

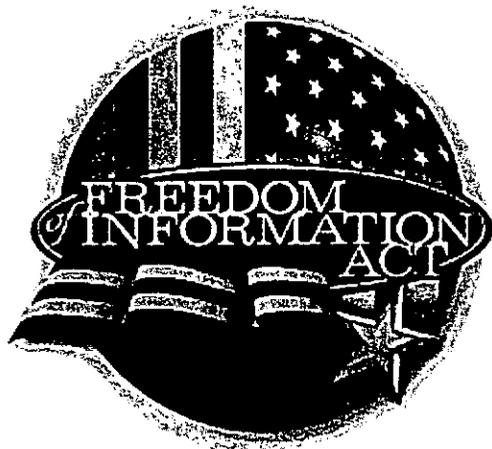
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KANSAS CITY MASSACRE

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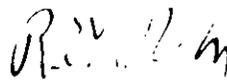
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With regard to the status of the Kansas City Massacre case, please be advised that all of the defendants named in the indictment returned by the Federal Grand Jury at Kansas City, Missouri on October 26, 1934 have been released under bonds of \$5,000.00 with the exception of Herbert Allen Farmer who has not yet made bond. The bond of Galatas was fixed at \$15,000.00. Adam Richetti was named in an indictment including three counts, charging him with the release of, conspiring to release, and aiding and abetting in the release of a Federal prisoner. The same Grand Jury returned an indictment charging perjury against Eugene C. Reppert, former Director of Police, Kansas City, Missouri, Thomas J. Higgins, Chief of Detectives, and George Rayen, Lieutenant in charge of the automobile squad.

The bolt of one of the guns used in the massacre case has been identified as the bolt on the gun recovered in the lagoon, Lincoln Park, Chicago, Illinois on July 24, 1934. Although the gun proper has not yet been recovered, all Field Offices are being instructed to discontinue investigation with the view to causing the apprehension of those individuals suspected of perpetrating the murder of John Lazia at Kansas City, Missouri on July 10, 1934, it having been determined by the Technical Laboratory of the Division that one of the bolts of the gun used in that murder is the same bolt which has been identified in connection with the Kansas City Massacre case.

Respectfully,



R. E. Newby.

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November 12, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

RE: CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" BLOYD,
with aliases - (Deceased); ET AL;
CONSPIRACY TO BELIEVE FEDERAL PRISONER.

Dear Sir:

Under date of October 29, 1934, the Division directed a letter to your office making reference to the report of Special Agent R. C. Coulter dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, October 12, 1934, and instructed that the undeveloped leads set out therein be given immediate and thorough attention.

Kindly advise the Division what action you have taken with a view to conducting this additional investigation.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc - Chicago
Kansas City

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Mr. Tracy

TIME: 3:30

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: KANSAS CITY CASE

Mr. Cowley called from Chicago relative to the above case. He stated that he had talked with Mr. Bruce Nathan at Kansas City relative to ~~Merrill~~ Gill; that he had noticed in a letter that Gill had stated he had examined certain shells in the Division's ~~Chicago~~ ^{Kansas City} office, some shells exploded and some not exploded; that he made this examination a short time after the massacre; that he thought it would be a good idea to give Nathan at Kansas City a list of the men who were in the office at that time; that he recalled them as being George Harvey, Gus Jones, R. E. Vetterli, and probably others; that we should obtain possession of the shotguns; that Nathan had stated he believed the shotguns belonged to Otto Reed, but he was not certain as to this information. He stated these shotguns were in the possession of Mrs. Reed at the present time. I questioned Mr. Cowley as to the purpose of obtaining these guns, and he stated that Gill had stated that Caffrey and Nash were shot by Reed's gun; that these guns might be used as evidence in a rebuttal of this statement. He stated that it was apparent that Gill was working along with the Kansas City Police Department and one newspaper there; that he seemed to be trying to make it hot for Milligan; that he believed Milligan had gotten into trouble by inciting those people; that it was going to be difficult to convict them on ~~any~~ charges.

I advised Mr. Cowley that there had been some correspondence relative to obtaining these guns, some months ago, but that I would check the matter; also that we had nothing to do with Gill at all on this matter, however, that we were not antagonizing him.

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W. J. ... never approved the turning over of the evidence of Gill. D. & N.

E. A. Tamm.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
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Washington, D. C.

November 1, 1954

Time - 10:20 AM

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Mr. R. B. Nathan telephoned from Kansas City advising that Major Means had sent to him some test shots out of the Richetti gun in Wellsville and out of the machine gun which was abandoned. Mr. Nathan advised that the Major has also sent similar things to Merle Gill direct. Mr. Gill has called Mr. Nathan and told him he has these things and the papers are inquiring when he is going to examine them and compare them with the other exhibits, and Mr. Gill wants an Agent there to watch him open them. Mr. Nathan stated he had not planned on sending any one there but thought he should advise me that Mr. Gill has these things. I advised Mr. Nathan that we would have nothing to do with Mr. Gill. I instructed Mr. Nathan to send the test bullets he has, particularly from the machine gun, to the Division right away. He stated he would get them in the mail this morning.

Mr. Nathan advised that it has developed since Lackey left there last week that in his testimony before the Grand Jury he identified a photograph of Richetti as being one of the men down in this massacre. Mr. Nathan advised that in talking to the local prosecutor Mr. Milliken told him that we had definite evidence about Richetti's connections and Graves, the local prosecutor, is preparing papers to possibly try to extradite this man from Ohio and has requested that we give him affidavits of anybody who can identify this man. He inquired as to my opinion of turning over affidavits of Agent Lackey on this. He stated that the District Attorney at Kansas City has made this request direct of him. I told Mr. Nathan I would advise you of this and let him know your desires in the matter. Mr. Nathan stated that he has the affidavit of Agent Lackey in his office but will not turn it over or take any action until he hears from me.

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Respectfully,

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E. A. Tamm

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Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

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

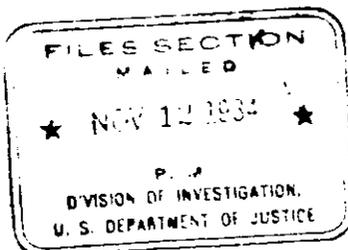
Dear Sir:

This is to confirm telephonic instructions given you on November 1, 1934, by Mr. Tamm to the effect that no affidavits should be furnished State Prosecutors requesting the identification made by Special Agent V. J. Lackey of the photograph of Adax Richetti, nor should you take any action in regard to such identification until after Special Agent Lackey has had an opportunity to personally view the individual identified by him.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc - Chicago



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

As of possible interest to you, I am enclosing herewith, a copy of an editorial appearing in the New Orleans "Item" for October 23, 1934, entitled "Good Work Quickly Done".

Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Marshal, ...
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NEW ORLEANS ITEM
OCTOBER 23, 1934.

Good Work Quickly Done

THREE weeks ago Pretty Boy Floyd was believed to be in New Orleans. Since then he has been reported in half a dozen states from Louisiana to Minnesota. He's dead now, in Ohio. That means Floyd, in those three weeks, has had to cover a lot of territory to escape death or capture, with his pursuers breathing on his neck day after day. Here is a technique new to American policing. The result proves its great worth.

When Floyd was thought to be here, Department of Justice agents converged upon New Orleans. They captured one Galatas, alleged "brains" behind Floyd's operations. Galatas is out of the way of harming society; he will do well to use his brains in meditating the folly of matching a career of crime against the wits and vigilance of Federal police. Galatas in hand, the Federal men kept to Floyd's trail. The showdown came swiftly.

Until a very few months ago civilization seemed to be playing into the hands of the hardened criminal, the desperado of the Dillinger and Floyd type. The automobile, the paved highway, and the airplane had annihilated distance—that he might escape easily from the laggard limbs of the law. True, the law also had airplanes and motor cars, but the law was cribbed and confined by limits of jurisdiction, by state lines that local police could not cross and retain their authority to apprehend criminals. While one corps of police was calling upon another corps in another state to carry on a relay pursuit, the criminal was crossing still another state, and laughing at his pursuers.

That has been changed. The Federal agents who brought death to Dillinger and Floyd have not been handicapped by state lines and jurisdictional limits. They begin to display now the efficiency which has been traditional with England's Scotland Yard, Canada's Royal Mounted Police. It was high time the way was cleared for them.

November 12, 1934.

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

As of possible interest to you, I am enclosing herewith, a copy of an editorial appearing in the New Orleans "Item" for October 23, 1934, entitled "Good Work Quickly Done".

Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
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220 MAIN STREET
WELLSVILLE, OHIO

Nov. 7, 1934.

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J. Edgar Hoover
U.S. Dept. of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear sir:

I represent David Ramsure, a colored man, who resides at 334 Buckeye Avenue, Wellsville, Ohio. Mr. Ramsure claims to have furnished information to the police which aided in the capture of "Pretty Boy" Floyd near our city.

We would like to know what reward or rewards were offered for the capture of "Pretty Boy" Floyd, dead or alive, and to whom we should apply for an equitable share in said reward or rewards.

Thanking you in advance for any aid that you may give us in this matter, I am

Yours sincerely,

Raymond Knepper

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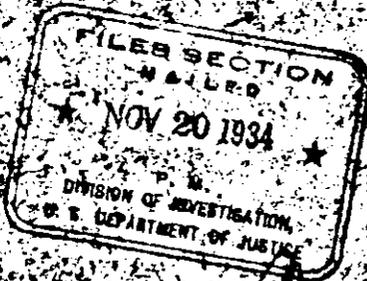
Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated November 7, 1934 wherein you advise that one David Ransure, a colored man, who resides at 534 Buckeye Avenue, Wellsville, Ohio claims to have furnished information which aided in the capture of "Pretty Boy" Floyd and request information respecting any reward or rewards which had been offered.

Please be advised that the Federal Government did not publicly make an offer of reward for information leading to the apprehension of Floyd and furthermore the files of this Division do not reflect the names of those state or local authorities who may have offered rewards for information resulting in the apprehension of Floyd.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.



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Mr. Black called and stated he had just received a call from Peters at Cleveland; that Peters had stated the United States Marshal and United States Attorney had received from Kansas City a removal warrant for Richatti; that Peters wanted to go to Wellsville with the United States Marshal. I advised we should have absolutely nothing to do with this matter. Mr. Black stated he had advised Peters to this effect.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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October 28, 1934

Oklahoma Indebted to Purvis

THE American public owes a debt of gratitude to Melvin Purvis, mild-mannered department of justice agent who, Monday, added the extermination of Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd to his already imposing list of accomplishments in the interest of law enforcement. It was Purvis, you will recall, who led the group of officers who sent John Dillinger to his death in front of a Chicago theater last July. Prior to that, he had participated in the rounding up of numerous other public enemies.

A quiet, unassuming southerner, Purvis has the appearance of anything but the popular conception of what a relentless, aggressive, fighting, shooting human bloodhound should look like. But the record of his successes in bringing criminals to the bar of justice or to the speedier justice of a slab in the morgue, is ample proof of his efficiency in his chosen line. Educated to the law, Purvis is rapidly winning for himself the title of No. 1 federal operative in the drive against major criminals which the United States department of justice instituted shortly after the Lindbergh kidnaping.

Oklahoma has particular cause to feel grateful to Melvin Purvis. His latest accomplishment eliminates from the crime picture, and the nation's headlines the last of the notorious so-called "Oklahoma Outlaws." Since territorial days, Oklahoma has always managed to have a desperado or more often a band of them, whose exploits have given the state publicity as wide-

spread as it has been undesirable. When one bandit or one gang has been rounded up, invariably there have been understudies or competitors in the line to take up the work of making the name of Oklahoma with major crime.

At the moment, we cannot call the name of a single outlaw of any notoriety, still at large, who might be branded as an Oklahoman. While Melvin Purvis is not a resident of this state, we feel he, nevertheless, might well be given the 1934 award as Oklahoma's Most Useful Citizen.—El Reno Daily Tribune.

ONE of the first plans put into effect by President Roosevelt was that for civilian conservation camps, designed to take young men off the highways and the street corners and put them to work. So successful has been the undertaking that these camps are to be increased, and are to become a permanent institution.

Young men who are therein employed get the benefit of pleasant employment, physical training, helpful environments and healthful habits, while actually working for the government.

GOC directs youthful energy into useful channels, substitutes constructive for destructive tendencies, and is not only a help to the individuals who are in the camps, but will have a great influence on keeping young men out of criminal careers.—Frederick Leader.

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P. O. Box 1276,
 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,
 November 7, 1934.

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PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

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

Dear Sir:

As of possible interest to you, I am enclosing
 herewith a clipping of an article appearing on the editorial
 page of the Daily Oklahoman for Sunday, October 28, 1934,
 with reference to the activity of Special Agent in Charge
 Melvin H. Purvis at the Chicago Office.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley
 DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
 Special Agent in Charge.

