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April 3, 1934.

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

Re: JOHN HERBERT DILLINGER
with aliases, I. O. 1217, et al.
NATL. MOT. VEH. THEFT ACT

Dear Sir:

The name of the confidential informant mentioned in the report of Special Agent J. J. Waters, Chicago, April 2, 1934, in the above entitled case, is [REDACTED]

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Very truly yours,

M. H. Purvis

M. H. PURVIS
Special Agent in Charge

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

Re: JOHN HERBERT DILLINGER with aliases
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT.

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Dear Sir:

In connection with cover being maintained here as to the contacts Dillinger may make in the district here, in view of the very evident information that he was in the automobile wrecked in the vicinity of Noblesville, Ind., at 3:30 A.M. April 7, 1934, with the additional agents sent here we have made arrangements to cover the situation at Indianapolis, Ind., where cover is being maintained on the activities of the following persons:

Jessie Levy, and Bessie Robbins, women attorneys Indianapolis who were interested in the defense of Clark, Pierpont and Makley at Lima, Ohio, and who are believed to be the intermediaries thru whom the members of the Gang may be communicating; Mary Kinder, woman associate who previously harbored Dillinger; Ralph Saffel who harbored this Gang at one time when they were hiding out at Indianapolis; John W. Dillinger the father of Dillinger, Mooresville, Ind., as well as the sister, Doris Dillinger, Pearl Elliott woman associate Kokomo, Ind., and Hulbert Dillinger Indianapolis, Ind., brother of Dillinger.

At Lebanon, Ky., we have two agents who are covering the associates of Dillinger in that vicinity where Dillinger formerly hid out on Jones' Fork previous to the time he and other associates robbed the Gravel Switch Bank in the vicinity of Lebanon, Ky., namely George and Frank Whitehouse, Owen Morgenson, Frank Mullins the former husband of Mrs. Frank Whitehouse, Maurice Lanham and James Kirkland, the latter two previously having been associated with Dillinger and having handled stolen cars with him. The general report is that Dillinger apparently visited Jones' Fork in the vicinity of Lebanon, shortly after his escape from Crown Point, Ind. and there contacted Mrs. Frank Whitehouse and her former husband Frank Mullins, and left with Mrs. Frank Whitehouse Ford Coupe which Mrs. Frank Whitehouse later delivered to Owen Morgenson who has been associated with Frank Whitehouse in running liquor, and in this connection we have arranged a confidential contact

67D [redacted] has agreed to place Dillinger where he can be apprehended by us if he appears

in Kentucky and as to which he will expect about \$1000.00 reward if he complies fully with all of our requirements as to locating Dillinger and placing him in a position where he can be apprehended by the representatives of this Division.

b7D [REDACTED] In this connection we also have the confidential informant who has agreed in accordance with my prior letter to the Division to locate Dillinger for us and he is working now in the vicinity of Lebanon, Ky. in order to contact, if possible, Dillinger through Whitehouse.

At Cincinnati, Ohio, the mother, sister, brother of Joseph Fox are located at 808 Main Street, Reading, Ohio, as to which we have a satisfactory arrangement thru the Police Department there to whom all of these persons are known and recently the brother who is a city fireman at Reading, Ohio, attempted suicide by reason of the disgrace he believes Joseph Fox had brought upon the family. The wife of Joseph Fox is located at 8343 Woodbine Avenue, Cincinnati, living with another man. Apparently Fox, has not contacted any of these persons.

At Dayton, Ohio, there is located Mary Longaker, sister of James Jenkins, deceased, Indiana State Penitentiary prisoner and a cousin of James Jenkins, Mary Ann Buckholtz, as well as the Striker Hotel at which Dillinger has stopped on numerous occasions in the past and in fact was recaptured in this place by the Dayton Police when he was taken to Lima, Ohio, in connection with charge he was being held upon at the time of his escape there. The proprietor of this hotel is very friendly to Dillinger and he might be under the impression that she would conceal him, however, she is working with us in every way possible to effect his apprehension should he appear. Surveillance is being maintained of Mary Longaker, sweetheart of Dillinger, who is now living with another man, namely Claude Constable, son of a deputy sheriff, Richmond, Ind., and Constable is very anxious to marry this woman, however, just before Dillinger was apprehended at Dayton, Ohio, he had paid for and secured a divorce for Mary Longaker from her husband, in order that he could marry her and it is believed that he may endeavor to contact Mary Longaker.

At Hamilton, Ohio, there is located Mr. and Mrs. Leroy (Naomi) Hooten, 1052 South 2nd St. and Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Clark, 1005 South 2nd St.; the father and mother of Mrs. Hooten; Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Wagner 1054 South 2nd St., also two brothers of Mrs. Hooten, Mutt Wagner, and Walter Wagner. Another brother of Mrs. Hooten, Carl Wagner, lives at 14 South D St. Hamilton, and a sister of Mrs. Hooten a Mrs. Ralph Hart, lives at a farm at Seven Mile, Ohio. As will be recalled from the file, Leroy Hooten and wife and Walter E. Clark and wife after the time the Indiana State Police had failed to apprehend Dillinger and his Gang at 1052 South

2nd St. Hamilton, after the murder of Sheriff Jesse Sarber, Lima, Ohio, proceeded to Phoenix, Ariz. where they were located at 1142 North 25th Street, and left there to return to Hamilton sometime before Dillinger and his Gang were apprehended at Tucson, Ariz. It is believed that if Dillinger tries to hide out in the vicinity of Hamilton the Hootens and the Clarke will be his front there and in this connection we have a confidential arrangement with [redacted] whereby he is to furnish us with the information where and how Dillinger can be apprehended should he again appear at Hamilton, Ohio, with the understanding that [redacted] will be paid a reasonable reward and he will probably be satisfied with \$500.00, if he complies with our definite terms that Dillinger be placed where we can apprehend him.

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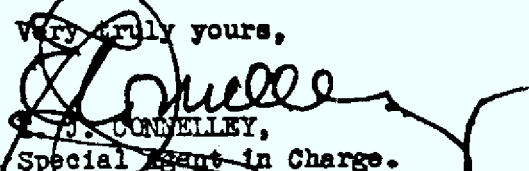
In connection with the assignments of the available agents here, we will have all Agents at Indianapolis, Ind. cover the various persons there, as well as other leads which will arise from time to time. We will have three men at Dayton, Ohio, to cover the situation there and we will have three men at Hamilton, Ohio, to cover the situation there and two agents at Lebanon, Ky. to cover the situation in that vicinity.

It is believed that if he appears at Dayton, Ohio, Hamilton, Ohio, or Lebanon, Ky. we will obtain this information immediately thru our informants arranged at these points or thru the surveillance we will maintain in this connection. There is a possibility that Dillinger is still in Indiana and we are covering this very closely, however, it has been difficult to obtain any definite informant who would place him in position to be apprehended, although later [redacted] if unsuccessful in the vicinity of Lebanon, Ky. will proceed to Indianapolis to contact the brother, Hubert Dillinger, with whom he was previously intimate [redacted]

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[redacted] It is realized that [redacted] may not be as useful as he believes he can be for the reason that his past operations may have become known to Dillinger.

