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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **DALLAS, TEXAS**

FILE NO. **26-5301**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Chicago, Illinois</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>5/26/34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>4/13 to 19 &amp; 30 &amp; 5/13/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>EARL VAN VAGNER FWV</b>
TITLE: <b>CLYDE CHAMPION BARROW, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1211; et al.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Photographs of Raymond Hamilton and Mary O'Dare exhibited to pullman porter and conductor of the Illinois Central Railroad and were identified by them as having arrived in Chicago on the Number Two train from New Orleans, Saturday, April 7, 1934. Photographs exhibited to Yellow Cab taxi driver T. Stewart who identified photographs as parties he took from train Number Two, Illinois Central Station, on 4/7/34 to the Parkway Hotel, Chicago. Manager and employees of Parkway Hotel unable to identify photographs as guests of hotel. Investigation at Yellow Cab Co. failed to produce favorable results.

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REFERENCE:

Telegrams from the Dallas office, dated April 11 and 12, 1934.

DETAILS: At Chicago, Illinois.

**DETAILS:**

Agent contacted Mr. F. A. Francis, Information Clerk, Illinois Central Station, who advised that Number Two Illinois Central Train was due from New Orleans at 9:10 P.M.; that this train arrived on time, according to the official records of the railroad company and not at 9:40 P.M. as stated in the telegram of reference dated April 11, 1934.

Agent interviewed Mr. J. B. Kenner, Assistant District Superintendent, Pullman Company, 343 South Webach Avenue, and made

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an appointment to meet the pullman conductor the following day at ten A.M.

Agent interviewed Mr. C. Lewis, Pullman Porter, at the Pullman Company, 845 South Wabash Avenue, who advised that he resided at 3613 State Street; that upon exhibiting the photographs of Raymond Hamilton and Mary O'Dare, alias Mary Pitts, he readily identified the photographs of these individuals as being on his train and getting off at the Central Station of the Illinois Central Railroad at Chicago at 9:10 P.M. April 7, 1934, but he could not say whether the woman was traveling with the man or not.

Agent interviewed Mr. U. Wasley, Pullman Conductor, at the Pullman Company, address above, who advised that he was Pullman Conductor for train Number Two which was due in Chicago Saturday night, April 7, 1934, at 9:10 P.M., at the Twelfth Street Station. Agent exhibited to him the photographs of Raymond Hamilton and Mary O'Dare and he readily identified same and stated that this Hamilton wore a gray striped suit, but could give no further description of Hamilton's dress. He stated that these people got on the train separately but after they were on the train they soon got together and were together all during the day and had breakfast together the next morning and had a couple of bottles of beer during the day. He stated that it was his opinion when he first noticed them that the man was trying "to make" the woman, but so far as he knows they did not sleep together, but had separate berths.

Mr. Wasley advised that he recalled Number Two being 30 minutes late on the night of Saturday, April 7, 1934. He also advised that he recalls that the man had a small plaster on his nose while on the train.

After Agent had obtained the above information and made sure that subject Hamilton and Mary O'Dare had arrived in Chicago, he called at the Yellow Cab Company, 57 East Elst Street, and there interviewed Mr. Harry L. Miller of the Lost and Found Department, who advised that he would have no way of telling who was at the Central Station of the Illinois Central Railroad Company on Saturday night, April 7, 1934, without issuing a bulletin and placing the same in the twelve garages of the Yellow Cab Company, inquiring of the drivers as to who had a passenger or passengers from the Twelfth Street Station on the night in question after 9:10 P.M.

He exhibited to Agent, the daily sheets of the various drivers, numbering some 5,000, and told Agent that he was perfectly welcome to examine the daily sheets in an effort to find the driver who had a load out of the Central Station of the Illinois Central Railroad on the date in question.

Agent examined a number of these daily sheets and located a driver by the name of T. Stewart, number 1444 of 1716 South Michigan Avenue, who had a load of two passengers from the Central Station to 2100 Lincoln Parkway. The report indicated that this party arrived at 2100 Lincoln Parkway about 10:00 P.M., but there was no time indicated as to when he left the station with this load.

It should be noted here that from the Central Station of the Illinois Central Railroad to Lincoln Parkway, 2100 Lincoln Park West, can be made in about twenty minutes time of fast driving.

Without examining the balance of the 3,200 daily sheets, Agent located T. Stewart and he was interviewed at the Chicago Division office. Agent exhibited the photographs of Hamilton and Mary O'Dare to him, and he positively identified the man, and believed that the woman was in company with him. He stated that he took this load to the Parkway Hotel at 2100 Lincoln Park, West; that the man asked him to drive him to this hotel; that he told him this hotel was near the Lincoln Hotel; that the fare was eighty or ninety cents, and that the man did not tip very liberally, but threw him a dollar bill and said to keep the change. He stated that he gave him ten cents back but the man threw it back to him. He stated that the man wore dark heavy glasses and had on a dark suit with a light topcoat and a light brown hat; that the woman had on a little black hat, fur collared coat and a little black handbag. He stated that the woman was very short and would weigh about 125 to 130 pounds; that the man seemed somewhat put out because he took him up to Webster Street and back half a block in order to put him out at the hotel on the right side of the street. He stated further that he would know the man and woman if he ever saw them again.

He further advised that these people got off from the Number Two train, which is due to arrive in Chicago at 9:15 P.M. and that they had two suit cases between them.

Agent accompanied by the late Special Agent W. Carter Baw, called at the Parkway Hotel, 2100 Lincoln Park, West, and exhibited the photographs of Raymond Hamilton and Mary O'Dare to Mr. J. J. Calvey, Manager of this hotel. Mr. Calvey called in the room clerk Mr. Ed Schmidt, but after an examination of the registrations, which were only six in number for April 7, 1934, three of whom were personally known to the room clerk, he could not identify the photographs of these individuals as anyone that had been a guest at the hotel.

Mr. Thomas Gillingham, Bell Boy, was interviewed, and he could not recall of ever having seen Raymond Hamilton and Mary O'Dare, claiming that he remembers the guests that came in on that Saturday night. The photographs of Raymond Hamilton and Mary O'Dare were exhibited to Hugh Gillis, the doorman, who likewise advised that he was unable to identify the photographs as any guests of the Parkway Hotel.

Mr. A. J. Ryan, night clerk on duty on April 7, 1934 at the above hotel was also shown the photographs of the above individuals, but he advised that, as the others, he had never seen these individuals.

It was the opinion of Mr. Miller that if pictures could be made so that they could be placed in the garages of the Yellow Cab Company, it might be possible that some of the drivers might recognize the the individuals and would save a considerable amount of work in checking the daily sheets.

Agent had twelve photographs made of subjects Raymond Hamilton and Mary O'Dare and presented the same to Mr. David E. Greenberg, Legal Department of the Yellow Cab Company, address as above, who advised that due to past experiences, he found that placing of photographs in the various garages on the bulletin boards, defeated the purpose because with so many drivers it was impossible to know who they were and frequently the drivers were in "caboots" with the individuals who were being sought. He suggested that he would be willing to post a bulletin in the twelve garages requesting that any driver having a load on Saturday, April 7, 1934, after 9:10 P.M., call at his office, and in this way he would be able to find the various drivers who left the station at that particular time. He also stated that there were 2,000 cars on duty in the Yellow Cab Company; that each car made 30 trips a day, working eight hours per shift, which would mean that in looking through the cards, 72,000 trips would have to be examined in order to ascertain just who left the Illinois Central Station at the time in question.

It should be noted here that the Yellow Cab Company has the concession for the Illinois Central Station and that in order to take any other cab it is necessary to walk out into the street to hail another taxi.

Agent kept in close touch with the Yellow Cab Company for a number of days and was finally advised by Miss C. Menken, Secretary to David E. Greenberg, that so far there had been no drivers report to the office claiming to have had a load from the Illinois Central Station on the date in question.

The Chicago office notified the Dallas office by wire that Hamilton and Mary O'Dare had been identified as arriving in Chicago on the evening of Saturday, April 7, 1934, and that further information would be furnished upon completion of the investigation.

P E N D I N G

420 Federal Building,  
Dallas, Texas.

May 29, 1934.

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

Re: CLYDE G. BARROW, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1211; et al.  
National Motor Veh. Theft Act.

Dear Sir:

With reference to report of Special Agent  
Earl Van Wagener, Chicago, 5-28-34, it is suggested  
that this investigation be discontinued since Barrow  
is dead and Hamilton has been returned to the Texas  
Prison System.

Very truly yours,

F.J. BLAKE,  
Special Agent in Charge.

FJB:LM  
cc-Division  
26-4114- 215

D. C. HARRIS, Mayor  
OSCAR BISH, Commissioner  
J. LEWIS STROUD, Commissioner  
GLEN WRIGHT, City Secretary

JOHN C. MILLER, Corporation Counsel  
J. E. LAWRENCE, Chief of Police  
E. F. YEAGER, M. D., Health Officer  
W. J. MILLER, City Engineer

# The City of Mineral Wells

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mineral Wells, Texas

Original Lake Mineral Wells

6/2/34  
Mr Frank J. Blake Dallas, Tex.

Dear Mr Blake. Since talking to you  
over at Dallas, our friend Mr Alf Brown  
of Decatur was over here, and  
mentioned the Proposition you are up  
against in & around Decatur.

And he said he would like to see  
you and talk to you, but could not  
do it around here since he  
did not want those people around  
here to see you with him or  
know anything about what he does.  
So if you think it necessary,

you can let me know and arrange  
to meet him here.  
With best wishes to you in  
your work I am yours Truly,

J. C. Lawrence.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE  
MAY 22 1934  
DALLAS OFFICE

WHERE AMERICA DRINKS ITS WAY TO HEALTH

400 Post Office Building,  
Dallas, Texas.

May 20, 1934.

Mr. J.E. Lawrence,  
Chief of Police,  
Mineral Wells, Texas.

Dear Chief Lawrence:-

I am in receipt of your letter of  
5/21/34 concerning Mr. Alf Brown of Decatur, Texas and  
will be pleased to talk this matter over with Mr. Brown  
the first opportunity I have to come to Mineral Wells.

I will notify you later of the  
date upon which I can see him there.

Very truly yours,

F.J. Riske,  
Special Agent in Charge.

FJB:LMT

26-4114-217



U. S. Department of Justice  
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P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
May 31, 1934

KBD:CG  
26-3779

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

Re: GLYDE CHAMPION BARROW, with aliases,  
(Deceased) et al.  
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT

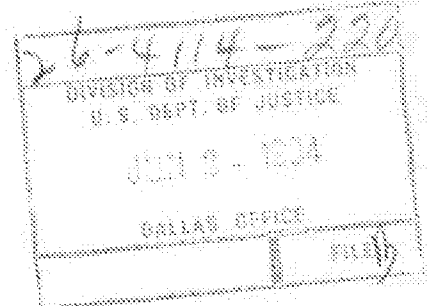
Dear Sir:

In view of information that Glyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker were killed on May 23, 1934, further investigation of this case in the territory covered by the Oklahoma City Division Office is being discontinued, and the case is being considered closed at this office unless specifically instructed to the contrary by the office of origin.

Very truly yours,

*Wright Bramley*  
WRIGHT BRAMLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Division



DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

May 28, 1934.

APPREHENSION ORDER  
No. 1227-307

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE	
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BALLAS OFFICE	
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Dear Sir:

In Re: MRS. ROY THORNTON, aliases  
BONNIE BARROW, MRS. CLYDE BARROW,  
BONNIE PARKER; CLYDE CHAMPION  
BARROW, aliases CLYDE BARROW,  
ROY BAILEY, JACK HALE, ELDIN  
WILLIAMS, ELVIN WILLIAMS.

Identification Order 1227 on the above named subjects is  
heresby cancelled, inasmuch as they were killed near Arcadia, Louisiana  
on May 23, 1934.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover,

Director.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

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Division of Investigation,  
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## Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

June 5, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

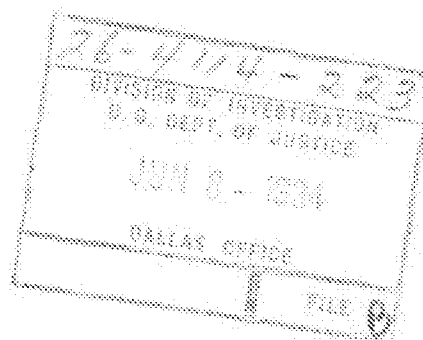
Reference is made to your letter of May 11, 1934, in connection with the case entitled Clyde Champion Barrow - Fugitive, I.O. #1211; et al; National Motor Vehicle Theft Act. One latent fingerprint of value was found in connection with an examination of the exploded shells and the empty Camel cigarette package submitted with your letter. This latent print has been compared with the fingerprints of Clyde Champion Barrow and Henry Methvin, but no identification was effected. It is not of sufficient detail to permit classification and search through the single fingerprint file.

The articles originally submitted, consisting of two empty .32 shells, one empty .45 shell, and one empty Camel cigarette package, are being returned to your office under separate cover.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

Director.



# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

DALLAS, TEXAS.

St. Louis

FILE NO.

26-3740

REPORT MADE AT: St. Louis, Mo.	DATE WHEN MADE: 6-8-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 5-16-34	REPORT MADE BY: D. W. MAHER
TITLE: CLYDE CHAMPION BARROW, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1211, et al.			CHARACTER OF CASE: National Motor Vehicle Theft Act

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Mrs. Nina Dalton is relative of Mrs. Henry Hall, who was injured in automobile accident near Fredericktown, Mo. on 3-28-34 and who was confined for short period in hospital at Cape Girardeau, Mo. Raymond Hall, son of Mrs. Henry Hall, advised does not know present address of Mrs. Nina Dalton but his mother, who was away at time agent called, could furnish same. Due to fact subjects Barrow and Parker now deceased, this case is

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REFERENCE:

Kansas City Division office wire dated 4-10-34, letter addressed Kansas City Division office by St. Louis Division office, dated 4-12-34, and report of Special Agent L. A. Kindell, New Orleans, La., 5-29-34.

DETAILS:

At Campbell, Mo.

Raymond Hall, who is connected with the Engineering Dept. of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, upon interview stated that his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hall were in St. Louis, Mo. at the time agent called; that while he and his wife were in the company of his father and mother on March 28, 1934 they had an automobile accident near Fredericktown, Mo. and that his father and mother, who had been injured, were confined for a short time in the Southeast Missouri Hospital at Cape Girardeau, Mo. He stated that Mrs. Nina Dalton is related to his mother, but that he has not heard from her for the past five or six years and does not know her present whereabouts. He stated, however, that his father and mother would return to Campbell within a few days and if agent

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would again call they would gladly furnish him with the address of  
Miss Dalton.

Reference report of Agent L. A. Kindell reflects that subjects  
Barrow and Bonnie Parker were shot to death near Siles, Bienville  
Parish, La. on May 23, 1934. Therefore, further investigation at  
Campbell, Mo. will be disregarded and this case is being referred upon  
completion to Office of Origin.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

420 Federal Building,  
Dallas, Texas.

June 11, 1934.

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

Re: CLYDE CHAMPION BARROW, et al,  
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

Dear Sir:

I am transmitting herewith a postcard received, addressed to Clyde Champion Barrow, with the suggestion that the Division determine whether a code message is contained thereon.

Very truly yours,

F.J. BLAKE,  
Special Agent in Charge.

FJB:LM

26-4114-225

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

Dallas

June 18, 1934

Hon. Frank J. Blake,  
Division of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Mr. Blake:

Re: United States v. Clyde Darrow,  
your file No. 26-4114.

Please be advised that the above captioned matter has this day been closed by me without prosecution, for the reason that the defendant is deceased and is now subject to other jurisdictions.

Yours very truly,  
For the United States Attorney,

*Joe H. Jones*  
Joe H. Jones  
Assistant United States Attorney.

JHS:MFP

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

DALLAS, TEXAS,

FILE NO.

~~88-180-~~

REPORT MADE AT: <b>DALLAS, TEXAS,</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>6-18-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>6-14-34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>F.S. DUMI,</b>
TITLE: <b>RAYMOND HAMILTON - FUGITIVE JOE PALMER FUGITIVE HENRY MATHVIN FUGITIVE HILTON BYBEE FUGITIVE.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>THEFT OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Indictment returned at Dallas, Texas on May 13, 1934 against above individuals, copies issued same date, warrant return made by U.S. Marshal, case transferred to Abilene Division, detainer placed by U.S. Attorney of Dallas with Warden of State Penitentiary, Huntsville, Texas for Hamilton and Bybee.

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**DETAILS:**

This case was presented to the Federal Grand Jury at Dallas, Texas on May 13, 1934 and indictment was returned against the above individuals. 1 copies was issued as to all subjects and a non est return made by the U.S. Marshal on June 14, 1934, with exception of Clyde Burson and Bonnie Parker, which subjects were killed by officers near Arcadia, La., on May 20, 1934. Their names are being dropped from the title of this report.

Raymond Hamilton is now confined in the Texas State Penitentiary at Huntsville, Texas, having been convicted in the State Courts of Texas, and his accumulated sentences total 263 years. He was later tried at Huntsville, Texas in State Court for the murder of one of the penitentiary guards at the Leathem State Prison Farm at the time of his escape on January 13, 1934, and was given the death sentence.

Henry Mathvin and Joe Palmer have not been apprehended.

Hilton Bybee was recently convicted at Throckmorton, Texas, and is now serving a 25 year sentence in the Texas State Penitentiary at Huntsville for highway robbery with firearms.

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This case has been transferred to the Abilene Division and Assistant U.S. Attorney Joe H. Jones of Dallas on June 14, 1934, communicated by letter addressed to the Warden of the Texas State Penitentiary at Huntsville, requesting that detainer be placed against Hamilton and Sykes.

PENDING.

add.1 Since dictation of this report, the Press Dispatches indicate that Joe Palmer was arrested on June 18, 1934 at St. Joseph, Missouri, and that he will probably be returned to Texas for trial for the murder of a prison guard at the time he escaped from the Texas State Penitentiary.

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report

June 7, 1934.

Case: Clyde Champion Barrow, Fugitive, I.O. #1811, Number:  
et al, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

Specimens: 2 empty .32 shells  
1 empty .45 shell  
1 empty Camel Cigarette Package.

Examination requested by: Dallas Office.

Date received: May 16, 1934.

Examination requested: General and Fingerprint.

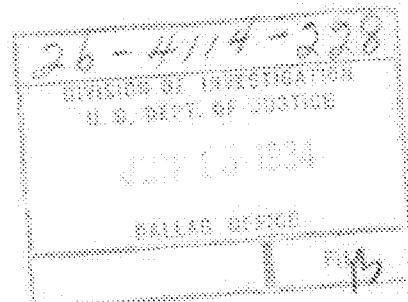
Result of examination:

Examination by:

June 8. The .45 caliber shell does not have some of the marks usually to be found on Colt Automatics and for this reason it might have been fired from one of the other make .45 Automatics such as a Luger or a Mauser. As it is possible for a weapon not to leave these marks always it cannot be stated whether the weapon used was a Colt .45 Automatic.

The marks on one of the .32 caliber shells appear to be like those made by a Savage automatic. The other .32 caliber is also probably a Savage but the marks are less distinctive and the writer cannot be sure of the make of gun. At any rate if it is a Savage it is believed that the two shells were not fired from the same weapon.

3 - Director.  
2 - Dallas.  
2 - Laboratory.



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

June 12, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Dallas, Texas.

RE: CLYDE CHAMPION BARNOW,  
Fugitive, I.O. #1211, et al  
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT

Dear Sir:

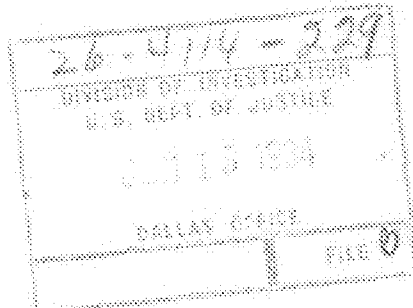
There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Division May 18, 1934.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

Director.

