June 17, 1933 when Nash, Special Agent Raymond Caffrey of this Division, two police officers of the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, and Otto Reed, Chief of Police of McAlester, Oklahoma were slain.

Galatas was located in New Orleans, Louisiana where, under the name of E. W. or William Lee he was found doing business as a distributor for the Liquid Colophane Company at Room 503, Stearn Building. Special Agents of the Division [redacted] Through their questioning they identified him as the fugitive and immediately took him and his wife into custody. They are now being held incommunicado for the purpose of obtaining all possible information in their possession respecting the identity of the persons who participated in the massacre.

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I will keep you advised as to developments.

Respectfully,

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John Edgar Hoover,
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,
MR. WILLIAM STANLEY.

For your confidential information there is attached hereto a copy of a memorandum which I have today furnished the Attorney General relative to the apprehension of Richard Tallman Galatas at New Orleans, Louisiana on September 22, 1934.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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FORM NO. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Kansas City, Missouri. St. Paul FILE NO. 62-888

REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:
St. Paul, Minn.	9-27-34	9-21-34	C.O. Lawrence

TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, deceased; RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1201; CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases, I.O. #1194, FUGITIVE; et al.

CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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GEORGE YOUNG and JOE SCHAEFER interviewed at the Minnesota State Prison relative to their association with BERNARD PHILLIPS and WILLIAM WEISMAN, whereupon they denied knowing either of them and stated that PHILLIPS' photograph had been identified in the trial of their case for the murder of GORDON in St. Paul in 1932, as being a person who had been seen at the Green Lantern Cafe, where the murder took place. Visiting record of GEORGE YOUNG and JOE SCHAEFER obtained from prison authorities and set out in this report.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent R.C. Coulter, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated 8-23-34.

DETAILS:

DETAILS: at Minnesota State Prison, Stillwater, Minn.

The writer interviewed GEORGE YOUNG, who denied knowing BERNARD PHILLIPS or WILLIAM WEISMAN; whereupon, a photograph of BERNARD PHILLIPS was exhibited to him and he then stated that this was the person whose photograph had been identified in the trial of their case in 1932, as being the person who was seen to run from the Green Lantern Cafe, at St. Paul, Minnesota, at the time GORDON was murdered; that this person had been identified by a number of people in the trial of the case as one who had been seen in and around

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the Green Lantern at the time of the above mentioned murder. YOUNG denied that he had ever lived with PHILLIPS or that he had ever associated with him in any way and that he had never visited JUSTER BROTHERS CLOTHING STORE in Minneapolis, Minnesota, at any time and denied knowing that there was such a store in that city as indicated in reference report. He refused to comment or answer any questions in regard to WEISMAN, or SCHAEFER, in a manner that would indicate that he was acquainted with them and continually stated that he was doing time for BERNARD PHILLIPS who, no doubt, had done the shooting at the Green Lantern in this city at the time GORDON was murdered. JOSEPH SCHAEFER, also an inmate of this prison, denied emphatically that he knew WEISMAN, or PHILLIPS, and, upon being shown a photograph of BERNARD PHILLIPS, he stated that he did recall that he had seen PHILLIPS somewhere and believed that it had been the picture of PHILLIPS that he had seen in the trial of his case at St.Paul, Minnesota, in 1932, at which time he, SCHAEFER, was convicted for the murder of GORDON, along with GEORGE YOUNG. He also denied that he had ever lived with PHILLIPS and stated that he had neither known or associated with him; further, that he, SCHAEFER, had patronized JUSTER BROTHERS in Minneapolis, Minnesota, prior to his conviction but he denied that he had ever gone to the above mentioned store with PHILLIPS. These two men were questioned at length regarding their activities prior to their conviction and murder in 1932 but nothing could be obtained from them that could be considered as being the truth and, likewise, they refused to comment on their relationship with BERNARD PHILLIPS or WILLIAM WEISMAN.