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

October 31, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TALK.

In compliance with the request of Mr. Newby,
I am transmitting herewith two copies of abstract of
criminal record, showing descriptive data, as appearing
in the files of the Identification Unit, of David C.
X McBride, Division #8225.

Respectfully,

L. C. Schilder

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Harrods City

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Mr. Tamm.....
Mr. Tracy.....

TIME: 12:23 PM

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Chas. J. ...

Mr. Brantley telephoned and stated that a girl friend* of Floyd's was planning to leave either tonight or tomorrow morning, probably the latter, and their informant was going to take her to Kansas City; that he was to meet the informant about a hundred miles from Oklahoma City this afternoon and get full details and descriptive data of the car and where he was going to take the girl; that he thought the girl should be picked up in Missouri, but that she should not be picked up with the Division's informant. I suggested that she might be going to her mother's home in Kansas City and Mr. Brantley stated that her mother stayed part of the time in Kansas City and part of the time in West Alton, Illinois; however, he was requested to call the Kansas City Office and have them keep the girl under surveillance to ascertain what she did. Mr. Brantley stated that Richetti* was supposed to be in Kansas City; that the car which Floyd and Richetti was using is also supposed to be stored in Kansas City; that the informant thinks he knows where the car is or will find out.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

* Sealath Baird
** Rose Baird.

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October 19, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER

In accordance with the request contained in your memorandum No. 299, dated October 18, 1934, there is enclosed a translation of the letter which was received in your office written in Italian.

Respectfully,

J. H. [Signature]
Assistant Chief Clerk.

See Serial #2786

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October 25, 1934

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Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated October
19, 1934 transmitting to the Division a letter written in
Italian which was received by Mrs. William Richetti,
Lehigh, Oklahoma, apparently from Mrs. Marie (Henry)
Bartik of Milanville, Ohio, a sister of subject Richetti.

This letter has been translated and a transcript,
together with the original, is transmitted herewith. Copies
of the transcript are also being furnished to the offices
indicated below.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Room 1804
290 Lexington Avenue
New York, N. Y.

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November 13, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Okla.

RE: JAMES G. MILLER with aliases
(Deceased), et al.
Conspiracy to Kill and
Kidnap.

Dear Sir:

There are being transmitted under separate covers
by registered mail a cancellation stamp bearing the words
"Ballinger, Oklahoma" thereon, and paid for now in connection with
this stamp.

These materials were furnished to this office
by you on September 20, 1934.

Very truly yours,

Special Agent in Charge

cc - James G. Miller
cc - James G. Miller

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Post Office Box 412,
Nashville, Tennessee,
November 12, 1934.

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

Re: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Doc #1);
Richard Talman Calster, with aliases,
Doc. 1202; Charles Arthur Floyd, with
aliases, Doc. 1190, Fugitive; Alvin
Richetti, with aliases; ET AL.
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

Dear Sir:

A review of this file reflects that there
are now no outstanding leads in the Nashville District and this
case is, therefore, being considered referred upon completion
to the office of origin.

Very truly yours,

W. J. KERR,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-Division
Chicago

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Kansas City, Missouri.**

St. Paul FILE NO. **62-888**

REPORT MADE AT: St. Paul, Minn.	DATE WHEN MADE: 11-12-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 11/2-3/34	REPORT MADE BY: J. H. Rice
TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased) ET AL.			CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

EDDIE BENNETT and **FRANCIS GOULD** known to **CLIFFORD BOSTETER**, State Penitentiary, Stillwater, Minnesota. Not known to **ETTA EASTMAN**, State Girls Reformatory, Shakopee, Minnesota.

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REFERENCE:

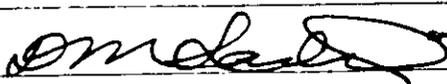
Reports of Special Agent R. C. Coulter, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated 10-19-34, and Special Agent J. L. Flood, Omaha, Nebraska, dated 10-22-34.

DETAILS:

At Stillwater, Minnesota.

CLIFFORD BOSTETER, State Penitentiary No. 12033, advised that he had met **EDDIE BENNETT** four or five times during the past seven or eight years and that **EDDIE** was accompanied on several occasions to his father's home, **LEE BOSTETER**, by **FRANCIS GOULD**; that **EDDIE BENNETT'S** brother, **HENRY BENNETT**, married his, **CLIFFORD BOSTETER'S** aunt, **PEARL BOSTETER**; that his recollection was that **EDDIE BENNETT** and ~~JERRY~~ his brother **HENRY** resided on a farm in the vicinity of Cherryville, Missouri, and as far as he knew they were farmers by occupation. He was unable to furnish any information that might be an aid in locating these parties at the present time. Photographs of **FLOYD RICHETTI**, and the **BARKER-KARPIS** gang were exhibited to **CLIFFORD BOSTETER** for identification, with negative results. It was further ascertained that as far as he knew, **EDDIE BENNETT**, **HENRY BENNETT**, and **FRANCIS GOULD** were unknown to **ETTA EASTMAN**, now confined in the State Girls Reformatory at Shakopee, Minnesota.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: 	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	62-2871-3142	RECORDED AND INDEXED: NOV 15 1934
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CLIFFORD BOSTETER advised that he never corresponded with EDDIE or HENRY BENNETT, his aunt PEARL, or FRANCIS GOULD.

At Shakopee, Minnesota.

ETLA EASTMAN, State Girls Reformatory, advised that EDDIE BENNETT, HENRY BENNETT, and FRANCIS GOULD were unknown to her. She was unable to identify any of the photographs, which were the same as those exhibited to CLIFFORD BOSTETER.

PENDING.

REH/ps

November 5, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

With reference to the situation whereby no fugitive index card was filed with the Identification Unit upon the issuance of an identification order on subject Galatas, please be advised that the facts in that particular instance do not bear Mr. Schilder out in that a fugitive index card was prepared at the same time as was the identification order. There appears however in file 7-86, John Factor, Victim - Kidnaping, Serial 145, an exchange of memoranda relative to placing in the Identification Unit fugitive index cards upon the issuance of an identification order. It appears that this was not done at the time an identification order was issued on Charles G. Connors, with aliases, Identification Order #1206.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby.

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From IDENTIFICATION UNIT

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To: Director
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Mr. Tolson
Mr. Clegg
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Chief Clerk
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Mr. TAMM

He is correct. It was Connors and Galatas
 whom we did not have listed. See my memo
 of September 25, 1933, addressed to the
 Director. I recall now that Galatas'
 case came up for discussion at the same
 time as Connors'.

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L. C. Schilder.

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ERNEST H. VAN FOSSAN
MEMBER

UNITED STATES BOARD OF TAX APPEALS

WASHINGTON

October 26, 1934.

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	.....
Mr. Schilder	.....
Mr. Tamm	.....

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,
Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

May I submit this memorandum in supplement of what I stated yesterday during our conversation about the recent capture of "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

The men whom I mentioned were Deputy Sheriff George Hayes and Policeman George Patterson, both of Lisbon, Ohio, whose contribution to the capture of Floyd was to head him off when he attempted to enter Lisbon in his flight from Wellsville after his encounter with Chief Fultz. They effectively prevented his escape through Lisbon and on to Youngstown where it might have been more difficult to locate him. They also drove him back toward East Liverpool and into the woods near Spences and "captured" the two men who were with Floyd, whom they assumed were also linked with the crime. Hayes left the two men in charge of Patterson and rushed back to Lisbon and organized a posse of citizens, of whom Merle J. Lewis was the leader, and who immediately rushed to the woods and prevented any return or escape to the north, driving Floyd in an easterly direction and resulting in his ultimate capture of which you know so well.

The posse was armed with deer rifles, old Mausers and other similar weapons and although they did not know at the time whom they were after, they showed a fine spirit of support of law and order and bravery in the face of danger. Incidentally, Hayes and Patterson engaged in a gun duel with Floyd in which Baum, the driver of Floyd's car, was wounded and one bullet went directly through the wind shield and out the back window of Hayes' car, passing within a few inches of both Hayes and Patterson. Hayes has a good record of previous bravery under fire, having been wounded in the performance of his duties something over a year ago.

You very generously indicated that you would consider it appropriate to drop a line of commendation to these three men. I am sure

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it will be of great moral effect locally and I know it is fully deserved.

May I add that I am this morning writing George Lafferty, the County Prosecutor, expressing the hope that he will at once surrender Richetti to the Federal authorities, if he has not already done so. I am also writing to one or two of the leading lawyers in the County to the same effect.

May I add just my word of profound admiration for the manner in which you have performed the great task assigned to your department in ridding the country of its most dangerous enemies. No man in America is more respected for brilliant performance of duty than are you.

Faithfully yours,

Ernest H. Van Sledright

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November 2, 1934

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Honorable Ernest S. Van Fossan,
Member, United States Board of Tax Appeals,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Judge:

I have received your kind letter of October 26, 1934, and appreciate your courtesy in advising me of the participation in the hunt for "Pretty Boy" Floyd in the vicinity of Lisbon, Ohio, of various local police officers. I am glad to know that the services rendered by the local law enforcement officials were such as to merit your attention and commendation.

It was indeed considerate of you to express praise for the results which have accrued from the Division's activities during the past several months. Such commendation is, of course, sincerely appreciated.

With expressions of my highest esteem and best regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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1616 Federal Reserve Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri
November 13, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

RE: CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, Deceased, et al
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

In accordance with Division telegram of November 6, 1934, the question of returning James LaCapra to State authorities at Wellington, Kansas, was taken up with United States Attorney Milligan at Kansas City. Mr. Milligan advised that he had no desire to proceed further with the motor theft charge previously placed against LaCapra. It was considered advisable that this action be taken without delay, but on calling at the County Jail for the purpose of making arrangements to remove LaCapra to Wellington, Agents Andersen and Trainor were advised by the Chief Deputy Sheriff that the County Prosecutor of Jackson County, Missouri, W. W. Graves, had placed a hold order against LaCapra. Upon interviewing Mr. Graves it was determined that he desired to have an opportunity to talk to LaCapra and he arranged with Mr. Milligan to be given such an opportunity. LaCapra was interviewed by Mr. Graves on two occasions and on November 10, 1934, Graves advised Agents Andersen and Trainor that he had no wish to have LaCapra retained in Kansas City any longer. Accordingly, LaCapra was taken by Agents of this office to Wellington, Kansas, and delivered to county authorities there.

Prior to his removal from Kansas City a statement, incorporating all information furnished by LaCapra relative to the Union Station massacre, was drawn up and signed by LaCapra. Copies of this statement are being transmitted herewith to the Division and to the Chicago office.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Nathan

R. B. NATHAN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Kansas City, Missouri
November 9, 1934

I, Michael James LaCapra, make the following statement of my own free will to Special Agents of the Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, who are witnesses to my statement. I have been promised absolutely nothing, nor have I been in any way threatened or coerced for the purpose of securing this statement.

I have resided for many years at Kansas City, Missouri, and have been intimately acquainted with various members of the Italian political organization of John Lasia, including some who are now deceased and some who are still living. Among those with whom I have been most closely associated was Sam Seala, deceased, who was my brother-in-law, as well as others whose names will be mentioned herein. During June of 1933 I was residing at Kansas City, Missouri. I had two close friends named Jack Griffin and Edward Wilhite. Griffin and Wilhite originally came from St. Louis, Missouri. They were in Kansas City, Missouri, during that time and were furnished, to my knowledge, protection by John Lasia, now deceased. Griffin and Wilhite had come to Kansas City about the last day of April, 1933, and had approached me immediately upon their arrival, having then in their possession a black colored Buick sedan of late model, bearing two metal tire covers in the wells of the front fenders on either side. Griffin and Wilhite told me that they had stolen this car in St. Louis, Missouri, and that it had been secured from a parking lot late at night, through the connivance of one of the men who operated the parking lot. They asked me to assist them in securing a place of storage for the car in Kansas City. In doing this I took them to the Trafficway Garage, situated on Locust Trafficway near Missouri Avenue

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in Kansas City, and there the car was stored. When the car arrived it had on it 1933 Missouri license tags. This car remained at the Trafficway Garage the greater portion of the time from about May 1, 1933, until it was finally taken from the garage in question, as I will state hereafter.