Enclosure: #558534



# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

This case originated at **Dallas**

K. FILE NO. **26-4397**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>Kansas City, Missouri</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>6-13-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>5-22 &amp; 6-9-34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>W. E. Miller</b>
TITLE: <b>CLEVE CHAMPION BARNOW, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. 1211 - ET AL</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Pontiac Coach, Motor No. 990274 stolen from C. W. Page, Topeka, Kansas, 4-7-34, was recovered about 5 miles southwest of Joplin, Missouri, by Joplin Police on 5-2-34. No clues to identity of party who abandoned the car. Value of car recovered \$650.00.

REC

**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent B. E. Allen, Kansas City, dated 4-12-34.

**DETAILS:**

On May 3, 1934, C. W. Page, Topeka, Kansas, advised the Kansas City Division Office by telephone that his Pontiac Coach which was stolen from him in Topeka on the night of April 7, 1934, had been recovered by the Joplin, Missouri, Police Department.

**DETAILS:**

Ed Fortley, Chief of Detectives, Joplin, Missouri, advised that on 5-1-34 some farmer residing about five miles southwest of Joplin had located instant car where it had been abandoned in some wild timber land and had reported the matter to the Joplin Police; that Mr. Fortley had gone to the place where the car was recovered but was unable to obtain any information concerning the identity of the party or parties who abandoned it due to the fact that the car had

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been run about 200 yards from the road into the timber and that no one resides within one half mile of the place. Mr. Portley did not know the name of the farmer who reported the car and explained that this man merely happened to be in that vicinity looking for some cows at time the car was located. Portley further stated that he was unable to give a more definite description of the place where the car was recovered.

Elmer Nellis of Davis Motor Company, Second & Wall Streets, Joplin, Missouri, advised that at the request of the Joplin Police Department he went to a point about five miles southwest of Joplin, and about one fourth mile west of Tanyard Hollow and towed instant car into the Davis Motor Company garage; that a thorough search of the car failed to disclose any information concerning identity of the party or parties who abandoned it.

O. F. Davis, Davis Motor Company, Joplin, Missouri, advised that his records indicated that instant car was brought to this place on 5-2-34 and was turned over to the D. Miller Motor Company, on 5-4-34. Neither Mr. Davis nor Mr. Portley, aforementioned, was able to furnish the motor number of the car at time of interview.

H. P. Miller of D. Miller Motor Company, 7th & Wall Streets, Joplin, Missouri, advised that on 5-4-34 Wayne Croddy and Kenneth Rutherford, employees of this garage, secured instant car from the Davis Motor Company. The car was serviced and on the same day delivered to G. L. Clayton from the office of the General Exchange Insurance Company, Kansas City, Missouri. Mr. Miller examined his records and advised that the motor number of this car was examined by Henry Harper, Service Department Manager, and entered on the records as 930244, Serial No. 341047, the car being shown as a 1934 Pontiac Coach.

By telephone Agent communicated with Mr. W. Aaker of the General Exchange Insurance Company, Medical Arts Building, Kansas City, Missouri, who advised that instant car was insured for \$690.00 at time of theft; that the car was returned to Kansas City by Mr. G. L. Clayton following its recovery at Joplin, Missouri, and has now been sold to F. D. Potter, Kansas City, Missouri.

Mr. Askew advised that his office has no information concerning the identity of the party or parties who abandoned the car although it was generally suspected that the car was stolen by Subject Barrow and the way a panel had been torn out indicated that a gun had been concealed in the car. He also stated that his records show the motor number to be as above stated, it appearing that the number shown in reference report is erroneous. At time of recovery, the speedometer of the car indicated it had been driven approximately 9000 miles since the theft.

Since submission of the last report in this case, numerous leads have been followed out by the Kansas City Office and the results of the inquiries have been covered by memoranda in the file of this office. As the only purpose of the inquiries was to apprehend Subjects and as no material information was obtained, such matters are not being set out in this report due to the fact that Subjects Barrow and Parker have now been killed.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

Dallas, Texas.

June 18, 1934.

F.P.O.:

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Clyde Champion Barrow, alias  
Clyde Barrow, aliases: Roy  
Bailey, Jack Hale, Eldin  
Williams, Elvin Williams.

On May 23, 1934, near Ar-  
cadia, La., shot by peace  
officers, and killed.  
Was wanted for violation  
section 408, Title 18, U.S.C.

Bonnie Parker, aliases:  
Mrs. Roy Thornton,  
Mrs. Clyde Barrow.

On May 23, 1934, near Ar-  
cadia, La., shot by peace  
officers, and killed.  
Was wanted for violation  
Sec. 408, Tit. 18, USC.



THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

DALLAS, TEXAS.

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REPORT MADE AT: DALLAS, TEXAS.	DATE WHEN MADE: 6-15-64	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 6-15-64	REPORT MADE BY: F.J. SLAKE.
TITLE: CLYDE CHAMPION BARRON, w.a. BONNIE PARKER, w.a.			CHARACTER OF CASE: NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Barrow and Parker dead.

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DETAILS:

Due to the fact that Clyde Champion Barrow and Bonnie Parker are both dead, the United States Attorney has closed his file in this case.

Disposition sheet attached to Division copies of this report.

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U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 615,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

June 14, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: CLYDE CHAMPION BARROW, with  
aliases - FUG., I.O. 1211.  
NATL. MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT.  
St. Paul file No. 26-2303.

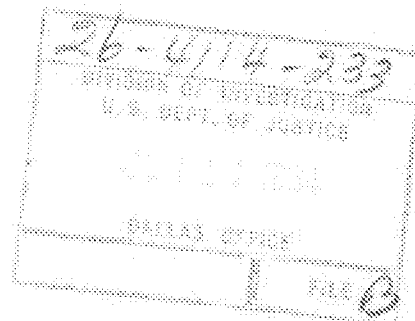
A memorandum by Special Agent O. C. Dewey of the Kansas City office, dated April 12, 1934, at Des Moines, Iowa, was forwarded to the St. Paul office, said memorandum setting out interview with an informant who was not considered reliable, this informant alleging that Clyde Barrow contacted one Eddie Burris and frequented Sioux City, Iowa. Inasmuch as Barrow was killed May 23, 1934, no inquiry is being made at Sioux City, Iowa.

Very truly yours,



D. M. LADD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Cc Division  
Cc Omaha  
Cc Kansas City



P. O. DRAWER 1407,  
St. Louis, Missouri.

June 21, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1818 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg.,  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled CLYDE CHAMPION HARROW, with aliases, et al, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, particular attention being called to the report of Special Agent D. W. Brantley, Kansas City, Mo., dated August 27, 1933, from which it is noted that numerous firearms were recovered after a gun battle with Clyde Champion Harrow and his associates on the night of July 19, 1933.

In connection with the recovery of these guns, this office has received a letter from C. E. Black, Adjutant-General, State of Illinois, Military & Naval Dept., Springfield, Ill., dated June 9, 1934, in which Black requests to be advised of the disposition of said firearms stating he has been informed that several of the arms recovered were the property of the Illinois National Guard, having been stolen from one of their armories.

In view of the above it is requested that this office be advised concerning the disposition of said firearms in order that Adjutant-General Black may be properly informed.

Very truly yours,

L. B. REED,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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1616 Federal Reserve  
Bank Building  
E. C., Mo.

June 28, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
601 Title Guaranty Building,  
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated June 21, 1934, making reference to the case entitled, CLYDE CHAPMAN BARNOR, with aliases, et al., NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT, making particular reference to the report of Special Agent E. W. Brantley, Kansas City, Missouri, dated August 27, 1933, concerning numerous firearms recovered from the Barrow gang on July 19, 1933.

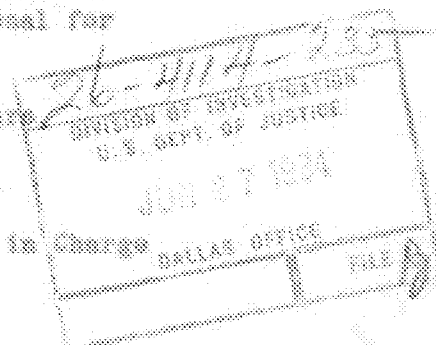
Please be advised that after negotiations were had by the Division with the War Department, this Office was ordered by the War Department, through the Division, to ship these guns to Lieutenant-Colonel A. C. Gillespie, Acting Quartermaster of the Ordnance Department, Rock Island Arsenal, Rock Island, Illinois. Pursuant to these instructions, these guns were shipped under date of December 27, 1933, and subsequently that Ordnance Department acknowledged receipt of these guns on January 13, 1934.

Accordingly, it would appear that the Lieutenant-General of the State of Illinois should be referred to the Ordnance Department of the Rock Island Arsenal for any information concerning these guns.

Very truly yours,

E. E. HAYES,  
Special Agent in Charge

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Dallas  
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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Report

July 11, 1934.

26-31672-253

Case: Clyde Champion Barrow, et al.  
MOTVA

Number:

Specimens: One postal card addressed as follows: "Mr. Clyde Champion Barrow  
Mrs. Emma Parker Dallas Texas", postmarked Boston, Mass. A,  
May 31, 1934, 530PM.

Examination requested by: Dallas Division Office.

Date received: June 15, 1934

Examination requested: Coded message.

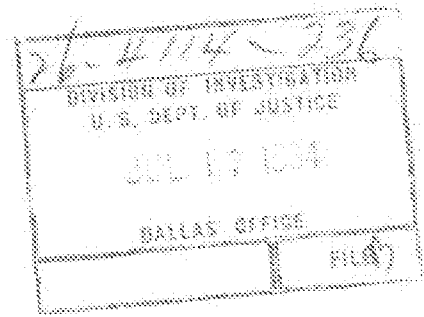
Result of examination:

Examination by:

An examination of the biblical references on the postal card fails to give any indication that a code is involved. These references are quite similar to those included in the letter written to Evelyn Frechetti on April 25, 1934 and signed Olive von Sternberg 1028 South 7th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The handwritings of these letters have been compared. No identification has been made.

It is believed that these letters were written independently by religious cranks.

- 3 - Director.
- 2 - Dallas.
- 2 - Laboratory



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

July 14, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Dallas, Texas.

RE: CLYDE CHAMPION BARRON, et al,  
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT.

Dear Sir:

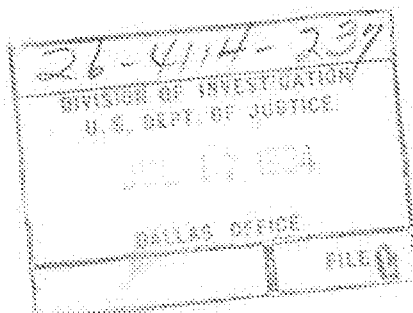
There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Division June 13, 1934.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

Director.

Enclosure: 557266.



U. S. Department of Justice  
Division  
Bureau of Investigation

HW: cw.  
26-3186.

228 1/2 Post Office Building,  
New Orleans, La.  
August 7, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir:-

Re: Clyde Champion Barrow, with aliases, et al.  
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

*In envelope*  
There is transmitted herewith, for your information, a note book which was found in the possession of Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker at the time they were ambushed and killed by officers near Arcadia, Louisiana.

This note book was recently turned over to Special Agent L. A. Kindell, of this office, by Sheriff Henderson Jordan, at Arcadia, Louisiana, who advised that some of the notations, etc., in the back of the book, which are crossed out, were written by one of his, Sheriff Jordan's, deputies, who used the book for a short while after it was recovered from the possession of Barrow and Parker. All of the printing in the front of the book, together with what appears to be dates or code figures of some kind, were in the book at the time it came into Sheriff Jordan's possession.

Very truly yours,



R. Whitley,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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	<i>[Signature]</i>

480 Federal Building,  
Dallas, Texas.

February 1, 1935.

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

Re: CLYDE CHAMPION BARROW, et al.  
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

Dear Sir:

It is desired that you forward the original statement of Blanche Barrow, referred to in report of D.S. Brentley, dated at Kansas City, 8-17-33.

Also, photographs that were taken in connection with this case at the time of the investigation since we expect to use this information in connection with a case pending at Dallas wherein numerous defendants were charged with harboring Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker, set for trial on February 22, 1935.

Very truly yours,

F.J. BLAKE,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc-Division



September 14, 1938

26-31672

Special Agent in Charge  
Kansas City, Missouri

Re: CLYDE CHAMPION BARKOW, with aliases,  
et al; National Motor Vehicle Theft Act

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated September 7, 1938, wherein you stated that in searching through the files of your office you have located two ladies' purses which were recovered in connection with the investigation of this case.

In the absence of any information on the exhibit identification sheet as to the source of these purses, the Bureau desires that the file in your office be reviewed in an effort to ascertain the circumstances under which they were brought to your office.

It is desired that the United States Attorney be contacted for his opinion as to their disposition, and that you be guided by his decision in the matter.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Tennant, Calif.  
Feb. 27, 1940

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

Dear Sir:

I am writing to try to garner some information about Clyde Barrow, who was slain in Louisiana by officers of the law in 1934.

As I understand it, Barrow was born in Dallas and spent most of his youth there. I have his criminal record from Identification Order No. 1211, which was sent me by J. Edgar Hoover last year, but it gave no information aside from his indictment under the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, and as I am writing a book about this particular fellow, the information contained there is inadequate for my purpose.

But, if you cannot give any dope other than that particular wanted notice, please disregard this letter.

Respectfully yours

Norman Covington  
Tennant, California  
Box 438



1206 Tower Petroleum Bldg.  
Dallas, Texas

March 5, 1940

Mr. Norman Covington  
Box 435  
Tennant, California

Dear Sir:

I desire to acknowledge your letter of February 27, 1940, in which you request information regarding CLYDE BARRON, deceased, formerly wanted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation for violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

It is noted that you had previously communicated with the Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Washington, D. C., and that certain information in connection with BARRON was transmitted to you. It is suggested that in the event you desire further information you communicate with Mr. Hoover direct.

Very truly yours

E. E. CONROY  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Bureau (with copy of incoming communication)

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DIRECTOR, FBI

1-21-52

SAC, Dallas (26-4311)

CLYDE CHAMPION BARRON, wa;  
JONNIE PARKER, wa;  
MAYN

ATTENTION: CRIME RECORDS AND  
TRAINING DIVISIONS

Attached hereto is a true copy of a report dated 6-15-34 by former  
SAC F. J. BLAKE in the captioned case, which was one of the most  
famous ever handled by the Bureau. I thought the divisions noted  
above might be interested in such a real example of cryptic reporting  
which demonstrates how much can be said in such few words.

JEM:FBZ  
Enc.

*JEM*  
*FBZ*

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

September 14, 1934.

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CLYDE CHAMPION BARROW, with aliases,  
BONNIE PARKER, with aliases,  
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT,  
MURDERS IN SEVERAL STATES.

Clyde Champion Barrow, notorious bank robber, bandit and killer, and his gunwoman companion, Bonnie Parker, were shot to death by officers in ambush near Sallis, Bienville Parish, Louisiana, on May 23, 1934, after one of the most colorful and spectacular man hunts this country has witnessed. Barrow had been identified in numerous killings and was wanted for murder, robbery and on state charges of kidnaping.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, became interested in Barrow and his paramour late in December, 1932, through a singular bit of evidence. A Ford automobile was found abandoned near Jackson, Michigan. Investigation revealed the car had been stolen in Pawhuske, Oklahoma in September of that year. At Pawhuske it was learned another Ford car had been abandoned there and the ownership was traced to Effingham, Illinois. A search of this car revealed it had been occupied by a man and a woman, indicated by unidentified articles therein. In this car there was found a prescription bottle, which led Special Agents to a drug store in Neacogochas, Texas. Further investigation disclosed the woman for whom the prescription had been filled was the sister of Clyde Barrow's mother. It developed that this woman had a doctor in Texas issue the prescription and that after consuming the medicine, the bottle had been retained for possible refilling.

Further investigation revealed that the woman who obtained the prescription had been visited shortly prior thereto by Clyde Barrow, Bonnie Parker and Clyde's brother, L. C. Barrow; that these three were driving a Ford car, identified as the one stolen in Illinois. It was further shown that L. C. Barrow had secured the empty prescription bottle from a son of the woman who had originally obtained it.

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Official records disclosed the known criminal activities of Clyde and Bonnie and the fact that Clyde had been released from the Texas State Prison on February 2, 1933 by being granted a "general parole." It was learned that he and his companions had no ostensible legal means of livelihood. Their associates were found to be mainly wanted fugitives.

On May 20, 1933, the United States Commissioner at Dallas, Texas, issued a warrant against Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker, charging the interstate transportation, from Dallas to Pawhuska, Oklahoma, of the automobile stolen in Effingham, Illinois. The Federal Bureau of Investigation then started its hunt for this elusive pair. It was shown that in April, 1933, Barrow murdered two officers at Joplin, Missouri and kidnaped a man and woman at Nico, Louisiana and released them near Waldo, Arkansas. Numerous identifications followed, linking this pair with bank robberies and automobile thefts. Clyde murdered a man at Hillsboro, Texas; committed robberies at Lufkin and Dallas, Texas; murdered a Sheriff and wounded another at Stringtown, Oklahoma; kidnaped a deputy at Carlabad, New Mexico; stole an automobile at Victoria, Texas; attempted to murder a deputy at Wharton, Texas; committed murder and robbery at Atilema, Texas; murder and robbery at Sherman, Texas; another murder at Dallas, Texas; abducted a Sheriff and the Chief of Police at Wellington, Texas; committed murder at Joplin, Missouri, and murder at Columbia, Missouri.

When Buck Barrow, brother of Clyde, was released from the Texas State Prison on March 23, 1933, by being granted a full pardon by the Governor, he quickly joined Clyde. Buck's long record of criminal activities began to grow, but he soon fell under bullets of the law and died on July 29, 1933, at Perry, Iowa. William Daniel Jones, frequently mistaken for "Pretty Boy" Floyd, and a companion of Clyde Barrow was captured on November 16, 1933 at Houston, Texas by the Sheriff's office.

Clyde and Bonnie escaped capture in more than one gun fight, the most spectacular being in Platte County, Missouri, on July 19, 1933, in which a bystander and a member of the gang were wounded. They were traced to Iowa and engaged officers in a gun fight five days later, at which time one of the officers and a member of the gang were wounded.

These raids resulted in the recovery of scores of high caliber guns of all makes and descriptions. On one occasion thirty-nine .45 caliber Colt automatic pistols and a number of automatic rifles were seized. Many of the pistols had been stolen from National Guard Armories.

On November 22, 1933, a trap was set by the Dallas, Texas Sheriff and his deputies in an attempt to capture Clyde and Bonnie near Grand Prairie, Texas, but the couple escaped the officers' gunfire. They held up an attorney on the highway and took his car, which they abandoned at Miami, Oklahoma. On December 21, 1933, Clyde and Bonnie held up and robbed a citizen at Shreveport, Louisiana.

On January 16, 1934, five prisoners, including the notorious Raymond Hamilton who was serving sentences totaling more than 200 years, were liberated from the northern State Prison Farm at Waco, Texas by Clyde Barrow, accompanied by Bonnie Parker. Two guards were shot by the escaping prisoners with automatic pistols, which had been previously concealed in a ditch by Barrow. As the prisoners ran, Barrow covered their retreat with bursts of machine gun fire. Barrow had visited the Prison Farm three days before and made plans with Hamilton for the escape. Among the escapes was Henry Methvin of Louisiana.

On April 1, 1934, Clyde and Bonnie encountered two young highway patrolmen near Grapevine, Texas. Before the officers could draw their guns they were shot down by the pair. On April 6, 1934, a Constable at Miami, Oklahoma fell mortally wounded by Clyde and Bonnie, who also abducted a Police Chief, whom they wounded.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation concentrated on the apprehension of these desperate criminals, who had terrorized the middle west so long. The Bureau had jurisdiction solely on the charge of transporting a stolen automobile and the activities of the Bureau Agents were vigorous and ceaseless. Every clue was followed. Identification orders were distributed to all officers, furnishing the fingerprints, photograph, description, criminal record and other data as to Barrow. The Agents followed the trail through many states and into various haunts of the Barrow gang. The frequent visits of Clyde and Bonnie to the vicinity of Shreveport, Louisiana were learned of

and the investigation in that section proved productive of results. Their association with Henry Methvin and the Methvin family of Louisiana was determined by Bureau Agents. They found that Clyde and Bonnie had been driving a car stolen in New Orleans.

