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KANSAS CITY MASSACRE

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MEMORANDUM FOR Mr. TAMM

During telephonic conversation, I spoke to Mr. Stanley about the Galatas situation. I told him that the developments in this case are becoming even more complicated than ever before, and I think the announcement could be made, either at the press conference Thursday or sooner, to the effect that we have Galatas in custody. I stated that if this announcement is made, I would want to know possibly six hours in advance so that we could move him from Chicago to Kansas City, because he will not go voluntarily after the announcement is made. I told him that in making this announcement, I had in mind originally announcing the identity of the Kansas City machine-gunners, namely Floyd and Richetti; however, there is only one drawback to that; we are confident that they are the men, this conclusion being based upon the identification of an eye witness who saw Floyd, a latent fingerprint found in Verne Miller's house, and upon the statements of Needles (who has hearsay evidence) and of the wife of Verne Miller, who has told us that Floyd and Richetti came and stayed at their house the night before the massacre, went out early in the morning, and returned two hours later, Floyd having been shot in the arm at the station plaza. I informed Mr. Stanley, however, that Mrs. Verne Miller will not testify before the grand jury or in Court since she is fearful of her life. I stated that of course we know the identity of the machine-gunners, and I think it might be well for the Attorney General to announce it so that it may be known generally that we are looking for Floyd and Richetti, and why we are looking for them. I pointed out, however, that the District Attorney at Kansas City would then very likely demand at once to have the evidence furnished to them so that they can indict for murder; however, we can't do that because the only real evidence is the statement of Mrs. Verne Miller.

I also pointed out the connection of Lazia in this matter; that Miller went to Lazia that night and said that he wanted to get a couple of men to do the shooting; that Lazia then procured Floyd and Richetti to do the shooting; and this matter will involve a number of politicians in Kansas City. I stated that United States Attorney Milligan at Kansas City wants to call a grand jury the latter part of this month to obtain further indictments in this case, which I think is the proper action to take; that, however, this would probably bring out some of the various political angles that may involve former Commissioner of Police Reppert, at whose place Lazia made his headquarters during this time.

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I told Mr. Stanley that I did not know whether the Attorney General would want to make the additional announcement that investigation has definitely established the participation of Miller, Floyd and Richetti as the three gunmen,

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knowing that the principal informant cannot at this moment be used. Mr. Stanley inquired if there is any reason why this announcement should be made at the present time. I told him that it would not be necessary to make the announcement about Floyd and Richetti; however, we will have to make the announcement about Galatas since we have held him for three weeks, and although he is perfectly willing, I am afraid there will be some "leak" or some criticism by his lawyer when he is arraigned, due to the fact that we have held him for this period of time without any Constitutional right. I stated that of course the further announcement could be delayed until the grand jury proceedings, the only objection to this being that the information in that connection will emanate from Kansas City, and the Attorney General will not get the publicity since it will go to the United States Attorney. I suggested that this is a matter of policy to which he, Mr. Stanley, might want to give some consideration.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

# Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
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October 9, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

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On October 8, 1934 I telephoned Mr. Ladd and requested him to obtain information concerning the release of Vernon C. Miller from the South Dakota Penitentiary. Mr. Ladd obtained the desired information and sent a teletype to the Division advising that Vernon C. Miller was paroled September 13, 1924 and finally discharged from parole December 4, 1924. This information has been set forth in the press release dated October 9, 1934. Mr. Ladd also advised in a teletype message that the nolle prosequi was entered at Sioux Falls, South Dakota on January 17, 1931 in the case against Vernon C. Miller who was indicted for violation of the National Prohibition Act on October 20, 1925 and released on bond which was later forfeited.

Mr. Ladd also informed me that Mrs. Harry "Dutch" Sawyer is now in St. Paul; that the woman with whom she is residing came into the office to report the presence of Mrs. Sawyer in her home so as to avoid harboring charges. The prosecutions in St. Paul are beginning to take effect.

With respect to the criminal record of Adam Richetti, I telephoned Special Agent in Charge H. H. Reinecke of the Indianapolis Office, and requested him to obtain information relative to the release of Richetti from the Indiana State Reformatory, Pendleton, Indiana. Mr. Reinecke obtained the information and telephoned that Richetti had been released September 26, 1930 on parole to his brother-in-law, W. A. Smalley of Wewoka, Oklahoma and that a final discharge from parole was entered September 24, 1931. I pointed out to Mr. Reinecke that the Cincinnati Office had been requested to obtain information respecting Richetti's incarceration at the Indiana State Reformatory in the report of Special Agent Trainor dated April 21, 1934 and apparently had not been covered by the Cincinnati Office, but was recently referred to the Indianapolis Office under date of August 8, 1934 when copies of Special Agent Trainor's report and other reports bearing on Richetti were forwarded to the Indianapolis Office. Mr. Reinecke stated that he was shorthanded, but would have an Agent cover the matter within a week and I suggested that he send an Agent to Pendleton immediately to obtain the information with respect to correspondence records and other information that might be helpful in locating Richetti. Mr. Reinecke stated that he would do this.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby

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

Mr. J. H. Maloney,
Acting Supervisor,
Alcohol Tax Unit,
Bureau of Internal Revenue,
Treasury Department,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Sir :

This will acknowledge the receipt of your communication of September 28, 1934, with which you transmitted a copy of a letter from Mr. A. F. Munson, Investigator, to the effect that information with respect to Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd may be obtained at a service station and auto camp operated by one C. A. Smith at Sand Springs, Oklahoma.

I desire to thank you for this information, and you can be assured that it will be given appropriate investigative attention.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley,
Special Agent in Charge.

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1900 Bankers Building
Chicago Illinois

October 9, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1010 Federal Reserve Bank,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir: Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (deceased); CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O.1194, et al.
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

There is transmitted herewith for completion of your files three photographs each of Dominick Binaggio, [illegible], Mrs. [illegible], and Frank [illegible] which were recently taken in the Chicago Division Office.

Very truly yours,

S. P. CORLEY,
Inspector

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TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER (Deceased) with aliases; 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: Records of Indiana State Reformatory, Pendleton, Ind., show that Adam Richetti, when an inmate of that institution 1928 to 1930, had relatives at Wewoka and Lehigh, Okla., Hammond, Ind., Bolivar, Mo., Harvey, Ill. and Dunnesville, Ohio; and that after being paroled 10/2/30, he sent parole reports from Wewoka and New Lima, Okla. Specimen of handwriting obtained, and forwarded herewith to Office of Origin.

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Reference: Report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, Kansas City, Mo., 4/21/34; and letter from Cincinnati Office dated August 7, 1934.

Details: AT PENDLETON, INDIANA

DETAILS:

Agent visited the Indiana State Reformatory, and contacted Mr. J. C. McManus, Secretary to the Superintendent, who produced for Agent's inspection the Reformatory's file on ADAM RICHETTI #18243. It was explained to Agent that the Reformatory does not keep the original letters received by the inmates, nor a record of the dates of same, but the records show that Richetti's correspondents were his relatives, whose names are listed in this report.

Adam Richetti was sentenced from Lake County, Indiana, September 17, 1928, on the charge of robbery, one to ten years, and received at the Reformatory September 22, 1928.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: H. H. Clegg SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Physical Examination Report at the time he entered indicates nothing unusual, other than that this left eye was in good shape, while his right eye was in poor shape, the vision in the left being 20-20, and in the right 20-100. The physical examination indicated he was not addicted to drugs, alcoholics, and had no venereal disease. He was listed as a user of tobacco. His mental condition was rated "fair".

Report on his education indicated he had reached fractions in arithmetic, and could read and write readily. His occupation was listed as that of painter, and it was indicated he had followed that occupation four years.

The "Biological" Statement, concerning Richetti, shows he was 18 years of age at the time he entered the institution; white; single; physical condition good; mental condition fair; born at Strawn, Texas, August 1, 1910; education, seventh grade; church - no membership or preference; smokes and chews; uses cigarettes; drinks; associates, "mixed"; had attended Sunday School three years; had the following - named brothers and sisters:

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| Brothers: | David Richetti | Harvey, Ill. |
| | Joe Richetti | Bolivar, Mo. |
| Sisters: | Neva Richetti | Lehigh, Okla. |
| | Marie Smalley | Wewoka, Okla. |
| | Minnie Sustik | Dunnesville, O. |
| Half-sister: | Mary Rankin | Hammond, Ind. |

Names of parents, and information concerning them, is shown as follows:

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| Father: | Bartholomeo Richetti, Box 503, Lehigh, Okla; born in Naples, Italy; pecuniary condition, poor. |
| Mother: | Elisabeth (Zamboni) Richetti, living with husband; born in Italy. |

The file shows a "Statement of Inmate upon arrival at Institution", which indicates that he was sentenced to the institution with one Odus Lee Harper (Reformatory #18242); and that Richetti has stated that he and Harper left their homes at Wewoka, Okla., together, and drove in an old Ford roadster to Hammond, Indiana; that Richetti had purchased the Ford roadster in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; that they visited Richetti's sister in Hammond; that on the night of 8/6/28 they left his sister's address, and began drinking; that while returning to his sister's house, they saw a parked auto containing a man and two women; that Richetti handed Harper his gun, and they walked over to the car; that the man, thinking they were officers and that they wanted liquor, offered to drive them to an address where they could

get it; that they got in the car with the man and two women; and that they were driven to an address, where one of the women called the police, and they were arrested.

The files contain a letter to the Superintendentof the Reformatory from one E. L. Kitcham, proprietor, Owl Drug Store, Lehigh, Oklahoma, dated October 5, 1928, in which the writer states that he has known Adam Richetti eight or nine years, and his parents also; and that all are law-abiding, although the father occasionally gets drunk and has been fined.

Another letter in the files, addressed to the Superintendent, is from Postmaster Horace Bradley, Wewoka, Oklahoma, apparently in reply to one from the Superintendent, in which Mr. Bradley states that Odus Harper had been a carrier for the Post Office, and had been a satisfactory employee; but that the postmaster did not know Adam, but knew his sister, Mrs. Smalley.

John Martin, Wewoka, Oklahoma, September 2, 1928, answered a letter from the Superintendent, stating he had known Adam four years, and that he was an industrious young man.

Gus C. Schueler, Justice of the Peace, Box 104, Lehigh, Oklahoma, also wrote the superintendent, apparently answering the latter's inquiry, stating Adam "is a very bad egg, and is under suspended sentence here"; and that he was a hard worker and has assisted his parents, but is up to devilment also.

The files contain a lengthy petition from residents of Oklahoma, praying for the parole of Adam Richetti, the following-listed signatures being appended thereto:

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| Bill Jones | Chief of Police | Coalgate, Okla. |
| H. R. Carter | Auto Dealer | " |
| Ray Howell | " " | " |
| W. W. Barnett | Plumber | " |
| John Giachiomo | Barber | " |
| John Borsino | Furniture | " |
| E. E. Kerrill | | " |
| Jim Drummond | | " |
| H. M. Tate | Attorney | Wewoka, Okla. |
| C. W. Bungard | Collector | " |
| J. T. Wasson | Shoe merchant | " |
| A. Mason Shirley | Bookkeeper | " |
| D. L. Carter | Meat Market | " |
| Ben Scrinopskie | Clothier | " |
| L. O. Lane | Grocer | " |
| H. C. Thompson | Druggist | " |
| C. M. Shepherd | Dry Goods | " |
| Ira J. Banta | Attorney | " |

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| W. D. Morrison | | Tulsa, Okla. |
| C. L. Hill | Attorney | Wewoka, Okla. |
| Clarence Lane | Grocer | " |
| R. O. Williams | | " |
| M. Lindley | | " |
| John W. Sartin | Ex-County Commissioner | " |
| J. W. Ford | Mayor | Lehigh, Okla. |
| Haden Whitlock | | " |
| Lois C. Schuler | Justice of Peace | " |
| Joe Greeley | Merchant | " |
| R. L. Metcham | Druggist | " |
| E. Lefevre | Merchant | " |
| F. L. Bowers | Real Estate | Coalgate, Okla. |
| J. M. Simons | Grocer | Lehigh, Okla. |
| Lon Knox | | " |
| Tom Lampkin | | " |
| Ida M. Bennett | City Clerk | " |
| George Yattu | Grocer | Phillip, Okla. |
| Will Cummings | Sheriff | Coalgate, Okla. |
| Walter Clark | Under-Sheriff | " |
| T. G. Ramsey | Attorney | " |
| C. Rolls | | " |

Parole agreement was signed October 2, 1930, on which date Adam Richetti left the Indiana State Reformatory. He signed agreement to proceed to W. A. Smalley (his brother-in-law), Wewoka, Oklahoma. The files contain a formal notice from Richetti saying he had arrived at Wewoka, Oklahoma, 9:30 P.M., October 4, 1930, and that his address would be New Lima, Oklahoma, care of W. A. Smalley.

Regular monthly form reports are on file, dated 11/3/30, 12/1/30, 1/1/31, 3/5/31, 4/1/31, 5/3/31, 6/1/31, 7/1/31, 8/1/31, 9/2/31, and 10/1/31, about which time his final discharge was given.

The files contain a letter from C. H. Dymond, Deputy Sheriff, Wewoka, Oklahoma, July 20, 1931, whose signature had been on some of the monthly reports, to the effect that Richetti was at that time under a charge of burglary in that county, and had been living in open adultery with another man's wife; and that he was not employed at any gainful occupation.

The files contain copies of two Division letters setting out Adam Richetti's criminal record as follows:

As Adam Richetti, #877, arrested P.D., Hammond, Ind. 8/7/28, holdup; held to Criminal Court.
As Adam Richetti #7674, arrested S.O., Crown Point, Ind., 8/8/28; holdup; held to Criminal Court.

As Adam Richetti #18243, received I.S.R., Pendleton, Ind., 9/22/28, from Crown Point, Ind; robbery; 1 to 10 years.
As Adam Rechard #---, arrested S.O., Sulphur, Okla., 3/9/22, bank robbery; pending.
As Adam Racchetti #25773, received S.P., McAlester, Okla., 4/5/32, from Johnston County; safe keeping; sentence not given.

Disposition sheet as to Hammond, Indiana, P.D. #877, showing turned over to S.O., Crown Point, Indiana, and as to S.O. Crown Point, Ind., showing 1 to 10 years I.S.R., Pendleton, Ind., forwarded to Division with its copies of this report.

The files contain a letter since Richetti's release, from William Schickhardt, Chief Deputy Sheriff, Criminal Division, Kansas City, Missouri, June 21, 1933, requesting to be furnished with a picture of Adam Richetti, #18243.

It is indicated in reference report that all office should collect all material facts, including family connections, friends, additional criminal history, etc., which may be of assistance in locating and apprehending Richetti.

Agent was furnished with a specimen of Richetti's handwriting from the Reformatory, and it is being forwarded with copies of this report to the Office of Origin. Mr. McManus, of the Reformatory, stated it would not be necessary to return it. It will be noted it is a pencilled letter from Richetti, addressed to the General Superintendent of the Reformatory, dated at New Lima, Oklahoma, September 1, 1931, in which Richetti makes inquiry because of the non-receipt by him of the monthly parole report blank.

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KANSAS CITY OFFICE AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Will contact William Schickhardt, Chief Deputy Sheriff, who wrote the Indiana State Reformatory, Pendleton, Indiana, under date of June 21, 1933 for a photograph of Richetti.

AT BOLIVAR, MISSOURI

Conduct such investigation as appears necessary, as this is shown as the residence of Richetti's brother Joe Richetti.

CHICAGO OFFICE AT HAMMOND, INDIANA

Hammond is shown as the residence of Richetti's half-sister, Mary Rankin. Will conduct appropriate investigation.

AT HARVEY, ILLINOIS: which is shown as the residence of Richetti's brother, David Richetti. Will conduct appropriate investigation.

OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE AT WEWOKA, OKLAHOMA

Make such investigation among the individuals who signed Richetti's parole petition as appears pertinent. C. H. Dymond, a Deputy Sheriff at this point, knows Richetti. Richetti's brother-in-law, W. A. Smalley, resides here or at New Lima, Okla. Richetti's sister, Marie Smalley, appears to reside here. Postmaster Horace Bradley at this point apparently knows Odus Harper, who was an associate of Richetti and a former mail carrier. John Sartin, a friend of the Richetti family, appears to reside here.

AT LEHIGH, OKLAHOMA: Contact individuals who signed Richetti's parole petition as this appears to be pertinent. Richetti's mother, Elizabeth Richetti, his father Bartholomeo Richetti, and his sister Neva Richetti appear to reside at this point. E. L. Mitcham, proprietor of the Owl Drug Store here is a friend of the Richetti family and a Gus C. Schueler, Justice of the Peace, apparently knows Richetti.

AT SULPHUR, OKLAHOMA: Secure disposition of Richetti's arrest on a bank robbery charge.

AT MCALESTER, OKLAHOMA: Secure disposition of Richetti's "Held for Safe Keeping" at the State Penitentiary under #25773.

AT PHILLIP AND COALGATE, OKLAHOMA: Contact the individuals who signed Richetti's parole petition for such information as they may be able to give as to his whereabouts.

DALLAS OFFICE AT STRAWN, TEXAS: It is noted that Richetti claims to have been born at this point August 1, 1910. He may still have connections there.

DETROIT OFFICE AND CINCINNATI OFFICE:

It will be noted that Richetti is listed as having a sister Minnie Sustik at Dunnesville, Ohio. This does not appear in the postal guide. These two offices should check maps and other sources of information in their offices with the view of identifying this town and conducting appropriate investigation there.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

# Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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October 10, 1934.

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Mr. Edwards .....
Mr. Foxworth .....
Mr. Harbo .....
Mr. Nichols .....
Mr. Richey ✓
Mr. Quinn .....
Mr. Schilder .....
Mr. Tamm .....
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Magee telephoned and advised that the paper there is carrying a big headline to the effect that two were arrested there in the Kansas City massacre case; that part of the story is garbled but it will be straightened out; that the story gives the Division a lot of credit in this case and refers also to the Dillinger and Lindbergh case; that they mention Stanley more than they do the Director but that will be corrected in the morning edition. I stated this was all right as Mr. Stanley probably gave out the release and the Director, I felt, would like to see him receive some favorable comment. Mr. Magee stated that the papers feel a little badly over the delay in the story and I told Mr. Magee that he might tell them that it was necessary to question this man and no publicity could have been given because it might have jeopardized our future search and we had to check on his associates and background and this would have been impossible if there had been any publicity. Mr. Magee stated that he would send in everything that is published.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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October 1, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Whitley called from New Orleans and advised that two of the local papers there yesterday - Sunday - had very complimentary articles about the Division and one of the papers this morning has a very complimentary article about the Director. I told Mr. Whitley to send in these articles and we would write the editors very nice letters.

With regard to Galatas, Mr. Whitley wanted to know about press releases when this breaks. I told Mr. Whitley that we do not want to jeopardize our friendly relationships; that it will be some time before this story breaks and we will try to fix it so that it will break down there simultaneously with the Director or the Attorney General breaking it up here. Mr. Whitley stated that these fellows feel like there is something big going on but they are not going out of their way to look for it and feel that we will let them know as soon as we can. I stated this was the right attitude and we will try to see that it works out all right.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

# Division of Investigation
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| Mr. Kitman |
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October 5, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I called Mr. Cowley and asked him when he would be finished with Mr. Newby. Mr. Cowley stated that he will leave tomorrow afternoon or tomorrow night. I told Mr. Cowley that we were anxious to get him back; that a couple of supervisors have been out all week on subpoenaes and the stuff is just piling up as there is no one to do Newby's work.

I advised Mr. Cowley that the temporary appointments of M. B. Pratt, M. Manahan and D. E. Horney, matrons, expire on October 5th. Mr. Cowley stated that a letter was sent in the other day asking for an extention. I asked about the appointment of C. A. Shears which expires on October 8th and Mr. Cowley stated that will have to be extended too and a letter has gone out on it.

I asked Mr. Cowley if they were getting anything from Dominick Bonazio and he said they were getting nothing. I stated that they are stalling and it is rather difficult to get anything from them. Mr. Cowley stated that they are handicapped to a certain extent because all they need is this fellow's statement and of course he has it in for us; that there is nothing conclusive about this fellow's position; that it is likely it is true but at the same time he has an ax to grind and has it in for these other fellows; that they might not be able to hold him very long but they will see how it goes. I asked whether any publicity was anticipated in St. Louis regarding picking him up. Mr. Cowley stated that he imagines there will be some publicity; that they may, however, be interested in keeping it quiet and he, Cowley, does not know just how they will react to it. I told Mr. Cowley that we should take the same attitude we did with Fritz Malloy and state that we have no comment to make and will not embarrass a pending case by making any statement and no significance should be attributed to our failure to comment.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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September 8, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Cowley called me at 9:00 P.M. last evening from Chicago and advised me that he had just received information from the Sheriff's Office at Valparaiso, Indiana that the gun found in Lake Michigan several days after the shooting of John Dillinger had been purchased by the Sheriff's Office at Valparaiso, Indiana in 1929. The gun was continually in the possession of the Sheriff's office until it was loaned to the authorities at Crown Point, Indiana when Dillinger was returned to that institution.

Mr. Cowley stated that the Laboratory report submitted by the Division upon the ballistics evidence submitted from the South Bend, Indiana bank robbery stated that these bullets were fired from a .45 calibre automatic. Mr. Cowley stated that all the witnesses in this robbery claimed the only shots fired were from a machine gun. Mr. Cowley was caustic in his comments concerning the merit of opinions rendered by the Division's laboratory and stated that he did not believe such reports should be submitted.

I asked Mr. Cowley whether they had received a copy of the laboratory report in which the laboratory stated that the gun found in Lake Michigan was identical with the gun used in the Kansas City Massacre and Mr. Cowley stated that this report had been submitted to the Chicago office with a cover letter dated August 29th.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

September 11, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON.

This is with reference to your memorandum for the Director, dated September 8, 1934, regarding a telephone conversation with Mr. Cowley concerning the gun found in Lake Michigan and laboratory reports on the ballistic examination.

Mr. Cowley stated that the gun was continually in the possession of the Sheriff's Office since 1928 until it was loaned to authorities at Crown Point, Indiana, when Dillinger was returned to that institution.

The examination of the gun by me occurred just before the arrival of Mr. Wiard. Mr. Wiard made the same examination and reached the same conclusion, a positive one, namely, that seven of the shells in Gill's collection said to have been found at the scene of the Plaza shooting and the shell in his collection said to have been found at the Lazia killing, bear impressions from the bolt in this machine gun. Of course, it is possible to change the bolt of a gun and the identification of a weapon as being the identical one in one's possession depends upon actual examination of the numbers and other identifying things. Of course, in the Massacre and Lazia killing there are serious suspicions concerning the attitude of some of the law enforcement officers as indicated in the letters of Assistant Director Harold Nathan. In other words, there are many possible explanations of the situation other than the conclusion that the Laboratory is wrong.

As Mr. Cowley says the laboratory report upon the ballistic evidence submitted from the South Bend bank robbery states that it is believed of the five shells these were fired from two different guns, that one of these was believed to be a Thompson Sub-machine gun and the other a .45 caliber Colt Automatic pistol. Mr. Cowley states all the witnesses claimed the only shots fired were from a machine gun and further that he does not believe such laboratory reports should be submitted.

Mr. Wiard has examined these specimens and verifies my finding that the shells may be divided into two groups which were fired from two separate guns. He believes that each of these guns was a Thompson Sub-machine gun. I re-examined the shells and am in full accord with this opinion. The reason for the statement in the laboratory report regarding the Colt Automatic has been checked as far as possible and apparently a mistake was made in dictating or transcribing the report. This is believed to be true because my notes written at the time of the examination do not indicate that these specimens were found to be Colt Automatic's, although there is a reference to other specimens with which they were compared. The report was dictated on the Dictiphone and the record has been shaved.

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The statements in reports concerning the proper type of gun from which specimens have been fired are intended to assist in investigations and are not conclusive. Determination of the type of gun from the marks on the shell is not diff-

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icult to warrant anything more positive than this. In many instances it is not possible to tell. It is my belief that the present instance, regrettable as such a misstatement may be, no harm was caused in the investigation inasmuch as the agents would necessarily be lead to look for a Thompson Sub-machine gun which undoubtedly was used. It is my belief that reports as the probable make of guns as determined by marks on the specimens are valuable in that they assist the investigation as far as is possible under the circumstances.

Respectfully,

C. A. Appel.

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September 12, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

Reference is made to your memorandum for the Director, dated September 8, 1934, concerning a telephone conversation with Mr. Cowley regarding the laboratory report submitted on cartridge shells found at the scene of the South Bend, Indiana Bank Robbery.

The statement in the report to the effect that some of these shells were fired from a Colt Automatic pistol is Mr. Appel's error. Mr. Wiard has made a re-examination of these specimens and Mr. Appel now concurs with Mr. Wiard that all specimens were fired in a machine gun.

A memorandum of Mr. Appel explaining this error is attached hereto. I have informed him that laboratory reports must be reviewed closely and that there appears to be some inconsistency in his explanation in that at one point he refers to the possibility that the error occurred either in dictation or transcription and, yet, in another instance he states that such opinions as to the types of guns used are only tentative and are furnished the field for investigative purposes only.

I have informed individually every employee of the Laboratory as to the importance of the laboratory reports and that every statement which appears in them must be capable of being substantially backed up by evidence and that any tentative conclusions must be clearly indicated as being the bare opinion of the examiner which cannot be supported by constructive evidence in Court and which is being submitted only for the consideration of and of possible assistance to the investigating agents.

With regard to the inference on Mr. Cowley's part that the identification of the machine gun found in the lagoon with the shells of the Plaza and Lazia cases is also questionable, you are advised that the latter identification has been verified by Mr. Wiard and I have been satisfied by the evidence exhibited by both Messrs. Appel and Wiard as to this identification.

Mr. Appel is of course being relieved of ballistic examinations since Mr. Wiard has reported to the Laboratory.

A letter is being directed to the Chicago Office correcting the report of July 13, 1934.

Respectfully,

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E. P. Coffey.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

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October 10, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Fay called and advised that he had just received a telephone call from Mr. Fulcher of the editorial staff of Liberty Magazine; that Mr. Fulcher advised that he received a telegram a short time ago indicating that Galatas was recognized in New Orleans as a result of a photograph which appeared in their September 15th issue of Liberty Magazine; that inasmuch as they have offered a reward of $1,000, he would like us to verify this for him. Mr. Fay dated that he has a copy of a letter dated October 3, 1934 which was sent to Mr. Fulton Oursler, Editor in Chief of the Liberty Magazine and signed by Mr. Hoover, which is quite cordial; that they want to pay this reward as quickly as possible for the effectiveness that it might have and possibly to effect the apprehension of others and also to show their good faith. Mr. Fay stated that Mr. Fulcher is going to call him every fifteen minutes on this. I told Mr. Fay that the best thing to do, until we get the situation clarified, is to tell him that he, Fay, will have to refer it to Washington and see just where the information came from; that it is a fact that a fellow did see Galatas' picture and came in and said that he saw him and it resulted in his ultimate apprehension; however, at the same time somebody else had gone into the United States Attorney's office and given the same information so that there will be three claimants as there is a third fellow who claims some participation. I told Mr. Fay that I would discuss this with the Director and then advise him; that we will probably want him to state that one fellow participated in his apprehension as a result of seeing his picture in Liberty but we will know definitely tomorrow. Mr. Fay stated that the telegram received by Mr. Fulcher was signed Richard G. Harris, Federal Reporter, New Orleans Item Tribune, but he does not know if he is the informant. I stated that I think he is a newspaper reporter and he was not the informant. I told Mr. Fay to advise Mr. Fulcher that he will advise him on this tomorrow.

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Tell Fay to tell Mr. Fulcher he cannot furnish him the information as he Fay hasn't got it. Mr. Fulcher can write us. Meantime get details from New Orleans. J. E. H. 10/11/34

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Mr. Schilder .....
Mr. Tamm .....
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. R. B. Nathan telephoned and advised that Mr. Cowley called him from Chicago yesterday and asked that they call in Binaggio, Gargato and that outfit and tell them definitely that we expect them, if possible, to cooperate in putting Floyd on the spot for us. Mr. Nathan stated that Mr. Milligan intends to bring all of these people before the grand jury. Mr. Nathan asked if there would be any objection to serving them with subpoenaes when they talk to them. I stated that I could see no objection. Mr. Nathan stated it would save locating them twice. I told Mr. Nathan to serve them when they bring them in. Mr. Nathan stated that there is a lot of publicity out there as Milligan has apperently told them everything he knows. Mr. Nathan stated that the Division is receiving a lot of credit and I told him to be sure that we get all of the clippings.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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October 10, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

Upon receiving the telegram of Mr. Vetterli, dated October 9, 1934, advising that the habeas corpus writ served upon him would be dismissed on that morning, I contacted Mr. Holtzoff and furnished this information to him.

E. A. TAMM.

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October 11, 1934.

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

There is transmitted herewith a voucher for transportation of passengers, the amount of which is Four Hundred Twenty-five Dollars, covering the chartering of an airplane for travel from Chicago, Illinois, to New Orleans, Louisiana and return on September 26, 1934.

In explanation of this voucher you are advised that the chartering of an airplane was imperative on this occasion due to an important development in an investigation being conducted by the Chicago office. An individual whose presence in Chicago was required for the successful completion of this case was located in New Orleans by Special Agents in that office. This information made it necessary for the Division to instruct Special Agents from the Chicago office to proceed to New Orleans by air in order to accompany this individual back to Chicago. This development in the investigation was of such an emergency nature that any delay in handling this matter would have rendered it impossible to serve the Government's interest in this case. It was necessary that three Special Agents from the Chicago office proceed to New Orleans in order to accompany this individual on this trip.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover.
Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

# Division of Investigation
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October 11, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

In view of the fact that an announcement has been made of the apprehension of Richard Tallman Galatas and his wife, Mr. Tamm may wish to have the fugitive supervisor prepare an interesting case dealing with this particular apprehension.

If this is considered undesirable, he may wish to prepare such an interesting case after the apprehension of all the individuals involved in the Kansas City Massacre.

Respectfully,

W. H. D. Lester.

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# Division of Investigation

**U. S. Department of Justice**

1616 Federal Reserve
Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri

October 9, 1934

Personal and Confidential

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

Further reference is made to my letter of October 8, 1934, concerning conference had with United States Attorney Milligan of Kansas City concerning proposed grand jury action in the above case. In my absence from Kansas City today Mr. Milligan called and requested Special Agents H. E. Andersen and W. F. Trainor to confer further with him. At the conference Mr. Milligan stated that he proposed to have an indictment returned against the following individuals:

Vernon C. Miller
Charles Arthur Floyd
Adam Richetti
Mrs. Frances Wash
Vivian Mathis
Esther Farmer
Herbert A. Farmer
Frank P. Mulloy
Louis Stacci
Richard Tallman Galatas

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He further stated that the question of including Mrs. Richard Tallman Galatas in the indictment would be determined by its desirability to the Division. Mr. Milligan is of course not aware of the fact that Galatas and Mrs. Galatas are in custody,

Send memo to A.G. & Stanley re contemplated plans of K.C. J.E.N.

but he inquired as to whether it was likely that she would be a willing witness if located. He requested that he be advised as to whether the information which we have concerning this woman would indicate her possible attitude in this regard. Mr. Milligan indicated that it might be more desirable to use her as a witness rather than to name her as a defendant.

Mr. Milligan discussed the case rather fully with the Agents, and requested advice from them as to the proper persons to introduce certain testimony before the grand jury. From this discussion he indicated that he would probably desire to call the following as witnesses before the grand jury for purposes of returning the desired indictment:

Mrs. Frances Nash
Mrs. Richard Talliman Galatas
E. E. Conroy
R. B. Vetterli
Dwight Brantley
I. G. Turrou
S. K. McKee
H. E. Andersen
W. F. Trainor
Michael James LaCapra
Thomas L. Bash
Mrs. Lottie West
F. S. Smith
Jack Pillingsworth
Thomas Dalton
Merle A. Gill (or another ballistician from the Division)
Harvey Griffith

With reference to the Agents of the Division listed as witnesses, Mr. Milligan advised that substitutions of other Agents equally competent to testify would be entirely agreeable to him. With reference to his desire to introduce ballistic evidence concerning the weapons used in the massacre, it is thought that the Division might prefer to designate one of its experts who has examined the original evidence, rather than Mr. Gill.

Mr. Milligan advised further that it is his desire to call further witnesses for general questioning before the grand jury, with particular reference to the local angles of the matter, including the possible harboring of the participants in the massacre, and the suppression of information concerning it. In this connection, he called attention to the fact that by bringing a large number of witnesses

before the grand jury it would be difficult for outsiders to determine from whom the actual material evidence was obtained. It is also noted that such action might have the effect of creating suspicion among the underworld characters to the extent that they would divulge whatever information they might have. He contemplates calling the following witnesses in this connection, with possible additions:

Mrs. Hattie Layman (housekeeper of Subject Mulloy)
Colored maid of Dominick Benaggio (name not yet secured)
Dominick Benaggio
Colored maid formerly employed by Vernon C. Miller (name not yet secured)
Thomas J. Higgins
George Rayen
Leonard L. Claiborne
Mike Fanning
Robert L. Phalen
W. H. Thurman
Dr. Pete DeMaris
Dr. D. M. Migro
Eugene C. Reppert
Steve Oliver
Dr. Louis C. Tremonti
Joe Lusco
Louis Accurso (a major member of the Lusco mob)
Ona Moorehead (a reporter on the Kansas City Star said to be affiliated with the underworld gang and with the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department in a very intimate manner)
Helen Anthon (wife of Ferris Anthon, deceased)

It is noted that Mr. Milligan has conferred with Sheriff Bash in regard to the bringing of these persons before the grand jury, and undoubtedly received suggestions from Mr. Bash as to the persons to be subpoenaed.

With reference to the serving of subpoenas on these witnesses, Mr. Milligan has stated that he expects to obtain subpoenas secretly, if possible, and will desire that they be served by Agents of the Division, in order that the Marshal's office might not be informed as to the contemplated action.

Mr. Milligan further advised that such of the defendants as might be available would be given the opportunity to enter pleas

immediately after the return of the indictment, if desired. With reference to Mrs. Frances Nash, Mr. Milligan stated that he would desire to talk personally to her and, in the event it was indicated that she expected to truthfully disclose all information in her possession, he would feel obligated by the promise of immunity extended to her by his predecessor in office.

Mr. Milligan desires that a summary report incorporating the material witnesses and the testimony which they can give be prepared for his use as soon as possible. The advice of the Division concerning the inclusion in such summary of testimony recently adduced from certain of the Subjects, is requested. Such a summary would of course be handed to Mr. Milligan confidentially, for his personal use.