The secretary of the warden of this institution, stated that the visiting record of GEORGE YOUNG and JOSEPH SCHAEFER were both identically the same with the exception that SCHAEFER'S record indicated that a MOE SCHAEFER, brother, Weslyan Apartments, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, had visited him in addition to those names appearing on YOUNG'S record.

The following information is set out for the benefit of the offices receiving copies of the report in this case, to be used by them as they see fit:

1932	John Burke, Attorney, 1036 Minnesota Building, St.Paul, Minn.;
	Harry Sieberg, brother, 1834 Lyndale Avenue, St.Paul, Minn.;
	Frank Meeker, attorney, St.Paul, Minnesota;
	R. Stein, attorney, 1040 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, Minn.;
1933	Miss Young, sister, 1834 Lindly Street, Philadelphia, Pa.;
	Max Silverberg, brother, 2522 Somerset Street, Philadelphia, Pa.;
	Peter M.Scott, attorney, 806 Minnesota Building, St.Paul, Minn.;
	John C.DeLong, attorney, 403 Commerce Building, St.Paul, Minn.;
	Rose Helen Harper, business, 423 So.Farnum, St.Paul, Minn.;
	Ben Jacobs, friend, Park Central Hotel, New York City;
	Sam Green, friend, Philadelphia, Pa.;

Mr. and Mrs. Stein, friends, Minneapolis,Minnesota;
J.Doyer and A.W.Carey, attorneys, 311 Hennepin, Minneapolis,Minnesota;
R.Stein, friend, St.Paul Hotel, St.Paul,Minnesota;
Sophie Silverberg, sister, 1834 Lindley, Philadelphia,Pa.;
C.H.Carhart, Post Office Inspector.

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Ben Harris, friend, 3553-46th Ave.So.,Minneapolis,Minn.;
R.Steinhardt,friend,4433 Portland, Minneapolis,Minn.;
Ben Stein, Park Central Hotel, New York City;
Max Silverberg, brother, 5945 Larchwood Avenue, Philadelphia,Pa.;
Louis Cohen, cousin, 1814 Garret;R.S.Upper Darby,Pa.;
Louis Oslvich,friend,2161 West 32nd Street, Philadelphia, Pa.;

In view of the fact that a number of the street addresses appear in the states, as set out above, copies of this report are being furnished the Philadelphia and New York Offices.

MR.FINNEGAN, secretary to the warden of this institution, stated that a very short time after SCHAEFER and YOUNG had been incarcerated they had received a number of telegrams to the effect that their uncle NICK was in bad health and that he had been operated upon on several occasions and, upon inquiring as to Uncle NICK'S identity, both SCHAEFER and YOUNG denied that they had any uncle by that name and that they did not understand the meaning of the telegrams; further, for this reason the telegrams had not been delivered to them and the same had been retained in the records pertaining to these two prisoners. MR.FINNEGAN exhibited a telegram addressed to JOE SCHAEFER, Stillwater,Minnesota, Prison, from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, dated December 28,1933, bearing the message, "Uncle left hospital today"; signed: "M.Friedman". This telegram bore the letters and numbers as follows: "4 M - O - 4 NM". The second telegram exhibited was addressed to GEORGE SCHAEFER, Stillwater, Minnesota, Prison, from Upper Darby, Pennsylvania, dated February 1,1934, and it bore the message: "Uncle Nicks second operation was a success and he is home now"; signed: "Sam Green"; which, likewise, bore the letters and numbers as follows: "2 M - O - 12 NM".

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Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT KANSAS CITY, MO. FILE NO. 62-678

REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:
PITTSBURGH, PA.	9-27-34	9-27-34	J. J. WATERS

TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (Deceased); RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS with aliases-FUGITIVE; I. O. #1201; CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. # 1194, ET AL.

CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Cadillac Sedan, Serial # 4660, Motor # 801478, not registered in West Virginia.

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REFERENCE: Letter from Kansas City Division Office dated 9-17-34.