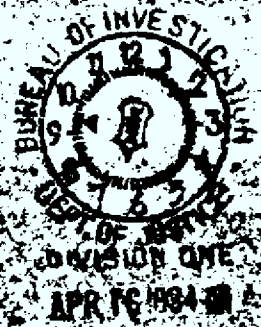
We will endeavor to prepare a more detailed report tomorrow, covering all of the various situations here thru which it is believed Dillinger may be apprehended if still in this vicinity or if he appears here or makes any contacts.

Very truly yours,

 J. CONNELLEY,
 Special Agent in Charge.

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SPECIAL DELIVERY

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

Dear Sir:

There is being transmitted herewith the photograph of MARY WINDEN, forwarded to this office on April 11, 1934, together with three extra copies of same.

Very truly yours,

V. V. YEARSLEY, Acting,
Special Agent in Charge.

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625 Lafayette Building,
Detroit, Michigan.

April 12, 1934

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

RE: JOHN HERBERT DILLINGER, with aliases,
et al.
I. O. No. 1217
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

Dear Sir:

The name of the confidential informant shown in the
letter attached hereto is [redacted] who resides with his
parents at [redacted]

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He is 43 years of age [redacted]

I positively assured him that under no consideration
would his name ever be divulged. He stated if it ever became
known to any of the Dillinger gang that he had furnished any
information regarding them, that his life would be in extreme
danger.

Very truly yours,

Wm Larson

WM. LARSON,
Special Agent in Charge.

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April 10th, 1934

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

Re: John Herbert Dillinger,
I. O. #1217, et al;
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT.

Dear Sir:

b7D With reference to my letter of April 7th,
1934, in order that [redacted] informant, might proceed
to Lebanon, Kentucky and vicinity in connection with his
efforts there, Special Agent E. J. Wynn advanced him \$60.00.
He has not yet reported back from Lebanon, Kentucky but is
supposed to contact Special Agent E. J. Wynn at Indianapolis,
Indiana about tomorrow, April 11th, 1934.

Very truly yours,

E. J. Connelley
E. J. CONNELLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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

April 12, 1934.

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

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Dear Sir:

RE: JOHN DILLINGER, with aliases - FUGITIVE,
I.O. # 1217, et al.
N.M.V.T.A. and HARBORING.
St. Paul File No. 26-2434.

Special Agent in Charge William Larson, Detroit, telephoned me at the St. Paul office and advised that he had discovered prospective confidential informant by the name of [redacted] who was well acquainted with the HAMILTONS, DILLINGERS, OPAL LONG, and PIERPONTIS. She is agreeable to proceeding to Toledo, Ohio, where it will require about two hours to make a contact, after which she will need to go to Indianapolis and then return to the Detroit district, and the total expenditures which she would require would not be in excess of \$25.00 without transportation.

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Mr. Larson inquired as to whether he would be authorized to advance the sum of \$25.00, plus the sum equivalent to transportation, and he was authorized to advance a sum of not in excess of \$20.00 in cash, and to purchase transportation and give to this informant, and upon her arrival in Indianapolis if circumstances should warrant additional payments he should seek additional authorization for such payments.

[redacted] stated that she would expect any reasonable reward in the event the information furnished by her led directly to the apprehension of JOHN DILLINGER or JOHN HAMILTON, or both. Mr. Larson has informed her that he was sure that the amount for the location of DILLINGER, if her information was directly responsible for causing his apprehension, would not be in excess of \$1000.00, and for the apprehension of

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HAMILTON the amount would not be in excess of \$500.00, although no definite amount was demanded by this woman.

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[REDACTED] has requested that he be furnished with a cheap suit of clothes, which would enable him to put up some sort of a front when he got in touch with [REDACTED] and he would ask further only actual expenses for transportation and living expenses not to exceed \$5.00 per day for a period not in excess of one week.

I authorized Mr. Larson to make an expenditure not exceeding \$28.00 for a suit of clothes and pair of shoes, this amount being suggested by Mr. Larson, and also for the payment of expenses as accrued not in excess of \$5.00 per day for a period not in excess of one week, and Mr. Larson has effected an understanding with this individual that if the information furnished by him leads directly to the apprehension of DILLINGER he will be granted a reasonable reward, although he understands thoroughly that the amount will not be in excess of \$1000.00 for information leading directly to the apprehension of DILLINGER.

Very truly yours,


H. W. LADD
Inspector.

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1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

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April 28, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of March 28, 1934, requesting that I advise you concerning the employment of confidential informants by this office since January 1, 1934. Please be advised that the following confidential informants have been employed during the period in question and in the cases mentioned.

[redacted] employed from March 6th to 10th, 1934, inclusive, at \$5.00 per day, in connection with the case entitled John Herbert Dillinger, et al., National Motor Vehicle Theft Act. Informant

[redacted] His underworld contacts first became known to this office during the summer of 1933, when he furnished information concerning Verne Miller, which, however, proved to be of little value. He was unable to make the necessary contacts in the Dillinger Case; consequently has not been employed since March 10, 1934.

[redacted] employed since April 5, 1934, at the rate of \$7.50 per day, in connection with the reported kidnaping activities of John Hagan.

[redacted] He first contacted this office during the fall of 1933, furnishing information concerning the alleged activities of John Hagan in connection with the John Factor Kidnaping Case. As outlined in my personal and confidential letter to you under date of April 5, 1934, [redacted] services are being used in an effort to secure information concerning the activities of John Hagan and his associates. It being reported that they have been laying plans to kidnap Phillip K. Wrigley and other persons.

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[redacted] since March 28, 1934, at the rate of \$10.00 per day in connection with the Dillinger Case.

