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KANSAS CITY MASSACRE

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October 21, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

Time 8:25 PM

I telephoned Mr. Suydam and advised him that I wanted to let him know about the situation out in Ohio, that if any calls came in about it, I would be very restrictive about giving any praise to the local officers, that the situation has developed into a nasty mess, that they won't surrender the prisoner to us, and that the only statement we can make that "The Federal agents are in Wellsville investigating the situation with a view to apprehending Floyd who was shot in a gun battle with local authorities there today. Richetti is in custody of the local authorities in Wellsville, who have up to the present time declined to turn him over to the Federal authorities." Mr. Suydam inquired if the Federal people were involved in the gun battle and I told him "No".

I further advised Mr. Suydam that he could state that Floyd was in the woods near Wellsville and he was badly wounded.

Very truly yours

John Edgar Hoover,
Director

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

MT:TAM

11:20 A.M.

October 22, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ~~DIRECTOR~~

I called Mr. Harvey and advised of the call which Special Agent in Charge Waters had received from Chief of Police at Kittaning, Pennsylvania, to the effect that Floyd had been seen there about a half hour ago in a Ford coupe with Illinois plates, heading toward Indiana, Pennsylvania. Instructing that inasmuch as all available agents of Pittsburgh Office are now being utilized, he (Mr. Harvey), send some men toward Indiana, Pennsylvania. He was advised that Mr. Waters is giving the information relative to Floyd to the State Highway Patrol, and Mr. Harvey should ascertain the highway number where they are located and start his men down that way. Mr. Harvey advised that he would immediately attend to this matter.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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October 21, 1934.

JEH:CHZ MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

Time 8:15 PM

Mr. Purvis telephoned in from Belleville and advised that the situation there was rotten, that the Chief of Police has refused to turn Richetti over to us, that they are going to prosecute him there on a charge of assult with a deadly weapon, attempt to kill with firearms, that he would be able to get out in thirteen months if convicted of this charge, and if he breaks his parole in another state Ohio will not return him. Mr. Purvis stated that the Sheriff was the man who met Mr. Purvis at the airport, and told Mr. Purvis that the Chief would probably be put out because the Sheriff had called Mr. Purvis, that when Mr. Purvis got to the office the Chief was surrounded by a garrulous bevy of women and about everybody in the town was down to the police station. Mr. Purvis further advised that after talking with me he had gotten the Chief of Police to one side and advised him that Richetti would sign the waiver if he, the Chief, would go down and tell Richetti that he would release, whereupon the Chief stated that he would not do that. Mr. Purvis then told the Chief what we had on Richetti, and the Chief then called in the Mayor, the Prosecutor and the Assistant Prosecutor, who all sided with the Chief. Mr. Purvis stated that they were all a bunch of hardheaded men, that he had been warned of it by the Sheriff, and Mr. Purvis suggested that I call the Attorney General and have him call Governor White of Ohio and request the Governor to call the Mayor of the town. I stated that the situation was certainly outrageous. I inquired as to who appointed the Chief and Mr. Purvis replied that probably the Mayor did that. I stated that I had in mind calling the Mayor or Chief of Police direct and make a formal request for Richetti, that we were handicapped by the fact that we do not have an indictment on him. Mr. Purvis interposed with the statement that the Chief had asked him if we had an indictment for him and that Mr. Purvis had told him that there was one being returned in Kansas City tomorrow. I advised Mr. Purvis that I did not want the Attorney General to call the governor because we do not have the necessary legal processes at the present time, that I thought Mr. Purvis had better announce his identity, that this might have some effect in drawing the attention away from the Chief. I instructed Mr. Purvis to get the Mayor on the phone so that I could talk with him and make a formal demand for Richetti and then if he declined we would have it on record.

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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OCTOBER 22, 1934.

SEND THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM TO THE PERSONS DESIGNATED ON THE ATTACHED SHEET

KANMO SUBJECT FLOYD FATALLY WOUNDED NEAR CLARKSON OHIO BY DIVISION AGENTS TODAY SUBJECT ADAM RICHETTI IN CUSTODY LOCAL OFFICIALS WELLESVILLE OHIO

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

EAT:TAM

October 21, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

At 3:30 P.M., I contacted Mr. Larson in Detroit and instructed him to proceed with whatever men he had available to Steubenville, Ohio, where Adam Richetti was in custody and "Pretty Boy" Floyd was reported to have been wounded. Mr. Larson stated that he would proceed by plane immediately, taking with him Agents McCallum, Hisler and Soucey. He further advised that Agents Collins, and Heuptman were in Southern Ohio and that he would attempt to reach them and have them proceed to Steubenville, Ohio also.

Agents DiLillo, Rose and Ames proceeded immediately to Steubenville and Wellsville from the Pittsburgh Office.

Special Agent in Charge Purvis, accompanied by Agents McKee, Hollis and Connors proceeded, by plane from Cincinnati to Wellsville.

The Chief of Police at Wellsville is J. H. Fultz; the telephone number of the Wellsville Police Station is 342.

I contacted Mr. Reinecke at Indianapolis and instructed him to have two agents proceed by chartered plane to Yorkville, Ohio immediately, there to contact Mr. Purvis. Mr. Reinecke subsequently advised that Agents Thornton and Reynolds were proceeding by chartered plane to Wheeling immediately; that they would proceed by automobile to Yorkville and Wellsville and contact Mr. Purvis.

I contacted Mr. Connelley by telephone at Louisville at about 7:00 P.M., and explained this emergency matter to him. He stated that Agent Shivers, Johnson and Hall would proceed by chartered plane immediately to Yorkville, Ohio.

I contacted Special Agent Trainor at Kansas City and told him to have Mr. Cowley call the Director immediately upon Cowley's arrival in Kansas City.

Mr. Purvis abandoned his alias of Marshall late on the night of October 21st. He can be reached at the Travellers Hotel in East Liverpool, Ohio.

RECORDED

E. A. Tamm

62-24715-2876

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

OCT 23 1934 P.M.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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JEH:HCB

October 22, 1934 Time: 1:55 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Mr. Cowley telephoned from East Liverpool, Ohio. He had just returned from Wellsville, and the authorities there requested two hours to consider the matter presented by him, which would be four o'clock when they should reach a decision. Mr. Cowley stated that these people were very distant, and not courteous at all. Mr. Cowley suggested that at the end of two hours we get in touch with Mr. Freed and with Mr. Milligan, who by this time should have an indictment.

I told Mr. Cowley that I had talked to Mr. Freed, informing him of the situation, and he stated he would be glad either to go to Wellsville himself or to send several of his Assistants. I asked Mr. Cowley to call Mr. Wideman, in Mr. Freed's office in Cleveland, telling him that he is calling for the Director, and we desired him to get word to Mr. Freed that we want some legal assitance at once, and would like for Mr. Freed to arrange to send some one from his office immediately to Wellsville, or wherever Mr. Cowley wants to meet them. I suggested to Mr. Cowley that he not mention the two-hour delay, but impress upon the United States Attorney that he or his representatives should proceed immediately.

I suggested to Mr. Cowley also that he call United States Attorney Milligan at Kansas City before he calls Cleveland, advising him of the situation and what I have suggested doing, namely, that the necessary legal steps immediately be taken to remove Richetti on our two warrants; that if Mr. Milligan agrees with this, he should then call Mr. Wideman in Mr. Freed's office.

I further stated that I had already issued a statement to the press to the effect that the actions of the authorities at Wellsville are materially thwarting the successful consumation of the Kansas City massacre case. I told Mr. Cowley that if he receives inquiries, he might make a similar statement.

I explained to Mr. Cowley that Mr. Freed will be in Court trying a case, but had left word for me to call Mr. Wideman, who would deliver the message to him, and if necessary, he would have the Court recessed for a day or two so that he might personally proceed to Wellsville.

Mr. Cowley stated that he was calling from Mr. Purvis' room in East Liverpool, this town being three miles from Wellsville. I asked if some one will be left there to receive calls. Mr. Cowley stated that there was no one there when he returned. I explained that Mr. Purvis had advised me of a good tip he received, and I authorized him to go out on it. However, I stated that I felt an Agent should remain there as soon as such arrangements could be made. I asked Mr. Cowley to call me after he talked to Mr. Freed and Mr. Milligan.

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Baughman
Chief Clerk
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Cowley
Mr. Edwards
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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

October 22, 1934.

(Time: 4:44 p.m.)

MEMORANDUM

Colonel Gates telephoned to congratulate the Division upon the apprehension of Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

JEH

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Clegg
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REH:CJ
62-28915-2079

November 2, 1934.

Mr. Ray A. Bachtel,
Marshal,
North Canton, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letters dated October 23 and 25, 1934, wherein you furnished information with respect to certain license plates observed by you on cars which you state might possibly have been in the possession of Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd, who was located and killed near Clarkson, Ohio on October 22, 1934 while resisting arrest by Special Agents of this Division.

Please be advised that the contents of your letters have been noted and your interest and cooperation are appreciated.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

CC - Detroit
Encls. (copies of letters from Mr. Bachtel dated 10/23 and 25/34)

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North Canton Corporation

FRANK M. EVANS
MAYOR

LESTER L. BRAUCHE
VILLAGE CLERK

NORTH CANTON, OHIO

Oct., 23, 1934

J. Edgar Hoover:

Dear Sir,

On Oct., 12, 1934 About 11:25 AM Alarge, Dull, Dark-Colored Coupe Bearing License Number [illegible] What I believed to a North Carolina Pass passed through Village traveling north operated by a man Resembling Pretty Boy Floyd, alone in car. I hesitated in giving out information at time as he was supposed to be hunted in Midwestern states about Oct 11, 34 there fore could hardly be in this section in so short a time. My Reason to send this information that this coupe may be hi in Barkertown, O. Akron, O. or Youngstown, O. and traced to the Harboring Destination in N. Carolina, and above Cities mention questioning of Adam Rechetti may reveal information.

Yours truly,

Ray A. Bachtel

Ray A Bachtel
Marshal

Check Above mentioned Numerals of Tennessee.

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FORM NO. 1

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

REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:
St.Paul, Minn.	10-22-34	10-13-34	S. L. Fortenberry

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 PRISONERS.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

GUS STEVENS unknown to ROBERT BACON. ROBERT BACON unable to identify any of the known subjects in this case.

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

DETAILS:

At St.Cloud, Minnesota.

At the St.Cloud Reformatory ROBERT BACON, who is at present serving a term there for a robbery in the City of Minneapolis, Minnesota, was contacted in an effort to determine from him if he was acquainted with one GUS STEVENS. BACON insisted that he knew quite a number of bootleggers and small-time crooks around Minneapolis but that he had never known anyone by the name of GUS STEVENS. He was also questioned as to whether he knew any of the other subjects ~~known~~ in this case and he insisted that he did not. He talked very freely and gave this agent the impression of being very truthful in his statements.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

The St.Paul Office will develop lead set out in reference report.

PENDING.

DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: [signature] SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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

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October 21, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Special Agent in Charge Connelley telephoned at 10:00 P.M. on October 21, 1934, and asked to speak with you. Upon being informed that you were not at that time in your office he said to advise you that Special Agents Johnson, Shivers, and Hall had left by plane for the point previously indicated by you.

Respectfully,

G. N. Lowdon
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G. N. Lowdon

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TAMM

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Room 212-C,
U.S. Post Office, Court House and
Customs House, Louisville, Kentucky.

October 22, 1934.

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

Dear Sir,

In conformity with telephonic instructions from Mr. E. A. Tamm, of the Division, Special Agents J. S. Johnson, R. L. Shivers and D. E. Hall left Louisville, Kentucky, by chartered plane at 8.30 p.m. October 21, 1934, to report to SpecialAgent in Charge M. H. Purvis at the airport at Yorkville, Ohio.

This will confirm my telephonic communication of October 21, 1934, advising those agents departed as above indicated.

Very truly yours,

E. J. Connelley,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-
Indianapolis,
Detroit
St. Louis.

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OCT 25 1934

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

REN:mtr

October 23, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Time - 5:00 p.m.

Pursuant to your instructions, I telephoned Special Agents Rose and McCallum at East Liverpool, Ohio. They both stated that Agent McKee took the prints of Floyd and asfaras they knew carried them away with him, presumably to be forwarded to the Division immediately.

I telephoned the Air Mail Section of the Washington City Post Office and was advised that one plane arrived at Washington from Pittsburgh at 5:20 a.m., this morning, and a second plane is due in at 8:14 p.m., this evening. The mail will arrive in the Special Delivery Section of the Post Office at about 8:30 p.m., and will be sent out by Special Delivery messenger around 9:00 p.m., in accordance with normal routine.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby

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October 22, 1934. 9:10PM

JEH:CEK MEMORANDUM FOR MR TAMM

I talked to Mr. Purvis and Mr. Cowley regarding the situation at Wellsville, Ohio, this evening. Mr.Purvis stated that they were having the coroner's inquest in the next room in order to clear things up. He stated that they will not turn Richetti over. Mr. Cowley was requested to return in an hour and they would turn him over. Mr. Cowley went back within an hour but requested him to come back in the morning. I asked Mr. Purvis if the two United States Attorneys had arrived yet and he stated that they had not. I stated that their names were Rideman and McNamee and were both District Attorneys from Cleveland.

I talked to Mr. Cowley and he stated that they were told that they could have Richetti in about an hour. At the end of that time, the "thin-headed" Mayor returned and said that he had been unable to locate the County Attorney and felt that he owed him the respect of consulting him before he did it. The Mayor stated that he could not locate the County Attorney tonight and for Mr. Cowley to return in the morning. Mr. Cowley told him that we had already made our plans and [illegible] were disgusted about the thing.

I instructed Mr. Cowley to get all of the machinery moving to get this fellow turned over as soon as the two District Attorneys arrived.

I stated that I gave out a statement tonight as did the Attorney General, commending the Chief of Police at East Liverpool by name and the Sheriff of the county that helped Mr. Purvis yesterday, and denouncing very strongly, the Mayor, Prosecuting Attorney, and Chief of Police of Wellsville, charging them with thwarting the successful consummationoof the Kansas City Massacre.

I told Mr. Cowley that the press wanted to know about this quart of blood that was found in the car caused by his being shot by the Chief of Police of Wellsville. I stated that I doubt whether he shot Floyd. Mr. Cowley stated that if he did, they could not find it. I instructed Mr. Cowley that if the press came to him to let the press know that this Wellsville crowd is blocking one of the most important investigations of the country. The thing is, they were the heroes yesterday and we are today.

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I stated to Mr. Cowley that I wanted to get all of our men out of their promptly. There are too many of them and I don't want them hanging around the place. This is to be done tonight and Mr. Cowley is to remain there with a few men to clean up the odds and ends and to take Richetti back. Mr. Purvis is also to leave tonight and the curtain pulled down on the publicity there.

Mr. Cowley stated that Mr. Black, head of the Ohio State Police, was in and complimented the Division and offered everything he could do. Mr. Cowley stated that Mr. Black might be able to do something with those knot-heads over at Wellsville. I asked Mr. Cowley to see if Black could do something.

I, again stated that I wanted Mr. Purvis and the men to get out of there tonight because if they stay over, there will be a lot of motion pictures and the like. I instructed Mr. Cowley to take care of the publicity and let no pictures be taken of any of our men. I also requested him to advise Mr. Purvis to send in a night letter on this situation.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

October 22, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

Will you please inquire and ascertain whether the Chief of Police of Wellsville, Ohio, is on the list to receive releases from the Division and what participation that police department takes in the work of our Identification Unit. In view of the attitude of the authorities at Wellsville last night and today in connection with the "Pretty Boy" Floyd and Richetti matter, I want to make certain exactly what cooperation we are extending to them.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Division of Investigation
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P. O. BOX 1156,
OMAHA, NEBRASKA,
October 22, 1934.

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

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

Dear Sir:-

On October 11, 1934, Deputy Sheriff William Owens of Cresco, Iowa, and A. G. Haight, a Special Agent of the Bureau of Investigation, State of Iowa Department of Justice, while investigating the activities of three individuals who were staying on the farm of Elmer Bosteter at McIntire, Iowa, were fired upon and the strangers escaped in a 1934 model V-8 Ford Sedan. It was learned that the names of the men are Lee Bosteter, Eddie "Doc" Bennett, thought to be Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd, and Francis Gould.

Mr. Haight advised that one of the men who fired at him and Deputy Sheriff Owens had a Browning Automatic Rifle. Agents of this office, while conducting an investigation where the gun battle took place, found several .351 caliber Western shells. These shells are being forwarded to the Division Laboratory, under separate cover, for examination as it is thought that possibly similar shells, fired from this rifle, may have been forwarded to the Laboratory previously.