I recall definitely the occurrence of what is known commonly as the Kansas City massacre, which happened on June 17, 1933, at the Union Station, and at which time federal prisoner Frank Nash was killed, when some of his friends tried to rescue him from the custody of Federal agents, and at which time the friends of Nash attacked the agents, which resulted in the killing of Special Agent Caffrey of the Department of Justice, Otto Reed, police officer from McAlester, Oklahoma, and Frank Hermanson and William J. Grooms, police officers of Kansas City, Missouri. I was not present at the Union Station at the time that this killing occurred, but shortly after same was done I had a conversation with my brother-in-law, Sam Scola, who told me that he had received definite information from authoritative sources that Charles Arthur Floyd and Adam Richetti had assisted Vernon C. Miller in the slayings, and that Vernon C. Miller had secured the services of Floyd and Richetti through John Lasia. Scola told me that Floyd and Richetti had been harbored in Kansas City by some of the Italians who were friendly toward Lasia and members of his mob for some time prior to June 17, 1933; that on the evening of June 16, 1933, Miller approached John Lasia at Kansas City and told him that one of his friends was coming in at the Union Station the following morning at Kansas City, in custody of officers, and that he, Miller, wanted Lasia to give him the assistance of some of his, Lasia's, "boys", to

take the prisoner away from the officers. Scola told me that he understood from Lasia that Lasia informed Miller that he would not desire to have any of his Italian boys assist in such a matter, but that he knew just the men for the job, and that for that reason he put Miller in touch with Charles Arthur Floyd and Adam Richetti on the night of June 16, 1933. I did not receive from Sam Scola definite details as to where and how the contact was made between Miller and Floyd and Richetti on the evening of June 16, 1933, and I was not interested in learning such details at the time. Several days after the massacre occurred, the exact number not being definitely recalled by me, but being somewhere in the neighborhood of one week, I was with Edward Wilhite and Jack Griffin at Kansas City when Sam Scola came to us three and said that he had been sent by John Lasia for the purpose of securing the Buick sedan which was brought to Kansas City by Griffin and Wilhite, and which Lasia knew they had. Scola informed that Lasia wanted the use of the car for the purpose of taking Floyd and Richetti out of Kansas City. Scola then requested that Wilhite and Griffin aid in escorting Floyd and Richetti from Kansas City. Pursuant to information which I will later state in this statement, it was understood that Floyd had been wounded in the shooting at the Union Station on June 17, 1933. Griffin and Wilhite both flatly refused to assist in escorting Floyd and Richetti from Kansas City, but they did permit the use of the Buick car and in my presence same was turned over by them to Sam Scola at the Trafficway Garage on that occasion. Before being taken from the Trafficway Garage, the car in question was serviced there. The gas line tank was completely filled and there was also filled and placed in the back of the car a ten gallon gasoline can which bore wooden hoops, as I recall. This servicing was done by a boy who has worked for several years at

the Trafficway Garage, named Tony Rich.

Sam Scola informed me that Charles Arthur Floyd and Adam Richetti, according to what John Lasia told him, proceeded to the Union Station at Kansas City with Vernon C. Miller in one automobile, which was the Chevrolet sedan, on the morning of June 17, 1933, before 7 a.m.; that when Nash was brought from the station by the agents and other officers and placed in a car in front of the Union Station, Vernon C. Miller approached the front of that car, where he was seen by Nash, and said, "Come on, Frank," at which time Frank Nash held up his handcuffed hands to show that he was so handcuffed. Richetti and Floyd were both armed, as was Miller, and were present near the car containing the officers. An officer is said to have fired one or two shots, having wounded Floyd immediately upon the appearance of Miller, Floyd and Richetti. The shooting therefore began immediately by Miller and his party, which resulted in the slayings of the officers and the prisoner. Floyd and Richetti are said to have made their getaway with Miller immediately after the slayings and to have been kept at Kansas City through the protection of John Lasia, for the days after the massacre until the day that the Buick sedan was secured, as heretofore mentioned. Sam Scola told me the above information and also said that Vernon C. Miller approached John Lasia on the evening of June 17, 1933, and offered the above information in explanation of the terrible massacre which had occurred that morning, explaining to Lasia that those were the details and that he, Miller, had not anticipated that any killings would take place, but merely wished to free the prisoner, Nash, and that the slayings occurred only as a result of the resistance by officer Grocns. Sam Scola also told me that on

the day that he secured the Buick car from Wilhite and Griffin in my presence, the car was taken to a place in Kansas City, Missouri, where Floyd and Richetti were being harbored and protected, at which place they were put into the car, and that there were present John Lasia, Sam Scola, Tane Lacaco, Tony Cisso, Charles Carrolls, and Charley Gargotta. Lasia was said by Scola to have instructed all of the others present, here mentioned, to escort Floyd and Richetti safely out of Kansas City, Missouri, and to put them on the highway in a manner that no harm might come to them. He is said to have stated, "Stay close to them and if anything happens, go the limit." Scola told me that these words were said in a manner audible to Floyd and Richetti, and that a few seconds later Lasia whispered to his henchmen, mentioned here, for them to stay their distance from Floyd and Richetti, to follow them to the county line, and that if any officers appeared, to go the other way.

I was later informed by Edward Wilhite that he had learned that the Buick car which I have mentioned here, and which was turned over to Sam Scola, was a few days after Floyd and Richetti are said to have left Kansas City, recovered near Cleveland, Ohio, having in it at the time it was recovered, the corpse of a man, whose name I did not know.

I have discussed personally the matter of the Kansas City massacre and the connections in same by Vernon C. Miller, with John Lasia, and he has indicated to me that the above-outlined facts are true.

I have also discussed this matter with Edward Wilhite, who is now serving a sentence in the state penitentiary at Fort Madison, Iowa, prior to Wilhite's having gone to that institution, and Wilhite has informed me that he received information from John Lasia and others in position to know, identical

with those things which are outlined above.

I am making this statement, which is true and correct in every detail as to the nature of the information and the manner whereby I came into possession thereof, and am furnishing this information to the United States Government, in order that it may serve its just purpose in bringing to light any other facts which may be disclosed pursuant to any further investigation based upon matters of which I have heard. I have previously furnished information identical in detail with this statement, except that I have in my previous statement discussed matters which do not relate to the Kansas City massacre, in addition to this. That previous statement was dictated by me on September 14, 1934, at the office of the United States District Attorney at Kansas City, Missouri, in the presence of the same witnesses who are receiving this statement from me, as well as others.

(signed)

Witnesses:

_____, Special Agent, Division of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice

_____, Special Agent, Division of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice.

Fairfax, Md.
Oct 23, 1934

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover;
Dear Sir:

First I wish to congratulate
you and your Dept. on the ending
of the escapades of Charles "P. B."
Lloyd. And will add you and
your Dept. have been doing some
splendid work in this and I
hope that some day soon I can
be a member of it, as you
know you have my application
now.

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But I have been so busy
if you could not be induced
to make an investigation
on the following matter:

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On June 12, 1933, just two days prior to the Massacre at the Union Station K.C. Mo. June 14, 1934 while I was a police officer in Columbia, Mo. The Bank of Mexico, Mo. was held up & robbed, and we at Columbia "about 35 miles distant" were notified to guard highways for the robbers. I had left Sheriff Roger Wilson and ^{highway} Patrolman Ben Booth to go to another intersection with other officers to guard - we had been gone only about five minutes when we received word that two men during a

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V.8. Ford Coupe Bearing No. 33
license No. 351-476-, while,
being questioned by Highway Patrol-
man Booth shot and killed
both Booth & Wilson. Though
^{searched} we tirelessly for 3 or 4 days, and
for that matter still searching ~~at~~
we have never been able to
determine the identity of the
killers. Now these men "from
the best description we could get
would answered the description
of Floyd and Rickett, also the
Officers were killed with 45 Auto-
matics similar to Floyd's
Weapons. Also Floyd was known

to be in those parts as he
kidnapped Sheriff Jack Killing-
worth a short distance from
Columbia between the time of
over killing of K.C. Killings.
Major Means of Mo. State Highway
Patrol. Now has shells and
bullets found in victims and at
scene of killing - These could be
compared with some from Loyale
guns and possibly solve a
mystery. So as a past Officer
and pal of the two killed Officers,
I'd like to ask you Investigate this
angle. And I'm sure every one would
greatly appreciate it. And
(over)

should you care to have either
trails and choose to talk to me
just let me know and I'll
be there to give all the assistance
I can.

Thanking you very sincerely

I am, Yours truly

Samuel P. Conner

3319, Bunker Hill Rd.

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November 8, 1934

General Coomes,
3519 Bunker Hill Road,
St. Daniel, Maryland.

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 23, 1934 offering your congratulations on the apprehension of Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd. It is gratifying to receive expressions of praise as contained in your letter.

With reference to the information contained in your letter concerning the murders of Sheriff Roger Wilson and Highway Patrolman Ben Booth near Columbia, Missouri, please be advised that Floyd and Adam Richetti were being sought by the local officials as the murderers. This Division, of course, was also engaged upon an intensive investigation looking to the apprehension of both.

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

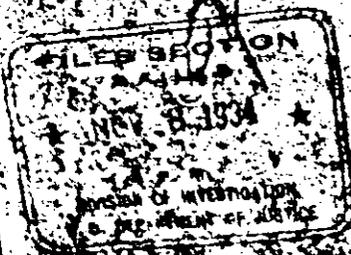
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J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **KANSAS CITY, MO.**

FILE NO. **62-678**

REPORT MADE AT: Pittsburgh, Pa.	DATE WHEN MADE: 11-14-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 11-9-34	REPORT MADE BY: F. M. Ames
TITLE: CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD with aliases (Deceased) et al			CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Clyde Weaver interviewed, Lost City, W.Va., advised he was under the impression that one Crocky DeLong might be Pretty Boy Floyd. DeLong interviewed and answered questions willingly concerning his immediate family, who reside in Canton, Ohio.

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REFERENCE: Division letter dated October 31, 1934.

DETAILS: AT LOST CITY, W. VA.

Agent interviewed Mr. Clyde Weaver, who resides on a farm, who stated that he has been studying fingerprints as well as the principles of detective work. In connection with instant matter, he stated that there is a man staying at the home of Jess Riggleman who resembles the picture of Pretty Boy Floyd and he thought possibly it might be him. He later learned that Pretty Boy Floyd had been shot and killed, and owing to those circumstances, that would immediately eliminate him. However, he requested Agent to talk to Crocky DeLong. Agent thanked Mr. Weaver for the interest he had taken and told him that at any time he saw fit to communicate with the Division, to do so.

Agent interviewed Jess Riggleman, a brother of Pearl Riggleman, who is alleged to be keeping company with DeLong. The photograph of Pretty Boy was shown Jess Riggleman and he stated that it did not look anything like Crocky DeLong. He further stated that DeLong was keeping company with his sister, Pearl. He, DeLong, was formerly with the CCC and was discharged from the CCC

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on June 30, 1934, as his enlistment expired at that time. Since then he has been working for Art Ryan doing general work on the farm.

Agent located and interviewed DeLong and he stated his name was Lyall DeLong. He is single and his home is at 229 East Brachlet Street, North Canton, Ohio. His father's name is Harry DeLong. He resides with his wife, Florence DeLong, at the same address. He also stated he was a member of the CCC Camp for thirteen months and received his honorable discharge June 30, 1934, and at the present time is working for Art Ryan, a farmer nearby. He also stated he has two married sisters, Mrs. Clifford Huprich, whose husband is employed by the Hoover Company, Canton, Ohio, and Mrs. Edward Enold, whose husband is employed as a Carpenter by the Hygiene Products Company, Canton, Ohio.

Agent interviewed Pearl Riggleman and she stated she has been keeping company with DeLong for the past five months and has always found him to be a gentleman.

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REPORT MADE AT: Cincinnati, Ohio.	DATE WHEN MADE: 11-14-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 11-5-9-34	REPORT MADE BY: Chapman Fletcher	C.E.
TITLE: LESTER M. GILLIS with aliases, I.O. #1223; JOHN HAMILTON with alias, I.O. #1220; MRS. HELEN GILLIS with aliases, -FUGITIVE, I.O. #1230; et al			CHARACTER OF CASE: NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES.	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Ford Sedan Motor 947,613 not registered in Ohio during 1934. Stop placed against registration of car for balance of 1934 and for 1935 under motor number as well as name of Henry Adams. Information furnished automobile department State of Kentucky, which has no motor number index or alphabetical index.

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REFERENCE:

Letter from St. Paul Division Office dated 10-23-34.

DETAILS:

AT COLUMBUS, OHIO.

M. L. McGee, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, State Highway Department, Columbus, Ohio, after a check of his records advised agent that Ford Sedan Motor #947,613 had not been issued in the State of Ohio for the year 1934. A check was also made in the name of Henry Adams without result. Mr. McGee at the request of agent caused a notation to be made in the files that if instant car should be registered during the year 1935 the Division Office at Cincinnati, Ohio should immediately be notified by long distance telephone.

AT FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY.