He first called at this office some time last year, stating that he believed he could furnish valuable information as to the location of John Dillinger. This was prior to the time Dillinger was apprehended and confined in the Crown Point Jail. [redacted] is acquainted with several members of the Dillinger Gang and his services are proving of value in view of his many underworld contacts.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

April 19, 1934.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

b1D [Agent in Charge Harvey called from Philadelphia and advised that they had just received information from a confidential informant named [redacted] that Dillinger either is, was or will be at the Bristol or Postal Hotel at Akron, Ohio; also that he will or is proceeding to the Gilsey Hotel, 9th. Street, Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Harvey advises that there is a Portage Hotel in Akron, but he does not know whether there is a Postal Hotel; that the individual from whom [redacted] secures his information is an Italian and cannot spell, but can only pronounce. Mr. Harvey advised that this informant had given them information in the Khaki Shirt matter, the Insul case and the Spankoble case. He was instructed to give this information to the Detroit and Chicago offices.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley
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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FILE

Mr. Harold Nathan,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
232 Post Office Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Mr. Nathan:

I am inclosing herewith a copy of a statement dated May 1, 1934, prepared by Mr. Hanni, and addressed to Inspector Clegg. I would direct your attention to certain particular portions of this statement which contain certain statements upon the part of Mr. Hanni into which I would like to have you make a very thorough and vigorous inquiry. On Page 4, you will note that Mr. Hanni states that Mr. Rorer refused to assist Mr. Hanni and the other Agents in lifting Mr. Baum's body from the road to the truck, and Mr. Rorer's refusal was due to the fact that he, Mr. Rorer, stated that he had a "hink" in his back. I would like to have you thoroughly interrogate Mr. Rorer relative to this incident, as well as Mr. Hanni. It is rather difficult to understand how any Agent, irrespective of what his physical condition might have been, should have declined to assist in lifting the body of another Agent who might have been in a dying condition, though I understand that at the time Mr. Baum's body was removed from the road, he was in fact dead. I do want to know exactly, however, the reason why Mr. Rorer refused to render assistance in this matter, if in fact he did make such refusal.

You will also note on Page 4 that Mr. Hanni refers to the fact that Agent Hall picked up the machine gun which had been dropped by Special Agent Baum, and that this gun carried a 90 drum of ammunition which had not been discharged. My information is to the effect that Mr. Baum engaged in gun fire at Little Bohemia, and in fact, is believed to have been the Agent who fired the shot or shots which killed the C.C.C. worker. In view of the statement made to you by Mr. Cullen to the effect that Baum's gun had been found undischarged after his death, and that therefore it was proof of the fact that he had not fired any gun at Little Bohemia and consequently was not the man who might have been the one who killed the C.C.C. worker, I would like to have a very thorough inquiry made into this matter. I realize, of course, that it is entirely possible that Agent Baum did fire his gun at Little Bohemia and later reloaded, and when Mr. Hanni found his gun on the road, it possibly could have been undischarged in so far as the second reloading was concerned. I make mention of this, however, because it may give

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as a clue as to where Mr. Cullen obtained his information, or rather misinformation, concerning some of these matters, and I would like to have you go into this particular phase of Mr. Hanni's statement very thoroughly. You will note that Agent Hall is possibly in possession of some of the facts concerning this matter, and I have since been advised by Mr. Clegg at St. Paul that Mr. Hall and Mr. Cullen were together for a while recently during the time Mr. Cullen was in St. Paul. Maybe Mr. Hall has engaged in some discussion with Mr. Cullen concerning this matter. You will, of course, thoroughly interrogate Mr. Hall at St. Paul.

On Page 5 in the second paragraph, as well as in the third paragraph, there are certain very serious statements made by Mr. Hanni, and I will want you to go into these matters quite thoroughly and vigorously. It will be very important to determine whether Mr. Hanni was actually present at the time the original and first raid was made at Little Bohemia, and whether he was personally cognizant of all of the facts and conditions existing at that time and in other respects incident thereto. In other words, I want to know whether he is basing his statement upon facts which are personally known to him, or whether he is basing his statement upon his own opinions and conclusions predicated upon what he believes may have been the facts, though without personal knowledge of the same. I make this comment because I have been informed that Mr. Hanni did not arrive until after the original attack upon Little Bohemia, and consequently was not present and did not know conditions which Mr. Clegg, Mr. Purvis and Mr. Myrer had to face, and what information they had when they proceeded toward Little Bohemia and made the first attack. It is most important that we get to the bottom of this situation, and I want you to exert every effort to find out exactly what the real facts were. I am not so much concerned about opinions and conclusions as I am about what actually occurred. I recognize that it is much easier to criticize situations of this kind after an event has occurred, and in that respect, we of course do want to benefit by any of our past experiences, but I am particularly interested in this matter at the present time in determining the true facts and in enabling us to prove or disprove some of the rather unusual statements made concerning the efforts of our Agents at Little Bohemia, such as the statements of Mr. Cullen to Mr. Keenan, and the statement now presented to us by Mr. Hanni as to his observations.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Incl. #366000

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVE
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

May 11, 1934.

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| MR. NATHAN |
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

It is noted in Mr. Hanni's memorandum on page two he states that upon his arrival at the telephone office at Rhinelander, Wisconsin, he and the Agents accompanying him were met by Agent Suran "who advised us to have our guns ready as we might meet Dillinger on the way up there". In the second paragraph on page three Mr. Hanni states that shortly after 10:30 P. M. they saw a car approaching from the opposite direction at rather high speed and at about one-quarter of a mile before meeting "it was a matter of uncertainty as to whether or not this car might be a car of Agents coming to meet us, or it might have been anything". It later developed that this was the car driven by George "Baby Face" Nelson, who had killed Agent Baum. Mr. Hanni states in the second paragraph on page five, in referring to this incident, that "the writer himself and those accompanying him en route to Bohemia proved to be tripped into a regular death trap. ** Had it not been for the fortunate good treatment accorded the motorist who flashed a spotlight right into the writer's face, four more Agents would, undoubtedly, be not here today".

John Dillinger

Mr. Hanni, of course, indicates in his memorandum that he was perfectly aware of the nature of the assignment and in view of Agent Suran's statement to him concerning the likelihood of meeting Dillinger enroute to Little Bohemia no further precaution could have been taken and his statement to the effect that he was tripped into a regular death trap is without any basis of fact. On the contrary Special Agent in Charge Hanni's actions in seeing the approach of this car were inexcusable, he and the Agents accompanied by him having ample opportunity to block the road and be in a position to protect themselves.

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Respectfully,

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S. P. Cowley
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Mr. Harold Nathan,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
232 Post Office Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Mr. Nathan:

I am inclosing herewith a copy of a memorandum prepared by Mr. Cowley under date of May 11, 1934, in which he makes certain observations concerning Mr. Hanni's memorandum of May 1, 1934. I think Mr. Cowley's observations are quite in point. In other words, it appears that Agent Suran had very definitely advised Mr. Hanni that they might expect to meet Billinger en route from Rhineland to Little Bohemia. This certainly was a definite warning to be on the lookout for any person or persons, either walking or in cars, whom they might meet on the highway. There is then to be noted Special Agent in Charge Hanni's statement giving the details concerning the approach of the automobile which threw the spotlight on Agent in Charge Hanni's car, which automobile was occupied by "Baby Face" Nelson. Had Special Agent in Charge Hanni been alive to the situation, when he saw the car approaching he would have taken steps to have blocked the highway and to have then carefully examined the occupants of the approaching car. This he did not do. Consequently, I do not see the basis for the statement that he and the other Agents with him were tripped into a regular death trap. I want you to go into this matter quite thoroughly and quite fully with Special Agent in Charge Hanni, for it seems to me that he, above all others, was in a very excellent position to have effected the apprehension of "Baby Face" Nelson had he exercised the proper judgment under the circumstances.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Incl. #551259

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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

May 26, 1934.