On April 13, 1934, an Agent of this Bureau, through investigation in the vicinity of Ruston, Louisiana, obtained information definitely placing Bonnie and Clyde in a remote section southwest of that community. The home of the Methvins was not far away and the Agent learned of visits by these desperadoes to the Methvins. It was necessary to exercise extreme caution as Henry Methvin was wanted by the State of Texas as an escaped convict. The Methvin family showed signs of prosperity and had recently moved from Bossier City, Louisiana into Bienville Parish, Louisiana. Special Agents in Texas had learned that Clyde and his companion had been traveling from Texas to Louisiana, sometimes accompanied by Henry Methvin.

Five days of strenuous investigation by the Special Agent in Bienville Parish resulted in obtaining considerable information and in locating valuable informants. The Agent furnished information to the Sheriff at Arcadia, Louisiana, which was the first information officers of that Parish had received of the fact that the desperadoes were in that immediate neighborhood.

The Sheriff at Arcadia conferred frequently with the Sheriff at Shreveport, Louisiana, as it was understood that the officers would cooperate fully in trying to bring about the apprehension of the two desperadoes. The Sheriff at Shreveport communicated with local officers at Dallas, Texas and Frank Hamer, former Captain in the Texas Rangers, was commissioned by the Texas Prison Board to work exclusively on the apprehension of Barrow and the Parker woman. Hamer stationed himself at Shreveport. The Bureau Agent continued his investigation, conferring frequently with the Sheriffs and Hamer and was instrumental in coordinating the work of the local officers and the informants. The Special Agent was a party to all conferences with the officers and was responsible to a large degree for the plans that were made and perfected. Unforeseen circumstances frequently altered the modus operandi mapped out and new



plans were worked out with meticulous care. The Bureau took part in every movement leading up to the final capture.

The senior Kethvin, father of Henry, moved to a point near Scilles, Bienville Parish, Louisiana, and it was learned that Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker, with some of the Kethvins, staged a party at Black Lake, Louisiana on the night of May 21, 1934. At 3:00 a.m., the following day Clyde and Bonnie had vanished. The vigilance was maintained and it was learned when they would probably return. On May 23, 1934, the Special Agent was in the vicinity of Lake Charles, Louisiana, running out cases as to the location of a notorious kidnaper. The Sheriff at Arcadia, Louisiana had been unable to locate the Agent by telephone. He, therefore, notified Frank Fryer and the latter's aides at Shreveport, Louisiana, who joined the Sheriff in Bienville Parish.

These officers concealed themselves in bushes along the highway near Scilles, Louisiana before dawn on May 23, 1934. During the early daylight hours, Bonnie and Clyde appeared. As they attempted to drive away the officers opened fire upon them and both were killed.

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

# Clyde and Bonnie: Terror in the 30's

By KENT RIFFLE  
News Staff Writer

A little after 9 a.m. on May 23, 1934, a pint-sized killer named Clyde Chestnut Barrow, 24, sat in a Ford V-8 on a road beside Gibsland, La., trying to catch his breath.

Ten bullets had ripped into him. Bonnie wouldn't come.

The weeds along the road were spurring flame. Ten more bullets. A Browning automatic rifle was coughing out its 20-shot clip.

BESIDE HIM in the car, Barrow's 23-year-old girl friend, Bonnie Parker, was being similarly chopped up. Their own guns—a carload of them—wouldn't help this time.

It was all over in moments. Six lawmen came out of the brush to inspect. They were good sinners. Each body had more than 30 bullet holes in it.

In a way it was an anticlimax. Everybody knew this was the way it would end. The only question had been: When?

Clyde had known it for a couple of years. Bonnie had certainly known it. She'd written poems about it. But she never quite succeeded in making Clyde a poetic figure. She wasn't that good a poet.

BOTH CLYDE and Bonnie had spent formative years in West Dallas. Clyde had started as a juvenile delinquent. Bonnie's first serious trouble with the law came after she met Clyde.

Since mid-1932, the Barrow gang, varying in number and nerve, had made it clear that as long as breath and bullets lasted, they would kill and rob to stay alive.

Clyde had been a car thief and burglar until in April, 1933, he was identified by the widow of a Hillsboro jeweler as one of two men who robbed her husband of cash and diamonds and shot him to death.

The other man was identified by the widow as Raymond Hamilton, a pal of Clyde's.

ON THE NIGHT of Aug. 25, 1932, Sheriff C. G. Maxwell of Aicks, Okla., and his deputy, Eugene Moore, approached a car parked outside a dance hall. The sheriff had seen someone drinking whisky—a violation.

Both lawmen were knocked down by a spray of bullets from the car. Moore was killed. Barrow and Hamilton were identified by witnesses.

On Aug. 14, 1932, Deputy Sheriff Joseph Johns of Carlisbad, N.M., was kidnapped, taken for a joy ride and released in San Antonio. This sort of thing was high sport for Barrow.

A few days later, Barrow was identified as one of the bandits who stuck up an interurban station at Grand Prairie for \$1,500. This was probably the most heinous Barrow ever saw at one time.

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OCT. 11, 1932, Howard Hall, a 40-year-old Sherman butcher, engaged with a young holdup man. The gunman pistol-whipped Hall and pumped four bullets into him, killing him. Witnesses said the gunman looked like Barrow.

It was about that time that Bonnie fell in with Clyde. She was married but separated from her husband. She never saw her husband again.

She was a little slip of a girl who just missed being a knockout. Barrow, small himself, liked her compact size and yellow hair.

It was yellow then. It would be autumn by the time she died.

IN DECEMBER, 1932, a resident of Temple, residing a pair of car thieves, was shot and killed. Barrow was named.

One day early in 1932 a group of lawmen investigating a Tarrant County bank robbery were inside a West Dallas house interviewing its occupants when a car pulled up and a man strode up to the door.

Tarrant Deputy Sheriff Malcolm Davis went to the door. The caller flipped up a sawed-off shotgun and blasted the officer to death. Witnesses said Barrow.

By April 12, 1933, the Barrow gang was holed-up in a house in Joplin, Mo.

Officers, believing they were raising bootleggers, rushed the place.

The Barrow mob—including Clyde's ex-cousin brother Marvin (Buck) Barrow and his wife, Blanche, plus W. D. Jones, a wild teen-ager—aimed a rain of fire at the officers. Two were dead when the Barrow gang escaped in a speeding car.

THEY LOOPED through half a dozen states, pulling jobs along the way. Barrow was identified in a holdup at Broken Bow, Okla. On May 18 it was a filling station in Fort Dodge, Iowa. On May 19 it was a bank in Okatoma, Minn.

June 11, 1933, Clyde, normally a good driver even at 40 miles an hour, took a wrong turn and crashed into a dry creekbed near Wellington. The car caught fire. Bonnie was badly burned.

According to members of the gang, the only narcotics ever used by the Barrow bunch were employed in easing Bonnie's agony from the burns. Her body was left scarred. Some say she was crippled for life.

The Barrows always carried medical supplies—even surgical instruments for removing occasional slugs.

CITY MARSHAL H. D. Humphrey of Alma, Ark., was shot and killed June 21, 1933, while trying to apprehend members of a Fayetteville grocery store. The Barrow gang was blamed.

Early in the morning of July 26, 1933, the gang shot it out with a posse at the Red Cross Tourist Court near Platts City. Mr. Barrow's mob escaped after a 300-shot battle.

Both Buck and Blanche were wounded. The couple was later captured after a furious fight with a posse near Dexter, Iowa. Buck died. Blanche drew 18 years in prison.

The Barrow gang was now being accused of dozens of crimes all over the nation.

IN NOVEMBER, 1933, Clyde and Bonnie risked a trip to Dallas to visit relatives. At a rendezvous on a dirt road west of the city Sheriff Smooth Schmid and deputies were waiting with submachine-guns.

They riddled the fugitives' car with bullets. But Clyde and Bonnie escaped with minor scratches. Not far away, however, they abandoned their car, punctured with 17 bullet holes, and stuck up two Fort Worth men and fled in their auto.

Two of the red-faced officers who helped set the November trap would take part in the execution of the pair in Louisiana. They were Deputies Ted (Hose) Hinton and Bob Alcorn.

#### RAYMOND HAMILTON

Clyde's old running mate was being 183 years in state prison. Clyde wanted to spring him.

Guns were sneaked into Eastham Prison Farm. On the foggy morning of Jan. 18, 1934, Raymond and four others crashed out. Clyde and Bonnie were waiting at an appointed spot.

Two guards were wounded. One died.

Barrow kept himself well armed with automatic weapons and ammunition through periodic raids on National Guard armories.

Barrow and Hamilton were identified as the gunman who robbed a bank at Lancaster on Feb. 27, 1934. About this time a rift developed between Raymond and Clyde. They split.

Relations between the two would rapidly run to hatred.

#### ON EASTER SUNDAY, 1934

Clyde perked his car on a side road off Hwy. 114 near Grapevine. He perked on a slight hill so he could view the main road.

Raymond Hamilton had robbed the bank at West near Waco the day before. Clyde figured someone that Easter Day Raymond would drive down Hwy. 114. When he did, Clyde wanted to stop him—just for a minute. Just long enough to kill him.

Bonnie sat in the back seat. Clyde, wearing sun glasses, stood alongside the car. With him was Henry Melvin, one of the prisoners delivered from Eastham with Hamilton.

Both men were startled when three highway patrolmen appeared on motorcycles on the main road. Two of them abruptly wheeled into the side road.

They were quickly blasted off their machines by roaring shot-guns. Both men, H. D. Murphy and F. B. Wheeler, lay dying. The third patrolman had eyes trained on the highway. He would see how his comrades used much later.

MEANWHILE, Raymond Hamilton was in Houston. The state would execute him after Barrow's death. Veteran lawmen say he missed death that Sunday by failing to drive over Hwy. 114.

Five days after the double murder, Barrow and Methvin were identified as gunmen who battled officers near Commerce, Okla. Cal Campbell, a constable, was killed. Police Chief Perry Reed was kidnaped.

Before releasing Boyd, Bonnie pleaded with him to tell people that she really didn't smoke cigars as the newspapers were saying.

There'd been some gag photos made by the gang. Bonnie stuck one of W. D. Jones' cigars in her mouth to pose for pictures. The photos were found by police after the Joplin gunfight.

**BLANCHE BARROW**, in a rare interview, recently verified Bonnie's claim. No cigars.

Blanche has changed her name and is now active in church work. She said she was terrified during most of the four months she spent with the gang.

She recalled how she would sometimes sit on top of a parked car all night while the others slept. She was afraid of snakes, she explained.

And she remembers it was a hellish kind of life.

**A FORMER** beauty shop operator, she was especially skilled at bathing in creeks when the gang was on the run.

Blanche said there was usually little money. Expenses were high and Clyde wasn't known for making big scores. The food was pretty bad. She said the gang would sometimes stop at a farm house and pay the farmer's wife to fry chicken for them.

Whenever it seemed safe, members of the gang would stay a few days in tourist courts, she said. But there were too few tourist courts.

"I understand that Clyde and Bonnie were so wheels come off the time after Buck died," she said.

**WHAT MADE** Clyde and Bonnie so mean? "Fear," said Blanche. "They weren't naturally mean. But they were afraid. Both Bonnie and Clyde were likable."

"It was a terrible kind of life they lived. Bonnie wouldn't have done it if she hadn't loved Clyde so."

Both Ted Hinton and Bob Alcorn agreed it was fear that propelled Clyde and Bonnie into the one-way path that ended in the Louisiana ambush.

Other officers who helped rid the Southwest of the killers were former Texas Ranger Frank Ramon, M. T. (Nannie) Gault of the Texas Department of Public Safety, Sheriff Henderson Jordan of Buenville Parish and his deputy, R. Oakley.

**METHVIN** is said to have helped Texas officers set the trap under an agreement that he would not be prosecuted in Texas. He was prosecuted for murder in Oklahoma, however, in the death of Constable Campbell.

He was consigned to the electric chair. His sentence was later commuted to life in prison by Oklahoma Gov. E. W. Marland. In 1942 he was paroled. He died when he was run over by a train in Sulphur, La., in 1948.

Sheriff Schmidt posted his deputies on their backs after their Louisiana victory. He'd been embarrassed when the two escaped the carefully laid ambush west of Dallas. And an election was coming up.

Hinton said there was supposed to be more than \$10,000 in rewards for the six officers in split. But \$200 each is all that he and Alcorn ever received, he said.

**IN A POEM** Bonnie had predicted that she and Clyde would be dug down together and buried side by side. She was only half right.

Amid much halphoo and trampling of funeral grass, Bonnie and Clyde were laid in graves miles apart.

His body was buried beside Buck's in West Dallas Cemetery. She was buried in Flatcap Cemetery. In the 1940's, however, her body was moved to Crown Hill Cemetery.

Her marker says: ...  
"As the flowers are all made sweeter by the sun,  
shine and the dew, on this old world is made brighter by the lips of folks like you."

The marker for Clyde and Buck is less flowery. It just says:

"Gone but not forgotten."



*Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow.  
... They knew how it would end.*

420 Post Office Building,  
Dallas, Texas.

February 16, 1934.

Mr. J.H. McClellan,  
State Juvenile Training School,  
Gatesville, Texas.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter dated February  
14, 1934, with reference to DALE BEATTY, who is  
acquainted with CLYDE BARROW and RAYMOND HAMILTON.

Thank you for calling the matter to our atten-  
tion.

Very truly yours,

D.L. McCormack, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

DLM:LMF

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DALLAS TEXAS FEBRUARY 16 1934

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PAMPA TEXAS

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NO GIRL KNOWN THERE

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

# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

DALLAS, TEXAS,

FILE NO.

26-4114-34

REPORT MADE AT: <b>DALLAS, TEXAS.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>2-16-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>2/10-14/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>C. B. WINSTEAD.</b>
TITLE: <b>CLYDE CHAMPION BARRON, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1211; et al.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

No such place near Kilgore or Henderson, Texas, as described by Wirt Dean. Dean contacted E.C. Solley about two weeks ago. Blackie Loftin and Shorty Loftin known thieves and bootleggers. Dean not in Kilgore February 14, 1934.

**REFERENCE:**

Letters from New Orleans Office to Dallas Office, dated February 3 and 5, 1934.

**DETAILS:**

Chief of Police Bob Goss, Kilgore, Texas, and Special State Ranger Bill McMurray, formerly of Henderson, Texas, nor this Agent were able to identify any such cabin or road as described by Wirt Dean as the meeting place for Bank Robbers. It is thought that Dean never knew or saw Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker.

E. C. Solley was arrested at Kilgore, December 16, 1933, for being drunk, but was released. He stated that Wirt Dean and he became acquainted at Monroe or East Monroe, La., about a year ago, and the only time he ever saw Dean at Kilgore was about two weeks ago, when Dean came to his house, and stayed a short while; that he did not spend the night, but said he was going to Longview to get a job; that Dean told him he was trying to get in touch with Shorty Loftin, brother of Blackie Loftin; that he had known Blackie Loftin out at Odessa, Texas, and knew that Shorty was bootlegging.

Shorty Loftin is known to the local Kilgore Police as a thief. None of the other persons mentioned in the letters of reference are known in Kilgore to either the police or post office clerks.

DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES

<p>APPROVED AND FORWARDED:</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">RECORDED AND INDEXED</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CHECKED OFF:</p>
<p>COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO:</p> <p>Division.....2</p> <p>New Orleans...2</p> <p>Dallas.....2</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>IM.</i></p>	<p>UNITED STATES</p> <p>BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FILED</p>



The "flop-house" referred to is probably a cheap boarding house called "Birdie's Cafe".

There was a man by the name of Bob White arrested some time ago in Dallas and turned over to Kansas Authorities for bank robbery.

Chief of Police Bob Goss will watch for Wirt Dasm if he comes to Hilgore and ascertain from him the location of the cabin referred to and the identity of the persons referred to by him.

PENDING.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

## Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 14, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of February 3, 1934, in connection with the case entitled Clyde Champion Barrow, with alias, Fugitive, I.O. #1211, et al, your file #88-4114.

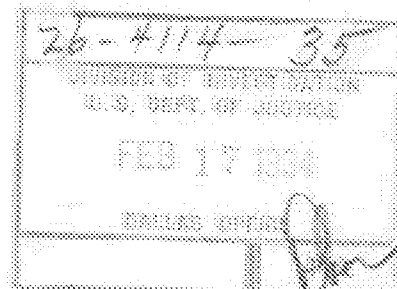
A search of the fingerprint files of the Division fails to disclose any record of Mrs. Roy Thornton upon the basis of the information furnished in your letter.

In connection with the individual Ronald Parker referred to in my letter of January 18, 1934, you are advised the comparison of the latent prints with the finger impressions of this individual was made in the Division because of the similarity in name.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

Director.



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

## Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 17, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of February 8, 1934, in connection with your case entitled CLYDE CHAMPION HARRON, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1211, et al; your File #26-4114.

The fingerprints of Joe Francis, reported to have been forwarded to the Division under Dallas Police Department #11973, do not appear in the Division's files.

It is possible the Police Department delayed in the submission of these prints, and should your office subsequently obtain further information concerning the same, the Division will, upon advice to that effect, have a further search conducted in an effort to locate these prints for comparison with the latent prints secured on the rear-view mirror, submitted to the Division by your office under date of January 10, 1934.

Very truly yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*

Director.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE
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CITY OF DENISON

POLICE DEPARTMENT

DENISON, TEXAS

February, 22, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

To-day's edition of The Denison Herald carries the following notice as a new suit filed in the Fifteenth District Court, at Sherman, Texas;

W. J. Winkler vs. Artie A. Winkler, filed for divorce.

Artie A. Winkler is a sister of Clyde Barrow, notorious outlaw, now wanted by the Department of Justice.

Yours sincerely,

*J. R. Dickner*

J. R. Dickner,  
Chief of Police.

714 South Hotel

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE	
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420 Post Office Building,  
Dallas, Texas.

February 23, 1934.

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

RE: Clyde Champion Barrow,  
with aliases - FUGITIVE,  
I.O. #1211; et al.  
K.M.V.P.A.

Dear Sir:-

I am transmitting herewith a letter addressed to  
Clyde Barrow, Dallas, Texas - which I desire be inspected  
by the laboratory of the Division for whatever it may  
develop.

Very truly yours,

F.J. Blaks,  
Special Agent in Charge.

FJB:LMT  
cc 24-4114- 38

Memorandum

Re Clyde Barrow with aliases et al.  
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

With reference to letter written by W. E. Wyatt, Special agent ~~Wyatt~~, of the Ft. Worth & Denver Ry. Co. I interviewed him and he stated that he did not think it would be advisable to interview his informant J. B. Jones, as the latter was pretty much frightened when he gave information about going to see Clyde Barrow. In this connection, Mr. Wyatt stated that his informant stated that he made the acquaintance of Mildred Cummins in a "beer joint" in Oak Cliffe, that the place referred to in Wyatt's letter could be located by going across the Commerce Street Viaduct and then out on a county road. He said since he wrote the letter he is convinced that it is the service station owned and operated by Mr. & Mrs. Barrow, that after reaching the place, E.C. Barrow came into the house followed by Clyde Barrow, the latter doing very little talking and who remained there but a very short time.

Mr. Wyatt suggested that an agent of the Division contact Mildred Cummins for further information.

Mr. Wyatt furthermore stated that he received additional information that Clyde Barrow and Pretty Boy Floyd, when passing through Wichita Falls, usually stop at the Old Mill Tourist Camp located just outside Wichita Falls, on the Ft. Worth Highway.

E. J. Dowd,



420 Federal Building,  
Dallas, Texas.

February 24, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from this office, dated February 6, and reply by the Division, dated February 17, 1934, in connection with the case entitled CLYDE CHAMPLIN BARKER, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. #1211, et al; Dallas file 26-4114.