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The following investigation was made by Special Agent Victor

Agent furnished the information given in letter from the Special Agent in Charge of St. Paul Office dated October 23, 1934, to Chas. W.

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Williams, Assistant State Tax Commissioner and Head of the Automobile Department, Kentucky State, with the request that he endeavor to catch the registration of the Ford Sedan set forth. It will be noted that this is very difficult in Kentucky because of the nature of the records kept, and all Mr. Williams can do is to endeavor to have the stenographers catch the registration when writing the records.

It should be noted that the State of Kentucky does not maintain any motor number index or any alphabetical index on owners, their records being kept solely by license number.

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 NATIONAL PROHIBITION ACT, RESISTING OFFICER AND OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE.
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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Mr. Tamm

Time: 10:50 A.M.

While talking with Mr. Cowley at Chicago this morning, I advised him that you desired him to be in Kansas City for the Grand Jury presentment of the Kansas City Massacre case on October 22nd.

Respectfully,



E. A. Tamm.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Facts concerning the delay in the carrying out of the court's sentence relative to the execution of ADAM RICHETTI for his participation in the KANSAS CITY MASSACRE.

This memorandum is submitted for the purpose of setting forth the facts relative to the delay in the execution of the Missouri State Court sentence of Adam Richetti for his participation in the Kansas City Massacre.

It is recalled that one of the most atrocious crimes committed in modern times was the murder of four peace officers and their prisoner at Kansas City, Missouri, on the morning of June 17, 1933, when an attempt was made by three gunmen to deliver Frank Nash, an escaped Federal prisoner, who was being returned to the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, from which institution he had previously escaped.

Investigation conducted by Special Agents of the Bureau disclosed that the three gunmen were Verne Miller, Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd, and Adam Richetti. Coincident with the apprehension of Frank Nash at Hot Springs, Arkansas, by Bureau Agents, accompanied by Otto Reed, Chief of Police, McAlester, Oklahoma, on the morning of June 16, 1933, Floyd and Richetti kidnaped Jack Killingsworth at Bolivar, Missouri, and carried him into Kansas City, Missouri, where he was released around 8:00 o'clock P. M., the evening preceding the attempted delivery of Nash. Associates of Nash communicated with Verne Miller at Kansas City, Missouri, who enlisted the services of Floyd and Richetti to deliver Nash upon his arrival at the Union Station in Kansas City, Missouri, on the morning of June 17, 1933, which resulted in the death of Raymond J. Caffrey, Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Otto Reed, Chief of Police, McAlester, Oklahoma, Frank E. Hermanson, and William J. Grooms, as well as Nash.

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Verne Miller was killed by unknown persons, and his body was found on the outskirts of Detroit, Michigan, on the morning of November 29, 1933. Floyd was killed by Bureau Agents, in cooperation with local police officers, near Clarkson, Ohio, on the afternoon of October 22, 1934. Richetti was taken into custody by local officers at East Liverpool, Ohio, on October 20, 1934.

// On March 1, 1935, four indictments were returned by the Jackson County, Missouri, Grand Jury, charging Adam Richetti (in each) with murder in the first degree. The trial of Adam Richetti on the indictment charging him with the murder of Frank E. Hermanson commenced at Kansas City, Missouri, on June 10, 1935, and on June 17, 1935, the jury returned a verdict of guilty, with the recommendation that the death penalty be imposed. On the same date, June 17, 1935, Adam Richetti was sentenced to be hanged."

// In connection with the delay of the execution of this sentence, it is to be noted that on August 20, 1935, Mr. E. H. Cook, Deputy Clerk of the Criminal Division of the Circuit Court of Jackson County, Kansas City, Missouri, advised that on August 19, 1935, Richetti's motion for a new trial was overruled by Judge Ray G. Cowan and October 4, 1935, set as the date on which Richetti should be hanged. Immediately after the motion for the new trial was overruled, Richetti's counsel filed notice for appeal, the law of Missouri allowing one year in which the appeal may be perfected. On August 20, 1935, Mr. Russell Boyle, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Kansas City, Missouri, advised that as a general rule it required approximately two years to dispose of an appeal to the Supreme Court and that no further action could be had in this matter until the appeal was disposed of."

// At frequent intervals, the prosecuting officials have been contacted by the Kansas City office, with a view to ascertaining the status of this pending appeal, and on May 3, 1938, the Supreme Court of the State of Missouri affirmed the murder conviction of Adam Richetti. However, on June 13, 1938, Mr.

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J. E. Taylor, Assistant Attorney General, State of Missouri, advised that subsequent to the action of the Supreme Court of the State of Missouri in affirming the conviction of Adam Richetti on May 3, 1938, a motion was filed within the prescribed time limit by the defendant for a rehearing before that court.

The Kansas City office is following this matter closely, and you will be advised promptly as to further developments.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm
E. A. Tamm. *ET*

October 23, 1934.

MEMORANDUM

RE: CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD alias "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD

The following are the details concerning the actual shooting and killing of Floyd by the Special Agents of the Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice:

At 1:00 p.m., October 22, 1934, information received by the Special Agents of this Division on patrol in the vicinity of East Liverpool, Ohio, developed the fact that a man, later identified from a photograph as "Pretty Boy" Floyd, had been furnished lunch at the farm of Robert Robison, of East Liverpool, Ohio, Rural Route No. 1. All roads were immediately blocked, and the roads, woods and vicinity were placed under intensive patrol. In this work, the Division of Investigation had the assistance of Chief of Police Hugh J. McDermott, of East Liverpool, Ohio.

At 4:00 p.m., four Agents of the Division of Investigation, with several police officers of East Liverpool, Ohio, encountered Floyd at the farm of Mrs. Ellen Conkle, where he had requested the brother of Mrs. Conkle, S. S. Dyke, to drive him to Youngstown, Ohio. When first seen by the Agents, he was in a car behind a corn crib located on the north side of the house, and was ready to leave, after having forced the members of the Conkle household to furnish him food. In the car were Dyke and two women of the Conkle family. The car backed out from behind the corn crib, and upon seeing the Special Agents, Floyd made Dyke drive the car back to the former position behind the corn crib, at which time Floyd left the car and dashed past an outbuilding across an open field, over a ridge, toward the neighboring woods. The officers immediately followed, and he was commanded to halt. He failed to do so, and the officers then fired. The shooting occurred at 4:10 p.m., and Floyd died at 4:25 p.m. Floyd admitted his identity just before he died. Two .45 automatic pistols, fully loaded, with extra clip, were found in his possession and one was in his hand when he fell. The other was in his belt. The body of Floyd was immediately placed in an automobile by the Special Agents and taken to East Liverpool, Ohio, where it was placed in an undertaking establishment. A coroner's inquest was held last night.

In the pursuit for Floyd in the vicinity of East Liverpool, Ohio, as already indicated, the Agents of this Department were rendered excellent cooperation and assistance by Chief of Police Hugh J. McDermott, of East Liverpool, Ohio, and by Sheriff Ray Long.

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October 8, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to Division letter of October 3, 1934, request-
ing an explanation as to why confidential informant was not named in the
personal and confidential letter of this office dated September 23, 1934,
in the above entitled case.

The aforementioned letter was forwarded to the Division under
personal and confidential cover for the purpose of indicating only that
the location of Subject Galatas was to be kept confidential and from pub-
licity until authority from the Division was received for its release.
It was intended that the report and all letters emanating from this office
would then be placed in the regular investigative file and naturally the
name of the confidential informant should not then be disclosed in the
regular file. A copy of the fingerprints of Subject Galatas and all letters
and reports relative the New Orleans investigations on this case were all
forwarded to the Division under personal and confidential cover for the
same reason.

This office will abide by the Manual of Rules and Regulations,
Section 49, in relation to furnishing the names of the confidential informants
under personal and confidential cover letter.

Very truly yours,

R. Whitley,
Special Agent in Charge.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.**

FILE NO. 62-619. DWM: CW.

REPORT MADE AT: NEW ORLEANS, LA.	DATE WHEN MADE: 11/14/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 11/1 & 10/34	REPORT MADE BY: D. W. MAGEE
TITLE: CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with aliases, Deceased, et al.			CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

The automobile belonging to Subject Galatas, in custody of the New Orleans Division Office, together with the personal effects of Subjects Richard Tallman Galatas and wife, upon proper power of attorney and receipt were surrendered to their representative, at New Orleans on 11/10/34, Fordyce Scott, of Hot Springs, Ark. Cadillac Sedan, motor #801478, not registered in State of Louisiana for year 1934. Flash cards placed for years 1934 and 1935.

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REFERENCE:

Letter from Kansas City Division Office dated 9/17/34; telegram of New Orleans Division Office to Kansas City Office 10/31/34; telegram from Kansas City Office to New Orleans Office 10/31/34; copy of Division letter dated November 2, 1934, addressed to Kansas City Division Office.

DETAILS:

Special Agent J. V. Blake, of the New Orleans Division Office, on November 1, 1934, at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, through Mr. Dupuis, Clerk of the Louisiana State Automobile License Bureau, searched the records for the year 1934, with respect to Cadillac Sedan, motor #801478, and ascertained that same was not registered for the year 1934. A flash card was placed against this car, under the motor number, in an effort to locate for interview a William Weisman, whose name will likewise be carried on the flash card, and these flash cards were also requested for the year 1935.

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Subject Mrs. Richard Tallman Galatas on two occasions, from Hot Springs, Arkansas, telephoned the New Orleans Division Office, requesting the release of her personal effects, as well as those of Subject Richard Tallman Galatas and his Plymouth automobile, all of which was in the custody of the New Orleans Division Office.

The writer in telephonic communication with the Division with respect to the Thomas H. Robinson, Jr., kidnaping case, and the Bremer kidnaping case, advised of the request of Subject Mrs. Richard Tallman Galatas.

Subject Mrs. Galatas had been informed that their effects would be held pending the decision of the United States Attorney at Kansas City, Mo.

Subsequently, the Kansas City Division Office advised by telegram that no action would be taken on this property by the U. S. Attorney at Kansas City.

Subject Richard Tallman Galatas subsequently phoned the New Orleans office, requesting advice concerning the aforementioned facts, and advised that he was sending a chauffeur by the name of Fordyce Scott, address 310 $\frac{1}{2}$ Central Avenue, Hot Springs, Arkansas, to New Orleans, Louisiana, for these effects. The writer requested that proper power of attorney from Subjects Mr. and Mrs. Galatas be furnished, which were produced by Mr. Fordyce Scott at New Orleans on November 10, 1934, and proper receipt taken from him, based on the aforementioned power of attorney, and their effects, together with the automobile, were surrendered to Mr. Fordyce Scott on that date.

The two powers of attorney, together with the receipts, are being placed in the New Orleans Division Office file.

All telephone calls emanating from Hot Springs, Arkansas, were prepaid calls and were at the instance of the Subjects involved.

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FILE NO. 26-3339. CW.

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.**

REPORT MADE AT: NEW ORLEANS, LA.	DATE WHEN MADE: 11/14/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 11/1 & 10/34	REPORT MADE BY: J. V. BLAKE
TITLE: LESTER M. GILLIS, with aliases, I. C. #1223; JOHN HAMILTON, with alies, I. C. #1220; MRS. HELEN GILLIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. C. #1230, et al.			CHARACTER OF CASE: NAT. MOT. VEH. THEFT ACT. CONSPIRACY TO HARBOR FUGITIVES PROBATION VIOLATORS

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Ford Sedan, motor #947613, has not been registered in the States of Louisiana and Mississippi for the year 1934. Flash card placed against this motor number for the years 1934 and 1935.

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REFERENCE:

Letter from St. Paul office dated 10/23/34.

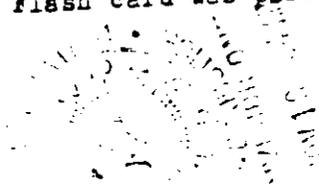
DETAILS:

Mr. Dupuis, Clerk in the office of the Automobile License Bureau, Baton Rouge, La., searched his records and advised that he has no record of Ford Sedan, motor #947613, being registered in the State of Louisiana for the year 1934. At his suggestion, a letter is being addressed to the Automobile License Bureau to be used as a "flash card" against this automobile motor number for both the years 1934 and 1935.

Special Agent L. A. Kindell, at Jackson, Miss., interviewed C. G. Muse, Auto Division, State Auditor's Office, who advised that instant car was not registered in Mississippi to this date, 1934. Flash card was placed to cover 1934 and 1935.

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Director
Division of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: ⁰VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases,
(deceased), ET AL
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner
L. A. File 62-964

Referring to Division telegram dated November 7, 1934, and confirming telegram from this office dated November 10, 1934, concerning the tracing of a Colt .45 pistol, Serial No. C-84197, sold to one J. M. Polimer, Los Angeles, April 13, 1917, please be advised that the name "Polimer" should be "Polimer".