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

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

Dear Sir:

Re: JOHN HERBERT DILLINGER, with
aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1217,
et al. NATL. MOT. VEH. THEFT
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JUSTICE. St. Paul file 26-2434.

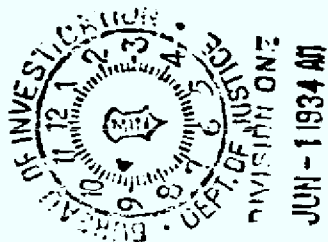
The confidential informant mentioned on page 9 of the
report of Special Agent S. W. Hardy dated at St. Paul, Minne-
sota, 5-21-34, is

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Very truly yours,

H. H. Clegg
H. H. CLEGG,
Inspector.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 2118
Detroit, Michigan
July 26, 1934

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| Mr. Nathan | ✓ |
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Director
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1001 Vermont Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

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Re: JOHN HERBERT DILLINGER, with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1217;
HOMER VAN METER, with aliases - I.O. 1222;
JOHN HAMILTON, with alias - I.O. 1220;
LESTER M. GILLIS, with aliases - I.O. 1223;
THOMAS LEONARD CARROLL, with aliases (Deceased) I.O. 1224;
MARIE MARION CONFORTI, with aliases - FUGITIVE;
MRS. HELEN GILLIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE; et al
Obstruction of Justice (Harboring Fugitives)
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act
Probation Violators

Dear Sir:

This is to advise that Special Agent T. J. Connor came to the Detroit Office at 3:30 P.M. this date and advised that he and Special Agent J. E. Murphy, upon instructions from the Chicago Office of the Division, had brought Polly Hamilton, who is using the name here of Catherine Sullivan, and another woman, who is using the name of Mrs. Mary Kline, (correct name not known to Agent Connor) to Detroit for safe keeping.

Special Agent Connor advises that he, as Emory Shanks, and Special Agent Murphy, as Joe Vincent, are registered at the Detroit-LeLand Hotel; also that the above named women are registered as Catherine Sullivan and Mrs. Mary Kline. Special Agent Connor advised that Mr. Cowley advised that it may be necessary for the Agents to remain at Detroit for about a week.

Very truly yours,

Tom Larson
Mr. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

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MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT S. P. CONLEY

Re: Dillinger Case

When the plans were formulated to cover the Biograph Theatre, the writer was assigned to cover the rear exit of the Theatre in the company of other Agents.

About 8:30 P. M. Agent, accompanied by Agents Suran and Glynn, proceeded to the Biograph Theatre and took up the position previously designated at the rear southeast corner of the Theatre, this position covering a small blind alleyway in which there were two exits from the Theatre and an exit directly in the rear of the Theatre. The car in which Agents proceeded to the Theatre was parked on a vacant lot at the rear and pointed directly at the blind alleyway.

Continuous surveillance was maintained at this position by the writer and Agents previously mentioned.

At approximately 10:30 P. M., two sedans equipped with spot lights drove into the alley and the spot lights were flashed directly on Agent. Several men, who were immediately identified as police officers, jumped out of the sedans and commanded Agent to throw up his hands. The men having been previously identified as police officers, the command was immediately complied with, the writer at the same time identifying himself as a Federal officer. Agent exhibited to a plain clothes man who accompanied the officers, his badge and credentials, and was advised that a telephone call had been received at the 37th District, which covered that vicinity, that four suspicious men had been seen at the rear of the Biograph Theatre. Agent requested the police officers to withdraw as quickly as possible, which request was immediately complied with.

At approximately 10:30 P. M. three shots were heard in ring out apparently from in front of the Theatre, in spite of which, however, Agents continued their surveillance at their designated positions until advised of Dillinger's apprehension. Shortly after hearing the shots a commotion was heard at the point where the alley in which Agents were stationed joined with an alley leading through to north Lincoln Avenue. It appeared to Agents that an attempt was being made at that point to start an automobile. The car previously parked in the rear of the Theatre by Agents was pointed in the direction of the commotion and the lights were flashed on that point and it was at this time that advice was received that Dillinger had been apprehended.

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The writer then proceeded directly to where Dillinger lay in the alley-
way and assisted in keeping the crowd which had gathered under control,
and remained there until Dillinger's body had been removed, at which
time Agent, accompanied by Agent Suran, proceeded to this Office.

J. J. CUNNINGHAM
Special Agent

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I called Mr. Cowley and told him that the Director wanted to know whether Agent Hollis had fired any shots in connection with the killing of Dillinger. Mr. Cowley stated that Hollis fired one shot. I told Mr. Cowley I would write Agent Hollis a letter today. Mr. Cowley wanted to know if I had seen Mr. Furvis about this and I stated that I had not but Mr. Furvis had seen the Director. Mr. Cowley stated if I had an opportunity I should talk to Mr. Furvis who would explain the reason for the confusion in this regard. Mr. Cowley advised that when they went out every one was instructed to keep their mouth shut and say nothing about anything of this kind and Mr. Hollis interpreted these instructions to mean that he should not put this in memorandum form. Mr. Cowley did not discuss this matter with Mr. Hollis but merely read Hollis' memorandum and no reference was made to any shot in this memorandum. Therefore Mr. Cowley advised that Hollis had not fired any shots. Later he talked to Mr. Hollis and Hollis stated he had neglected to put it in the memorandum thinking that it should not be put in the memorandum which was in accordance with instructions except that the instructions refer to oral discussions and not written memorandums. I told Mr. Cowley that I would send Hollis a letter.

With reference to Robiend, the man who changes fingerprints, Mr. Cowley advised that Robiend is now in custody and he has made a complete statement. Robiend admits supervising the changing of the fingerprints of Dillinger, Van Meter and one William Elmer Head, a notorious confidence man. Mr. Cowley stated Mr. Head has a lot of material on Head as he is involved in the Bremer case. I asked whether Robiend admitted doing the job himself or just what his statement was. Mr. Cowley stated that Robiend admits being consulted and supervising this thing but's Dr. Cassidy performed the actual operation. I asked when this operation was performed and Mr. Cowley stated it was about six weeks ago or seven weeks ago; that is, on Dillinger and Van Meter; the other one, Head, was about ten weeks ago. I asked whether Dr. Cassidy had been interviewed and Mr. Cowley stated, no, as he is on the Mr. Cowley advised that Robiend also involves Piquette and Art O'Leary - Art O'Leary being one of Piquette's office help. Mr. Cowley stated that apparent O'Leary is the contact between Piquette and all the hoodlums; that O'Leary is now away on his vacation at or near Manitowish, Wisconsin. Mr. Cowley stated they would, of course, like to pick him up and think it would be preferable pick him up in Chicago. Mr. Cowley stated he thinks they have enough to pick up Cassidy, Piquette and O'Leary for aiding and abetting and harboring Dill. I told Mr. Cowley that I did not know how far he could get with that as after all it is a lawyer's business to maintain his professional confidences. Mr. Cowley wanted to know whether I thought it could go this far and I stated that I frankly did not know but in this case I did not think we should have any difficulty with this fellow.