DETAILS:

In accordance with the letter of reference the Automobile Bureau of the State of West Virginia was requested to advise this office whether the automobile described therein had been registered in that State.

On September 25, 1934 a reply was received from the Automobile Bureau indicating that this car has not been registered in that State. If any information is received in connection therewith this office will be immediately notified.

DETAILS:

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: J. J. Waters SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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U. S. Dept. of Justice
500 Rector Bldg.,
Little Rock, Arkansas

KANSO PURSUANT PUBLICATION OFFER REWARD LIBERTY MAGAZINE RECENT DATE LETTER RECEIVED FROM C L COLLUMS THREE HUNDRED CENTRE STREET LITTLEROCK ARKANSAS ADVISING PARTY IDENTICAL GALATAS LOCATED CARE WESTERN MOTOR COMPANY EAST SAINTLOUIS STREET SAINTLOUIS MISSOURI RECEIVING MAIL UNDER NAME JEAN HERNANDEZ SAINTLOUIS ADVISED

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1616 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,
Kansas City, Missouri.
September 22, 1934.

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cc-Oklahoma City-Personal and Confidential.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

You are advised that I received a telephone call today from Special Agent J. L. Fallon of the Philadelphia office advising that he arrived in Kansas City this morning. Agent Fallon stated that he observed the Majestic Hotel, and, upon finding it to be a small two-story building, determined it would be inadvisable to immediately check in there from the train. He, accordingly, registered at the Missouri Hotel, using the name Jim Foster and presently occupying Room 414. He plans to work into the Majestic Hotel gradually, first making inquiries concerning rates and then engaging a room. I am of the opinion that this procedure is right, inasmuch as the Majestic is such a place that suspicion might be created by a guest proceeding directly there upon arrival in the city.

Agent Fallon indicated that he expected to communicate with Special Agent in Charge Brantley at the Oklahoma City office. He has my home address and telephone number and will immediately advise me of any developments.

I have not been informed by the Division of the anticipated assignment of Agent Fallon and will, accordingly, appreciate any special instructions, which the Division may care to give concerning his assignment. Those Agents assigned to this office who are acquainted with Fallon are being advised of his presence in Kansas City on under-cover assignment, in order that there may be no possibility of his being uncovered.

Very truly yours, RECORDED
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326½ Post Office Building,
New Orleans, La.
September 25, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St. N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

Re: Vernon C. Miller, with aliases (Deceased);
Richard Tallman Galatas, with aliases, Fugitive;
I.O. #1201; Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd,
with aliases, Fugitive, I.O. #1194; et al.
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

Inasmuch as Galatas has been apprehended, it is suggested that the Division consider the advisability of carefully, discreetly and confidentially, through the office of origin in this case, cancelling all outstanding leads for the purpose of effecting the apprehension of this Subject.

I am informed that the Los Angeles Office already has or is preparing some kind of set-up in that district for the purpose of maintaining a surveillance on the homes of relatives of Galatas and, of course, this is no longer necessary.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley,
Special Agent in Charge.

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U. S. Department of Justice,
405 Post Office Building,
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Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
411 U. S. Court House Building,
Portland, Oregon.

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Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
500 Rector Building,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

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Division of Investigation,
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REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:
St. Paul, Minn.	9-24-34	9/11,12,13,24/34	O.E. Floyd

TITLE:
VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (deceased);
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1201;
~~CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases,~~
I.O. #1194; et al.

CHARACTER OF CASE:
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Telephone number DALE 8122 listed under name of O. MILLER, 1607 West 7th Street, St. Paul, Minnesota. Neighbors suspect that they run gambling house. List of long distance telephone calls included in this report.

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REFERENCE: Letter from Kansas City Office to Chicago Office, dated September 7, 1934.