As has been previously indicated, Mr. Milligan is desirous of obtaining such favorable publicity in connection with this matter as may be possible, and Sheriff Bash is also interested in the same matter. Mr. Milligan at the conference today asked Agents Andersen and Trainor whether they had any information as to when the Department would make public any announcement concerning this case. He stated that he does not intend to prematurely give out any publicity, but he does desire to make a statement to the press at such time as similar action is taken by the Department. Sheriff Bash will undoubtedly desire to take similar action. In connection with Bash, the attention of the Division is called to the fact that he has, from the inception of this case, been intensely interested in its solution, and has consistently clung to the theory that Floyd was probably implicated. It will be recalled that he offered a personal reward for the apprehension of Floyd shortly after the massacre. I would like to have you consider the desirability of advising me at such time as it is contemplated to release this story, in order that I might inform Messrs. Milligan and Bash, if such action is in accord with the Division's wishes.

I have outlined at length the intentions of Mr. Milligan, in order that the Division may inform me if any of his contemplated actions are not in accord with its wishes. I feel sure that Mr. Milligan will be desirous of cooperating fully with us.

Very truly yours,

R. E. Nathan

R. E. NATHAN,
Special Agent in Charge

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cc - Mr. Cowley, Chicago

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October 16, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

RE: CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD,
with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1194,
et al.
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your personal and confidential letter dated October 9, 1934, wherein on page four you request the advice of the Division relative to the inclusion in a summary report, to be prepared, information recently obtained from several of the subjects and witnesses. The Division is of the opinion that this information should be set forth in the summary report which should be submitted to Mr. Milligan, the United States Attorney of Kansas City, with the request that the information contained therein be held in confidence.

The intentions of Mr. Milligan as outlined in your letter have the approval of the Division.

You should follow this matter very closely and keep the Division fully advised as to each and every step taken in connection with the prosecution of this case.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

With reference to the current developments in the Kansas City Massacre case, I have been advised by the Special Agent in Charge of the Kansas City Division Office that United States Attorney Milligan has indicated that he proposes to have an indictment returned against the following individuals:

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Vernon C. Miller
Charles Arthur Floyd
Adam Richetti
Mrs. Frances Nash
Vivian Mathis
Esther Farmer
Herbert A. Farmer
Frank B. Mulloy
Louis Stecci
Richard Tallman Galatas

Mr. Milligan states that the question of including Mrs. Galatas in the indictment would depend upon the Division's attitude in the matter. At the time that Mr. Milligan advised the Division of his contemplated steps in this matter, he was not aware that Mr. and Mrs. Galatas were in custody. Mr. Milligan indicated that, in the event Mrs. Galatas was a willing witness, he might consider it advisable to use her as a witness rather than to name her as a defendant. Mr. Milligan indicated that he would probably desire to call the following persons as witnesses before the grand jury:

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tel[illegible]
Mr. Cl[illegible]
Mr. [illegible]
Chief Cl[illegible]
Mr. Cott[illegible]
Mr. Cow[illegible]
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. Harbo[illegible]
Mr. [illegible]
Mr. Lester
Mr. [illegible]
Mr. [illegible]
Mr. [illegible]

Mrs. Frances Nash
Mrs. Richard Tallman Galatas
E. E. Conroy
R. E. Vetterli
Dwight Brantley
L. G. Turrou
S. K. McKee
H. E. Andersen
W. F. Trainor
Michael James LaCapra
Thomas B. Bash
Mrs. Lottie West
F. S. Smith

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Jack Killingsworth
Thomas Dalton
Merle A. Gill (or another ballistician from the Division)
Harvey Griffith

In addition to the above named individuals, Mr. Milligan has indicated that he will call further witnesses before the grand jury, particularly because of the local angles of the case. He also has pointed out that, by bringing in a large number of witnesses before the grand jury, it will be difficult for outsiders to determine from whom the actual material evidence was obtained. This procedure has the further advantage that it may create a suspicion among underworld characters of each other's activities to such an extent that they will divulge whatever information they have. Among the local characters and officials, who Mr. Milligan contemplates calling, are the following:

Mrs. Hattie Layman (housekeeper of subject Mulloy)
Colored maid of Dominick Benaggio (name not yet secured)
Dominick Benaggio
Colored maid formerly employed by Vernon C. Miller (name not yet secured)
Thomas J. Higgins
George Reyen
Leonard L. Claiborne
Mike Fanning
Robert E. Phalen
B. H. Thurman
Dr. Pete DeMaria
Dr. D. M. Nigro
Eugene C. Reppert
Steve Oliver
Dr. Louis C. Tremonti
Joe Lusco
Louis Accurso (a major member of the Lusco mob)
One Moorehead (a reporter on the Kansas City Star said to be affiliated with the underworld gang and with the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department in a very intimate manner)
Helen Anthon (wife of Ferris Anthon, deceased)

Mr. Milligan is being guided by the suggestions of Sheriff Bash as to the identity of Kansas City characters who should be subpoenaed before the grand jury.

With reference to Sheriff Bash, it may be noted that he has been for a considerable period intensely interested in assisting in the solution of this case and he personally offered a reward for the apprehension of Floyd.

I will advise you from time to time of current developments in this matter.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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# Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
OCTOBER 10, 1934.

Personal and Confidential

Director
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th 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

Pursuant to instructions of Inspector Cowley, Special Agents Harold E. Andersen and W. F. Trainor were directed, on October 1, 1934, to take into custody Frank B. Mulloy, at Kansas City, Missouri, and to transport him to Chicago, Illinois, by automobile where he would be questioned at appropriate length by Division Agents.

On the night of October 1st Mulloy was found at Kansas City by those Agents and he accompanied them, after signing a waiver of removal, which is in possession of the Kansas City Office. He was taken in custody at a point on 12th Street near McGee, at Kansas City, unbeknown to any of his friends or acquaintances. He was turned over to the Chicago Office at 9:15 A.M. October 2nd, after which Agents Andersen and Trainor returned to the Kansas City Office.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
October 9, 1934

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Special Agent in Charge,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sir:

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, (Deceased);
RICHARD TALIMAN GALATAS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1801; CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1194, et al.
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER A FEDERAL PRISONER - OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE.

As a result of the cover which has been maintained on the mail of the relatives of subject Floyd at Sallisaw, Oklahoma, information has been received that Mrs. Cussie Floyd of Sallisaw, R. F. D. No. 1, recently received a letter with a postmark of McFarland, California, dated October 1, 1934, with a return address of Johnny Roberts, Box 84, McFarland, California.

Please make appropriate investigation to determine what, if any, connection the writer of this letter has with the Floyd family, and ascertain whether this subject has been frequenting McFarland and vicinity.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Division
Kansas City
Chicago

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TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, (Deceased); RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1801; CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1194, et al.

CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER A FEDERAL PRISONER - OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTIC

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Various informants in this case state they have not seen Floyd or Racchetti recently and are in possession of no information to indicate these subjects are in Oklahoma. Mrs. Harve (Maggie) Worley, Tahlequah, Okla., has stated she can and will "finger" Floyd; it is doubtful that she can do this. It appears that Floyd is not visiting his relatives in Oklahoma. Effort is being made to develop further contacts for the purpose of obtaining information as to whereabouts of Floyd and Racchetti. There is no indication that Racchetti is visiting his relatives in Okla.

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REFERENCE: Report SAC Dwight Brantley, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 9-13-34.

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Included in this report are the results of investigations conducted by Special Agents F. S. Smith, J. M. O'Leary and others of the Oklahoma City office. Agent F. S. Smith has been working in the vicinity of Muskogee, Oklahoma, which is near Sallisaw, the residence of Floyd's mother and other relatives. He is maintaining contact with several informants who are seeking to obtain information concerning the whereabouts of Floyd.

In previous reports, mention has been made of Mrs. Harve (Maggie) Worley, wife of Harve Worley who now is in jail at Muskogee on a liquor charge, his sentence having been deferred by U. S. District Judge Williams.

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Agent Frank Smith has had several contacts with this woman. She and her husband have, for a considerable time, had domestic trouble, arising out of her association with Floyd. She has told Agent Smith that she can and that she will furnish information which will result in Floyd's apprehension. She has, however, indicated that she is afraid of her husband, stating that if she were to furnish the information resulting in the apprehension of Floyd and Shechetki, that her husband would be sure to find it out, would hold it against her, and sometime in the future would probably divulge it to people who would cause her death.

This woman has told Agent Smith that she knows what a dangerous undertaking this is, but that she is convinced that she can do it and that she will. Mrs. Worley is a seasoned and experienced woman in the ways of outlaws in Oklahoma. She is the kind who cannot be pressed too much and stated that she has her own individual methods of obtaining information. She is the sister of Chet Fowler, a notorious Oklahoma outlaw who has not been operating in the State for several years. It is believed that possibly Floyd is associating with Fowler at this time, but this woman would not admit it if such is the case.

On September 27, 1934, at Muskogee, Agent Smith again contacted Mrs. Worley. On the occasion of this interview, she stated that Floyd passed through or around Muskogee about two weeks ago and went to Tulsa, Oklahoma and also to Oklahoma City; that Floyd and associates are going to make a long trip in the near future and will have to go through California, Arizona and New Mexico; that she is supposed to contact with them when they make this tri just where she does not know; that they are going to discard their automobile and travel by bus, it being considered by the outlaws as being the safest pla of getting across the country; that she will receive advance information as t this meeting which information will reach her in code, as to where she will meet them and she expects to receive this early in October and that she expects to divulge the information to Agent Smith. She went into some discu sion of statements Floyd is alleged to have made to her to the effect that h does not want to be killed and that he does not expect to kill anybody else, etc. The writer is not impressed with this story of Mrs. Worley to the effe that Floyd is going to give her advance information as to where she can cont him, and that he is going to discard his automobile. It is believed that th was a concocted story on the part of this woman. It is felt, however, that possibly she has associated with Floyd and may meet him in the future.

Mrs. Worley was in Muskogee, Oklahoma on October 2d, at which time she visited her husband in the jail. She was drunk on that occasion a did not contact Agent Smith. On October 5th, she was contacted at Muskogee Agent Smith, and stated that she will see him on Monday, October 8th, or Tuesday, October 9th, at which time, she will have some interesting inform for him.

The confidential informant in this case and his woman, who are with Floyd's relatives in Sallisaw, reports to Agent Smith frequently. He states that Floyd has not appeared at the house and that in so far as he and his woman companion are able to determine that Floyd's relatives are not hearing from him; that Floyd's mother frequently expresses her anxiety as to the welfare of subject Floyd. This informant rendered a written report, the substance of which is to the effect that Floyd has not appeared, no word has been received from him by the people, and that the Floyd relatives are not suspicious of him and his woman.

Of interest is a statement by this informant to the effect that his woman companion and the wife of E. W. Floyd, brother of subject Floyd, were talking the other day and E. W.'s wife told the woman informant that E. W. was with Charles Floyd and George Birdwell the night that Irv Kelley was killed in Tulsa County, Oklahoma some two years ago, and that E. W. stayed with Floyd and Birdwell for a month thereafter.

A letter was dispatched to the Division a short time ago in which it was stated that the services of a confidential informant from Ada, Oklahoma would be utilized. This informant has contacted Special Agents O'Leary and Smith. This informant furnished information to the effect that Floyd was possibly in the vicinity of Van Buren or Fort Smith, Arkansas. A memorandum submitted by Agent Smith in connection with this investigation is quoted as follows:

"Pursuant to your instructions of September 25, 1934, I proceeded to Fort Smith, Arkansas, in company with Special Agents assigned from the Oklahoma City office, and to the Goldman Hotel where I conferred with Special Agent in Charge Conroy of the Little Rock office. The confidential informant coming from Oklahoma City arrived at Fort Smith about 8:00 A. M. the following morning, September 26th, being delayed on account of car trouble. He immediately contacted Deputy U. S. Marshal Allen Stanfield and advised him that he had arrived in Fort Smith with Ruby Floyd and had left her at an address which he described, and which I have determined is one and the same place where Ruby Floyd at one time hung out and which place is familiar to the Oklahoma City office. He advised Mr. Stanfield that in his opinion Ruby would likely proceed to Van Buren and to the home of Kil Edwards. The informant stated that he would get in touch with Kil Edwards at Van Buren, Arkansas under a suitable pretext and feel him out in the interest of determining information relative to "Pretty Boy" Floyd. About noon the informant came to the hotel and the writer interviewed him at length. He stated that he rang Kil Edwards from Fort Smith and made contact with him under the pretext that he had a wounded outlaw friend who had to have immediate medical attention and that Edwards went with him down in the mountains approximately twenty miles from Van Buren and made an arrangement with one Wallace Spratley for the informant to bring his wounded outlaw friend to his place, where he could obtain treatment through a local doctor. The informant advised that he furnished some

liquor to Edwards and he became very talkative and stated to him that on the night of September 25, 1934 Floyd and Racchetti came to his home at Van Buren and that the Sheriff was seen to appear in the neighborhood and they became suspicious and left around 9:00 p. m.; that the Sheriff had suspected Edwards as harboring Floyd and was keeping a close lookout on Edwards' place. Edwards stated that Floyd had been a very frequent visitor at his place, in fact coming there two or three times a week up until about a month ago, but that he hadn't been there for approximately a month until he arrived at his home on the night of the 25th. Edwards further stated that his wife is in a delicate condition and that it was possible that the boys would not come back for a while.

"The informant further advised that one Sam Shipley, business man of Morris, Oklahoma, and Ed Edwards are Floyd's closest friends and that he, informant, has known these two men practically all of his life, and that while they both know that the informant is not an outlaw, they do know his inside life and have expressed confidence in him and unhesitatingly entrust him with their secrets; that Shipley recently told him that Floyd and Racchetti came to his home at Morris, Oklahoma Tuesday, two weeks ago, spent the night and left Wednesday; that they were driving a Pontiac Coupe; that they have a good hideout place about twenty or twenty-five miles from Valliant, Oklahoma, and that Shipley described the location of this ranch in detail to him, informant, so that he feels he could probably go to the spot where he claims Floyd and Racchetti hide out. He claimed that his approach to Shipley was that he was "hot" and wanted a place to hide out; that Shipley told him to get his groceries and go down to this ranch, describing it in detail, and that he could stay as long as he pleased.

"The informant stated that he has lived in and around Sallisaw country practically all of his life and from his line of conversation, is unquestionably very familiar with all the Floyd family. He stated that he recently talked to E. W. Floyd and to Mary, Floyd's sister, the latter of whom, he advised, is now working in a cafe. The writer being familiar with Floyd's connections at Sallisaw is convinced that the informant undoubtedly is telling a lot of truth about his knowledge and associations with the Floyd family. The informant advised that he is reasonably sure from the description furnished by Shipley of the location where Floyd is hanging out near Valliant, Oklahoma, that he could go there and find the place and expressed a willingness to do this. He stated further that Floyd has been frequenting the Sallisaw country, Fort Smith, Arkansas and Morris, Oklahoma for the past eight or ten months and that recently Floyd and Racchetti robbed a store at Tahlequah, Oklahoma and stole some groceries and clothing; that this information came through Edwards. The writer gained the impression, after having talked at length with informant, that he is very probably reliable and is telling what he has heard. The question, however, in the writer's mind is whether or not the informant is receiving a "bum steer" from Floyd's friends.

"This Agent and Agent Lawrance of the Little Rock office proceeded to Van Buren, Arkansas and there contacted Sheriff Maxey in a discreet manner, advising him that we were there in the interest of securing information concerning Floyd, and asked him if he had received any information indicating that Floyd had been frequenting Van Buren, and the Sheriff very promptly stated that he had not. The name of Edwards was mentioned, and he stated that he had heard that Floyd had frequented Edwards' home on a couple of occasions a long time ago. He stated that he does not know where Edwards lives, but is of the opinion that he lives in the country; however, that he might have moved into town in Van Buren, indicating that he had not been watching Floyd as the informant was advised. He stated, however, that he would immediately endeavor to obtain the location of Edwards and would make discreet inquiries of neighbors, feeling reasonably sure, due to his broad acquaintance; that he would find someone in the vicinity whom he could depend upon to give him a straight linsup; that he would find out whether or not any strange cars had been coming into Edwards' place, and that he would arrange a setup; that he will cooperate with this Division in an endeavor to apprehend Floyd and will advise the writer of the results of his endeavor in this respect. He stated that Edwards sells real estate and is the type of character that could be expected to be associated with Floyd."

This informant has stated to Agent O'Leary that information has reached him to the effect that possibly Floyd and Racchetti and some other outlaws may have a hideout on a ranch belonging to one Truitt, some twenty-five miles from the town of Valliant, McCurtain County, Oklahoma, and that these individuals, if not there at the present time possibly have been there. The informant indicated some reluctance to make a trip to this ranch possibly because he is afraid that something will happen to him. He said, however, that he could, through some of his contacts, gain entrence to the place. Agent O'Leary has conducted preliminary investigation and has ascertained that there is such a ranch in the vicinity of Valliant; that it is owned by a man by the name of Truitt; that game is hunted thereon by various persons in the community and there are two houses on the place, one occupied by the owner and another some distance away and which it is not known is occupied by any person at this particular time. After ascertaining there was such a ranch, Agent O'Leary contacted the informant, and he is making preparations to go into the place. It is remotely situated and is considered ideally located for a hideout. The informant will probably be in there for several days, for to go in and come right out would arouse the suspicion of any outlaws who might be there.

On September 25, 1934, Agent Frank Smith contacted Undersheriff John Ferguson at Stilwell, Oklahoma for the purpose of determining whether he had obtained any more information from Wes Casey, related by marriage to the Floyd family. Ferguson said that he has seen Casey on one more occasion, but has not obtained any further information from him.

Recently one Red Cloud Fleetwood of Moffett, Oklahoma was convicted in Federal Court at Muskogee, Oklahoma for violation of a narcotic law. He was interviewed by Agent Smith. He admitted knowing practically all the outlaws in that part of the country and admitted knowing Floyd and having seen him many months ago, but said that he does not know where he is at present; that possibly if he were out of jail he could go to Kansas City and make a contact that would eventually put him in touch with Floyd. He did not name any person in Kansas City whom he would contact in this respect, but stated that Floyd is connected with a young element of Italians there and that he would go to a pool room located at Missouri and Troost Avennes. Fleetwood received a sentence of four years in Leavenworth Penitentiary. Agent Smith stated that he talked rather plainly and said that while he knows Floyd, he would not make a statement that he knows where he is at present, because such is not the case, but that he is not in Oklahoma and of this he is certain; that he believes he is not far away.

Fleetwood made a statement to Agent Smith to the effect that on or about June 20, 1934, he accompanied Floyd and some of his associates, not naming them, from the vicinity of Muskogee, Oklahoma to Tulsa, and that Floyd and his associates went into the Oklahoma Hotel there, where he left them. Agent T. M. Birch conducted investigation at the Oklahoma Hotel, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and searched the records for the period from June 19th to 22d, inclusive, obtaining a list of all the registrants, but was unable to obtain any information indicating that Floyd had been at that hotel during that period or any other time.

The Kansas City office requested identification of persons photographed with Floyd. One of these photographs shows Floyd between two women with his hands about the neck and shoulders of each. The woman on Floyd's right in this picture has been identified as Ruby Floyd, and the woman on the left as Bessie Edwards, now known as Bessie Mayberry and residing in Fort Smith, Arkansas. The identification was made by the confidential informant in this case and by Red Cloud Fleetwood. The other photograph shows Floyd dressed in a light overcoat and a light hat, and to his left are a woman and another man, the latter being rather small. This woman is Ruby Floyd and the man is E. W. Floyd, brother of subject Floyd. The identifications were made by the confidential informant and Red Cloud Fleetwood.

On October 4, 1934, the confidential informant and his woman contacted Agent Smith at Muskogee and stated that Dan Edwards of Morris, Oklahoma, accompanied by a man by the name of Ashmore came to Mrs. Floyd's home at Sallisaw, Oklahoma on October 3d, and stated that he wanted to see Charlie, informing that a man who called himself "Fred" had been at the home of old man Edwards near Morris and represented that he was a friend of Charlie's and wanted to see him; that this "Fred" was supposed to have been shot and crippled. Dan Edwards asked Mrs. Floyd if she knew this "Fred" and if he was O. K., whereupon Mrs. Floyd replied that she knew no such person. Dan Edwards told Mrs. Floyd that the law had been trying to get him, Dan, to give them some

information about Floyd, but that he will not tell them anything; that they had kept him in jail for about ninety days, working him over, trying to get him to talk; that he saw Charlie about a week ago, but did not know his present location and that he thought this "Fred" was a "snitch" and he wanted to get Charlie and talk to him.

The informants stated that after Dan Edwards left, Mrs. Floyd told them and the other relatives present that she knew that Dan Edwards was a liar and that he had not seen Floyd and that she would not give him any information about Charlie if she had any; that if there is any "snitch" going around, it is Dan Edwards trying to get information concerning Charlie, and that she wouldn't trust him with anything.

These informants stated to Agent Smith that recently they visited Grandma and Grandpa Gay at Akins, Oklahoma, and that the old lady Gay stated that she received a letter from Ruby Floyd written about September 25th, in which Ruby stated that her show was making about $35.00 a day, but that after a division of this money, she was only making a living; that she was leaving for Sapulpa, Oklahoma where she expected to put Jackie, her boy, in school about October 1st. These informants apparently are mistaken as to dates, and if this information was given them, it is misinformation. Agent T. M. Birch is in frequent contact with persons at Pawhuska, Oklahoma who know the whereabouts of Ruby Floyd. She is and has been and was on October 5th with her son Jackie living in Pawhuska, Oklahoma. Several months ago Ruby Floyd was in St. Louis, Missouri, but it is known that she has not been there recently.

These confidential informants have told Agent Smith that a letter addressed to Mrs. Walter Floyd, Akins, Oklahoma (this is the mother of subject Floyd and she is now living at Sallisaw) with a postmark Los Angeles, California and signed Mrs. Lloyd Preston, with a return address of a box number and rural route, which the informants did not have an opportunity to get, was received; that this letter mentioned Charlie Floyd and stated that the writer was praying for him and stated that she was in the flower business and requested that Mrs. Floyd send her some cactus; that the old lady Floyd let the woman informant read this letter and she appeared somewhat amused. To the informant's inquiry if she knew Mrs. Preston, she replied, "Oh yes, I know her well, but I would not know a cactus if I saw it." The informant found in the residence at Sallisaw a piece of paper which appeared to be a leaf from a gasoline filling station receipt pad on which appeared the following address: 419 Margarett Avenue, Los Angeles, California; that this piece of paper appeared to be fresh and showed no signs of having been folded or crumpled; that when the informant found it, she immediately showed it to Mrs. Floyd and other members of the family, asking them if they had dropped it or knew what it was and that all of them denied knowledge of it. It occurred to Agent Smith and the writer that possibly this address came in the envelope with the letter from Mrs. Preston and was accidentally dropped on the floor.

The informants told Agent Smith that one Bub Gilbert who formerly

resided at Tulsa was killed at Edmond, Oklahoma October 2d by a truck and his remains were brought to Sallisaw for burial, where his parents reside; that an uncle named Gilbert, the superintendent of a poor farm at Grady, Georgia, with several other members of his family, came by automobile to the funeral and were still at Sallisaw on October 5th; that the Gilberts and Tom Wofford, son-in-law of Mrs. Floyd, are closely related; that the Floyds and Woffords all came from Georgia and that the uncle, Gilbert referred to, old lady Floyd, Mrs. Madlock and Mrs. Maulden, the latter being sisters of Mrs. C. Floyd, did not attend the funeral, but remained at home where it appeared they desired to be alone and talk over certain matters, probably Charlie Floyd being one of the more important matters of discussion.

The male informant stated that a short time ago he was playing the radio one night and got Atlanta, Georgia; that old lady Floyd pricked up her ears and asked, "What is that about Atlanta?"; that there was a radio announcement regarding the election of a mayor in that city and the changing of Police Chiefs, mentioning the name of the present Chief of Police, which is unrecalled at this time, and that Mrs. Floyd stated that she knew him.

As a result of the cover on the mail of Floyd's relatives, information was received through confidential sources to the effect that there was received at Sallisaw on the evening of September 20th a letter for E. W. Floyd, brother of the subject, as follows:

"ElPaso Tex
Sept 18 1934

"Mr. E. W. Floyd
Sallisaw, Okla.

Dear Sir:

"You may be some what surprised to get this letter but if you will see me, you won't never regret it. this is val. and no joke. if you appreciate your mother and brother, you will attend to this at once. You can make the trip with out spending any money. if you conclude to come, take this address down and burn this letter. whether you come or not, looking forward to seeing you in the near future, I am

Sincerely yours

D. O. O'Conner
214 S. Mesa Ave
ElPaso
Tex"

PS - be sure you burn this.

This information was transmitted to the El Paso office by long distance telephone immediately upon its receipt at the Oklahoma City office.

Reference is made to a letter from the Kansas City office dated September 14th referring to one W. S. Walker, Chief of Police of Treece, Kansas, who might furnish information concerning Floyd, and who is now located at the Tulsa Garage, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

On September 20th, Agent T. M. Birch interviewed Walker at Tulsa, Oklahoma and submitted a memorandum in connection therewith which is as follows:

"On September 20, 1934, I interviewed W. S. Walker, at the present time employed at the Tulsa Garage, Seventh and Cheyenne Streets, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Mr. Walker stated that six months prior to February, 1934, he had been Chief of Police at Treece, Kansas, and that there were now living at the town of Williburton, Kansas, just across the State line, and at Picher, Oklahoma, several bootleggers who were harboring criminals. Mr. Walker was questioned as to any specific knowledge he might have of any criminals or places that they might have stayed, and he stated that he had no definite knowledge.

"Mr. Walker stated that he had been relieved of his duties as Chief of Police, because he had incurred the displeasure of the town authorities. He further requested information as to receiving an appointment as a Special Agent of the Division of Investigation, and it was stated to him by the writer that any information as to receiving an appointment would have to come from the Director of the Division at Washington, D. C.

"It is not thought that any information Mr. Walker might have would be of value, as his own aim was, as stated above, to receive an appointment. However, he was inclined to narrate at some length as to the generalities of criminals and their hangouts in the vicinity of Picher and Williburton. I told him that any definite information he might have in the future would be welcomed by the Division and would be properly investigated.

"Mr. Walker is a man of approximately thirty-five years of age, and the writer is of the opinion that he has a detective complex."

On September 20th, one I. E. Bailey appeared at the office of the U. S. Attorney at Tulsa and interviewed Agent T. M. Birch and stated he had seen subject Floyd at a restaurant located in Sapulpa, Oklahoma on September 17th and again on September 18th. Bailey has an impediment in his speech and it is difficult to understand him. It was ascertained, however, that the lunch room or restaurant he had in mind is located directly opposite the Court House in Sapulpa. Bailey specifically wanted a commission from Agent Birch and a permit to carry a weapon, neither one of which could be granted by Agent Birch. Agent Birch conducted inquiry at Sapulpa, but was unable to verify the statements made by this individual and referred the matter to Chief of Police

Edwards and to Deputy Sheriff Willis Strange. b7D

Recently at Tulsa, [redacted] confidential informant, contacted Agent O. G. Hall and told him that he had a man from the Sallisaw country who could develop information. [redacted] put Agent Hall in contact with this man who is Earl Cook, formerly employed at the Sallisaw mortuary. Cook said that he and Grandfather Floyd are good friends and have done a lot of drinking together, and that when Grandpa Floyd is drunk he tells things that he would not if he were sober. Agent Hall asked if Grandpa Floyd had ever told him anything of value concerning Floyd, and he stated that he had not. Cook wanted Agent Hall to drive up to Sallisaw and to furnish him with $10.00, neither of which Agent Hall did.

On September 20th, Jim Hill, former U. S. Commissioner at Tulsa, Oklahoma, removed from office for irregularities, approached Henry Chase, ex-detective, and told him that he might be able to locate Floyd. Agent Hall got this information from Chase. At a second interview with Chase, Hill stated that his information was coming from a man by the name of Herbert Finch of Sapulpa, who it seems some three or four years ago knew Ruby Floyd and Charlie. Agent Hall requested that Chase continue to see what information he could get through Hill. Later Hill approached Agent Hall, and it developed that Hill wanted to contact Agent Hall for the purpose of seeing what he could do for his client, John R. Thomson, a subject in a National Motor Vehicle Theft Act case. Agent Hall again had Henry Chase contact Finch, and it seems that all Finch has is information concerning Floyd of some two or three years ago and places he might have frequented then, but nothing current.

Special Agent Hansen has submitted a memorandum concerning an interview had by him and Agent Hall at the Minoka Hotel, Tulsa, Oklahoma, with two gamblers, Cliff Kell, alias Rogers, and Bill Thorne, alias Clark, which is as follows:

"Agent O. G. Hall and the writer were called to the Minoka Hotel, Tulsa, Oklahoma, by George Stewart, former captain of detectives at Tulsa. With Stewart in his room at that time were two gamblers, Cliff Kell, alias Rogers, and Bill Thorne, alias Clark. These gamblers had reported to Stewart, which story they again related to these Agents, that on or about August 25, 1934, while they were staying at the Burkes tourist camp at Cassville, Missouri, they had engaged in gambling games and on one night won $600.00 and on the following night won $800.00 from some local business men in Cassville, one wealthy man losing most of this money. Some other local people were at these games, which were private games and staged in the cabin where they were staying at the Burkes camp; also there was 'Wooden Foot' Clanton, who is a relative of bank robbers and lives in the vicinity near Vinita, Oklahoma.

"On the day following the night these gamblers won $800.00, Kell, who was using the name of Rogers at that place, went to town to cash checks in the amount of $450.00. While he was away from the cabin, a man, who will be described as man number two, called at the cabin where these gamblers were staying and asked if Cliff were in. He entered the cabin and when he was advised by Thorne, who was using the name of Clark there, that Cliff was up town, the man asked for a match and then asked if he would mind if he waited until Cliff returned. Thorne told him that he was going to town himself in a few minutes, whereupon man number two opened the door and said, 'It's all right boys, come on in.' Two other men entered the cabin with drawn pistols and told Thorne to put up his hands. Man number two, who is red-headed, said, 'Where is that money?' and Thorne told them that their gun play was not necessary; that if they wanted his money, they could have what he had. They decided that they would wait in the cabin until Cliff returned and Thorne told them that Cliff had no money but only some checks. The hi-jackers, after waiting a few minutes, decided that they would not wait longer, but would go to town and locate Cliff. They put Thorne in the front seat with the larger of the three men, who will be described as man number one, and the other two got in the back seat. In this car Thorne noticed two machine guns, one probably a '21 model and the other a '28 model. He also noticed a high-powered rifle, a sawed-off shotgun and an automatic shotgun. These men were rather careless in handling these guns and man number one handed the two men in the back seat from the front seat one machine gun and the automatic shotgun, cautioning the man whom he handed the shotgun to to remember that even though the safety was on, the gun would still shoot. They were driving a Ford V-8 Sedan with California tags, though Thorne and Kell were unable to obtain the license number. They drove to the main part of Cassville and parked near a corner two blocks from the court house and the red-headed man, number two, got out of the car and returned in a few minutes saying, 'I've got him located, he's in a restaurant eating.' They waited a few minutes and then returned to the cabin occupied by Kell and Thorne, waited a few more minutes and then noticed Kell, accompanied by an ex-sheriff of the county, proceeding toward the tourist camp. These men were also held up at the point of guns and $400.00 was taken from Kell, $300.00 having previously been taken from Thorne. Kell had $300.00 in a hip-pocket which these men overlooked. They then took the keys of Kell's and Thorne's car and told them that they would throw them out at a certain curve in the highway about a quarter of a mile from the camp. They left with the money they had taken from these two gamblers and the gamblers found their keys as the men had told them they would. When the red-headed man, number two, was taking the money away from Kell, he asked to be given $5.00 with which to buy gasoline and the man gave Kell $5.00 and the larger man, number one, said, 'That's all right, give him $10.00", whereupon the red-headed man gave him another $5.00 bill.

"These men seemed rather satisfied that 'Wooden Foot' Clanton is the 'finger man' for these hi-jackers as they appeared to know about how much money these gamblers had won.

"A few days after this hi-jacking these gamblers obtained information that these men had been at some joint near Galena, Kansas, the name of which they could not recall, and when they went to this gambling place and inquired about these men, the proprietor said, without being advised of the facts of the hi-jacking, that the three men were at his place at 10:00 o'clock on the morning of the robbery and, therefore, could not have been at Cassville and could not have been the ones who did the hi-jacking. It is apparent that the proprietor of this joint or camp, the location of which can be pointed out by these men, is a friend to these three hi-jackers. These gamblers also advised that they did not go to the Sheriff at Miami, Oklahoma, as he is 'in the know' and would not assist in a matter of this kind.

"These two gamblers described man number one about the way Floyd is described except they thought he was taller than Floyd's description. He was pleasant with them and had a dimple low on each cheek which was noticeable when he smiled. He was cool and collected and was the leader of the trio. These men viewed a photograph of Floyd and said that this man resembles Floyd and they felt that he is Floyd, though they could not be positive from his photograph.

"Man number two is described as follows: Age, 35; height, 6'1"; weight, 165 lbs.; hair, red. Man number three is described as follows: Age, 30; height, 5' 7"; weight, 140; hair, dark; complexion, dark; wears small trimmed mustache.

"From the description given of these men by the two gamblers, George Stewart is satisfied that man number one is Floyd; first, by his description, second, by his modus operandi, and third, because he has understood that Floyd has in his possession an automatic shotgun, which was previously owned by Zim Greenwood of Turley, Oklahoma, which could be discharged even though the safety was on.

"Kell is obligated to George Stewart in that Stewart was instrumental in getting Kell's release from an armed robbery charge which was the outgrowth of a confidence game wherein Kell secured approximately $1,500.00 from a farmer in Tulsa County through a fraudulent money-making machine. Both of these men seem anxious to help apprehend these three hi-jackers and said they would go any route to help catch them. They will assist Agents of this Division, but they apparently have a lot of faith in George Stewart and would rather work with and through him.

"Stewart said that he is willing to assist this Division in any way possible to effect the apprehension of these men, and he suggested that he, with one or more Agents of this office, proceed undercover to the vicinity of Galena, Kansas, Joplin, Missouri and Cassville, Missouri, where the gamblers could stage some more gambling games and either win a lot of money or let the word go forth that they had won a lot of money and thereby hold themselves open or worthy subjects of another similar hi-jacking, and in that way, work out some scheme whereby this trio can be apprehended. Even though man number one is not Floyd, it is apparent that these hi-jackers are dangerous men as they have in their possession two machine guns."

These gamblers have been hi-jacked, but it is doubtful that the job was done by Floyd or any of his associates.

On September 16th, a letter was received at this office from Ken W. Greer, Sheriff at Alva, Oklahoma, to the effect that he had reliable information to the effect that Floyd had stopped there. On the same date, Special Agent O. G. Hall was instructed to proceed to Alva and conduct appropriate investigation. He submitted a memorandum in connection with his investigation of this matter which is as follows:

"On September 16, 1934 there was received a letter from Ken W. Greer, Sheriff, Alva, Oklahoma, to the effect that information had been received from a confidential source that Charlie Floyd had been staying at a place in Alva on different occasions, the last being on September 12th and 13th. The letter stated that the informant had always been found reliable in the past. The Sheriff requested help in checking the information. Accordingly, on September 17th, I conducted the following inquiries at Alva, Oklahoma, Woods County.