Records in the Los Angeles Police Department show that Permit No. 676 was issued to J. M. Polimer and L. Feirereisen on July 17, 1931, for the retail sale of firearms. An address was given on this permit for Mr. Polimer as 410 North Crescent Heights. Investigation at this address revealed that J. M. Polimer died sometime in 1933, and that his wife had remarried and was residing at 921 South Gramercy Drive.

Mrs. Polimer, who is now Mrs. Desser, was interviewed and advised that she was the wife of the Polimer in question, and that he died in 1933; that in 1917, he conducted a retail firearms store in Los Angeles, but that she did not know where his records might be. She stated that she had separated from him a few years before his death, and that she could give no information regarding the tracing of this pistol.

Mr. Feirereisen was contacted at 2966 Fourth Avenue, Los Angeles, and he advised that he had been in business with J. M. Polimer since the early part of 1931. He produced a book showing the sale of various pistols by Mr. Polimer and himself. In this book he also exhibited various sheets of the Western Supply Company, which was the name of the former company conducted by Mr. Polimer and himself, for the period September 25, 1929 to July 30, 1931. Examination of these records failed to show the sale of this pistol.

Mr. Feirereisen was unable to advise what had become of Mr. Polimer's old records, and could offer no further assistance in tracing this gun.

Mr. Anderson of the Los Angeles Wholesale Board of Trade was contacted, and he stated that he knew Mr. J. M. Polimer, and that he had conducted a business on Main Street by the name of the Western Supply Company; that Mr.

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Polimer had made an assignment in July, 1933 for the benefit of his creditors, and that his wife had also made a settlement. He stated that the question of bankruptcy was never taken into the Federal Court, and that it was a state matter pure and simple. Mr. Anderson advised that through a lien of attachment on Mr. Polimer's personal effects, they took into their possession all of the records of Mr. Polimer's business. He stated that he had made a very thorough search of these records, and that they contained no information whatever which might lead to the tracing of this Colt pistol.

Agent contacted Lieutenant Bardley, Personnel Division, Los Angeles Police Department, and he advised that the Police Department had no stop order on a Colt .45 pistol by this serial number, and that he had gone through the old records of the Police Department, and could find no trace of it having been sold to anyone. He stated that it was possible that the record for the sale of this gun, which was sold in 1917 or 1918, was not kept at the Police Department as the state had no law prior to 1922 compelling retail dealers to record with the Police Department the sale of firearms.

Very truly yours,


J. E. P. DUNN
Special Agent in Charge

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

FILE NO. 26-27

REPORT MADE AT: DENVER, COLORADO	DATE WHEN MADE: 11-12-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 11-6, 7-34	REPORT MADE BY: J. D. SWENSON	MT
TITLE: LESTER M. GILLIS with aliases I.O. 1223 JOHN HAMILTON with aliases I.O. 1220 MRS. HELM GILLIS with aliases -FUG. I.O. 1230 et al			CHARACTER OF CASE: NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT CONSPIRACY TO HARBOR FUGITIVES PROBATION VIOLATORS	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

No record Ford sedan, motor #947613 being registered Colorado or Wyoming. Stop orders against registration placed. Information to effect Nelson seen in Laramie, Wyo., checked with negative results.

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REFERENCE: Letter of St. Paul Office, dated 10-23-34.

DETAILS:

AT DENVER, COLO.

A request was made by the Denver Division Office of the Secretary of State, Cheyenne, Wyoming, that their records be searched relative to whether 1934 Ford sedan, motor #947613, 1934 Illinois license #948127, was registered in their office, (the car which is known to have been in the possession of Homer Van Meter prior to the time he was killed at St. Paul, Minnesota) and that a stop order be placed in their files against the registration of this car at any time in the future.

DETAILS:

A reply was received from the Secretary of State's office advising that no record was located in their files to the effect that this car had ever been registered in the State of Wyoming and advising that a stop order had been placed and the Denver Division Office would be notified immediately in the event an attempt was made to register this car.

Likewise, inquiry was made of the State Auto Theft Department, Motor Vehicle Division, State Capitol, Denver. Information was secured that

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Jay A. Swenson</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	67-28715-3157 UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ROUTED TO: _____ FILE	RECORDED AND INDEXED: NOV 15 1934 CHECKED OFF: OCT 16 1934 JACKETED:
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the above car had never been registered in the State of Colorado and a stop order was placed against its registration.

The Denver Division Office on September 21, 1934 was advised by the Postmaster of Laramie, Wyoming that one Ike Erickson and J. F. Gregg had seen two men in a car bearing New York license plates and had, after viewing a photograph of Nelson in the Post Office, stated that the photograph appeared to be of the man seen by them driving the car.

AT LARAMIE, WYO.

The writer on October 18, 1934 interviewed Ike Erickson, employed as a mechanic at Bob's Garage, 3d and Garfield. He advised that on September 5, 1934, he, together with J. F. Gregg of Laramie, were in Gregg's automobile and that a car stopped near the place where their car was parked and two rough looking men asked the location of the road west and inquired as to which towns in Wyoming were the best places to stay overnight. Erickson stated that the license on the car was a New York plate, either # 8Y76 or #8P76, or a very similar number.

He stated that these men looked like crooks and on going home that night he told his wife in a kidding way that he had just seen "Baby Face" Nelson; that about a week later he and J. F. Gregg looked at a picture of Nelson at the Post Office and said that he looked very much like the driver of the car who stopped near them on September 5, 1934.

He stated that these two fellows were driving an old Pontiac or Dodge sedan and the car was loaded heavily with baggage. He described the man driving the car whom he thought to be Nelson as being a very heavy set man and weighing at least 180 lbs. and having dark hair; that the other fellow was taller and more husky than the driver of the car. He was unable to furnish any better descriptions.

Agent exhibited a clear photograph of "Baby Face" Nelson to Ike Erickson, who stated that it was not the photograph of the man he saw in the car.

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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
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~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

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

RE: CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with
aliases, (Deceased), et al.
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Dear Sir:

With further reference to your personal and confidential letter dated October 16, 1934 concerning the discovery of exploded shotgun shells found at the scene of the Kansas City massacre, please be advised that this office is in receipt of information to the effect that Bob Short, former deputy sheriff and present special agent for the Blackwell Oil and Gas Company, Seminole, Oklahoma, arrested relatives of Birdwell, Floyd's former partner, and found in their possession a sawed-off shotgun remodeled to resemble a machine gun.

Mr. Short, in accordance with the request of the Oklahoma City office, produced this gun for examination. He stated that he obtained it from Raymond Jones, presently incarcerated at Nowata, Oklahoma on state charges. Raymond Jones is a near relative of George Birdwell. Information imparted to Short by Jones was that the gun in question was used by Floyd and Birdwell in their activities up to the time that they obtained possession of a Thompson sub-machine gun.

An examination of this gun reveals that it is a twelve gauge Browning automatic shotgun, serial No. 102633, barrel No. 932. The barrel has been sawed off, and a handle resembling a foregrip of some types of Thompson sub-machine guns has been added thereto. Photographs of two views of this gun are attached hereto, and there is being forwarded to the Division under separate cover specimen shells fired from this gun for the attention of the ballistic experts of the Division.

It is not known whether this information will be of value to the Division, but thought that the Division would be interested to some

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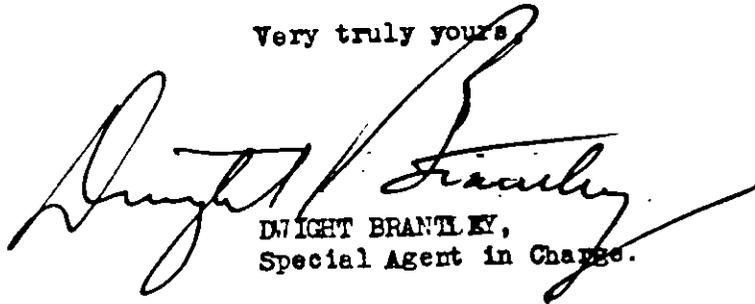
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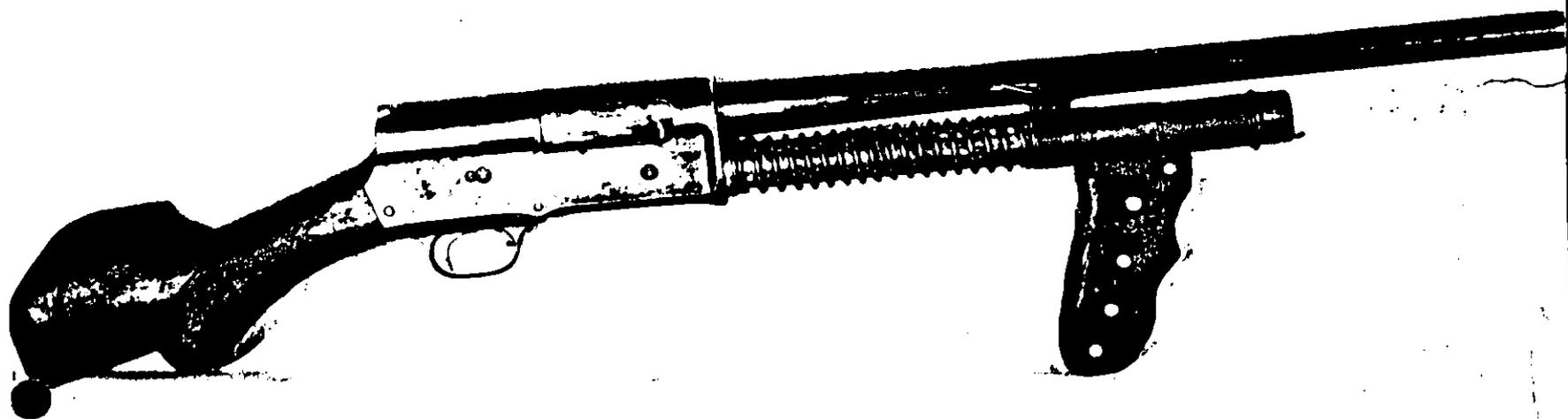
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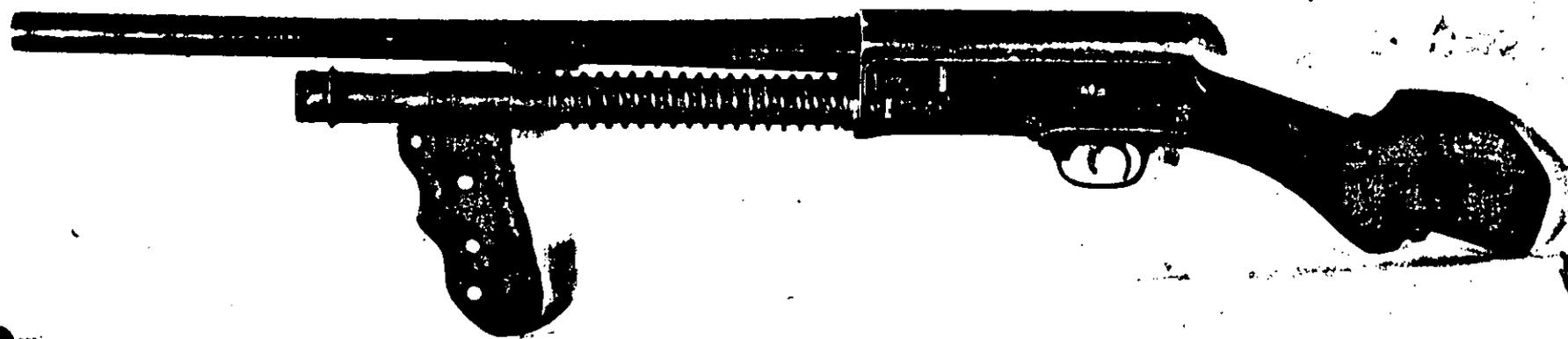
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DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Kansas City
Chicago

Encl.





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U.S. Dept. of Justice
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Los Angeles, Calif.



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

CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD
with aliases (Deceased) et al.
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the Division's letter
of November 12, 1934 concerning the above case.

In view of the fact that report of Special
Agent Ames dated at Pittsburgh, Pa., 11-14-34, contains the
result of investigation at Lost City, West Virginia, this
matter will be considered REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE
OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

Very truly yours,

J. J. Waters
J. J. WATERS
Special Agent in Charge

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Little Rock, Arkansas
November 14th, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from the Kansas City Division Office, dated October 26th, 1934, in which a copy of telegram received by the Kansas City Office from Mrs. Nellie Greenman, 115 Crest Avenue, Hot Springs, Arkansas, was enclosed; in which telegram Mrs. Greenman stated that a Mrs. Miller at Hot Springs had told her that his son-in-law had harbored "Pretty Boy" Floyd and Harvey Bailey on one occasion.