DETAILS:

Telephone number Dale 8122 is listed under the name of O. MILLER, 1607 West 7th Street, St. Paul, Minnesota. MILLER rented furnished house at 1169 Portland Avenue in July, 1933 and furnished reference from the Chief of Police, Kansas City, Missouri; moved to 1607 West 7th Street, on July 25, 1934. Neighbors interviewed suspect that they run a gambling house. MR. MILLER'S occupation is given as tailor, employed at the Capitol Tailoring Company, 26 East 4th Street, St. Paul, Minnesota. Photographs in this case were exhibited to neighbors interviewed and HARRY SAWYER was the only one identified as having lived at this address. The address is the same as that occupied by "DAPPER DAN" HOGAN before his death.

DETAILS:

The following long distance telephone calls have been made from telephone DALE 8122:

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8-8-33	Washington Heights, New York	5717
5-24-34	Des Moines, Iowa	7-2891
1-25-34	Veterans Camp,Big Marine,Minn.	(No number)
2-2-34	Des Moines,Iowa(7th Tavern,7th & Grand)	48523
2-2-34	Des Moines,Iowa	39655
2-3-34	Des Moines,Iowa	35872
2-3-34	Des Moines,Iowa	48523
2-3-34	Des Moines,Iowa	48523
1-15-34	Sioux City,Iowa(Orpheum Cigar Store, 4th & 5th)	57422
12-18-33	Veterans Camp, Big Marine,Minn.	?
10-30-33	K.City (Coach House)	LD-383
10-6-33	Washington Heights, New York	5717
9-10-33	Litchfield,Minn.	76
9-8-33	Breen Hotel, St.Cloud,Minn.	1890.

No long distance telephone calls were obtained from telephone CEDAR 4610, Capitol Tailoring Company, but a collect telegram was charged to this telephone, dated October 8,1933, from New York City, addressed to SAMUEL LOFF, and signed by CATHERINE HOFFMAN, in which she was requesting a loan of $10.00 or $20.00.

A record of the Minneapolis calls was obtained and is being held in the St.Paul Division Office file.

The following criminal record was obtained from the Minneapolis Police Department concerning one OTTO BREST alias OTTO SNIDER alias OTTO MILLER, alias OTTO HADING, alias "DUTCH OTTO", #12527, which may,or may not be OTTO MILLER referred to in this report:

The record discloses that this party was picked up on a disorderly conduct charge; also suspected of pick-pocketing on 8-26-29 and was released to the sheriff's office. Personal description is as follows:

Name:	OTTO BREST,with aliases
Age:	42 years
Height:	5'6-3/4"
Weight:	154 pounds
Hair:	Chestnut black
Eyes:	Medium chestnut
Complexion:	Dark
Build:	Medium
Teeth:	Fair

(DESCRIPTION OF OTTO BREST, with aliases, CONTD.):

Occupation: Salesman
Marital Status: Married
Residence: Given as 437 St. Peter Street, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Criminal Record:
Prior arrest, #_____, picked up at Hopkins, Minnesota, Fair, with TOM CONROY, #21373, alleged to be working the crowd; fined $100.00 each, by Justice of the Peace Blunt, Hopkins, Minnesota.

Also, on March 17, 1932, sentenced to eighteen months in Leavenworth, violation Narcotic Act.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

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September 27, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I called Mr. Brantley at New Orleans with regard to the Galatas matter and asked if the pilot had arrived as yet. Mr. Brantley stated that he had heard nothing from him and I advised that he was grounded at St. Louis last night and should arrive in New Orleans about 10:00 o'clock this morning. Mr. Brantley stated it was a quarter of ten and I advised that he will probably get in touch with him very shortly. I stated that the pilot will probably need some sleep before he starts back for Chicago; that our problem is to get these people loaded into the plane without anyone knowing that they are being so loaded; that it should be planned so that they will arrive in Chicago after dark. I also advised Mr. Brantley that there will be two agents from Chicago in the plane and that he, Brantley, is to go back with them. I also instructed Mr. Brantley, after he leaves, to tell Harvey to go back to New York, Anderson to go back to Kansas City and the other agents should go back to their respective offices. I told Mr. Brantley to call me when he ascertains what time they will leave and approximate time of their arrival in Chicago.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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