"Sheriff Ken Greer and his Deputy Nils Nelsen, the latter being the party first getting the information from the informant, were interviewed. The Sheriff advised that he had always found the informant, [redacted] to be reliable despite his one bad habit of being drunk most of the time. He informed me [redacted] had, from time to time, given them some very good tips. Later, without exciting their animosity, I asked them what good he had done the Sheriff's office and they, the Sheriff and his Deputy, replied that he had been instrumental in catching several loads of whiskey. I asked if any one had ever been caught with the whiskey and they said, 'no'. The Sheriff stated he was very much impressed with the information and felt that it was such a 'big stroke of luck' that he didn't want to undertake to handle it himself and thought that the Department of Justice, through its Division of Investigation, should be in charge of the investigation and hence the letter to Mr. Brantley.

"With reference to the characterization of the information as a 'big stroke of luck', in general social conversation the following day, it developed that the Sheriff is one of the few Republican Sheriffs in the State, is up for re-election and told me that if he could only catch some prominent criminal in the next forty days he was sure of election. I suppose the General Election Day is 40 days from now.

67D "Nils Nelsen told me the following while I was waiting to talk to [redacted] the informant: On September 15th, the Sheriff's office was carrying on a campaign against bootleggers and was about to make some raids. Nelsen, who resides in the city, owns a cow and was leading the cow to pasture about 10:00 a. m. From his house and barn to the pasture, he must pass the home of Carl Parker, a bootlegger, who operates a speak in his house selling by the drink and bottle. As he passed the house, he saw some cars there. Later, about 10:30 a. m. or 11:00 a. m., after he had been to the office, he passed Parker's house as part of his investigation in the 'whiskey cleanup'. As he passed in his car, he observed [redacted] leaving Parker's house and called to him, he and [redacted] being close friends since childhood, [redacted] failed to answer so Nelsen swung his car around and again called to [redacted] As he turned the car around, he noticed a Ford V-8 Sedan or Coach parked in the Parker yard in which sat a man. The rear of the Ford was nearest the street and consequently he could not see the face of the man, but did notice that the man in the car, who wore a hat had unusually bushy hair which protruded noticeably under the back of the hat.

67D [redacted] came to the car and Nelsen asked him who was in the car and [redacted] told him he did not know, seemed nervous and left Nelsen almost immediately.

"Nelsen thought about it during the day and that night after he had retired, [redacted] came to his house and stated he wanted to see him and Nelsen hastily dressed and went to [redacted] car where [redacted] told him the following: He told Nelsen that he did know who was in that car at Parker's home, but would not tell him because of his fondness for him and because of their long friendship; that the man in the car was "Pretty Boy" Floyd and that inside the house there was a big Italian with a machine gun ready to kill Nelsen or anyone else that looked or behaved suspiciously. [redacted] stated that he had known Floyd was

67D visiting the Parker joint for a long time and had seen him there on the following three occasions, under the recited circumstances:

"(1) Last spring. On this occasion, [redacted] had gone there for a drink and saw a man sleeping on a bed in a room with a big 'Dago' guarding him, the guard having a machine gun in his hand and the sleeping man having his hand on a machine gun. On this occasion, he asked Parker who he was keeping in his place and Parker gave him an evasive answer. Nothing further regarding this incident. (2) This summer. [redacted] went to the 'joint' for his daily drinks. He saw a big nigger in the place guarding a man sleeping who had his hand on a

67D machine gun while asleep. This time they had a Yellow Chevrolet Coupe, bearing Kansas tags. [redacted] asked Parker if it was not the same pair that was there on a previous occasion and he said, 'No', and later said that one of the men was 'Pretty Boy' Floyd and the other fellow was not the same man that was there before and told him that Floyd was the man, etc., and that Floyd had been paying

more or less regular visits to his spot for some time, etc., (and a lot of other talk to the effect that 'I am a big shot' and that Charlie trusts me, etc.) On the previous visit they, the tough fellows, were driving a Ford Standard Coach. (3) September 12th and 13th: This time, briefly, [redacted] having been previously told who was coming to Parker's place, was on the look-out, and it was Floyd and his Italian body-guard and the reason he did not tell Nils Nelsen was that he has a rather unusual affection for him and thought if he had told Nils who it was, Nils would have rushed in there and probably been killed. Mr. Nelsen made quite a story of this as an example of the high regard that [redacted] has for him.

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"I, of course, talked all around the various factors suggested by the above and had Nelsen tell me about their boyhood friendship, etc., and that [redacted] would do anything in the world to help Nils because of their long and loyal friendship. Then I asked Nelsen if it had ever occurred to him that it was not quite in keeping with their friendship, that this informant should wait several months before telling him who was visiting the Parker spot. At this juncture, the Sheriff spoke up and said that he had thought of that and attributed that 'snitch's' silence to the desire to keep Nils out of trouble, and he, the Sheriff thought that the 'snitch's' silence was indicative of his desire to keep Nils from being hurt. This sounded 'phoney' to me. There was considerable more conversation along the same line and it became quite evident to me that while the alleged purpose of the Sheriff in requesting an Agent to be sent to him was for assistance, that assistance, in order to suit his purposes, should not question his judgment. In view of that, I yessed him and Nelson along until evening when Humes was finally located. I interviewed him that evening.

"He told this story: He had seen and talked to Floyd five (5) times as follows: (Note that there are only four times -- this is due to the fact that he told me he had seen Floyd and talked to him five times, and when questioned regarding dates, it turned out to be four times, and then I think he caught himself lying about the fourth time, I mean obviously.) First Time: Spring, 1933. This time there was a Chevrolet '35 Coupe parked outside the Parker house. [redacted] entered the house and wandered through the house and in a bedroom saw a big black nigger sitting guard over a white man, the nigger having a machine gun in his hand and the white man sleeping with his hand on the gun. This time he asked Parker who the men were and Parker said it was 'Pretty Boy' and his body guard. The informant claims that he did not know at this time who Parker was referring to, which to me sounds like a silly falsehood.

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"Second Time: March, 1934: He went into the place in the evening; saw a big black nigger, 6'2", 220 lbs.; husky; kinky hair, 35 years, sitting in a chair, machine gun in lap, guarding Charlie Floyd, who was sleeping, the nigger refusing to answer the 'snitch', etc.

"Third Time: This is a vague and confused story. It may be the second time, and probably is if there is any truth to the story, which I doubt, as I will later explain. The informant thinks it was in January, 1934, fixing

the date as follows: Chas. Hyde, Alva, had a Ford stolen from him on this date, described as follows -- 1933 Ford Coach, Motor Number 40-339401, black, at Alva. The stool says Floyd stole the car and is supposed to have abandoned a 1933 Chevrolet Coach or Sedan (I called the Police, Alva, and asked the Sheriff and neither have any record of such a recovery). This makes everything sound crazy. At any rate, Floyd is supposed to have the big Italian with him this time, but this time the Italian is sleeping and Floyd is awake and [redacted] is drunk and wanders into the bedroom and talks to Floyd (this he later denies and claims he never told me any such thing, which is untrue, etc.;) [redacted] is not sure what kind of a car is in the rear of the place this time. Parker chased him out, telling him he would be killed and the next day tells him to treat Charlie with more courtesy. With reference to this time, [redacted] made this up as I was talking to him, trying to find out when he saw Floyd the fourth time.

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"Fourth Time: September 12th and 13th. Floyd had a V-8 Ford Sedan or Coach (refer to Nelsen's statement). The car had Kansas tags prefixed with the number '8'. (Note -- '8' covers Winfield, Kansas I later learned.) Substantially the same story as Nelsen with this explanation -- He was worried about the safety of Nelsen, and in my presence, told the Sheriff that he was not tough enough to cope with this type of gangster, etc., (a lot of tough talk how tough he was.) He stated it was Floyd and the big 'Dago'. Every time I tried to secure corroborative details [redacted] would get highly incensed and tell how if he had only had a mallet or hammer he could have taken both men despite their machine guns. [redacted] was sober, that is, he had not been drinking at this interview.

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"I was far from being impressed after this talk and excused [redacted] without agreeing to give him some money with which to buy whiskey at Parker's place daily, as he had planned and requested.

"I then asked Nelsen what they thought of the story and Nelsen began to and did make his revision of his story fit the latest chronicle of [redacted] The Sheriff was somewhat dubious and I explained to him why the yarn sounded 'dizzy' to me. The Sheriff, I am sure, was satisfied that there was something 'hooky' about the tale of [redacted] but hated to admit it in Nelsen's presence, so I took him outside the office and told him there was something wrong. The Sheriff said nothing and we re-entered the office, and he immediately asked me if I thought he should 'lay off' Parker's place for a while and not bother him, and I told him 'No', but that he should go about the exercise of his functions as usual, and if he thought, or heard, however vague his information might be, that Parker was doing some bootlegging, that he should treat Parker as he would and did treat other bootleggers in his county. That statement more or less stopped everything.

"I am satisfied that [redacted] never saw anything. It occurs to me that [redacted] being a 'Gin Head' is probably taking a cut on each load of whiskey hitting Parker's 'joint', and when Nelsen drove up, the man with the big head of bushy hair had probably just delivered a load and may have used one of [redacted] cars in bringing it in, and [redacted] seeing Nelsen, tried to run off,

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and because of the insistence of Nelsen to talk to him, could not do so gracefully and concocted the yarn about Floyd, the machine guns, etc. The chances are that Floyd never heard of Parker, as I learned Parker has lived in Alva thirty years or more. It is also possible that [redacted] told Nelsen that it was Floyd that morning and Nelsen got scared away, remembering that the Sheriff's office was carrying on a campaign against bootleggers that day. Probably like most of those campaigns, they are against the bootleggers of the wrong political faith.

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"However, I took considerable pains to inform the Sheriff to notify us if anything happened of a similar nature in the future and he said he would. [redacted] talks, acts and probably is a liar. He stated that Floyd was 5' 6" tall, 190 lbs., dark complexion, black hair and bushy eyebrows; that the Italian was a big man, slightly less than middle aged."

With reference to a letter from the Kansas City office, dated September 17, 1934, concerning Cadillac Sedan, Serial Number 4660, Motor Number 801478, alleged to have been in the possession of William Weisman in 1930, the writer contacted R. A. Hopper, in charge of the Stolen Car Division, Highway Department of the State of Oklahoma, who stated he has no record of the registration of this car. Appropriate stop order was placed in the records of Mr. Hopper to the effect that this office should be notified if any information is received.

John W. Straley, step-father of Clarence and Tony Kno, living in Tulsa, Oklahoma, on September 11th contacted Agent T. M. Birch and told Agent Birch that [redacted] is desirous of furnishing information that will lead to the apprehension of Floyd. [redacted] was interviewed by Agent Birch at 528 North Main Street. [redacted] was told by Agent Birch that the Division did not care to waste any more time or money on him, but that if he had information concerning Floyd, he would be glad to receive it. He was further told that money would not be advanced to him, but that he would be taken care of financially if and when he furnished any information that resulted in the apprehension of Floyd or Bacchetti. After some discussion with [redacted] Agent Birch called the writer and stated that [redacted] believed he could furnish information which would be of value; that he would like to work with Agent Harold Andersen of the Kansas City office. Arrangements were made to obtain transportation for [redacted] to Kansas City.

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The following is a memorandum concerning the investigation made by Special Agent M. B. Lindquist at Wade, Oklahoma:

"Memorandum of Special Agent T. E. Myers, El Paso, Texas, dated August 22, 1934, indicates that one G. A. Griffin had informed Myers that he, Griffin, is acquainted with one Rose, a male acquaintance, who visits Vedda Howard of Wade, Oklahoma; that Vedda Howard is a sister of Mrs. L. L. Lewis, another friend of Mr. Griffin; that Mrs. Lewis was at the time visiting Vedda Howard at Wade, Oklahoma. Griffin advised Special Agent Myers that during

April, 1934 at Juarez, Mexico he met Rose, who was then in the company of Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd; that Rose and Floyd were running whiskey from Mexico to Kansas City and St. Louis and that they stopped at Vedda Howard's house when on these trips.

"September 15, 1934 at Wade, Oklahoma Agent ascertained that Vedda is living with her father, one Mr. Smith, 3½ miles west of Wade. On the assumption that Mrs. Lewis had departed for El Paso, Agent contacted Vedda Howard and inquired for Mrs. Lewis. Vedda Howard advised that Mrs. Lewis had returned to El Paso. Agent, [redacted] b7E was offered the hospitality of the Howard home. Agent advised Vedda Howard that he had known Mrs. Lewis over a long period and that he had been an associate of the Lewises at El Paso. After gaining the confidence of Vedda, Agent indicated that he met Rose at Juarez and that Rose had spoken of Vedda and advised Agent to stop at her place when in Oklahoma. Vedda Howard stated that she was unfamiliar with anyone by the name of Rose and that she had never heard of him and that no such person had ever visited her place. It was further ascertained that Vedda Howard is not the sister of Mrs. Lewis, but rather a good friend, Mrs. Lewis' father being a resident of Wade, Oklahoma. Agent was again requested to remain at Vedda Howard's place for dinner and to spend the night there, indicating that the confidence of Vedda had been obtained.

"As a result of this investigation, it is believed that the lead given to Agent Myers at El Paso by Griffin is a false one."

The following is a memorandum concerning investigation conducted by Special Agent O. G. Hall at Earlsboro, Oklahoma where resides Bradley Floyd, the brother of subject Floyd:

"Investigation was conducted at Earlsboro in an effort to learn the recent activities of Bradley Floyd, brother of Charles A. Floyd, with aliases, and to determine if a contact could be made with a close neighbor to Bradley Floyd in order that this Division would be promptly informed of any important developments in the vicinity of Earlsboro. It was suggested that Jack VanMeter be contacted if thought advisable. He lives next door to Bradley Floyd.

"At Earlsboro, the Postmaster, A. D. Keyes, was interviewed. He stated that Bradley Floyd is getting very little mail, the only mail he has noticed for several months being from Sallisaw, and that very infrequently. He will cover this mail in the future, forwarding tracings and also take other steps to see that we learn all about Bradley Floyd's correspondence. With regard to Jack VanMeter, Mr. Keyes stated in his opinion no harm would come of talking to VanMeter. VanMeter and Bradley Floyd live about two miles east

of Earlsboro in an oil location. Keyes suggested the interviewing of Mr. Vaughn, grocer, stating he was all right and might have some information.

"Mr. Vaughn, on interview, stated he was positive that Bradley Floyd had not heard from Charlie Floyd for over a year and that no one else had. He advised that the last time Charlie Floyd was in Earlsboro, so far as he knew, was when he was there with Birdwell and stayed there at a cottage for about two days. No one has seen Floyd there since. This was shortly before the death of Birdwell and they were driving a Coupe, a Ford as Vaughn recalls. Vaughn stated that almost everyone at the location was Charlie's friend, and that it was not very wise to spend much time there for an officer. Vaughn stated that he would not involve himself in this matter, and should Floyd show up at the settlement, he would not notify any officers; likewise, he would not tell anyone that Agent had talked to him. Concerning VanMeter, and other neighbors of Bradley Floyd, Vaughn stated that VanMeter was the only one that might do something.

"Van Meter, on interview, stated that Bradley Floyd was very hard up, just having started to work about a week ago; that Bradley was a good fellow; that he liked Charlie Floyd; that he would not help this Division and would not tell anyone that Agent was there. He stated he had known Bradley eight years and Charlie about the same length of time. Bradley has had no visitors, and in the honest opinion of VanMeter, does not know where Charlie is and has not known for a long time. Not long ago he mentioned Charlie to Bradley and Bradley then told him that neither he nor any member of the family knew where Charlie was and Bradley seemed to be honest about it and a little concerned about Charlie. VanMeter believes Bradley told him the truth. Bradley does not own a car and neither he nor his wife ever leave the settlement except to walk to Earlsboro for mail, and he is sure that Bradley does not go to Seminole for mail."

Ray Simmons of Haskell, Oklahoma who has been furnishing information to Agent Frank Smith concerning the movements of the Rings in the vicinity of Morris, who are said to be contacts of Floyd, on September 24th told Agent Smith that he heard a small boy in the neighborhood say that Floyd is married and has a baby, and mention was made of the 3000 block on Montgall Avenue or Street in Kansas City, Missouri as being the possible hideout or residence of Floyd. Further details with respect thereto were not available.

On page seventeen and eighteen of the report of reference, mention is made of an effort to obtain information concerning a Mr. and Mrs. J. Shrader of Shawnee, Oklahoma, and in this connection, Agent Butterworth again interviewed the woman in charge of the Peoples Store, 115 East Main Street, Shawnee, Oklahoma, who advised Agent that Mrs. Mildred Turner Brooks Shrader arrived in Shawnee, Oklahoma about the fourth of September and only stayed in that city for three days. When she left Shawnee, Oklahoma, Mrs. Shrader said that she was going back to California, but did not tell the city that she was going to in California. Mrs. Shrader left no forwarding address at the Shawnee Post Office when she left Shawnee in September, 1934. Agent Butterworth interviewed the Postmaster at Earlsboro, Oklahoma, Mr. E. D. Keyes, who stated that Mrs. Mildred Turner Brooks

Shrader has never received any mail at the Post Office at Earlsboro, Oklahoma.

The following is a memorandum prepared by Special Agent R. H. Butterworth covering an interview had by him with one William Edward Stone in jail at Oklahoma City:

"William Edward Stone, who is being held for investigation by the Oklahoma County Sheriff's Department in the County Jail at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on October 4, 1934 at the time of his arrest requested to have a Department of Justice Agent talk to him. Deputy Sheriff Paul Fields notified the Oklahoma City office that Stone wished to see an Agent, and Agent was instructed to find out what Stone had to impart.

"William Edward Stone stated that he was in the County Jail at Hot Springs, Arkansas awaiting trial on a charge of forgery and that on the day before Frank Nash was apprehended at Hot Springs, Sheriff Jim Floyd released Stone as Stone had returned the money obtained on the forged check. He said that on the afternoon that Frank Nash was caught he was standing on Central Avenue, Hot Springs, Arkansas, about 50 feet from the White Front Cigar Store, with Deputy Sheriff Marion Anderson, when he saw Frank Nash come out of the cigar store with two men, one on each side of Nash. He said that he has known Frank Nash for several years and had talked to him at Hot Springs before being arrested for forgery.

"He said that Nash and the other men got into an automobile and drove away and that shortly after that a man ran out of the cigar store and said that a man had been kidnaped. Marion Anderson ran into a store and telephoned his office and Stone went to Hall's Pawn Shop on Central Avenue where he had an appointment with Ed Spears and met Ed Spears in front of the pawn shop. He told Spears that Frank Nash had been kidnaped and Spears said, 'We will have to get busy.' He and Ed Spears went to a rooming house on Ouachita Avenue, Hot Springs, Arkansas, which he thinks is the Lamar Hotel and met Charlie Kuehn. Spears and Kuehn talked for several minutes and then came back to where Stone was and told him to go with them. They got into Kuehn's automobile and Kuehn drove the car near the Missouri and Pacific Railroad station and parked it. Spears got out of the car and was gone about twenty minutes and when he returned, he had a machine gun and four .45 caliber automatic pistols which he placed in the automobile. Spears then gave Stone $5.00 and told him to go into a hardware store on Central Avenue and get two boxes of .45 caliber automatic ammunition and bring it to the car. He said that he entered the hardware store by the back door and after buying the ammunition, returned to the automobile. He said that the automobile was a model 1931 Nash Sedan. He said that Spears then asked Stone if he would drive the car to Fort Smith, Arkansas and said that if he would do so, Spears would give Stone $50.00. He said that he would drive the car and they left Hot Springs, Arkansas about 7:15 p. m. He said that he and Charlie Kuehn were on the front seat and Spears and a barber whom Spears called 'Slim' sat on the back seat.

He said that this barber went along to show Spears where his sister-in-law lived about two miles from Fort Smith, Arkansas, as this woman knew where Billy Headrick was rooming in Kansas City, Missouri. When they arrived at this woman's house, Spears asked her to telephone to Billy Headrick, but the woman refused to do so. He said that he does not know the name of this woman, but could find the house where the woman lives. He said that Charlie Kuehn then telephoned to Billy Headrick at Kansas City, Missouri, who said that he would meet them at Olathe, Kansas in the morning. He said that they left the barber at Fort Smith, Arkansas and he, Charlie Kuehn and Ed Spears went on to Olathe, Kansas, arriving there about 10 a. m. He said that Billy Headrick and a Jew, whose name Stone does not know, met them at Olathe, Kansas who were in a Ford Sedan. They went over to Headrick's car and he saw two machine guns, a .45 automatic pistol and a reinforced .44 S. and W. revolver in the automobile. Headrick said when they went to the automobile, 'You are just too late. The job is done.' He then pointed to the machine guns and said, 'These are the babies that did the work.' Spears then gave him $50.00 and told him to go back to Hot Springs, Arkansas. He said that he bought a ticket to Tulsa, Oklahoma and on arrival there, bought a ticket for Hot Springs, Arkansas. He said that when he arrived at Hot Springs, Arkansas, he got his four children and went to Shreveport, Louisiana, and has not been back to Hot Springs, Arkansas since then. He said that he has not seen Spears or Kuehn since he left them at Olathe, Kansas, but saw Billy Headrick at Wichita, Kansas where he was running a garage in the fall of 1933 on Main Street, Wichita, Kansas. He said to Headrick, 'Have you been on any more hot rides?' Headrick said, 'If you do not say anything about the ride from Olathe, Kansas to Kansas City, Missouri and what you saw, I will see that you get $500.00.' Billy Headrick also said, '$1,000,000 would not get me into another deal like that, and I will give you $500.00 if you will keep your mouth shut.'

"Stone said that the Jew was night clerk in the Baldwin Hotel at Hutchinson, Kansas during 1930 and was implicated in the burglary of the Nashville State Bank of Nashville, Kansas after he was fired as night clerk at the hotel. He said that the other men in this burglary were Billy Headrick, Charlie Kuehn, Rich Kuehn, brother of Charlie Kuehn, and that they burned the vault door out with an acetoline torch. He said that the Jew was also a bootlegger and to secure information as to the best places to rob used to go around the neighborhood and solicit jobs of painting signs. He said that the Jew is forty years of age and is fat and heavy set. He said that Charlie Kuehn is fifty-two years and is Stone's brother-in-law. He stated that Kuehn lives in Kingman County, Kansas near the Barber County line, and that the Sheriff at Medicine Lodge, Kansas can furnish information concerning the activities of Kuehn. He said that Ed Spears was tried for murder of Dr. Beedler at Hot Springs, Arkansas and was acquitted in that case. The murder occurred at Texarkana, Arkansas and on a change of venue, the trial was moved to Hot Springs, Arkansas. He said that Ed Spears is sixty-two years old. He said that Billy Headrick is related to Frank Nash, but he does not know the relationship."

For purposes of the record, Ruby Floyd and her son Jackie are now living in a house located on the southeast corner of 17th and Bigheart Streets, Pawhuska, Oklahoma with families whose names are Rector and Smith. U. S. Commissioner John Pearson at Pawhuska has stated that Joe Walker, 1618 North Bigheart Street, Pawhuska, is reliable and honest and can be depended upon.

Special Agent T. M. Birch interviewed Joe Walker at his residence in Pawhuska, and he stated that he will cooperate with the Division and will keep the Floyd woman under surveillance as much as possible. He will, in the event anything of importance takes place at the house where the Floyd woman is residing, contact Mr. Pearson who will get in touch with the Oklahoma City office.

With reference to the letter from the Kansas City office dated September 12th, in which it is indicated that W. O. Lyle of the Wichita Police Department has expressed the opinion that one Frank Hall in the vicinity of Earleboro probably has a hideout for Floyd and other outlaws, it should be observed that investigation in respect to this angle of the case has already been conducted without any result. The reports of Special Agents J. J. Perkins, dated January 3, 1934, and T. M. Birch, May 18, 1934, both of Oklahoma City, reflect investigation in respect to this angle of the case. It is not believed by the writer or any of the Agents working on this case that Frank Hall has any information concerning Floyd or any other outlaws.

In the report of Agent R. C. Suran, Chicago, in this case, dated September 22, 1934, is a lead directed to this office to cover the relatives of Racchetti at Lehigh, Oklahoma and vicinity, and mention is also made in said report to the effect that Racchetti has two sisters in that vicinity. These two sisters are Eva Racchetti, with aliases, and Marie Smalley, wife of Blackie Smalley of Seminole and Wewoka, Oklahoma. Eva Racchetti is now in jail in Sherman, Texas charged with violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act. Blackie Smalley and his wife, Marie, are "on the lam" as they are wanted in Arkansas in connection with swindling some old man out of some money. The relatives of Racchetti are being covered and Agent O'Leary has some contacts in the vicinity in which they live considered valuable, and it is believed that he will receive information of anything indicative of the presence in that vicinity of Racchetti or Floyd.

On October 6, 1934, information was received by telephone from the Little Rock office to the effect that Agent Nalls at Fort Smith had obtained information from Jack Pace, Constable there, who got it from a "stool", to the effect that Floyd has been frequenting Walking-Stick Hollow, which is in the vicinity of Tahlequah, Oklahoma; that he was there some three weeks or so ago, left, had an automobile accident and sustained injuries and went to Hobart, Oklahoma to receive medical treatment. The Little Rock office was requested to obtain other and further and more definite information concerning this. Later,

Special Agent in Charge Conroy at Little Rock called and stated that the information came from one Mace Teague, a dope addict and stool pigeon of Jack Pace. It is known by the writer that Mace Teague is supposed to have been an associate of Ruby Floyd and some of the element with whom she associated. Mr. Conroy stated that Teague's information is that there are only three houses at Walking-Stick Hollow.

Investigation is now being conducted at Hobart, Oklahoma, and efforts are being made to ascertain whether there is such a place as Walking-Stick Hollow near Tahlequah, Oklahoma, and appropriate inquiry will be made if such information can be obtained upon which to predicate same.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE is requested to conduct appropriate investigation in an effort to determine who Mrs. Lloyd Preston is, where she lives and whether or not subject Floyd is contacting her. The address of 419 Margarett Street, Los Angeles, California should be borne in mind in connection with this inquiry, as this was an address found on a slip of paper in the house now occupied by Mrs. Floyd and other relatives of this subject.

THE OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE will continue its investigation of this case in this district by maintaining contact with present informants, and will make efforts to develop others.

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Mr. Baughman
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Cowley telephoned and advised that he had just talked to Mr. Guinane and Mr. Guinane advised him that the woman they have out there will protect Chase in any way possible but she does not feel this way about Nelson; that Guinane believes she might be utilized to some advantage by letting her go and see if she will put Nelson on the spot, which she says she will do. Mr. Cowley stated that he told Mr. Guinane to proceed with this plan. I stated that I thought this was all right. I asked if they had heard anything from Butte on the Helena lead and Mr. Cowley stated that Dickason apparently, as soon as he got this information, called the Sheriff's office up there and the Sheriff's office advised him that Chase left there on Sunday; that Dickason is en route to Helena but he, Cowley, told Guinane to send another man there from San Francisco. Mr. Cowley stated that if this was a good lead, Mr. Dickason gave it to the sheriff's office. I told Mr. Cowley that, if possible, we would like to establish the fact that he left there and if a man goes up from San Francisco, it will take a couple of days and the lead will be cold. Mr. Cowley stated that the reports are that he is going back and will be back within a week and in addition to that, it was not known yesterday whether he had received that package but if he left Sunday, the chances are that he probably has not received it. I stated that it was mailed on Saturday and would take several days.

I told Mr. Cowley that although this woman might be willing to put the finger on Nelson for us, it is not likely that Chase would do this. Mr. Cowley stated that she swears that Chase would never do that. I stated that if we grab Chase and hold him for a few days and then turn him loose, he will probably be more antagonistic towards us although this would not affect any information she might get. Mr. Cowley stated that this woman stated she would not dare confide in Chase but she feels it would be to Chase's interest to have Gillis out of the way. Mr. Cowley stated that he felt we might do some good by letting her go and nothing would be gained by holding her. I told Mr. Cowley that I felt he was right about this. Mr. Cowley stated that he told Mr. Guinane to turn her loose and Mr. Guinane seemed quite enthused about her sincerity and felt that she would cooperate.

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Mr. Cowley advised that he is leaving at 4:00 o'clock this afternoon for Los Angeles. I told Mr. Cowley that I was there when the Director talked to him last night and the Director was quite interested in the Montana angle. Mr. Cowley stated that when he gets to Los Angeles, if this looks good, he will go up to Glasgow and then to San Francisco; otherwise he will go to San Francisco first and then to Glasgow. Mr. Cowley stated that they know that this contact is there and he has indicated that he would be there for

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the opening date of the gambling house which is the 11th. Mr. Cowley stated that the crowd is evidently up there. Mr. Cowley stated that if they can get Volney Davis, this will be very good as he will talk and he, Cowley, is banking on his pointing out the hideout.

Mr. Cowley asked about Vivian Mathis and stated that she has given us all she has. I told Mr. Cowley to remove her if we have everything we can get from her; that they should file on her.

Mr. Cowley asked if the release had been made and I told him that it was made at 12:00 o'clock and is on the front pages of the paper here and was given out at New Orleans at 12:10.

I told Mr. Cowley that I saw a letter from Mr. Ladd to the effect that the United States Attorney at St. Paul is going to nolle pross the McLaughlin indictment and Mr. Ladd suggests that they be indicted in Chicago. Mr. Cowley stated that he has not taken this up but if they can get a continuation on it and we can locate the hideout, it will be very encouraging and will bolster up the case as a whole and if we can get a bunch of the subjects by them, they will probably be able to convict the whole bunch together. I told Mr. Cowley that we did not have a prayer to get into Court on in this case. Mr. Cowley stated that if we can find the hideout or get one or two of the subjects, we will have. I stated that a continuance would not make much difference; that we will get these things eventually and then we can go ahead and indict them. Mr. Cowley stated that he did not think they could be indicted in Chicago and I stated that I did not think the continuation or keeping alive this indictment is particularly important now as we have a couple of years before the statute runs and they can always be reindicted.

Mr. Cowley stated that he will leave at 4:00 unless he advises to the contrary and he is sending in a teletype message to this effect.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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

CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Michael James LaCapra removed on Federal process to Kansas City, Missouri, charge N.M.V.T.A., furnished additional information resulting in corroboration of previous statement as to harboring and concealment of Floyd and Richetti here after instant massacre. Edward Wilhite, friend of LaCapra, furnished practical corroboration of his statement. Raids for purpose locating machine guns at Kansas City, Missouri have resulted negatively to date; however, sawed off shotgun and other weapons and Army ammunition located home Dominic Benaggio. Indications Buick Sedan Motor 2771459, stolen St. Louis, Missouri, April 30, 1933, used by Floyd and Richetti through assistence John Lazia and others to travel Kansas City, Missouri to Cleveland, Ohio shortly after massacre.

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REFERENCE: Report Special Agent W. F. Trainor, Kansas City, Mo., 9-5-34 in instant matter. In case entitled "Unknown Subject - Buick Sedan, Motor #2771459, reports of Special Agent W. E. Peters, Detroit, Michigan, 8-5-33, 9-30-33 and 8-28-34; Reports Special Agent M. D. Zimmerman, Detroit, 1-3-34, 4-2-34 and 6-27-34; Report Special Agent H. D. Harrison, Cincinnati, Ohio 10-28-33; Report Special Agent B. L. Damron, St. Louis, Missouri, dated 7-27-33.

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DETAILS:

This report reflects the joint investigation of Special Agents Harold E. Andersen and W. F. Trainor.

Further pursuing the investigation with reference to Michael James LaCapra, as noted in the reference report of 9-5-34 from this office, authorization was secured from United States Attorney Maurice M. Milligan, Kansas City, Missouri, to take into Federal custody LaCapra, whom, it will be noted, furnished the original information as to the identities of the participants in the slayings of this case. It will be noted that from all appearances the underworld was seeking to dispose of LaCapra by "spot" killing. Mr. Milligan was not aware in the original instance as to the information secured from LaCapra. However, after the attack upon LaCapra by gunmen near Argonia, Kansas, as mentioned in the report of 9-5-34, Sheriff Thomas B. Bash, of Kansas City, and United States Attorney Milligan indicated to this office an interest in LaCapra since they believed that he might be in possession of vital information which probably resulted in attempted reprisals of the gang who tried to kill him.

Agent Trainor proceeded to Wichita, Kansas on September 6, 1934, where it was learned through police officials that LaCapra was being held as a material witness at Wellington, Kansas, pending trial of the three men who tried to assassinate him. These individuals, who are mentioned in the reference report of 9-5-34 as Robert McCoy, John Pace and Jerome Crates, were fingerprinted and photographed by the Wichita, Kansas Police, and it was ascertained that their police numbers in the order mentioned are 6110, 6111 and 6112. The Division has furnished to this office the criminal records of each of these three individuals and those records are very extensive. It appears that those parties are St. Louis, Missouri gangsters. Photographs as taken by the Wichita Police Department have been furnished by this office to the Division.

It was found from press reports at Kansas City that the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department had first endeavored to secure custody of Michael James LaCapra on charges of Highway Robbery, it having been charged that LaCapra had engaged in such a robbery at Kansas City about one year ago. It was also found, through press reports, that the Police Department had been unsuccessful in securing custody of LaCapra from the Prosecutor at Wellington, Kansas, who had placed him under a bond as a material witness and kept him in jail at Wellington. Agent subsequently learned from County Prosecutor Potusek, at Wellington, that the Kansas City Police had offered him no substantial State charge on which they claimed to wish custody of LaCapra and he doubted their sincerity, and therefore retained LaCapra in his custody. Newspaper reports also showed that a subsequent attempt on the part of the Kansas City Police was made to secure custody of LaCapra on charges of his having been in

possession of a stolen motor car which had been stolen at Kansas City, Missouri during the year 1933, allegedly being the property of the Simon-Wiles Buick Company at Kansas City.

Agents Andersen and Trainor interviewed Mr. Carl J. Rehn, who is the manager of the Simon-Wiles Buick Company at Kansas City, and ascertained that Buick 5 passenger Sedan, 1933 model, bearing motor number 2829043, serial number 2675653, valued at $1338.00, was stolen on July 14, 1933, from the place where it was parked at 14th and Baltimore, Kansas City, Missouri, having been parked there by Mr. Rehn. It was also stated by Mr. Rehn that he immediately reported the theft of the car to the Police Department at Kansas City, when same was stolen. It was ascertained that the Altman-Singleton Insurance Company, located in the Land Bank Building, at Kansas City, paid the Simon-Wiles Motor Company for the car and that the insurance company in question now is the interested party in the ownership of the car. The records of the Simon-Wiles Motor Company bear out the statements of Mr. Rehn with reference to the ownership of the car and it was found that the Simon-Wiles Motor Company is a corporation incorporated in the State of Missouri. The party competent to produce records is Mr. LeRoy S. Simon, residence - #1 Morningside Drive, Kansas City, Missouri, who is President. Mr. Rehn, while being the manager of the company at Kansas City, is not a member of the corporation.