Very truly yours,

Werner Hanni

WERNER HANNI,
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 4907,
Jacksonville, Florida

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October 22, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:

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

Please refer to my letter of October 1, 1934, in which I furnished information obtained by Special Agent F. F. Yearsley from [redacted] Fort Myers, Florida, that might be of use to you in locating Charles Arthur Floyd with aliases, Fugitive, I. O. #1194.

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Concerning this same matter I am now enclosing copies of a letter dated October 10, 1934, to Agent Yearsley from informant [redacted] This is for your information and whatever use it may serve in the investigation of this case.

b7D

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt,
Special Agent in Charge

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

I telephoned Mr. Stanley and inquired whether the Attorney General had told him about our Agents shooting "Pretty Boy" Floyd, and he stated he had not. I told Mr. Stanley about the matter, and he said he would see the Attorney General immediately with regard to giving out the story.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Time 4:46 PM

Mr. Pat Frank of the Washington Herald telephoned and inquired if we had a picture of "PrettyBoy" Floyd. I advised him that we had and if he would drop by the office we would furnish him with the same.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

Time 4:55 PM

The Pittsburgh Sun Telegraph telephoned and advised that they had just received a report that "Pretty Boy" Floyd had been shot. I advised the party that that information was correct, that a squad of our agents had engaged in a gun fight with Floyd about eight miles north of East Liverpool, Ohio and mortally wounded him, that Floyd was badly wanted by us for his part in the Kansas City massacre, and that at the present time Floyd was being brought into East Liverpool. Upon inquiry, I advised that I did not know if any of our men had been wounded or not, that the above details were all we had at present, and that we expected another report in shortly which we would be glad to give to the party calling if he would call back.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

(Time: 4:41 p.m.)

Mr. Connor of the Chicago Daily News telephoned to state the Attorney General had just given out the following:

"Department of Justice Agents a few moments ago shot and mortally wounded Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd, eight miles north of East Liverpool, Ohio, on the farm of Ellen Conkle, between Clarkson and Sprucedale, Ohio. Floyd is being brought in by U. S. Department of Justice Agents".

I told Mr. Connor that we had received no cooperation from the authorities at Belleville. Mr. Connor inquired whether I would like to say who fired the fatal shot, and I said I would not say anything in this regard.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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October 22, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Mr. Stanley telephoned to make further inquiry relative to "Pretty Boy" Floyd. I remarked that we were glad to be able to shoot Floyd ourselves because he killed one of our men. Mr. Stanley asked how many men Floyd had killed. I told him I did not exactly know, but I assumed it would be a minimum of possibly ten or twelve; that he has been a bank robber and a generally bad actor. Mr. Stanley inquired how long we had been hunting for Floyd. I told him that we had been searching for him since the Kansas City Massacre, which was in June, 1933.

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Mr. Stanley inquired if there is anything the Attorney General could give out in connection with this case now. I told him that he has in his office a long memorandum relative to the Kansas City Massacre; however, I have here about forty copies of memorandums that I could send to him immediately, with photographs attached. He asked that I send them to him.

I further stated that I understand from the press that Floyd is dead, although I have not received confirmation from our Agents. I also stated that I have not heard whether any of our men were wounded because the battle had just ended when I was called from the farmhouse. I told him I expected details in a very few minutes. I explained that the scene of the battle was eight miles north of East Liverpool.

I stated that the local police at Wellsville absolutely refused to give us any cooperation, and I ordered about 24 men in by plane; that they were arriving all night and early this morning; that they came from as far West as Kansas City, from Detroit, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh and New York, as well as Chicago, Louisville, and Indianapolis. I further stated that this place is only about 40 miles from Pittsburgh, and I ordered the Agents in, starting yesterday afternoon; that this morning, when I found out that the local authorities at Wellsville would not give us any help and were not inclined to cooperate, we then sent our own men out to cover the countryside; and at one o'clock this afternoon we located a farmer who had fed Floyd an hour before, and identified him as being Floyd from a photograph which we showed him. We then at once sent men to that particular farm. Floyd had left the farm on foot. He was located in the woods, where the battle took place. I pointed out that Floyd was the leader of the Kansas City massacre, Richetti and Verne Miller assisting him.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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October 22, 1934.

(Time: 4:30)
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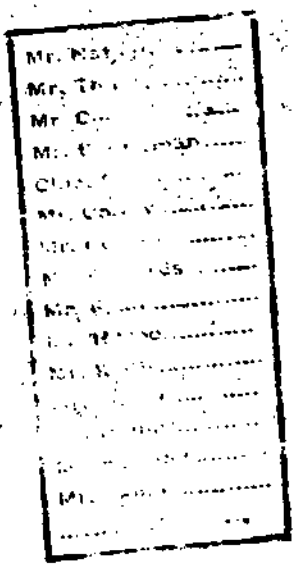
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

I telephoned Mr. Nathan at Kansas City and asked him to get word to the United States Attorney that we have just shot and mortally wounded "Pretty Boy" Floyd, at a place eight miles north of East Liverpool, Ohio. I stated I did not want any publicity given out on this as yet, and would give the above information to the United States Attorney in about half an hour, because the Attorney Generale is going to make the announcement here immediately. I stated that our men did the shooting.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.



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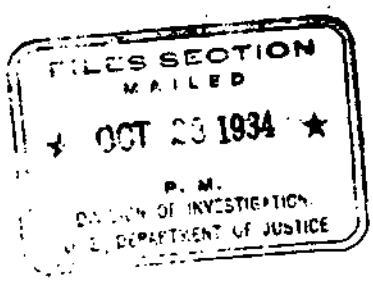

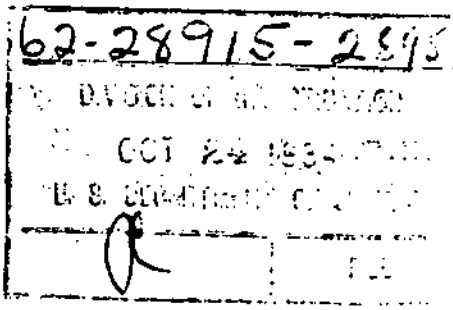

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Time: 4:25 P.M.

October 22, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

I telephoned the Attorney General and advised him that our Agents had just shot and mortally wounded "Pretty Boy" Floyd, eight miles north of East Liverpool, Ohio. I told him that no one knows about this, and he could give it to the press right away. I stated that an ambulance is being sent out for Floyd, the shooting having occurred on the farm of Mrs. Ellen Conkle, which is between Clarkson and Sprucedale, Ohio. The Attorney General was very much pleased.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Time: 9:50 a.m.

October 23, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

I telephoned Mr. Cowley at East Liverpool, Ohio. He stated that Assistant United States Attorney Wideman from Cleveland came in last night about 11:00 o'clock, and went into conference with the Mayor, Chief of Police, County Attorney and Sheriff. However, he was unable to have Richetti released last night, but a conference was set for today at 11:00 o'clock. Mr. Wideman feels he will be successful at this conference. Mr. Cowley said the local authorities apparently think we are "trying to pull a fast one" but they don't know what it is, and intend to hold Richetti until they can find out. Mr. Cowley stated that Floyd's wife is claiming the body. I told him to take no interest in this situation. He said that $122.00 was found on the person of Floyd, which was left with the coroner.

I told Mr. Cowley I wanted to talk to him before the conference at Wellsville this morning. He said he had not intended to attend it, but I told him he should by all means. He said he would call me just before he leaves to go to the conference.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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October 30, 1934

Mr. Ed Erwin,
care Mr. Joe Ward,
Seiling, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 22, 1934 wherein you request information respecting outstanding rewards offered for the apprehension of Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

Please be advised that the Federal Government did not offer any reward for information leading to the arrest of Floyd.

As you already know, Floyd was located near Clarkson, Ohio, on October 22, 1934, by Special Agents of this Division and while resisting arrest was shot and killed.

Thanking you for your interest and cooperation in the work of this Division, I am

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Seiling Okla
Oct. 22. 1934

Dear Mr. Hoover, I would like to know how much Reward there are for the arrest of Charles Pretty Boy Floyd, or information leading to his arrest.
I have some information that I believe will prove his hide out. thanking you for a prompt Reply. I Remain
yours Respt.
Ed. Erwin

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
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October 22, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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Mr Quinn
Mr Scrivner
Mr. Tamm

Mr. Cowley called from East Liverpool, Ohio, advising that he had had instructions to call as soon as he reached there. He was instructed to proceed and serve his warrant and then advise the Director.

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Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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October 23, 1934. Time: 4:35 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

I telephoned Mr. Cowley at East Liverpool, Ohio, to inquire as to the situation at Wellsville. He stated it looks doubtful as to whether we will gain custody of Richetti; that the State of Missouri has also preferred charges against Richetti for murder - in connection with the murder of a State Highway Patrolman outside of Kansas City. Mr. Cowley said Sheriff Bash informed him that there is probably not much question of Richetti's having committed the murder, but the evidence is very weak.

I called attention to the fact that the only charges we have against Richetti are those of motor vehicle theft and obstruction of justice. Mr. Cowley stated he could probably be sentenced to about 14 years on these charges; that there could be two counts on each charge, that is, for the motor vehicle theft and for conspiracy, which would total 14 years, and the other about two years and six months. He stated it would be unlikely, however, that any Judge would give him over ten years on the motor vehicle case. I also called attention to the fact that we could not prove our charge without using some witnesses whom we do not want to use. Mr. Cowley asked if Mr. Vetterli has had an opportunity to view Richetti, and I stated he has not. Mr. Cowley said that in conversation with Mr. Bruce Nathan last night he was informed that Mrs. West, the lady who was at the Union Station, positively identified Richetti as being one of the men at the massacre. She made this identification at the Grand Jury. I stated that the trouble with bringing Mr. Vetterli or Mrs. West to Wellsville is that we would be unable to secure a proper number of men to stand in line for the identification, because we could not depend on the Chief of Police at Wellsville making such an arrangement. I also pointed out that the evidence we have is evidence from a confidential source that we would not want to use publicly. Mr. Cowley stated that Mrs. West's identification is not confidential; that she so testified before the Grand Jury. She identified Richetti by photograph. I stated, however, that this would be the testimony of only one eye witness, and Mr. Vetterli might or might not be able to identify him. I stated that of course I want to look at the situation from its worst aspects. The strongest information we have against Richetti is from sources that we can't use, which means that if he is returned we might not be able to make a case against him on account of the fact that the best witness cannot be used; that is, in the murder and obstruction of justice charges. The best witness could not be used in either of these charges.

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I inquired as to what charges the Wellsville authorities hope to place against Richetti, and Mr. Cowley replied carrying concealed weapons and shooting at an officer. I inquired if Richetti actually shot or if Floyd did the shooting. Mr. Cowley said it is claimed that both of them shot. Mr. Cowley did not know what the maximum penalty would be for these two offenses. I remarked that this would leave the situation on approximately a fifty-fifty basis. If we gained custody of Richetti now and took him back to Kansas City, possibly obtain a sentence of ten years on the motor vehicle theft charge; and assuming that we would

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be unable to obtain convictions on the murder and obstruction charges; then we would be in an unfavorable position, and would no doubt be criticised by the Ohio authorities. This, of course, is the pessimistic viewpoint.

On the other hand, I stated that I feel we have a strong case; that I think we could convict for obstruction of justice and possibly for murder; that I furthermore feel it is quite undesirable to have to give up to the State authorities. Mr. Cowley said he had further discussed with the Assistant United States Attorney the matter of the law in this connection, and he is strongly convinced that if the State authorities don't want to turn over the prisoner, they cannot be compelled to do so. The local authorities have not given their final word, but they apparently are not going to release custody of Richetti. Mr. Cowley stated that he had not talked to Mr. Wideman within the last hour; however, he had just left the conference. I remarked that there has been some publicity here criticizing the Wellsville authorities, although I do not know how the Ohio papers have stood in this respect. I further stated that now, having done all we can do, the thing for us to do is to depart from the vicinity, making the statement that there is no use in wasting further time; that the local authorities would not surrender the prisoner to us, and that is all we can do. Mr. Cowley agreed with this. I asked him to call me after discussing the matter with Mr. Wideman.

I also asked Mr. Cowley what he had been able to accomplish in his effort to obtain possession of the machine gun. He said this matter has been discussed, but he feels confident they won't release the gun. Mr. Cowley again suggested that a subpoena duces tecum be issued on the Mayor and the Chief of Police. However, I asked if a subpoena duces tecum would take precedence over the State evidence, it appearing that the same law would apply in this instance that applies with reference to taking custody of the prisoner. However, we agreed that the attempt should be made.

Mr. Cowley advised that the local authorities had just issued a statement criticising Mr. Purvis quite severely, as well as the Division in general. Mr. Cowley said he had not read the article, the papers having just appeared on the street. He was of the opinion that the local authorities denied that they refused to let us see Richetti alone. Mr. Cowley stated that the only time we had been allowed to talk to Richetti alone was before they knew who he was. I told Mr. Cowley to get the details of this story and give them to me when he calls me back so that I could issue a statement here if necessary. Mr. Cowley also suggested that he would issue a statement before he leaves the vicinity.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Time: 1:00 P.M.

October 22, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

I telephoned Mr. Purvis at East Liverpool, Ohio, and inquired as to the progress of the search for Floyd. He stated Mr. Cowley had just gone to the station, and he had not heard from him. Mr. Purvis said that East Liverpool is about four miles from Wellsville. Mr. Cowley had been gone about 45 minutes, and Mr. Purvis said he was just getting ready to go out, having just received a good tip. I told him I had talked to the United States Attorney, who told me he would be glad to personally proceed to Wellsville, or at least send several of his men down, to handle the legal aspects of this matter.

Mr. Purvis said he had just received a call from one of his squads north of Liverpool, advising that Floyd was seen by a farmer and a Constable near Bell's Schoolhouse. I directed him to go out on this lead immediately, in spite of the fact that no one would be left at the phone.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

(Time: 5:12 p.m.)

Mr. Kidney, of the Scripps Howard newspapers, telephoned, regarding the shooting of "Pretty Boy" Floyd. I advised him that Floyd was reported to be mortally wounded, that he was wounded in a gun battle with our agents about eight miles north of East Liverpool, Ohio, and was being brought into there in an ambulance.

Mr. Kidney inquired as to who our No. 1 man was now, and I advised him that we had never designated any particular fugitiv as a No. 1 man; that we had left that to the newspapers; that we give them all the same considerate attention. I told Mr. Kidney that however we had been very anxious to get Floyd because he had kill of our men in the Kansas City Massacre; that we were now anxi prehend "Baby Face" Nelson because of his part in killing ar of our Agents.

Mr. Kidney inquired if I thought Floyd was individual as Dillinger was, and I replied that it was pretty to evaluate the badness of such men; that none of them would ha courage to fight unless they had a gun in their hands. I furth stated that, frankly, a lot of their alleged viciousness and b was a build-up that the press gave them; that however, they v bunch of vicious individuals who had to be exterminated, an our job.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director

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Time: 5:45 P.M.

October 22, 1934.

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[redacted] R. JAMM

I tel[redacted] Mr. Purvis at the Burgess Funeral Home, in East Liverpool, Ohio. [redacted] Floyd died at 4:25 P.M., that they had just finished taking his fi[redacted] that there is no question about his identity. As to the details of th[redacted] Purvis advised that he did not think Floyd fired any shots, that he had [redacted] two forty-five caliber automatic pistols in his pocket and [redacted] to examine them later, that they spotted Floyd behind a corn crib on the [redacted] of the barn, that he was getting into a car with two farmers who were going to take him to Youngstown, Ohio, (the farmers are going to be questioned to determine if they were aware of Floyd's identity), that as the car was backing from behind the corn crib he saw the agents. He made the farmer drive the car behind the corn crib, the agents got out quickly, Agent McKee having a machine gun, Agent Tompkin having the same and Agent Hall and Mr. Purvis having revolvers; the agents called upon Floyd to halt, and when he refused all [redacted] fired at him. He ran out of sight over a ridge and when the agents [redacted] ridge he was running down the incline on the other side, whereupon [redacted] at him again and he dropped. He was still struggling when he was [redacted] up but he died before he reached East Liverpool.

Instructed Mr. Purvis to get as many of the men back to their headquarters [redacted] possible, to [redacted] them out tonight.