It has been ascertained by Special Agent E.J. Dowd that fingerprint card of Joe Francis under Dallas P.D. No. 11873, was mailed to the Division on February 16, 1934. The description of Francis is:

Age: 19  
Nativity: La.  
Height: 6'  
Weight: 157  
Build: slender  
Hair: dark chestnut  
Eyes: brown  
Dallas P.D. No. 11873.  
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Very truly yours,

F. J. BLAKE,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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433 Post Office Building,  
Dallas, Texas.

February 24, 1934

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

RE: Vernon C. Miller (deceased); et al.  
CONSPIRACY TO DELIVER FUGL. PRISONER.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to Division letter dated 1/27/34 requesting that Ben Howle, Deputy Sheriff at Wichita Falls, Texas, be interviewed in connection with important information he claimed to have concerning "one of the four outstanding men wanted today:"

Special Agent E. J. Dowd interviewed Deputy Sheriff Ben Howle, who is also Assistant Jailer at the County Jail in Wichita Falls. He stated that CHARLES "FRANKY BOY" FLOYD is the man to whom he had reference; that Floyd visits Wichita Falls from time to time. In this connection he stated that he received positive information to this effect from a confidential informant named Ward, who has a room in the home of Don Faichney, son-in-law of Phil Taylor, 1713 Pearl St., Wichita Falls. Ward informed Howle that Floyd has been visiting Wichita Falls; that the last time he was there he stopped at the Old Mill Tourist Camp - owned and operated by Phil Taylor, located just beyond the city limits of Wichita Falls on the Fort Worth highway. When Floyd is in town he contacts Florence Lackie (Libens) 48 She 600 block on Brock Street; she is a widow with one child. According to Howle, she also runs around with Ben Tucker, step-son of H. L. White, Deputy Sheriff at Wichita Falls.

After receiving the above information Howle stated that he and Sheriff Perry Browning interviewed Phil Taylor at the Old Mill Tourist Camp. Taylor admitted that it is true that Floyd stopped at his place, that the last time Floyd was at Wichita Falls was just before the Christmas holidays, when he was accompanied by 4 other men; that while at the camp 2 of these men constantly kept guard. Floyd uses a new Dodge motor with second-hand body, and Howle's information is that he is equipped with plenty of guns and steel vests; that Floyd now runs around with a local man (name unknown) and one named Anderson, who has a brother living one half mile West of Coalgate, Oklahoma. According to Ben Howle, Phil Taylor promised to place Floyd on the spot the next time he comes to the tourist camp, but this is doubtful as Taylor is known in the past to have harbored criminals, especially when he operated the Hearn Hotel at Wichita Falls, which place is now being run by Taylor's son-in-law Jim Newland.

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Director.

Howie also advised that Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker, in the past, stopped at the Old Mill Tourist Camp; and only recently learned this from one of the prisoners in jail - Noble Hart, an escaped Federal prisoner who was captured at Seymour, Texas and lodged in the County Jail at Wichita Falls and now in the County Jail at Dallas, and who claims to have associated with "Pretty Boy" Floyd and Clyde Barrow. Howie further stated that years ago Floyd lived and worked North of Electra, Texas and is well known in that vicinity.

He stated he wrote to the Division at Washington with a view of getting some cooperation in capturing Floyd at Wichita Falls, as he feels that the job cannot be accomplished by the Sheriff's department and Police department, both of whom are not sufficiently equipped with modern guns, etc., to combat Floyd.

The local officials at Wichita Falls were apprised of the report that Floyd comes to that city and they are cooperating with the Dallas Division office in an effort to bring about the apprehension of Floyd.

Very truly yours,

F. J. Blake,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

## Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 23, 1934

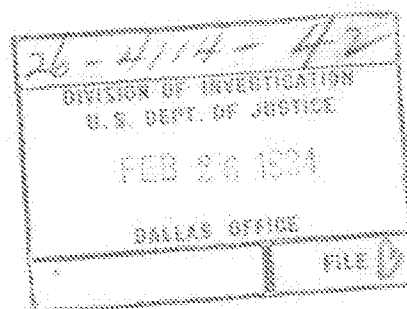
Special Agent In Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Building,  
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letter of January 27, 1934, requesting that an Agent from your office communicate with Mr. Ben Howle, Deputy Sheriff, Wichita Falls, Texas, for the purpose of obtaining any information Mr. Howle may have of interest to this Division. A report has not as yet been received from you.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*  
Director.



MEMORANDUM

28-3779  
DE:LF

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
February 28, 1934

Re: CLYDE CHAMPION BARROW, with aliases - FUGITIVE  
I. O. #1211; et al

Special Agent in Charge Blake of the Dallas office called by long distance and said that he had learned that the Sheriff at Stilwell, Oklahoma is holding two men and a woman; namely, G. Belt, Neve Belt, and Jack Evans, with a V-8 Ford Sedan stolen from Mrs. R. F. Foster of Dallas Sunday, February 25; that a bank was held up at Lancaster, Texas near Dallas yesterday and some of the persons who witnessed the hold-up thought perhaps that Clyde Barrow and his partner Hamilton staged the robbery, and it was thought possibly that the persons in custody of the Sheriff at Stilwell might be Barrow, Bonnie Parker and Hamilton.

I immediately called Sheriff Barker at Stilwell by telephone, and he told me that he was holding the persons named above and had arrested them with the Ford car in question. Two license plates were found, Texas 1934 No. 259-777 inside of the car, and Texas 1934 No. 871-915. Sheriff Barker stated that these persons were arrested without any trouble, no shooting, and they had in their possession a sawed-off shotgun, a rifle, a .38 calibre pistol, and an automatic target pistol.

He said the Belt man is sharp headed, heavy shoulders, athletic build, height 5' 9", weight 160 lbs., blue eyes, dark brown hair - straight, and has a big brown birthmark the size of a quarter over his right eye.

The man Jack Evans he described as 5' 7" in height, weight 147 lbs., hair light brown, eyes blue, fine features.

He described the woman as 5' 8", weight between 140 and 150 lbs., large and heavy, light brown hair, blue eyes, is wearing a brown colored coat, green dress, and black stockings.

He said he had not fingerprinted these people, but that he has photographs of Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker, and he is almost positive the parties he has are not Barrow and Bonnie Parker; that, however, he has not fingerprinted them but he expects to do so.


Sheriff Barker informed me the Sheriff from Dallas is on his way to Stilwell in connection with this matter as he thinks these persons might be responsible for the bank robbery at Lancaster on Monday or Tuesday.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE
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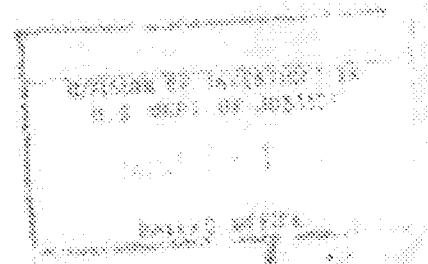
I described to Sheriff Barker the tattoo marks allegedly appearing on the arms of Clyde Barrow, and kindly requested the Sheriff to make an examination of the arms of both individuals and to call me back concerning the results thereof. The Sheriff later called back and said the tattoo marks as described and allegedly appearing on the arms of Clyde Barrow are not present on either of the men he has in custody, and that he is certain that none of the persons he has is Clyde Barrow or Bonnie Parker.

I handled this matter by long distance telephone as there was no Agent anywhere nearer to Stilwell than 210 miles.

There appears to be a violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act on the part of the individuals held by Sheriff Barker at Stilwell in that the Ford V-8 stolen at Dallas has been transported interstate.

  
DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Division--2  
Dallas--2



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

P. O. Box 1276,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,  
February 28, 1934

SS-3779  
DE:IF

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

Re: CLYDE CHAMPION BARROW,  
with aliases - FUGITIVE  
I.O. #1811; et al  
National Motor Vehicle  
Theft Act.

Dear Sir :

I am transmitting herewith two copies of a memorandum prepared by myself in the above captioned case which relates to the arrest of some parties at Stilwell, Oklahoma, thought possibly to be identical with Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker, his female companion.

Very truly yours,

*Dwight Brantley*  
Dwight Brantley,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Division

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE	
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DALLAS OFFICE	
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January 16th, Tuesday morning. Hillsboro about 4:00 P.M., country roads all the way. Rheme about 6:00 P.M., radio in car. Went through Grapevine. Waited two hours or more at Rheme, while Clyde, Raymond and Bonnie went in to Dallas. Were to blink lights about three times when returned. Brought food back. Spent night on country roads near Wichita Falls. Was fixing to change tire next morning when bread wagon came along and turned and came back and then they left, looking for car. Went across bridge into Oklahoma and then turned back and got car that night, Wednesday at Vernon. Dodge Sedan light car, Hamilton got car. Had clothes for Hamilton and Palmer. Palmer bought clothes for Bybee and Methvin. Bought blue trousers, blue shirt and black oxford shoes. Got some overcoats some where.

All this Thursday in Oklahoma. Drove all day Thursday in Oklahoma and decided to come back to Texas to rob Bank, and came back Thursday night and stayed around river and came into Frisco Friday morning and banks closed. Then went to McKinney and got groceries. Clyde, Hamilton and Bonnie stayed on road and Bybee, Palmer and Methvin got the groceries.

Friday night Palmer and Methvin went into Hugo to look over some stores and robbed filling station of \$7.00 and got them all hot and that is why they left the car. Clyde raised sand about robbing it and getting them hot. All left there in the Dodge. Went into Frisco at 12, went to country and came back and still closed. Drove country roads and wound up at DeQueen, Ark. Saturday. Slept that night on country roads, part stayed up. Went on up to Ft. Smith, got a 1933 two door Ford Sedan somewhere Saturday. Got it in front of hardware store, some little town on up from DeQueen. Got paper in Ft. Smith at drug store, must have been Sunday morning. Went back into Oklahoma.

Then went up into Joplin and got some money up in little town. Bonnie cut the money, all got little over \$400.00 cash. Value friendship more than money, and will cut fair. Got money Monday 22nd. Then came through Texarkana and into Shreveport. Bybee bought Remington 12 Ga. Automatic shotgun for \$40.00. Palmer bought 45-Cal Automatic, new model army \$20.00, not at same place.

Palmer and Hamilton went in Bank and got the money, others stayed in cars out at side. Stayed Monday night in country roads in Oklahoma. Stayed around Joplin and that country on account of good gravel roads. Shreveport Wednesday, came through Texarkana Tuesday night. Came through Fulton. Bybee bought clothes in Shreveport as well as gun, also pocket book. Came country roads from Texarkana to Shreveport, got first whiskey in West near Caddo Lake and Gil City. Left for Marshall and West and got V-8 Ford 1933 Model Sedan at Terrell. Hamilton got car, woman driving it. Got in minute or so. Then came on to Dallas. Bybee in car with Hamilton. Clyde, Bonnie and Hamilton went into Dallas, gone less than hour; night car stolen in Terrell, came back then went on about twenty miles and spent the night out Northwest on country road.

Thursday went on to Decatur and spent the entire day laying around on creek West (?) of Alvarado. That night Bybee, Methvin and Palmer stayed at forks of road, near Rheme, while Clyde, Bonnie and Hamilton went back to meet folks and were gone about three hours.

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Left the Dodge in Arkansas and got Ford that was stole above DeQueen. Got a cream colored loud looking 1934 Ford run only 125 miles. Got it in front of house, think it had dealers license on it. After met that night went on to Wichita Falls, into edge, then West of Wichita Falls and stayed on South side of River rest of the night up to Friday morning.

The Friday morning went on to Electra, Harrow car went dead, the cream colored Ford on the streets of Electra. Bybee drove up behind and pushed it out four or five miles west on country road and left it. All got in his car, went to Vernon, stole Ford two door Sedan about noon, went out West headed for Lubbock then changed mind.

Split here; Bybee and Methvin left in Terrell car about 1:00 P.M., others in Vernon two door Ford Sedan to meet in Joplin, out South near Spring Lake. Clyde said, now meet me if you say so sure, Sunday night. Bybee and Methvin got to Joplin Sunday morning. Met Clyde about nine Sunday night, Palmer not with him. Bybee stayed East of Joplin most of time, each sleeping and other keeping guard. Ate in restaurant, one at time, other in car. Clyde just said, left Joe down the road. All went out that night, Sunday night, North of Joplin and stayed all night. Would not go to place Bybee picked out, said someone might have seen him around there.

Monday morning went back to Joplin looking for car, wanted to drop the Terrell car. Couldn't find one and went up to Pittsburg, Kans. Bybee bought 45-Cal Army Automatic pistol for \$15.00. Clyde stayed out in country, Bybee and Methvin came back in road towards Joplin and met Clyde. Snowing and Bybee told Clyde he wanted to get back toward Lubbock. Told Clyde how to get in touch with him if he ever needed him. Bybee wanted to rob Banks and get some sure enough money, Hamilton agreed. Clyde didn't care, just wanted to ride around and get by.

Bybee then left alone and came down 86, got woman around Vinita, arrested Amarillo Tuesday 30th. Girl left him at Vega. Bybee thought girl went west and went back to Amarillo to get another car. Clyde, Hamilton, Methvin and Bonnie together.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

## Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

February 23, 1934.

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

RE: CLYDE CHAMPION BARRON, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1211, et al,  
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated February 3, 1934, wherein you state that you believe that the Division should issue an Identification Order on Bonnie Parker, companion of Clyde Barrow, and with which letter you transmitted photographs of these individuals.

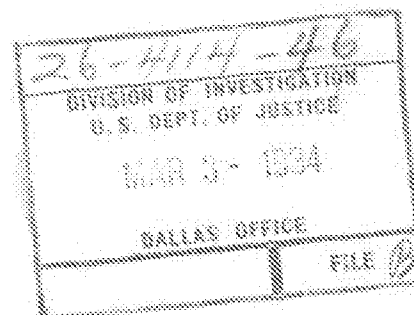
The Division does not deem it advisable to, at this time, issue an Identification Order on Bonnie Parker in the absence of any fingerprints of this individual.

In accordance with the request contained in your letter, there are transmitted herewith twelve copies each of the three photographs inclosed with your letter to the Division.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*  
Director.

Incl. 691275





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

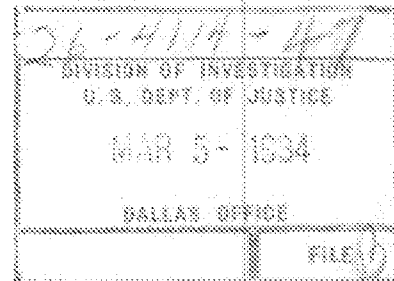
February 21, 1934

The following is a transcript of the record, including the most recently reported data, as shown in the files of the Division of Investigation concerning our number

756605.

J. E. Hoover, Director.

Contributor of Fingerprints	Name and Number	Arrested or Received	Charge	Disposition
P.D., Mesquite Lake, Texas.	Joe Francis, #433	8-22-33	charge not given (for S.O., Dallas, Texas)	released to Dallas Auth.
F.D., Dallas, Texas.	Joe Francis, #11973	2-1-34	investigation- C.P.	released.



\* Represents notations unsupported by fingerprints.

For completion of our records, please supply disposition in this column in any of the following cases where they do not appear

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

## Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

March 1, 1934.

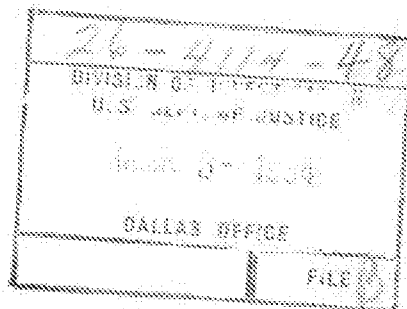
Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Building,  
Dallas, Texas.

Re: GLYDE CHAMPION BARROW with aliases;  
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1211, et al.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your communication dated February 24, 1934,  
I am attaching the record revealed through a search of the  
identification files of this Division in the case of the  
following:

JOE FRANCIS, Dallas Police #11973.

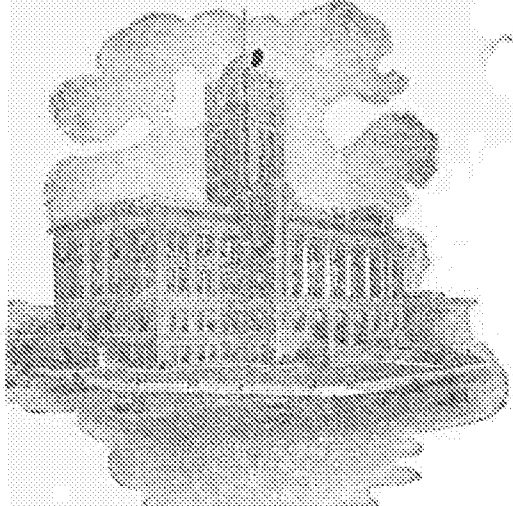


Very truly yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*

Director.

Enc. #684700.



JOHNSON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

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 LEE STEED, COMM. PRECINCT NO. 2

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 W. GRADY WELLSMAKER, COMM. PRECINCT NO. 4

## CLEBURNE, TEXAS

March 3rd 1934

U S Bureau of Investigation,  
 420 Federal Bldg.,  
 Dallas, Texas.

Dear Mr Armstrong:-

Just a line to add to what has already been said by me with reference to " the run way " of Barrow and Hamilton, I am convinced that if I am correct in my deductions, that their lair or hide-out here is on a farm just out-side of Cleburne to the East of town about a mile the farm is owned and operated by one Clarence Young, who is reputed to be of a questionable character. He has erected a glass board fence around the house and out buildings, and Mr Barrow is believed to stop there when in this vicinity, this like other information is a supposition and is given in the hope that it may fit in with other information that may be in your hands.

If I can be of further service in this matter do not hesitate to call on me, I got my information from one who is well acquainted with Barrow and used to live neighbor to him in Ellis County.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes

I am;

Respectfully yours

*J. E. Gary*  
 J. E. GARY C.  
 Cleburne Texas

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI  
MARCH 5, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

IN RE: CLYDE CHAMPION BARRON, with aliases, ET AL  
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT

There are being transmitted herewith two different snapshots of Bonnie Parker and two snapshots of Clyde Champion Barrow, which appear to be better photographs than those which we have in our file at the present date.

Mr. Merle A. Gill, Forensic Ballistician of Kansas City, Missouri, has advised me that he understands Undersheriff Bradbeery, of Dallas, Texas, has some more recent photographs of Clyde Champion Barrow, Bonnie Parker and their associate, Hamilton.

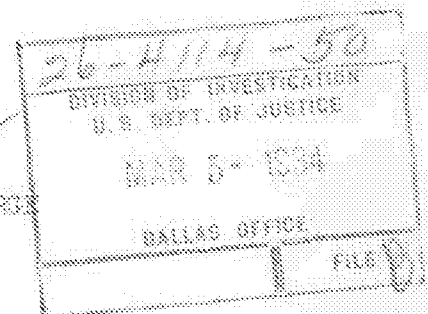
In the event Mr. Bradbeery has photographs which are better of the above named individuals than those attached, please cause a number of these photographs to be furnished this office. If you find Mr. Bradbeery does not have such photographs, please send the attached photographs to Washington in order that they may be reproduced and several large copies made for this and other offices for use in effecting the apprehension of these individuals.

You are advised the attached photographs were loaned to this office by the St. Joseph, Missouri Police Department, and as they will have to be returned it is requested that when they have served their purpose to you they be returned to this office.

Very truly yours,

*M. C. Spear*

M. C. SPEAR, ACTING  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE



MCS:es  
cc - Division

26-4337-

420 Post Office Building,  
Dallas, Texas.

March 3, 1934.

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

RE: Clyde Champion Barrow,  
with aliases - FUGITIVE - I.O. #1211.  
et al. RAIL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT

Dear Sir:-

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter  
dated March 3, 1934, transmitting snapshot photographs of  
Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker.

The photographs are being returned here-  
with, as this office has copies of same.