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W. J. Maguire, Director

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Mr. Cowley advised that Robison had told them where the operation on Hillinger and Van Meter was performed, namely, 2509 North Crawford, which place is owned or lived in by a fellow named James Probasco. Mr. Cowley stated that Probasco is in custody and he does not admit anything; that Probasco is about sixty years old. This address is Probasco's residence and home. In this place was found a pair of rubber gloves, iodine, ether, cotton, bandage, a pistol, a number of .45 bullets. So far Probasco has not admitted anything. He was taken into custody about 11:00 o'clock last night. Mr. Cowley stated they are going to confront Robison with Probasco and see if they can get anything that way. Mr. Cowley stated they are working on him quite vigorously but do not want him to die up there. I asked whether Robison was a reputable physician heretofore and Mr. Cowley stated he had served time at Leavenworth in 1911 on a narcotic. Robison claims he was framed by Brundidge, who was Coroner or Assistant Attorney General at the time, and another doctor, who is prominent there. Robison claims this frame-up was participated in by Judge Barnes.

Mr. Cowley further advised that Robison wrote an anonymous letter to the Division about this address, 2509 North Crawford. Mr. Cowley stated they received a copy of this anonymous letter yesterday as it was sent on by the Division on the 23d. Robison also wrote a letter to the Chicago Office, which was anonymous. I asked whether these were printed letters Mr. Cowley stated that they were. Robison admits sending these letters and also contends that he was trying to help us out. I stated that in these letters mention was made of Art O'Leary and meeting some women in the par and things like that and Mr. Cowley stated this was correct. Mr. Cowley stated that Robison had also written a letter to the Chicago Office some age about Head, without mentioning any of these other people or at that he did not know about these other people. Mr. Cowley stated this letter transmitted to the Post Office. Mr. Cowley stated that Robison insists Art O'Leary wanted him to assist with regard to one Morgan who is a witness in a Post Office case. Mr. Cowley stated this a tough outfit and advise they will confront Robison with Probasco. Mr. Cowley stated that Robison scared to death and says it is certain suicide.

I advised Mr. Cowley that Robison stated in one of his letters there is a spy in Melvia Furvis' office and asked Mr. Cowley whether he remembered this and whether he asked about this. Mr. Cowley stated he did ask about this and he does not know except that soon after he wrote his they knew about it.

At this point Mr. Cowley stated he would have to discontinue his conversation but would call back.

Respectfully,

R. A. Tamm.

Handwritten notes:
Robison's letter
Chicago Office

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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MESSAGE TO BE TRANSMITTED BY TELETYPEWRITER

TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT CHICAGO ILLINOIS

PRESS DISPATCHES STATE THAT FEDERAL AUTHORITIES CHICAGO ADMIT THAT POLLY HAMILTON IS UNDER THEIR CARE. ADVISE IMMEDIATELY WHETHER ANY INFORMATION OF THIS NATURE HAS BEEN GIVEN OUT THROUGH YOUR OFFICE. YOUR ATTITUDE WHEN INQUIRIES ALONG THESE LINES ARE RECEIVED SHOULD BE THAT YOU HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO COMMENT TO MAKE

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SERGEANT ZARKOVICH, EAST CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND AGENT WINS
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AND A E LOCKERMAN WERE TO CLOSE IN TOWARDS DILLINGER FROM SOUTH S
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AND R C SURAN COVERED THE EXITS IN THE ALLEY AT THE SOUTHEAST COF

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THE BIOGRAPH THEATRE, WHILE AGENTS J T MCLAUGHLIN, W C RYAN, WOLTZ AND P SULLIVAN COVERED THE EMERGENCY EXITS IN THE ALLEY ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE THEATRE. AGENT BROWN REMAINED IN A CAR PARKED ON THE SAME SIDE OF THE STREET AS THE THEATRE, WHILE SAC PURVIS WAS STATIONED NEAR THE BIOGRAPH THEATRE. AGENT WINSTEAD AND SERGEANT MARTIN ZARKOVICH WERE ADVISED BY TELEPHONE THAT DILLINGER WAS AT BIOGRAPH THEATRE AND THEY IMMEDIATELY PROCEEDED TO THAT PLACE, WINSTEAD TAKING A POSITION WITH AGENTS HURT AND HOLLIS. IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIVING WORD THAT DILLINGER WAS AT THE BIOGRAPH THEATRE, I PROCEEDED TO THE VICINITY OF THE THEATRE ACCOMPANIED BY TIMOTHY O NEIL AND SERGEANT CONROY, I WAS IN A ROVING POSITION AND KEPT IN TOUCH WITH ALL AGENTS IN ORDER TO SEE THAT ALL POINTS WERE BEING COVERED PROPERLY. ABOUT 10-30 PM, DILLINGER ACCOMPANIED BY TWO WOMEN COMPANIONS EMERGED FROM THE THEATRE-WALKING SOUTH ON LINCOLN AVENUE. SAC PURVIS GAVE A SIGNAL AND THE AGENTS BEGAN TO OPEN FIRE. DILLINGER BECAME APPREHENSIVE AND STARTED TO RUN-GRABBING FOR A GUN. AGENT WINSTEAD FIRED ONE SHOT WHICH WAS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY ONE SHOT EACH BY AGENTS WINSTEAD AND HURT-FOLLOWED BY ANOTHER SHOT BY AGENT WINSTEAD. DILLINGER WAS REMOVED TO THE ALEXIAN BROTHERS HOSPITAL, BEING LIVING THERE AT 10-55 PM WHERE HE WAS PRONOUNCED DEAD. HE WAS LATER TAKEN TO THE COUNTY MORGUE. EXAMINATION OF DILLINGER'S BODY DISCLOSED TWO FRESH WOUNDS ON HIS CHEST, ONE OF WHICH WAS JUST BELOW HIS HEART AND A THIRD FRESH BULLET WOUND APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY A BULLET ENTERING THE REAR OF THE SKULL AND EMERGING FROM LOWER PORTION OF SKULL ABOVE THE RIGHT EYE ABOVE THE CHEEK BONE. IN ADDITION TO CLOTHES WORN BY HIM THERE WERE FOUND 1 GOLD 17 JEWEL HAMILTON WATCH WORKS NUMBER 3444 CASE NUMBER 0558384 MONEY IN BILLS AND CHANGE AMOUNTING TO \$7.73, THREE KEYS, A LOADED AUTOMATIC .380 CALIBRE PISTOL AND ONE LOADED AUTOMATIC CLIP, AND ONE RED STONED RING.