[redacted] Mr. Purvis that I had ordered Mr. Freed to come down from Cleveland to get custody of Richetti, that I wanted to do this as soon as possible, that four or five agents should be left there to take Richetti away, but the rest should leave to avoid the publicity, that the motion pictures would be certain to be there. I told Mr. Purvis that I thought he should come in to Washington [redacted] stated that he did not want to face anything like he did before. I then told him that I thought he should go on into Chicago and lay low for a couple of days in the vicinity of Cincinnati, in order to pick up his belongings. I advised that he did not want to let the local authorities do too much talking, that he be certain everything was covered. Mr. Purvis advised that the Chief of Police at East Liverpool was Hugh A. McDermott, that Sheriff Long's first name is Ray. I advised Mr. Purvis that I had given out a statement to the Chief of Police at Wellsville today. Mr. Purvis advised that the local police and the Sheriff had been splendid in their cooperation, that is the Chief of Police at East Liverpool and Sheriff Long.

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[redacted] is advised that he had [redacted] his picture taken, that he had been receiving inquiries from newspapers, whereupon I instructed him to tell the newspapers statements would have to come from Washington. Mr. Purvis said that ~~he would as soon as he could~~ get a line on the developments with respect

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Time: 6:30 P.M.

October 23, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Mr. Cowley telephoned from East Liverpool, Ohio. He stated he had looked through the most recent editions of the papers issued in that vicinity, and the statement submitted by the local authorities - to which he referred in conversation earlier this afternoon - is not contained in any of the papers. He stated that the statement to which he referred was quite long, criticizing the Director and Mr. Purvis. It criticised Mr. Purvis for his attitude in trying to dominate and make demands, going under a false name, etc. I stated that of course he used a fictitious name in order to avoid publicity. The Director was criticised for making a statement to the effect that they had not cooperated. I stated that of course they had not cooperated. Mr. Cowley said he is trying to get in touch with a newspaper man in order to obtain a copy of the statement. I told him I would like for him to read it to me over the phone as soon as he can secure it. I stated I might want to make a statement, but I feel now that I probably will ignore it.

Mr. Cowley stated he had talked to the two Assistant United States Attorneys. They have been doing everything they possibly could, and are willing to do more. They say they could issue subpoenas for these men to appear before the Commissioner, which would only be a "bluff," and the chances are that if they were represented they wouldn't produce anyway. Mr. Cowley said he is inclined to the view that this latter step should not be taken. I agreed that this should not be done. I stated I would like to have a subpoena duces tecum issued for the machine gun, and then leave. Mr. Cowley said that the Assistant United States Attorneys are of the opinion that the machine gun is in the same status as the man; that it is a case of one sovereign demanding something of another soverign, both of which are equal. Mr. Cowley stated Mr. Wideman is inclined to my view, namely, that we have done everything possible, and we should now withdraw from the vicinity. I suggested that we might be criticised for not going before the Commissioner. However, Mr. Cowley did not believe there would be any ground for that criticism. I told Mr. Cowley that I feel the matter of what we want to do on the legal side should be left to the Assistant United States Attorneys; in other words, we appeared with the warrants and wanted the prisoner. I asked Mr. Freed to send his representatives down to take care of the legal rights, and it is up to them to do that. When they think they have done all they can do, either as to policy or as to the extent of their rights, that is all we can expect. I stated that I am perfectly satisfied and am very much pleased with Mr. Freed's actions in the matter.

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I told Mr. Cowley that the press will no doubt want to know what he intends to do, and he might state that we have done everything possible; that the request was made not only of the Chief for the custody of Richetti, but for the privilege of interviewing the man alone, which was declined; for evidence, particularly the machine gun, which was of particular value in connection with ballistics examinations for the Kansas City massacre, which was also declined.

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I further suggested that he might state, as I have stated here, that this action on the part of the authorities at Wellsville is so unlike actions in other parts of the country where law enforcement officers are interested in aiding, rather than thwarting, the final successful consummation of the investigation of important cases.

Mr. Cowley stated that he and the Sheriff will probably leave by plane tonight for Kansas City. The other Agents are also leaving - one returning to Cincinnati, and three to Pittsburgh.

Mr. Cowley then asked if I thought it would be practicable for him to come on into Washington since there is really no need for his returning to Kansas City. I told him that would be all right because there are several matters which we should discuss.

I instructed Mr. Cowley to send Sheriff Bash back to Kansas City at our expense. I asked him to express our appreciation to both Sheriff Bash and to Chief McDermott of East Liverpool. I inquired about Sheriff Ray Long, and Mr. Cowley stated Mr. Long had joined with the Wellsville authorities in criticising us.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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October 18, 1934.

WHDL:GAJ

Mr. W. A. Bailey,
Editor and Manager,
The Kansas City Kansan,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Bailey:

Mr. E. B. Nathan, Special Agent in Charge of the Kansas City office of this Division, has forwarded me a copy of the editorial entitled, "Another Credit to Federal Officers", appearing in your publication under date of October 11, 1934, relative to the apprehension of Richard T. Galatas in connection with the Union Station massacre.

I have read this editorial with keen interest and wish to take this opportunity of thanking you for your references to this Division, and of expressing my appreciation, and that of the Division, for these references.

I was particularly impressed by that portion of your editorial dealing with the necessity of close cooperation between the Federal and local authorities.

With my best wishes and kind regards, I beg to remain

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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FOR YOU AND YOUR CITY
Eighth Street and Armstrong Avenue

By Arthur Capper

W. A. BAILEY, Editor and Manager

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Oct. 11, 1934

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The public has come to have that much confidence in its federal department of justice, and by the same token the underworld is in fear of the federal officers. It is well that the federal arm of the law has thus joined with state and local agencies which traditionally have been held responsible for keeping order and apprehending criminals. In the complex modern day of machine guns and swift motor cars that laugh at state and local boundaries every resource of social protection must be had, from federal government to village constable.

WHH:GAJ October 18, 1934.

Mr. Henry J. Haskell,
Editor,
The Kansas City Times,
Kansas City, Missouri.
Dear Mr. Haskell:

I have just received and read with interest a copy of the editorial entitled, "The Law Makes a Fine Job of It", appearing in your publication under date of October 11, 1934.

Permit me to take this opportunity of thanking you for your kind references to the activities of this Division in connection with recent developments in the Kansas City Massacre, and of expressing my appreciation, and that of the Division, for these references.

Your point to the effect that close cooperation between Federal and local authorities is necessary in this type of crime was particularly well taken.

With my best wishes and kind regards, I beg to remain

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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THE KANSAS CITY TIMES, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1934.

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WHDL:GAJ

October 18, 1954.

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

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Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

EAT:AEK October 22, 1934 11:15 AM

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ~~DIRECTOR~~

Mr. Waters telephoned and advised that a report had been received from the Chief of Police at Tatamy, Pennsylvania, that a man by the name of Brytzer about a half hour ago saw a man who he identified as Floyd in a Ford Coupe with Illinois tags, the first three numbers of which are 619; that he says he had a rifle along side of him in the car and was travelling on highway 422 toward Indiana, Pennsylvania. He stated that he was going to call the State Highway Patrol, give them this information and advise them where the information originated. I told him to do this by all means.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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October 22, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Time: 4:45 P.M.

Mr. Bledsoe, of the Associated Press, telephoned regarding the shooting of Floyd. I advised him that we had had a gun battle with him and that we have ordered an ambulance out to the place of the shooting to bring him into East Liverpool.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Mr. Nathan	
Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Baughman	
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Mr. Coffey	
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Time: 10:26 A.M.

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October 23, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Mr. Cowley telephoned from East Liverpool, Ohio. I asked him what has been done in that section toward checking up on anybody who may have helped Floyd. He said they haven't made any progress; that when these fugitives were first located they were camping in the woods, and Floyd has been several places since, but only for something to eat, and then proceeded on his way. I told him I wanted this thoroughly cleared up.

I also inquired about the guns that were in Floyd's possession. Mr. Cowley said that the Wellsville police have them. However, I explained that I had in mind the guns which were in Floyd's possession when he was killed, and Mr. Cowley said he assumed Mr. Purvis took them with him. I told him to get in touch with Mr. Purvis and see that those guns are forwarded to Washington because we want to compare them, and also want to keep them here. The Wellsville police have the guns which were taken from Richetti. I stated that we should obtain custody of them immediately, and instructed Mr. Cowley to see that they are turned over to us. I pointed out that the machine gun may be an important piece of evidence. Mr. Cowley said his idea was that it would probably be a better procedure to have the United States Attorney at Kansas City issue a subpoena duces tecum for the guns, and when he gets them, have the Grand Jury take action. I explained that I want those guns here for ballistics examination; that I am almost as much interested in that as in gaining custody of Richetti. Mr. Cowley said he would do everything possible in this connection; that there is one sub-machine gun and one .45 automatic revolver in the possession of the Wellsville police. I stated that is highly important, and if the Chief of Police won't surrender them, he should have the United States Attorney issue a writ to gain custody of them; that they are evidence needed in a Government case. Mr. Cowley asked if I thought it would be all right to have the subpoena issued from Kansas City. I stated the objection to that is that the guns would have to be shipped to Kansas City, which would delay their arrival in Washington that much; furthermore, I do not want that alleged police expert in Kansas City to interfere, and if the guns are sent to Kansas City, he probably will.

I told Mr. Cowley I felt he should make a vigorous statement to the newspapers relative to the outrageous attitude of the Mayor, the Chief of Police and the Prosecutor; that I don't think public opinion will stand for their thwarting our investigation. Mr. Cowley stated they are so insignificant to be given any attention, and it is a situation in which any publicity, even adverse, is more than they have ever had before, and would probably welcome it.

I told Mr. Cowley that I felt he should gain possession of the guns, even if he might have to use force; that they are needed in our case, and the machine gun was not used in any shooting fray with the Chief. Mr. Cowley remarked that he thought the Chief was "sore" last night when he learned that Floyd had not been wounded by his men. I stated it is more important to obtain the machine gun

Mr. Nathan
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Mr. Clegg
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Chief C[illegible]
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than the automatic. Mr. Cowley stated there is a possibility that the local authorities will keep Richetti; that the United States Attorney's office, represented by Mr. Wideman - a wide-awake young man - is doing everything possible; but if the local authorities file charges, Mr. Cowley thinks we will just have to wait. Mr. Cowley felt that we could not compel them to turn the prisoner over if they file charges, because they already have him in their custody. However, I advised Mr. Cowley that the Federal Court has precedence over a State charge. Mr. Cowley said that Mr. Wideman did not believe this to be a fact, but I told him Mr. Wideman is evidently not well acquainted with the law. Mr. Cowley asked if I recalled a similar situation which arose in Baltimore. I told him I recalled that, but in that case we weren't particularly pressing for custody, and as a matter of fact, the prisoner in this instance was wanted by the authorities in Chicago rather than by the Federal Government. Mr. Cowley thought that the Postal authorities had put up a fight for custody but lost out. I instructed Mr. Cowley to take this matter up with the United States Attorney, and I would have somebody at Washington make a check on the law in this connection.

I called Mr. Cowley's attention to the fact that the jail at Lisbon has been condemned by the Federal Government, and the Bellsville jail is not even rated, which would seem to indicate that it is even worse than the Lisbon jail. Mr. Cowley expressed the belief that Richetti could probably escape, although there has been no opportunity so far, since there have been no less than a hundred people standing around.

I asked Mr. Cowley to call me after the conference at 11:00 o'clock.

Mr. Cowley stated he had misinformed me this morning, and that the mother of Floyd claimed the body rather than the wife.

I again told Mr. Cowley to get the machine gun, even if the local authorities keep Richetti.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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October 25, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

In response to Mr. Busby's request of October 15, 1934, there are transmitted herewith two copies each of a photograph and abstract of criminal record of Michael Jarvis, Identification Unit file #12795, and two copies of a transcript of the criminal record of Morris Davis, Identification Unit #494300.

Respectfully,

L. C. Schilder.

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MEMORANDUM FOR UNIT FOUR,
EQUIPMENT SECTION.

Transmitted herewith is a memorandum containing data for Apprehension Order #322 on CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases, Identification Order #1194.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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IDENTIFICATION ORDER No. 1194 June 22, 1933

UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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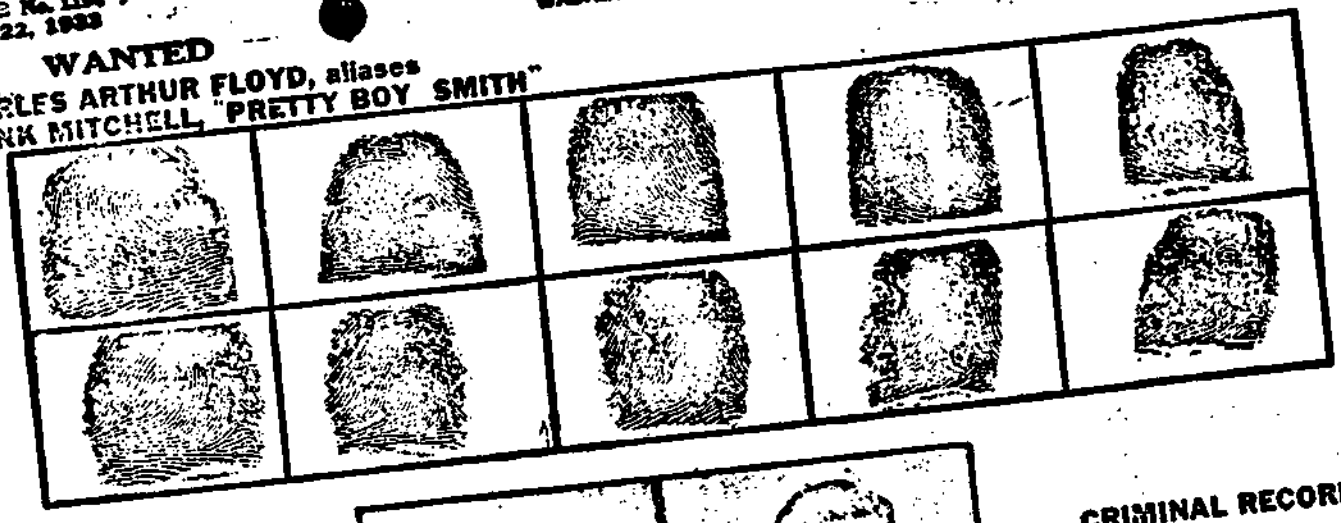
CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, aliases FRANK MITCHELL, "PRETTY BOY" SMITH



Charles Arthur Floyd

DESCRIPTION

Age, 26 years
Height, 5 feet, 8½ inches
Weight, 155 pounds
Hair, dark
Eyes, gray
Complexion, medium
Nationality, American
Scars and marks, 1 vac. cic.
1 tattoo (Nurse in Rose)

CRIMINAL RECORD

As Charles Arthur Floyd, No. 22318, arrested police department, St. Louis, Missouri, September 16, 1925; charge, highway robbery.
As Charles Floyd, No. 2907F, received S.P., Jefferson City, Missouri, December 16, 1925, from St. Louis; crime, robbery, first degree; sentence, 5 years.
As Charles A. Floyd, No. 16950, arrested police department, Kansas City, Missouri, March 9, 1929; charge, investigation.
As Charles Floyd, No. 9999, arrested police department, Kansas City, Kansas, May 6, 1929; charge, vagrancy and suspicion - highway robbery; released May 7, 1929.
As Charles Floyd, No. 887, arrested police department, Pueblo, Colorado, May 9, 1929; charge, vagrancy; fined $50 or sentenced to serve 60 days in jail.
As Frank Mitchell, No. 19989, arrested police department, Akron, Ohio, March 8, 1930; charge, investigation.
As Charles Arthur Floyd, No. 21458, arrested police department, Toledo, Ohio, May 20, 1930; charge, suspicion.
As Charles Arthur Floyd, sentenced November 24, 1930, to serve from 12 to 15 years in Ohio State Penitentiary (bank robbery, Sylvania, Ohio); escaped enroute to penitentiary.

Charles Arthur Floyd is wanted in connection with the murder of Otto Reed, Chief of Police of McAlester, Oklahoma, William J. Grooms and Frank E. Hermanson, police officers of Kansas City, Missouri, Raymond J. Caffrey, Special Agent of the United States Bureau of Investigation, and their prisoner, Frank Nash, at Kansas City, Missouri, on June 17, 1933.

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

If apprehended, please notify Special Agent in Charge, United States Bureau of Investigation, 905 Federal Reserve Bank Building, Kansas City, Missouri, and the Director, United States Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

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Issued by: J. Edgar Hoover, Director

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

October 25, 1934

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APPREHENSION ORDER
No. 1194-522

Dear Sir:

In re: CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, aliases:
FRANK MITCHELL, "PRETTY BOY SMITH" -
Subject of I. O. No. 1194.

Identification Order No. 1194 on the above named subject is hereby cancelled, inasmuch as he was killed near Clarkson, Ohio, on October 22, 1934.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,

Director.