Very truly yours,

F.J. Slaka,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc. Division  
26-4114- 51

420 Federal Building,  
Dallas, Texas.

March 14, 1934.

Mr. Tom Drewry,  
Chief of Police,  
Mesquite, Texas.

Dear Chief Drewry:

Please advise me the nature of the charges against Joe Francis, your number 433, who was arrested by your department on August 22, 1933, and subsequently turned over to the Sheriff's Office at Dallas, Texas.

For your convenience in replying there is enclosed a self-addressed envelope which requires no postage.

Very truly yours,

F. J. BLAKE,  
Special Agent in Charge.

KFD:LM  
26-4114- 52

3/16/34

Mr. H. Abbott Spl. Office -  
Cott Lanza Hall

Miss Lipes lives 1441 N. Washington  
has a cousin at Datum, Texas on a  
farm 8 miles out - Lipes says that  
Clyde Barrow, Raymond Hamilton and  
Bonnie Parker are staying at this  
cousin's place about 3 nights a  
week - Lipes says he will go down  
there if he can get transportation  
he will go down there Monday  
night and if Barrow is there will  
come out all night back and if  
not there he will find out when  
he will be there and advise.

Abbott says Lipes lives near Barrow.  
That the cousin in East Texas used to  
work at Proctor & Gamblers with Clyde &  
will be in at office Sunday P.M.  
about 11 o'clock L 36-4114-53

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480 Post Office Building,  
Dallas, Texas.

March 17, 1934.

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

RE: Clyde Champion Barrow,  
with aliases - FUGITIVE;  
I.O. #1211; ET AL.  
K.C.T.A.

Dear Sir:-

Under date of 1/10/34 we forwarded to the Division  
a rear-view mirror taken from an automobile abandoned near  
Gilmer, Texas apparently by Clyde Barrow. Under date of  
2/2/34 the Dallas Police Department furnished the Division  
fingerprints of one JOE FRANCIS - Dallas PD #11973.

Please have the latent fingerprints developed on  
the rear-view mirror compared with the fingerprints of Joe  
Francis and advise whether they are identical.

Very truly yours,

F.J. Blake,  
Special Agent in Charge.

FJB:MET

cc 26-4114- 54



420 Post Office Building,  
Dallas, Texas.

March 17, 1934.

Mr. H.B. Smiley,  
Sheriff,  
Clarksville, Texas.

Dear Sheriff Smiley:-

Special Agent H.T. Arterberry has conveyed to me your desire to be advised as to rewards outstanding for the apprehension of CHARLES ARTHUR ("PRETTY BOY") FLOYD and CLYDE CHAMPION BARROW.

So far as my information goes, there is no reward outstanding for the apprehension of Floyd and the only reward of which I have knowledge for the apprehension of Barrow, which does not have some condition which might make it difficult of collection, is that offered by the State of Texas in the amount of \$1,000.00.

The Government has not offered a reward for the apprehension of either of these individuals and is in no manner responsible for any rewards offered, and is not in a position to express an opinion as to whether a reward might be collected for the apprehension of either individual.

Very truly yours,

F.J. Blake,  
Special Agent in Charge.

FJB:IMT

cc 24-4114-55  
68-410-

423 Post Office Building,  
Dallas, Texas.

March 17, 1934.

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

Re: Clyde Champion Barrow,  
with aliases - FUGITIVE,  
I.O. #1211 ET AL.  
K.A.V.F.A.

Dear Sir:-

The Manager of the Texas Prison System, Lee Simpson, has employed Frank Hesser - formerly a Captain of the Texas Ranger Service, which position he held for many years - to work exclusively upon the matter of apprehension of Clyde Barrow; and in this connection he has conferred with me and other employees of the Dallas office and we are rendering him every assistance possible, and he is working in close harmony with us.

It is quite probable that he will appear at Division offices in other districts, seeking information and assistance; and in my opinion he is an officer with whom agents of the Division can work with fullest confidence.

Very truly yours,

F.J. Blake,  
Special Agent in Charge.

FJB:LMF

cc 21-414-56  
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C.C.  
E.C.  
S.A.  
St. I.  
Birmingham

**CITY OF NACOGDOCHES**  
**NACOGDOCHES, TEXAS**

COMMISSIONERS:

J. E. BESSY, Chairman  
R. C. BONY, Secretary  
W. E. BURROWS  
H. R. KUCKENBURY  
L. J. MULLER

CITY MANAGER:

H. R. STANINGS

March 17th, 1934

Mr. W. J. Blake,  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Department of Justice  
400 Federal Building,  
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Blake:

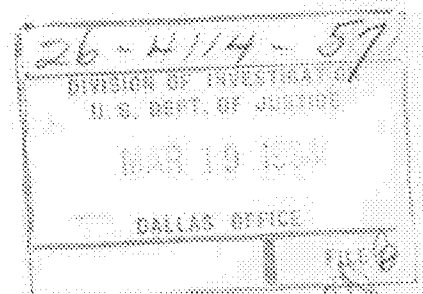
Replying to your letter of March 14th,  
have to advise that Joe Francis #431 E. E. Nacogdoches,  
Texas was arrested with L. C. Barrow, #432, at the  
home of Jim Macklary in this county on the morning  
of August 22nd, 1933. I believe, that the information  
received from the Sheriff at Dallas, Texas, was Francis  
was wanted with Barrow in connection with theft of  
an automobile there.

Glad to be in position to forward the  
above information to you- if can be of further  
service call on me.

Yours very truly,

*Tom A. Dreary*  
Tom A. Dreary,  
Chief of Police.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# 420

Laboratory Report

March 14, 1934.

Case: Clyde Champion Barrow, with aliases, Fugitive, Number: 88-31673-118  
I.O. #111; et al, National Motor Vehicle Theft  
Act.

Specimens: 1 envelope addressed to subject and postmarked Muskogee,  
Oklahoma, February 23, 1934. 1 paper bound booklet of The  
Acts of the Apostles (SKG). 1 pamphlet entitled "The True  
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Examination requested by: Dallas Office.

Date received: February 23, 1934.

Examination requested: General Laboratory.

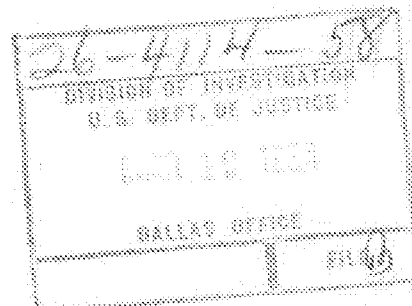
Result of examination:

Examination by:

March 4. The papers were all examined under the ultra-violet light  
without results, and it is believed that there is no hidden message.  
The handwriting was compared with that of Eugene M. Simmons of the St.  
Nicholas Hotel, Springfield, Illinois, who wrote to Bates and Bailey but  
there appears to be no similarity.

THE ORIGINAL EVIDENCE WHICH WAS SUBMITTED IS BEING RETAINED  
IN THE LABORATORY FOR ANY SUBSEQUENT EXAMINATIONS WHICH MAY BE DESIRED.  
SHOULD YOUR OFFICE DESIRE THIS ORIGINAL EVIDENCE FOR USE IN ANY SUBSE-  
QUENT PROCEEDINGS WHICH MAY DEVELOP THE DIVISION SHOULD BE NOTIFIED IN  
AMPLE TIME TO PERMIT TRANSMITTAL.

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2 - Dallas.  
2 - Laboratory.



DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# 420

Laboratory Report

March 14, 1934.

Case: Clyde Champion Barrow, with aliases, Fugitive,  
I.O. #1811; et al, National Motor Vehicle Theft  
Act. Number: 26-31872-118

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3 - Dallas.  
3 - Laboratory.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

# Division of Investigation

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

March 16, 1934.

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

RE: CLYDE CHAMPION BARRON with aliases -  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1211, et al -  
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Division February 26, 1934.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

Director.

Enclosure: #691619

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Chas. - There is a man named  
Jim Collins at San Augustine, Tex.,  
that knows the hide out of the  
Barrow gang, Bonnie Parker has  
relatives living near this place  
and they are harboring the gang and  
are in the mood of organizing  
a bunch of desperadoes, the house  
is located on the Sabine River in a  
thicket known as the Yupton Thicket,  
I really believe we can get a good  
line by getting in touch with this  
man Jim Collins he is a contact  
man and will have to be handled  
very carefully as I know him,  
I am ready & willing to go and etc same  
at any date, could explain more by  
seeing you than writing, so if you  
think my information is worth while come  
to my house at Paulsboro tomorrow  
will wait for you to give me orders,

Sincerely yours  
26-4114-60  
H.C. Box 41, Phone 28

Memorandum

Re: Clyde Champion Barrow with aliases  
Fugitive, I. O. #1211, et al  
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act

Period 3/7-17

As instructed by Special Agent in Charge Blake, the writer accompanied Mr. Frank Hamer, former Captain Texas Rangers, from Dallas to Grapevine, Texas where W. W. Green, carpenter, was located and interviewed. Mr. Green stated that it was rumored at Grapevine that one Quince Jones and Albert Cummings were related to Clyde Barrow by marriage, but that he had no definite information on this, referring the writer and Captain Hamer to Jim Daniels, City Marshal, who he stated possibly knew Barrow. According to Mr. Green, he had already discussed this matter with Mr. Crowley a former police officer of Dallas, Texas.

City Marshal Jim Daniels was interviewed. He is 70 years of age, and quite talkative. He claimed to have seen Clyde Barrow at Grapevine. When a photograph of Clyde Barrow with William Daniel Jones was exhibited to him, he immediately identified Jones as Barrow. He further stated that Albert Cummings is a contractor at Grapevine, that he does not know whether Cummings is related to Barrow. His information is that Lee Elvins a bootlegger at Grapevine who lives out five or six miles on a dirt road is distantly related to the Barrows, that Elvins wife is a sister of one Charles Phoenix, another bootlegger, that his step-mother is the mother to Clyde Barrow, that Clyde Barrow's mother was a Patterson before she married Barrow. In the conversation with City Marshal Daniels, he contradicted himself so many times, that Captain Hamer and the writer were convinced that he knows little of the relatives and contacts of Clyde Barrow.

The writer and Captain Hamer went on to Wichita Falls, Texas, where on the night of March 7th a conference was held with Dick Morris, Chief of Police, Captain Wyatt, Special Agent Ft. Worth & Denver Railroad, Perry Browning, Sheriff, Fred Hickman, Captain of the Texas Highway Patrol and Deputy Sheriff Johnson, at which time Captain Hamer outlined to them information he had that Clyde Barrow and Raymond Hamilton were going in and out of ~~Wichita Falls, Texas~~, and possibly contacting Winnie Wolfe. The Wichita Falls peace officers promised to give the matter close attention with a view of locating Clyde Barrow and any of his suspected hideouts.

The next day, March 8th the writer in company with ~~Supervisor~~ Fred Hickman, Ben Howle, deputy sheriff and Captain Hamer succeeded in locating a hideout of Barrow from information secured from Bybee after his return to the penitentiary, Huntsville, Texas. Ben Howle who is very familiar with the immediate surroundings adjacent to Wichita Falls, Texas located the place, which is near the Tenth Street bridge, just outside the City limits of Wichita Falls, Texas. It is a hilly strip of land South of the Wichita River, and West of the City of Wichita Falls, Texas. Several dirt roads lead in and out of the place. There were indications that Clyde Barrow and his associates practiced at this place with pistols, rifles and possibly Browning automatic rifles. There were numerous bullet holes in fender of an automobile that had been used as a target, and any number of bottles had been broken, together with holes in cans which also probably had been used as targets. Sheriff Perry Browning promised to visit the place regularly in an effort to locate Clyde Barrow et al.

26-4114-61



Memorandum re Clyde Barrow, et al ( continued)

While at Wichita Falls, an effort was made to locate and interview one Robert Russell, who had been confined in the county Jail. However, Russell had been released. At the time of his arrest two letters addressed to Ted Rodgers, at the Texas State Penitentiary, Huntsville, Texas were found on his possession by Chief of Police, Dick Morris. These letters were turned over to Sam Spence, District Attorney, who gave them to the writer. The letters in question, one of which signed "Robt" dated Feb. 21, 1934 and the other one "Bob" ~~xxxx~~ Sunday, no date were turned over by the writer to Captain Frank Hamer at his request, so that they might be forwarded to Lee Simmons at the prison farm inasmuch as these letters indicated that there was a plan in the making to liberate Ted Rodgers, using Clyde Barrow. Copies of the two letters referred to are attached to this memorandum.

The writer and Captain Hamer interviewed District Attorney Sam Spence regarding the letters. He stated that Bob Russell served time at Huntsville for a crime of which he believed he ~~xxxx~~ he is innocent ~~and~~ that he is now endeavoring to obtain a pardon for Bob Russell, which has been recommended to the Governor by the last Wichita Falls Grand Jury who investigated the matter. In this connection, he stated he talked to Bob Russell about the two letters, and Russell stated that Clyde Barrow shortly after he liberated Raymond Hamilton from the prison farm at East ~~Wichita Falls~~ Texas, called at the Russell home in Wichita Falls, Texas and made inquiry for Jo Russell, the latter having escaped from the Sheriff at Decatur, Texas and later recaptured and now in jail at Wichita Falls, that he (Bob Russell) wrote to Ted Rodgers telling him that he was endeavoring to secure a reprieve for him so that he could be transferred to the prison farm, that later on with the assistance of Clyde Barrow, Ted Rodgers could make his escape. He stated that the reprieve in question could probably be obtained for \$200 to \$300 through Mc Donald, who is close to Governor Ferguson, and lives at Wichita Falls. Sam Spence stated that it would be useless to see Bob Russell and talk about the matter to him, as he Spence was in a far better position to secure information, as Russell had confided in him. Captain Hamer stated that he would notify the Warden and Lee Simmons at the Penitentiary regarding the alleged plot to free Ted Rodgers.

Ford Cream colored Coach, Motor No. 18-549-491, model 1934, mentioned by Bybee as being abandoned by Clyde Barrow at Electra, Texas was examined by the writer and Captain Hamer at a garage in Wichita Falls, Texas. E. N. Tweedy, adjuster for the Fire Companies Adjustment Co. of Texas, located in the Hamilton Building, Wichita Falls, Texas stated that he got the car from the Chief of Police at Electra, Texas, that the car at the time it was found had a number of shot gun shells in it, a tag from a dress bearing the name Lords 1510 Elm Street, Dallas, Texas, size 14, style 596, amount \$6.95, also a duplicate sales ticket dated Dallas, Texas 1-26-34 showing that saleslady Yantis sold two dresses one No. 208, style 378 price \$7.75, another 223, style 596- \$4.99, total amount \$12.94. There were also two Bennison tags and ~~xxx~~ two parts of two other Bennison tags with numbers written on them. With the exception of the shot gun shells, which were kept by Chief of Police at Electra, according to Mr. Tweedy, the slips and tags found in the car were turned over to the writer. The car at the time it was abandoned had Texas 1934 license plates F05-965, and was stolen from owner F. C. Thompson, Fayetteville, Arkansas.

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Memorandum Re Clyde Barrow et al (continued)

The writer interviewed Fred Stern, Manager of Lords Ladies Dress Store, 1510 Elm Street, Dallas, Texas. Miss Yantis whose name appears on the sales slip was also interviewed. If on checking the saleslip a duplicate dress style 598 bearing the same kind of a price tag \$8.95 was exhibited to ~~the~~ the writer and Captain Hamer. It is a green rabbits wool dress with ascot tie and white fringe. There is also a green fringe on the sleeves of the dress. It has a green belt of the same green material 1-1/2 inches wide with a nickel plated two by three inch buckle. No one was able to identify photo of Bonnie Parker or furnish information as to the identity of the person who purchased dresses.

Special Agent Winstead stated that he recalls that on the afternoon of January 26, 1934 when he and two Dallas Detectives saw a car driven by Floyd Hamilton in which there was also his wife and Mrs. Barrow, mother of Clyde Barrow that he noticed two paper boxes in the car with the name of Lords printed thereon. There was also in the car which had been looked over by the City Detectives two sets of wearing apparel, which probably with the two boxes containing the dresses purchased at Lords were delivered to Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker in a woods near Mc Kinney, Texas, that same evening. Information to the effect that Floyd Hamilton contacted Clyde Barrow, Raymond Hamilton and Bonnie Parker near Mc Kinney was secured by agent Winstead from the City Detectives, one of whom probably got the same from Deputy Sheriff Bob Alcorn, who has a confidential informant ~~regularly~~ in communication directly or indirectly with Clyde Barrow.

*regularly*

E. J. Dowd,  
Special Agent.

P.S. About 10.30 a.m., March 19, 1934, the Grand Prairie State Bank, Grand Prairie, Texas in Dallas County was robbed by three men travelling in a V8 Ford Sedan. One of the men was identified as Raymond Hamilton, the other answered the description of Clyde Barrow and a third man, 6 feet tall, 170 lbs. unknown.

Clyde Barrow - W. M. V. T. A.

Memo.

3-15-34

Mrs. Winkler, sister of Clyde, is  
driving a Chevrolet Coupe 1934, License  
265-654

Clyde is reported driving a 1934  
Ford V 8 black sedan

F. J. B.

C. C. Barrow is in Polk County Jail, 3-20-34

26-4114-62

March 20, 1934

Memorandum

Clyde Barrow with aliases et al , Fugitive  
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

Lee Perkinson, attorney, office 608 Republic Bank Building Dallas, Texas, when interviewed stated that he has a number of clients at Malakoff, Texas, that he has discussed a number of times with one VERNON PETERS, confidential informant, the whereabouts of Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker. In this connection, he received information from Peters to the effect that Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker regularly visit Malakoff, and can be seen with Melvin Dodd, bootlegger, and ex convict, who lives near Athens and has a road "joint" 8 miles east of Malakoff. Melvin Dodd sees that Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker are protected and furnishes a hideout for them, that usually they rest up at a place called Uncle Mc Murray's , located 7 miles northwest of Malakoff in an out shack located on a creek in back of Mc Murray home.

Barrow also goes to Tennessee Colony located in Anderson County, where he hides out. Recently Barrow has been known to visit Kilgore in an auto mobile with Melvin Dodd.

Lee Perkinson stated that Melvin Dodd is in with the sheriff at Athens, that no help can be expected from the officers of Kaufman and Henderson counties in rounding up Clyde Barrow and his gang.

He further states that Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker are well known to Constable Pickle and Night-watchman Futfell, both of Malakoff, who cannot be relied upon to apprehend Barrow.

Lee Perkinson states that recently Clyde Barrow's automobile broke down near Athens, Texas, the axle having broken, that one of the State highway patrolmen came on the scene and was making inquiry, when Clyde Barrow said he would kill the highwayman, that the Sheriff or a deputy sheriff from Athens was called and after recognizing Clyde told him not to bother with the highwayman that he was simply trying to do his duty.

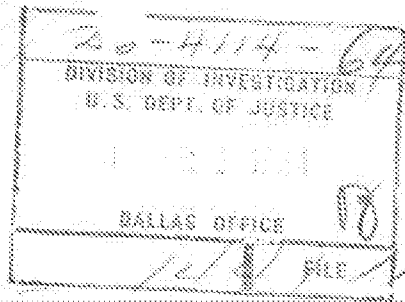
When at Malakoff, Gasoline is purchased by Clyde Barrow from Vernon Peters father-in-law, named Finer. However, Mr. Perkinson stated not to see him, as he cannot be relied upon.

In talking to Vernon Peters, who Perkinson states is absolutely reliable, Peters intimated that if there was a reward paid, he could easily put Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker on the spot. Mr. Perkinson suggested that an agent contact him away from his place of business, and talk to him alone, telling Peters that he Perkinson sent the agent to interview him. Perkinson also suggested that if an agent is able to get in with Melvin Dodd, it will be an easy matter to bring about the capture of Clyde Barrow, Raymond Hamilton, Bonnie Parker and any other members of the gang.

Before interviewing Vernon Peters, Mr. Perkinson stated that he would be pleased to talk further to an agent and gladly take him to interview Vernon Peters, as he is anxious to see Clyde Barrow et al captured. He further stated that he has been giving confidential information re Barrow to Lt. Frits, but has not imparted any of the information to the Sheriff's office, because he is convinced that they are not making an honest effort to capture Barrow et al.