Contact was made with Chief of Police Joe Wakelin and Chief of Detectives Herbert Akers of Hot Springs, Arkansas, who advised that Mrs. Greenman was mentally deranged and had been confined to the insane asylum on one occasion and that every time there had ever been a notorious bandit they had received letters from her stating that she could locate them and that for the past seven or eight months they had been receiving a letter almost daily from Mrs. Greenman, advising that she could give them information regarding the Lindbergh Kidnaping Case, John Dillinger, Clyde Barrow and "Pretty Boy" Floyd.

One of the letters which had been written by Mrs. Greenman to Chief of Police Joe Wakelin, was furnished Agent Marshall and is being retained in the Little Rock File.

It will be noted that Mrs. Greenman had been interviewed on prior occasions by Special Agent H. W. Butterworth of the Oklahoma City Office, regarding information which she had furnished regarding the Lindbergh Kidnaping Case

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and it was ascertained at that time that Mrs. Greenman was mentally deranged. However, Agent Marshall attempted to locate Mrs. Greenman for the purpose of interviewing her, but was unable to do so. Due, however, to information furnished by the Chief of Police and Chief of Detectives at Hot Springs and due to the fact that prior interviews with Mrs. Greenman reflect that she is mentally deranged, no further efforts will be made to interview her, regarding the information which she alleged she could furnish.

Very truly yours,

E. L. CONROY,
Special Agent in Charge

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cc: Division ✓
Chicago

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

October 22, 1934

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Waters telephoned from Pittsburgh and advised that Assistant United States Attorney Riley called him this morning from Wheeling and in the Bloch kidnaping case the subjects are going to plead not guilty today. He stated that they wanted to try them at this term of court and Riley wants to know how long DiLillo is going to be tied up on the matter of locating Floyd. I advised him that DiLillo would be tied up on the Floyd case at any rate for a couple of days. He advised that this term of court would last a couple of weeks or more and that there is only day or two of work on the case.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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November 13, 1934.

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APPREHENSION ORDER
No. 1196-323

Dear Sir:

In Re: BERNARD PHILLIPS alias
B. A. COURTNEY,
Subject of I. O. No. 1196.

Identification Order No. 1196 on the
above named subject is hereby cancelled.

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,

Director.

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The filing time as shown in the date line on full-rate telegrams and day letters, and the time of receipt at destination as shown on all messages, is STATED.
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Special Agent in Charge,
Los Angeles, California.

RE: CHARLES ARTHUR "FRESH BOK" FLOSS,
with aliases, (deceased); et al -
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoners.

Dear Sir:

On November 19, 1934 the Division directed a telegram to your office requesting that there be obtained the details and disposition of an arrest of one George Ryan, FLOSS by the Sheriff's Office, Santa Anna, California, September 18, 1917 on charges of suspicion-grand larceny, who had been released to the Los Angeles authorities where he was wanted. The Division received your telegraphic reply advising that a record of the arrest could not be located at Los Angeles, California, but upon further inquiries by the Division you advised that the record of George Ryan was located through a further trace.

The Division does not understand why it is necessary to make additional inquiries in important cases in order to obtain information which was available in the first instance. The Division desires that you give closer attention to all inquiries received and see that they are thoroughly investigated the first time, thereby eliminating the added time and expense in fully developing the information desired.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.



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November 15, 1934.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Time 10:15 AM

I telephoned Mr. Brantley at Oklahoma City and advised him that you had raised the question of what we would have against the women who had been taken into custody; that it appeared that even though we proceeded to question them and find out who had been harboring them for the past several years we would still have nothing on them. Mr. Brantley stated that this was true; that he did not believe there would be any grounds for prosecuting them except perhaps on a charge of harboring Floyd. I stated that this, of course, did not amount to much now, but that you were desirous of obtaining Mr. Cowley's opinion on the situation in view of his intimate acquaintance with the cases at Chicago; that Mr. Cowley was on his way to Chicago from Toledo and would reach Chicago tomorrow morning. I inquired of Mr. Brantley if he could arrange to bring the parties into Oklahoma City and hold them until nine o'clock tomorrow morning. Mr. Brantley stated that he could do this and I instructed him that this should be done; that he should make certain they signed a waiver of removal. I advised Mr. Brantley that I would telephone Mr. Cowley before nine o'clock in the morning and if he thought it advisable, I would have Mr. Cowley get in touch with Mr. Brantley and the parties could be brought into Chicago from Oklahoma City by plane before they had a chance to get a writ.

Mr. Brantley stated that the women were denying their identity; that so far there had been no publicity but that it was possible that the old lady, at whose home the women had been picked up, would give out something. I instructed him to give out nothing to the press himself.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

- Mr. Nathan
- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Kansas City, Missouri.**

FILE NO. **62-977 APG**

REPORT MADE AT: Philadelphia, Pa.	DATE WHEN MADE: 11-15-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 10-22-34 11-14-34	REPORT MADE BY: J. F. Sears
TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER with aliases (Deceased); RICHARD TALLMAN CALLEAS with aliases, I.O.#1201; CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD with aliases, I.O.#1194, FUGITIVE; ADAM RICCHETTI with aliases; ET AL.			CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Charles Arthur Floyd reported in Indiana County, Indiana, Pa. driving Ford Coupe, Illinois license 619---. Agents proceeding to Indiana County, Indiana, Pa. stopped car bearing Illinois license 639-218. John H. Hopkins, driver of car, stated he passed through Indiana, Pa. about 10:30 A. M. to 11:00 A. M. Slight resemblance between Hopkins and Subject Floyd. Agents, while proceeding to Indiana, Pa., informed of death of Charles Arthur Floyd.

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DETAILS: This report is predicated upon information received by Special Agent in Charge R. G. Harvey from Assistant Director Tamm to the effect that Charles Arthur Floyd was seen in the vicinity of Indiana, Pa. driving a Ford Coupe with Illinois license No. 619---. The first three numbers were all that were obtainable. Special Agent Fallon and the writer, upon the instructions of Special Agent in Charge R. G. Harvey, left Philadelphia, Pa. and while proceeding on U. S. Highway No. 226, about 10 miles southeast of Lewistown, Pa. observed a Plymouth Coupe, black in color, bearing Illinois license No. 639-218 coming toward Philadelphia. This car was stopped by the agents and the lone occupant properly identified himself as John H. Hopkins, of 5653 Kenmore Ave., Chicago, Ill. He informed agents that he was an architect and was on his way to the Metropolitan Museum, New York City, N. Y. and that on this day he had traveled through Butler, Pa. and Indiana, Pa. and had proceeded through this latter town about 10:30 A. M. to 11:00 A. M. to the best of his recollection. It was observed by agents that there was a slight resemblance between Subject Floyd and Mr. Hopkins.

Agents proceeded toward Indiana, Pa. and at Huntingdon, Pa. were informed

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by the Pennsylvania State Highway Patrol that they had received teletype message to the effect Charles Arthur Floyd was killed by Special Agents of the Division of Investigation.

Telephonic communication between Agent Fallon and Special Agent in Charge R. G. Harvey verified this information and agents returned to Philadelphia.

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ADDENDUM: Agent Farrell also participated in this investigation.

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



Dear Sir:

RE: CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD with aliases,
Deceased, et al
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER
K.C. File 62-760

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In accordance with Division letter of October 18, 1934,
addressed to this office, there are enclosed additional copies
of photographs of Robert McCoy, John Pace and Jerome Crees,
Wichita, Kansas, Police numbers 6110, 6111 and 6112, respectively.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Nathan

R. B. NATHAN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Case No. A-78074

Name Cretes, Jerome

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Date Arrested 8-31-34 Crime Assault Race WM

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Case No. A-78074

Name Ms Coy, Robt.

Aliases

Date Arrested 8-31-34 Crime assault Race WM

Hair dk. brn. Eyes blue Height 5'8" Weight 150 Age 26

Build med. Complexion fair Occupation writer Born Mo.

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Case No. A-78074

Name Pace, John

Aliases

Date Arrested 8-31-34 Crime Assault Race Ital.

Hair dk. brn. Eyes brn. Height 6' Weight 165 Age 22

Build large Complexion dk. Occupation Merchant Born Mo.

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Director
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Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD with aliases,
Deceased, et al
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER
K.C. File 62-760

In accordance with instructions contained in Division letter of October 12, 1934, there is transmitted herewith the recent photograph of Mrs. Esther Farmer, one of the Subjects in this case. The photograph was taken about October 20, 1934, by a photographer of the Kansas City Journal-Post newspaper.

There is also enclosed a group photograph showing the likenesses of Vivian Mathias, Louise Conner, Esther Farmer and Herbert Allen Farmer, Subjects in this case, which photographs were taken under the same circumstances.

Also there is transmitted herewith a police photograph of Herbert Allen Farmer which is a good likeness of him.

It is requested that the Division cause additional copies of these photographs to be made and that an appropriate supply be furnished to the Chicago and Kansas City offices.

Very truly yours,

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R. B. Nathan

R. B. NATHAN,
Special Agent in Charge. NOV. 17. 1934

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Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri.

RE: CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD, with
aliases, Deceased, et al.
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner

Dear Sir:

There are enclosed herewith, and to the Chicago
Office, copies of a group photograph showing the likenesses
of Vivian Mathias, Louise Connor, Esther Farmer and Herbert
Allen Farmer, as well as an enlargement made from the group
photograph of Esther Farmer alone.

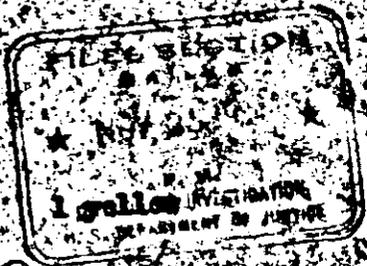
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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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cc - Chicago





Mrs. Esther Palmer



Vivian Mathias

Louise Conner

Esther Farmer

Herbert Allen Farmer



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San Diego. Calif.
Nov 11th.

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My Dear Sir. Could i get a copy of all
infornation you hold in your Offoce concerning
the outlaw Charles Pretty Boy Floyd. who was killed
a short time ago. my reason for wanting this is to
write about his creerer.
yours truly.

L. S. Hutcheson.
R#3 Box 766.

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November 21, 1934

Mr. L. S. Hutchason,
Route #3, Box 766,
San Diego, California.

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your postcard dated November 11, 1934 requesting information concerning Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd, who was recently killed while resisting arrest.

Please be advised that the information contained in the files of this Division is of a confidential nature and therefore cannot be furnished. I am, however, taking the liberty of forwarding you a copy of an Identification Order prepared and issued by this Division setting forth certain identifying data with respect to this individual.

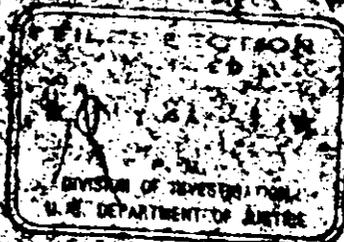
Trusting that this information will be of assistance to you in the preparation of your paper, I am

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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November 14, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Detroit, Michigan.

Re: CHARLES ARTHUR 'PRETTY BOY' FLOYD,
with aliases, (deceased) et al.
Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoners

Dear Sir:

In order to complete the file, the Division desires that you obtain from Mr. E. R. Sturgis, Sheriff, Liverpool, Ohio, a transcript of the coroner's or medical report submitted in connection with the death of subject Floyd.

The Division desires that you give immediate attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

cc-Chicago
Kansas City

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

Dear Sir:

RE: CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD with aliases,
Deceased, et al
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER
K.C. File 62-760

Reference is made to Division letter of November 2, 1934, wherein instructions are given that this office furnish the Division with the criminal code citation upon which the indictments in the above entitled case are based. Please be advised that one indictment against Richard Tallman Galatas, Herbert Allen Farmer, Esther Farmer, Frances Nash, Frank B. Mulloy, Louis Stacci, Klizabeth Galatas and Vivian Mathias charges violations of Title 18, Section 753I; Title 18, Section 246, and Title 18, Section 88, all of the United States Code.

Another indictment returned against Adam Richetti only charges violation of the same sections of the statute.

As soon as a report is rendered, which will be within the next few days, bringing this matter up to date, the Division will be furnished with exact copies of these indictments.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN,
Special Agent in Charge.