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Department of Justice

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

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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.

Transmitted herewith is a letter received from Special Agent Fallon under the name of Jim Foster, addressed to me as Dave Brant at my residence address from the Hotel Baltimore in Kansas City, Missouri.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRAMLEY,
Special Agent in Charge

cc Kansas City
Chicago

Encl.

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KANSAS CITY, MO.

Oct 6. 1934.

Dear D!

Nothing new as yet. I am of the opinion this Majestic is wash up. frankly it is as quiet as a grove yard. The owner (name in K.C. files) is broke and as states living at the above hotel. The hotel itself is under the managmen of a fellow called (Happy)

They inform me the Red Hats are hanging out in apts near 31 and Troost Ave and a party named Wall who lives on the South side occupation a contractor is a mob leader.

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Hotel Baltimore

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I have made contact in nearly every club in the city which in number are many. The best place to wash any hot money would be on the 6th floor Sexton hotel where a game called Chem De fere is playid. The bank averages $500. a play but one handicap would be wh they buy chips which are from 5 to 20 a 50 apiece

Lots of luck

J.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE [redacted]

Agent Hollis, East Liverpool, Ohio, telephoned and stated that he had just received a report from Mr. Purvis, at East Liverpool, to the effect that a farmer in that vicinity positively identified the photograph of Floyd as being the man who stopped at his place today about 1:00. After the farmer had given the man something to eat, he left on foot. Mr. Hollis stated that all agents had been concentrated in that section looking for Floyd; that Mr. Purvis had called the Youngstown, Ohio police department and they had sent out all available men to block the roads, and to search all the back roads, and the East Liverpool police are sending out some men to aid in the search also. Mr. Purvis advised Mr. Hollis that the farmer who positively identified Floyd did not state whether he was injured or otherwise.

Mr. Hollis stated that Mr. Vincent Crowley had returned to the police department at Wellsville, Ohio in accordance with the request of the Mayor there; that he and other agents were over at the police department about 12:00 o'clock, and were told to return in two hours and they would then give us a final decision as to whether or not they would release Richetti. He stated that Mr. Crowley had talked with the Director relative to this situation.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ~~DIRECTOR.~~

On October 23, 1934, Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley advised telephonically that Agent Hanson called him at 12:40 from Tulsa, informing he had learned on even date that one Dr. Thomas A. Shepard, residing at the Mincks Hotel, is friendly with George Stewart, a former member of the Tulsa Police Department, and that recently Stewart burned his hand, had it treated by Dr. Shepard, and in this way they had become friendly. Dr. Shepard told Stewart that he had treated certain outlaws and had become acquainted with Floyd two or three years ago when Floyd was living in Tulsa, and that he had treated Floyd's son. Agent Hanson interviewed Dr. Shepard who stated that after the massacre at Kansas City, Floyd sent for him and he (Dr. Shepard) went to Kansas City by plane and treated Floyd; that he was wounded in the hip and had quite a serious time. Dr. Shepard told Agent Hanson that Floyd was taken care of in Kansas City by some red-haired woman.

Dr. Shepard further stated that following the newspaper accounts that Floyd was seen in Iowa two or three weeks ago, a brother of Floyd came to Tulsa and he talked with him about three hours, at which time he learned that it was not Floyd who was seen in Iowa. Although Dr. Shepard liked Floyd personally, he stated he would cooperate with the Division due to the fact that he felt Floyd had gone too far. He also expressed the opinion that Floyd would come to him for treatment in the event he was wounded and escaped from the Ohio territory, and promised cooperation with the Division. Dr. Shepard is about sixty years of age, has an office in the Ritz Building, telephone - 2-8314. Due to the fact that Dr. Shepard does not bear a good reputation, it was suggested that his telephone be tapped immediately due to the fact that he may not live up to his promise to cooperate.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:
Cincinnati, Ohio	10-23-34	10-16-21-34	H. D. Harris C.E.

TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (Deceased); RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS with aliases-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: Additional investigation at Dillonvale, Ohio made in effort to locate Richetti. On October 21, Sheriff Ray Long, Steubenville, Ohio advised the Cincinnati Office that Subject Richetti in custody at Wellsville, Ohio and Subject Floyd thought to be in vicinity of Wellsville.

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REFERENCE: Letter from the Chicago Office dated 10-18-34

DETAILS: AT DILLONVALE, OHIO.

The following investigation was made by Special Agent A. C. Russell:

Agent accompanied by Sheriff Ray Long, of Steubenville, Ohio, again contacted mail carrier Vincent Dalzell, Dillonvale, Ohio who advised that he had not secured any additional information since he was last interviewed by Special Agent Chapmon Fletcher. He advised, however, that he would keep a very close check on this matter and would notify Sheriff Long if he received any information of value.

DETAILS

Mr. James J. Zerla, Postmaster, Dillonvale, was interviewed and advised that the mail cover on the family of Richetti had expired. Agent advised him that he was intending to have another cover placed and he stated that he would again begin watching the mail and would send tracings to the Cincinnati Office. He gave agent a tracing of a letter addressed to Mrs. Ralph Dematte, route #1, box #122, Dillonvale, Ohio, with return address Lehigh, Okla., box #163, and postmarked Lehigh, Okla., 9-17-34. Mr. Zerla and Mr. Dalzell both advised they had been

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: E. J. Connelley SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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unable to secure the present address of Julia Tul or Tyl. However, they advised they would continue in their efforts and if they received her present address they would immediately notify the Cincinnati Office.

Mr. H. S. Brown, clerk, Hanna Coal Company, Camp #1, and Mr. Turner Mills, clerk, the same coal company, were interviewed and advised they were sure that neither Richetti nor Floyd had been visiting in that vicinity. These parties further advised that Ralph Dematte, who is a half-brother of Richetti, had recently moved to this camp from Colgate, Oklahoma, where he had been working for the Canteen Coal Company. They stated that Dematte came here on 8-8-34 and was living in house #59, and was driving a car with Oklahoma license plates on it. They both stated that neither Richetti nor Floyd had been visiting Dematte. These parties stated that they would keep this matter in mind and immediately report any developments to Sheriff Long. The photograph of Richetti was exhibited to all persons interviewed but none of them knew him. However, they stated that he showed a family resemblance to Dave Richetti.

Sheriff Long stated that he would keep in close contact with the persons interviewed and immediately report any information to the Cincinnati Division Office. Sheriff Long further advised that he was keeping as close a watch as possible in the vicinity of Dillonvale, Ohio and that from the photograph of Richetti he believed he would recognize him because of the resemblance to other members of the family, whom he knows.

On the night of October 30, 1934, a telegram was received from Sheriff Long reading as follows:

"RECEIVED CALL THAT OKLAHOMA LICENSE NUMBER FOUR NAUGHT TWO NINE SEVEN FIVE IN DILLONVALE OHIO HAVE NOT HAD TIME TO CHECK ANY INFORMATION ON THIS PLEASE WIRE ME"

A wire was immediately sent to the Oklahoma City Office requesting a check on this license plate and return wire indicated that it had been issued to Ralph Dematte of Lehigh, Oklahoma, a half-brother of Richetti.

Special Agents N. B. Klein and J. R. O'Hair, proceeded to Steubenville, Ohio on October 21, 1934 for the purpose of contacting Sheriff Long and making investigation to ascertain if Subjects Richetti or Floyd might have arrived at Dillonvale, Ohio in this automobile. Prior to their arrival in Steubenville, Ohio, Sheriff Long called the Cincinnati Office from Wellsville, Ohio advising that he had just identified a man in the custody of the Chief of Police there as Adam Richetti and that Richetti had then admitted his identity, and that he furthermore believed that Subject Floyd had been with Richetti in the vicinity of Wellsville, Ohio, although Richetti would not admit this, that the Chief of Police at Wellsville, Ohio had engaged in a gun fight

with Richetti and another individual and it is believed he had shot the other individual through the stomach and that a posse was being organized to search for this individual.

The above information was reported immediately to the Division, and to Special Agent in Charge, Purvis, of the Chicago Office who was then in Cincinnati, Ohio.

- PENDING -

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

October 11, 1934.

HHH JH
#62-785

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
P. O. Box #2118,
Detroit, Mich.

Re: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (deceased)
CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD with aliases - FUGITIVE,
I. O. #1194; BERNARD PHILLIPS with aliases,
I. O. #1196, ET AL;
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from the Kansas City Office, under date of September 17, 1934, indicating the possibility of one Moe Davis being a contact at Cleveland, Ohio for various underworld characters, and particularly for Phillip Lascuola and James Bove alias James Civella.

I wish to advise that in connection with under-cover investigation concerning this matter at Cincinnati, Ohio, informant [redacted] on October 10, 1934 advised that he was informed by a friend at the Arrowhead Inn near Cincinnati that the "big boss" was expected to visit the Arrowhead Inn from Cleveland, and [redacted] thought that this might mean a visit was expected from Lascuola. He consequently was at the Arrowhead Inn on the night of October 10th, at which time the individual referred to as the "big boss" appeared, and [redacted] advised that he was not either Lascuola or Civella and he consequently had no further interest in this individual. He advised, however, that the name of this individual was Moe Davis and that he spent practically all of his time at the Arrowhead Inn with Sammy Schraeder, who recently returned from a visit to Cleveland and Detroit.

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Letter from the Detroit Office under date of September 28, 1934 indicated that a photograph of Moe Davis was being requested from the Akron, Ohio Police Department. If this has been secured, it is suggested that a copy be furnished to the Cincinnati Office in order that it may be ascertained whether it was the same individual who visited the Arrowhead Inn.

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It is also possible that this Abe Davis may be connected with the gambling establishment located at 1215 Prospect Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, mentioned in letter from this office dated October 6, 1934, inasmuch as there is apparently a connection between this establishment and the Arrowhead Inn.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

OC-Division
Kansas City
Chicago

[illegible] Post Office Building
New Orleans, La.
October 19, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: H. Harris, with aliases, et al,
John L. Horn, Victim.
Kidnaping.

The following photographs are being returned herewith, in accordance with request contained in your letter dated July 16, 1934:

Mathew O. Wilkenson
Patrick Baker
Norman Rasbury
Elliott Wilkerson
Frank M. Faircloth
H. R. Baxley
E. T. Gray
Leila Craig
John Gray
Frank Howard Snyder
Ernest Lee White
Robert Lewis Clayton
Dallas Batwood
Fletcher Craig
Sam Goulson
Whitner A. Wilhelm
Ben Fuller

The photograph of Eddie Connors, which was transmitted with the aforementioned letter, is being retained by the New Orleans office to be used in connection with investigation being conducted in the case entitled Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd, with aliases, Fugitive, I. O. 1194, et al, Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Very truly yours,

D. M. Magee,
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Division

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

October 21, 1934

D. M. Ladd,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
832 Postoffice Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

RADIO AGENT FORTENBERRY AND COMPANION ARRIVED ON SCHEDULE EXPECT FORTENBERRY REMAIN APPROXIMATELY TWO DAYS.

NATHAN

cc Division

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Department of Justice

P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
October 10, 1934

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

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

Dear Sir:

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

Transmitted herewith is a letter received from Special Agent Fallon under the name of Jim Foster, addressed to me as Dave Brant at my residence address, from the Hotel Baltimore in Kansas City, Missouri.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge

cc Kansas City
Chicago

Encl.

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Hotel Baltimore

KANSAS CITY, MO.

Oct 8, 1934

Dear D:

Giving you a resume of the week end in the Hotel

The last registration took place. Oct 5, the same being Mr & Mrs Beasley Joplin Mo Room #4 The hotel is being managed by Maragaret Black a prostitute and she has about 5 pimps and cohorts around her. I am safe to say they are about ten people occupying rooms I have converse with a lot of them and they inform me the manager is in fenicial difficulties and in dire need. the same being

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forever this date as she had to close the booking (one house) as she did not $3.60 to pay for the racing sheet. This hotel has changed hands five times the last year and is in a terrible state now. Chester the clerk and I are friendly; he informs he has not received any salary for the past month and works at least 13 hrs per day also the hotel has not paid in the last year. It turned a little chilly one night and I had to borrow a blanket from the night clerk, as you are aware it is only a 2½ story affair

Hotel Baltimore

KANSAS CITY, MO.

No one of importance has put in appearance at any of th gambling places as yet.

Lots of luck

Jim

El Paso, Texas.
October 21, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE.

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

This Agent while in Roswell, N.M., recently, interviewed Sam McCue, Deputy Sheriff of Chaves County, N.M. Mr. McCue stated that he had learned through a confidential informant that subject Floyd had furnished money for the purchase of a hangout near Duran, N.M.; and that the property was purchased in the name of some friend of Floyd; but he did not know the name of the friend; that the place was bought in the early winter of 1933.

Mr. McCue stated that his informant told him that the place could be located by going three miles east of Duran, N.M., then turning south five or six miles, coming to a windmill, then three quarters of a mile to the southwest, coming to a log house on the edge of the timber, that being the house; that his informant was guessing at the distance but thought that to be about correct, stating that his informant was reliable and he believed this to be a good tip. Mr. McCue stated that he would be glad to inform the El Paso Division Office of any further information in the matter and co-operate in the capture of this individual.

This Agent and Agent Geraghty proceeded to Duran, N.M., by automobile, with a view of locating the hangout if possible and making the best possible map of the country and roads leading to the hangout in order that Agents would have no trouble locating the place in case a report that subject was seen or heard of in that part of the country.

Agents had some trouble locating the exact place as the country is rough and mountainous, covered with scrub cedar and pines, there being some three windmills near the location. Agents made notes of the roads, fences, gates, houses, and the lay of the country in order that a map might be made giving the lay of the land that it might be penetrated without disturbing the occupants if possible. The map and plat, which was drawn by Agent Geraghty, is believed by him and this Agent to give a complete diagram of the roads and the country which can be readily located by persons using the map.

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The location is practically the same as that stated by McCue, it being three quarters of a mile to the southwest of the windmill and the distance only varies in a small way. The house sits on the edge of the timbers, as stated, located in the head of a canyon that runs to the northeast. The windmill is just about six miles from Duran. The map referred to is being retained in the file on this case in the El Paso Office for future reference.

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Agents drove past the house which is believed to be the hangout and which is visible for only a short distance from the road. There is also a log house which apparently was used as a dwelling at one time and is now probably a barn which possibly contains a still for making liquor. There is also a log garage, the east side of the clearing being open. The dwelling is made of native lumber and seems to be a three or four room house; several large pine trees are in the yard and a farm lays to the north which is not cultivated this year. There is a wire gate to the south and west of the house and a very sandy road that completely circles the place and farm, entering from the north road, following the farm fence, passing around the houses and corrals and leading down the canyon to the northeast to the above mentioned windmill about three quarters of a mile from the house. The hangout is well protected from the west, south and east by a small ridge covered with scrub cedar and pine, the only opening being to the north which is the farm, and automobiles or persons entering from that direction can be seen from the hangout for a long ways.

The individual now located on this place is a Mr. Mathews, initials not known. Mathews also owns a goat ranch which is located about one mile to the west and which he is supposed to have purchased last winter from a man by the name of Henry Mook. The goat ranch is completely surrounded by scrub cedar and pinon brush. Agents partly surrounded the place afoot, keeping out of sight, trying to ascertain the means by which this place could be entered without being seen. It was determined that there are only two roads entering the premises which are an old road leading from a windmill coming from the northeast about one mile, winding through the cedars, and a road coming from the southwest, possibly from Duran, N.M. The house is a large one, built of gray sheet iron, with small cupola on top. The stove pipe is on the east side of the house and extends several feet above the roof. There are a new wind mill and new sheet iron tank to the north and west of the house.

Agents passed the log house, which is supposed to be the hangout, from the north and west, circling the place to the east, and just when nearing the place a shot from a .22 calibre rifle was heard. At first no one could be seen; but later a woman was discovered standing behind a large pine tree. This Agent opened a gate on the road and drove around to the east of the buildings. The lady came out from cover and this Agent attempted to interview her. She was very inquisitive and rather hard boiled and wanted to know where we were bound and for whom we were looking. Agent advised her that we were off our road and wanted to go to a ranch down below. She wanted to know the name of the ranch to which we were bound.

It is the belief of Agents that the lady was attempting to protect a still that is being operated on the place and intended to refuse to let us enter the premises if we attempted to do so, which we did not do.