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E J Dowd



Jessie Sipes  
Washington, Texas, says heard  
and wanted to know about Clyde  
Barrow - Cousin Richard Sipes  
Lewis of miles from Dattam, Texas,  
came to Dallas and worked 3 or 4 years  
for Linda Prudens, Louis next door  
to Barrows -

Old man Barrow visited Richard  
in 1933 or 1934.

Clyde was by Richards place a  
short while before Buck was killed and spent  
night & day last saw Richard about time  
after that.

Jessie saw Clyde at Bonnie Hall  
here in Dallas before Buck was killed.

Jessie talked with old man Barrow  
few days ago. Old man said Clyde had been  
by and spent ~~the~~ hour one day short while before.  
Said he believed Clyde had got Raymond out of prison  
or Clyde said "I bet they thing to do was to go down  
and get Raymond or be trying."

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Says Floyd Hamilton married "widow" Straight  
Says Clyde had a cousin in Houston  
operates "Buck Barron" getting station  
Guy man operates the filling sta said Buck  
Barron who was killed in his cousin's

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

March 19, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letters of January 27th and February 23rd, 1934, requesting that an Agent from your office communicate with Mr. Ben Howle, Deputy Sheriff, Wichita Falls, Texas, for the purpose of obtaining any information which Mr. Howle may desire to communicate to this Division relative to matters falling within this Division's investigative jurisdiction. No report has yet been received from you upon this matter.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

Director.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE	
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420 Post Office Building,  
Dallas, Texas.

March 23, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:-

With reference to Division letter of 3/19/34 referring to Division letters of 1/27/34 and 2/22/34 requesting an Agent from the Dallas Office communicate with BEN HOWLE, Deputy Sheriff at Wichita Falls, Texas:

Under date of 2/24/34 the Dallas Office forwarded to the Division a letter wherein were set out the results of an interview with Deputy Sheriff Ben Howle by Special Agent E.J. Dowd - said letter being captioned Vernon C. Miller (deceased); et al, Conspiracy to Deliver Fedl. Prisoner.

Very truly yours,

F.J. Blake,  
Special Agent in Charge.

FJB:LMT

26-4114-66



420 Post Office Building,  
Dallas, Texas.

March 23, 1934.

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

RE: Clyde Champion Barrow,  
with aliases - FUGITIVE  
I.O. #1211; et al.  
K.M.V.T.A.

Dear Sir:-

With reference to correspondence between  
the Dallas Office and the Division relative to finger-  
prints of BONNIE PARKER, female companion of CLYDE BARROW:

I have information to the effect that about  
4/20/32 the Sheriff's office at Kaufman, Texas forwarded  
to the Division fingerprints of this individual under the  
name of BONNIE PARKER THORNTON. In the event that a  
search of the Division files substantiates this, will you  
please furnish the Dallas office a photographic copy of  
her fingerprints.

Very truly yours,

F.J. Blake,  
Special Agent in Charge.

FJB:LMF  
cc 26-4114-67

U. S. Department of Justice  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
~~Bureau of Investigation~~  
P. O. Box 1876  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
March 23, 1934

EE:CC

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

Dear Sir:

In re: Clyde Champion Barrow, with alias -  
Fugitive - IO 1211, et al.  
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act

You will recall that recently I mentioned to you that there was an informant in the vicinity of Seminole, Oklahoma who might have information to the effect that Subject Barrow is or has been around Mount Pleasant, Texas, and that I would make further inquiries and advise you with respect thereto.

Please be advised that today, at my request, Deputy Sheriff Chris Whitson of Seminole, Oklahoma, appeared at this office with the informant who is C. L. Dugan, 302 North Bell Street, Shawnee, Oklahoma, telephone number 543. Dugan is a drug addict, but Whitson informed me he has been a reliable informant in the past in some matters handled by him.

I talked to Dugan at some length, and he informed me that he does not know Barrow, and does not know for a fact that he has ever seen him. He told me that during the latter part of January 1934, he was at Longview, Texas in a domino parlor adjacent to the fire station, at which time, several people were present and there was some drinking, and that a young man came in. Later on, Whitney Burnett, a roustabout of Longview, Texas informed him that the young man who came in was Clyde Barrow, and that Burnett knows the Subject; that there was no person accompanying Barrow apparently, and that he appeared to be sociable, etc. Dugan stated that the following Saturday (he is unable to fix the exact date) he was at Gilmer, Texas hitch-hiking, and was attempting to thumb a ride along the highways, and that someone drove by in a Plymouth Sedan, the license number of which he did not obtain, and that this per-


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son driving the Plymouth Sedan was the same man who had been pointed out to him in the domino parlor as Clyde Barrow; that he obtained a ride with Barrow as far as Mount Pleasant, Texas; that he sat in the front seat with Barrow and on the rear seat of this car were another man and a woman (a blond), medium sized, but the definite descriptions of the two persons in the rear seat he could not give. He stated that he could not furnish an accurate description of the person who was driving and alleged to be Barrow; that the young man driving had two automatic pistols, and that there was a shotgun in the back of the car. He stated that very little conversation took place, and he did not hear any of these people call each other by their first names. He stated that the driver of the car said he was going only as far as Mount Pleasant, and that he left the parties there, and does not know where they went. He stated that this was on a Saturday. He said that the following Monday, (he having remained in Mount Pleasant over Sunday, but was unable to furnish the name of the hotel or rooming house where he stopped) he was down town and the young man thought to be Barrow drove by where he was standing on the street and asked him to go in and buy some groceries, which he did, and bought some cigars for the young man; that he does not remember how much money he gave him, but that he gave the young man back fifteen or twenty cents in change. He stated that he does not definitely know that he could locate this individual in Mount Pleasant, and in fact would not be in any better position to locate him than any other person.

Photographs of Barrow, Bonnie Parker, and others were exhibited to Dagen, none of whom he recognized as the person he saw in the automobile. If you desire to use this man, I can get in touch with him at any time, but frankly, I was not impressed with his story, and feel confident that he did not see Barrow. I think a large part of what he told is a fabrication.

He stated that he was interested in any rewards that are outstanding for Barrow.

Very truly yours,

  
Dwight Brantley,  
Special Agent in Charge.

CC Division

March 21, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

RE: CLYDE CHAMPION BARROW with aliases -  
Fugitive, Identification Order #1211,  
et al, NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT

There are transmitted herewith several copies of enlargements made of each of the four snapshots furnished the Division with your letter dated March 12, 1934. As requested in your letter, the four original snapshots are returned herewith.

Copies of these snapshots are also being furnished the offices designated below with copies of this letter. *see serial*

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*  
Director.

Enclosure 681731.

CC Oklahoma City,  
Dallas,  
San Antonio,  
New Orleans.

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420 Federal Building,  
Dallas, Texas.

March 28, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
P.O. Box 1876,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Re: CLYDE C. BARREN, w.o. FUGITIVE,  
I.O. #1211, et al.  
National Motor Veh. Theft Act.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of March 22,  
1934, concerning C.L. Dugan, I am in accord with you  
in your opinion that this man could probably render no  
service to us whatsoever.

Very truly yours,

F. J. BLAKE,  
Special Agent in Charge.

FJB:LM  
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cc-Division.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

## Division of Investigation

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

March 24, 1934.

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

Re: CLYDE CHAMPION BARROW with aliases -  
Fugitive I. O. #1211 - National Motor  
Vehicle Theft Act.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of February 23, 1934,  
enclosing a letter addressed to Clyde Barrow, Dallas, Texas. The  
letter has been examined at the Division Laboratory and one fragmentary  
latent print has been developed thereon. This is not of sufficient  
value to permit a search through the single fingerprint file.  
Accordingly, no further action will be taken by the laboratory pending  
further advice from your office.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

Director.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

DALLAS, TEXAS.

FILE NO.

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REPORT MADE AT: <b>DALLAS, TEXAS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>3-29-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>2/17 to 3/28/34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>E. J. BOWD.</b>
TITLE: <b>CLYDE CHAMPION BARROW, w.a. - FUGITIVE, I.O.#1211; et al.</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT</b>	
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> Reporting investigative activity in the Dallas District, with view of locating Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Reports of Special Agent C.E. Winstead, Dallas, Texas, dated 1-25-34 and 2-12-34.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b></p> <p>T.E. Dawson, County Judge, Cleburne, Texas, notified the Dallas Division Office that he had information that Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker and Raymond Hamilton were in Cleburne on February 6, 1934; that they were heavily armed at the time and went to one of the restaurants in Cleburne.</p> <p>Special Agent F.S. Dunn of the Dallas Division Office, made an investigation at Cleburne, Texas, interviewing Judge Dawson, C.H. Baker, cafe owner, and other persons, all of whom were unable to give any definite information as to the whereabouts of Clyde Barrow, Bonnie Parker or Raymond Hamilton.</p> <p>W.H. Rybee, who Clyde Barrow assisted to escape with Raymond Hamilton, as outlined in report of Agent Winstead, dated at Dallas 1-25-34, was apprehended at Amarillo, Texas. After being returned to the penitentiary at Huntsville, Texas, he made a statement to the authorities, the substance of which was furnished to the Dallas Division Office by Fred Huser, former Captain of the Texas Rangers, who has been employed by the Texas Prison Board to work exclusively in the location of Raymond Hamilton, Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker.</p>			
<b>DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</b>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE  COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO:  Division...2 Dallas.....3  E.H.	UNITED STATES  BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION DIVISION NO.	FILE  	RECORDED AND INDEXED:  CHECKED OFF:  INDEXED:

"On January 16, Tuesday morning, Hillsboro about 4: PM, country roads all the way. Rhame about 6 PM, radio in car. Went through Grapevine. Waited two hours or more at Rhame, while Clyde, Raymond and Bonnie went in to Dallas. Were to blink lights about three times when returned. Brought food back. Spent night on country roads near Wichita Falls. Was fixing to change tire next morning when bread wagon came along and turned and came back and then they left, looking for car. Went across bridge into Oklahoma and then turned back and got car that night, Wednesday at Vernon. Dodge Sedan light car, Hamilton got car. Had clothes for Hamilton and Palmer. Palmer bought clothes for Bybee and Methvin. Bought blue trousers, blue shirt and black oxford shoes. Got some overcoats some where.

"All this Thursday in Oklahoma. Drove all day Thursday in Oklahoma and decided to come back to Texas to rob bank, and came back Thursday night and stayed around river and came into Frisco Friday morning and banks closed. Then went to McKinney and got groceries. Clyde, Hamilton and Bonnie stayed on road and Bybee, Palmer and Methvin got the groceries.

"Friday night Palmer and Methvin went into Hugo to look over some stores and robbed filling station of \$7.00 and got them all hot and that is why they left the car. Clyde raised sand about robbing it and getting them hot. All left there in the Dodge. Went into Frisco at 12, went to country and came back and still closed. Drove country roads and wound up at DeQueen, Ark. Saturday. Slept that night on country roads, part stayed up. Went on up to Ft. Smith, got a 1933 two door Ford Sedan somewhere Saturday. Got it in front of hardware store, some little town on up from DeQueen. Got paper in Ft. Smith at drug store, must have been Sunday morning. Went back into Oklahoma.

"Then went up into Joplin and got some money up in little town. Bonnie cut the money, all got little over \$400.00 cash. Value friendship more than money, and will cut fair. Got money Monday 22nd. Then came through Texarkana and into Shreveport. Bybee bought Remington 12 Ga. Automatic shotgun for \$40.00. Palmer bought 43-cal automatic, new model army \$20.00, not at same place.

"Palmer and Hamilton went in bank and got the money, others stayed in cars out at side. Stayed Monday night in country roads in Oklahoma. Stayed around Joplin and that country on account of good gravel roads. Shreveport Wednesday, came through Texarkana Tuesday night. Came through Fulton. Bybee bought clothes in Shreveport as well as gun, also pocket book. Came country roads from Texarkana to Shreveport, got first whiskey in West near Caddo Lake and Oil City. Left for Marshall and West and got V-8 Ford 1933 model Sedan at Terrell. Hamilton got car, woman driving it. Got in minute or so. Then came on to Dallas. Bybee in car with Hamilton. Clyde, Bonnie and Hamilton went into Dallas, gone less than hour; night car stolen in Terrell, came back then went on about twenty miles and spent the night out Northwest on country road.

"Thursday went on to Decatur and spent the entire day laying around on creek West (?) of Alvarado. That night Bybee, Methvin and Palmer stayed at forks of road, near Rhame, while Clyde, Bonnie and Hamilton went back to meet folks and were gone about three hours.



"Left the Dodge in Arkansas and got Ford that was stolen above at DeQueen. Got a cream colored loud looking 1934 Ford run only 185 miles. Got it in front of house, think it had dealer's license on it. After they met that night went on to Wichita Falls, into edge, then West of Wichita Falls and stayed on South side of river rest of the night up to Friday morning.

"The Friday morning went on to Electra, Barrow car went dead, the cream colored Ford on the streets of Electra. Bybee drove up behind and pushed it out four or five miles West on country road and left it. All got in his car, went to Vernon, stole Ford two door Sedan about noon, went out West headed for Lubbock then changed mind.

"Split here; Bybee and Methvin left in Terrell car about 1 PM, others in Vernon two door Ford Sedan to meet in Joplin, out South near Spring Lake. Clyde said, now meet me if you say so sure, Sunday night. Bybee and Methvin got to Joplin Sunday morning. Met Clyde about nine Sunday night, Palmer not with him. Bybee stayed East of Joplin most of time, each sleeping and others keeping guard. Ate in restaurant, one at time, other in car. Clyde just said, left Joe down the road. All went out that night, Sunday night, North of Joplin and stayed all night. Would not go to place Bybee picked out, said someone might have seen him around there.

"Monday morning went back to Joplin looking for car, wanted to drop the Terrell car. Couldn't find one and went up to Pittsburg, Kansas. Bybee bought .45-cal Army Automatic Pistol for \$15.00. Clyde stayed out in country, Bybee and Methvin came back in road towards Joplin and met Clyde. Snowing and Bybee told Clyde he wanted to get back toward Lubbock. Told Clyde how he get in touch with him if he ever needed him. Bybee wanted to rob banks and get some sure enough money, Hamilton agreed. Clyde didn't care, just wanted to ride around and get by.

"Bybee then left alone and came down 86, got worse around Vinita, arrested Amarillo, Texas, Tuesday, 30th. Girl left him at Vega, Texas. Bybee thought girl went West and went back to Amarillo to get another car. Clyde, Hamilton, Methvin and Bonnie together."

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In company with Capt. Frank Hemer, the writer went to Wichita Falls, Texas, and after contacting Dick Morris, Chief of Police; Capt. Wyatt, Special Agent of the Ft. Worth & Denver City Railroad; Perry Browning, Sheriff at Wichita Falls; Fred Hickman, Captain of the Texas State Highway Patrol and Deputy Sheriff Ben Howe the hideout of the Barrow gang was located near the 10th Street Bridge just outside the city limits of Wichita Falls, Texas. It is a hilly strip of land, South of Wichita Falls River and West of the City of Wichita Falls. Several direct roads lead into and out of the place. There are indications that Clyde Barrow and his associates practiced at this place with pistols, rifles and possibly Browning Automatic Rifle. Numerous bullet holes were found in the fender of an automobile that had been used as a target, and any number of bottles had been broken, together with holes in cans which also probably had been used as targets.

Sheriff Browning and Capt. Hickman promised to visit the place regularly in an effort to locate Clyde Barrow and members of his gang.

It was ascertained from letters taken from the person of Robert Russell, an inmate of the County Jail at Wichita Falls, Texas, that the latter wrote code letters to one Ted Rogers, care of the Texas State Penitentiary, Huntsville, Texas, indicating that he would arrange for Rogers' retrieval so that Rogers could be placed on a farm, and with the assistance of Clyde Barrow, make his escape. The letters in question were turned over to Capt. Frank Hamer, who stated he would notify the prison authorities at Huntsville, Texas.

The cream-colored Ford Coach, motor 18-549491, model 1934, which was mentioned by Rybee as being abandoned at Electra, Texas, was found at Wichita Falls, Texas, and examined by the writer and Capt. Hamer with R.H. Tweedy, an adjuster for the Fire Company's adjustment company of Texas, located in the Hamilton Building, Wichita Falls, Texas. Mr. Tweedy stated that when he recovered the car at Electra, Texas, there were a number of shot gun shells in it, a tag from a dress bearing the name of Lord's, 1510 Elm Street, Dallas, Texas, size 14, style 596; also a duplicate sales ticket dated Dallas, Texas, January 26, 1934, saleslady Yantis, covering two dresses - one #203, style 375 - price \$7.75; another #223, style 596 - price \$4.30 - total \$12.05.

The car examined at Wichita Falls, Texas, was stolen from F.C. Thompson, Fayetteville, Arkansas.

The writer interviewed Fred Stern, Manager of Lord's, 1510 Elm Street, Dallas, Texas, also Miss Yantis, whose name appears on the sales slip. In checking his records, Mr. Stern found duplicate dress, style #596, which was exhibited to the writer and Capt. Hamer. It is a green, rabbit-wool dress with ascot tie and white fringe with green belt of the same green material  $\frac{1}{2}$  inches wide, with a nickel-plated buckle, 2 x 3 inches. Mr. Stern, and Miss Yantis, the saleslady at the store, were unable to furnish any information as to the purchaser of the dresses. They could not identify the photograph of Bonnie Parker.

Special Agent C.E. Winstead of the Dallas Division Office, stated that on the afternoon of January 26, 1934, when he and two Dallas police detectives ran across a car driven by Floyd Hamilton, in which there was also his wife, also Mrs. Barrow, mother of Clyde, that he noticed two paper boxes in the car with the name of Lord's, printed thereon.

Subsequent information was received from Deputy Sheriff Alcorn of the Sheriff's Office at Dallas, Texas, that on the night of January 26, 1934, Floyd Hamilton, contacted his brother Raymond Hamilton, Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker, in the woods near McKinney, Texas, and at that time delivered wearing apparel, shoes, etc., to them. This information was furnished to Deputy Sheriff Alcorn by a confidential informant of the Sheriff's Office.

Capt. Frank Hamer informed the Dallas Division Office that Mrs. Artie Winkler, a sister of Clyde Barrow, is now driving a Chevrolet Coupe, 1934 license No. 265-654, and from one of his confidential informants he ascertained that she uses this automobile in contacting Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker.

Lee Perkerson, Attorney, 602 Republic National Bank Building, Dallas, Texas, notified the Dallas Division Office that he received information from a confidential informant, named Vernon Peters of Malakoff, Texas, that Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker are regularly contacting Malvin Dodd, a bootlegger of Athens, Texas.

Special Agents C.E. Winstead and C.El. McRae, Jr., of the Dallas Division Office, interviewed Malvin Dodd, who operates a dance hall and bootlegging joint about two miles East of Malakoff. He stated he knew Clyde Barrow and has not seen him since 1928 or 1929, but in the event he runs across Barrow he will be glad to turn him into the Sheriff or other authorities as he has no use for him.

T.D. Peters, Malakoff, Texas, Route #1, when interviewed, stated he knew Clyde Barrow several years ago; that he saw him with a woman and a man on January 10, 1934, in a green sedan, possibly a Ford V-8, on the road called Double Bridge Road; that on Saturday, January 27, 1934, Bob Lowe, Peters' brother-in-law, saw and talked with Clyde Barrow at a milk barn at Corsicana, Texas. At the time Clyde was intoxicated and said he did not care if he was caught as his girl had quit him.

From interviews with Malvin Dodd and T.D. Peters, it is evident that they are not in close contact with Clyde Barrow or his associates, and the information furnished by confidential informant Vernon Peters to Lee Perkerson, Attorney, is probably erroneous.

PENDING.

Mr. Blake

3-29-34

Capt Wyatt, of Wichita Falls advised there is a farm three miles out of Alvoide, Tex. owned by a Mrs Browning who formerly lived in Wichita Falls as Mrs. Stone. She is a woman about 45 yrs. old - Good looking. Agent Dowd knows about her from Capt. Wyatt. She is said to harbour the Barrows at this farm.