Agent Trainor proceeded to Wellington, Kansas, where it was found that on September 6, 1934, John Pace, Jerome Crete and Robert McCoy, waived preliminary hearing on the State charge and made bond in the amount of $2000.00 each. Agent was advised that three Kansas City, Missouri police detectives were at Wellington on that date, although they were not seen by the Agent. It was found, however, that Crete, Pace and McCoy were immediately removed to Anthony, Kansas, upon making bond at Wellington, where they were charged in a local highway robbery and burglary. It was also determined that on the same day, September 6, these individuals made bond at Anthony, having waived preliminary hearing there and that they were taken into custody by the Kansas City Officers immediately upon making that bond and were presumably returned to Kansas City, Missouri. Press reports have indicated that those three were released at Kansas City immediately upon their return here on bond, and that they were charged with highway robbery. Their bond at Anthony, Kansas is returnable during the latter part of October, 1934, and Prosecutor Potusek, of Wellington, advised Agent Trainor that he would await the outcome of the trial at Anthony before bringing charges on the assault which occurred near Argonia.

Mr. Potusek informed Agent Trainor that he would be willing to release LaCapra into Federal custody, but under no circumstances did he desire to release the prisoner to the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, because he stated that Police Detective George Rayen and a couple of other Kansas City

police detectives had come to Wellington with request that LaCapra be turned over to them; that they were very ardent in their desires to secure LaCapra but did not seem to be much interested in securing custody of Pace, Crotes and McCoy. He asked Rayen what charges the Kansas City police had against LaCapra and he was informed that Mr. Rayen did not care to give him full particulars, but when further pressed for information by Mr. Potusek he stated that LaCapra had committed an offense against "the organization" at Kansas City. Potusek stated, however, that he has a $1000.00 bond on LaCapra as a material witness and that he was also holding LaCapra's woman companion, Helen Kane, who was present in the Buick car driven by LaCapra at the time the attempted assassination occurred near Argonia. He stated if LaCapra was taken into Federal custody he would expect that he either make the bond for appearance as a witness in Kansas or be returned to Wellington before he could be released by the Federal Government.

Agent examined the Buick car which was recovered near Argonia, Kansas. It was found in the Packard-Hyten Garage at Wellington, where it was placed by the Sheriff of that county when recovered on August 31, 1934. The car bears Motor Number 2818458 and serial number 2675653. It is a 1933 model Buick Sedan of black color. It will be noted that the serial number of the car corresponds with that shown on the records of the Simon-Wiles Motor Company, but the motor number of the car does not. A thorough examination of the motor number indicates that it has not apparently been changed and it is thought, therefore, that the entire motor now in the car has been switched from another car. The present value of the automobile recovered is $950.00.

The above detail regarding the motor theft charge is shown for purposes of completing that record with reference to this case. The character of this case, however, is not being changed to show National Motor Vehicle Theft Act in view of the fact that another file is being opened covering that matter.

Interview was had with LaCapra in the County Jail at Wellington, Kansas, on September 6th. He stated that while he purchased the car in question and did not know it was a stolen car he got it from an underworld character who was a friend of Jack Griffin, mentioned in the report of 9-5-34, referred to herein. He stated that he did not at that time care to discuss in detail the acquisition of the car by him but that if charged in a complaint with violating the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act he would waive removal to Kansas City, Missouri.

Upon authorization of United States Attorney Maurice M. Milligan, Special Agent Harold E. Andersen filed a complaint on September 7, 1934, before United States Commissioner Roy Thompson, charging LaCapra with transporting the Buick car in question from Kansas City, Missouri to Argonia, Kansas on or about August 30, 1934.

Certified copies of complaint and warrant were forwarded to the United States Attorney at Topeka, Kansas by the United States Attorney at Kansas City, Missouri. Agent Trainor filed Fugitive complaint at Wichita, Kansas, before United States Commissioner Boyd on September 7, 1934, charging identical facts against LaCapra. He was taken into Federal custody on September 7th and placed in the City Jail at Wichita. LaCapra was removed to Kansas City, Missouri by the United States Marshal for the District of Kansas, arriving at Kansas City on September 13, 1934.

While at Wichita, Kansas, Agent Trainor conducted several additional interviews with LaCapra and he furnished information which was later reduced to writing upon his arrival at Kansas City. This statement will be later mentioned herein.

Upon the arrival of LaCapra at Kansas City on September 13, 1934, he was again interviewed by Special Agents Andersen and Trainor. LaCapra expressed a desire to talk not only with the Agents but with Sheriff Thomas B. Bash, of Kansas City, in whose jail he was placed by the Marshal. He also expressed a desire to talk with the United States Attorney at Kansas City. He stated that he has information pertaining to wholesale rackets and murders at Kansas City by the Italian Underworld, extending over a period of many years and that his information would also show that the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department has been cognizant of these affairs and has cooperated with the underworld. Since Sheriff Bash has been very cooperative and is considered entirely reliable by this office, and because it was realized that LaCapra, who is in the County Jail at Kansas City, would no doubt talk to Bash at his first opportunity, Mr. Bash was called into the interview, with authorization of the Special Agent in Charge, who first conferred with Mr. Tamm in the Division. LaCapra stated he desired to make his statement to the Agents from this office in the presence of the Sheriff and United States Attorney. Special Agent in Charge R. B. Nathan, Special Agents Harold E. Andersen and W. F. Trainor, Sheriff Thomas B. Bash, United States Attorney M. M. Milligan and Assistant United States Attorney Wilson interviewed LaCapra at the office of the United States Attorney on September 14, 1934, when he dictated in his own words a statement, which was reduced to writing. In this statement LaCapra reiterated his assertions with reference to the participation of Floyd, and also named definitely Adam Richetti, as actual gunmen with Vernon C. Miller in the Kansas City massacre. He also mentioned various other "spot" murders participated in by members of the Kansas City Italian underworld. This statement is poorly organized in point of chronological detail and the phraseology is poor. However, at a later date same will be perfected. A copy of the original statement mentioned here was furnished to the Division and to the Chicago Office with letter of September 22, 1934 from this office to the Division under personal and confidential cover.

The brother of Michael James LaCapra, namely Sammy LaCapra, who

resides at Kansas City, was interviewed by Agents Andereen and Trainor at the request of his brother, now in custody. He was induced to inquire among the Italians of Kansas City to locate any machine gun nests or any other information of value to this office. He reported, after several days of such inquiry, that he was unable to secure any definite information of this kind but he advised that he had secured a report that at the home of Dominic Benaggio (correct spelling), whom he believed to reside with his brother-in-law Steve Oliver, at 1208 Admiral Boulevard, there might be found several machine guns. James LaCapra stated to the Agents that Sam Scola, now deceased, had months ago told him that at the home of Benaggio there was a sub-basement. LaCapra was not aware definitely of the location of this home but pursuant to Sammy's information he assumed that the address at 1208 Admiral Boulevard, would be the place. Later discussion in this report will be made of certain raids conducted at the residences of Steve Oliver, Dominic Benaggio and Tony Gargotta in search of machine guns and other evidence pertaining to this case.

It may be interesting to note that early in this investigation this office received information from Sheriff Jack Killingsworth, at Bolivar, Missouri, that on the night of June 16, 1933, Charles Arthur Floyd and Adam Richetti, who held him captive together with a traveling salesman named Harvey Griffith, of Clinton, Missouri, arrived at a certain spot in the Industrial District of Kansas City, Missouri after having driven from Kansas City, Kansas, over the inter-city viaduct. The question has arisen as to who made the immediate contact with Floyd when he arrived at that spot in Kansas City since the Sheriff informed that Floyd walked to a point about one block from where the car in which they had arrived was parked, and within a few minutes another Chevrolet Sedan approached, at which time Floyd and Richetti exchanged cars, placing their baggage in the newly arriving car and departed. In this connection a diagram of the streets was drawn for Jimmy LaCapra and he was asked who might have been located at the spot where Floyd made his contact on the night of June 16th in order to receive him upon his arrival. LaCapra stated that there was a night club located at that spot operated by Steve Oliver at that time and that Steve Oliver, as already mentioned, is a brother-in-law of Dominic Benaggio. He stated that he never had received information as to where Floyd made his contact first upon his arrival in Kansas City on the night of June 16th but that if Floyd did arrive at that spot it would be, without doubt, Steve Oliver who received him or, he stated, Dominic Benaggio might have been at Steve Oliver's place at that time.

Special Agent Harold E. Andereen, pursuant to Division authorization, proceeded to Fort Madison, Iowa, on September 19, 1934 for interview with Edward Wilhite, prison register #15509. It may be noted that LaCapra had stated that at the time the Buick car used to transport Floyd away from Kansas City after the massacre was secured, Sam Scola came to him, Edward Wilhite and Jack Griffin, stating that John Lazia (now deceased) had send him and requested that the Buick car then in possession of Wilhite and Griffin be loaned for that

purpose. Agent Andersen's interview was had with Wilhite for the purpose of corroborating, insofar as possible, this information.

Before Agent Andersen proceeded to Fort Madison, in order to insure all possible cooperation from Wilhite, the Agents secured the following letter from LaCapra written in his handwriting, who is well known to Wilhite as "Jimmy Needles":

Sept 15-1934

Dear Friend Eddie

I am held here in County Jail and this will introduce Trainer and Anderson I guess you know what they done with Jack the coppers helped the mob push him in the river so if you can help these fellows by explaining how Lazia asked to escort people out of town at least we can get some results for they are willing to end what is going on here hoping you are doing well best wishes

(Sgd.) Jimmy Needles.

Wilhite frankly stated that he knew the identity of the participants in the massacre at Kansas City the morning of June 17, 1933, and stated that he would not hesitate to say that Verne Miller was one of them. He stated that the massacre itself was perpetrated by three men who used one car in their operations. He was asked if Charles Arthur Floyd and Adam Richetti participated in the crime and countered by saying "Floyd is a friend of mine and I can't afford to say anything against him". He indicated that he did not want to be known as a stool pigeon and said that while he would like to cooperate he did not feel in a position to do so until after the two men Agent Andersen had mentioned to him were dead. He stated that within a day or two after the massacre Sam Scola, a brother-in-law of LaCapra, came to him while he was in the company of Jack Griffin and LaCapra and told about the massacre and who had participated in it. He said that Scola informed them that John Lazia had sent him to them to make arrangements whereby they would help escort two of the participants in the massacre out of town. Wilhite admitted that the identity of these men was disclosed to them by Scola at that time but again refused to name them outright. He said that Scola also asked Jack Griffin for a Buick car which Lazia knew Griffin had stored in Kansas City, saying that he wanted to turn this car over to the boys to get out of town in. At that point, according to Wilhite, Griffin informed Scola that he could tell Johnnie Lazia to "go to Hell" as there was not enough heat on him in Kansas City to induce him to become involved in any way in the station massacre. Wilhite did not make a direct statement to the effect that the Buick car was turned over to the Lazia mob for the use of the escaping gunmen but intimated as much. During this portion of the interview Wilhite left the impression that he desired to cooperate but

would not directly place himself into a position where it might be stated at a later date that he had actually furnished positive information to the officers.

In connection with the murder at the Union Station, Wilhite furnished the following information. He stated that it was not the intention of Verne Miller and his two associates to kill anyone as it was their thought that when the officers saw the machine guns they would surrender Nash without any trouble. He blamed Police Officer Grooms (one of the deceased) for what occurred, advising that Grooms, by firing at one of the men when they were ordered to throw up their hands, inflicted a shoulder wound on this individual, who immediately opened fire on the officers with his machine gun. He stated that because of Grooms shooting the deaths of the officers, as well as Nash, resulted. In going over the massacre with Wilhite he admitted that he not only secured his information from Scola, but said that Johnnie Lazia, after the massacre, informed him of the whole affair and the part various persons had played in it. He also stated that the Government had gotten a lucky break in securing the information from LaCapra as it is not generally known in the country, even in the underworld, who participated in the shooting. At this point Wilhite said that while he would not testify in reference to this case, and that he did not want to be placed in the position of a "snitch", he felt that Agent had undoubtedly secured information from him which would undoubtedly be beneficial in verifying any statement that LaCapra had made. He stated that LaCapra, to his knowledge, has learned as much about the Kansas City massacre as any individual now alive.

Wilhite was asked if he would affirm or deny the statement of LaCapra if furnished with same. LaCapra had given his permission that this be done. He finally stated he could not afford to make a statement one way or the other. Agent Andersen briefly outlined the story of LaCapra regarding the massacre and at the conclusion of it Wilhite remarked "I am not going to say whether that is right or wrong, but if I were in your shoes and knew what I know I would say that you have the Kansas City massacre solved". Before leaving, Wilhite, who appeared very friendly, suggested that he be again interviewed in the event the two men the Government are now looking for, Floyd and Richetti, are killed. He said that upon their death he will furnish positive information regarding the massacre case as he knows it.

With reference to the identity of the Buick automobile used to transport Floyd and Richetti from Kansas City as outlined by LaCapra, the Detroit Office furnished to the Kansas City Office a series of reports in the case entitled "Unknown Subject, Buick Sedan, Motor #2771459". Reference is above made to those reports. It will be noted that in all probability the Buick Sedan in question is the car referred to by LaCapra.

For the information of the Chicago Office, which apparently does not have a file in that case, it may be stated briefly that on the morning of June 24, 1933, the body of one Nathan Gerstein was found in the front seat

of the Buick Sedan in question, which was deserted on a road between Akron and Cleveland, Ohio, somewhat closer to Akron and about 20 miles distant from Cleveland. The car was found to be stolen at St. Louis, Missouri on April 30, 1933 from P. G. Fix, who resides at 4845a Penrod Street, St. Louis, Missouri. The body of Gerstein, upon examination, indicated that he had been murdered and had been shot four times behind the left ear and that he was murdered about 11 P.M. on June 23, 1933. The car bore Ohio 1933 license tags 670-695 issued at a fictitious address and to a fictitious person at Cleveland, Ohio. It was determined that Nathan Gerstein was an ex-convict who had served in the Ohio State Reformatory, and that he had been engaged in the illegal manufacture and sale of whiskey bottles and fake internal revenue stamps in New York City. It was determined further that, together with one Jacob Lvovsky, with whom Gerstein was engaged in this business, the deceased had arrived at Cleveland, Ohio, by airplane from New York City on June 22, 1933, and had registered at the Hollenden Hotel Annex. An investigation by the Detroit Office and the Cincinnati Office developed that the Ohio license tag on the car in question, when it was found, could not be traced because of the fact that the owner of the license tag shown of record was evidently a fictitious person and there was no such address as that given when the license tag was issued. It was, however, determined that the tag was issued for a Model T Ford car. The Ford car was traced through a junk dealer in Cleveland, Ohio but beyond that point the car could not be traced since it was sold to a negro known as Joe Baldin, which individual could not be located and whose true identity is not known.

It is noted from the report of Agent B. L. Damron, made in the case in question and referred to above, that P. G. Fix, the owner of the car, upon interview advised that the automobile in question was the property of the North St. Louis Planing Mill, of which Mr. Fix is manager; that the car is a 1932 model Buick 8 cylinder Sedan of black color, natural wood wheels; that a fire department sticker was on the windshield and at the time of the theft of the car, April 30, 1933, he had parked it about 8:35 P.M. in a parking lot at 3617 Washington Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri, which parking lot is operated by Bresin, Inc. The owner informed that he and his family attended the Fox Theatre on the night the car was stolen and returned to the parking lot about 11:40 P.M.; that a young man named E. P. Scheapf was the parking lot attendant on duty when at about 11:40 P.M. he returned to get his car. It is shown that the custom at the parking lot in question was for the owner to leave the keys in possession of the parking lot attendant, which was done in that instance. The report of Agent Damron also indicates that E. J. Scheapf, when interviewed, admitted that he was on duty during the time the car in question was parked there, and at the time it was stolen. It was also found that Mr. G. L. Sinclair, part owner of the parking lot was on duty with Scheapf, a part of the evening on which this car was stolen. From all appearances neither Sinclair or Scheapf were able to furnish any suitable information as to how the car could have been stolen from their parking lot.

It may be of interest to note here that Mr. Fix, the owner of the car, when interviewed by Agent Damron informed that the car, after recovery by the Akron, Ohio Police Department, was returned to him and that he had computed upon the return of the car, from his speedometer readings, that the involved car had been driven 1700 miles from the date of theft to the date it was returned to St. Louis. It is interesting to note that the mileage from St. Louis, Missouri to Kansas City, Missouri is 267 miles;from Kansas City to Cleveland, Ohio, is 817 miles;from Cleveland to Akron, Ohio is 56 miles; from Akron, Ohio to St. Louis, Missouri is 535 miles, which gives a total of 1655 miles. It is, of course, assumed that the car in question, if identical with the one mentioned by LaCapra, would have been driven considerably on city streets in Kansas City and Cleveland, Ohio, bringing the total to approximately the computation of the owner. The Detroit and St. Louis Offices have been advised by letter, prior to this time, that the instant car mentioned in the case entitled "Unknown Subject, Buick Sedan, Motor Number 2771459" is evidently the automobile involved in this case in the transportation of Floyd and Richetti. It has been requested that every effort be made at Cleveland, Ohio to establish the local connection there in order to place the car definitely in the hands of certain individuals who perpetrated the murder of Nathan Gerstein. Through this means it appears that it would be possible to establish the possession of the car by Floyd and Richetti upon their arrival from Kansas City after the massacre. Investigation is, of course, still under way with reference to the National Motor Vehicle Theft angle of that case by the interested offices. Those offices should furnish copies of future reports to the Chicago Office, as well as to the Kansas City Office in that case. The Kansas City Office is studying all details in connection with the National Motor Vehicle Theft case for such leads as may appear in connection therewith at Cleveland, Ohio.

According to the report of Agent Peters dated 8-5-33 there appears to have been found a .38 caliber bullet in the body of Nathan Gerstein, which was transmitted to the Division. A bullet of similar caliber was found after the massacre. The latter is in possession of Merle A. Gill, Ballistician at Kansas City. Means are being taken to cause a comparison of both of these specimens.

Further interview with reference to this car was had with LaCapra at Kansas City by Agent Trainor after receipt of the reports from the Detroit Office. He was not prompted in any way concerning the information which he furnished, but based upon the knowledge in possession of the Agent he was questioned and he advised that the Buick car was stolen at St. Louis, Missouri from a parking lot by Edward Wilhite and Jack Griffin; that they stole it late at night and that they had a close connection with the man who was employed at the parking lot who gave them the car. He stated that they drove the car immediately from St. Louis to Kansas City and that they were accompanied in another car by an underworld character named Kelly, of St. Louis; that they arrived in

Kansas City early in the morning and came to his house and asked him for a place to store the Buick car, which they informed him was stolen. At that time they also gave him information as to where and how they stole the car. He stated that he took them immediately to the Trafficway Garage, located at 523 Locust Trafficway, and the attendant there was Polo Moley, who received the car and stored it. That they left the car there for several weeks, he believes about six weeks, and that during a small part of that time they had it stored in a private garage somewhere on 39th Street, in Kansas City, the definite location of which he does not have in mind. He stated that at the time the car came in it bore Missouri license tags and that it also had a fire department sticker from St. Louis, Missouri, either on the windshield or bumper, he does not recall. He stated that the Missouri tags were taken off and thrown in the river and that Wilhite secured a set of Kansas license tags, which were placed on the car at Kansas City, and which license tags were still on it at the time Floyd and Richetti secured the use of it. He further advised that the car had six wheels, two of them being in fender wells and covered with black enamel metal tire covers. He stated that Sam Hogg (true name Sam Scola) was also storing his Buick car at the Trafficway Garage when that car was there. He was questioned as to who, at the Trafficway Garage, might be willing to admit information concerning this car and he finally stated he believed Tony, whose last name he was unable to recall, was the attendant on duty at the time the Buick car was serviced at the Trafficway Garage and taken out for use of Floyd and Richetti. In connection with this he advised that himself, Sam Hogg (true name Sam Scola), Ed Wilhite and Jack Griffin were the men who got the car serviced and it was turned over on that last occasion to Hogg, who took it to Lazia.

Agent Trainor interviewed several employees at the Trafficway Garage, including Tony Rich. Interview at that time was also had with Jim Barberia, the owner of the garage. They were discreetly questioned in an effort to draw from them the desired information regarding the car. However, this was done in advance of the last information mentioned as coming from Jimmy LaCapra. On the first interview none of the parties at the Trafficway Garage would admit having any recollection whatever of the car. However, on the last interview with LaCapra regarding the car he was asked whether he would be willing to confront Tony Rich and Polo Moley of the Trafficway Garage with the information furnished and he stated that he would.

Agents Andereen and Trainor brought Jim Barberia to the County Jail where he was confronted with Jimmy LaCapra in person. He claimed to be unable to recall anything concerning the car but stated that if the car was there it would, no doubt, be recalled by some of his attendants.

The Agents then brought Tony Rich, the attendant referred to by Jimmy LaCapra, to the County Jail and he was questioned in the Agents' presence by LaCapra with reference to the car. He then recalled definitely all the

circumstances surrounding the car having been stored there and advised information which was additional to that recalled by LaCapra; namely, that he had taken off the metal tire covers which covered the tires in the fender wells and had placed them on the Buick car of Sam Scola at Scola's directions. He also recalled that a day or so following the Kansas City massacre, during June 1933, this same automobile was taken from the garage by Edward Wilhite, Jack Griffin, Sam Scola and Jimmy LaCapra, photographs of Wilhite and Griffin having been identified by him. He recalled he serviced the car for them at that time and that he filled the gasoline tank completely, and that in addition he had filled a ten gallon gasoline can which was placed in the back seat of the car. He described the can in detail, stating that it was a tin can, reenforced with wood hoops. He stated that there are no storage records kept at the Trafficway Garage on cars which are placed there on transient storage, as was the case in this instance. Agent Trainor verified this by an examination of the records at the garage when the first investigation was made there.

Tony Gizzo, who is mentioned in the reference report of 9-5-34 from this office was recently confined in St. Luke's Hospital, at Kansas City, Missouri, for a minor operation. He telephonically requested Sheriff Tom Bash to call on him at the hospital. Mr. Bash advised Agent Trainor of this intended call and stated that he would get in touch with Special Agent in Charge Nathan and Agent Trainor should it appear desirable for them to interview Gizzo. Sheriff Bash later called the Agents and an interview was had with Tony Gizzo. General conversation only was had with him and he was not confronted with the allegations made by LaCapra to the effect that he assisted in the escort of Floyd from Kansas City after the massacre. However, he seemed to be "fishing" for information that might be furnished him to the effect that LaCapra had made statements incriminating him. He first advised that he supposed LaCapra had made statements against him and others at Kansas City and stated that he believed the Agents should know that LaCapra was a "rat" and had formerly sold narcotics. In this connection Gizzo admitted he, himself, had served a term about ten or fifteen years ago, at the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas for narcotic peddling and that he had peddled narcotics for Jimmy LaCapra. He stated that to completely solve the killing of John Lazia and other offenses at Kansas City all he would desire would be the release of Michael James LaCapra from Government custody in order that "the boys could take care of him". He indicated that the underworld, of which he is, of course, a member, desires to kill LaCapra at the earliest opportunity. He advised also that John Lazia was slain by Jack Griffin; a party known as Dago Howard, whose true name is Howard Lansdon, and Al O'Brien, two of those parties being mentioned in the report of 9-5-34 as suspects in the Lazia killing.

Gizzo stated that the information of the underworld came about through a party whom he admitted was identical with Jerome Cretes, Wichita, Kansas Police Department number 6112; that Cretes, who was supposedly a close

friend of Griffin, had been in on the original plans to kill Lazia and that a few days before the execution of those plans Cretes told Lazia of the plot, thereby betraying his own henchmen. In this connection he stated that Jimmy LaCapra knew of the plot to kill the underworld leader. He was asked whether he has information that LaCapra participated in the killing and he stated positively to the contrary, advising that LaCapra does not possess sufficient "guts". He was also asked whether he had ever secured any information as to the participants in the Kansas City massacre. It was noted that he was somewhat perturbed when asked this question and he stated that of course he had heard that Floyd and Richetti had been the participants. He was asked as to the source of this information and he stated he saw it in the newspapers. He was asked whether he had any confidential information received through any source regarding the participation of anyone in the massacre and he stated that all he knew was what he read in the newspapers.

Gizzo also advised that his group, which he calls "the club", is looking for the killers of Lazia and that they are also looking for the machine gun with which he was killed, and that in the event they are able to locate the gun he will be pleased to inform Special Agent in Charge Nathan.

Appropriate searches were made at Kansas City with the cooperation of the local Sheriff, at the home of Steve Oliver, 1208 Admiral Boulevard, in an effort to locate any machine guns or other evidence which might be found. It was determined that no such articles could be located on the premises. It was also ascertained there that Dominic Benaggio's residence is 3810 Benton Boulevard. A search was likewise conducted there. There was found in the basement an opening to a sub-basement. This was concealed by means of a wine barrel over the manhole opening into the sub-basement. A search of the sub-basement was made and it was found to be entirely empty. Locked in a closet on the second floor of the residence was found a Remington automatic 12 gauge shotgun, serial Number 226656. The barrel of this gun had been sawed off to approximately 19 inches. There was also found a regular length barrel hunting gun, which was a Remington automatic 12 gauge shotgun serial number 324394. In one of the dresser drawers there was found a .38 caliber Colt revolver, police positive, serial number 247947. There was also found a large quantity of shotgun shells in various parts of the house. Some of those were filled with single ought buckshot, which is, of course, not used for hunting ordinary game and is the regular ammunition used in "spot" murders and riots. Dominic Benaggio is, of course, not an officer. There was found also at the residence of Benaggio seven cartons containing twenty each .45 caliber pistol or machine gun ammunition bearing the following markings:

> ".45 caliber 1911 model, U.S. Army Lot 90, cartridge lot 322, Frankfort Arsenal B 503".

This appears to be U. S. Army ammunition and is evidently stolen. This will

be traced to determine the ownership.

Upon instructions of Special Agent in Charge R. B. Nathan, the firearms and some of the shotgun shells and all of the Army ammunition were brought to the Kansas City Office. Test bullets have been fired from the shotguns and the pistol and the ballistic specimens are being transmitted to the Division under separate cover as a matter of record and for analysis.

Since talking with Michael James LaCapra, as above outlined, United States Attorney Maurice M. Milligan advised Special Agent in Charge R. B. Nathan, Special Agents Andersen and Trainor, that he desires to go thoroughly into the instant case as soon as the Division desires and that he intends to do so through calling before a United States Grand Jury various individuals in the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department who probably had knowledge of the affair immediately after it happened. He plans to subpoena Chief of Detectives Thomas J. Higgins, former Police Director Eugene C. Reppert, and possibly City Manager H. F. McElroy, as well as many others connected with the city administration and the Italian underworld at Kansas City. However, Mr. Milligan stated that he would withhold such action until the investigation by this and other offices had progressed to the point when it would be the desire of the Division that he take this action.

Inspector Cowley arrived at Kansas City from the Chicago Office on October 8th, at which time he had a conference with Mr. Milligan regarding the bringing of a new indictment to include individuals in this case whom the investigation definitely shows participated in one manner or another and to eliminate certain others who have been previously named in an indictment returned during September 1933 in the Federal Court at Kansas City. At that time Mr. Milligan also indicated to Mr. Cowley that he may probably include the interrogation of the city officials at Kansas City, as heretofore mentioned. Present with Mr. Cowley at this conference with Mr. Milligan were Special Agent in Charge R. B. Nathan and Special Agent Trainor. Mr. Milligan later advised, after the conference, that he finds it possible to call a Grand Jury at Kansas City on October 22nd and he will have issued prior to that time the subpoenaes which he desires. It is planned that indictments against the following individuals be secured immediately upon the convening of the Grand Jury:

Vernon C. Miller (probably named as a conspirator and not indicted).
Charles Arthur Floyd
Adam Richetti
Richard Tallman Galatas
Mrs. Frances Nash
Mrs. Esther Farmer
Herbert Allen Farmer
Louis Stacci

Frank B. Mulloy
Vivian Mathis.

Any other information which may develop through the interrogation of witnesses before the Grand Jury, according to Mr. Milligan, may result in additional indictments against parties in Kansas City, Missouri, who participated in the conspiracy to obstruct justice by harboring and concealing and aiding in the escape of Charles Arthur Floyd and Richetti subsequent to and before the massacre. Mr. Milligan contemplates the use of a court stenographer before the Grand Jury in order to record the statements of all individuals who may later be prosecuted for perjury in the event of untruthful testimony. He has advised that he may call before the Grand Jury Dominic Benaggio. If this is done he will ask Benaggio to waive immunity and in the event of refusal to do so immunity will be granted him and he will be forced to testify and held in contempt of court and confined in jail, if he still refuses.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE DETROIT DIVISION OFFICE is respectfully referred to the portion of this report relative to the identification of the Buick Sedan used for the purpose of transporting Charles Arthur Floyd and Adam Richetti from Kansas City, Missouri to Cleveland, Ohio after the massacre. It is requested that every effort be made at Cleveland and Akron, Ohio to show the possession of that car by Floyd and Richetti when it arrived in Cleveland. Such undeveloped leads as may develop through intensive investigation there should be thoroughly followed.

THE ST. LOUIS DIVISION OFFICE is respectfully requested to secure from the St. Louis Police Department photographs of Edward Wilhite, St. Louis Police Department Number 17734 and Jack Griffin, St. Louis, Missouri Police Department Number 19136, and to make suitable investigation with the use of these photographs at the parking lot operated by Brasin, Inc., from which place the Buick Sedan mentioned in this report was stolen. An effort should be made to secure a complete admission from the operators of the parking lot responsible for the disappearance of this car and to verify, if possible, the identity of Griffin and Wilhite as the parties who took it therefrom.

THE KANSAS CITY DIVISION OFFICE, at Kansas City, Missouri will maintain close contact with the United States Attorney and report the developments of the Grand Jury action. Will also assist the United States Attorney in procuring the names and addresses of appropriate witnesses whom he may desire to call who have pertinent information in this case.

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ADDENDUM:

A search was made at the garage of Tony Gargotta, located at 4th and Oak Streets, mentioned in the reference report of 9-5-34, in quest of any machine guns which might be located there, as mentioned heretofore in this report. However, there was found nothing of this nature.

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| Nashville, Tenn. | 10-11-34 | 9/21-22/34 | Wm. T. MORTON |

| TITLE: | CHARACTER OF CASE: |
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| VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased); RICHARD TALIMAN 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: Tennessee 1934 license #52567 issued to William R. Hanna, Jr., for 1934 Ford coach, motor #18-1031887, which he purchased on 8-21-34 from Herff Motor Co., Memphis, Tenn. Brother residing at Memphis advises Hanna is traveling agent for Missouri Pacific Railroad, with headquarters at Cleveland, Ohio. No criminal record known and he bears a good reputation in Memphis where he formerly resided with his parents.

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REFERENCE: Telegram from Special Agent S. P. Cowley dated 9-21-34.

DETAILS:

The records at the Motor Vehicle Department of the State of Tennessee reflect that Tennessee license #52567 was issued to W. R. Hanna, Jr., 549 Mosby St., Memphis, Tenn., for Ford Coach, motor #18-1031887.

The following investigation at Memphis, Tenn., was made by the reporting Agent:

DETAILS: The Memphis City Directory reflected that Wm. R. Hanna (Senior), Teller, National Bank of Commerce, resided at 549 Mosby St. The name of Wm. R. Hanna, Jr., is not listed.

Agent proceeded to the address of 549 Mosby St., and was met by a person who stated that he was Wm. R. Hanna's (Jr.) brother. [redacted] Under this pretext, the brother gave the following information without hesitation: Wm. R.

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Hanna, Jr., is now employed as traveling agent for the Missouri Pacific Railroad, working in the Freight Department with headquarters at Cleveland, Ohio. He formerly worked for this railroad in Memphis but has been absent for some time. He returned home for a vacation about a month previous to this interview, and at that time he was driving a Packard touring car. He traded this car to the Herff Motor Company, Memphis, Tenn., for a 1934 Ford coach. He returned to Cleveland, Ohio in this Ford and from last accounts he is still driving this car engaged in his duties.

Mr. Joe Lewis, Vice-President, Herff Motor Co., Memphis, Tenn., advised from his records that on August 21, 1934, 1934 Ford coach, motor number 18-1031887 was sold to William R. Hanna, Jr., who stated that he was an employee of the Missouri Pacific Railroad at Cleveland, Ohio. As part of this sale Mr. Hanna traded in Packard touring car, motor number 2665386 (license number not recorded). Mr. Lewis did not know Hanna personally.

From the records of the Auto Theft Bureau, Memphis Police Department, it was ascertained that Tennessee 1934 licenses #52567 were issued to Wm. R. Hanna.

Inspector Ed Parker and Roger Kennon, Identification Bureau, Memphis Police Department, advised that their records contain no criminal record for William R. Hanna, Jr. Both of these gentlemen advised that they know Hanna and his family personally and stated that they bear a good reputation in the city. They further stated that Hanna was formerly a resident of Memphis when he was employed by the Missouri Pacific Railroad, holding a responsible position, and was prominently identified with American Legion affairs of the city.

The information contained in this report was telegraphically relayed to Special Agent S. P. Cowley on September 21, 1934.

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
OCTOBER 11, 1934.

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AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

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

Dear Sir:

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RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased);
RICHARD [illegible], with aliases - [illegible]
I.C. #1101; CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I.C. #1194; ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO [illegible]

Reference is made to the Director's telephone [illegible] October 11, 1934, concerning the undesirability of false [illegible] licity similar to that which has appeared in connection with this case.

I have endeavored to see Mr. Milligan in accordance with your instructions but find he is absent from Kansas City today. I did, however, talk to his First Assistant, Mr. Randall Wilson, and Mr. Wilson agrees that publicity of this character is not desirable. As soon as possible I will talk to Mr. Milligan himself in this matter.

I also talked to Sheriff Bash and he indicated that he agreed entirely with the Division's attitude in this regard and felt that any publicity of this nature will unquestionably be hurtful.

It is noted that Mr. Bash informed me that he felt sure that the publicity which has been had was the result of conferences by members of the press with Mr. Milligan. Mr. Bash indicated, in confidence, that this information was given to representatives of the press but that it was not expected that they would use it as they did.

In addition to the newspaper stories which the Bureau has seen or learned of I wish to advise that an article has [illegible]

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in the Journal Post of today relative to the ballistic evidence in this case and its possible connection with the killing of John Lazia. This article is the result of information given to the paper by Mr. Merle Gill.