About one and one half miles below the supposed hangout, Agents came

upon a newly settled place which has a lumber house with wind mill and several new 'dobies for building a new house. The individual on this property was interviewed by this Agent and stated his name is Henry Mock. Agent introduced himself as Mr.Jones, a Special Agent of the Interior Department, stating to Mr.Mock that the Department had had many complaints from that part of the country regarding settlers proving up on land without complying with the law through not living on the land the required length of time and not putting the required amount of improvements on the land. This seemed to have been a good pretext as Mr.Mock stated that there were several claims that had been proved up without any improvements being made and gave the names of several Mexicans who violated the law in that respect. He stated that he had just recently been called as a witness to Albuquerque by the Government in one of those cases and he would gladly assist Agent in any way possible.

Agent made inquiry as to the names of persons who resided up the canyon (the supposed hangout). Mr. Mock stated that the man's name was Matthews and he believed he was from Brownwood, Texas. Inquiry was also made as to the name of the owner of the goat ranch. He stated the ranch belonged to Matthews, stating that he sold the goat ranch to Matthews last winter and settled on the place on which he is now living; but did not state what he got for the goat ranch. Mr.Mock advised that he formerly was from Clayton, N.M., and seemed to know a number of people with whom Agent is acquainted. He stated that Tom Gillespie, the Sheriff of Union County, was a friend of his. Mr.Mock is a clean looking chap and might later be of value to the Government as an informant if properly approached.

After Agents' return to El Paso, a conference was had with Special Agent in Charge Colvin and it was decided to check up the record of Henry Mock at Clayton, N.M., through Sheriff Gillespie and ascertain his record as to honesty and integrity and if he is found reliable, he might, if thought advisable, be approached relative to subject coming to the hangout in which possibility he would be asked to notify the Division Office, as it is believed the place located is the place mentioned by Deputy Sheriff Sam McCue as the suspected hangout of subject Floyd when in New Mexico.

J.A.Street,
Special Agent.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

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November 2, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Baughman
Chief Clerk
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Cowley
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Keith
Mr. Lester
Mr. Quinn
Tracy

With respect to the proposed letters to Chief of Police Hugh J. McDermott of East Liverpool, Ohio, and Sheriff Ray Long of Steubenville, Ohio, thanking them for their cooperation in the Floyd matter, please be advised that I communicated with Mr. Cowley and Mr. Purvis with the following results:

Mr. Cowley states that Sheriff Long was not cooperative insofar as he, Cowley, was concerned. He states that Long told Purvis he would help the Federal Government in securing custody of Richetti but that he joined with other officials at Wellsville, Ohio, in a statement to the press that the Chief at Wellsville had been cooperative and it was evident from his actions that he did not desire particularly to help the Division.

With regard to McDermott, Cowley states that Purvis and his men were out looking for Floyd and ran into police officers with McDermott who were on the same lead which came from another source and that McDermott did not furnish information from his informant to the Division. He states that McDermott, so far as he knows, did not do anything particular to merit commendation but only what any officer would do under the circumstances. Mr. Cowley stated he felt that the four officers who assisted in Floyd's apprehension and death as well as the informant might be given $250 each for their help. I asked Mr. Cowley why he recommended against a letter of commendation and recommended compensation. He stated he thought it might help us in the law-enforcement field to pay them although we were not willing to write a letter commending them for their efforts.

Mr. Purvis states he does not know whether McDermott came at his solicitation or just happened to be on the scene in connection with another lead. He states that McDermott was very cooperative during the chase. Mr. Purvis indicated that he did not know whether it would be good policy to write a letter to either Long or McDermitt. He stated he rather was inclined to agree with Mr. Cowley that we ought to pay the informant and the officers $250 each.

I have talked with Mr. Tamm about a report submitted by Special Agent McKee dated October 26th, with respect to this matter. He pointed out, with regard to the informant [redacted] that the squad of Agents while patrolling the territory north of East Liverpool on October 22nd, interviewed [redacted] and that [redacted] immediately identified a photograph of Floyd as the likeness of a man who had been furnished food [redacted] at about 12:30 P. M., on the same date. Mr. Tamm was of the opinion that from this information [redacted] could not be termed an informant and would not be entitled to any reward.

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In view of the foregoing, I recommend against any reward or letters of commendation in this case.

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Respectfully,

Clyde Tolson.

I agree. I can't quite understand Cowley or Purvis wanting us to pay something but write nothing. J. E. H.

TOLSON TAMM FOL

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box #766
Cincinnati, Ohio.

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October 23, 1934.

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

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

Dear Sir:

In connection with the apprehension of Subject ADAM RICHETTI and the subsequent killing of Subject FLOYD in the above entitled matter, it is believed that the Division should be advised of the action of Sheriff Ray Long, Steubenville, Ohio, in this matter, who first identified RICHETTI and who telephoned the information as to his apprehension to the Cincinnati Office at his own expense and much against the wishes of the Chief of Police at Wellsville, Ohio.

Sheriff Long, has cooperated with the Cincinnati Office on a number of occasions in connection with this case and he has also cooperated on a great many other occasions and it is believed that he would appreciate a letter from the Division thanking him for his cooperation.

Very truly yours,

E. J. Connelley

E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
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I telephoned Mr. Brantley and advised him that it would not be necessary to place the telephone tap on that Doctor's telephone as Floyd had been apprehended.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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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:

On 10-11-34, Deputy Sheriff William Owens, Cresco, Iowa, and State Agent Albert G. Haight, Des Moines, Iowa, while investigating two strangers at the Elmer Bosteter farm, McIntire, Iowa, one of whom was believed to be Charles Arthur Floyd, I.O. #1194, were fired upon, and three man escaped in a Ford V-8 sedan. One of the men who escaped was Lee Bosteter, and the other two were known as Eddie Bennett and Francis Gould. The persons who came in contact with Bennett, upon being shown several photographs of Floyd, advised the likeness of the latter bore no resemblance to Bennett.

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DETAILS:

The St. Paul Police Department notified the St. Paul Division Office that information had been received that Charles Arthur (Pretty Boy) Floyd, I.O. #1194, had fired on officers near McIntire, Iowa on 10-11-34, and escaped in company with two other men. This information was telephonically communicated by SAC D. M. Ladd to SAC Werner Hanni of the Omaha Division office, who dispatched Special Agents J. H. Kenney and J. L. Flood to Cresco, Iowa, where the aforementioned Agents were met by Special Agents J. H. Rice and C. O. Lawrence of the St. Paul Office. The following investigation was conducted by the above named Agents and Deputy Sheriff William Owens, Cresco, Iowa and Albert G. Haight, State Bureau of Investigation, State Capitol Building, Des Moines, Iowa.

Deputy Sheriff Owens, County Court House Building, Cresco, advised that on 9-28-34, he went to the farm of Fred Weber, 1½ miles northwest of Bonair, Iowa, to serve eviction papers and while talking to Mr. Weber, he noticed a man peeking around a corner of the outside of the house, whose actions seemed suspicious. Mr. Weber married Mrs. Gladys Weber, who is a daughter of

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: Werner Hanni SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bosteter, who reside on a farm located 1½ miles south of McIntire, Iowa. The Bosteters have a large family, all whom bear shady reputations. A son Clifford Bosteter, is now confined in the State Penitentiary at Stillwater, Minnesota. Another son, Lee Bosteter, 25 years of age, a daughter, Venola Bosteter, 15 years of age, and several small children of school age reside on the Bosteter farm. Mr. Owens advised that he made a number of inquiries in the neighborhood where the Bosteter and Weber farms are located, to learn the identity of the stranger he saw at Weber's and was advised by Simmon Osenga, Lime Springs, Iowa, that he had heard it rumored this individual was Charles Arthur (Pretty Boy) Floyd; that upon receipt of this information, he communicated with Park Findley, in charge of the State Bureau of Investigation, State Capitol Building, Des Moines, Iowa, who sent State Agent Albert G. Haight to Cresco on 10-5-34. Mr. Owens advised that he and Mr. Haight kept the Bosteter and Weber farms under surveillance, and found that a 1934 Model Ford V-8 sedan, bearing Iowa 1934 license tags #41-875, was frequently parked in the rear of the Bosteter home. Mr. Owens checked these tags at the State Highway Department and found that same had been issued to Welda L. Holten, Britt, Iowa, for a Buick sedan. Messrs. Owens and Haight thought it advisable to interview the stranger and around 3:30 P.M. on 10-11-34, drove to the Bosteter farm and as they stopped their car in the rear of the house, the stranger, thought to be Floyd, whose name it was later learned is Eddie Bennett, ran out of the house, jumped into the Ford Sedan, and driving east, motioned to Lee Bosteter and one Francis Gould, who were working in the field a short distance from the house to get into the car. Messrs. Owens and Haight turned their car around and gave chase, running the occupants in the Ford Sedan to a point 2 miles east, leading into a blind road to a farm. The occupants in the Ford sedan stopped their car in a farmer's yard, then turned it around so they could make an exit, in the same direction they came in by. The officers stopped their car about 100 yards from the Ford Sedan, and the occupants of both cars left them, and a gun battle ensued. Mr. Owens had a .45 caliber automatic pistol, and Mr. Haight carried a rifle which holds five shots. The officers observed Lee Bosteter walk to a turn in the road, kneel down and fire 15 to 20 shots, in the direction of the officers. The officers ran for cover and the three individuals jumped into the Ford sedan, drove out of the blind road and fired at the officers as they passed them. Mr. Owens was rather certain one of the men had a machine gun, which was fired out of the automobile. Mr. Haight shares this opinion. The Ford Sedan was driven in the direction of the State line, possibly into the State of Minnesota. Mr. Haight notified the St. Paul Police Department to be on the lookout for a Ford V-8 sedan, bearing Iowa license plates #41-875. The officers were unharmed, and it is not believed the occupants in the Ford sedan were hit by any bullets. Messrs. Haight and Owens both expressed the opinion that the man known as Eddie Bennett is Floyd.

The spot where the gun battle took place was searched and six .351 caliber Western Shells were located. Mr. Haight retained three of them. The other three will be forwarded to the Division for examination by the Laboratory. Mr. Haight advised that these shells were used in an automatic rifle. The road on the location where the gun battle took place was examined for tire treads, but

but no tracks could be found because the road is bedded with a crust of light sand. Mr. Owens and Haight advised that they had decided to bring the Bosteters and Webers to the Sheriff's office for questioning, and possibly confine them in jail, on an investigation charge. However, after the members of these two families were questioned, they were allowed to return to their respective homes.

The officers accompanied by the Special Agents of the Division mentioned herein, drove to the Bosteter home. The room occupied by Lee Bosteter, with whom Francis Gould stayed, was searched for latent fingerprints, but none were found, and neither individual left any personal effects. It was learned that Eddie Bennett had also shared the room of Lee Bosteter and part of the time stayed at Webers home. Mr. and Mrs. Weber were also taken into custody for questioning and were driven to the Sheriff's office at Cresco.

Elmer Bosteter, advised that his sister, Pearl, married Henry Bennett, about 10 years ago, but he never learned where the ceremony was performed, however, when they visited him at his former place of residence, Osage, Iowa, about 7 years ago, he first met Henry Bennett, who claimed he and his wife were residing at Cherryville, Missouri. Mr. Bosteter claimed not to have any knowledge of the personal history of Henry Bennett or his relatives, employment etc. Eddie Bennett came to the farm of Bosteter about 4 years ago and announced that he was a brother to Henry Bennett. Bosteter advised that Eddie Bennett never spoke much of his personal history, but said that he had lived in Ottumwa, Iowa, with his mother; was a cigar salesman, and a brother of Henry Bennett. After the first visit of Eddie Bennett, he came on infrequent occasions, possibly once a year or less and visited at the Bosteter's home. Mr. Bosteter met Francis Gould through Eddie Bennett, when both of them visited at his farm about 2 years ago. He advised that Lee Bosteter went to Cherryville a few years ago, and upon returning home said he had visited Henry Bennett, and worked on the latter's farm. Gould according to Bosteter said he lived near Des Moines and his brother owned a drug store there. Bosteter in response to questions as to whether Gould, Eddie and Henry Bennett ever came together to visit him, replied in the affirmative, advising that on this visit, which was about 2 years ago, these persons only remained about 2 hours and then departed, and he said they were going to Minneapolis, Minnesota. Mr. Bosteter advised that on the recent visit Eddie Bennett and Gould came to his farm and were driving a Ford V-8 sedan; that neither one said the car was his, but from the actions and conversation of Eddie Bennett, who seemed to have control of the car, he presumed Bennett owned it. These men arrived on or about 8-15-34. Mr. Bosteter furnished the information that Bennett and Gould kept company with Thelma and Blanche Evans, who reside with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Evans at Osage, Iowa. Bosteter stated that Bennett and Gould kept their baggage in the Ford sedan; that this comprised of 3 leather suitcases, 2 small handbags, and they also kept in the car 2 raincoats and a suit of brown clothes. Bosteter advised that he was present when his son, Lee Bosteter, Eddie Bennett and Gould made a get-away in the Ford sedan, and he is at a loss to know why they did this. It was suggested by Deputy Sheriff Owens that as 300 chickens had been stolen in the same vicinity where Bosteter resides, a few days before the gun battle, that undoubtedly those persons thought the officers were going to arrest them for this theft, and for this reason fled. Bosteter denied knowledge of this theft.

Mrs. Minnie Bosteter, upon being interviewed, gave practically the same information as her husband, in reference to the Bennets and Gould. She advised that Blanche and Thelma Evans, stayed at her home for several days, commencing on 8-15-34, and she further advised that she had no idea where her son Lee had gone in the company of Eddie Bennett and Gould.

The next and last person of the Bosteter family to be interviewed was Venola. She advised that the Evans girls are her third cousins; that Eddie Bennett frequently drove Blanche Evans out in the Ford sedan in the evening and usually returned at a late hour. Miss Bosteter advised that she had but very little conversation with Eddie Bennett and Gould, and was unable to furnish any information useful in locating them. Miss Bosteter gave a photograph of Lee Bosteter to Agents, which is being retained in the Omaha File of this case.

Fred Weber advised that he had formerly resided at Stacyville, Iowa, and that about 4 years ago, Mrs. Pearl Bennett and Eddie Bennett came to visit him and she introduced Eddie Bennett as her husband's brother. Mr. Weber further advised that both Eddie Bennett and Gould have visited a number of times at the Bosteter home, and on the occasion of their most recent visit, Eddie slept at the Weber home most of the time. Mr. Weber, who appeared to be truthful in his statements, said that neither Eddie Bennett nor Gould mentioned much about their personal history, and there is nothing he could recall that would serve as a lead to trace them; that these men had mysterious actions and would often go away for two days at a time, and on returning never made an explanation of where they had been. Mr. Weber at the conclusion of the interview advised that it was his understanding that Henry Bennett lived at Cherryville and Clifford Bosteter would no doubt be able to furnish the personal history of Eddie and Henry Bennett and Gould.

Mrs. Gladys Weber stated that while Eddie Bennett stayed at her home, he never received any mail and the only person to whom she could refer the Agents and officers, would be Etta Eastman, who could give some information as to the identity of the Bennetts and Gould. Etta Eastman is now confined in the Reformatory at Shakopee, Minnesota. Miss Eastman is a friend of Clifford Bosteter and she formerly resided near McIntire. Mrs. Weber mentioned that Eddie Bennett has a nickname of "Doc".

Thelma Evans, when interviewed at the home of her father, advised that she became acquainted with Eddie Bennett and Gould on or about 8-15-34, when they came to Osage with Lee Bosteter in a Ford sedan; that she observed two rifles, or possibly they were shotguns in the rear seat of the car, and she thought it peculiar they carried their suitcases in the car, as Eddie and Gould returned each night to McIntire, after she and her sister went riding with them. Miss Evans promised to notify this Division office if she ever hears from Eddie or Gould.

Blanche Evans was located at the Gardner Nursery at Osage, where she is employed. She advised that although she kept company with Eddie Bennett, and had gone out with him a number of times, he never spoke about the location of his home, his parents, or gave any other information that would be useful in tracing him. He promised to write to her when she last saw him, on the night of 10-10-34,

and if he does she will forward the letter to this office.

It is evident from the above investigation that Lee Bosteter, Eddie Bennett and Gould are in all probability following a career of crime and are no doubt wanted. Several different photographs of Charles Arthur Floyd, I.O. #1194, including a full-length photograph, were shown to all the persons interviewed, and all of them said the likeness in the photographs bore no resemblance to Eddie Bennett. The following descriptions were obtained from Mr. and Mrs. Bosteter and Mr. and Mrs. Weber:

Name:	-	Eddie "Doc" Bennett	Francis Gould	Lee Bosteter
Age:	-	34	25	25
Height:	-	5' 11''	5' 7½''	5' 7''
Weight:	-	185	170	145
Build:	-	Medium	Medium	Light
Hair:	-	Dark brown	Dark brown	Dark brown
Eyes:	-	Light blue	-	Light blue
Complexion:	-	Light	Medium	Medium
Teeth:	-	Good	Medium	Medium
Scars:	-	None	None	None
Peculiarities:	-	Takes short steps	None	None
Residence:	-	Cherryville, Mo.	Unknown	McIntire, Iowa
Race:	-	White	White	White
Nationality:	-	American	American	American.