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Mr. Ladd telephoned and stated that the State's Attorney, Mr. Kincaid, at St. Paul had just received a telegram from a newspaper in Newark, New Jersey - the Newark Star-Eagle, advising that William Weissman surrendered today in connection with the assault on a Government officer case which was pending in that district - Weissman has been released on bail. I advised New York would be advised of this matter immediately; however that I did not believe Weissman was the individual for whom we were looking in connection with this case - but that I was of the opinion he was the individual wanted in connection with a bankruptcy case there.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD with aliases,
Deceased, et al
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Kindly refer to letter dated November 8, 1934, addressed by this office to the Division pertaining to the shipment of Thompson sub-machine gun with serial obliterated and .45 caliber Colt automatic pistol, serial number 483206, which weapons were taken by officers at Wellsville, Ohio, upon the apprehension of Subject Richetti.

These weapons were produced upon subpoena duces tecum before the United States Grand Jury at Kansas City, Missouri, by John H. Fultz, Chief of Police at Wellsville, Ohio. The court stenographer, who recorded the testimony offered before the Grand Jury at the time the weapons were produced, is Miss Ann Feltenstein. Two small slips of yellow paper bearing her initials "A.F." and the initials of Randall Wilson, Assistant United States Attorney, were attached to the guns. There were also secured two small envelopes which were securely tied to the weapons in which the slips of paper bearing the initials, as above, were placed. On the outside of these envelopes there were inscribed the following notations by Randall Wilson:

"November 6, 1934, Grand Jury exhibit 10, Thompson sub-machine gun, .45 caliber automatic. Signed - Randall Wilson, Assistant United States District Attorney, Western District of Missouri, Kansas City, Missouri" and "November 6, 1934, Grand Jury exhibit 11, .45 Colt's automatic, serial #483296. Signed - Randall Wilson, Assistant United States District Attorney, Western District of Missouri, Kansas City, Missouri."

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Mr. Wilson also with the use of a sharp instrument inscribed the initial "W" on the left hand side of the frame of the machine gun just ahead of the clip and behind the barrel. This identification mark was placed there in order that the gun might be later positively identified since it bore no visible identifying number.

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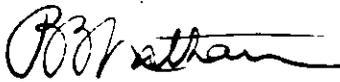
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The above exhibit tags should be retained attached to the
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Very truly yours,



R. B. NATHAN,
Special Agent in Charge.

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

Dear Sir :

The Oklahoma City office received a letter from Henry F. Taylor, Senior Warden's Assistant, U. S. Southwestern Reformatory, El Reno, Oklahoma, dated November 1, 1934, advising that one of the inmates of that institution who was to be released on November 12, 1934, possessed information believed to be of value to the Division. Accordingly, Special Agent R. N. Butterworth of this office proceeded to El Reno and there interviewed Ben F. Fain, a prisoner in the Reformatory. The results of this interview were incorporated in a memorandum by Agent Butterworth, dated November 7, 1934, a copy of which is attached for the attention of the Division and Chicago and Kansas City offices. It will be noted that Fain professes to have information relating to certain bonds in the possession of the late "Pretty Boy" Floyd. The Oklahoma City office is of the opinion that the information furnished by Fain does not warrant any investigative attention at this time.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Bramley
Dwight Bramley,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,
November 7, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE:

RE: RALPH L. FAIN
KILLER OF STOLEN BONDS

This memorandum is predicated on a letter from Henry F. Taylor, Senior Warden's Assistant, United States Southwest Reformatory, El Reno, Oklahoma, dated November 1, 1934, which stated that one of the inmates in that institution had told him that this man's brother was alleged to have handled large sums of stolen bonds and currency before he was killed in Seminole County recently. Agent proceeded to the United States Southwest Reformatory, El Reno, Oklahoma, and interviewed Mr. Henry F. Taylor, who stated that the man who had furnished the information concerning the alleged sale of stolen bonds was Ben F. Fain. Mr. Taylor stated that Fain had been sentenced on June 13, 1934 at Durant, Oklahoma by Federal Judge Robert Williams on charge of possession of liquor, and received a sentence of six months in the United States Southwest Reformatory at El Reno, Oklahoma. Fain will be released on November 12, 1934.

Agent interviewed Ben F. Fain at the United States Southwest Reformatory, El Reno, Oklahoma, who stated that when he was released November 12, 1934 he intends to go to St. Joseph, Missouri where George LeFlore, the father of Fain's wife lives at 1106 South 9th Street, St. Joseph, Missouri. He stated that his wife is staying with her father and mother in that city, and that if he does not go directly to St. Joseph, Missouri that he will visit his sister, Mrs. Dennis S. Thorne, 908 N. Pierce Street, Amarillo, Texas. Ben F. Fain stated that his brother Ralph L. Fain was killed September 26, 1934 between 4:00 a. m. and 5:00 a. m. on the road about half way between Seminole, Oklahoma and Nowata, Oklahoma while Ralph L. Fain was being transferred to the county jail at Nowata by John Poe, a special deputy sheriff of Seminole, Oklahoma, who was conveying Fain to the county jail at Nowata. Ben F. Fain stated that it had been reported that Ralph L. Fain had tried to escape from Mr. Poe, and that Poe had shot Fain just behind the left ear, the bullet coming out just below the right ear. He stated that Ralph L. Fain came to visit him at the reformatory on August 28, 1934, and told him that he had had \$150,000.00 worth of bonds in his possession; that he had sold \$39,000.00 worth of these bonds, and still had over \$100,000.00 worth of bonds in his possession. He stated that Ralph L. Fain told him on this visit that part of the bonds were railroad bonds, but did not tell him how many of these bonds had been issued by railroads, or what

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corporations had issued the other bonds. He stated that Ralph L. Fain told him that he had a deal with two or three banks around Seminole to take these bonds, and that the banks were going to use the bonds to cover up shortages in their banks. He said that his brother would not tell him where he had gotten the bonds, but did say, "the bonds might be "Pretty Boy" Floyd's or Silbur Underhill's."

Ben F. Fain stated that he secured a leave of absence from the reformatory to attend the funeral of Ralph L. Fain, and that on September 28, 1934 he was accompanied by a reformatory guard named Bennie Durham; that they went to Seminole, Oklahoma by bus in the afternoon; that on arriving at Seminole he went to the Chadwick Funeral Home, Seminole, Oklahoma, to see his brother; that he went to the Kelly Dry Goods Company, Main Street, Seminole, Oklahoma, where he saw George and Jim Killingsworth, who run that store. He said that Jim Killingsworth and his brother Ralph L. Fain had been great friends, and that Ralph L. Fain had done considerable work in the collection of bills for these men. Fain stated that he talked to George Killingsworth in his office at the store, and that George Killingsworth had told Fain that he was sorry that he had not been able to send him the \$15.00 for which Fain had wired, in order to pay the expenses of attending his brother's funeral. Fain then asked George Killingsworth where "Uncle Jim" was; that Jim Killingsworth was commonly known to people around Seminole, Oklahoma as "Uncle Jim"; that George Killingsworth said "Uncle Jim" was in the door of the store. Fain said he walked over and shook hands with Jim Killingsworth, who said, "I suppose you know Ralph's killing was a cold blooded murder, but there is nothing we can do about it." Fain then told Jim Killingsworth that he wanted to see him the next day either before or after the funeral, and Jim Killingsworth said, "I will try to see you." Fain said, "did you see the body before it was taken in?" Jim said, "yes, I saw Ralph after daylight, and there was a little puddle of blood under him on the road." On Saturday morning, September 29, 1934 before the funeral Ben F. Fain talked again to Jim Killingsworth. Fain said "I can't see why something can't be done about the murder." Jim Killingsworth replied, "nothing can be done about it, and I advise you to let it go as it is." Fain then said, "if I had it dug into correctly would it get you into the pen?" Killingsworth replied, "no it would not hurt me at all."

Fain said that Ben Parsley, his nephew, who now lives in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, told Fain the day of the funeral that he had heard it stated in Seminole by Grady Sims, father-in-law of Ralph

L. Fain, who lives in the Clark Dowering addition which adjoins the city limits of Seminole, north from Seminole, that Ralph L. Fain had \$22,500.00 in bills in his possession when he was killed. Ben Fain stated during his conversation with Jim Killingsworth on the morning before Ralph L. Fain's funeral Jim Killingsworth stated, "Ralph L. Fain had a lot of insurance bonds in his possession. Sparky King, one of Fain's friends, came to me with a note signed by Ralph L. Fain asking for \$100.00. I told King to tell Ralph that his bank roll was about busted, and I could not give him more than \$40.00. I gave King \$40.00 to give to Ralph, who was supposed to be in Shawnee." This conversation between Killingsworth and Sparky King happened two days before Ralph L. Fain was killed. Killingsworth also told Ben F. Fain that King had told Jim Killingsworth that Ralph L. Fain had a deal on with the First National Bank at Shawnee, Oklahoma to sell that bank some bonds, and that the bank was going to pay Ralph L. Fain \$22,500 for these bonds. King told Killingsworth that Ralph L. Fain had told him that he had a deal with officials of the First National Bank at Shawnee, Oklahoma the details of which are as follows:

Ralph L. Fain was to deliver the bonds wrapped in a newspaper at a certain teller's window at the First National Bank at Shawnee, Oklahoma at noon on September 25, 1934; that the bank teller would open the bundle, and when he saw that the bonds were there would pay \$22,500 in bills to Ralph L. Fain.

King stated that Ralph L. Fain had asked King to tell Jim Killingsworth about this deal, and to ask Killingsworth what he thought about it. Killingsworth stated that he told King to tell Ralph not to carry out the deal. Jim Killingsworth stated to Ben F. Fain that he saw Ralph L. Fain the evening before he was killed at Shawnee, Oklahoma, and that he told Fain that the deal which he had with the First National Bank of Shawnee, Oklahoma was a trap, and advised Fain not to go to the bank with the bonds. Jim Killingsworth stated that Ralph L. Fain laughed, and did not say anything more about this deal, and that Jim Killingsworth did not know whether Ralph L. Fain went to the bank or not. Jim Killingsworth further told Ben F. Fain that he had an appointment to meet Ralph L. Fain in Shawnee on the morning of September 26, 1934. He said that he got up early and drove to Shawnee to the home of Pat Williams; that when he arrived there he was told by Pat Williams that police officers from Seminole had arrested Ralph L. Fain the night before and taken him to Nowata, Oklahoma. He stated that he drove back to his home, which is one and one-half miles north of Seminole, Oklahoma, and then went to his store at Seminole, where

some one on the street told him that the police officers had killed Ralph L. Fain the night before. Jim Killingsworth told Ben F. Fain that he asked the people standing around at this time where Ralph L. Fain had been taken, and they told him the Chadwick Funeral Home. Jim Killingsworth went to the funeral home to see Ralph L. Fain, but that the officer in charge would not let him see him, but told him that he could see him later in the day.

Jim Killingsworth told Ben F. Fain that Pat Williams had told Killingsworth that Williams and Ralph L. Fain had been sitting in a coupe in front of Pat Williams' house on the morning of September 26, 1934, and that Lester Bush and John Goss, deputy sheriffs of Seminole, had come from Seminole; identified Ralph L. Fain, and took him back to Seminole; that they put him in the Seminole police station. Williams stated that Sperry King who had been present in Williams' house ran away with a lot of bonds which were in a suit case, and Williams said he did not know what had become of these bonds.

Ben F. Fain stated that Ralph L. Fain had an argument with Mr. Ledbetter, United States Commissioner at Nowata in March, 1934 about Ben F. Fain's conviction for possession of liquor, and that he does not want Mr. Ledbetter to know what he has told agent in this matter. Ben F. Fain stated that he believed the stolen bonds were secured by Ralph L. Fain from Jim Killingsworth, or that Jim Killingsworth knows where Ralph L. Fain got these stolen bonds. Ben F. Fain stated that Sperry King lives in Seminole, is married, and is about thirty-five years old; that Pat Williams lives in Shawnee, and up to a year ago worked for a pressing and cleaning establishment at Seminole. He stated that he believes that Sperry King and Pat Williams were working in this matter under the direction of Jim Killingsworth, and know about the receipt of the stolen bonds by Ralph L. Fain. Ben F. Fain said that Jim Killingsworth told Ralph L. Fain to use the name of Alfred Jones if he was interrogated by police officers at any time, and this was the name Ralph L. Fain used when he was arrested in Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Ben F. Fain stated that a letter had been received by Mr. Taylor at the reformatory dated October 31, 1934 from Davis T. Nowlin, P. O. Box 937, Seminole, Oklahoma. Mr. Taylor allowed agent to see this letter, which stated that Mr. Nowlin wanted to know the date of the expiration of Ben Fain's sentence at the reformatory. This letter was signed Davis T. Nowlin, special officer for First National Bank, Seminole, Oklahoma. Ben F. Fain said that Nowlin was

formerly employed as a watchman for the Killingsworths, and Fain stated that he believes that Nowlin wished to secure the date of his release from the reformatory in order to give this information to the Killingsworth brothers.