Nellie Duman, and Ruth Newater alias Ruth Ward live in apartment at 3717 Live Oak, Dallas. They know Mrs. Browning and are alledged to have stated that the Barrows lived at the Farm about ten days, just before the Huntville break; also that Bonnie, when in Dallas, spends the night with them on Live Oak.

J. L. Pinion and W. L. Doyle reside with Mrs. Browning on the farm, which is worthless for farming, but is on a knoll and excellent for a hideout.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

March 27, 1934.

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

Re: Clyde Champion Harrow, with  
aliases - Fugitive; I. O. #1211;  
et al; National Motor Vehicle  
Theft Act.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 17, 1934,  
requesting a comparison of the latent fingerprint found on a rear-  
view mirror with the fingerprints of Joe Francis, Dallas Police  
Department, #11973.

This comparison has been made and it has been found that  
the latent fingerprint and the fingerprints of Joe Francis are not  
identical.

It is noted that under date of January 18, 1934, the  
rear-view mirror was returned to your office.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

Director.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE	
MAR 30 1934	
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Mr Blake:

Mr Leon Woodlan, Pistol Hill, Kilgore, Texas advised that a colored woman customer of his told him about some men who were making counterfeit money about six miles from Kilgore; she actually saw them make the money and they sold some of it or tried to, to some colored people. These men were driven away by officers and Mr Woodlan does not know whether they are operating now or not. One of the officers was Jack Broadwater, who with Mr Woodlan can furnish any further necessary information to the Secret Service.

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C. E. McRae Jr  
Special Agent

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POST OFFICE BLDG DALLAS TEX

ALREADY HAD INFORMATION RE YOUR TELEPHONE CALL HAVE BEEN ASSISTING IN GUARDING ROADS SINCE EIGHT O'CLOCK TONIGHT TELEPHONE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION = JONES.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE  
DALLAS OFFICE  
FILE 10

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By \_\_\_\_\_  
A MESSAGE TO \_\_\_\_\_

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **DALLAS TEXAS**

FILE NO. **26-3186** **22**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>3-23-34</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>3-27-34</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>D. F. MAGEE</b>
TITLE: <b>CLYDE CHARLTON BARRON, with aliases, FUGITIVE I. O. #1211; ET AL</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Dewey Foote, Deputy Sheriff, Cheneyville, La. by letter advised the New Orleans Office that subject has not put in his appearance at Bell Cheney Springs, La. Inasmuch as informant of Sheriff Schmid of Dallas Texas, were in error in regard to names and addresses of associates and informants of subject, no further investigation will be made with respect to this matter.

RUC.

**REFERENCE:**

Report of this agent, January 15, 1934, New Orleans, La. Report of Special Agent Winstead February 18, 1934, Dallas Division letter to New Orleans of February 2, 1934.

**DETAILS:**

Deputy Sheriff Dewey Foote, Cheneyville, La. by letter of March 2, 1934, advised the New Orleans Division office that he had conducted investigation and interviewed residents in the vicinity of Bell Cheney Springs, La., and that no information had been secured to the effect that Subject Barrow was residing at this abandoned summer resort, or with Jeff Carpenter, the care-taker. Deputy Sheriff Foote is keeping in close contact with the situation there, and will advise the New Orleans Division office of any new developments.

**DETAILS:**

Prior investigations by the New Orleans Division office, has developed the fact that the informant of Sheriff Schmid was in error with regard to the names and addresses of associates and friends of subject Barrow who were not found to reside near Bell Cheney Springs, La.

Until new leads are developed and requested of the New Orleans Division Office and pending further advise from Deputy Sheriff Dewey Foote of Cheneyville, La. no further investigation will be made by the New Orleans Division office at Bell Cheney Springs, La.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED:	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	<b>26-4114-77</b>	RECORDED AND INDEXED:
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Lubbock, Texas

April 2, 1934

Memorandum submitted by Special Agent E. J. Dowd

Re Clyde Champion Burrow with aliases et al  
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act  
Dallas File No. 26-1116

Immediately upon receipt of telephone call from special agent in charge Blake, the writer contacted John Keller in charge of the State Highway Patrolmen by telephone re two state highway patrolmen reported slain at Grapevine, Texas by Clyde Burrow and Bonnie Parker. Mr. Keller stated that this was the first information he received. The writer also contacted Jack Reeves, State Highway patrolman by telephone at his home. He stated that he and his partner W. Renfree, went off duty at midnight, April 1, that earlier in the evening he heard over the radio that two motor cycle officers were killed by a hi-jacker near Grapevine, one of the men slain known as Wheeler. He stated he suspected it might be State highway patrolman Wheeler out of Dallas. This was all the information he had.

At the police station a radio call was received to the effect that two Dallas motor policemen were slain by hi-jackers near Grapevine, that the hi-jackers made their escape in a Ford V8 coupe in which there were two men and a woman. The license on the car was 1934 Texas license 14-081.

This morning the writer interviewed Chief of Police Metcalfe, Sheriff Tom Abel, John Keller in charge of the State Highway Patrol, Lubbock, State Highway patrolmen Jack Reeves and W. Renfree, and offered to cooperate in every way possible with them with a view of locating Clyde Burrow or other person or persons responsible for the slaying of the two officers. These interviews stated that had no additional information except what had appeared in the morning newspapers. Mr. Keller stated that he would wait for official instructions from Captain Hickman or Chief Hines, which he expected during the day. He expressed his thanks for the cooperation offered by the Dallas Division office.

E. J. Dowd,  
Special Agent

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

# Division of Investigation

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

April 2, 1934

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

Re: Clyde Champion Barrow,  
with aliases - FUGITIVE  
I.O. #111; et al.  
N.M.V.P.A.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of March 23, 1934  
inquiring whether the Division has any record of Bonnie Parker  
Thersten.

A careful search of the files of the Identification  
Unit does not reveal any record on this individual and the  
records of receipts of fingerprints do not indicate that any  
fingerprints were transmitted about April 20, 1933 by the  
Sheriff's office at Kaufman, Texas.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*  
Director.

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PALESTINE, TEXAS

April 5th, 1934

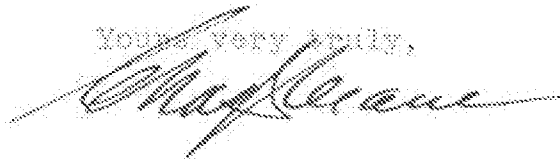
Mr. F. J. Blake, Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mr. Blake:

On January 26th a party by the name of  
R. G. Jeffers, a Notary Public for Dallas County, took  
an acknowledgment on a royalty deed covering land in  
this county. While taking this acknowledgment, he  
talked incessantly about Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker,  
saying that he knew both of them intimately, and saw  
Barrow every two or three weeks. This man Jeffers,  
as I understand it, works for a second-hand automobile  
dealer.

I give you this information for whatever  
value it may be.

Yours very truly,



GJC:C

26-4114-80
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE
APR 6 1934
DALLAS OFFICE
FILE

420 Post Office Building,  
Dallas, Texas.

April 8, 1934.

Mr. Charles J. Crane,  
Palestine, Texas.

Dear Mr. Crane:-

This will acknowledge receipt of your  
letter dated 4/8/34 concerning one R.C. Jeffers, an  
alleged acquaintance of GLYDE BARKOW and BONNIE PARKER.

Thank you for forwarding this information  
to us.

Very truly yours,

F.J. Blake,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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26-4114-81

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
WASHINGTON D.C.

MAN IDENTIFIED AS CLYDE BARRON ACCOMPANIED BY BLONDE WOMAN AND ANOTHER MAN MURDERED  
CONSTABLE CAMPBELL OF MIAMI OKLAHOMA ABOUT TEN AM TODAY NEAR MIAMI WOUNDING AND  
KIDNAPING CHIEF OF POLICE WROD OF COMMERCE OKLAHOMA WHO WAS STILL BEING HELD WHEN  
BANDIT CAR SIGHTED NEAR WELCH OKLAHOMA ABOUT TEN THIRTY AM OKLAHOMA CITY AND  
KANSAS CITY OFFICES ADVISED AND ARE WORKING WE ARE COOPERATING IN COVERING ROADS  
ENTERING TEXAS FROM OKLAHOMA

BLAKE

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F. J. BLAKE, DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE POST OFFICE BLDG  
DALLAS TEX

CLYDE CHAMPION BARRON WYTA INFORMATION THAT BARRON AT  
MURDEN MISSOURI CHECKED BY SHERIFF AND BELIEVED FALSE STOP  
STATE HIGHWAY PATROLMAN NEWMAN JOPLIN MISSOURI ADVISED THAT  
INDIVIDUAL SIX FEET TALL ABOUT ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY WEIGHT  
WEARING OXFORD GRAY SUIT DROVE NEW ROCKIE SEDAN THRU JOPLIN  
MISSOURI ABOUT ONE PM TODAY ADVISED WITCHMIKER CAR HAD POLICE  
PROOF GLASS COULD TRAVEL 120 MILES AN HOUR AND EXPECTED  
ARRIVE FTWORTH TEXAS ABOUT FOUR THIRTY PM TODAY CAR HAD  
ILLINOIS DEALERS LICENSE PLATES STOP NO INDICATION LATTER  
DAY HAD CONNECTION WITH BARRON BUT SUGGEST FTWORTH POLICE  
CHECK UP ON THIS MAN AND CAR

SPEAR ACTING

26-4114-83  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE  
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DALLAS OFFICE  
PER

TOM PICKETT  
COUNTY ATTORNEY ANDERSON COUNTY  
PALESTINE, TEXAS

April 8th, 1934

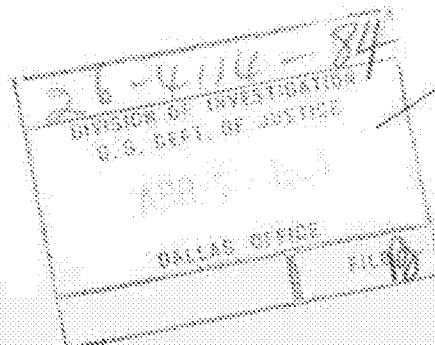
Mr. F. J. Blake,  
Special Agent in Chg.  
Division of Investigation,  
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Mr. Blake:

In response to your telephone call of yesterday afternoon five officers left here for Oakwoods to be of whatever assistance possible to the Highway Patrolmen, who had located a suspicious car. On account of the condition of the river bottoms being all mud and water, only two of the officers were able to go beyond Oakwoods, they being Sheriff Boyd and Chief Deputy England, who were in a Ford Coupe. Myself and the other two were in a heavy car and were unable to negotiate the bottoms.

Mr. Boyd did not return to Palestine until 6:00 o'clock this morning on account of the condition of the river bottoms he was unable to reach Davis Camp, where Barrow was supposed to have been. This camp is some 35 miles down the river from Oakwoods and 14 miles West of Crockett. Mr. Boyd talked to a man known to him, who said that he was at this camp last Monday and that no one had been in there and that since that time it would have been impossible for an automobile to have gotten there. This man stated that the car in question had evidently been abandoned as it had been in the same location for several days. It seems that Barrow has a relative living near this camp and has been down there a number of times in the past.

The Sheriff's department has made two trips today on information that has been given them relative to Barrow's location, neither of which has produced any results. If possible, would you kindly send me another set of the Barrow-Parker pictures for use of Mr. Boyd. Don't hesitate to call on us at anytime.



Yours very truly,

*C. J. Crane*  
C. J. CRANE



420 Post Office Building,  
Dallas, Texas.

March 7, 1934.

Mr. Charles J. Crane,  
Palestine, Texas.

Dear Mr. Crane:-

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter  
dated 4/6/34.

Please accept my thanks for your fine  
cooperation in covering your territory in our attempt  
to apprehend Clyde Barrow and his companions.

Very truly yours,

F.J. Blake,  
Special Agent in Charge.

LMT

264114-85

420 Federal Building,  
Dallas, Texas.

April 7, 1934.

Mr. E.F. Hollis,  
1210 So. Cheyenne Street,  
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Dear Mr. Hollis:

Enclosed herewith is group photograph  
of known associates of CLYDE BARRON. When this has  
served its purpose, return it to the Dallas Office as it  
is borrowed.

I suggest you exhibit this to Chief of  
Police Boyd to see if he can identify any as being among  
Barron's associates when he was kidnaped.

Very truly yours,

F.J. BLAKE,  
Special Agent in Charge.

FTB:LM  
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cc-Division

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LESLIE KINSELL  
c/o INN HOTEL  
SHREVEPORT LA

OKLAHOMA NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR LICENSE NUMBER TWO THREE ONE NUGHT  
FOUR SEVEN ALSO CHECK POSSIBILITY TWO THREE ONE NINE FOUR SEVEN

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F. J. BLAKE  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPT OF JUSTICE

cc New Orleans

26-4114-87

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Palestine, Texas,  
April 8, 1934.

Mr. F. J. Blake,  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Dallas, Texas.

26-4114-98	
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE	
APR 9 - 1934	
DALLAS OFFICE	
	FILE 4

Dear Mr. Blake:

Referring to the request of Winstead last Wednesday relative to information as to the connection of the woman Bertha, a beauty parlor worker, to Clyde Barrow. I beg to advise as follows:

The name of this party is Mrs. Bertha Graham. Her maiden name was Barrow. She ~~was~~ a first cousin to Clyde. During 1931 she worked here several months at the Palestine Beauty Parlor. I do not know where she went after she ceased to work at that place, but the latter part of last October she came here from Conroe and opened a beauty parlor of her own and operated it under the name of Peggy's Beauty Parlor.

About the middle of January, this year, she closed her shop and moved to Tyler, where she is now operating a beauty parlor under the name of Peggy's Beauty Shop. She is in Palestine today visiting a sister. She is not divorced, but seems to be separated from her husband whose location I have been unable to obtain.

I give you the following information for whatever value it may be, I obtained this information from Mr. and Mrs. C.M. Stephens, the latter being a sister of Bertha. Mrs. Stephens states that Clyde Barrow's father, Henry Barrow, had two brothers, one brother being Frank Barrow the father of herself and Bertha. Frank Barrow lives at Eureka, Navarro county. There are two sons in this family,

one Ellis Barrow who lives at Cource and drives a gravel truck when he can get work, the other is P.E. Barrow who works for the Gulf Pipeline Company at Thompson, Texas.

Another brother, Jim Barrow, a brother of Clyde's father, lives near Streetman and has one son, J.C. Barrow, and one daughter, whose first name Mrs. Stephens was unable to remember. She stated that both of these parties are now married, and live near Streetman.

Jeff Weathersby, who lives in the vicinity of the Trinity Farms, or Pealtown, about on the Henderson and Kaufman county lines, has a son by the name of Oscar who married Clyde Barrow's sister, Nellie. However, they separated and Oscar is married again. Clyde has a second cousin by the name of Dave Barrow, who lives in the same vicinity of the parties mentioned above. I understand that Clyde and Oscar were very close friends.

Mrs. Stephens stated that she had not seen Clyde since April, 1930. Mr. Stephens has not seen him since 1928. I showed them the pictures that I had of Clyde and they both said that they did not resemble <sup>him</sup> as he looked the last time they saw him. I also showed them a picture of Barrow taken at Huntsville, and they said that that was the way he looked when they saw him last. They have had no contact nor heard from him in any way, they state, but would be glad to render any assistance that they might be able to should they hear anything of him. They have never seen Bonnie Parker. The Stephens have lived here a little better than a year, moving here from Athens. I was very favorably impressed with both of these people. They know nothing of the family of Clyde's mother. I am sorry it has taken me so long to obtain this information.

26-4114-88

Yours very truly,



420 Federal Building,  
Dallas, Texas.

April 9, 1934.

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

Re: CLYDE CHAMPION BARROW, FUGITIVE,  
I.O. #1211; et al.  
Natl. Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

Dear Sir:

As a probable assistance in the case of Clyde Barrow - Fugitive, I.O. #1211, of which Dallas is the office of origin, I am transmitting herewith two photographs of RAYMOND HAMILTON and two of Mary O'Dare, alias Mary Pitts, with description thereon.

The Pitts woman is presumed to be now with Raymond Hamilton, and Raymond Hamilton is a pal of Clyde Barrow and was released from the Texas State Penitentiary by Clyde Barrow after the murder of a guard.

Very truly yours,

F. J. BLAKE,  
Special Agent in Charge.

FJB:LM  
cc-Division  
82-4114-  
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420 Federal Building,  
Dallas, Texas.

April 9, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
P.O. Box 514,  
Birmingham, Ala.

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Very truly yours,

F. J. BLAKE,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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GLYNN HARRON I O TWELVE ELEVEN ADVISE QUICK WHETHER PORTLAND THIRTY  
THREE OR THIRTY FOUR MOURL

BLAKE

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DALLAS TEXAS APRIL 9 1934

DIRECTOR  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
WASHINGTON D C

CLYDE CHAMPION BARRON FUGITIVE IO TWELVE ELEVEN FURNISH NEW ORLEANS ST LOUIS  
KANSAS CITY OKLAHOMA CITY EL PASO SAN ANTONIO BALD LAKE CITY TWENTY FIVE COPIES  
EACH OF PHOTOGRAPHS OF CLYDE BARRON SITTING ON BUMP OF AUTOMOBILE HOLDING  
GUNS AND BONNIE PARKER WITH TWO PISTOLS IN BELT LEANING ON REAR AUTOMOBILE  
FURNISH THIS OFFICE FIFTY COPIES OF EACH

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BLAKE

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J A DOWD  
 DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
 U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
 503-A U.S. COURT HOUSE & POST OFFICE  
 SALT LAKE CITY UTAH

CLYDE CHAMBERLAIN BARROW FUGITIVE IO TWELVE ELEVEN STOLE PONTIAC THIRTY FOUR MODEL  
 COACH PAINTED BLACK WIRE WHEELS SPARE TIRE ON REAR FLAIN TIRE COVER AT TOPEKA KANSAS  
 NIGHT APRIL SEVENTH BETWEEN SIX THIRTY AND SEVEN THIRTY IS ACCOMPANIED BY BOBIE  
 PARKER AND PROBABLY HENRY MERVIN HAS FOLLOWING LICENSE PLATES ALL THIRTY THREE  
 KANSAS THREE DASH FOUR FOUR FOUR FIVE LOUISIANA TWO THREE NINE DASH TWO SEVEN THREE  
 OKLAHOMA TWO THREE ONE DASH NAUGHT FOUR SEVEN OR TWO THREE ONE DASH NINE FOUR SEVEN  
 BONNIE PARKER DESCRIBED AGE TWENTY FOUR HEIGHT FIVE FIVE WEIGHT ONE HUNDRED BUILT  
 SLENDER EYES BLUE HAIR BROWN MAY BE HANGARD HULLST WOUND IN LEFT FOOT NEXT TO LITTLE  
 TOE BURN SCAR ON RIGHT LEG KNEE TO HIP HENRY MERVIN DESCRIPTION AGE TWENTY FOUR  
 N IGH T FIVE WIRE W EIG T ONE SEVENTY HAIR LIGHT BROWN EYES BLUE COMPLEXION FAIR  
 TATTOO DAGGER ON RIGHT FOREARM LOVE INSCRIBED ON DAGGER LARGE BURN SCAR ON LEFT  
 SHOULDER NOTIFY ALL OFFICES COLORADO WATCH AGAIN THIS CAR AND OCCUPANTS DIVISION  
 INTERENSELY INTERESTED

BLAKE

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 WJB:MT 11:10 AM  
 cc Division  
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March 22, 1934

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Hon. Homer S. Cummings  
Attorney General of the United States  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In connection with the kidnappings, bank robberies and jail deliveries, a situation has appealed to me as one to which your department should give some consideration.

In the past three weeks there have been three bank robberies in the County of Dallas. Two of these have all the earmarks of having been committed by the Barrow-Hamilton-Bennett gang, and it seems to be the general opinion that Dallas and Fort Worth, only thirty-two miles apart, are the headquarters of whoever is committing these crimes.