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Messrs. Owens and Haight advised that no charge had been filed against the three persons mentioned herein, with whom they had a gun battle, and as far as they know at the present time, a complaint will not be filed. However, they believe it desirable to have the three men located and questioned, and in particular Eddie Bennett, in order that his identity may be determined.

Special Agent O. C. Dewey submitted the following memorendum, concerning an onvestigation made at Sioux City, Iowa, Wells, Minnesota and Homer, Nebraska:

"Sioux Falls, S.D.
October 13, 1934.

"Memo for Mr. Hanni:

"In accordance with your instructions, I contacted Chief of Detectives Wheelock, at Sioux City, Iowa and through him talked with Detective Henry Schuldt. Schuldt advised that on October 7th, he was visiting with his brother-in-law Henry Soost, a farmer, who resides six miles south and one mile west of Wells, Minnesota. During his talk with Soost, the latter mentioned about a bachelor farmer who lived about three-quarters of a mile away from the Soost

farm. This particular farmer has had some woman, who drives a big car, staying with him off and on for some time. The woman is reported to be a neat dresser, and wears what is reported to be valuable diamond rings on her fingers. For the last four or five weeks three men in a Ford V-8 have likewise been staying off and on at this farmer's house. The action of all parties concerned is very suspicious. The farmer when questioned about his visitors, states they are some persons who have come down to do a little hunting. It is believed that all parties come from St. Paul. Charlie Soost, a brother of Henry, is unreliable.

"Inasmuch as Wells, Minnesota is only about 80 or 90 miles from McIntyre, Ia. where Floyd is alleged to have been seen, I telephoned the above information to Mr. Ladd, in St. Paul, and he advised me that the parties who shot at the officers near McIntyre the other day, had been identified as being some young fellows from Cresco, Iowa, and none were Floyd or members of his gang. However, the farm at Wells, Minnesota may be a hideout for hoodlums from St. Paul.

"The Sioux City Police advised that information had come to them that the Town Marshal at Homer, Nebraska - Dick Hart - was alleged to have connections with Floyd. Hart for many years served as a Government Indian Officer in Oklahoma, and is alleged to have come in contact with Floyd then.

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"I went to Homer, Nebraska and under pretext of [redacted] I learned that he never knew Floyd, as he, Hart, left Oklahoma some twenty years ago, and has been employed for the greater part of the time by the Indian Service in North and South Dakota. Hart stated that he knew you, and after talking with him, I recall that I knew him by reputation - "Two-Gun Hart". I do not believe there is any truth in the rumor that Hart might conceal Floyd if in his vicinity.

(Signed) O. C. Dewey,
Special Agent."

The First National Bank at Hawarden, Iowa was held up and robbed on 10-15-34 of approximately $2113.87. The three bank robbers who held up the bank used a Ford V-8 sedan, and one was armed with an automatic rifle. The descriptions of the bank robbers compares favorably with that of Eddie Bennett, Francis Gould and Lee Bosteter. The bank robbery case is being investigated by this office. Omaha file #91-7.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE ST. PAUL DIVISION OFFICE, at Stillwater, Minnesota, will interview Clifford Bosteter in the State Penitentiary at Stillwater, and question him thoroughly relative to the identity of Eddie Bennett and Francis Gould, also where Henry Bennett resides.

The St. Paul Office at Shakopee, Minnesota will interview Miss Etta Eastman, who is confined in the Girl's Reformatory, and she should be asked the same questions as are asked of Clifford Bosteter, which are set forth in the preceding paragraph.

THE OMAHA DIVISION OFFICE at Britt, Iowa, will interview Welda L. Holten, for the circumstances surrounding the theft of 1934 Iowa license tags No. 41-875.

The Omaha Office at Cresco, Iowa, will interview Deputy Sheriff William Owens, concerning whether Lee Bosteter has returned to his father's farm, and through the latter, the identity of Eddie Bennett and Francis Gould will be learned.

The St. Louis Division Office at Cherryville, Missouri, will interview the local law enforcement officials, postmaster and other sources, for the address of Mr. Henry Bennett and his wife, Mrs. Pearl Bennett, so the whereabouts of Eddie Bennett and Francis Gould may be known and an interview had with them, as it was reported Eddie Bennett is Charles Arthur (Pretty Boy) Floyd.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

EAT/ps October 22, 1934

TIME: 1:45 PM

MEMORANDUM FOR THE [redacted]

I talked with Special Agent in Charge Dwight Brantley relative to efforts to apprehend Floyd. I advised him that the present indications were that the shooting took place on Saturday instead of Sunday, and if the individual was Floyd, he would have a 48 hour start. I advised him that the cover on the telephone was authorized, and he stated he would take care of it this afternoon; that they would tap both the telephone at the office and at the hotel.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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Washington, D. C.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE [redacted].

Mr. Cowley telephoned and stated that he had just arrived at the Tavern Hotel, East Liverpool, Ohio; that when I called him previously he was at the police department in conference and didn't want to leave. I advised him that when I called I was trying to locate one Richler, but that I had talked with one of the agents in the hotel room and had taken care of the matter.

He advised that they had gone to the police department about 11:00 o'clock and had remained there until about 1:00 o'clock before the Mayor, the Sheriff, the Chief of Police and the County Attorney arrived; that they had gone into a secret conference and invited the two Assistant United States Attorneys from Cleveland to join them, but had omitted him; that he did not insist on sitting in on this conference as his primary interest was getting Richetti anyway, and that he thought the best thing to do was to aggravate them as little as possible. He advised that they had not changed their attitude at all, but that the Assistant United States Attorney at Cleveland, a Mr. Weidenann, who was doing everything he could, and who seems to be a very capable and vigorous young fellow, was of the belief that we would get Richetti.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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October 24, 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:

Under date of September 21, 1934, the Division transmitted to your office copies of a photograph of one David C. McBride with the request that the photograph be identified as that of "Slivers" McBride referred to on the seventh page of the memorandum prepared by Special Agent E. E. Andersen set out in the report of Special Agent E. F. Trainor, dated July 5, 1933, beginning on page 18.

The Division will appreciate your advice as to whether these individuals are identical.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

REN:mtr

October 22, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

Pursuant to your instruction, I telephoned Special Agent in Charge Waters of the Pittsburgh office at 11:30 a.m., with reference to a possible lead at Parkersburg, West Virginia, on subject Floyd, it having been recalled by you that Special Agents Ames and Bangert had discussed such a lead with you while you were in charge of that office.

Mr. Waters stated that he did not know of any leads at Parkersburg, West Virginia on Floyd, but stated that he would make a thorough review of the file in the Pittsburgh office and cover such lead if the file reflected such a lead.

Mr. Waters called again at 2:30 p.m. to advise that a review of his file did not disclose any previous leads at Parkersburg, West Virginia, but that the report of Special Agent Bliss Morton, dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, October 10, 1934, showed that a sister of Adam Richetti resides at Villonvale, Ohio.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby.

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THE KRAFT STATE BANK

MENOMONIE, WISCONSIN

October 23,1934

Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

This bank was robbed by bandits October 20,1931, we write to ask if we may have a photograph of Mr.Floyd, who was apprehended recently. If you can supply two or three photographs showing this individual in different dress, I assure you it will be appreciated.

At the time of the robbery of this bank there was stolen $130,000 of Industrial, Railroad and Public Utilities bonds which were all registered as to principal in the name of this bank. It is possible that detectives working on this case will locate a key to safety deposit box or some place of hiding whereby securities will be recovered. These stolen bonds are still out and have not been located.

Yours very truly,

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Wm.F.Kraft
Cashier

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Mr. William F. Kraft,
Cashier,
The Kraft State Bank,
Menomonie, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 25, 1934, wherein you request photographs of one Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd, who was recently killed while resisting arrest by Special Agents of this Division near Clarkson, Ohio, on October 22, 1934.

In accordance with your request there are inclosed herewith photographs showing this individual in different poses and dress. In the event these photographs are identified as resembling one of the robbers participating in the robbery which occurred at your bank on October 20, 1931, kindly communicate with Mr. D. M. Ladd, Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 252 Post Office Building, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter, I am

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Kansas City

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DIRECTOR

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

October 23, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

In compliance with the request of Mr. Newby, I am transmitting herewith two copies each of abstract of criminal record and photograph as appearing in the files of the Identification Unit of Frank Lee Callan.

Respectfully,

L. C. Schilder.

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420 Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

October 18, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
506 Fletcher Savings & Trust Bldg.,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

RE: Vernon C. Miller,
w.a. (deceased);
Charles Arthur Floyd,
w.a. - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1194;
Adam Richetti, w.a.; et al
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FED.PRISONER

Dear Sir:-

With reference to report of SAC H.H. Heinecke dated at Indianapolis 10/12/34 in the above captioned matter, wherein reference is made to one F.S. ENGLISH:

I am enclosing herewith a photograph of FRANK LEE (RED) CALLAN, a notorious bank robber who is at present an escape from the Texas State Penitentiary, with the thought that you may desire to exhibit this photograph to Mr. Ereid and Mr. J.A. Quinn.

I am advised that Callan is a suspect in the robbery of the Palmetto State Bank at Lake City, S.C. wherein $114,000.00 was obtained in a daylight holdup.

When this photograph has served its purpose will you please return it to this office?

Very truly yours,

F.J. Blake,
Special Agent in Charge.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

EAT:AEK

October 22, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE [redacted]

Re: Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd

Mr. Waters telephoned from Pittsburgh inquiring if it would be necessary to take a plane from Pittsburgh, stating he wanted to know in order that appropriate arrangements could be made for a guard at the airport. I told him we might be able to get a plane off from Wheeling and as soon as I knew I would let him know.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
P. O. Box 2118
Detroit, Michigan
October 24, 1934

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

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased);
CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases (Deceased)
BERNARD PHILLIPS, with aliases, I.O. 1196, et al
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner

Dear Sir:

Confirming my telephone conversation with Mr. Tamm at the Division, Sunday, October 21, please be advised that Special Agents Risler, McCallum, Socey and myself departed via plane for Steubenville, Ohio, from Detroit, at 5:20 P.M. Sunday afternoon. It was determined upon arrival in that vicinity that there was no suitable airport at Steubenville and as the airport at East Liverpool was under construction and without any lights whatsoever, it was impossible to land there and finally a landing was made at Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, which is approximately twenty-five miles from East Liverpool. The trip from Beaver Falls to East Liverpool was made via automobile. It was determined upon arrival there that the entire scene of action was in the vicinity of Wellsville and East Liverpool, hence it was not necessary to proceed to Steubenville. Special Agents Collins and Hopton, who were on a road trip in Southern Ohio, were contacted by telephone Sunday afternoon and they immediately proceeded via automobile to East Liverpool.

Special Agents Risler, Socey and myself departed from East Liverpool at about 11:00 O'clock Monday night, October 22, proceeding to Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, from which point the airplane took off and we returned to Detroit at 1:45 A.M., October 23. Special Agents Hopton and Collins also departed from East Liverpool about midnight and proceeded into other portions of Ohio, via automobile. Special Agent McCallum, upon instructions of Inspector Cowley, remained in East Liverpool over night and departed east for Pittsburgh, returning to Detroit this A.M.

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Very truly yours 62-29915-2936

Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

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U. S. Department of Justice

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

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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
"Pretty Boy" Floyd, with aliases,
Fugitive, I.O. #1194; et al.
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

I am transmitting herewith copies of a memorandum prepared by me dated October 22, 1934, which relates to an interview had by Special Agent Paul Hansen with Dr. Thomas E. Shepard at Tulsa, Oklahoma relative to his treatments of Floyd and members of his family in the past.

Mr. Tamm of the Division on October 22nd was apprised by long distance telephone of the substance hereof and authority was requested to tap the telephone of Dr. Sheperd at Tulsa, which authority was granted. This telephone tap was placed during the afternoon of October 22nd.

I instructed Agent Hansen to contact Dr. Shepard frequently. The Division will be advised of any developments.

Since the dictation of the foregoing, information has been received of the death of Floyd in Ohio, which precludes the necessity for this telephone tap. Agent Hansen was instructed to remove same immediately, which was done.

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Very truly yours,

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DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1616 Federal Reserve
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Kansas City, Missouri

Mr. Nathan
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October 24, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Re: CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases,
I.O. #1194, ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

I am transmitting herewith clippings from the Kansas City Star of October 23, 1934, of an editorial appearing on the front page. The shorter of the two editorials appeared in the early edition of the paper, and the more extended editorial in the later edition. It occurs to me that you will be especially interested in these editorials, which, in my opinion, contain excellent comments on the Division and its work.

The Editor of the Kansas City Star is Mr. Henry Haskell.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN
Special Agent in Charge

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THE KANSAS CITY STAR
October 23, 1934

PANIC FOR GANGDOM.

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For decades there has been no greater contribution to the security of American citizens, of human life and of property and to the building up of a wholesome attitude toward law and constituted authority, than that now being made by the vigorous and deadly efficient course of the department of justice through its division of investigation.

This division has been developed with competent and fearless young chaps, selected solely on merit, smarter than the gangsters, and better shots. What a superb corps it is!

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It is now the inevitable obligation of the state and local authorities to throw themselves into the contest and to help carry it on to a triumphant conclusion. It is their inescapable duty to follow the lead of such fearless officers as Sheriff Bash of Jackson County. It is up to them to put protection of citizens and the power of the law above politics, to sever the link, wherever it exists, between politics and the underworld and to give their communities the assurance of security that is their due.

The Kansas City Star
October 23, 1934

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Front page editorial from the Kansas City (Mo.) "STAR", Oct. 23, 1934.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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WASHINGTON, D. C.

October 18, 1934.

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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.

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,

Director.

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October 22, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

(Time - 9:45 a.m.)

Mr. Cowley telephoned from Pittsburgh and said that the airplane in which he was traveling could not land in East Liverpool. I told him I had just talked with Mr. Purvis, and that the police there would not surrender to us Richetti, and would not even let us question him last night, and told us to come back in the morning. I stated further that last night the Chief of Police stated he thought Floyd was hiding in some house on one of the highways, but could not go out to look for him at the time, and gave three hours to the press. I stated also that Mr. Purvis had 19 Agents, and they are checking all doctors, bridges, et cetera, and that while we had been told at first he had been very seriously wounded, indications now are that if he is wounded at all it is just a slight flesh wound, and not serious.

Mr. Cowley stated he had warrants for the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act violation and conspiracy to obstruct justice (against both Richetti and Floyd), and the Sheriff had a warrant for murder against both of them. I told Mr. Cowley to proceed immediately to Wellsville and have Mr. Purvis meet him there; that the local authorities there are displeased with Mr. Purvis because he told some newspaper men last night that these local authorities would not cooperate with us. I stated I was hopeful that with these legal documents the Chief of Police will agree to let Richetti sign the waiver; that Richetti was willing to sign that waiver last night, and go anywhere we wanted to take him, provided the Chief of Police told him it was all right to do so. I stated that of course Richetti may change his mind. I stated in the event Richetti will not sign the waiver, and the Chief will not honor the documents in Mr. Cowley's possession, just upon showing them to him, we will have to bring in the United States Attorney, Mr. Freed. I stated in the event this will be necessary Mr. Cowley should so advise me, in order that I may contact Mr. Freed at once.

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I stated that I of course realized that Sheriff Bash's warrant has no weight, except through the Governor. I told Mr. Cowley that he

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probably would have a hard time, due to the attitude of the local authorities, and the fact that newspapers and motion pictures are in on it.

Mr. Cowley suggested that if the local authorities are antagonized against Mr. Purvis, perhaps it would be better for Mr. Nash and him to go in alone with the warrants. I suggested he talk with Mr. Purvis about this, and be guided by his own best judgment. I told Mr. Cowley to let me know where I can reach him. I suggested that Mr. Cowley have someone call Mr. Purvis and tell him he is on the way, and that he had talked with me and I had told him of my conversation with Mr. Purvis, and desired that he, Mr. Purvis, meet Mr. Cowley somewhere along the way.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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826½ Post Office Building,
New Orleans, La.
October 23, 1934.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Special Agent in Charge,
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Sir:

Re: Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd,
with aliases, Fugitive, I. O. #1194,
et al.
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Concerning telephone conversation of the 22nd inst., relative a request made of you by police of the Chattanooga, Tennessee, Police Department, whether the information furnished by them to you relative Subject Richard Tallman Galatas resulted in his apprehension, I am transmitting herewith, for your information, copy of personal and confidential New Orleans Division Office letter of September 28, 1934, to the Division, indicating the circumstances surrounding the arrest of this Subject.