I have endeavored to impress upon the persons having knowledge of this case, and upon the officials of the two local newspapers, the undesirability and possible harmful effects of certain kinds of publicity. Prior to any conference which Mr. Milligan had with the press on this case, and shortly after the release which was made at Washington, I talked to Mr. Milligan and was left under the impression that no information indicating the source or nature of the Government's evidence would be made public. However, it is evident that Mr. Milligan determined to act otherwise. I want to assure the Division that absolutely no information of any nature whatsoever has been given to the press by this office in connection with the case, and that any references to representatives of this office were gratuitous on the part of the newspapers and were made contrary to my request. I fully realize the undesirability of such references and of a great deal of the newspaper publicity which has resulted from the announcement made at Washington.

Very truly yours,

R. B. HATHAWAY
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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U. S. Department of Justice
1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
OCTOBER 10, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

There are transmitted under separate cover, appropriately labeled, the following ballistic specimens:

Two exploded shotgun shell cases fired from Remington Automatic 12 gauge gun, serial #226656, at Kansas City, Missouri 10-8-34 by Special Agent W. F. Trainor of this office.

This gun is now in possession of the Kansas City Office and will be later disposed of, possibly by return to the owner. It was found at the home of Dominic Benaggio at 3810 Benton Boulevard, Kansas City, Missouri, on October 5, 1934.

Two exploded shotgun cases fired from Remington Automatic 12 gauge gun, serial #324394 at Kansas City, Missouri, on 10-8-34 by Special Agent Harold E. Andersen.

This gun was secured at the same location as the above mentioned gun, and the same disposition will be made of it as will be made of the other gun.

Shell case and bullet fired from Colt .38 caliber revolver, serial #247947, at Kansas City, Missouri, 10-8-34 by Special Agent W. F. Trainor.

This pistol is in possession of the Kansas City Office and was secured at the same location as the above arms. This gun will later be disposed of in like manner as the two mentioned above.

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These specimens may be retained in the Laboratory. It is suggested that they be compared with like specimens, especially any of those having reference to the Kansas City Massacre case.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Nathan mos

R. B. NATHAN
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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U. S. Department of Justice
1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI
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Director
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th 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

There is transmitted under separate cover, for the Division Laboratory, one exploded shell case fired from a .45 caliber automatic pistol. This specimen was recovered at the Oriole Terrace, Newton County, Missouri, near Joplin, on 9-14-34. It was fired from the pistol of John Herbert Carter, an associate of Herbert Allen Farmer in a shooting which took place on that date. It may be retained in the Division files.

There are also transmitted under separate cover a bullet and a shell fired by Herbert Farmer at the Oriole Terrace, Newton County, Missouri, 9-14-34. These specimens are a bullet and an exploded shell case fired from a .380 caliber Colt automatic pistol.

Both of the firearms in question are apparently still in possession of Herbert Allen Farmer and John Herbert Carter. These ballistic exhibits were secured by Special Agent William B. O'Mahoney from Sheriff Paul Lyles, at Neosho, Missouri, and they are appropriately labeled.

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Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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November 17, 1934

Mr. William Larson,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 2118,
Detroit, Michigan.

Re: CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD
with aliases (DECEASED); ET AL;
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

Dear Sir:

It is noted from your letter dated October 11, 1934, that information was received by you on September 25, 1934, respecting the possible location of subject Galatas at Chatham, Ontario, Canada, and that pursuant to the information received by you Special Agents of the Detroit Office were directed to proceed to this point to conduct appropriate investigation, and that it was later learned during a telephonic conversation with Inspector S. P. Cowley at Chicago that Galatas had previously been apprehended at New Orleans, Louisiana, on September 22, 1934.

Incidentally, the Division has not yet received a copy of the report covering the investigation at Chatham, Ontario, Canada.

In connection with your suggestion that the Division again emphasize the fact that it is necessary to notify interested offices where leads are outstanding immediately following the apprehension of fugitives, please be advised that upon the apprehension of Galatas it was not desired by the Division that publicity be given to the apprehension and, therefore, the file at the Division was reviewed and telegrams were immediately directed to all offices where undeveloped leads were outstanding. It did not appear from the file that a lead was outstanding at your office and, therefore, no telegram was addressed to you.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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October 12, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Birmingham, Alabama.

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

Dear Sir:

There are enclosed herewith copies of a letter addressed to the Division by Sheriff John A. Veach of Tunica, Mississippi, dated October 4, 1934, requesting advice as to the total amount of rewards offered by Federal, State, and private individuals for the arrest of subject Floyd; also copies of the Division's reply thereto under even date.

Of course, there has been no public announcement relative to rewards offered by the Federal Government for this individual. However, the Division will authorize the payment of a sum not to exceed $1,000 for reliable information furnished exclusively to the Division resulting in his apprehension. Therefore, you are instructed to have an Agent confer with Sheriff Veach for the purpose of advising him relative to this offer.

It is also suggested that Special Agents in making contacts with informants should advise them discreetly as to this offer which is made by the Division.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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AIR MAIL

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.

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Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. R. D. Nathan,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

RE: CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD
with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #11944
et al - Conspiracy to Deliver Federal
Prisoner.

Dear Sir:

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (deceased)
CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases, FUGITIVE,
I.O.1194, et al

CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Vivian Mathias furnished further information concerning Vernon C. Miller and associates. No information obtained to date concerning present contacts of Adam Richetti at Hammond, Indiana and vicinity. Domnick Binaggia denies knowing Floyd and Richetti. Investigation at Cleveland, Ohio failed to establish presence of Floyd at Bolton Hotel. Wallace O'Brien and William O'Brien, brothers of McAllister O'Brien deny knowing present whereabouts of latter, but promise their cooperation. Information obtained by C.C.Bassett, salesman, Packard Motor Company, 71st and Stony Island indicates Homer Wilson attended World Series accompanied by one Joseph Pfeffer. Wilson sold Cadillac sedan, motor No. 1202348 on March 9, 1934 to Felz Motor Co. Chicago. Address given by Wilson at time of sale fictitious. Henry Beckman admits knowing "Big" Homer, but denies knowing present whereabouts. Frank Hayes states "Big" Homer presently associating with one James Ripley, alias Dan Morgan. No additional criminal record established at Chicago for Henry Beckman and Robert Blake.

DETAILS:

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REFERENCES: Report of Special Agent R.C.Suran, Chicago, Illinois, dated 10-22-34; report of Special Agent R.C.Suran, Chicago, dated 10-6-34; report of Special Agent R.L.Shivers, St.Louis, Missouri dated 10-28-34; Division letters dated 9-11-34 and 9-17-34; report of Special Agent J.J.Waters, Pittsburgh, Penn. dated 9-21-34.

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DETAILS:

Since the submission of the reference report of this Agent, dated October 6th, 1934, the interrogation of Vivian Mathias has been continued by Special Agent S. K. McKee in an effort to obtain all information possible concerning the activities of Vernon C. Miller and his associates.

Vivian Mathias has furnished additional information in this respect, and in further investigation of this, or other cases, the source of the information should be held in strictest confidence.

Questioning of Vivian Mathias has been continued by Special Agent S. K. McKee and she has informed that during the period she and Verne Miller were residing at 6612 Edgevale Road, Kansas City, Missouri, there were three automobiles around the house the major portion of time. One of these cars was a 1933 model Chrysler Imperial "80" Sedan, Seven Passenger and black in color. She believes this car was the property of Miller as it had been in his possession continually since the early spring of 1933. The second car was a black 1933 model Chevrolet Sedan, purchased by Miller from some dealer in Chicago, Illinois, under the name of V. Page. She stated that the licenses appearing on this car were purchased by her in Kansas City, Missouri, under the name V. Page and the address given at the time the plates were secured was that of the storage establishment operated by June Kethrens.

In connection with the name V. Page, Vivian Mathias has advised that subsequent to her divorce from Mathis she married one Page in Chicago, Illinois, while on a drunken party. She claims she never lived with this individual but also states that she was never divorced from him, so far as she knows. This was prior to the time she began her association with Vernon C. Miller.

The third automobile at the Miller residence was an Essex Terraplane Sedan, which was bought in Kansas City, Missouri by Freddie Barker, under the name Carter, which she states was the surname under which she knew both the Barker boys.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent W. F. Trainor, Kansas City, Missouri, dated July 3rd, 1933, and to page 17 thereof, in which data is set out as to a telephone call placed from the telephone located in the home of Vernon C. Miller in Kansas City, Missouri, on April 29th, 1933, to John T. Glynn, 311 Chestnut Street, Leavenworth, Kansas. Vivian Mathias, when questioned as to this call,

stated she was positive it had not been made by Miller, saying in this connection that she did not believe he knew anyone by the name of Glynn. She was not positive but she seemed to recollect that this call was made by either Karpis or one of the Barker boys and was to a friend of these individuals located in a town west of Kansas City, which is referred to on page thirteen of the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Chicago, Illinois, October 6th, 1934.

Vivian also remembered that Volney Davis turned over his car near Lansing, Kansas, on a return trip from visiting this friend on one occasion.

Reference to the file and the questioning of Vivian Mathias has established the fact that the apartment which she maintained in Chicago, Illinois, during the same period when she and Miller resided at Edgevale Road in Kansas City, Missouri, is located in the building at 419 South Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois. This is the apartment which Miller and Vivian occupied on the second night after their flight from Kansas City, Missouri, following the massacre.

Vivian Mathias has informed that on the date Verne Miller departed from Chicago, Illinois, for New York City, New York, following the massacre, which date would be on or about June 21st, 1933, that he told her to proceed to New York and to go to the home of Louis Buchalter, after she had taken her daughter to the home of her parents in Brainerd, Minnesota. She stated that she followed his instruction and arrived in New York City during the latter part of June, 1933. From that date until August 7th, 1933, she was the guest of the Buchalters. She informed that the major portion of her time was spent in New York City at the Majestic Apartments, located on Central Park West, with Betty Buchalter, advising that while in New York City proper her only other place of residence except the Majestic Apartments was Hotel Pierre, where she remained only a few days.

She said that during this period she made several automobile trips with Betty Buchalter, the points which they visited being Montreal, Canada; Burlington, Vermont and Atlantic City, New Jersey. She was using the name Mrs. V. Allen during this period.

She informed that while in the east she made contacts with Verne Miller on four different occasions. According to her, the first two contacts were made while she was at the Majestic Apartments. She said they were evidently effected by Louis Buchalter as she reached Miller through being taken to him by a party whose name she could not furnish. She believed this party was the chauffeur of some racketeer

in Newark, New Jersey. She stated that both of these contacts were made in Newark, New Jersey at a large apartment house, the address of which she could not furnish. She stated the chauffeur picked her up at the Majestic Apartments and proceeded to Newark, New Jersey, where, after automobiles were changed at least three times, she was taken to the apartment building in question, which had a garage located on the street floor.

She said the third contact with Miller was also in Newark, New Jersey. This contact was effected in a similar way and was during the period she lived at the Hotel Pierre. Her meeting with Miller was at a large garage in a downtown section of Newark, New Jersey.

She informed that the fourth and last contact with Miller was on the day she, Buchalter, his wife and a second man, returned to the Robert Treat Hotel in Newark, New Jersey, from Atlantic City, New Jersey. According to her, the members of the automobile party upon reaching Newark, New Jersey, went to the Robert Treat Hotel, where they proceeded to the coffee shop located in the basement. Buchalter made a telephone call and shortly thereafter told her to go to the room of a friend in the Hotel, he furnishing her the room number at this time.

She stated that she accompanied Buchalter, his wife, and the second man, to the Buchalter automobile in front of the Hotel and saw them drive off and that she then proceeded to the room number which had been furnished by Buchalter. Shortly thereafter, a Jewish man, whom she is positive is a dentist, came to the room and drove her to a large estate located a short distance from Newark, New Jersey, where she had a meeting with Verne Miller. She said she returned to Chicago, Illinois, by train on the same day, in accordance with instructions from Miller, he telling her at this time he would meet her in Chicago. Vivian Mathias was unable to furnish the location of the estate where she met Miller and could not say how far it was from Newark, New Jersey. She stated, however, that the trip to this estate did not consume more time than half an hour.

All photographs of underworld characters in the possession of the Chicago Division Office have been displayed to Vivian Mathias and she has picked out the following as persons with which she became acquainted during the time she was living with Vernon C. Miller:

Alvin Karpis
Ben Siegel
Louis Stacci
Harvey Bailey
Bernard Phillips
Kate Barker
Arthur Barker
Fred Barker

Charles J. Fitzgerald
Gus Winkler
Bobby Moore
Volney Davis
Fred Goetz
Frances Luce Nash
Thomas Holden
Francis Keating
Sammy Schraeger
Harry Sawyer
Fritz Mulloy

Information in the possession of Vivian Mathias concerning the above-named individuals, as well as others, is being set out below under the name of the individual to whom the information refers:

ALVIN KARPIS:

Vivian Mathias informs she met Karpis two or three years ago and knew him under the name of Ray. She said at the time she met this individual he was with one Lawrence DeVol, who was later sentenced to a life term in Stillwater, Minnesota Penitentiary, for his participation in a bank job and murder in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Karpis associated with the Barker boys, Volney Davis, Eddie Green, Verne Miller, Fred Goetz, and others. He was intimate with Verne Miller, but Vivian was unable to state the reason for intimacy between Miller and Karpis.

In St. Paul, Minnesota, he frequented Harry Sawyer's tavern. In Chicago, Illinois, he hung around "Doc" Stacci's O. P. Inn and also Louie Cernocky's place, in Fox River Grove, Illinois. According to her, he spent some time in Kansas City, Missouri, and while she and Miller were living at 6612 Edgevale Road he came to the house on numerous occasions and spent the night there several times. Karpis was not married when Vivian knew him.

She informed that she never felt at ease around Karpis and constantly referred to him as "a cold proposition" and as "old creepy." She stated she often told Miller that although she did not know why, she just did not like Karpis, and Miller at these times told her he did not want her to make such remarks as it was his business with whom he associated.

Karpis was a participant in the robbery of the bank at Fairbury, Nebraska, in April, 1933, and the information in the possession of Vivian Mathias concerning the death of Earl Christman following the bank robbery, as set out in the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Chicago, Illinois, October 6th, 1934, was gained by her through a conversation which she overheard between Karpis and Freddie Barker.

BIG HOMER:

Vivian does not know the last name of this individual. She described him as a very big man, over six feet tall, fat, weighing about 250 pounds and being around fifty years old. She said he is a good friend of Charles Fitzgerald; that she has seen him on two occasions, both of which were at the O. P. Inn in Chicago, Illinois. She advised the occasions on which she saw Big Homer were at least two or three years ago. She was unable to state the nature of his racket and did not know if he had served time in any institution.

BEN SIEGEL:

Vivian met this individual in New York City during her various visits there in company with Vernon C. Miller. She knew him under the name of "Bugs" and observed that he was constantly in the company of Louis Buchalter, alias Lepke, and also with Verne Miller. She stated that Siegel is married; that his wife is a blond; that this couple have two children, the second of whom was born during the time that she, Vivian, Betty Buchalter and others were in Atlantic City, New Jersey, during the fore part of August, 1933. She did not know the nature of Siegel's business but said he was bound to be in some racket if he were friendly with Louis Buchalter.

SAMMY FOX:

According to Vivian Mathias, this man operated and was part owner of the Horseshoe Inn, which is located on 51st Street off of Broadway in New York City. She said she is positive that Sammy Schroeger also owns a piece of this tavern and that several other persons are interested in the ownership.

Sammy Fox has a brother named Louie Fox, who, according to Vivian, is a junker.

LOUIS "DOC" STACCI:

Vivian Mathias states she met this man several years ago through Verne Miller. He was operating the O. P. Inn, Melrose Park, Illinois, at the time.

It should be stated here that Stacci is presently operating a night club known as the Spanish Club, same being located at the intersection of Roosevelt Road and Mannheim Road, Chicago, Illinois.

Vivian stated that the O. P. Inn was frequented by such underworld characters as Karpis, Barker boys, Frank Nash, Harvey Bailey, Tom Holden, Francis Keating and Lillian Holden. She said that when

she first began visiting this place the woman, Frances, who later married Frank Nash, was working there as a cook. She also advised that Johnny Burke, who will be referred to in this report, often visited the [redacted] Inn.

It should be stated here, independently from the data furnished by Vivian Mathias, that Burke is the same individual who was living with Helen Ferguson at the time she was taken into custody by Agents attached to the Chicago Division Office during August, 1934.

HARVEY BAILEY:

Vivian Mathias has known Bailey for three years. She met him in Chicago, Illinois, through Verne Miller. He hung out mostly in St. Paul, Minnesota with Miller, Holden, Keating and Bernard Phillips. She first knew him as an alcohol runner, but thinks he was later engaged in robbing banks. She has heard Bailey mention that he owns a farm and believes it to be located in the vicinity of Chicago, Illinois, but she does not know the exact location. According to her, Bailey was arrested on a golf course in Kansas City, Missouri, during the summer of 1932 with Keating and Holden. She has heard it said that Bernard Phillips had been playing with the above individuals shortly before their arrest and it was this circumstance which was responsible for Phillips' death, as will be stated later.

BERNARD PHILLIPS:

Vivian knew Phillips, whom she knew as Big Phil, in St. Paul and Kansas City. He hung out with Miller, Keating and Holden. His wife is named Winnie. Vivian stated she did not know his racket but was under the impression he was a bank robber. She informed that she has heard it said by various persons, whom she cannot remember, that Phillips was playing golf with Keating, Holden and Bailey in Kansas City on the day in 1932 when these three individuals were arrested and later returned to Leavenworth Penitentiary.

The information is that Phillips left the game shortly before the arrest occurred; that suspicion pointed to him as having furnished the date which led to this arrest; that he left Kansas City, Missouri, shortly thereafter; was seen in St. Paul, Minnesota for a short time and then disappeared. She advised she has been told that Phillips had been bumped off and in this connection she remembers having heard that "Big Phil will never finger anybody else." She could not remember the sources of any of the above data.

KATE BARKER:

Vivian knew Kate Barker under the name Carter. She had two sons, named Freddie and Doc, who were close friends of Verne Miller. She said that during the spring of 1932 when she and Verne had the apartment in Chicago, Illinois, that Kate visited there from time to time and on one occasion had dinner there. On the night she had dinner in this apartment, Vivian advised that she drove her home and that she lived in an apartment in Oak Park, the location of which she could not furnish. She advised, however, that she would know the building.

Vivian did not know whether the Barker boys were living with their mother at this time and did not know any other person living in the same building, but she stated she knew it to be a fact that both of the Barker boys were very close to their mother.

ARTHUR "DOC" BARKER:

Vivian first became acquainted with Doc Barker, whom she knew under the name Carter, in Kansas City during the spring of 1933. He visited the Miller home on Edgevale Road in company with Freddie Barker, Alvin Karpis and Volney Davis. During this period he was driving a Chevrolet Sedan. Vivian stated she knew Doc participated in the Fairbury bank robbery, stating she had gained her information through conversations which she had overheard.

She said he was not married; that she had never seen him with a girl; that he used intoxicants sparingly and that he stays close to his mother at all times. She stated his racket was bank robbery, but said she believed he went in for kidnaping later on. The data which is the basis for Vivian's statement to the effect Doc Barker has gone in for kidnaping will be found set out under the name Fred Barker.

FRED BARKER:

Vivian states she has known Fred Barker for four or five years. She first met him through Herb and Esther Farmer, with whom she first became acquainted in Hot Springs, Arkansas, while there on a trip with Verne Miller. She has heard it said that Fred Barker was reared by the Farmers.

In Kansas City, Missouri, during the spring of 1933 he was using the name of Carter and he drove an Essex Terraplane Sedan, which he purchased in Kansas City under that name. She advised this car was black in color and was around the Edgevale Road residence of Miller a great deal while she and Miller were living at that address.

Freddie was very close to Vernon Miller and he associated mostly with his brother "Doc", Volney Davis and Karpis.

According to Vivian, Fred Barker has been living for several years with Paula Harmon, the former wife of Charlie Harmon, a bank robber who was killed on a bank job somewhere in Wisconsin. Vivian stated she formerly knew Harmon around St. Paul, Minnesota.

Vivian has heard Freddie Barker mention the fact that he participated in the Fairbury bank robbery and, as set out in the report of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Chicago, Illinois, October 8th, 1934, she heard him and Ray Karpis talking about Earl Christman's death and of his burial by them somewhere near Kansas City, Missouri.

Vivian also stated that Freddie made frequent trips to the town west of Kansas City, Missouri, which she believes to be Leavenworth, Kansas, where he had a close friend. As stated in a prior portion of this report, Vivian, in the light of data which has been furnished her, believes this friend to be John T. Glynn of Leavenworth, Kansas. Freddie Barker is also said to stay close to his mother. Freddie Barker used to frequent the O. P. Inn in Chicago, Illinois and Louie Gernosky's place at Fox River Grove, Illinois.

Vivian Mathies has advised that on the night in June, 1933, when she and Verne Miller were at Volney Davis' apartment in Oak Park, Illinois, following their flight from Kansas City, Missouri, she heard Verne in a conversation with Volney state that he had just seen Freddie Barker and that "that lousy ____ ____ ____ ____ has gone in for snatching." Vivian said she gathered from this remark and from the gist of the conversation between Miller and Davis that Freddie Barker had been involved in the Hamm kidnaping case. She also advised that Volney Davis' conversation and manner on this occasion had led her to believe that he had no part in the Hamm job. She stated that Verne was more "burned up" at that time than she had ever seen him and it was her opinion that if he had not been a "lamster" that he would have broken off with Freddie Barker and his mob. She was unable to state who else besides Freddie Barker participated in the Hamm kidnaping but she said it was a natural conclusion with her that Doc Barker and Ray Karpis had a part in the job.

JOHN BURKE:

Vivian stated Burke was a friend of Verne Miller and that during the spring of 1933 he spent most of his time around the apartment on South Boulevard in Chicago, Illinois, which she and Verne had rented. She informed that Lillian Holden also spent a great deal of time at this apartment and was very friendly with Burke. Vivian described Burke as a man about forty years of age, heavy set, with black hair sprinkled with gray. He was a stage hand by trade but was out of work in the spring of 1933 and he lived on money which Verne Miller gave him. Vivian described Burke as "a moocher" and said that on many occasions he had asked her for money without batting an eye. She said he frequented Stacci's O. P. and although she could not recall an instance where she had seen him i.

company with Fred and Arthur Barker, as well as Rey Karpis and Volney Davis, she advised he is bound to know all of these individuals. Vivian was unable to state whether Barker was acquainted with Louie Cernocky.

Attention is invited here to the fact that John Burke is without doubt the same individual who was living with Helen Ferguson at the time she was taken into custody in August, 1934, and brought to the Chicago Division office for questioning. This was in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case. Vivian has been casually questioned as to Helen Ferguson in connection with questions asked her as to Earl Christman. She has informed that she did not know this woman but that she believed she had seen her on one occasion in Harry Sawyer's tavern located in St.Paul,Minnesota.

CHARLES J. FITZGERALD:

Vivian Mathias knew this man under the name of Chuck Murphy. His wife was named Belle. She said she met him through Miller; that he and his wife lived in an apartment on the south side. She could not remember the street on which this apartment was located. Vivian did not know the racket in which Fitzgerald was engaged but stated she knew he was a friend of Harvey Bailey, Verne Miller and Big Homer. She said she and Miller had visited him and his wife in their apartment several times and that on each occasion she had become intoxicated. She said Fitzgerald was a heavy drinker but was a very likeable sort of a person. She advised that Verne Miller thought quite a bit of him.

GUS WINKLER:

Vivian knew Winkler for about five years or more. She said Miller was formerly associated with him in the liquor business and that after Miller left that business his friendship with Winkler apparently continued. She said she and Miller had visited Winkler and his wife on many occasions and had been to dinner in their apartment from time to time. She related that at Christmas time, 1932, she received a gold and platinum vase as a present from Winkler and Ted Newberry. She described this vase as the most beautiful thing she had ever seen.

Vivian related that in June, 1933, before she and Verne parted in Chicago, Illinois, Verne gave her Winkler's telephone number and told her if there was a time when she could not reach him that she should call Winkler, who would be in a position to put her in touch with him. She advised further that after returning to Chicago, Illinois from the east during the fore part of August, 1933, she did not hear from Verne for several weeks and because of that situation she communicated telephonically with Winkler, who visited her in her apartment at the Sherone Apartment Hotel.

On this occasion she told him that she was almost broke and asked him for a loan. Winkler advised that both she and Verne were "too hot and that he did not want to have anything to do with any part of them." She said this incident made her very angry and caused her to consider Winkler as a fair weather friend.

She said she only saw Miller on one occasion after this, which was his visit to her apartment in the Sherone Apartment Hotel and on this occasion she told him of what had transpired between her and Winkler. Miller was very angry at receiving this information.

BOBBY MOORE:

Vivian has known this woman for four or five years, having first met her at the apartment at 921 Eastwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, where Bobby lived with her husband and her two children and where Verne and Vi also lived. Vivian stated that on her return to Chicago from New York City in August, 1932, she went to the Sherone Apartments where she knew Bobby was living and stayed with her. Bobby at this time was keeping company with one Larry Bidderman. Vivian went on to relate an instance prior to Bobby's conviction, as well as hers, Vivian's, on charges of having harbored Verne Miller, and of their subsequent confinement in the United States Reformatory at Alderson, West Virginia. She informed that before she left Bobby at Alderson, West Virginia, during February, 1934, at which time she, Vivian, was transferred to the United States Detention Farm at Milan, Michigan, she and Bobby made an agreement to meet each other in the office of their attorney, named Feldman, in Chicago, Illinois, following their releases from the prison. She said she considered Bobby as her best friend. Bobby, according to Vivian, has never had any underworld connections.

VOLNEY DAVIS:

Vivian stated she first met Davis in Kansas City, Missouri during the spring of 1933, when he came to her home in company with Freddie Barker. She stated his wife, a plump blonde named Edna, was with him at the time and that they were traveling in a Chevrolet Sedan. She said Davis and his wife spent two nights in her home on this occasion and that Freddie Barker also slept there at times. They visited the house on other occasions, however. Davis participated in the Fairbury bank robbery, according to information obtained by Vivian through conversations she overheard. She said she did not know Davis very well and did not know how closely Verne Miller was connected with him. She said the only other time she came in contact with Davis was the time on or about June 19th, 1934, in Chicago, Illinois, when she and Miller spent the night in Davis' apartment in Oak Park, Illinois, after their flight from Kansas City, Missouri. Vivian stated that on the occasion of her visit to Davis' apartment, along with Miller, that Miller knew the address.

FRED GOETZ:

Vivian stated she became acquainted with Goetz through Miller and knew him as George Ziegler. He was referred to by his friends as Blond George. His wife's name was Irene. She said she first met him about three years ago in Chicago, Illinois and was told he was connected with the Capone Syndicate. Vivian did not know of any other underworld connections on the part of Goetz.

FRANCES LUCK NASH:

Vivian Mathias first met this woman approximately three years ago at the O. P. Inn in Melrose Park, Illinois, where she was working as a cook. Frank Nash became acquainted with her through frequenting this place and they finally married, living together for approximately one and a half years. Vivian stated that Frances always traveled with Frank Nash and at times took her young daughter with her.

In the fall of 1932, Vivian, Frances and Frank Nash were coming in to Chicago, Illinois, on Waukegan Road, via automobile, when they had a wreck. The car turned over in a ditch and Vivian and Nash were pinned beneath it. Vivian succeeded in extricating herself and she and Frances freed Nash, who had one of his arms caught under the car door. Vivian remembered that Nash dropped his gun at this time and when he picked it up he asked her what he should do with it. She remembers this as she was very amused that he should ask her what to do with the gun. She told him to throw it away and he did so.

Vivian informed that Frances and Nash made a trip to New York shortly after the accident, where Nash had a broken arm, incurred in this accident, attended to. Frances and Nash returned to Chicago during the spring of 1933, at which time they lived, for a short period, in Vivian's apartment on South Boulevard.

Vivian has stated that she has heard through the underworld since the massacre at Kansas City, Missouri, that Frances Nash is to be killed for having furnished information to the Government. She stated that she heard that on one occasion someone went to Frances' home at Aurora, Minnesota, looking for her for the purpose of killing her but could not find her there.

THOMAS HOLDEN:

Vivian has known Holden for three or four years. She knew him as Bill and met him through Verne Miller in Harry Sawyer's saloon in St. Paul, Minnesota. His wife is Lillian Holden. He was seen constantly in the company of Frances Keating, Harvey Bailey and Verne Miller. Vivian advised she did not know what his racket was. Her observation with respect

to Holden was that he spent most of his time playing golf and in this connection she stated he was arrested on a golf course in Kansas City, Missouri during the summer of 1932 and returned to the Leavenworth Penitentiary from where he has escaped.

FRANCIS KEATING:

Vivian Mathias advised that the above information regarding Holden is identical with what she knows concerning Francis Keating. The only additional data she could supply was that she knew him under the name Jimmy and the fact that his wife's name was Marge.

SAMMY SCHRAEGER:

Vivian states she first met Schraeger in about 1930. His wife is small, red-headed woman, whose given name is Dorothy, but who is occasionally called Pigeon. She is a Gentile and originated in Newark, New Jersey. Vivian was unable to furnish her maiden name. Schraeger and Verne Miller were associated together in the gambling and lottery rackets in Montreal, Canada, for a period of approximately one year along about 1930 or 1931. She said they "owned" Montreal so far as the gambling racket was concerned.

During the time they were located in Montreal they made frequent trips to New York City, where Schraeger had close connections of some sort with Louis Buchalter. It was during this period that Verne became closely affiliated with Buchalter, but Vivian was unable to state the nature of this association. She advised that Buchalter is apparently in the clothing business but stated that he is bound to be a racketeer because of his associates. She said she did not know the nature of his racket.

It should be stated here that Vivian Mathias is of the opinion Verne Miller was killed by Sammy Schraeger and she has said on numerous occasions that as soon as she is free she intends to make a trip to New York for the specific purpose of ascertaining whether Schraeger did kill Miller. She has intimated that she will "take care of" Schraeger but also said that she will not put herself in the middle in so doing.

HARRY SAWYER:

Vivian Mathias has known Harry Sawyer for about five years, during which period he has operated a saloon on Wabasha Avenue in St. Paul, Minnesota. His wife's name is Gladys. The last time Vivian was in St. Paul, Minnesota, he had a bartender named Pat Reilly working for him.

Vivian stated that she and Verne have visited Sawyer and his wife in their home several times. She said the Sawyer home is located at 1878 Jefferson Street, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Vivian informed she was unable to state whether Sawyer acted as contact man and message bearer for underworld characters but she did know that at different times she has seen practically all of the hoodlums she knows in Sawyer's saloon. Vivian stated further that Sawyer is a close friend of Jack Pfeiffer, who operates the Hollyhocks Inn at St. Paul, Minnesota. It was stated that the only known racket of Sawyer was the liquor business.

FRITZ MULLOY:

Vivien Mathias says she first met Mulloy in Kansas City, Missouri, during the spring of 1933. She met him through Verne Miller, who, she states, had apparently known him for some time.

She and Verne lived in Mulloy's home for several weeks before renting the bungalow at 6612 Edgevale Road, where they were living at the time of the Union Station Massacre.

Mulloy operated two taverns in Kansas City and according to Vivian, various underworld characters, including Karpis, the Barker boys, and Volney Davis, had been seen by her in these places.

She also advised that Mulloy received messages for Miller and relayed them to him, either directly, or to her. In connection with the instant case, Vivian described Mulloy as a victim of circumstances.

Special Agent D.P.Sullivan conducted the following investigation in an effort to learn of any present contacts which Adam Richetti might presently have at Hammond, Indiana or vicinity:

Regarding the arrest of Adam Richetti by the Hammond, Indiana Police Department in August, 1928, Agent Sullivan interviewed Officer Harry Rimbach, Bureau of Identification, Hammond Police Department.

The records show that Richetti was arrested by Officer John J. Hart at Hammond, Indiana on 8-7-28, and charged with a Holdup. Odus Lee Harper, Hammond P.D. No1 876 was arrested with Richetti on the same charge.

Richetti was booked under the name Richetti. His description is given as -

Age: 19 years (1928)
Height: 5'8"
Weight: 127 lb.
Eyes: Brown
Hair: Black
Build: Medium
Complexion: Dark
Occupation: Mechanic
Residence: Lehigh, Oklahoma,
Birthplece: Stoawn, Texas
Fingerprint classification: $\frac{1}{1}$ $\frac{R}{U}$ $\frac{IO}{OO}$ $\frac{9}{}$

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The description of Odus Lee Harper is given as -

Age: 19 years (1928)
Height: 6'2"
Weight: 197 lb.
Eyes: Blue
Hair: Brown
Build: Medium
Complexion: Medium
Occupation: Laborer
Residence: Wewoka, Oklahoma
Birthplece: Oklahoma
Fingerprint classification: $\frac{1}{3}$ $\frac{R}{U}$ $\frac{01}{1}$ $\frac{10}{}$

On August 8, 1928, the day following their arrest, Richetti and Harper were delivered to the Sheriff's office for Lake County, Crown Point, Indiana. Both were sentenced on September 17, 1928 on a plea of guilty to a sentence of from one to ten years at the State Reformatory, Pendleton, Indiana.

Officer Rimbach has photographs of both Richetti and Harper and will forward a copy of each photograph to the Chicago Division Office. A check of his files disclosed no further information concerning Richetti or Harper, or the details or circumstances of the offense with which they were charged. Officer Rimbach stated he could discover no statement made by them.

Captain Carlson, Chief of Detectives, was later interviewed and he advised that he felt certain that a written statement had been obtained from Richetti and Harper, and stated further that he would have a search made for it.

At Crown Point, Indiana, Agent Sullivan interviewed Edward S. Block, in charge of the Identification Bureau at the Sheriff's office. Mr. Block ascertained that Harper and Richetti were charged with taking by force from the person of one August Gerber at Hammond, Indiana, a gold signet ring, value $6.00, and $3.75 in money. The complaint was sworn to by Officer Hart.

Mr. Block likewise ascertained that both Richetti and Harper were paroled from the State Reformatory on September 26, 1930, and were released from parole on September 24, 1931.

Without disclosing the purpose of Agent's inquiry, Agent Sullivan exhibited a photograph of Richetti to Mr. Block, who stated without hesitation that he had seen Richetti on more than one occasion. Block could not recall the place where he had seen Richetti, but because Block had formerly resided at East Chicago, Indiana, he thought it might have been in that town.

Sergeant Zarkovich, East Chicago Police Department, was in the County courthouse while Agent Sullivan was speaking with Mr. Block, and he was likewise shown the photograph of Richetti. Although he is widely acquainted in East Chicago and nearby towns, Sergeant Zarkovich could not identify Richetti's photograph, although he stated the man did seem to be familiar to him.

Eli Kesrich, Bailiff, Lake County Court, and who resides at Gary, Indiana, when shown Richetti's photograph immediately stated that he felt certain that he had seen Richetti on more than one occasion, although not recently, somewhere in Gary, Indiana. Kesrich could not recall any further information regarding Richetti.