INQUEST HELD AT COOK COUNTY MORGUE BY CORONER FRANK J WALSH AT
11-30 AM JULY 23 AND PRONOUNCED JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDE JURY TOOK
OCCASION TO COMMEND THE WORK OF THE DIVISION. THE CORONER CRITICIZED
THE PRECINCT NO. 37 OF THE CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT IN WHICH
DILLENGER WAS KILLED FOR NOT HAVING A REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT. AGENT
RICHMOND TESTIFIED AS TO FINGERPRINT IDENTIFICATION AND I TESTIFIED
AS TO GENERAL FACTS. THERESA PAULUS, 2920 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE
RECEIVED A SLIGHT FLESH WOUND IN HIP AND WAS TAKEN TO THE GRANT
HOSPITAL WHERE SHE REMAINED SEVEN HOURS HOSPITAL BILL IS \$ 3.00.
MRS ETA NATALSKY, 2429 LINCOLN AVENUE WAS SHOT IN LEG BETWEEN KNEE
AND THIGH AND IS NOW IN THE COLUMBUS HOSPITAL INJURY NOT SERIOUS.

END COWLEY

QUESTION FROM WASH IS TIMOTHY ONEIL THE CAPTAIN OF THE EAST CHICAGO
INDIANA POLICE DEPARTMENT
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July 24, 1934.

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Director
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1001 Vermont Avenue, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: JOHN HERBERT DILLINGER, aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1217;
Homer Van Meter, aliases, I. O. 1222;
John Hamilton, alias, I. O. 1220;
Lester M. Gillis, aliases, I. O. 1225;
Thomas Leonard Carroll, aliases (Deceased) I. O. 1224;
Marie Marion Conforti, aliases, FUGITIVE;
Mrs. Helen Gillis, aliases, FUGITIVE; et al.
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE
HARBORING FUGITIVES

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For your information there are incorporated below pertinent details relating to the killing of JOHN HERBERT DILLINGER by Special Agents of the Division at Chicago, Illinois, on July 22, 1934.

On the afternoon of July 21, 1934, Sergeant Martin Zarkovich and Captain Timothy O'Neil, of the East Chicago Indiana Police Department, contacted Special Agent in Charge, M. H. Purvis, and myself and advised that a confidential informant, the name of whom has been furnished to the Division, had attended theatres in Chicago with her girl friend and John Herbert Dillinger. The girl friend of the informant was alleged to be keeping company with Dillinger. It was stated that usually Dillinger attended the Marbro Theatre.

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About five thirty P. M., on July 22, 1934, the informant telephoned stating that she had received word from her girl friend, with whom Dillinger had been keeping company, that Dillinger and friend would call for the informant about eight o'clock that night and that they contemplated attending either the Marbro or Biograph Theatres in Chicago.

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At seven thirty o'clock on the night of July 22, 1934, Special Agent in Charge, M. H. Purvis, and Special Agent R. D. Brown proceeded to a point near the Biograph Theatre, 2433 Lincoln Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. At the same time Sergeant Zarkovich, of the East Chicago Indiana Police Department, and Special Agent C. B. Winstead proceeded to a point near the Marbro Theatre. With exception of the Agents mentioned above, all Agents remained in the Chicago Office awaiting telephonic advice concerning the identity of the Theatre which Dillinger actually entered.

At eight fifty P. M. Dillinger and two women companions were observed entering the Biograph Theatre, 2433 Lincoln Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, by Special Agent in Charge, M. H. Purvis, and Agent Brown. This information was telephoned to the Chicago Office. Instructions were immediately issued to the Agents in the Office to proceed to the vicinity of the Biograph Theatre and cover the place in accordance with instructions previously issued. Both Theatres had been visited earlier in the evening and detailed information was obtained concerning the various exits and possible avenues of escape from the Marbro and Biograph Theatres.

Special Agents C. O. Hurt and H. E. Hollis were assigned together with Officers Sopsic and Stretch of the East Chicago Indiana Police Department to seize Dillinger as he was leaving the Theatre. Special Agents J. P. McCarthy and R. G. Gillespie were to close in towards Dillinger from the north while Agents J. R. Welles and A. E. Lockerman were to close in towards Dillinger from the south. Special Agents E. L. Richmond, C. G. Campbell, J. J. Metcalfe and Val C. Zimmer were stationed on the opposite side of the street. Special Agents T. J. Connor, M. F. Glynn and R. C. Suran covered the exits in the alley at the southeast corner of the Biograph Theatre. Agents J. T. McLaughlin, W. C. Ryan, Woltz and D. P. Sullivan covered the emergency exits in the alley on the north side of the Theatre. Agent Brown remained in a car near the Theatre while Special Agent in Charge, M. H. Purvis, was stationed near the Biograph Theatre.

Within a short period of time after receiving information that Dillinger was attending the Biograph Theatre, Agent Winstead and Sergeant Martin Zarkovich were advised by telephone of that fact and they immediately proceeded to that place. Winstead took a position with Agents Hurt and Hollis.

Immediately upon receiving word that Dillinger was attending the Biograph, I proceeded to that place. Captain Timothy O'Neil and Sergeant Conroy of the East Chicago, Indiana Police Department accompanied me. I maintained a roving position and kept in touch with all Agents in order to see that all points were being covered properly.

About ten-thirty o'clock on the night of July 22, 1934, Dillinger, accompanied by two women companions, was observed emerging from the Biograph Theatre. They walked south on Lincoln Avenue from the theatre. Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis gave the pre-arranged signal of lighting a cigar. Agents immediately began to close in slowly toward Dillinger from all sides. Dillinger apparently became apprehensive. He glanced over his shoulder at Agents and started to run, grabbing for his gun simultaneously. Agent C. B. Winstead fired one shot. This was immediately followed by one shot each by Agent Winstead, Agent C. O. Hurt and Agent H. E. Hollis. Another shot was fired by Agent Winstead. Dillinger fell face downward near an alley. A .380 calibre automatic pistol was in his hand when he fell. No shots were fired from Dillinger's pistol. An extra clip for his pistol was found in his pocket.

Dillinger was removed to the Alexian Brothers Hospital, at which place he arrived at 10:55 P. M., where he was pronounced dead. Subsequent thereto the body of Dillinger was taken to the County Morgue.

An examination of the body disclosed two fresh wounds on his chest, one of which was located just below his heart. A fresh bullet wound also appeared to have been caused by a bullet entering the rear of the skull and emerging from the lower portion of the right eye above the cheek-bone. Complete details

concerning the location of the bullet wounds are being obtained from Frank J. Walsh, Coroner, Cook County, Chicago, Illinois, and same will be forwarded to the Division at the earliest possible date.