I am also transmitting, for your information, copy of personal and confidential letter to the Director from the New Orleans Division Office, dated September 29, 1934, as well as a copy of Division letter of October 15, 1934, to this office.

Kindly place the material transmitted herewith in your confidential file.

Very truly yours,

D. W. Magee,
Special Agent in Charge

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Little Rock, Arkansas
October 24, 1934

Mr. Allen M. Wilson,
Postmaster,
Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

I wish to thank you for your letter of October 17th, 1934, marked for the attention of Mr. Lawrance of this office.

The request made of you, which you were so courteous and diligent in carrying out, has served its purpose and we appreciate the cooperative spirit manifested.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY, LBR
Special Agent in Charge

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RE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases, (Deceased) ET AL;
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER A FEDERAL PRISONER.

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P. O. BOX 1156,
OMAHA, NEBRASKA,
October 24, 1934

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

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

Dear Sir:-

I am enclosing herewith a snapshot of LEE BOOTHER mentioned in the report of Special Agent J. L. Flood, dated at Omaha, Nebraska, October 22, 1934.

It is desired that copies be made of this picture and furnished to all interested offices, with three copies for this office. It is also desired that the original picture be returned to this office.

Very truly yours,

WERNER HANNI,
Special Agent in Charge

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Kansas City.
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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.
October 24, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

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

Dear Sir:

This is to advise you that the following original signed statements obtained in the above entitled matter have been turned over to the Kansas City office by Special Agent R. C. Suran for inclusion in the files in this office:

Frances Mikulich Miller dated at Chicago, October 5, 1934.

Frank Mulloy, dated at Chicago, October 4, 1934.

Mrs. Elizabeth Galatas dated at Chicago, October 5, 1934.

Vivian Mathias dated at Chicago, September 30, 1934.

Also Agent Suran has turned over to this office the following waivers of removal signed by the following individuals:

Mrs. Richard Tallman Galatas dated at Chicago, October 9, 1934.

Richard Tallman Galatas dated at Chicago, October 9, 1934.

Vivian Mathias dated at Chicago, October 11, 1934,

and in addition thereto the unsigned statement of Louis Stacey dated at Chicago, October 13, 1934, will also be retained by the Kansas City office.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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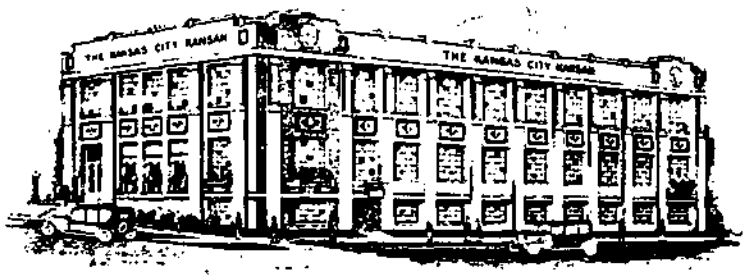

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EVENING **THE KANSAS CITY KANSAN** SUNDAY

(MEMBER: AUDIT BUREAU OF CIRCULATION)

Arthur Capper, Publisher
W. A. BAILEY, EDITOR AND MANAGER

KANSAS CITY, KANSAS

October 24, 1934

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I appreciate your letter of October 18, 1934, calling attention to our editorial published under date of October 11, 1934, entitled "Another Credit to Federal Officers." It seems to me you have done an outstanding piece of work since you took office, especially in view of the small coordination of law enforcing agencies that now exists.

I hope that you will work out some plan of definite cooperation between municipal, state, and federal officers in a program looking toward better law enforcement. Sooner or later this must be brought about. Why not start on the plans right now?

Sincerely yours,

W. A. Bailey

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Time: 5:16 P.M.

October 22, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Mr. Henry Suydam, of the Department telephoned to inquire what the set-up will be on the Floyd case tonight. I told him that we believe Floyd is dead, in which event there will be no set-up. However, I advised him of this angle: That we have Richetti at Wallsville, and we are trying to have him released and turned over to us tonight; that I have ordered the United States Attorney to proceed to Wallsville from Cleveland to assist in the legal procedure. I stated that I had ordered the ambulance to go out for Floyd, and he was expected back in East Liverpool almost any time; that if he is dead, of course there will be nothing more tonight, and if he is alive we will keep custody of him, and if he should be able to be moved, we would take him out of East Liverpool. I told Mr. Suydam we would have some definite word from East Liverpool shortly.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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October 22, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Time: 12:45 P.M.

I telephoned Mr. Stanley and asked him if he received my memorandum this morning relative to the situation at Wellsville, Ohio. He said he received the memorandum, and he saw the Attorney General making a notation upon my memorandum concerning this matter, which he assumed had been sent on to me.

I informed Mr. Stanley that I talked to United States Attorney Freed at Cleveland, and asked him if he would be willing to stand by - or have one of his Assistants stand by - to go to Wellsville if it becomes to go through all of the legal procedure for removal of Richetti. I stated that if we had even been allowed to talk to Richetti last night, I feel confident we would have been able to obtain a confession from him.

I further stated that I then got in touch with United States Attorney Milligan at Kansas City, and he is very anxious to have both Floyd and Richetti out there if he can get both of them; that I then ordered our representative to proceed to Wellsville from Kansas City with our two warrants, and Sheriff Bash proceeded with his warrant for murder. I stated that I am now expecting word as to the developments, but I do not believe the local authorities will agree to release Richetti to us. I stated that I knew of no way for this to be handled than for the Attorney General to talk to the Governor, if he saw fit, and even that might not prove satisfactory. Mr. Stanley said he would take this matter up with the Attorney General.

I told Mr. Stanley that Colonel Gates had just asked me if I thought there was any objection to indicating to the press that the authorities had declined to surrender Richetti or allow us to interrogate him, and that I told him I saw no objection to this. Mr. Stanley agreed with this.

Very truly yours,

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John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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October 23, 1934. Time: 7:17 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR Mr. TAMM

Mr. Cowley telephoned from East Liverpool, Ohio. He advised he had learned that the statement which was given out at Wellsville today was not given out in written form. He has been able to locate only one newspaper man - a representative of the Pittsburgh Plain Dealer. He gave Mr. Cowley the substance of the statement, which is as follows:

It quotes the Director's statement to the effect that the local authorities have failed to cooperate. The Chief then cited what he had done. He stated that he had the original information as to how Floyd was dressed, which information was given to us by him; that he has a record of fifteen years in duty, and has always cooperated with everybody, etc. I told Mr. Cowley that I have received no inquiries, but I think we should state - both here and at Wellsville - that the authorities at Wellsville, unlike the law enforcement officers in all other parts of the country with whom we have had dealings, have shown an utter lack of cooperation or sense of responsibility of the burdens of law enforcement; that in this case, not only did they refuse to surrender the prisoner to us - which was their privilege - but they refused to permit us to interrogate the prisoner alone. Furthermore, they refused to make available to us the guns in order that proper ballistic examination might be made, notwithstanding the fact that they had no ballistic laboratory in the police department at Wellsville; that their action has seriously thwarted and impeded the successful consummation of the investigation of the Kansas City massacre, which certainly was a more atrocious crime than the resisting of arrest upon the part of Richetti or Floyd last week when the Police Chief found them. Mr. Cowley stated he had given a statement along this line to the newspaper man with whom he talked. He said that most of the newspaper men have left.

He stated he is leaving immediately for Pittsburgh, and will be here tomorrow morning.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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JAH:HCB

Time: 2:32 P.M.

October 22, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

During telephonic conversation, Mr. Frank Waldrop of the Washington Herald inquired about the Floyd case. I explained that the local authorities at Wellsville, Ohio, refuse to cooperate with us, which action is thwarting the progress of the Kansas City massacre case; that they won't even allow us to talk to Richetti, and insist upon holding him in their custody, apparently for no good reason at all. I stated that the United States Attorney is proceeding to Wellsville from Cleveland to institute legal proceedings. I further stated that we had gotten in touch with the Mayor, the Prosecutor and the Chief of Police, all of whom refused our request for custody of Richetti, stating that they wanted to think the matter over. I also advised that I had had certified copies of warrants taken to Wellsville from Kansas City this morning, and the authorities had requested that they be given until four o'clock this afternoon to reach a decision as to whether they would honor the warrants. Mr. Waldrop thought this was a very ridiculous situation.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Time: 4:00 P.M.

October 22, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Mr. Bledsoe, of the Associated Press, telephoned and stated he understood the Chief of Police at Wellesville is still refusing our request for custody of Richetti. I advised him that we presented the formal papers on the Chief of Police, the Mayor and the Prosecuting Attorney; that they again declined to surrender the prisoner, and said they wanted to think the matter over and asked our representative to return in about two hours; that we then ordered the United States Attorney at Cleveland to proceed immediately to Wellesville and to initiate the necessary legal machinery to obtain custody of Richetti. Mr. Bledsoe asked what time the United States Attorney is expected to arrive. I told him that I did not know how long it would take him to make the trip, but he told me he would go by the fastest means of transportation, and should arrive there some time this afternoon. I stated that we have a State charge for murder in Kansas City, Missouri, and two Federal charges, one for motor vehicle theft and one for obstructing justice the latter referring to the Kansas City massacre. I stated that of course we have more serious charges against Richetti than the authorities at Wellsville have.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

EAT:AEK October 22, 1934 8:55 AM

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ~~DIRECTOR~~

Mr. Cowley telephoned from Pittsburgh advising that they had just arrived there, that they had thought they would land in East Liverpool but there was no good landing place so they came in to Pittsburgh. He stated that he had just talked with Mr. Purvis and that they are getting on their way immediately. I advised Mr. Cowley that you wanted to be sure that he and the sheriff saw Mr. Purvis before going into the police station. Mr. Cowley advised that he had the warrants.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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P. O. Box #756
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October 12, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
P. O. Box #2118,
Detroit, Michigan.

Re: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (Deceased);
CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD with aliases - FUGITIVE
I. O. #1104; BERNARD PHILLIPS with aliases,
I. O. #1106, et al.,
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

Dear Sir:

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Reference is made to letter from this office under date of October 11, 1934 in the above entitled matter, concerning one Moe Davis of Cleveland, Ohio. Informant [redacted] advises that Moe Davis did not return to the Arrowhead Inn on the night of October 11, but that he has learned that this individual is supposed to be connected with the CLUB MAYFAIR, on Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, and that he is also supposed to operate a "bookie" joint somewhere in downtown Cleveland; further, that he is said to have important connections in Detroit and Chicago, although the informant did not learn the nature of these purported connections.

Reference is also made to report of Special Agent Bliss Morton dated at Indianapolis, Indiana, October 10, 1934 containing lead for the Cincinnati and Detroit offices to endeavor to ascertain the location of Minnie Sustik, a sister of Adam Richetti. Please be advised that Minnie Sustek, wife of Henry Sustek, resides at Route #1, Box #122, Dillonvale, Ohio, as indicated in previous investigations by the Cincinnati Office.

The attention of the Chicago office is also directed to the lead in this same report at Harvey, Illinois, indicated as the residence of David Richetti. Please be advised that David Richetti

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resides at Route #1, Box #134, Dillonvale, Ohio.

Very truly yours,

R. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

OC Division
Kansas City
Chicago
Indianapolis

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

LAMING

October 23, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

In response to Mr. Newby's request of October 18, 1934, there are transmitted herewith two copies each of a photograph and abstract of criminal record of Michael Jarvis, Identification Unit file #13795, and two copies of a transcript of the criminal record of Morris Levis, Identification Unit #484300.

Respectfully,

L. V. Schilder.

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OCTOBER 22, 1934

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KANSAS CITY MISSOURI

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November 1, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

In response to your letter of October 24, 1934, there are transmitted herewith test fired shells and bullets from each of Charles A. Floyd's guns. The bullet and shell identified by an "A" on the base and shell side, respectively, were fired in Colt automatic pistol #19001.

The bullet and shell marked "C" were fired through a converted automatic pistol, the serial number of which when restored was apparently C-84197.

These specimens may be given to Captain Leigh of the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure #870218.

cc - Kansas City
Chicago

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I recommend furnish the requested test bullets to Missouri State Highway Patrol

E. A. TAMM - Room 5107

I recommend furnishing the requested test bullets to Missouri State Highway Patrol.

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice
P. O. DRAWER 1457,
St. Louis, Missouri.

October 24, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Captain Leigh of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, who has always cooperated with this office, has requested, if possible, that test bullets on the automatic revolvers found in possession of Floyd at the scene of his recent demise in Ohio be forwarded to him so that a definite check might be made to clear up once and for all whether the .45 shells which killed peace officers at Columbia, Mo. a year or so ago were those from the guns of Floyd.

Capt. Leigh is very anxious about this matter and I told him I would write the Division to ascertain whether test bullets could be secured for him.

Very truly yours,

R. E. VETTERLI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Time: 10:45 a.m.

October 24, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

During telephonic conversation, Mr. Clegg stated that today's headlines in Nashville indicate that the "Little David" Chief of Police of Wellsville, Ohio, is defying Special Agents of the Federal Government. I stated that it is absolutely true that he did defy us and got by with it.

Mr. Clegg advised that only one paper is carrying headlines to this effect, the papers carrying editorials favorable to us. I remarked that apparently McConnico influences the adverse paper.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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JE:HCB

October 24, 1934.

Time: 10:55 a.m.

MEMORANDUM FOR Mr. TAMM

Mr. Rex Collier, of the Evening Star, telephoned. He inquired as to what finally happened at Wellsville, Ohio. I explained that the Chief of Police was openly defiant, refusing to cooperate, and after exhausting every means in our power to try to get custody, we withdrew from the matter. I stated that under the law, I assume in such instances, where the local authorities have a man in custody, they have prior jurisdiction. Mr. Collier remarked that the Chief is complaining because Mr. Purvis came to him under an assumed name. I stated this was in order to avoid publicity, and the truth of the matter is that the Chief is upset because he did not participate in the capture of Floyd; that he had given out a story Sunday night to the effect that Floyd had been shot in the stomach, which later was found not to be true.

Mr. Collier stated that the morning paper indicates that Richetti is to be transferred to Lisbon, Ohio. I suggested that Mr. Collier talk to Mr. Sanford Bates. I remarked, however, that I understand the jail at Lisbon has been banned by the Federal authorities as being unsafe. Mr. Collier said he had tried to reach Mr. Bates to make inquiry concerning both the Lisbon and Wellsville jails. I stated that I do not want to be quoted, but I don't think the Wellsville jail is even rated.

I stated that it is amazing to me that the citizens of Wellsville and the public opinion of Ohio will permit any such atrocious thwarting of investigations such as the Chief has indulged in. Mr. Collier remarked that it seems terrible that there was no way for us to take custody of Richetti legally. I explained that we had done everything possible.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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October 23, 1934.

Time: 4:44 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Mr. Bledsoe, of the Associated Press, telephoned to inquire as to the developments in the Richetti case today. I told him that according to the last word I received, the local authorities at Wellsville were still refusing to release custody of Richetti, and that is about all we can do at the present time. Mr. Bledsoe remarked that he thought this was a very strange situation. I explained that these authorities are evidently publicity-seekers; that I don't believe there is anything insidious in their action.

Mr. Bledsoe stated he had received a story from Kansas City to the effect that a secret indictment was reported to have been returned by the Federal Grand Jury there today. I stated that as I understand the situation, if the State authorities in Ohio don't want to surrender the prisoner, we can't force them to do so. Mr. Bledsoe inquired if the Governor would have the power to release him, or hold him. I stated that I am not sufficiently informed along this line to say; that the matter may rest with the Courts in Ohio; that we have turned the matter over to the United States Attorney, and he will probably take what action he can take. Mr. Bledsoe remarked that this would probably handicap the successful outcome of the Kansas City massacre case. I stated that of course we have killed the principal one in this case.

Mr. Bledsoe inquired if this does not just about break up the gang that operated in the Middle West. I stated that these individuals comprised the most notorious gang of the Middle West, and they are practically wiped out now. I stated that of course the Karpis-Barker gang is still left but we have been on their trail for some time. However, the annihilation of Floyd practically eliminates the Ozark Hills gang.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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

October 24, 1934.