Francis Korn, Court Reporter, obtained his stenographic notes made at the time Richetti and Harper were sentenced. These notes show that William McAleer, First Trust Building, Hammond, Indiana represented Richetti. Mention was made at the time of sentence that Richetti had a brother residing at Hammond, Indiana. A statement made by Richetti or Harper was likewise read to the Court. Mr. Korn searched his records but could not locate the statement. Agent Sullivan likewise made inquiry at the office of County Prosecutor Estill, and at the Clerk's office. No further information was obtained, nor could the statement be located.

Prosecutor Estill stated that William McAleer, who represented Richetti, was reputable and absolutely reliable.

William J. McAleer, 380 Hohman Avenue, Hammond, Indiana was interviewed, and he stated that he can only recall that Richetti had a brother who resided at Hammond in 1928, and that Richetti's sister or his wife came up from Oklahoma when Richetti was arrested. McAleer was straightforward and apparently honest in his statement that he could recall nothing further.

Officer John J. Hart, who arrested Richetti was employed as an officer only for a few months. His present address was not known to the Hammond Police Department, who stated that when last seen some years ago, he was employed bythe local street car company.

Inquiry at the local street car company at Hammond resulted in Agent being advised that Hart's whereabouts were not known, but that his former wife was now married to one Joseph Beck, 4518 Towle Avenue, Hammond, Indiana.

Agent called at the above address, and interviewed one of the Hart boys,who stated that he had not seen his father John J. Hart in a couple of years; that when last heard of, he was in Chicago.

Agent Sullivan was later advised by telephone that Hart had a very good friend, name not given, who resided in Hammond, and who undoubtedly would know of Hart's whereabouts. The address of this friend of Hart's was not known, but the Hart boy stated that he would be able to point the house out to Agent Sullivan.

Hart when contacted may be able to provide valuable information regarding Richetti's activities and connections at the time he was arrested by Hart.

From the statements made by persons who saw Richetti's photograph, it is not improbable that Richetti, at times, resides at, or has acquaintances in East Chicago, Gary, or Hammond, Indiana. Further information may in this way be obtained concerning Odus Lee Harper, Richetti's former companion in crime.

On October 4, 1934, Dominick Binaggia was taken into custody as he left a railroad train in St. Louis, Missouri, and was brought to Chicago Division office by Inspector S.P.Cowley and Special Agents R.L.Jones and C.O.Hurt. He was questioned in connection with information obtained from James La Cepra, alias Jimmy Needles that Binaggia had information concerning the activities of subjects Floyd and Richetti prior and subsequent to the Kansas City massacre. Binaggia was questioned by Special Agent C.B.Winstead. Binaggia stated that he is 35 years of age and resides at 3810 Benton Boulevard, Kansas City, Missouri, but denied that he possessed any information concerning the assassination of the officers and Frank Nash at the Union Station in Kansas City, Missouri on June 17, 1933. He stated that he knew John Lazia approximately six years prior to the latter's death; that Lazia furnished him with protection so that he might operate his gambling house established on the sixth floor of the Sexton Hotel, 115 West 12th Street in Kansas City, Missouri without molestation from the police. Binaggia stated that he has operated this place, known as the D. & S. Club for the past three years. Binaggia denied that he ever mixed in Lazia's business, or assisted him physically in any way, but admitted that in 1930 he loaned to John Lazia $5000., which amount Lazia re-paid in 1933 without interest.

Binaggia further stated that he knew Charley Carolla very well; that Carolla was up until the time of Lazia's death, the latter's constant companion, and succeeded to Lazia's political supremacy in

Kansas City. He stated that shortly after Lazia's death, there was held a meeting in the North Side Democratic Club in Kansas City, Missouri, and practically the entire political organization was present, at which meeting Marion Nigro, a cousin of Doctor Nigro was elected as political boss of the North Side to succeed Lazia, but that the present indications are that Carolla is the real boss.

Binaggia stated that the Chief of Detectives, Tom Higgins, knows the history of "Pretty Boy" Floyd, and used to put him in jail occasionally. Binaggia advised that he understood that Floyd used to live around Kansas City. He stated that it is also the talk around Kansas City, Missouri at the present time that Higgins would be afraid to arrest Floyd. Binaggia further advised that a Mr. Thompson operates the Sexton Hotel in Kansas City, and that he Binaggia rents the sixth floor from this individual, and that he was of the opinion that Floyd would not go to that hotel as he is too "hot" for such a public place. Binaggia denied that he ever heard of Adam Richetti until the time he saw the latter's name in the paper as being with Floyd when they kidnaped the sheriff at Bolivar, Missouri in June, 1933.

Binaggia furnished further information that "Doc" Thurman who was formerly Chief of Detectives at Kansas City, Missouri, has a brother who was a policeman when a prohibition agent was killed at Independence and TroostStreets in Kansas City several months before the Union Station massacre occurred. He stated that policeman Thurman advised him that he believed the killing was done by "Pretty Boy" Floyd. Thurman is not now on the police force, but according to Binaggia he probably knows Floyd. There also is a former police officer by the name of Nelson who probably could assist by giving some information concerning Floyd. It is believed that most of the above information is already in the possession of the Kansas City office.

Continuing with the interrogation of Binaggia, Binaggia advised Agent Winstead that he had a .35 calibre automatic pistol in his place of business in Kansas City, as well as a 12 gauge short barrel automatic Remington shot gun, which he obtained at a pawn shop abouta block away from 9th and State Line Street, Kansas City, Kansas, and which weapon he purchased about thirty days ago. He further stated that he had in his home at Kansas City, Missouri, a

12 gauge automatic shot gun, which he uses for hunting purposes, and in addition also owns a .35 calibre Smith and Weston revolver which he keeps at his home. He stated that about five years ago, he killed an individual by the name of John Hiser at the time Hiser attempted to rob him. He stated that Mr. Page was at that time prosecuting attorney. He continued to deny that he had ever seen "Pretty Boy" Floyd or Verne Miller, and knew of no connection between Floyd, Miller and John Lazia.

Binaggia advised Mr. R.E.Newby of the Division, and the writer that he is associated with one Joe Petito in the gambling buiness in the Sexton Hotel, and that he, Binaggia is a banker at this gambling establishment. Binaggia further advised that he has a brother-in-law by the name of Steve Oliver, who until about one year ago operated an establishment near the viaduct, which extends from Kansas City, Missouri to Kansas City, Kansas, and that this place is situated in what is known as "West Bottoms" near the driveway from the viaduct to the West Bottoms. He stated that to his knowledge, he knows of no association between subject Floyd and Steve Oliver, but that he recalls that Oliver moved from that location shortly after the massacre at the Union Station, and opened another gambling establishment in the West Bottoms, the address of which he did not know.

Binaggia was questioned at the Chicago Division office until October 7, 1934, at which time he was returned to St. Louis, Missouri by Special Agents J.C.White and C.B.Winstead.

Binaggia refused to sign a written statement containing the above information, but did sign a statement stating that he was ready and willing to cooperate with the Division in this matter at any time.

In connection with the information received from the Division to the effect that Special Agent in Charge J.J.Waters of the Pittsburgh office, had information indicating that Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd was located at the Bolton Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio, Inspector S.P.Cowley assigned Special Agents R.L.Jones and H.E.Hollis to proceed to Cleveland, Ohio on the night of September 20, 1934 for the purpose of determining whether Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd was staying at the Bolton Hotel as above stated. Mr. Cowley also called Mr. Waters and suggested the advisability of having the police officer, through whom this information came, proceed to Cleveland in an effort to obtain some information which could be verified before creating any disturbance at the hotel, which is an eight story building, consisting of over three hundred rooms. Mr. Waters advised Mr. Cowley that he would communicate with the police officer to determine whether such action would be advisable.

Special Agents Jones and Hollis arrived in Cleveland on the morning of September 21, 1934, and checked into the Bolton Hotel separately. These Agents maintained a surveillance at the hotel until September 24, 1934. During the time Agents Jones and Hollis were at the Bolton Hotel, nothing unusual was observed, and no one resembling Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd was seen. Inasmuch as the information received was to the effect that Floyd was using the rear entrance to the hotel, and was going out only at night, Agents Jones and Hollis stationed themselves on the parking lot in the rear of the hotel in such a position as to command a view of the rear entrance of the place. This was done on the nights of September 22nd and 23rd, 1934. No one resembling Floyd was seen entering or leaving the hotel through the rear door. Considerable time was spent by Agents in the lobby of the hotel observing the various persons who entered and left same, but no one was seen resembling Floyd, nor did the Agents observe any meals being brought into the hotel.

On September 24, 1934, Special Agents Peters and Brake of the Detroit office, interviewed Mr. J.M.Pratt, manager of the Bolton Hotel, and exhibited to him a group of photographs, among which was a photograph of subject Floyd. Also in this group were photographs of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bentz. Mr. Pratt tentatively identified photographs of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bentz as being the likeness of a man and woman who had stopped at the hotel several months ago. However, Mr. Pratt withdrew his identification when a later photograph of Bentz was shown to him. With reference to Floyd, Mr. Pratt advised that he had read considerable about Floyd in the newspapers and magazine articles, but that he was positive Floyd had never lived at the Bolton Hotel.

Miss Lexton, clerk at the Bolton Hotel, was also interviewed by Special Agents Peters and Brake, and she, too, stated that Floyd never lived at the Bolton Hotel.

Mr. Pratt advised Agent Peters that approximately one year ago, one Maxie Diamond, Cleveland racketeer, registered at the Bolton Hotel for about one month, and to his knowledge this is the only person of this type who ever lived in the hotel. Mr. Pratt, according to Agents Peters and Brake, was very cooperative and expressed his desire to assist the Government in any way possible.

At 10:25 P.M. on September 20, 1934, Special Agent in Charge William Larson of the Detroit office, called from the Carter Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio, and advised that automobiles bearing the following license numbers were parked in the guest parking space at the Bolton Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio. These license numbers, when investigated by the various field offices, were found to be issued as set forth under each number:

California license plate 3-J-7602
Issued Feb. 14, 1934 to Milton E. Anderson
Boulder Creek, California, for a 1934
Ford Deluxe maroon colored coupe, bearing
motor No. 18-599750.

Illinois license plate 353925
Issued to Roland E. Corbin, Oak Park Arms
Hotel, Oak Park, Illinois, for a
1931 Studebaker sedan, motor No. 530767,
serial No. 5102265.

Florida license plate W-2122
Issued to Frank Miceli, Sarasota Hotel,
Sarasota, Florida for a Packard coupe,
motor No. 287214.

New York license plate 3Y-7864
Issued to Ralph Lent, 236 Tecumseh,
Mt. Vernon, New York.

New Jersey license plate $\frac{1}{E}$-6213
Issued to
Mrs. Anne A. Andrews, wife of Everett
Andrews, for 1932 blue Nash sedan, motor
No. 3998688.

Illinois license No. 478758
Issued to Roy C. Kern, 117 West Harrison Street, Chicago, Illinois, for 1932 Buick sedan, motor No. 2771112, serial No. 2619798.

Tennessee license plate 52567
Issued to W.R.Hanna, Jr., 549 Mosley Ave., Memphis, Tenn. for 1934 Ford coach, motor No. 18-1031887.

Wisconsin license No. 751128
Issued to Gerald Ward, 1210 W. Dayton Street, Madison, Wis. for 1933 Ford sedan, motor No. 502390.

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In connection with the efforts to locate Allister O'Brien, for questioning in connection with the above entitled case, the following investigation was conducted by Special Agent T. J. Connor:

Wallace O'Brien, employed as Superintendent at the Westinghouse Electric Elevator Company, brother of Al O'Brien, was interviewed and advised that he is absolutely unable to offer any information relative to the present whereabouts of his brother, whom he terms as the "black-sheep" of the family. He stated that shortly after the death of his wife in 1927 or 1928, his brother departed from Chicago, leaving his small son, a hopelessly crippled boy now nine years of age, totally dependent upon himself and his brother William; that for the past four years Al O'Brien has made no effort to see the boy, nor has he communicated with any of the other members of the family.

He further stated that his brother, whose correct name is McAllister H. O'Brien, was born in Chicago, and is about 35 years of age, although of this he is not certain, not knowing the exact date of his birth. He was employed by the local telephone company prior to 1917, and at the outbreak of the war, joined the Signal Corps, serving with distinction in France for approximately two years. Upon his return, he worked as an electrician at numerous places of employment, never staying at any one place for any length of time. About the time of the

death of his wife, his brother seemed to lose all desire for work and it was at this time that he became associated with various underworld characters of unsavory reputation, none of whom, however, Mr. O'Brien was able to describe by name, except that he was reputed to be a member of the "Bugs" Moran gang. He worked for a short time at a dog track on Mannheim Road, which track has been out of existence for some time, and spent considerable time on the Pacific coast, his exact location there being unknown to Mr. O'Brien. Mr. O'Brien further stated that he is unable to advise of any persons with whom his brother was very well acquainted, or whom he might be in communication with in Chicago, Illinois or Kansas City, Missouri. The photograph of Al O'Brien, secured from the Chicago Police Department, was exhibited to Wallace O'Brien and was declared by him to be an excellent likeness of his brother. The bandage appearing on his brother's face in the picture was stated to be a .45 gun shot wound which entered the lower right side of his face and emerged near his left temple, which wound he suffered in an altercation, the circumstances of which he, Wallace, never learned.

Wallace O'Brien evidenced a strong spirit of resentment against his brother which he stated was due to the desertion of, and failure to support his crippled son, and the further fact that he has not communicated with his mother, Mrs. John O'Brien, now 78 years of age, for the past four years. He expressed a willingness to assist in his brother's location and promised to notify the Chicago Division office immediately upon receipt of any information concerning his whereabouts, the telephone number being furnished to him by Agent Connor.

William O'Brien, employed as an electrician at the Jackson-Franklin Building, 507 West Jackson Street, a brother of Al O'Brien was interviewed, and in addition to repeating the information previously furnished by his brother, Wallace, advised that he is of the opinion that Al who was shell-shocked during the war, is now slightly deranged as a result. He stated that prior to the war, he was a sober, industrious young man of good habits, and only became associated with hoodlums upon his return from France. He stated that he had been informed by an individual, whom he cannot now recall, that his brother had been seen in Portland, Oregon, and had been on his way to Vancouver, B.C. at that time, which he places at about three or four years ago. His brother was last seen in Chicago by him about four years ago, at which time he had been recently married in Kansas City, Missouri, but did not state his wife's maiden name. He stated that his brother is very well acquainted

with Mont Silvey, Business Agent, and George Conrad, Assistant Business Agent of the Electrical Workers Union, and he expressed the belief that in the event his brother was in Kansas City, he would, sooner or later, get in touch with Silvey or Conrad. His brother at one time had a card in the Electrical Workers Union, which, however, he lost years ago for failure to pay dues. He also played professional baseball for a period of about seven years, after the war, being a member of the Kansas City Blues at one time, and being connected also with the Memphis, Tennessee team and the New Orleans team of the Southern Association.

Mr. William O'Brien stated he would assist in the location of his brother, and advised that should he receive any information concerning him, he will immediately communicate the same to this office. He advised that other than Silvey and Conrad he knew of no one with whom his brother was acquainted in Kansas City, and stated that he had absolutely no close friends in the City of Chicago, or vicinity.

The criminal record for Allister O'Brien, as reflected by the files of the Chicago Police Department and set out in the report of Special Agent R.C. Suran, dated 9-22-34 at Chicago, Illinois, indicates that he was arrested in April, 1929 on complaint of Mike Thomas, 739 Melrose Street, at which time he was living at the Belmont Avenue Hotel, 721 Belmont Avenue.

At 721 Belmont Avenue, the Abbott Hotel, interview was had with Sam Olsen, the owner-manager of that building. Mr. Olsen immediately identified the photograph of Al O'Brien as having been a resident at the apartment in 1929 and 1930. He stated that O'Brien was reputed to have been a member of the "Bugs" Moran gang, but that he had no definite or personal information in this regard; also, that he had but few friends while there, associating for the most part with two men whose names, he, Olsen, did not know. He stated he has no other information concerning O'Brien or his gang connections in Chicago.

The exact dates of residence of O'Brien at the hotel could not be obtained, as Mr. Olsen stated the hotel had been taken over by a receiver in 1930, at which time the records had been destroyed.

In an effort to locate Mike Thomas, inquiry was made at 739 Melrose Street, where interview was had with Louie Goltz, the owner of the premises. He stated that he has owned and been continuously residing at that address for the past thirty years, and has never had a tenant there by the name of Mike Thomas, nor did he know anyone by that name to reside in the immediate neighborhood.

At the Lake View Postoffice Station, interview was had with the carrier covering 739 Melrose Street, but no information could be obtained relative to the identity or whereabouts of Mike Thomas. There was no removal address on file at the postoffice.

The criminal record of O'Brien's previously referred to sets forth various arrests on disorderly charges, most of which, however, were in 1921 to 1924, no attempt being made to check on the addresses furnished at the time of these arrests, efforts being directed only to the later addresses. In every instance of arrests made during 1929 and 1930, the last arrest appearing as of July 11, 1930, the address of O'Brien was stated to be 721 Belmont Avenue, except an arrest in March, 1929, at which time his address was stated to be 5828 Kenmore Avenue.

Upon inquiry at 5828 Kenmore Avenue, no information could be developed concerning O'Brien, nor could anyone at that address identify his photograph.

A photostatic copy of the fingerprints of Allister O'Brien was obtained from the Identification Bureau of the Chicago Police Department and was transmitted to the Division by letter, in which it was requested that the Kansas City and Chicago Division offices be notified in the event any criminal record was located for Allister O'Brien, or in the event any information is subsequently received concerning his whereabouts.

Special Agent D.P.Sullivan conducted the following investigation in an effort to locate "Big" Homer Wilson:

Agent Sullivan located and interviewed Henry Beckman at the National Jockey Club, 3347 South 52nd Avenue, Cicero, Illinois. Beckman is in charge of the automobile parking concession at this race track. He stated he is generally employed by, and can be located through, Mr. O'Hare, manager of the track.

Beckman stated that during the winter of 1932-1933, he was at Miami, Florida and met Homer Wilson through Lee Turner; that he occasionally went fishing with and drank with Turner. When Turner was arrested, Beckman was with him and he was likewise arrested because he was in the company of Turner. Beckman was released two days later. Wilson came to Miami after the first of the year and stayed for about two months. He was accompanied by his wife and child, and was using a Cadillac sedan with Illinois license plates.

Beckman stated that Wilson was a heavy drinker and with Turner frequented a tavern operated by a man called "Curly" next to the corner of Biscayne Boulevard and Ocean Drive. Curly now operates a tavern on the corner of 3rd or 4th Avenue and Ocean Drive in Miami. Beckman stated that Curly is well known in Miami.

Beckman stated that he was not very friendly with Wilson and did not know anyone, besides Lee Turner, with whom Wilson was acquainted; that he did not believe Wilson was financially interested in the Miami Beach Dog track; that Wilson was not a gambling man and did not bet on the horse or dog races to his knowledge. Beckman spoke frankly to Agent and appeared to be speaking the truth. He stated he has not seen Wilson since the above occasion; that Wilson did not like to fish; that he did not know Wilson's occupation and has had no reason to inquire concerning him since that time; that he has no idea where Wilson may be presently located.

Beckman was shown photographs of Karpis, the Barkers, Campbell, Volney Davis, which he failed to recognize.

With reference to the report of Special Agent R.L.Shivers, St. Louis, Missouri dated September 28, 1934, Agent Sullivan made the following investigation regarding the address of 8015 South Wood Street, Chicago, given by Wilson at the time he registered Cadillac sedan, motor No. 1202348 in March 1934.

Carrier Martin Ellstrom, Auburn Park Postoffice substation, when interviewed stated that he does not recall anyone by the name of Wilson or anyone of Wilson's description having resided at 8015 South Wood Street in the five years he has been delivering mail to this address; that he does recall an automobile registration addressed to Wilson which he returned because he could not locate any one by that name at the Wood Street address. There is no forwarding address on file at this branch postoffice for Wilson.

Agent interviewed James A. Pearson of the John McCarthy Real Estate, 1405 West 63rd Street, who resides at and acts as rental agent for 8015 South Wood Street, and he stated that he knew of no person by the name of Wilson, or anyone of his description who had resided at 8015 South Wood Street.

John Reininga, janitor, James Egan and Mrs. Margaret Fitzgerald old residents at this address, were likewise interviewed. None of these parties had any information regarding Wilson, who was not known to have ever resided at this address.

In an effort to obtain further information concerning Wilson, Agent interviewed and was advised by William L.Pinney, Cadillac Motor Car Company, South Shore Branch, 2015 East 71st Street that Wilson first had dealings with this agency on October 21, 1930, when Alexander Young, a salesman, sold Wilson a 5 passenger Cadillac sedan, model 355, motor No. 803227. Wilson traded in a 5 passenger Packard sedan, serial No. 252628, upon which he was allowed $1140.25. Wilson paid the remainder, the sum of $1855.00 in cash on delivery.

Mr. Pinney was not acquainted with Wilson, but he called in Mr. Young, who was interviewed at this time. Young stated that Wilson called at the salesroom and Young sold him a car, that Wilson had plenty of money, and he thought Wilson was a bootlegger; that he never called at Wilson's home and did not know where he lived; that he purposely failed to question Wilson because he feared to lose a cash sale.

The bill of sale for Packard sedan, serial No. 252628, mentioned above, shows that it was purchased from the John S. Jackson Company, 71st and Stony Island Avenue. This firm is now the Packard Motor Company.

The above mentioned Cadillac sedan was traded in by Wilson on January 10, 1933 for a new 5 passenger Cadillac sedan, motor No. 1202348. The sum of $1976.75 was allowed on the trade-in of Wilson's old Cadillac sedan, serial No. 803227. He paid the remainder of $1420.00 in cash.

The only further information that Young could provide was that Wilson apparently did some little traveling; that he had his car serviced at the garage up until a year ago; that on one occesion his windshield was broken and he stated this was caused by a partridge flying into the windshield when he was coming out of St. Louis.

In the files of the Cadillac Company is a telegram dated January 20, 1931, and filed at Oakland, California by the California Division of Motor Vehicles addressed to the Cadillac Company verifying payment in fullof Cadillac sedan, serial No. 803227 by H. Wilson. The file indicates that at the time Wilson purchased the above Cadillac sedan, he intended to take a trip to California. The records of the Service Department at this branch office of the Cadillac Company indicate that Cadillac sedan, motor No. 1202348 was last serviced on June 5, 1933.

The records at the main office of the Cadillac Motor Company, 2301 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, show this car was serviced on April 3, 1924 by William Floto, 208 South LaSalle Street, Chicago.

William Floto, executive with the American Steel and Wire Company, 208 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, when interviewed stated that he purchased Cadillac sedan, motor No. 1202348 on March 17, 1934 from the Felz Motor Sales Company, 1100 block Diversey Avenue; that he was not acquainted with Wilson.

Mr. Harry Felz, Felz Motor Sales Company, 1100 Block Diversey Avenue, was interviewed. He stated that in March, 1934, a salesman from the Elmer Judd Used Car Sales, 4143 Cottage Grove Avenue telephoned him and stated he had a used Cadillac sedan he desired to sell. Felz went to Judd's salesroom and offered $1000. for the car and was refused. A few days later, Homer Wilson brought the car to Felz' show room. With Wilson was another young man, age not known, about 5'7" tall, weighing about 155 lb.; dark hair, dark complexion. This man spoke with a foreign accent, probably German. He was dressed in a slovenly feshion. Agent exhibited to Mr. Felz photographs of the Karpis-Barker gang and he stated although the man accompanying Wilson looked like Fred Barker, he could not identify the photograph as being that of Barker.

Felz gathered from the conversation that Wilson owed the above mentioned young man who accompanied him, $800.00, Because Wilson did not have a bill of sale for the car, Felz made him register it in Illinois, Wilson stating the car had been in storage. Felz agreed to buy the car for $1060. cash. Wilson requested the check be made out to his companion Joseph Pfeffer. Felz refused and made the check out to Wilson, and at Wilson's request gave it to Pfeffer. Fearing some trick, Felz demanded and wrote up a receipt for the $1060. check, which Pfeffer signed. This receipt was turned over to Agent with Pfeffer's signature.

Wilson gave his address as 2702 West 78th Street. Felz was questioned closely, but was unable to provide any other information regarding Wilson.

Agent Sullivan ascertained upon investigation that the address 2702 West 78th Street was a vacant lot in the center of a large vacant area near the Wabash Railroad freight yards.

Russell Loper, salesman, Elmer Judd Used Car Agency, 4143 Cottage Grove Avenue, Chicago, was interviewed. He stated that about March 1, 1934, a man of the description of Homer Wilson called and stated he had a Cadillac sedan he desired to sell, adding that he needed cash; that the car had been in storage, mentioning no address. The sedan was placed in the showroom, and Loper telephoned Mr. Harry Felz and told him he had a Cadillac sedan he might be interested in. Felz stopped in and looked the car over, but was not interested in it. Later Wilson returned with another man, who was described by Mr. Loper much the same as the man described by Mr. Felz. Wilson and the other man stated that they had a good offer from Harry Felz, and they took the car away. Wilson left no address with Loper and on being questioned as to his residence, while Loper had the car, he stated he would keep in touch with Loper by telephone. Because no sale was made by him, Loper has no record of this transaction and has not seen Wilson since the above mentioned period.

John S. Jackson, manager, Packard Motor Company, 71st Street and Stony Island Avenues, was interviewed. His records disclose that on October 22, 1927, H. Wilson purchased a 5 passenger Packard sedan, motor No. U-135811-B for $2679.36. Wilson paid a cash deposit of $1000.00, and paid the remainder of $1679.36 by check.

On May 7, 1929, Wilson traded in the above Packard sedan and was allowed $1436.00 credit on a new Packard sedan, motor No. 253048-A. He paid a cash deposit of $100.00 and paid the balance by a check for $900.00. A search of his records failed to provide any information concerning these checks or anything further about Wilson.

Mr. Jackson called in C.C.Bassett, a salesman. Bassett stated he sold both Packards to Wilson. At first Bassett refused to provide Agent Sullivan with any information concerning Wilson, stating that Wilson was a friend of his. Bassett later, when shown photograph of Wilson's wife and child, identified it, and stated he often drank with Wilson, who ordinarily could be found in the afternoons at the Green Lantern Tavern, corner of 79th and Dobson Avenues. This tavern is operated, according to Bassett by Eddie Donovan, who is Business Agent for the Electrical Union. Bassett stated that Donovan is tough and is a gunman. Johnnie Ball is likewise interested in the Green Tavern with Donovan. Bassett stated that Tom Burke, who is connected with the Motion Pictures Operators' Union, frequents this tavern.

In Agent's presence, Bassett telephoned the Green Lantern, and on the pretext of having a good sale price on a Packard, asked for Ball, Wilson or Donovan, and was advised that they were at the World Series.

Bassett stated he did not believe Wilson was interested in any Union racket, but was still engaged in the illegal liquor business; that Wilson whom he always knew by the name of Henry was very close mouthed, and at no time specifically mentioned his business connections, acquaintances or activities; that when he last saw Wilson about two months ago, he understood that Wilson was still living on Cyril Avenue, address unknown. Bassett stated that he never visited Wilson's home.

Bassett further advised that he would try to learn of Wilson's whereabouts when the World Series was completed, and would advise Agent of any information he might obtain.

Agent Sullivan exhibited to Mr. Bassett photographs of Ed Bentz, Karpis, Campbell, Davis, Coetz and the Barker brothers, which he failed to recognize.

Although Special Agent R.C.Suran had previously made investigation at 7150 and 7150 Cyril Avenue, Agent Sullivan again contacted Miss Bahm, manager at 7150 Cyril Avenue, and Mrs. Dornaby, manager at 7150 Cyril Avenue, but failed to obtain any information indicating that Wilson had resided at these addresses.

The only other house on Cyril Avenue, which only extends one half a block, an apartment at 7145 Cyril Avenue, was checked. Louis Spearl, janitor and resident manager, was shown photograph of Mrs. Homer Wilson and he failed to recognise it. He knew of no tenant ever having resided at this apartment by the name of Wilson.

Frank Hayes, 7045 State Street, Chicago, was brought to the Chicago Division office on October 9, 1934, for further questioning by Special Agent A.A.Muzzey, at which time he was interviewed by the writer. He stated that he had just learned that "Big" Homer had moved from the Hyde Park district in Chicago, Illinois, the address of which he did not know, to some unknown destination, but that he was making efforts to find out the exact address of "Big" Homer. He stated that it is his understanding that "Big" Homer is now accompanied by one Joseph L. Ripley, alias Dan Morgan. Hayes identified the photograph of Dan Morgan, Winston-Salem, North Carolina Police Department No. 3556, as being identical with the individual known to him as Ripley, alias Morgan. Hayes is being further questioned concerning "Big" Homer, and the Urschell ransom money he is alleged to have obtained from Albert Bates.

The fingerprints of Henry Beckman, Miami, Florida Police Department No. 5098, and of Robert Blake, Miami, Florida Police Department No. 5097, were turned over to the Identification Bureau of the Chicago Police Department for search by Special Agent Connor. No record could be found of these individuals in the fingerprint files of the Chicago Police Department.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The KANSAS CITY OFFICE is requested to locate and interview Mont Silvey and George Conrad of the Electrical Workers' Union in an effort to obtain information concerning the present whereabouts of Al O'Brien.

The CHICAGO OFFICE at HAMMOND, INDIANA, will make further efforts to locate John J. Hart, former police officer, for any information he may have concerning any present local contacts at Hammond, Indiana or vicinity, of Adam Richetti, and will conduct such other investigation as is possible to determine if Richetti has any contacts at Hammond, Indiana, or vicinity at the present time.

Will keep in touch with Mr. C.C.Bassett for further information concerning Homer Wilson.

PENDING

October 12, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letter of October 10, 1934, concerning comparisons of the fingerprints of Dominick Binaggio with the latent finger impressions remaining unidentified in connection with the case entitled Vernon C. Miller (Deceased) et al; Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

The fingerprints of Binaggio have been compared with the latent impressions developed in connection with the case entitled Unknown Subjects; Buick Sedan, Motor #2771480; National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, without effecting any identification.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I called Mr. Fay with regard to the call he received from Mr. Fulcher of the Liberty Magazine on the Galatas matter and advised him to refer Mr. Fulcher to Washington. I told Mr. Fay to tell him that he has no information on the matter and that all inquiries should be addressed to Washington and will receive attention here. Mr. Fay asked who he should have Mr. Fulcher call and I told Mr. Fay that the Director has not decided just what he wants to do with this as yet; that I would talk to Mr. Fulcher and try to delay the matter in some way until we reach a decision.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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October 10, 1934.

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

As of possible interest to you, I am transmitting herewith a copy of a memorandum which I have today addressed to the Attorney General and which pertains to current developments in connection with the Kansas City Massacre case.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Inclosure #239015.

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October 12, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR IDENTIFICATION UNIT

UNIT FIVE.

Information has been received to the effect that subject ~~RICHARD [illegible] GALATAS, with aliases,~~ FUGITIVE, Index No. ~~5527~~, was located at ~~New Orleans, La.,~~ on ~~September 22, 1934.~~
Please cancel wanted notice in Fugitive Bulletin.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

Director.

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| Indianapolis, Ind. | 10/12/34 | 10/9/34 | Z. J. VanLandingham |

TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased); CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1194; RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1201; et al.

CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Chief of Police, Greenville, Ky. has never heard of Floyd being in Central City, Ky. Sheriff of Muhlenberg County, his deputy and former city policeman Williams of Central City state that Floyd was at Central City about a year and a half ago but never heard of his being there since then.

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REFERENCE; Letter from St. Louis Office dated Aug. 6, 1934.

DETAILS: AT GREENVILLE, KY.

DETAILS: Agent contacted Sheriff H. H. Vincent, Muhlenberg County, Greenville, Ky. which county also embraces Central City, Ky. Sheriff advised that he had been connected with the sheriff's office for the past four years. He stated that about a year and a half ago word had come to him that Floyd was in Central City but had left; he said that he had not been advised of this fact until after Floyd had departed. Mr. Vincent said that it was possible for Floyd to be in Central City as there are innumerable hide-outs there as the city is noted for its ex-convict population. The Sheriff stated that in his opinion they had a good police department in Central City, but that they had a lot to contend with. The sheriff said that he was from Central City; and therefore agent did not go further into the merits of this case with him.

Deputy Sheriff J. B. Lacefield, Greenville, Ky. stated that he had been a former policeman at Central City, Ky. He gave about the same information as did the Sheriff concerning Floyd being in Central City about a year and a half ago.

Agent contacted Chief of Police E. D. Bandy, Greenville, Ky.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: H. H. Reinecke SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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who advised that this was the first he had heard of Floyd being at Central City, and he was at a loss to know how we had gotten his name to verify and substantiate the fact that Floyd was at Central City and being given police protection there. He did state that if he was in Central City he did not doubt but that he was being given police protection as this place has about as crooked a police department as can be found anywhere, and that it was a well known fact that "hot" man could come to Central City and receive police protection. He further advised that the Sheriff and Deputy being from Central City worked right along with the police there.

Mr. Bandy said that the only person that he knew he could trust in Central City on a matter of this kind was Mr. Charlie Williams a former policeman at Central City. Accordingly Mr. Bandy and Agent went to Central City and contacted Mr. Williams. He advised that he had heard nothing about Floyd being there at this time. That he knew for certain that he had been there about a year and a half ago as several ex-convicts whom he used as "stool-pigions" had told him of Floyd's visit after he had departed. Mr. Williams said that there were innumerable places in and around Central City where a "hot" person would be sheltered for a little money. He said that he would get out immediately and see some of hisinformants in an effort to determine if Floyd was in Central City or had been there lately. He advised that Agent not accompany him as a stranger on such a mission would arouse suspicion and he would not be able to get any information. Mr. Williams said that if he found out anything of importance he would telephone agent at the Chief of Police's office at Greenville, Ky. before night.

Mr. Williams and Mr. Bandy are close friends and will work together in an effort to determine if Floyd is in Central City. Mr. Williams had not telephoned Agent by night so agent departed, leaving the Indianapolis Office address and telephone number with Chief of Police Bandy in case anything should develop in this matter.

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

1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

October 12, 1934.

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

Dear Sir,

RE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (Deceased);
CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD with aliases,
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1194, ET AL;
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

On September 18, 1934, on which date Vivian Mathias was released from the United States Detention Farm, Milan, Michigan, she was issued a railroad ticket bearing numbers 5643 and 3000 for transportation from Milan, Michigan, to Brainerd, Minnesota, via Wabash Railway Company.

Vivian Mathias, however, upon her release, was taken into custody by Division Agents and has since been removed to Kansas City, Missouri, in connection with the above entitled case, and the ticket which was issued to her has been turned over to the Chicago Division Office.

The above referred to ticket is attached to this letter for the Division so that proper disposition may be made of the same.

Very truly yours,

S. P. Cowley per RCS
S. P. COWLEY,
Inspector

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October 18, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of October 12, 1934, transmitting the railroad tickets issued to Vivian Mathias at the time of her release from the United States Detention Farm at Milan, Michigan.