Ben F. Fain stated that he was unable to furnish any further information regarding the amount and kind of stolen bonds which had been in the hands of his brother Ralph L. Fain; that he has no further information as to from whom these bonds were obtained by Fain, or the source from where they had been stolen.

Ben F. Fain stated that after his release from the reformatory he will keep in touch with Henry F. Taylor, Senior Warden's Assistant, United States Southwest reformatory, Al Reno, Oklahoma, and will furnish Mr. Taylor any further information which he secures in regard to the stolen bonds which were in the possession of his brother Ralph L. Fain before Fain's death on September 26, 1934.

Mr. Taylor stated that if he receives any information from Ben F. Fain in this matter, he will immediately advise the Oklahoma City office of the Division.

R. N. BUNCHWORTH,
Special Agent

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Kansas City, Missouri.**

St. Paul FILE NO. **62-888**

REPORT MADE AT: St. Paul, Minn.	DATE WHEN MADE: 11-15-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 11/8-9-10/34	REPORT MADE BY: R. C. Coulter
TITLE: VERNON C. MILLER, with aliases (Deceased); ET AL.			CHARACTER OF CASE: CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Two Cranberry Lakes located near Hayward, Wisconsin; however, the lodge of GOETZ was not located on either lake. Further investigation being conducted. Bullet found under body of GEORGE ANDERSON near Webster, Wisconsin, on April 25, 1932 temporarily misplaced but will be located by the Sheriff's Office at Webster and submitted to the Division through this office.

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REFERENCE:

Letter from Kansas City Office dated 6-23-34, and reports of Special Agent R. C. Suran, Chicago, Illinois, dated 8-9-34, and Special Agent R. C. Coulter, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated 8-23-34.

DETAILS:

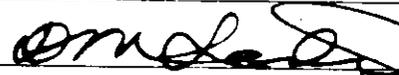
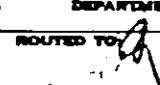
The following investigation was conducted at Webster, Wisconsin, by Special Agent W. B. Matney on November 10, 1934:

DETAILS:

Agent interviewed MR. FRANK SIMINGTON, operator of Phil Hall's Tavern at Winters, Wisconsin, who stated that he had been employed as a guide for several years around Cranberry Lake and that he was positive that there was no cabin on Cranberry Lake, and stated that late in the summer of 1934 the first road to that lake was put in.

Agent examined this lake and found that it is a small lake which is connected with the Hayward flowage, and that there are no cabins on or near this

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lake.

Pictures of the DILLINGER and KARPIS-BARKER gangs were shown to MR. SIMINGTON, along with a picture of GOETZ (VON ASH), and agent was informed that he had not seen any of the persons except HOMER WILSON, No. 837. MR. SIMINGTON informed agent that it would have been impossible for GOETZ to have had a cabin on or near Cranberry Lake and he not to have known it.

Agent interviewed CLARENCE CHRISTIANSEN and O. N. OWEN, who live in a hut on Cranberry Lake, who stated that their place was the only one on Cranberry Lake, and stated that a few months ago they had built a road to the lake. Both of these men stated that there had been no cabin on Cranberry Lake, and advised agent upon examining the photographs of GOETZ and members of the DILLINGER and BARKER-KARPIS gangs that they had not seen any of those people around Cranberry Lake.

Agent interviewed BERT HURGAMY at Gagne Chicken Ranch, near Cranberry Lake, who viewed the pictures of the DILLINGER and KARPIS-BARKER gangs but no identifications were made.

Agent interviewed MR. ARTHUR HANNAFORD, who stated that he had lived near Cranberry Lake for years and was sure that there were no cabins on Cranberry Lake, and upon being shown a picture of GOETZ (VON ASH), stated that he had not seen that person near Cranberry Lake, and would have seen him if he had owned a cabin on that lake. MR. HANNAFORD was shown the pictures of the DILLINGER and KARPIS-BARKER gangs, along with other pictures, and stated that he had not seen any of them near Cranberry Lake.

Agent proceeded to Cranberry Lake No. 2, which is located thirty miles North of Hayward, Wisconsin, and interviewed MRS. MARGIE HUDDLESON, who stated that she lived on that lake for several years and knew all of the persons owning cabins on that lake, and upon examining the above mentioned photographs, stated that none of the persons shown her had lived on or near Cranberry Lake. MRS. HUDDLESON stated that she was positive that GOETZ had not lived on Cranberry Lake as there were only three cabins and she was personally acquainted with the occupants of them all, and also stated that all of these people had lived there for several years.

Agent also interviewed P. H. WALLIN, who is employed by the grocery store at Grand View, Wisconsin, who stated that he delivered groceries to all of the cabins on or near Cranberry Lake and stated that he had held this position for the past five years. MR. WALLIN was shown a picture of GOETZ, and also the pictures of members of the DILLINGER and KARPIS-BARKER gangs, and stated that he was positive that none of these people had lived on Cranberry Lake during the past five years.

Agent interviewed MR. C. L. FRIEDBAUER at his camp near Cable, Wisconsin, and was advised that he held dances near Cranberry Lake, and that most of the summer residents came to these dances. He was also shown photographs of the above mentioned individuals, and stated that he had not seen any of these people near Cranberry Lake during the past three years. This man lives on Rural Route No. 2, Cable, Wisconsin.

The following investigation was conducted on November 10, 1934 by Special Agent W. B. Matney, to ascertain who had possession of the bullet that was found by the body of ANDERSON near Webster, Wisconsin, who was alleged to have been killed by KARPIS and BARKER.

Agent interviewed MR. C. H. SAUNDERS, Sheriff at Grantsburg, Wisconsin, who stated that the slug that was dug from the ground near the body of ANDERSON was not in his possession but that he believed his deputy, A. O. Braberg, had this slug.

Agent interviewed A. O. BRABERG at Webster, Wisconsin, who stated that he had kept this slug in his possession since it was found, but stated that he did not know where it was at this time. MR. BRABERG searched for this slug but was unable to locate it. Agent was advised that an additional search would be made and if this slug was located he would forward it to the St. Paul Division Office immediately. Agent was advised that an unfired shell was also found near the scene of this crime, and stated that it was found at the spot where ANDERSON was dragged from the car. This .45 unfired shell was secured and will be returned by agent to the St. Paul Office.

The .45 unfired shell was secured and is being sent to the Division in order that it may be examined in the technical laboratory. From an examination of the shell it does not appear that any effort had been made to fire same, or show any signs of having been extracted from a firearm.

however, under close examination some information of value may be secured.

Special Agent A. J. Zimmerman conducted the following investigation at the office of the Superintendent of the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, State Office Building, St. Paul, Minnesota, on July 12, 1934:

In regard to a .45 caliber bullet which was found near the body of GEORGE ANDERSON at Webster, Wisconsin, MR. PASSOLT informed agent that this bullet had never been in his office but was left in the custody of Sheriff Burnett, Webster, Wisconsin, and without a doubt could be found there at this time.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The St. Paul Division Office

Will conduct further investigation in an effort to locate the lodge of GOETZ, who is reported to have owned same under the name of VON ASH. It is noted in the report of Special Agent R. C. Coulter, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated August 31, 1934 that this lodge is located on Cranberry Lake, eight miles from Couderay, Wisconsin, and that the caretaker's name was CHARLIE and his wife's name was LELA or LOTUS. This information was furnished by MRS. GLADYS MORGINS, who did not know the direction this lodge is located from Couderay.

The other leads set out in the reports of reference will be developed as soon as possible.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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

November 16, 1934.

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

RE: CHARLES ARTHUR "PRETTY BOY" FLOYD,
with aliases - (Deceased); ET AL;
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of November 12, 1934, inquiring relative to investigative activity by this office since the date of your letter of October 29, 1934.

I desire to call your attention to report of Special Agent J. H. Rice, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, November 12, 1934, which report covers the investigation conducted at Stillwater, Minnesota, and at Shakopee, Minnesota. Likewise, I desire to call your attention to the report of Special Agent R. C. Coulter, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, November 15, 1934, setting forth the results of investigation conducted at Hayward and Webster, Wisconsin.

Very truly yours,



D. M. LADD,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases,
(DECEASED) ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

Reference is made to letter of October 13, 1934, addressed to this office by the Division, instructing that certain diagrams be prepared showing appropriate details as mentioned.

These diagrams have been prepared at the Kansas City Office and they are being forwarded under separate cover on this date to the Division.

Regarding the diagram showing the route traveled by Subjects Floyd and Richetti when they arrived in Kansas City with Sheriff Jack Killingsworth, from Bolivar, Missouri, it has been deemed expedient to furnish the Division with an actual road map of the State of Missouri whereon Mr. Killingsworth has outlined in black ink the roads traveled.

Very truly yours,



R. B. NATHAN
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Mr. Brantley called me at 10:00 P.M. last night to advise that Special Agents of the Oklahoma City Office had late yesterday afternoon at Sallisaw, Oklahoma, picked up Beulah and Rose Baird, the paramours of Floyd and Richetti. Mr. Brantley stated that he felt these women, if continuously and vigorously questioned for an extended period of time, would be able to furnish us with a great deal of information concerning the activities of Floyd and Richetti during the past year. Mr. Brantley stated that there were no facilities in Oklahoma City which would permit the detention of these women there, and that he felt that a writ of habeas corpus would be filed upon him if he attempted to hold them in Oklahoma City. Mr. Brantley thought that he should transport these women to Chicago and detain them there. I stated to Mr. Brantley that I did not believe the information which we might obtain from the Baird women would justify the expense of transporting them to Chicago, since if we did know the activities and hideouts of Floyd and Richetti during the past year, they would be of no value to us now, except for a possible prosecution of some individual for harboring. After discussing this situation with you, I contacted Mr. Cowley at Chicago and asked him for his views in the matter. He stated that he could see no purpose in bringing the Baird women to Chicago, since the information obtained from them would be of little practical use to the Division now. I requested Mr. Cowley to call Brantley and tell him that after talking to the Division it had been decided that Brantley should question these women to the best of his knowledge in Oklahoma City and if threatened with a writ of habeas corpus or other proceeding, to dismiss the women from custody.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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

Dear Sir:

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RE: CHARLES ARTHUR FLOYD, with aliases,
(DECEASED) ET AL
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FEDERAL PRISONER

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On November 16, 1934, the writer, together with Special Agents Andersen and Trainor, of this office, conferred with United States Attorney Maurice K. Milligan and his assistants relative to the indictments in the above case.

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Mr. Milligan advised that Judge Otis will try criminal cases beginning December 26, 1934, and continuing for approximately two weeks. It is Mr. Milligan's intention that the conspiracy indictment in this case be the first to be tried, which would mean that the case would actually go to trial on December 27th. Following this trial the case against George Rayen charging perjury will be heard before Judge Otis. Mr. Milligan further advised that Judge Reeves will hold court commencing about January 8, 1935, at which time the perjury cases against Eugene C. Reppert and Thomas J. Higgins will be tried.

With reference to the indictments returned against Reppert and Higgins, Mr. Milligan called attention to the fact that it will be necessary to develop as strong a case as possible. He feels that these persons will endeavor to present evidence indicating that the Police Department was active in its efforts to solve the massacre, and that the Government should be ready to present all possible evidence rebutting the contentions of the defendants. He, accordingly, is desirous of having an opportunity to confer with the representatives of the Division who were in charge of our investigation during the period immediately after the massacre in order to determine from them the extent of their recollection concerning any conferences or negotiations had with officials of the Kansas City Police Department. Mr. Milligan believes that it would be more expedient and helpful if a conference could be arranged at Kansas City at which time the Division's

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representatives could all be present, rather than to have these persons submit statements in this regard. It is noted that during the period in question Assistant Director Nathan was in Kansas City, as well as Special Agents in Charge Vetterli, Jones and Harvey. It is my recollection that probably all of these persons had some contact with officials of the Police Department.

Mr. Milligan is desirous that this conference be had as soon as possible, suggesting that efforts be made to arrange it during the coming week. I informed him that this would undoubtedly not be feasible, but that I would present the matter to you and that such action as is possible would be taken by you. If the Division believes that such conference is desirable I will appreciate your early advice in order that the necessary arrangements may be effected without undue delay.

It is noted that the Division has been furnished with copies of all of the indictments in question. With reference to the indictment against Rayen, the United States Attorney has requested that interviews be had with all persons alleged to have been present at the time of the conference in Wichita, Kansas out of which the indictment against Rayen grew. Certain interviews in this connection have been had and will be reported within a few days. The remaining investigation in this connection will be conducted as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,



R. B. NATHAN
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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