It is also apparent that a bank is never robbed until after the bank and general situation have been carefully looked over. Now what has impressed me is the fact that with a number of newspapers giving headlines of these different bank robberies, in no case has there appeared any photograph or print of any of the supposed gangsters.

My attention was first called to this lack of any photographs or general description of these humped men, by an experience my son had in Houston, Texas several months ago. He was standing on the street waiting for a car, when a man passed him who was wearing a very light weight coat. A shoulder revolver was plainly to be seen under each arm. The man walked as though lame, and a closer inspection revealed the fact that he was carrying a gun, presumably a sub-machine gun, with the barrel extending down into the pants leg of this seemingly crippled leg.

My son had seen a picture and description of Barrow some time previously, and he was certain that this man was Barrow. He started to follow him, but after about a block the man stopped and deliberately looked my son over and then proceeded on his way. There was no question but what he was mixing my son up to see if he continued to be followed.

My son went in search of a policeman, and with this policeman drove around in that vicinity trying to locate this man. Being unable to, they drove to the police station and jail to have a look at a picture of Barrow, and there was not a single picture of him on file. A policeman that came in, however, had an old picture of Barrow in his pocket, and my son says that without any doubt the man he saw on the street was Barrow.

C. C. San Antonio 4-10-34

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Sen. Homer S. Cummings - 2

Now what I have to suggest is that some systematized plan be worked out by your department, whereby each day, or at least once a week, all city and county newspapers would show pictures and description of all noted outlaws. These pictures should continue to be shown as a means of making every man, woman and child familiar with the likeness of these outlaws. Men of this type cannot travel around in the daylight and continue to rob banks and kidnap, without being seen, and if the public are educated to know what they look like and how to get in touch with authorities, should they see any of them, it seems to me that you would be making things very much more difficult.

I venture to say there are not one hundred people in this city of two hundred thousand, who know what any one of these noted gangsters look like, and the chances are big that several of them walk the streets here almost every day and night.

By proper propaganda, much of this newspaper photograph and descriptive matter could be gotten without much cost, but whatever cost there may be should be borne by some public fund. If these pictures and description also carried a notice of reward, it would stimulate detection.

Very truly yours,

(s) S. A. Gulberson, Jr.

S. A. Gulberson, Jr./h

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

April 5, 1934

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

Re: CLYDE CHAMPION BARRON, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE - IDENTIFICATION ORDER 1211,  
et al, NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT

Dear Sir:

The Division has received report of Special Agent E. J. Dowd dated Dallas, Texas, March 29, 1934 in the above matter, and notes that your office has been furnished with a statement taken by the local authorities from W. B. Rybee, who was assisted in escaping from the Eastman State Farm, Weldon, Texas on January 10, 1934 by subject Barrow.

The Division desires that Rybee be interviewed by an Agent from your office without further delay, and a detailed statement be obtained with a view to obtaining prospective leads which may result in the apprehension of subject Barrow.

In this same connection there are attached copies of a letter dated March 29, 1934 addressed to the Attorney General by Mr. S. A. Culbertson, Jr., and your attention is particularly invited to the statement appearing therein that the Police Department at Houston, Texas did not have available photographs of subject Barrow. You should arrange to have several copies of the Identification Order furnished the police departments at Dallas, Fort Worth, and Houston, Texas. It is also desired that Mr. Culbertson be interviewed for any further information that he may have.

According to press reports subject Barrow has recently been active in your district, having been identified as participating in several robberies, and you are instructed to keep the Division advised promptly, at all times, as to the reliability of these reports. You should also give every lead in your district thorough and vigorous attention in an effort to bring about the apprehension of this subject at an early date.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

Director.

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420 Federal Building,  
Dallas, Texas.

April 10, 1934.

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

Re: CLYDE CHAMPION BARRON - FUGITIVE,  
I.O. #1211; et al.  
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of Division Letter of April 5,  
1934, transmitting copies of a letter dated March 23, 1934,  
addressed to the Attorney General by Mr. S.A. Guiberson, Jr.,  
Dallas.

We have no extra copies of Identification Order  
#1211 for furnishing the police department at Houston, Texas,  
but I am transmitting to the San Antonio Office a copy of the  
letter of Mr. Guiberson, and the San Antonio Office will sup-  
ply the Houston Police with an additional supply of Identifi-  
cation Orders.

The Dallas and Ft. Worth Police Departments both  
have sufficient copies of Identification Order #1211, and in  
addition thereto, I have personally seen prominently exhibited  
in each department numerous photographs of Clyde Barrow and  
Bonnie Parker.

Mr. Guiberson will be interviewed by an Agent of  
this office in the immediate future, as will W.H. Bybee.

Very truly yours,

F. J. BLAKE,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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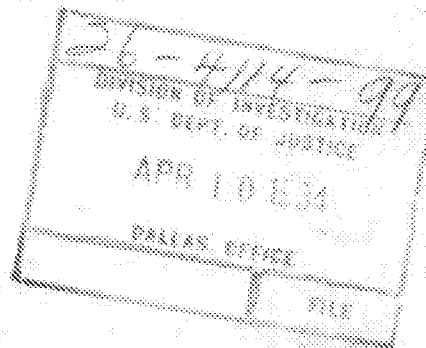
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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
April 9, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

Re: CLYDE C. BARROW, with alias - FUGITIVE  
I. O. #1211, et al.  
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT



On April 8, 1934, Sheriff Jim Bradley of Stillwater, Oklahoma, called me at home, advising me that he was in receipt of information relative to Clyde Barrow that he felt would produce results, and requested that I come to Stillwater, Oklahoma immediately to confer with him. I proceeded to Stillwater and Sheriff Bradley advised me that he had just received a long distance telephone call from his sister-in-law at Tulsa, Oklahoma, informing him that a girl employed by the U. S. Marshal at Tulsa, Oklahoma as a companion to his defuncted wife, had confidentially told her that she was the wife of a criminal recently convicted at Fort Worth, Texas, and who was a member of the Barrow gang, and that she had seen Barrow and his wife, Bonnie Parker, at Tulsa, Oklahoma on the morning of April 7, 1934; that she knew their hideouts in Texas, and that this girl had agreed, after persuasion, to confide this information to Sheriff Bradley if he would come there on promise that she would be protected and her information treated confidentially.

I proceeded to Tulsa, Oklahoma with Sheriff Bradley, and there he made contact with this girl whose name is Peggy Moreland, but who is now living under the name of Peggy Bird. We met her at the Miracks Hotel, and she stated that she is the wife of Roger Moreland who is now in the county jail at Fort Worth, Texas, recently convicted, sentenced to 32 years, and is awaiting transfer to the State Penitentiary of Texas; that she married Moreland about one year ago; that she did not know at that time that he was a criminal; that they lived in Fort Worth, Texas at various apartment houses, and finally he rented a house on South Adams Street where she kept house. She stated that soon thereafter, Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker visited him there as had numerous other criminals; that she soon became acquainted with the fact that her husband was a criminal and associated in crime. She stated that she frequently visited Cleburne, Texas with her husband and became acquainted with one Ted Rogers who is a criminal and is under suspended sentence at Cleburne; that Ted Rogers lives near the railroad tracks at Cleburne, Texas and is known to the officers as being a bad actor; that one Wayne Hemmons, Robert Hulse, and one Harry (last name not known) were close associates of her husband and the Barrows; that her husband, Roger Moreland, operated with Barrow a great deal of the time, and that she frequently met Barrow and Bonnie Parker at Cleburne and at Fort Worth, Texas. She stated that she heard this bunch discuss various jobs that they had been on, and they all went heavily armed; that the Police at Fort Worth, Texas arrested her husband and another man at her house on one occasion and that she was warned by Chief Jackson of the Fort Worth Police Department, and also Watt Davis and John Carr of the Cleburne Police Department

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that if she did not "cut loose" from her husband and the Barrow gang, she would get herself into trouble and it would only be a matter of time until she would be badly involved; that her husband was finally convicted and given thirty-two years for highway robbery.

She further stated that this gang has a hideout near Cleburne, Texas where they stay and "cool off" after pulling jobs; that the place where they stay is run by one Jack Hendricks whose father is a cattleman and lives at Walnut Springs, Texas; that the house is situated in a very remote section in the bow of the river, and is inaccessible. She stated that they congregate there, drink whiskey and dance to the music from the radio, but that they keep one man sober to guard while they are on the premises. She described this place as about 9 miles Southwest of Cleburne, Texas; that you leave Cleburne on the Meridian Highway and when you get to Ulogy, you turn to the right and follow this road until you come to a gap in a fence; then you turn left on a crooked rough road which leads to the house in the bend of the river; that there is a small river branching off from Big Brazos and this small river is either the Little Brazos or the Bosque, and that about 200 yards from where the small river leaves the Big Brazos, it makes a bow and this ranch house is situated right in the bow of this small river; that there is a big flowing artesian well in the yard. She stated that the house has a front porch and a couple of large rooms with an L which consists of two rooms, a dining room and kitchen. She further stated that the little river runs close to the house, and that the road leading up to the place is a rough winding road and the only road leading in there; that this house is about seven miles from where you enter the gap. She stated that while she has never been to this place, she has frequently heard it discussed and how they protected it with a guard with a machine gun who stayed sober and on watch while the others had their parties; that the place belongs to Jack Hendricks' father, but that Jack Hendricks runs it and stays there all the time and protects these criminals.

She stated that Ted Rogers is a very close friend of Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker, and that they spend a good deal of their time at his house in Cleburne, Texas; that they usually go to his house after they have been off on a trip and from there, they go out to the Hendricks place and that Ted Rogers usually goes with them and spends time out there. She stated that Officers Watt Davis and John Carr with the Police Department at Cleburne, Texas had frequently prevailed upon her to divulge this hiding place of Barrow, but that she would never give them any information for the reason that she was deathly afraid of the consequences. She stated that she left Fort Worth, Texas about two weeks ago and came to Tulsa, Oklahoma; that she has been a personal friend of Sheriff Bradley's sister-in-law for many years; that she secured a position from the present U. S. Marshal at Tulsa, Oklahoma as companion to his wife, and has been so employed since coming to Tulsa; that after her husband's conviction, she honestly endeavored to aid him, but that she saw there was no chance to help him, and she determined to leave Fort Worth and entirely divorce herself from further association with

this had element, and therefore, she had changed her name and is using the name of Peggy Bird; that after the reported killing of these officers at Fort Worth and the killing of the officer in Oklahoma recently by the Barrows, that she felt it was her duty to divulge the information she had; however, that she was afraid to talk to anyone; that she confided in her confidential friend, the sister-in-law of Sheriff Bradley, and she advised her that Mr. Bradley was a man who would treat confidential any information that she might have and she consented to talk with him. She stated that on Saturday morning, April 7, 1934, she was on the porch where she is employed in Tulsa, and she heard the horn of an automobile sound and she looked around and saw Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker passing in a new car, either a Chevrolet Sedan or a Pontiac; that the car was very highly polished; that they waved at her and she answered the salutation, but that they drove on and did not stop; that she positively recognized them; that it startled her, because she did not think that any of the gang knew where she was, and that when they passed, she figured that they were trying to get in touch with her and would probably return, but they had not since shown up. She stated that she would not be mistaken about it being Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker; that Bonnie Parker was riding in the back seat of the car and Clyde Barrow was driving. She stated that Barrow is a much nicer looking fellow than his picture would indicate which she has seen in the newspaper; that he is well dressed, as a rule, and both he and Bonnie Parker wear boots when they are out roughing it, and Bonnie Parker usually wears breeches and a cap; that her hair is dyed henna, and is a very peculiar reddish color; that it is a known fact among the bunch that Bonnie Parker does most of the killing; that she is an expert with a gun and usually rides in the back seat of the car.

She stated that before leaving Fort Worth, Texas, she overheard the gang talking and that they had a job that they expected to pull in El Paso, Texas; that some big department store makes its deposits every morning and that there is an old man who wears glasses, accompanied by a Negro man who takes the deposits to the bank; that they are unguarded and the bunch has gotten wise to this and figures that the receipts are very large and that there are supposed to be two men now spotting and getting a set-up on this job; that from the way they talked, they expected to pull it most any time and figured they would get probably thirty or forty thousand dollars.

She stated that she saw Barrow and Bonnie Parker at Cleburne, Texas about a week before she came to Tulsa, and that they were with Ted Rogers at that time. She stated that the gang boasted that no law could come into their hideout; that they would kill everything that showed up there and laughed about how tough it would be if they attempted it. She stated that if it ever became known that she had divulged any information that this gang would murder her like a dog, and the fear had kept her from disclosing this information sooner.

She was questioned as to whether or not she would be willing to go to Fort Worth and Cleburne, Texas to ascertain any facts concerning Barrow, and she stated that the gang would trust her with impunity and that she could get any

information that they had; that they would not hesitate to tell her anything; however, that she would be very much afraid of doing this if there was a possibility of it leaking out. She finally consented to go to Fort Worth with Sheriff Bradley and the writer, if desired, and said that she could find out within one day if Harrow had returned there and could place herself in position to obtain the information when he did return. She said that she would only promise to do this providing she was immediately returned to Tulsa, and her name treated strictly confidential.

She stated that she had never been involved in any criminal acts; that she simply married a criminal and that she had regretted it ever since; that she gradually became associated with this element on account of her husband. She requested Sheriff Bradley to not divulge to the U. S. Marshal the fact that she was the wife of a criminal because this would only cause her to lose her position.

This woman has a good appearance and impresses you with her sincerity. There is little doubt but that she has been associated with Harrow and Bonnie Parker and other criminals.

Peggy Bird is now residing at the home of the U. S. Marshal, Mr. Logan, 1820 South Carolina Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, telephone number 9337. She requested that in the event further interview with her was desired, that she be approached by telephone in a manner not to create suspicion and that she would meet the writer at some designated place.

F. S. Smith,  
Special Agent.

U. S. Department of Justice  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
~~Bureau of Investigation~~  
P. O. Box 1276  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
April 9, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Re: CLYDE G. BARROW, with aliases -  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1811, et al.  
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT

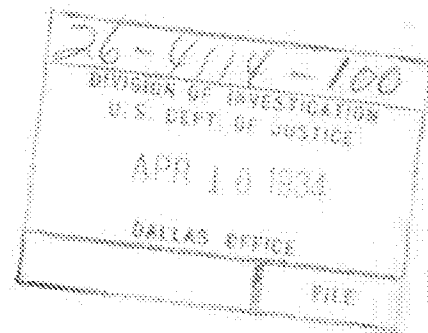
I am transmitting herewith a memorandum prepared by  
Special Agent F. S. Smith of this office, the substance of  
which I furnished you by long distance telephone this morning.

It will be noted from this memorandum that Peggy  
Moreland, alias Peggy Bird, states that she saw these people  
pass the residence at which she is employed in Tulsa, Oklahoma  
on April 7, 1934 in what appeared to be a Chevrolet or a Pontiac.  
She was positive that they were not traveling in a Ford. I  
strongly doubt that she saw these people in Tulsa on that parti-  
cular day, as every circumstance indicates that they were in  
possession of the Ford car until Saturday night, April 7, 1934,  
at which time, it was abandoned near Ottawa, Kansas.

Very truly yours,

*Walter B. Brantley*  
WALTER BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge.

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PHOTOGRAPHS HAMILTON AND WOMAN COMPANION MARY CHAMBERLAIN FORWARDED YOU NINTH INSTANT  
ENDEAVOR BY CHECKING CAB DRIVERS DEPARTING ILLINOIS CENTRAL RR STATION THAT HOUR  
DESTINATION HAMILTON AND WOMAN AND CASES APREHEHENSION HE IS DANGEROUS

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WESTERN UNION GIFT ORDERS ARE APPROPRIATE GIFTS FOR ALL OCCASIONS

# Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1331 First Nat'l. Bank Bldg.,  
El Paso, Texas, April 9, 1934.  
Telephone Main 501.

TO ALL PEACE OFFICERS:

## WANTED FOR MURDER!

Look out for CLYDE BARRON, accompanied by his woman, BONNIE PARKER, and HENRY METHVIN, escaped Texas convict. They left Topeka, Kansas, Saturday night, April 7, 1934, in a black PONTIAC COACH, 1934 model, with wire wheels, spare tire on the back, with plain black tire cover. They had in their possession the following 1934 license plates:

KANSAS - #3-4445  
LOUISIANA - #239-273  
OKLAHOMA - #231-047 or 231-947.

## DESCRIPTIONS:

BONNIE PARKER: Age - 24; ht. - 5 ft. 5 in.; wt. - 100 lbs.; build - slender; eyes - blue; hair - blonde, may be honned; bullet wound left foot, next to little toe; burn scar right leg, knee to hip.

HENRY METHVIN: Age - 24; ht. - 5 ft. 9 in.; wt. - 170; hair, light brown; eyes - blue; comp. - fair; tattoos - dagger on right forearm with word "Love" on dagger; large burn scar on left shoulder.

CLYDE CHAMPION BARRON: Age - 33; ht. - 5 ft. 7 in. wt. - 150; build - med.; hair - dk. brown & wavy, may be dyed black; eyes - hazel; comp. - light; tattoos - shield & anchor with USN on right forearm; girl's bust on left forearm.

BARRON and PARKER wanted for MURDER and CAR THEFT; METHVIN, escaped convict. These parties are heavily armed and will shoot on sight. Use all precautions. If seen or any information received, please notify the undersigned by telephone or telegraph, Government Rate Collect.

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*R. W. Colvin*  
R. W. COLVIN,  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice.

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

420 Post Office Building,  
Dallas, Texas.

April 18, 1934.

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

CONFIDENTIAL

RE: Clyde Champion Barrow,  
with aliases - FUGITIVE,  
I.O. #1211; et al.  
K.M.V.T.A.

Dear Sir:-

Pursuant to authority of the Division (Mr. Cowley) received by me by telephone, I have caused to be placed on the telephone of Mrs. Billie Pace, 232 West 8th St., Dallas, Texas, telephone # 6-3667, a cover on messages received and sent.

This cover is being maintained in conjunction with the telephone company and the expenses therefor will be billed to me by that company, and handled as a confidential item.

Very truly yours,

F.J. Blake,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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SEND LATEST FULL LENGTH PICTURES OF CLYDE BARROW=  
GEO WILLIS JR WHARTON COUNTY ATTORNEY.

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HAVE INFORMATION THAT WOMAN WITH HAMILTON MIGHT BE MARY

COAKS FORMERLY OF WICHITA FALLS

G. H. HOOVER SHERIFF

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Coryus Christi, Texas.  
April 7, 1934.

Mr. L. G. Phares, Chief,  
State Highway Patrol,  
Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir:

In response to telephonic conversation with Inspector Moffatt this A.M., I went to the Barrow Service Station and Tourist Camp, publicly known as "Sportsmens Haven," in company with two Deputy Sheriffs.

This place is also known as "Nine Mile Point" and is on the highway  $6\frac{1}{2}$  miles East of Rockport right at the West end of Copano Bay causeway. The Barrows appear to be living in the store and service station quarters and they have three camp houses to the rear, all of which appeared to be empty today. Only one car visible, and that was an old one I have noticed there for the past several months. We stopped to make a purchase and the only person present was Mrs. Barrow, who appeared to be a rather "hard" looking person and incidentally was not very sociable, and we gained very little information from that visit. Back of these buildings is a dense growth of timber and brush.

We drove across the causeway and down the bay front for another six miles where the road ended at a private club known as Buena Vista Lodge, at which place there was a cabin monoplane, license No. NC 452 N. We inquired of a native who we thought we could trust, and he stated there was no place known as "12 mile point, etc."

If your suspicions or tip is strong enough that you would want the place covered, a person could rig himself up in a fisherman's paraphernalia, rent one of their cottages, and without arousing suspicion, keep well posted on the place. We might have secured more information on the place by making further inquiries, but did not do so for fear of arousing suspicion and not knowing just who to trust and talk with.

Yours very truly,

F. D. Albright,  
Patrolman No. 107.

cc to Insp. Moffatt.

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