At the time of his death Dillinger was wearing the following clothes:

- 1 pair - white buckskin Nunnbush shoes, size 9 D, manufacturer's number 369...105721.
- 1 pair - black socks; no manufacturer's name.
- 1 pair - red Paris garters.
- 1 pair - shorts (Hanes), white in color, with blue stripes, size 34, bearing manufacturer's identifying number 186A-350SE-34.
- 1 pair - gray pants containing laundry mark in pocket, No. 355 (40).
- 1 - black belt with silver buckle - no monogram.
- 1 - white broadcloth shirt, Kenilworth brand.
- 1 - red printed necktie, bearing tag of Paul Boldt & Sons, 2724 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois.

In addition to the clothing which he was wearing Dillinger was in possession of the following:

- 1 - gold ring with ruby set, containing the following inscription on the inside of the ring: "With all my love, Polly."
- 1 - yellow gold 17-jewel Hamilton watch, works No. 344347, case No. 0558384. In the rear of the case of this watch there was a picture of a young woman, which

has been identified as that of the girl friend who attended the Biograph Theatre with him on July 22, 1934. The name of this girl is Polly Hamilton.

- 2 - keys, one of which was manufactured by the Independent Lock Company; the other key appeared to be for a door.
- 1 - automatic pistol, .380 calibre.
- 1 - extra loaded automatic clip of .380 calibre. This clip was filled with Remington U.M.C. cartridges.
- 1 - white handkerchief with a brown border.

In addition to the fresh wounds which have been previously described, an examination of the body disclosed an old gunshot wound above the left knee. It was noted that small scars appeared in the dimple of Dillinger's chin. Scars also were noticed approximately $1\frac{1}{2}$ " below the left and right temples. A scar was also observed between the eyebrows. The eyebrows apparently had been dyed. The hair of Dillinger also had been dyed dark brown in color. Dillinger was wearing a long narrow dark-colored mustache.

At the County Morgue, Special Agent M. Chaffetz took two sets of fingerprints from the body. It was discovered that the ridge formations on the fingers had been tampered with and by an examination of the corpse, there were found what appeared to be small scars caused by acid burns near the core of the large formations on each finger. A copy of the fingerprints of Dillinger was forwarded to the Division, air mail, special delivery, on the night of July 22, 1934.

An inquest was held at the Cook County Morgue by Coroner Frank J. Walsh at 11:30 A.M. on July 23, 1934. A verdict of justifiable homicide was rendered. The jury took occasion to commend the work of the Division, and words of commendation were also expressed by the coroner. Special Agent E. L. Richmond testified as to the fingerprint identification, and I testified as to general facts.

Theresa Paulus, 2920 Commonwealth Avenue, received a slight flesh wound in the hip and was taken to the Grant Hospital where she remained several hours. The hospital bill was stated to be only \$3.00.

Mrs. Eta Natalsky, 2429 Lincoln Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, also received a bullet wound between the knee and the thigh. She was removed to the Columbus Hospital. The injury which she received is said to be inconsequential.

Special Agents of the Chicago Office have offered every possible assistance to the injured ladies, as well as to the families of these individuals. Both Theresa Paulus and Mrs. Eta Natalsky appeared to appreciate the attitude exhibited by the Chicago Office with reference to the injuries which they received at the time Dillinger was shot.

Photostatic copies of the coroner's report are being obtained and same will be transmitted to the Division at the earliest possible date.

Very truly yours,

S. P. Cowley
S. P. COWLEY,
Special Agent.

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- 6. Walker
- 7. ...

- 8. Stretch (Chloro Polio)
- 9. Lapsie
- 10. Gillespie
- 11. McCarthy
- 12. Richmond
- 13. Campbell
- 14. Zerkowich (Chloro Polio)

- 16. Metzger
- 17. Capt. Nail. (Chloro Polio)
- 18. Latham
- 19. Connor
- 20. Wally
- 21. Cowley
- 22. Dillinger companion
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Chicago, Illinois
July 25, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE:

Re: DILLINGER CASE

On the evening of July 22, 1934, this agent, acting upon instructions of Special Agent in Charge Purvis, and Special Agent S. P. Cowley, proceeded with City Detective Zarkovich of Gary, Indiana, to the 4300 block, west Madison Street, where we parked across the street from the Marbo Theatre, at a point where we were able to observe at all times, the box office. Agent called the Chicago Division Office at intervals, in order to keep informed as to whether or not Dillinger had come to the Biograph theatre. Upon being advised by Special Agent Peterson, shortly before 9 o'clock that the other agents had already gone to the Biograph theatre, this agent and Detective Zarkovich proceeded immediately to a point near the Biograph Theatre on Lincoln Street, and there located the other agents at their stations along the street.

Agent located Special Agent in Charge Purvis, and Special Agent C. O. Hurt, and was informed by them that Dillinger had come to the theatre from the south, and likely would return in that direction. Agent stepped in a doorway where Special Agent Hurt was standing, and it was agreed that when Mr. Purvis gave the signal that Dillinger was leaving the theatre, if he had gone south, Hurt was to take the right side, and this agent the left side, and endeavor to apprehend Dillinger, before he reached an alley about 40 or 50 feet from where we were stationed. When Mr. Purvis gave the signal, a few minutes before 11 o'clock, Agent Hurt turned to this agent and stated "That is Dillinger with the straw hat, and the glasses". Special Agent Hurt stepped across the sidewalk and Dillinger passed us. Just after he passed where this agent was stationed agent stepped from the doorway to the sidewalk, falling behind him and at that point, Dillinger turned his head, looked squarely at agent, and reached with his right hand for his gun. Agent then pulled the Division .45 Automatic, with which he was armed, and shot Dillinger, as nearly as he could tell, in the right side, from the rear. Just as this shot was fired, Dillinger, who was then beginning to run, struck a woman who was walking in front and a little to his right, with his body, and agent fired two more shots, as he turned. He staggered to the mouth of the alley and fell on his face. By this time, Special Agent in Charge Purvis ran to Dillinger's body and this agent turned and asked the woman if she were shot. She stated that she did not know. She had blood on her dress just below her hip, and agent told her to lift her dress and saw that the

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bullet had passed through the fleshy part of her upper leg, and passed out of the front of her left leg. By that time a man, who said he was her relative came up, and agent went with her and this man to the latter's place of business up the street toward the Biograph theatre. She stated that she wanted Dr. Fenn, or Fenner; that she was not suffering, and did not think it was very bad. By that time the throng of people was making its way toward the spot where the shooting had occurred, and agent, with other agents attempted to hold the crowd back.

A local police officer had begun systematically searching the body of Dillinger. I requested that they look for a gun, as he had reached for one. Mr. Purvis stated that he had already taken a gun out of his hand, and that it was a .380 calibre Colt Automatic.

In a short while, an ambulance had arrived, and this agent and Special Agent Jerry Campbell proceeded to the office.