It is believed that these tickets were purchased on Government Travel Requests by the officials at the Detention Farm, and they should therefore be returned to that place, in order that their records may be adjusted accordingly.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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| Indianapolis, Ind. | 10-12-34 | 10/11-12/34 | H.H.REINECKE VLD |

TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased);
RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases, I.O.1201;
HARVEY J. BAILEY, with aliases - FUGITIVE;
ADAM RICHETTI, with aliases;
CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases, I.O. 1194;
BERNARD PHILLIPS, with aliases, I.O.1196; et al.

CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Synopsis of Facts: Man calling himself F.S.English and claiming to be from Spokane, Wash., driving 1934 Cadillac Coupe with Washington licenses #247-427, accompanied by two women, rented an apartment in Indianapolis on Oct. 11,1934, paying cash, in which numerous bills originated in Dallas, Tex. He indicated a preference to not give references and would not give his former Spokane address. When apartment-renting agent mentioned he had had previous trouble with gangsters in his building, English and the girls appeared agitated, left temporarily and then returned, asking for the return of their money, but as this could not be given to them immediately it was directed to be sent to Lillian Crocket, Oklahoma City, alleged sister of English. At first thought English was subject Floyd but his photograph not identified nor photographs of other known subjects and gangsters. Portland office advise car purchased Spokane on trade-in and cash, $100 bills being used, the car traded in being a LaSalle Coupe, purchased at Chicago Sept.7, 1934.

DETAILS:

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Reference: Telegrams exchanged between Indianapolis and Portland offices on October 11th and 12th, 1934.

Details: At Indianapolis, Ind.

On the afternoon of October 11, 1934, Indianapolis De-

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tectives Karrasch and McCarty called this Agent and inquired if a photograph of subject Floyd was available. Agent replied in the affirmative and they requested that one be brought to them immediately at the corner of 16th and Central Streets in Indianapolis. This Agent immediately proceeded to that vicinity with photographs of subjects Floyd and Richetti. These detectives took Agent to F.L.Zried, manager of the Moynahan Apartments, 1605 North Central Avenue, where the following information was secured.

A man and two women came to look at apartments at 1605 Central Avenue and were met by Mr. Zried. They were subsequently taken to 1733 North Meridian, another Moynahan Apartment, where they were shown an apartment by J.A.Quinn, the superintendent. The man claimed his name was F.S.English and after looking at an apartment stated that it would be satisfactory. He was then asked for references, but indicated that he could not give any other than saying that he had $127,000 in the bank, however, he gave no bank as reference. He was asked as to his former residence and said Spokane, Washington, but could give no address where he had resided at that point. The apartment was finally rented to him and the man extracted a large roll of bills from his pocket and brought out $55.00 in currency, receiving in change $1.50, the rental being $53.50 per month. Some discussion was had then as to why references were required and Mr. Zried stated that he had had some trouble with gangsters in his apartment sometime ago and wanted to be careful. At this point, the man and two women appeared agitated and left, saying they would return shortly. They did return in about half an hour and asked if they might have the return of their money. Mr. Zried informed them that they would have to go to the company offices downtown to get this, and they then stated that it could be mailed to Lillian Crocket, 17th and Classen, Oklahoma City, whom the man claimed was his sister, and that the money could be forwarded to this address. They then left.

During the conversation with Mr. Zried, English displayed an automobile registration card showing the name as F.S.English, Spokane, Washington, for a Cadillac Coupe with Washington plates #247-427. Neither Mr. Zried nor Mr. Quinn had an opportunity to verify these license plates but did see the car, which appeared to be a late model V-8 Cadillac Coupe with foreign licenses.

The man is described as follows:

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| Hair | Fiery red, very curly, parted left side. |
| Age | 25-30 |
| Height | 5' 10" |
| Weight | 135 lbs. |
| Appearance | Long face, long sharp nose |
| Build | Very slender |

Wearing octogan rimless glasses.

Girl #1:

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|---|---|
| Hair | Red |
| Age | 20-22 |
| Weight | 125-135 |
| Build | Well built |

Girl #2:

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| Age | 37-40 |
| Height | 5' 6" or 7" |
| Weight | 155 |
| Well dressed. | |

During the discussion between Messrs. Zried and Quinn and these individuals and at the time gangsters were mentioned, something was said about "Pretty Boy" Floyd, and it is from this remark that it was suspected that English might be Floyd. In addition to photographs of Floyd and Richetti the following photographs were examined by both Zried and Quinn, but they were unable to identify any of them as being the individuals who rented this apartment:

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| Ed Bentz | Arthur H. Barker |
| James J. Wilson | Harry Campbell |
| Clara Gray | Volney Davis |
| Mrs. Ed Bentz | Edna Murray |
| Paula Harmon | Lester Gillis |
| Rose Baird | John Hamilton |
| Beulah Baird | Russell Gibson |
| Alvin Karpis | Dr. Joe Moran |
| Fred Barker | Raymond Hamilton |
| Merritt Longbrake | |

The $55.00 in currency which was received by Mr. Zried for the rent was examined by a Secret Service Agent and found to be genuine. The bills are described and numbered as follows:

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| $5 silver certificate | - #C[illegible]A |
| $5 silver certificate | - #A01859459A |
| $5 silver certificate | - #A01859467A |
| $5 silver certificate | - #A01859463A |
| $5 federal reserve note | (Dallas,Tex.district) #K03761219A |
| $20 federal reserve note | (Dallas,Tex.district) #K01239762A |
| $5 National currency | - #A166164-12186 |
| $5 National currency | - #A151611-12186. |

These serial numbers were checked with ransom money numbers on file in the Indianapolis office, but were not found to tally with any.

It is interesting to note, however, that four of these bills originated in Dallas, Texas, they being the two Federal Reserve notes and the two National currency notes, the latter two being on the Republic National Bank and Trust Company of Dallas, Texas.

Despite the fact that no identification was made of any of the photographs shown, the circumstances appeared most peculiar and it was deemed advisable to pursue this matter further. As a result, a brief summary was forwarded to the Portland office by telegraph and telegraphic reply received that Washington license #247-427 had been issued to Major George S. Clarke, Ft. Wright, U.S. Army Post, Spokane, Washington on Cadillac 1934 Coupe, Motor #5100609; that this car was returned to the Eldridge Motor Sales Company, Spokane, Washington by Major Clarke, and in turn sold by the company to Franklyn English, who paid cash, using $100 bills, and also traded in a 1934 LaSalle Coupe, Motor #2105136, which had been purchased September 7, 1934 from the Cadillac Motor Company, 2301 So. Michigan Avenue, Chicago. The Portland office also advised that English had endeavored to rent a cabin tourist camp at Spokane, but was unsuccessful, and then rented an apartment at the Kingston Apartments, remaining one hour and departed; that he had a woman with him whose description is unknown. Also, according to the Portland office, English is described as set out hereinbefore in this report except that his age at that point is given as about forty years.

It should be mentioned here also that English, in talking to Mr. Zried inquired as to possible investments he could make in Indianapolis, such as the purchase of property, indicating that he had large sums of money available to him.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

CHICAGO OFFICE at Chicago, Illinois, although no identification has been made of any of the subjects of this case, it is felt that this matter merits investigation at the Cadillac Motor Company, 2301 So. Michigan Avenue, with a view of possibly establishing the identity of Franklyn English.

OKLAHOMA OFFICE at Oklahoma City will upon later request from the Chicago office, if same is received, determine the identity of Lillian Crocket, 17th and Classen Streets.

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# Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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

October 13, 1934.

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

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

Dear Sir:

Referring to Division letter of October 9, 1934, requesting fingerprints of Louis Buckwalt, alias Louis Buckhouse, New York City Police Department No. B-46043, please be advised these prints were forwarded the Division October 2, 1934.

Very truly yours,

F. X. FAY,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-Chicago.
cc-Kansas City.

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RECORDED Special Agent in Charge,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

RE: 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 Bliss Norton, dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, October 17, 1934, in the above entitled case, containing information with respect to the whereabouts of Heber Nash, brother of Frank Nash, deceased.

There are transmitted herewith and to each of the offices indicated below copies of an abstract of the criminal record, reflecting that Nash as Hobe Engle Nash alias "Cat" Nash #8316 was arrested on December 11, 1933 by Special Agents of the St. Louis-San Francisco Railway at St. Louis, Missouri, on the charge of suspicion-murder. It is noted that the disposition relative to this arrest, as well as other arrests, reflected on the abstract of the criminal record is not shown. Therefore, all offices receiving a copy of this letter should ascertain the dispositions in their respective districts and furnish the information on appropriate disposition sheets to the Division.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Encl. copy of criminal record to each field office listed.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

# Division of Investigation

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October 17, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

In compliance with the request of Mr. Newby, I am transmitting herewith two copies of an abstract of the criminal record of one Hebe Nash who is probably identical with the Heber Nash, referred to in the attached report, Division file #62-28915-2763.

It is observed that on a fingerprint card received in the Identification Unit December 15, 1933, from the Chief Special Agent, St. Louis-San Francisco Railway, St. Louis, Missouri, information appears that Hebe Nash is a brother of Frank Nash who was killed at Kansas City, Missouri, June 17, 1933.

Respectfully,

L. C. Schilder.

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| Indianapolis, Indiana | 10/12/34 | 10/10/34 | Bliss Morton, CJC |

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: Information obtained at Marengo, Ind. is to the effect that Heber Nash and Mrs. Alice Long visit that place at infrequent intervals. The present location of Heber Nash is not known to persons interviewed at Marengo.

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Reference: Report of Special Agent N. E. Marshall, Little Rock, Arkansas, September 4, 1934.

Details: AT MARENGO, INDIANA

DETAILS: Postmaster L. R. Davis informed Agent that he is rather well acquainted with Heber Nash and Mrs. Alice Long. He pointed out that the Nash family had been raised in the section around Marengo and that the Nash parents are buried nearby. He informed Agent that he had not seen Heber Nash for perhaps eight months or a year prior to Agent's visit. He remembers that Mrs. Alice Long, sister of Heber Nash, was in Marengo some two or three months ago. When Nash or Mrs. Long, or other members of the family, come to Marengo they usually stop at a hotel operated by Mrs. E. O. Murphy, with whom they are great friends. They have no near relatives in that immediate vicinity. Mr. Davis and his assistant, whose name Agent did not obtain, both stated that they had never heard Mr. Long or Heber Nash make any statement to indicate that Frank Nash had told them anything with reference to his companions in crime. Mr. Davis thought that perhaps Mr. Gus Miller might be able to state where Heber Nash could be located.

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With the Postmaster Agent called at the Miller residence and interviewed Mr. Gus Miller and Mrs. Gus Miller. Both stated they had no information by which Heber Nash could be located and had heard nothing from him since he was in Marengo approximately a year ago.

Agent and Postmaster called at the millinery shop operated by Mrs. E. O. Murphy. Mrs. Murphy informed Agent that the Nash family was practically raised with her and that she and Alice Long are probably closer than sisters. She states that Heber Nash has not been in that vicinity for almost a year and she does not know where he can be located. Mrs. Alice Long came to that section of the country to decorate the graves of her parents on May 30, 1934 and remained in and around Marengo for approximately one month, spending much of this time with Mrs. Murphy. Mrs. Murphy recalls that during that time Mrs. Long made efforts to locate Heber Nash, stating she desired very much to get in touch with him. She even made a trip to Louisville, Kentucky and New Albany, Indiana on a lead that he might be in that section, but reported she was unable to find him. Mrs. Murphy further stated that she did not believe any person around there would be in possession of the present address of Heber Nash and that if he contacted anybody in Marengo it would probably be she.

The Postmaster further stated that he had heard the rumor that Heber Nash had been around New Albany and Louisville, Kentucky, but that he did not know how he could be located at either place. Heber Nash never leaves a forwarding address for mail. When he appears in Marengo he stays at the Murphy Hotel from one to two or three days, then disappears. He does not come as frequently as he formerly did and as previously stated has not been there for almost a year. The Postmaster stated he is known as a gambler and user of dope. The Postmaster would not be surprised if Heber is known to officers in Louisville, Kentucky because of his gambling and use of dope, but the Postmaster did not know that Heber had ever been arrested or questioned by officers. Agent left the address of the Indianapolis Office with the Postmaster and requested him to notify the Indianapolis Office immediately if he should learn the address of Heber Nash or if Heber Nash should appear in Marengo, which he promised to do.

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# Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
1016 Federal Reserve
Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri

October 13, 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 TALIAFERRO GALATAS, with aliases,
I.O. #1201; CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with
aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1194; ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

I am transmitting herewith a number of clippings from local newspapers concerning the above case. It is noted that among the clippings is an editorial from the Kansas City Kansan of October 11, 1934, which is complimentary to the Division. The editor of this paper is Mr. W. A. Bailey. There is also attached an editorial from the Kansas City Times of October 11, 1934. The editor of this paper is Mr. Henry. Haskell.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN,
Special Agent in Charge

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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| PHILADELPHIA, PA. | 10-13-34 | 9-22-34 | J. E. KING. |

TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases - Deceased. RICHARD TALLMAN GALLATIS, 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: John A. Kubil, photographer, reports he has been unable to secure photograph of Heggie. Continued attempts will be made to obtain this photograph.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent J. E. King, Philadelphia, Pa., dated 8-27-34.

DETAILS: At ALLENTOWN, PA.
Agent called at the office of Mr. John A. Kubil, 1022 Hamilton Street, in an effort to obtain a photograph of Mr. T. M. Heggie, as set out in lead in report of reference.

Mr. Kubil stated up to the present time he has not seen Mr. Heggie nor has he been able to obtain a photograph. Mr. Heggie, however, it was learned had telephoned his office but Mr. Kubil was out at the time. He expected to hear from Heggie within a short time and will make further efforts to obtain his photograph or handle the enlarging of the photographs that were previously mentioned. Mr. Kubil said if he has any success along these lines he will communicate with the Philadelphia Office.

DETAILS: UNDEVELOPED LEAD.

PHILADELPHIA OFFICE at ALLENTOWN, PA - Will again contact Mr. Kubil within the near future to determine if any further developments have been made in obtaining a photograph.

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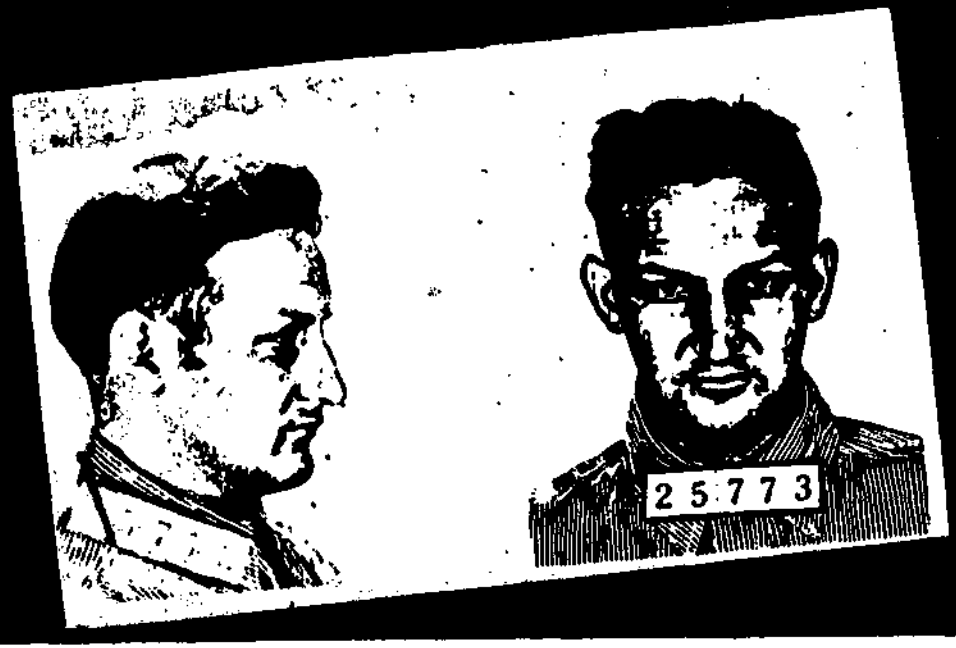


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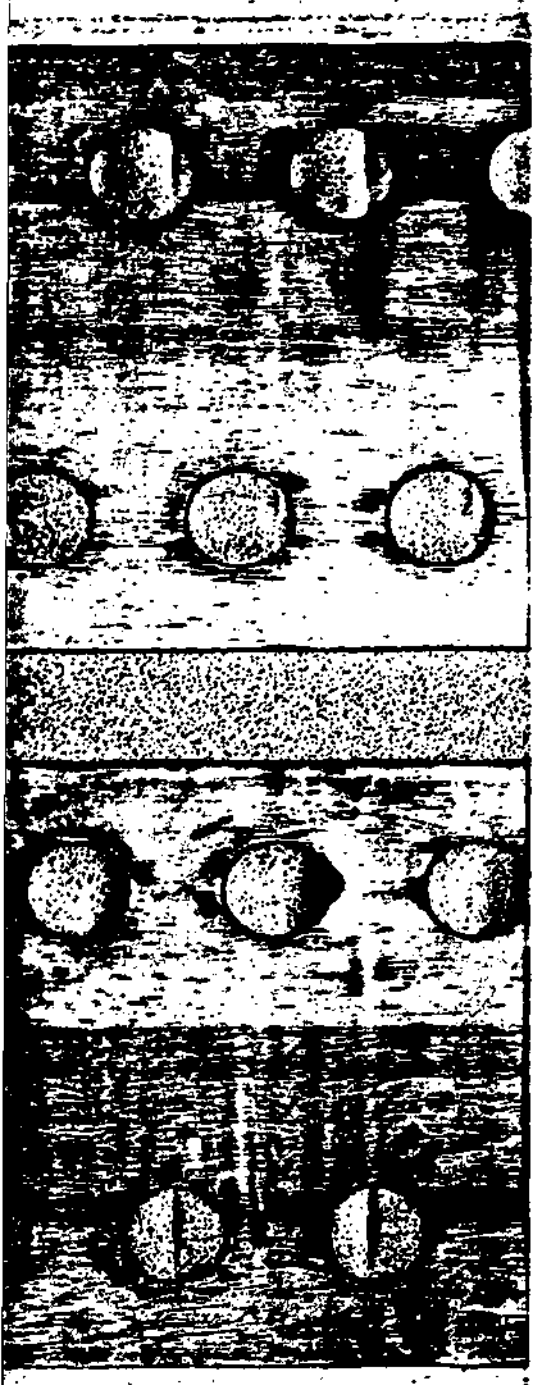

Lost City W.Va.
Sep. 30th 1934

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

Dear Sir,

I have seen different pictures of Charles Arthur Floyd, alias "Pretty Boy Smith" Frank Matchell

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there is a man staying at Lost City W.Va. at John Riggleman's Place. Who calls his self Cecil Delong. He is courting John Riggleman's Daughter, Pearl. Her right name is Pearl Kohne as she is married to one Bill Kohne.

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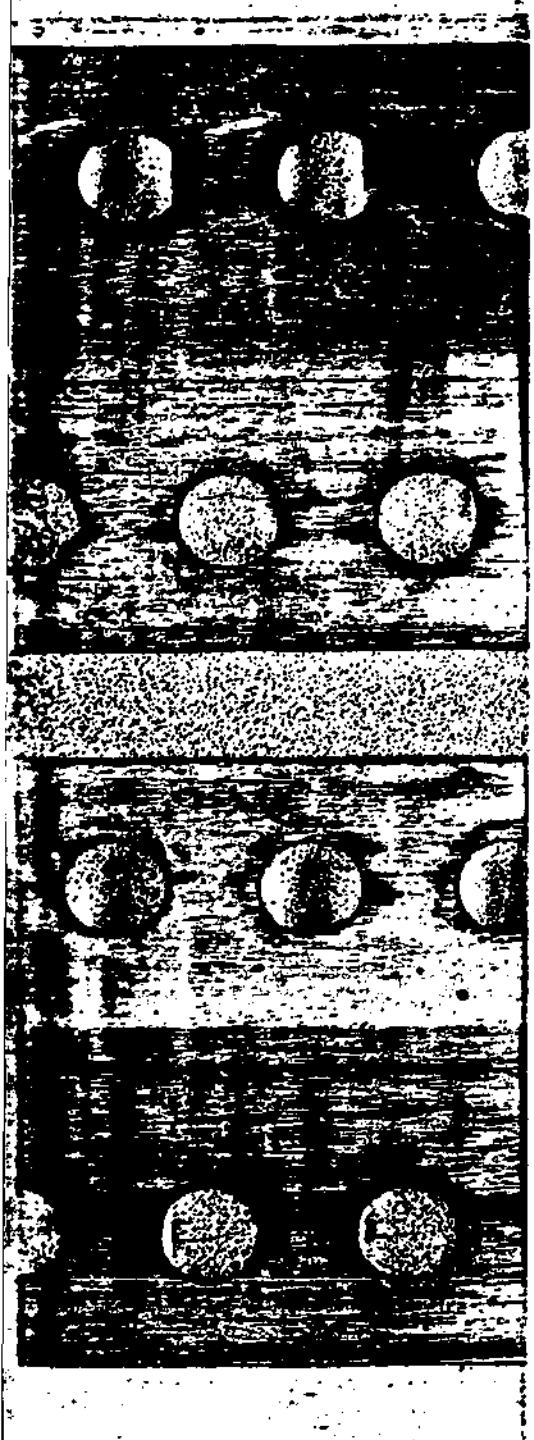

Also this Woman is not living with her husband she has no Divorce.
I think the Description of Charles Arthur Floyd fits this fellow.
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yours truly

Clyde R Weaver

P.S. as I am studying Detective Science & Finger Print Identification. I will be glad to be of any service which I can render the U.S. Department of Justice. In tracking down any known Criminals in the future.

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October 11, 1934

Mr. Clyde R. Weaver,
Lost City, West Virginia.

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated September 30, 1934 wherein you advise that there is a man staying at Lost City, West Virginia at John Higginson's place, named Crocky DeLong who resembles Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

Please be advised that your letter has been referred to Mr. S. J. Waters, Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 1206 Law and Finance Building, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, who will assign an Agent to interview you respecting this matter in the very near future.

Thanking you for your interest and cooperation,

I am

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc-Pittsburgh (copy of Mr. Weaver's letter attached)
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Special Agent in Charge,
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RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased);
CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with
aliases, I. O. #1194 - FUGITIVE, ET AL.
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

Dear Sir:

There is being transmitted herewith, in duplicate, copy of Memorandum of Special Agent R. L. Mills at Fort Smith, Arkansas, dated October 8th, 1934, regarding Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

For your information Constable Jack Pace of Fort Smith, Arkansas, has the reputation of being one of the most capable officers in the State of Arkansas. He has always cooperated with this Office to the fullest extent. His Chief Deputy Otto Ruykendall also bears an excellent reputation. Constable Pace has recently been elected Sheriff and is to take office the first of the year.

It is suggested that your office make contact with [redacted] soon after he is taken to the Federal Penitentiary or the Annex at Leavenworth, Kansas. [redacted] In view of these circumstances it appears that the procedure would not be subject to criticism.

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For your further information Constable Jack Pace has advised that the informant, Jesse Teague, has acted in that same capacity for his office in Ft. Smith, Arkansas and has rendered valuable service. That in view of these circumstances it appears that the contact with Teague should be given careful consideration, in view of the possibility that he might be able to deliver Floyd. When it is considered that he has in mind the possible shortening of his sentence at the Leavenworth Penitentiary, it is apparent that Teague at least has some incentive.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY,
Special Agent in Charge

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Enclosure

Ft. Smith, Arkansas,
October 6, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE:

RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased);
CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with
aliases, L. O. #1194 - FUGITIVE, ET AL.
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

On the morning of October 6, 1934, Jack Pace, Constable, Fort Smith, Arkansas, called on United States Attorney Barry, Ft. Smith, and informed him that he had received a tip which might lead to the apprehension of Floyd. Jack Pace stated that this informant had recently been convicted in Federal Court at Fort Smith on a narcotic charge along with his wife, who had been placed on probation. It developed that this informant is none other than Thomas Teague who was convicted and sentenced under the name of Mace Teague. Jack Pace explained to United States Attorney Barry that he has personal knowledge that Mace Teague is very well acquainted with the wife of "Pretty Boy" Floyd and that on one occasion he saw Mace Teague and "Pretty Boy's" wife driving around Ft. Smith together in an automobile; that Mace Teague and "Pretty Boy's" wife are very fond of one another and have been carrying on somewhat of an illicit love affair unbeknowing to "Pretty Boy" or to Mace Teague's wife. Jack Pace further stated that he had received information from Mace Teague to the effect that for the past two years "Pretty Boy" has been hiding out near Talequah, Oklahoma, in a community known as Walking Stick Hollow; that Teague could not definitely state just which house "Pretty Boy" was staying in but explained that there were only three houses in Walking Stick Hollow and that "Pretty Boy" was staying in one of the three; also, that Teague stated that less than twenty days ago "Pretty Boy" was in a bad automobile accident and was in Hobart, Oklahoma, recuperating; that Teague did not know whether "Pretty Boy" was still in Hobart, Oklahoma, but that he did know for a certainty that "Pretty Boy" was still in Hobart the first of last week. Jack Pace further informed United States Attorney Barry that Mace Teague advised him that he could arrange to have "Pretty Boy" placed on the spot at anytime so Federal Officers could apprehend him if it could be arranged so his, Mace Teague's, wife could have the terms of her probation altered so as to permit her to leave Fort Smith and move to Leavenworth, Kansas, so he could have her assistance in making the plans for the placing of "Pretty Boy" on the spot for Federal Officers.

At the suggestion of Special Agent in Charge H. H. Conroy, the writer contacted Constable Jack Pace and discussed with him the advisibility of having a personal interview with Mace Teague with respect to this matter. Jack Pace at first thought it would be inadvisible to have such an interview, but informed the writer that he would contact Mace Teague and ascertain if he would be willing to talk to the writer.

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Later in the day, Jack Pace was again contacted and he suggested that contact be had with his Deputy Constable, Otto Kuykendall. Agent then interviewed Otto Kuykendall who informed him that he is a relative of Mace Teague, being a first cousin.

Otto Kuykendall further stated that Mace Teague would not tell Jack Pace anything, but that Teague had told him certain things which he in turn told to Jack Pace; that he personally knows that Mace Teague and "Pretty Boy" Floyd have been friends for a long time and has suspected that they have been associated in crime; that he also knows that Mace Teague and "Pretty Boy" Floyd's wife have been carrying on a secret love affair and that Mace Teague could put his hands on "Pretty Boy" Floyd at any time he so desired. Otto Kuykendall advised that he spoke to Mace Teague about having a personal interview with the writer and that Teague had agreed. Otto Kuykendall requested, however, that Agent not reveal to Mace Teague that he had furnished any information to Jack Pace, who in turn gave the same to United States Attorney Barry.

Mace Teague upon being interviewed by the writer stated he is related to Deputy Constable Otto Kuykendall and advised that should "Pretty Boy" Floyd be apprehended through information given by him that he expects Otto Kuykendall to receive full credit since under no circumstances would he furnish any information if it were not for the benefit of Otto Kuykendall. He stated that he has been closely associated with "Pretty Boy" Floyd for a number of years and can arrange to contact him at any time and has promised Otto Kuykendall that he will cooperate with Federal officers in bringing about the apprehension of Pretty Boy. Teague stated he would need a few days to lay plans and that he would need the assistance of his wife in doing so. He advised that he feels greatly indebted to the United States Attorney in Ft. Smith, Arkansas, for placing his wife on probation, but in order to have her assistance it will be necessary for the terms of the probation to be altered so as to permit his wife to move from Ft. Smith, Arkansas, to Leavenworth, Kansas; that he could arrange to set a trap for "Pretty Boy" in Ft. Smith, but since he is to be sent to Leavenworth within the next day or two it will be necessary for him to make his plans after arrival at the penitentiary; that he can arrange to have his wife move to Leavenworth and then have "Pretty Boy" Floyd's wife and "Pretty Boy" visit his wife in Leavenworth at which time arrangements can be made for apprehending "Pretty Boy". He further stated that it will be necessary for him to send and receive a few letters in order to make the plans and that some arrangement must be made through our Agents so these letters will not pass through the hands of the prison officials or prisoners in the mail room at the penitentiary in order to prevent a leak. He suggested that it might be well to obtain a bond for him until the negotiations can be completed.

Mace Teague further stated that the wife of "Pretty Boy" and his wife are good friends; also, that he and "Pretty Boy's" wife have been carrying on a secret love affair for quite some time, but that his,

Teague's wife has no knowledge of this nor does "Pretty Boy"; that "Pretty Boy" has implicit faith in him and he has had contact with him on at least a dozen different occasions during the past year; that he saw "Pretty Boy" and his wife and child in Fort Smith, Arkansas, on a Friday night just five weeks ago, at which time "Pretty Boy" and his wife and child spent the night at the Goldman Hotel in Fort Smith; that "Pretty Boy's" wife has asked him on several occasions to put "Pretty Boy" on the spot in Fort Smith, since she is anxious to have him out of the way since he, Teague, promised her at one time that he would divorce his wife and marry her when "Pretty Boy" is out of the way. Teague further stated that "Pretty Boy's" wife wants him caught and that Floyd is never more than forty or fifty miles away from her.

He further related that after divorcing "Pretty Boy" his wife married a baker in Coffeyville, Kansas, but that Floyd went there after her and forced her to return with him and has kept her under constant observation ever since. He also stated that "Pretty Boy's" left arm is greatly shriveled, as is his left hand and are of little use to him now due to paralysis, and that he has a slight halt in his walk.

Mace Teague stated he will talk to an Agent of the Division after his arrival at the penitentiary and make arrangements with him to have "Pretty Boy" placed on the spot provided the terms of his wife's probation can be altered so as to permit her to move from Ft. Smith, Arkansas to Leavenworth, Kansas, where she can be of assistance in laying the plans. Teague stated he would rather carry on the negotiations with the writer than a strange Agent since Otto Luykendall had vouched for him. The writer informed Teague this would hardly be possible, but that he could rest assured that any Agent who might call on him will deal with all details in utmost secrecy and fairness to him.

After the interview with Mace Teague, contact was had with United States Attorney Barry who was given the information as obtained from Teague. Mr. Barry is much interested and stated that he can arrange to have the terms of probation for Mrs. Teague altered and that should Teague furnish information of value in bringing about the apprehension of Floyd he will do everything he can towards shortening the sentence of Mace Teague.

I shall endeavor to ascertain exact date when Mace Teague is to be sent to the Leavenworth Penitentiary so arrangements can be made to have an interview with him there.

Very truly yours,

(SIGNED) R. L. HALL,
Special Agent

P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
October 6, 1934

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Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

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.