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Mr. Baughman	
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Mr. Edwards	Time: 11:06 A.M.
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MEMORANDUM

I telephoned Mr. Purvis at his home in Chicago. He said he arrived last night about 8:30, and is not feeling so well this morning. I suggested that he remain away from the office, particularly because of the fact that many concerns are trying to find him in order to take motion pictures. I told him that I had refused all such requests. I also advised him that a number of feature writers are trying to locate him, and I had also refused requests made by these people. I stated that I felt we should allow twenty-four hours for the present publicity to die down. Mr. Purvis said he thought it would take longer than that; that a number of people have been calling him. I told him to remain at home for a couple of days. He asked if I wanted him to come to Washington, and I told him I see no reason for it; that I feel it would be more profitable for him to rest up for several days. I cautioned that when he does return to the office, he should reply to inquiries, that Floyd is dead, and he cannot discuss the case. I further cautioned him to allow no photographs of any kind to be taken.

I called Mr. Purvis' attention to the fact that he is extensively quoted here in the East, from East Liverpool, as to the conversation which he had with Floyd, in which he, Mr. Purvis, stated to the papers that Floyd made a statement that he was not in the Kansas City massacre. I stated that I wanted this straightened out, so that we might deny the allegation if it is not true, and particularly because the Attorney General had asked me about it. Mr. Purvis emphatically stated that he did not even talk to Floyd and he made no statement to the newspapers to this effect. I asked if any of our men talked to Floyd and made such a statement. Mr. Purvis replied that Agent McKee talked to Floyd, but he did not make a statement to anybody. Floyd stated to Mr. McKee: "I won't tell you nothing," using some very obscene oaths. I asked if Floyd admitted his identity, and Mr. Purvis replied that he did. I stated that of course we checked the fingerprints, and know it is Floyd.

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I suggested to Mr. Purvis that he keep in touch with his office by phone. I asked who is acting in charge. He stated that Mr. Zimmer, Mr. Peterson and Mr. McCarthy are there. Mr. Zimmer is the No. 1 man, but he has been keeping in touch with Mr. Peterson. He remarked that Mr. Zimmer is in bad health.

Mr. Purvis inquired if Mr. Cowley had been able to gain custody of Richetti, and I explained that he had been unsuccessful.

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Mr. Purvis asked if the Associated Press quoted him accurately. I told him that the Associated Press quoted him as indicated above. He said he had stated that this brings to a close the relentless search directed by Mr. Hoover, etc. I told him that statement was not carried here. He said it appears in the Chicago and Cincinnati papers. I told him to caution the office not to let his presence in Chicago become known. Mr. Purvis stated he will be at home, but if I should be unable to reach him I should call the office and instruct that he call me back.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

RFN:ps

October 15, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

I have noted an exchange of memoranda regarding the identification of the machine gun found in the lagoon at Chicago, Illinois on July 24, 1934. While in the Chicago office the week of October 1, 1934, I had occasion to discuss this identification with Mr. Cowley and Mr. Suran and found that they both were under the impression that the Laboratory had made an error in its findings. Some time ago I had discussed this identification with Mr. Cowley over the telephone and on that occasion thought that I had fully explained the identification to him in a convincing manner. Mr. Cowley told me that the Laboratory could not be correct in its findings inasmuch as the gun had been in the possession of the Valparaiso, Indiana Police Department from the time it was originally purchased until the time it was loaned to the Sheriff at Crown Point, Indiana from whom it was stolen on March 3, 1934 by John Dillinger. Mr. Cowley stated that in support of his opinion, he and Mr. Suran had called in the salesman who had sold the machine gun and who was thought to be thoroughly familiar with machine guns, and that this salesman had shown Mr. Cowley and Mr. Suran that it was impossible to remove the barrel from the machine gun frame and, therefore, there could be no interchange of parts as indicated in the Laboratory report. From the beginning Mr. Cowley has been considering the barrel as distinguished from the bolt as the part that had been identified. I obtained one of the machine guns at the Chicago office and removed the bolt from the gun and explained to both Mr. Cowley and Mr. Suran the parts that had been identified as making the impression on the shells found after the Kansas City Massacre and the Lazia murder, and pointed out that the Laboratory report specifically stated that the rifling marks on the bullets could not be identified with the barrel of the gun.

In connection with Laboratory reports, I suggest that the field offices be required to discuss Laboratory reports in the next succeeding investigative report in a manner so that the supervisors of the investigation at the Seat of Government will then know that the report is fully understood by the Agents in the field. This suggestion is applicable to all investigations wherein a Laboratory report has been submitted. I feel that if the Laboratory is going to be called upon to make examinations of evidence submitted by the field, that it is incumbent upon the field to explain what benefit will be derived from the findings of the Laboratory.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby.

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REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:
DALLAS, TEXAS.	10-24-34	10-19-34	E.J. DOWD.

TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER (Deceased), with aliases; RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, w.m. - FUGITIVE - I.O.1201; CHARLES ARTHUR "pretty boy" FLOYD, w.m. - FUGITIVE I.O. #1194; et al.

CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Eva Richetti, sister of Adam Richetti, interviewed at County Jail, Sherman, Texas, but no definite information secured from her regarding whereabouts of her brother and "Pretty Boy" Floyd. The former since captured and the latter slain.

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REFERENCE: Report Special Agent Bliss Morton, Indianapolis, Indiana, dated 10-10-34, and report Special Agent D.L. McCormeck, Dalles, Texas, dated 10-6-34.

DETAILS:

On October 19, 1934, the writer interviewed Eva Richetti, a sister of Adam Richetti, at the County Jail at Sherman, Texas, where she is being held in default of $5000.00 bond as a subject in a case captioned CHESTER STONE, et al - National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

Eva Richetti stated that she married Fred Simpson, who was killed in an automobile accident; that she has a son Fred, Jr., 6 years of age, who is at the present time with one of her sisters in Oklahoma. She was reluctant in furnishing the writer with any definite information as to the whereabouts of her brother Adam Richetti, and Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd. She did, however, stete that about two weeks ago she heard indirectly from her brother, Adam Richetti, through a woman friend at Seminole, Oklahoma, whose neme she refused to divulge.

In this connection, she stated that Adam Richetti was with "Pretty Boy" Floyd; that they are on the go most of the time but make frequent visits to Wewoka, Oklahoma, at which place peace officers appear to be afraid to do anything toward apprehending him; that the officers on several occasions had an opportunity to do so, but evidently passed it up.

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

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She stated that Adam Richetti and "Pretty Boy" Floyd also visited Seminole and Earlsboro, Oklahoma, at which places they contacted Bradley Floyd, brother of "Pretty Boy" Floyd, and other relatives of the Floyd and Richetti families. While at Earlsboro, she stated that "Pretty Boy", who is known to support a number of families who lives out in the country from Earlsboro, could remain in hiding any length of time with any of these families.

Eva Richetti stated the last time she directly contacted her brother and "Pretty Boy" Floyd, was near Seminole, Oklahoma, about five months ago; that it was shortly after her brother purchased a Chevrolet Car at Seminole under the name of Adam Richards; that prior to that time Adam Richetti and "pretty boy" Floyd during June or July, 1933, came to her sister's home at Wewoka, Oklahoma, and about midnight the law attempted to arrest them and they easily got away. She stated that this sister's name is Marie and that she is married to W.A. "Blackie" Smalley; that after the officers failed to arrest Adam and "Pretty Boy", she stated they took her (Eva Richetti) into custody with Ruby Floyd and Marie Smalley, releasing them the next day. She further stated that Judge C.L. Hill of Wewoka, Oklahoma, is an attorney for Adam Richetti, and that probably when Adam and "Pretty Boy" go into Wewoka, Seminole or vicinity, Judge Hill is contacted.

According to Eva Richetti, her brother and "Pretty Boy" Floyd are known to be heavy drinkers, particularly her brother, who appears to be continually under the influence of liquor. She further stated she does not believe that her brother Adam Richetti or "Pretty Boy" Floyd are in possession of very much money because she has been expecting from day to day to hear from Adam Richetti about arranging to pay C.L. Hill, Attorney at Wewoka, Oklahoma, so that he might represent her in Federal Court at Sherman, Texas; that so far Adam Richetti has failed to send any money, and in order to engage Hill's services she stated that she is endeavoring to have her sister, Marie Smalley, who has very little money, to pay attorney, C.L. Hill. She advised the writer that whenever she contacted her brother or "Pretty Boy" Floyd, they were not in the company of any women; that she doubts very much if women are traveling with them inasmuch as at one time "Pretty Boy" Floyd remarked "No women for me, travel with women and you soon get caught."

Bud Wall, former Sheriff of Frederick, Oklahoma, was recently sentenced to serve two years in the U.S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, and is now corresponding with Eva Richetti from the penitentiary, addressing his letters to Mrs. Eva Wall, c/o County Jail, Sherman, Texas.

Jeiler Graham of the County Jail, Sherman, Texas, advised the writer that Bud Wall gave the penitentiary officials at Leavenworth, Kansas, the name of Mrs. Eva Wall as his wife in order that he might be able to communicate with Eva Richetti under this name.

Bud Bell has been interviewed at Tyler, Texas, as will be noted in reference report of Special Agent D.L. McCormack, dated at Dallas, 10-6-34.

Since the writer's interview with Eva Richetti, a telegram from the Division, dated October 22, 1934, was received at the Dallas Division Office, advising that Floyd was fatally wounded near Clarkson, Ohio, by Division Agents; and subject Adam Richetti is in custody of local officials at Wellsville, Ohio.

PENDING.

15-2949

November 5, 1954

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Mr. George Koestle,
Superintendent,
Police Department,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Mr. William Larson, Special Agent in Charge of the Detroit, Michigan Office of this Division, has advised that he is in receipt of a request from you for copies of a photograph and the fingerprints of Adam Richetti who recently was arrested near Wellsville, Ohio.

In accordance with your request, there are transmitted herewith copies of the photograph and the fingerprints of Richetti, together with copies of the abstract of criminal record.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Enclosure 802116

cc - Detroit (Encls. to offices listed:
Kansas City copies of photographs, fingerprints, and abs. of crim. record of Richetti)

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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

November 3, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

In compliance with the request of Mr. Newby, I am transmitting herewith five copies of abstract of criminal record and five photostatic copies of fingerprint card as appearing in the files of the Identification Unit of Adam Richetti.

Respectfully,

L. C. Schilder.

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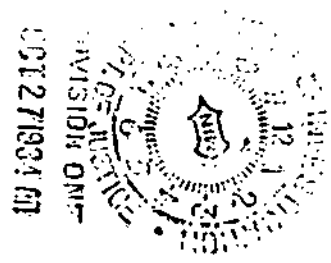

Director
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

This office is in receipt of a letter from Superintendent George Koestle of the Cleveland, Ohio, Police Department requesting to be furnished with a few copies of photographs and fingerprints of Adam Richetti, who was recently arrested in Wellsville, Ohio.

Inasmuch as this office has only one photograph of this Subject in its files, it is kindly requested that the Division forward a suitable supply to Mr. Koestle.

Very truly yours,

Wm Larson
Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

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Occupation Painter

Nationality

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Eyes Brown

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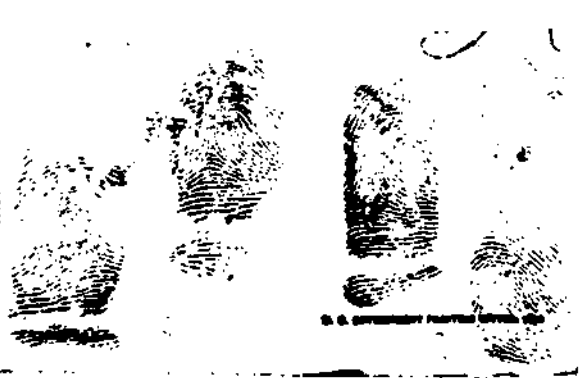

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2:25 P.M.

October 25, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE [redacted]

Mr. Zimmer called and stated that the two automatics of "Pretty Boy" Floyd were shipped to the Director under personal and confidential cover at 7:05 last night. They were in two packages, one gun in each package. One package had two clips fully loaded, and the other had one clip fully loaded and two extra bullets which had been in the chambers. The guns were shipped unloaded. The clips were not in the guns, and were wrapped up, but they were sent by regular mail.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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Time: 11:40 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

The Attorney General telephoned to inquire if there are any new developments in the Floyd-Richetti case. I told him I had talked with our representative at East Liverpool, Ohio; that the two Assistant United States Attorneys have arrived there, and the local authorities at Wellsville are still objecting to turning Richetti over to us. I stated there is to be a conference this morning at 11 o'clock their time, which is 12 o'clock our time, between the representatives of the United States Attorney's office and Mr. Cowley of this Division.

I stated I am particularly concerned about trying to gain possession of the machine gun which the Wellsville police took from Richetti when they arrested him on Sunday, because if we could examine the gun in our laboratory, we would be able to determine whether it has been used in any other massacres, etc. However, they have refused to allow us to question Richetti alone, and of course refused to turn over any evidence to us. I further stated that we would know after the conference this morning as to what action will be taken, after which I will advise him.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

In compliance with telephonic advice furnished Mr. Newby on October 23, 1934, please be advised that the Identification Unit file for Joseph Clarence Fowler #139250 shows the following wanted notices:

"WANTED by Sheriff's Office, Mound City, Kansas, for bank robbery as per letter received 12-27-27."

"WANTED as Chet Fowler, alias J. C. Harris alias J. C. Wilson alias J. P. Young (possibly ident) for bank robbery at Tuttle, Oklahoma, 3-1-27. Notify S. B. Turner, Superintendent, State Bureau, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Information received 8-18-30."

"WANTED as Chet Fowler (probable ident) for bank robbery per information received 3-9-31. Notify Marcell Hendrix, Sheriff, Springfield, Missouri."

Respectfully,

L. C. Schilder

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI. FILE NO. 76-1

REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:
BOSTON, MASS.	10-26-34	10-24-34	F. W. ALLEN (MEH)

TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased); RICHARD TALLMAN GALATAS, with aliases, IO-1201; CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases - FUGITIVE, IO-1194, Et Al.

CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Registries of Motor Vehicles located in the Boston District advise they have no records relative to William Weisman or the Cadillac sedan reported to be in his possession.

- R. U. C. -

REFERENCE: Letter from Kansas City Office dated September 17, 1934.

DETAILS: Communications were forwarded to the Registries of Motor Vehicles in the States of Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont and Maine. A reply was received from the Registries of each State advising that their records contain no information relative to William Weisman or the Cadillac sedan which was reported to be in his possession.

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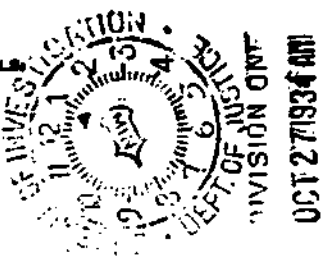
DETAILS:



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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

TAMM 1:00 P.M.

October 25, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

I called Mr. Zimmer and advised we were trying to locate the guns taken from "Pretty Boy" Floyd. I asked if he had talked to Mr. Purvis and he advised that he had not. I asked if he knew if the guns have been sent. He replied that he did not but would find out and call back. I advised that if they have not been sent, they should be forwarded immediately, today, to the Division.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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1900 Bankers Building

Chicago, Illinois 1-2843

October 25, 1934

Mr. L. M. Lowell
107 South Franklin Street
Brazil, Indiana

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 17th, 1934, in which you advised that you believed you had information which might lead to the capture of Charles Floyd and that you would be glad to be of assistance in that matter.

As you probably know, Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd has recently been apprehended. However, I shall be glad to have an Agent call upon you for any information you may be able to furnish in this matter.

Very truly yours,

VCZ:IJM

M. H. PURVIS
Special Agent in Charge

cc - Division
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OCT 29 1934

107 S. Franklin Street
Brazil, Indiana

October 17, 1934

Mr. Melvin Purvis
Department of Justice
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

I am in possession of information which I think might lead to the capture of Charles Floyd. I would tell the police but I think that would destroy all secrecy and my safety as well.

I will be glad to be of assistance to you should you wish my help.

Yours truly,

(Signed) L. W. Boswell

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62-28915-2955

1300 Bankers Building

Chicago, Illinois

October 25, 1934

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Fletcher Savings & Trust Building
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Sirs

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of a letter received at this Office from Mr. L. M. Boswell, 107 South Franklin Street, Brazil, Indiana, in which he advises that he believes he had information which might lead to the capture of Charles Floyd.

It is respectfully requested that an Agent of your Office contact Mr. Boswell for any information he may have, as it may be possible to develop information concerning the identity of individuals who have harbored Charles (Pretty Boy) Floyd.

I have acknowledged Mr. Boswell's letter, a copy of which is being furnished your Office.

Very truly yours,

VCZ:LJW
cc - Division

M. H. PURVIS
Special Agent in Charge

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