With reference to your letter of October 4, 1934 in the above-captioned case relative to information furnished you by A. R. Harrington of Kansas City to the effect that J. Ferguson in the Sheriff's office at Stilwell, Oklahoma disclosed to him certain things concerning Floyd, please be advised that this information is already in possession of this office, and is treated in my report of September 13, 1934.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Division
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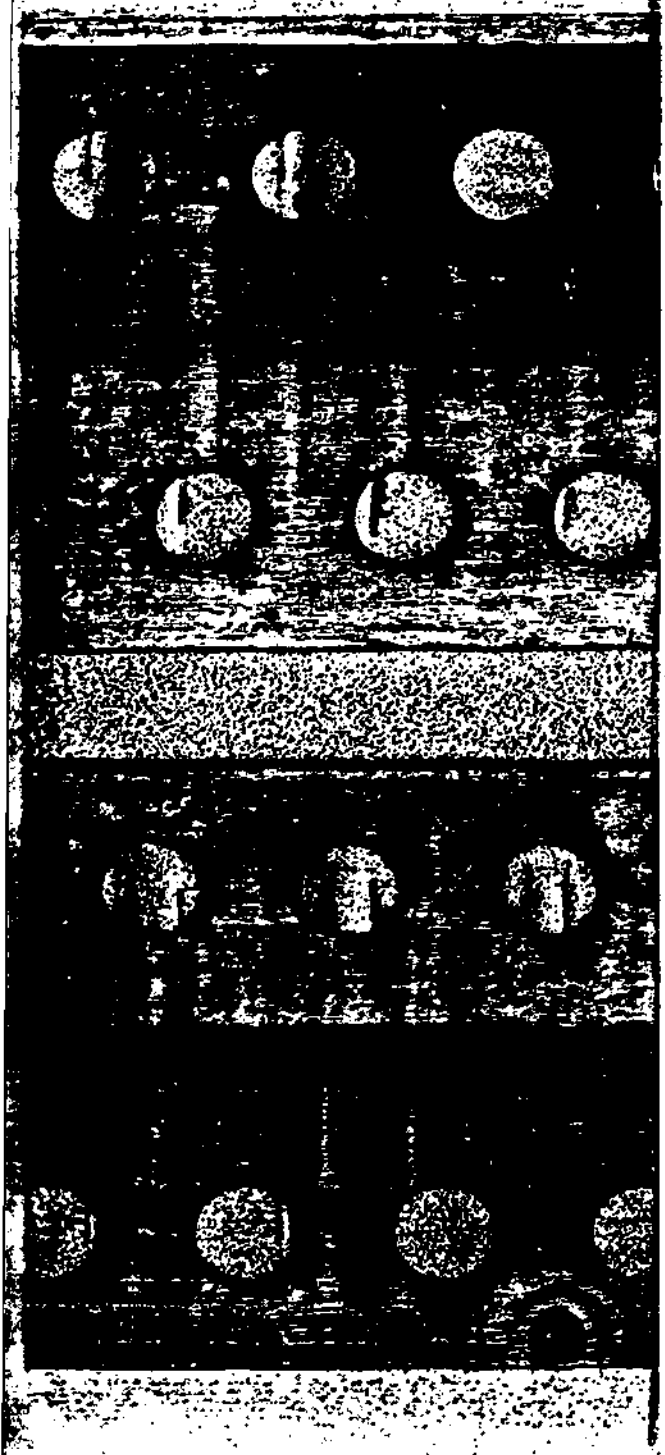

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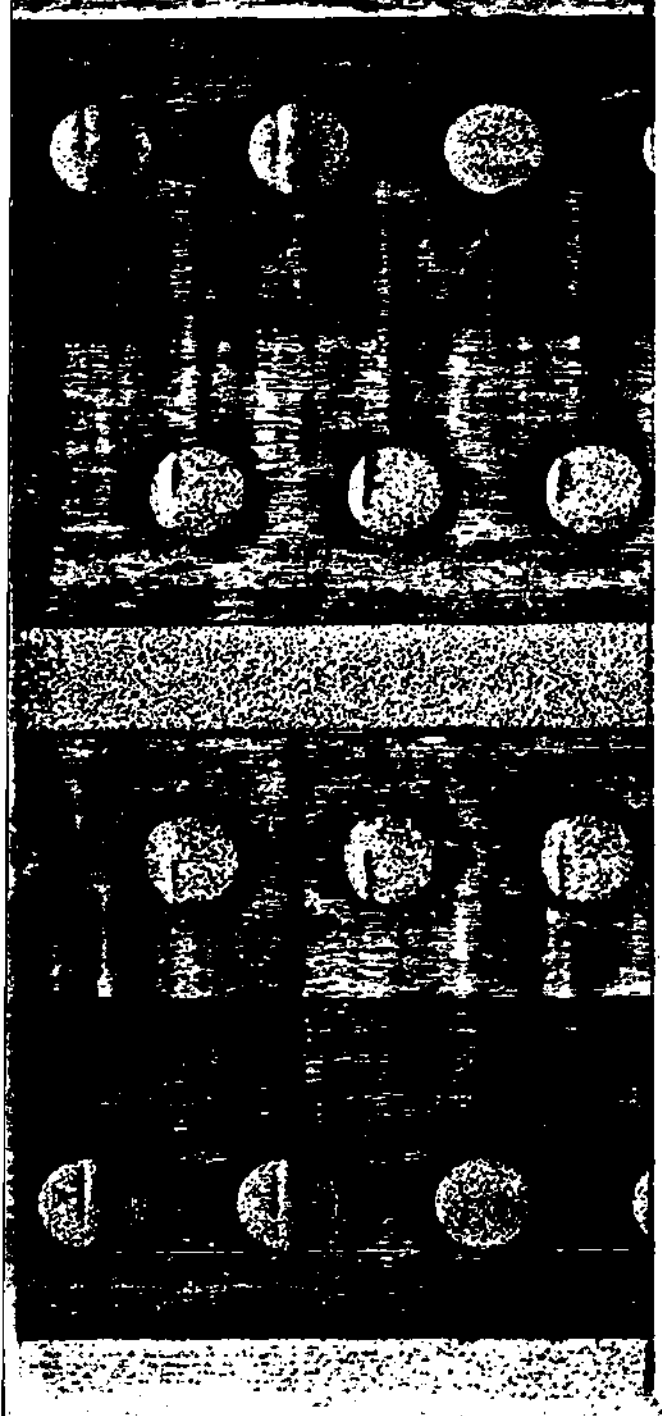

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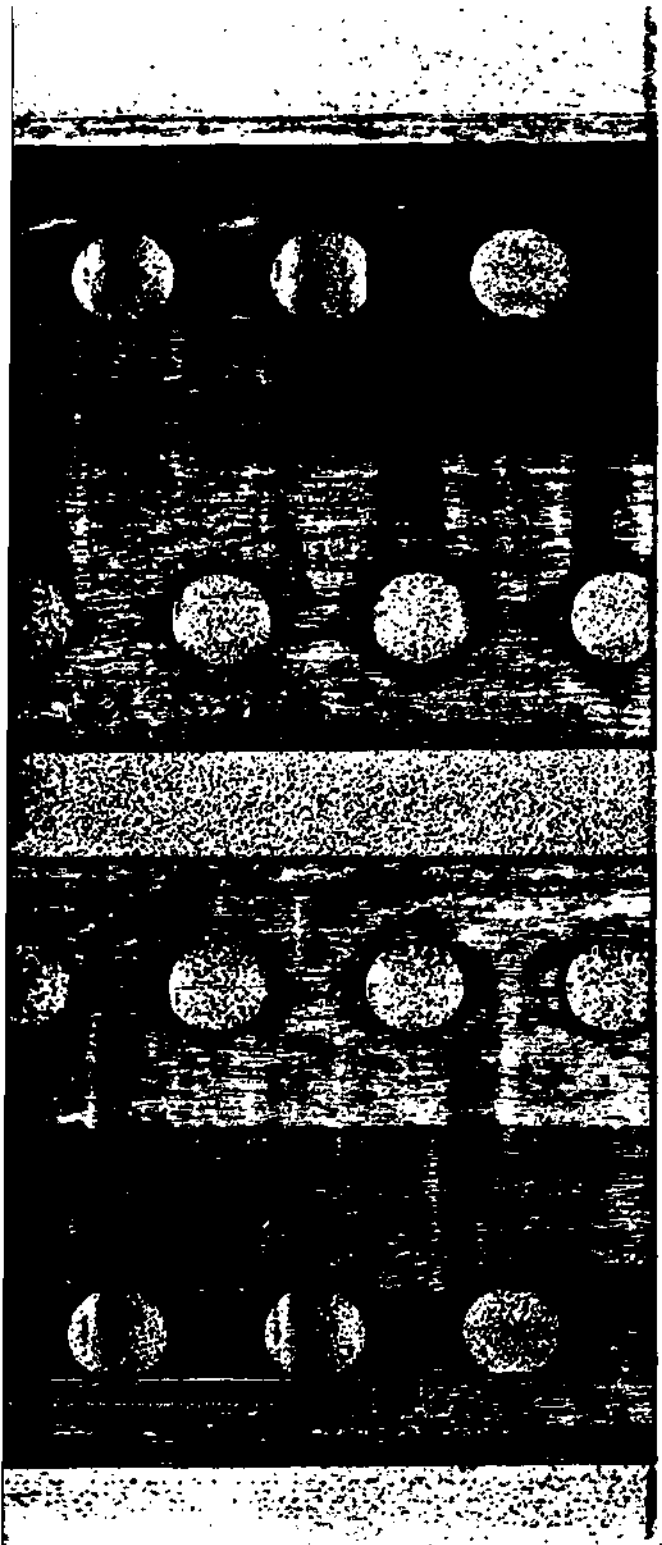

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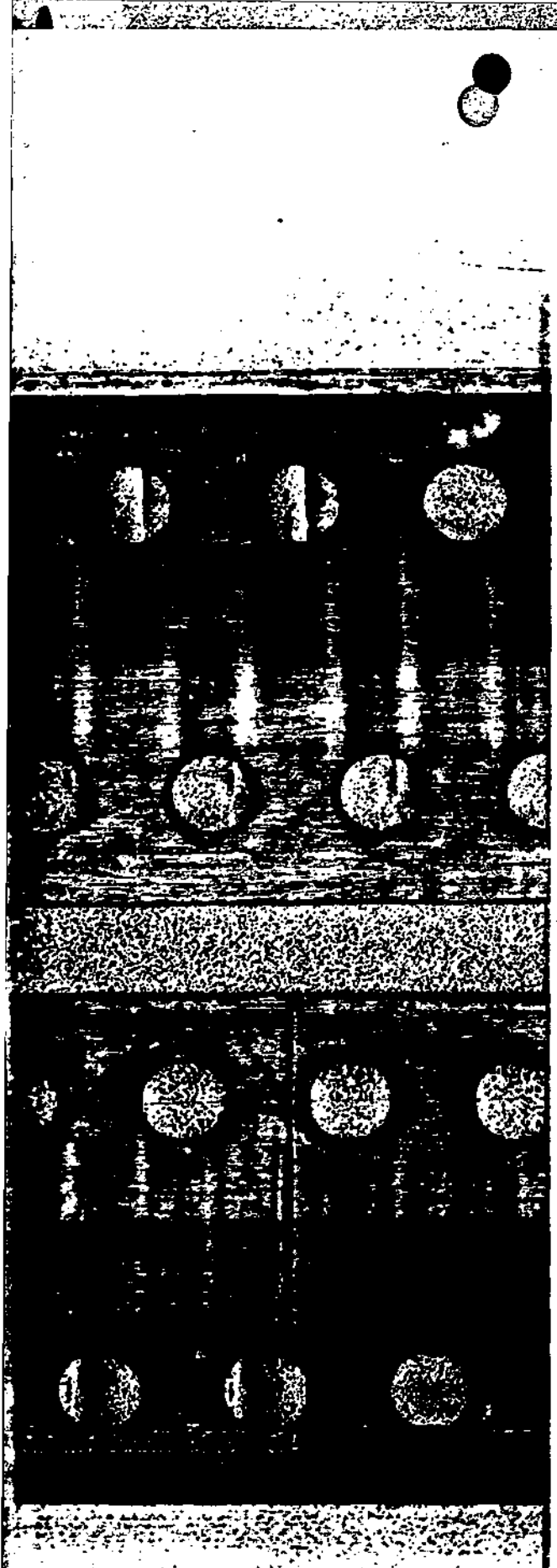

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I called Mr. Ladd and asked if he had any additional news with regard to Pretty Boy Floyd. Mr. Ladd stated that they have received no news at all; that his men haven't reached there as yet but he called some of the sheriffs and there are no developments. Mr. Ladd stated that he sent Rice and Boonan from St. Paul and Mr. Hanni stated he would send two agents. Mr. Ladd stated that he told the agents to keep him advised if there were any developments at all. I asked Mr. Ladd what information we had indicating that this was Floyd and Mr. Ladd said he had only the statement of an investigator for the State Bureau in Iowa and they don't know how good a look he got. Mr. Ladd stated that he has none of the details except that they came across this car and apparently tried to stop it and the shooting started and they got away; that no one was hit by any of the shots. I asked to whom the license plates were issued and Mr. Ladd stated he told Mr. Hanni to check this as it is on down in Iowa but he has not heard from him as yet. I told Mr. Ladd that if it looks like there is anything to this at all, he had better go down; in other words, if it looks like it is Floyd, he, Ladd, better go down at once and take a couple of more men with him. Mr. Ladd stated that if it looks good he will go down with a couple of agents; that he will advise the Division of any developments.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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October 15, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

RE: CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD,
with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.A. NFA,
et al.
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner,

Dear Sir:

You are instructed to prepare at the earliest practicable date a diagram of the Union Station Plaza showing the position of the several cars involved in this case, and also the positions of persons who were victims and witnesses of the shooting. You should indicate on the diagram the course which was followed by the car containing the assassins. A diagram should also be drawn showing the route followed by subjects Floyd and Richetti when they arrived in Kansas City with Special Jack Killingsworth. There should also be shown in the diagram the location of Steve Oliver's place, as well as the brewery which is mentioned in the statement of Frank B. Hilley.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc - Chicago

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October 13, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. EDWARDS

Kindly place wanted notices against the records of Herbert Allen Farmer, your number 9271 and Esther [illegible], your number 689970, showing them to be wanted by the Kansas City Division Office for questioning in connection with the case entitled VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased), et al. Conspiracy to Deliver a Federal Prisoner. You should also notify the Supervisor of this case in the event any information is received.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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1900 Bankers Building
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AIR MAIL

October 12, 1934

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box [illegible],
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases
Deceased; CHARLES ARTHUR [illegible], with
aliases, FUGITIVE, I.C. [illegible]
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL [illegible]

Dear Sir:

Confirming a telephone conversation with Special Agent Harris by Special Agent D. P. Sullivan of this office today, please be advised that investigation at East Chicago, Indiana indicates that Adam Richette was recently in that city.

In this connection it should be noted that Richette was arrested on August 7, 1928 at Hammond, Indiana on a charge of robbery. At that time Richette was reported to have had a brother living at Hammond, which is located only a few miles from East Chicago, Indiana.

Recent investigation disclosed that several parties, including Sergeant Ralph Schilling and Officer Clan of the East Chicago Police Department identified photographs of Richette as a man they had seen recently in East Chicago, Indiana. Sergeant Schilling stated that Richette had been seen frequenting a gambling house located at 716 Exchange Street, East Chicago, Indiana within the past week. Richette's photograph was shown to several parties who operate businesses in the neighborhood of 716 Exchange Street and came was identified as a man seen recently.

Discreet investigation of one [illegible] "The Crook", now unemployed, who frequents the neighborhood of 716 Exchange Street, resulted in the information that Richette approximately two years ago, stayed at the Palace Hotel which was then operated by the above mentioned Billie "The Crook", and was seen approximately a year and a half ago in Hammond, Indiana.

Jimmy Martinez, who operates a gambling place at 716 Exchange Street, was shown a photograph of Richette, which he stated he felt certain was the likeness of a man who came into his place on Monday night, October 1, 1934 at approximately 10:00 P.M. This man came in alone and hung about the tables until about midnight, but did not play. He borrowed a cigarette from one of the onlookers and was rebuked by Martinez for so doing.

On Tuesday night Richette again appeared at the gambling place at approximately the same time and during the course of the evening stated that he had come from Oklahoma and was going to Cincinnati. On Wednesday, October [illegible], Richette again visited this gambling place, and approximately [illegible] had a quarter of [illegible] before [illegible] left at approximately [illegible]

[illegible] passing through East Chicago [illegible] 12:30 A.M. each night and that [illegible] signal. Martinez stated that he [illegible] through that night without [illegible]

Martinez stated that Richette was dressed in blue [illegible] pants, brown V-necked sweater, blue shirt, dirty gray cap and occasionally wore a [illegible]. On the evening he was last seen Richette had a small package, apparently containing clothing, wrapped in newspapers. Martinez stated that Richette was quite unkempt in his appearance and badly in need of a [illegible]

Martinez described this man identically with Richette except that Martinez believed him to be approximately [illegible] years of age, but added that his estimate might have been caused by the fact that Richette badly needed a shave and thereby appeared older. Martinez thought he appeared to weigh approximately 150 pounds, although when questioned, stated that the man believed to be Richette, did not have a husky build but had a medium build.

It is suggested that appropriate investigation be made at Billonvale, Ohio, the home of Richette's relatives, as it is possible that this individual, referred to above, is in fact Richette and might be proceeding to that point.

Investigation at East Chicago, Indiana is being continued and should any further information of value be obtained, it will be immediately forwarded to you.

Very truly yours,

[illegible] COWLEY,
Inspector.

[illegible]
[illegible]

cc Division

Kansas City - Air Mail

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October 13, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR UNIT FOUR,
EQUIPMENT SECTION.

Transmitted herewith is a memorandum containing data for Apprehension Order #321 on Richard Tullman Galstan, with aliases, Identification Order #1201.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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APPREHENSION ORDER
No. 1201-321

Dear Sir:

In Re: RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, aliases
DICK GLADIS, RICHARD GALATAS,
RICHARD GALATIS, RICHARD F. GALATES,
DICK GALATAS, PRITCHARD SHERIDAN,
DICK SHERIDAN, Subject of I. O.
No. 1201

Identification Order No. 1201 on the above named subject is hereby cancelled, inasmuch as he was apprehended at New Orleans, Louisiana on September 22, 1934.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,

Director.

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Mr. Schilder
Mr. Tamm

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Flynn, Managing Editor of Liberty, telephoned and advised that they have offered a reward for the capture of Galatas; that they are trying to find out to whom it should be paid; that the New York office referred them to Washington. I told Mr. Flynn that if he would send his request in to us in writing tonight, I would try to give him whatever information is available that might be of any assistance to him. Mr. Flynn stated he would send in a letter either tonight or tomorrow morning. I told him it would receive appropriate attention and if our files indicate that there is any person who furnished us this information on that basis, we will be glad to tell them all about it.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

# Division of Investigation
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Washington, D. C.

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October 1, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

In accordance with Mr. Newby's request there are transmitted herewith two copies of a transcript of the criminal record of Lee Phillips, Identification Unit file #233636. No photograph of Phillips appears in the files of the Identification Unit.

Respectfully,

L. C. Schilder.

L. C. Schilder.

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October 13, 1934

RECORDED Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD,
with aliases, Fugitive, A.O. #1294, et al
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Dear Sir:

In order to complete its file, the Division desires a photograph of Lee Phillips, brother of Bernard Phillips, subject of Identification Order #1196. It appears from the criminal record of Lee Phillips, Division #233636 that he was arrested under his correct name by the Police Department, Chicago, Illinois, August 25, 1929, charge, robbery - gun, and was assigned number C-18185. The Police Department, Chicago, Illinois, under date of October 3, 1929 made inquiry concerning Lee Phillips, #C-18728, who was found to be identical with Lee Phillips. Phillips was received at the State Penitentiary, Joliet, Illinois, December 3, 1929 as Lee Phillips, #3525, to serve a sentence of from one year to life.

This matter should receive your attention at the earliest practicable date.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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# Division of Investigation
U.S. Department of Justice
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October 12, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your circular regarding Allister O'Dylan, please be advised that a notation has been made in the files of the Division of Investigation to the effect that this individual is wanted by your Office as a possible suspect or material witness and any information received in the future will be promptly communicated to you. This individual has no record in our files.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

CC-Division Office, Kansas City, Mo.

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Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box #2118
Detroit, Michigan
October 11 1934

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

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Re: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (Deceased);
RICHARD TALIMAN 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:

Please be advised that on the afternoon of September 25 I was informed by Special Agent D. E. Hall of this office that a member of the local Police Department had received some information from a woman at Chatham, Ontario, Canada, which is about fifty miles from Detroit, to the effect that she believed she had information which would assist in locating Richard Galatas in the above entitled matter. Investigation had previously been conducted by this office near Chatham last fall when it was discovered that Mrs. Galatas had some relatives living in that vicinity.

Immediately upon the local Police Department calling the matter to our attention concerning the receiyt of letter in question, arrangements were made to have Agents proceed to Chatham, Ontario and the Agents departed from Detroit on September 26.

On the above date while communicating with Inspector Cowley at Chicago from Toledo, Ohio, where I was engaged on an angle of the Bremer kidnaping investigation, I mentioned the fact that Agents of this office were investigating a lead in Canada with a view to securing information regarding the present location of Galatas. Inspector Cowley then informed me that Galatas had been in custody about a week. However, this was the first information regarding his apprehension which this office had received and the Agents to whom the matter was assigned were already on their way to the Canadian city. Their trip, of course, was only a waste of time and, because of a shortage of Agents in this office their services could have been very well utilized on other matters.

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In view of this incident, it is my suggestion that the Division again emphasize the fact that it is necessary to notify interested offices where leads are outstanding immediately following the apprehension of Fugitives.

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Very truly yours,

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Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

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October 29, 1934

Mr. Joseph J. Travis,
200 North Central Street,
Tifton, Georgia.

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 13, 1934 wherein you set forth information obtained from an informant regarding "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

As you know, Floyd has been located subsequent to the time you addressed your letter to this Division but the information regarding his possible connections between Atlanta and Valdosta, Georgia, is of interest. I am, therefore, forwarding a copy of your letter to Mr. J. H. Hanson, Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 520 Federal Building, Birmingham, Alabama, who will give this matter his attention.

Thanking you for your interest and cooperation with this Division, I am

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

(cc - Birmingham (with copy let. 10/13/34 from Mr. Travis)
Chicago
Kansas City

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Investigation Section
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL ADJUSTMENT ADMINISTRATION
Washington, D.C.

209 N.Central St.,
Tifton, Georgia,
13 October 1934.

J.Edgar Hoover,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

This afternoon, while engaged in an investigation, in company with Investigator Fred W. Morgan, of this section, I received the following information regarding "Pretty Boy" Floud, which I am passing on to you at once:

Floyd's family originally came from North Georgia, from a point near Cartersville, in Bartow County. He has many relatives in Georgia, between Atlanta and Valdosta. His father's sister married a Georgia man named Lewis, and had a daughter who married Bill Dowdy, living in 16th St., about two miles east of Cordele, county seat of Crisp Co. About five years ago "Pretty Boy" worked for a dairyman named Frank Michell, in Richwood, near Cordele, and Floyd has sometimes used the name "Frank Mitchell" in this section as an alias.

In June, exact date not determinable, Floyd spent one night, at least, at Bill Dowdy's home. About four weeks ago Bill Dowdy or his wife received a letter from Floyd; point of mailing unknown to my informant.

My informant, who requests that his identity be kept secret, [redacted] believes that Floyd will double back to Georgia, and that he can be found somewhere between Atlanta and Valdosta.

As my own work in this neighborhood is rather "under cover", should you wish to communicate with me please do so in an unmarked envelope. I will be in frequent touch with [redacted] and will notify you promptly of any further information he may secure.

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Yours truly,

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JOSEPH S. TRAVIS,
Assistant Investigator.

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TITLE: HERMON C. MILLER with alias (Deceased); RICHARD TALEMAN 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:

Investigation at Polson, Mont., indicated that Frank Moran has not resided in that vicinity in twenty years. Moran reported to have relatives living in vicinity of Dixon and Ronan, Mont. Charles Allard and Clarence Lee, with whom Moran corresponded while confined in Montana State Prison, now dead.

Reference: Report of Special Agent C. L. Lord, Butte, Mont., 9/15/34.

Details:

At Polson, Montana

On September 26, 1934, Agent interviewed Sheriff J. L. Taulbee at Polson, Montana, who advised that Mr. Charles Allard, with whom Frank Moran, according to report of reference, corresponded at one time, died several years ago. Sheriff Taulbee advised that Mr. Allard at one time was a large ranch owner and a very respected citizen in the community, stating, however, that at the time he died he was practically penniless. Sheriff Taulbee was then shown a photograph of Frank Moran and was questioned as to whether or not he was aware of there ever having been any association between Mr. Allard and Frank Moran. He stated that he was not aware of any such association, and after examining the photograph of Moran stated that he believed that he knew where Moran was located; that if it was not Moran he had in mind, it was someone who appeared to be identical with him.

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At that point, Sheriff Taulbee called [illegible] Under Sheriff Lee Butcher, and exhibited to him the photograph of Frank Moran, and inquired as to whether or not he was acquainted with [illegible]. Butcher after examining the photograph, stated that Sheriff Taulbee had in mind Jerome Moran; that Jerome Moran is a brother of Frank Moran and that naturally there is a very close family resemblance.

The report of reference indicates that while Frank Moran was at the Montana State Prison he communicated with and received letters from one Jerome Moran, listed as his brother from Ronan, Montana, [illegible] would bear out the statement of Mr. Butcher that Frank Moran and Jerome Moran were brothers.

Sheriff Taulbee and Mr. Butcher advised that Jerome Moran is presently living about six or seven miles west and south of Ronan, Montana. Mr. Butcher stated that the Morans are half-breeds and recalls that Frank Moran lived around Polson and that vicinity many years ago, but does not believe he has been in that vicinity for a great many years, possible fifteen or twenty years.

It should be noted here that Agent was subsequently advised that Under Sheriff Butcher is a half-breed himself and is quite successful in obtaining information from Indians and from half-breeds in that section of the country that cannot be obtained by anyone else. Sheriff Taulbee further advised that Under Sheriff Butcher is entirely reliable in every way.

Mr. Butcher advised that he believed that any [illegible] who has lived in Polson since about 1900 would possibly recall Frank Moran. Accordingly, accompanied by Mr. Butcher Agent interviewed Mrs. Von Ruen, who advised that he has lived in Polson since 1908; that he knew Frank Moran and identified the picture Duly Agent exhibited to him as being Frank Moran. He stated that about twenty years ago Frank Moran lived in and around Polson and stated that at that time Moran was a hard drunk and a "slicker", and was never engaged in any legitimate occupation known to him. He stated, however, that Frank Moran left that section of the country approximately twenty years ago and that he is reasonably certain that he has not been back there since that time.

Under Sheriff Butcher furnished the following names of parties who are either related to Frank Moran or associated with him through whom information as to his whereabouts may possibly be obtained. It is recommended that investigation be conducted in a very discreet manner:

Jumbo Murray or Moran, who is probably living at Dixon, Montana, and believed to be a brother of Frank Moran.

Bessie Moran or Murray or Morgan, who is also probably living at Dixon, Montana, and is believed to be a sister of Frank Moran.

Jim Martin, who is married to one Lillie Moran of Harvey, N.D. Jim Martin is a brother of one Bill Martin of Kalispell, Montana, a former Sheriff of Flathead County, Montana; that Bill Martin has lately been a guard at the Butte mines, but would possibly return at some later date to Kalispell.

Jerome Moran, who closely resembles Frank Moran, and is living about six or seven miles west and south of Dixon, Montana.

The widow of Boston Murray (deceased), who was probably a brother of Frank Moran, is reported to be living at some unknown place in Canada at the present time.

Mr. Butcher stated to Agent that he (Butcher) was desirous of getting out among the Indians and half-breeds and talk with them about people who formerly lived in that section of the country, and that he would conduct as discreet an investigation as possible with the view of obtaining from the Indians and half-breeds, who he believes are acquainted with Frank Moran, information as to his present whereabouts, and if any information of any is obtained he will immediately transmit same to the Butte Office.

The report of reference set out a lead for Clarence Lee to be contacted at Lonepine, Montana, for the reason that Frank Moran wrote one letter to Clarence Lee while he (Moran) was confined in the Montana State Prison. Agent was advised by Sheriff Faulkner that he had a Deputy Sheriff who has lived in the vicinity of Lonepine, by the name of H. E. Ricketts, and that he is acquainted with practically everyone there and he would possibly advise as to whether or not Clarence Lee could be located there. Accordingly, Agent interviewed Deputy Sheriff H. E. Ricketts, who advised that Clarence Lee died in the State of Wyoming this year. He stated that he was raised in the same locality with Clarence Lee; that they went to school together, and consequently he was very well acquainted with him during his native days, and for that reason was positive of the fact that the party referred to as Clarence Lee was living at Lonepine, but the party who died in Wyoming. Deputy Sheriff Ricketts further stated that Clarence Lee before his death had acquired quite a criminal record, and was generally known as a no good type of man.

In view of the above, it was deemed unnecessary to conduct any investigation at Lonepine, Montana.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

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ADDENDUM BY SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE D. M. NICHASON:

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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
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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 -
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Transmitted herewith [redacted] 67E

Very truly yours,

Dwight H. Brantley

DWIGHT BRANTLEY, Jr.
Special Agent in Charge.

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. R. E. Mathews,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

RE: CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD,
with aliases - FUGITIVE, Z. O. [illegible]
et al.
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Dear Sir:

There are enclosed herewith, and to each of the offices indicated below, [redacted] will be forwarded to you for attention.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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AIR MAIL

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.

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Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Kansas City
Chicago

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Mr. Tamm
Newby

October 12, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

At about 11:15 P. M., October 12, 1934 Special Agent in Charge Brantley called from Oklahoma City to report the apprehension of W. W. Rush alias "Shine" Rush. Rush is an alleged associate of Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

Rush was apprehended in Cleveland County, Oklahoma, about sixty miles south of Oklahoma City by Special Agents of the Oklahoma City office, by officers from the Oklahoma City Police Department and County officers from Norman, Oklahoma. No shots were fired. Rush is being booked under an assumed name tonight and will be questioned. At the time he was apprehended he was not in the company of Floyd.

This information was communicated by telephone to Supervisor R. E. Newby.

Respectfully,

E. L. Richmond

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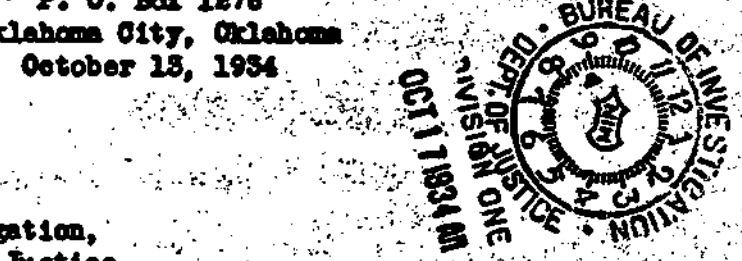

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Ave. at 9th St., N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

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.

I am transmitting herewith a letter written in Italian received by Mrs. William Richetti, Lehigh, Oklahoma, the mother of subject Adam Richetti, apparently from Mrs. Minnie (Henry) Sustik of Dillonvale, Ohio, a sister of subject Richetti.

Please have this translated and inform me the contents thereof.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

October 18, 1934

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

Please arrange to have a translation made of the attached communication which appears to be written in Italian. It will be appreciated if this translation can be made at the earliest possible date.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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ADDRESS REPLY TO
"THE ATTORNEY GENERAL"
AND REFER TO
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WASHINGTON, D.C.

TRANSLATION

Dear parents:

I have received your letter and I have been very glad to know that you are all at home. Every day I think of you and I was hoping to receive your letter from the postman. Dear Mother, do not cry; I do not do anything wrong and if Arthur comes here I will not have him in my home because my home will not shelter robbers. I am enough dishonored without having him here, and I do not think he will come because he knows I am not his kind. (here she quotes an Italian proverb "Stolen goods do not last long".)

I feel sorry and I often cry for Jack whom I love so much, he is a good boy but I cannot keep him because of the bad life he leads. I think it is too late not to do anything for him. I had a letter from Eva who tells me that the trial will be the 1st of October and that she will come to Ohio.

Dear Mother, I do not want to have people that steal. I am always told that my brother is a robber and Junior tells me the same. I cry every day, I have no one to speak to except you. I have no one left to console me.

I am tired of living and tired of working although no one believes that I work very hard. No one comes to see me. I pray God that he may give me good health and enough to eat and I try to rear Junior so that he will become a good man. Henry treats me well and I cannot say anything against him.

The old man speaks of selling the farm and I am praying that he will sell it. No one has lived like me for eleven years. His daughter does not work for him like I do, and she always tells me that I am cheap, but I do have to work like a beast.

Dear Mother, do not cry for me, I am well and not as dumb as I was. When people speak ill of me I answer them I am tired of it all and I threaten to leave them.

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I am always thinking of you and I would love to speak to you for I have no one here.

I have been to Ralph's home, but I do not go to Devi's. Sophie has bought dresses for the baby. Anna goes to Sophie's home to take care of Devi who is ill. Sophie says that she cannot be bothered with him. That is another thing in which Devi shows his stupidity.

Mother, write me soon and a long letter but do not mention that I have written you because Frances may read the letter and ask questions. We are all well and hope the same of you. Geraldine is well and goes to school this year. Write soon and do not mention anything I have written you. Junior is a beautiful boy and loves Henry. We have had rain every week but too late to do anything to the garden. I have 500 jars of fruits and other vegetables from the garden.

I am sending a dollar, this being Harry's pay day, you can buy some coffee with it.

Burn this letter. Do not write to Frances. Write soon, best wishes from Henry.

Your daughter,

Meni.

P O Box [redacted]
Los Angeles, California
October 10th, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1416 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

In re: KUNKEL C. MILLER, with aliases
(Deceased); RICHARD FAIRMAN GAITHER,
with aliases, Fugitive I. O. 1001;
CHAS. ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with
aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1129, et al.
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner
LA File 62-964

Reference is made to your communication of September 7, 1934, directed to the Special Agent in Charge at Chicago, Illinois, said communication reflecting telephone calls made by David C. McBride from telephone Hartport 5821. The communication further reflected a telephone call from that number on December 11, 1933, to Los Angeles, California, telephone No. Gladstone 4516.

Please be advised that it was ascertained that this telephone number is an unlisted number, the subscriber being S. KUNKEL of [redacted] No. Wilton Place. Investigation by Special Agent S. P. White on this office at the above premises disclosed the same to be a bungalow court owned by Mr. and Mrs. S. KUNKEL and under their personal supervision at the present time.

The above-named individuals, to all outward appearances, appear to be highly respectable people. However, an open inquiry with respect to their associations with McBride, or particularly with respect to the telephone call in question, was made at the time of the interview, it being deemed advisable to endeavor to ascertain more information concerning the identity of S. KUNKEL.

Very truly yours,

J. E. P. [redacted]
Special Agent in Charge.

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CDW:HD
cc Division
cc Chicago

[illegible] Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

October 12, 1934.

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

Re: Charles Arthur Floyd,
with aliases - FUGITIVE,
I.C. [illegible]
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE
ENDEAVOR DELIVER FEDL. PRISONER

Dear Mr:-

The attached photograph has just been received by me from F.T. Wilson of the Police Department at Gladewater, Texas - with the query that we advise whether it is a likeness of "Pretty Boy" Floyd; and if so, to send a man to Gladewater for further information, and if it is not to ignore the message.

Please advise whether you can have this photograph identified as Floyd.

Very truly yours,

[illegible]
Special Agent in Charge.

[illegible]
cc Division
U.S.
Chicago
[illegible]

P. O. DRAWER 1457,
St. Louis, Missouri.

October [illegible], [illegible]

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

In re: [illegible] C. MILLER, with aliases,
(Deceased)
RICHARD TALLMAN SALATAS, with aliases.
CHARLES ARTHUR BLOYD, with aliases,
Fugitive, I. S. 1194, et al.
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Dear Sir:

Please refer to the letter directed to the St. Louis Office by Special Agent in Charge R. E. Conroy, Little Rock, Ark., August 16, 1934 which carries information that Richard T. Salatas had his facial appearance changed by an operation performed by a Dr. Clark of Danville, Illinois.

As your office is in a position to determine the accuracy of this information no investigation will be conducted at Danville for the purpose of verifying it until receipt of further advice from you.

It is suggested that Salatas be interviewed concerning this matter as if it occurred Clark may be a probable contact for other fugitives when the Division is seeking.

Very truly yours,

[illegible] E. [illegible],
Special Agent in Charge.

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OFFICIAL BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT RATES

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
Omaha, Nebraska,
October 11, 1934.

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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M. H. PURVIS
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
1900 BANKERS BLDG.
CHICAGO ILLINOIS

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Mr. Schilder
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Mr. Tolson

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Hanni telephoned and advised that he just had a call a short while ago to the effect that Pretty Boy Floyd engaged a sheriff and a state agent over in Northeastern Iowa in a gun battle; that Floyd is heading north into Minnesota apparently and is driving a Ford V-8 sedan with Iowa license plates #41-875. Mr. Hanni advised that St. Paul and all authorities have been notified. I told Mr. Hanni to send somebody over to verify this and see if we can get any additional information. I told Mr. Hanni to watch this very closely as the Director is very anxious to get this fellow as quickly as possible.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I called Mr. Ladd and asked him if he had talked to Mr. Hanni with regard to Pretty Boy Floyd. Mr. Ladd stated that he had talked to Hanni several times and he is sending two men by plane in a few minutes into that part of the country. I told Mr. Ladd to see what he can get on this as I have absolutely no confidence on anything that Hanni might develop. Mr. Ladd stated that men are going out right away. Mr. Ladd stated that the first call he got on this was about 4:30 their time. I asked if they indicated when this happened. Mr. Ladd stated that they did not indicate the time; that he, Ladd, got a call from a girl at the State Bureau in Des Moines, Iowa and she did not have any of the details at all and all she knew was that a battle had taken place. This battle took place at McIntyre, Iowa on the northern border of Iowa right below Austin, Minnesota. Mr. Ladd stated that this completely covered. I stated that this fellow might double back on his trail and Mr. Ladd stated that they were of the opinion that he was headed north. Mr. Ladd stated that Hanni is sending two men and he is sending two to join in. I asked to whom these Iowa license plates were issued and Mr. Ladd stated that they do not know this as yet but Mr. Hanni is checking it. Mr. Ladd stated that it was a Ford V-8 sedan with Iowa plates 41875. I told Mr. Ladd to bear down on this.

I told Mr. Ladd that the Director had commented the other day on the fact that there were a large number of agents out there and I told him that the Bremer case was using a lot of this surplus. Mr. Ladd stated that they have no surplus and could use more agents if they had them. [illegible] I asked how many men were working on the Bremer [illegible] Mr. Ladd stated that there are two from his office and one from Chicago. Mr. Ladd stated that they have four men in addition working exclusively on this case and the rest of his personnel are engaged in trying to clean up some of the [illegible] that has accumulated during the past year and a half. Mr. Ladd [illegible] they are making some headway but their work is still very [illegible]

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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