Respectfully submitted,

C. B. WINSTEAD,
Special Agent

CBW/dr

Chicago, Illinois

July 21, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE E. H. PURVIS

After being instructed by Special Agent in Charge E. H. Purvis and Special Agent S. P. Conley, I proceeded with other Agents to the Biograph Theatre, 2435 Lincoln Avenue, about 8:30 P.M., July 22nd, 1934.

On our arrival there, Special Agent in Charge E. H. Purvis described how John Dillinger would be dressed and stated that he was in this Theatre with two women. He also described the signal which he would give us when Dillinger came out of the Theatre, with Agent Winstead, was placed about 75 feet south of the Theatre entrance on Lincoln Avenue, and Special Agent in Charge E. H. Purvis stood near the entrance of the Theatre.

About 10:45 P.M., a man described as Dillinger, and two women, came out of the Theatre and Mr. Purvis gave us the suggested signal and we waited until Dillinger and the two women walked down the Street toward us. When they were within about 5 feet of us, I stepped across in front of them to the curbing and Agent Winstead stood where he was.

As I did this, Dillinger looked back over his shoulder at Agent Winstead and gave one of the women a shove, and grabbed his pistol. All about the same time, as he started to run, Agent Winstead fired one shot. Then Agent Winstead and the writer each fired one shot about the same time. Then Agent Winstead fired another shot. By this time Dillinger was falling.

After the Police were notified, we, with the other Agents, removed the body of Dillinger to the Alexian Brothers Hospital, 1800 Belden Avenue, arriving there about 10:50 P.M., where Dr. Walter Prusoff pronounced him dead. We then called Deputy Coroner Jack Butler and he ordered the body taken to the County Morgue, where it was left in his charge.

Respectfully submitted,

C. O. HURT,
Special Agent

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July 25, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT D. P. GLENN

Dillinger Case

After instructions were given to the various Agents regarding positions to be taken by them at the Biograph Theatre on the night of July 22nd, 1934, the writer, accompanied with Agents Connor and Suran, proceeded to the Biograph Theatre and took up positions in an alley at the southeast corner rear of the Theatre. There were three exits leading from the Theatre into this alley. These positions were taken up at approximately 10:30 P. M.

During the time that Agents took the rear exits of the Theatre under surveillance, two squad cars of the Chicago Police drove up and questioned the identity of Agents.

At approximately 10:50 P. M. three shots were heard, which apparently had been fired in front of the Theatre and the writer or the two Agents above mentioned did not leave their positions until advised of Dillinger's apprehension.

After the above notification Agent proceeded to an alley a few doors south of the Biograph Theatre, where Dillinger's body was noted lying.

After the arrival of the Chicago Police Department ambulance, the writer in company with Agents Sullivan, Hollis and Murphy proceeded to the Alexian Brothers Hospital where Dillinger was pronounced dead by the staff doctor. After much delay at the Hospital the writer with the above named Agents arrived at the County Morgue in company with Dillinger's body, where said body was examined and three wounds were found in the body. Two of the wounds were on the left and right side of the ribs and the third wound on the lower back part of his neck. It appeared that the bullet which penetrated the lower part of his neck emerged between his right eye and cheek bone.

A record was made of all of the articles found on Dillinger's body by Special Agent D. P. Sullivan and this record may be found in Agent Suran's memorandum.

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M. F. GLENN
Special Agent

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Chicago, Illinois

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

THE DILLINGER CASE

On the evening of July 23, 1934, in compliance with the instructions of Mr. Cowley, the writer, with Special Agent Gillmore, took a position about 80 feet north of the entrance to the Biograph Theater and about 15 feet north of two officers of the South Chicago police force, who were designated to be among those to approach Dillinger upon his exit from the theater.

I arrived in this position at about 8:30 P.M. and endeavored to watch for the prearranged signal from Mr. Purvis. Owing to the distance from the entrance it was not possible, except for a moment on occasion, to see Mr. Purvis. It was necessary, therefore, to watch the police officers who were in a better position to receive the signal.

At about 10:30 P.M., Mr. Purvis was observed in the light of the theater motioning for us to proceed south and indicating that Dillinger had already left the theater and was proceeding in that direction. It was apparent immediately that the signal had not been observed by us nor by the South Chicago police officers. Upon observing Mr. Purvis, the writer drew his gun and ran south, and just after passing the entrance to the Biograph heard two or three shots. Continuing through, I observed Dillinger lying in the entrance to an alley, about 80 feet south of the Biograph Theater. I passed the scene of the shooting immediately and stepped into a Chinese restaurant on the other side of the alley and telephoned the 57th District Police Station, advising the sergeant on duty that this office had made an arrest in front of the Biograph Theater. The sergeant advised that he had heard that a man had been killed. As at Brown entered and advised that a woman had been shot and requested that I call an ambulance, which I did.

I returned then to the scene of the shooting and found that the other Agents, together with the police, had put the crowd back on all sides of the entrance to the alley about 50 feet. I then took up my position on the north of the protected area and assisted in keeping the crowd in order.

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After the body of Millinger was removed, the investigation from Mr. Dowley, I. together with Agents Lockerman and Haller, proceeded to the Great Hospital and talked with Miss Theresa Paulus of 2820 Commonwealth Street. This woman had been struck by one of the bullets fired at the time Millinger was killed. The bullet had struck her in the fleshy part of the left hip. Miss Paulus had attended the Biograph Theater and had emerged at the same time Miss Millinger left. She was accompanied by Fred Dahn, 2140 North Halsted Street. Miss Paulus is a German woman, 29 years of age, and employed as a housemaid. Dr. A. E. Cochran, who was treating the wound, advised Agents that the wound was superficial and not in the least serious. The bullet had passed through the fleshy part of the hip of Miss Paulus and had not touched the bone. Miss Paulus did not appear to be alarmed and apparently was suffering no ill effects from the shock of the wound.

At the time of Agents' call, Officers Ray Marshall, James Levin and Leo Gibbons of Squad 58, 58th District, were at the hospital investigating the accident.

From the hospital Agent returned to the office.

JPM:EH

J. P. MCCARTHY,
Special Agent.

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT G. P. WOLFE

In Re: DILLINGER CASE

At 12:00 o'clock noon, July 22nd, following instructions, I reported at the office for duty and was assigned with Agents McLaughlin, Ryan and Sullivan to the alleyway and left side exits of the Biograph Theatre at 2433 Lincoln Avenue, Chicago. Mr. McLaughlin was in charge of our detail covering the several alleyway exits and also the rear of the theatre. At about 10:30 P.M. an automobile came into the rear alley and passed on through and out the other entrance. Upon seeing an Agent in the alley, said car did not stop.

At about 10:30 o'clock I heard either two or three pistol reports toward the left corner of the front of the theatre and in the direction of Lincoln Avenue, and in a few minutes an Agent at the corner called for us to come on around to the front. Upon reaching the front part of the alley, leading into Lincoln Avenue, I saw the body of John Dillinger lying at the corner just in the alleyway. He was still kicking and moving some. He was bleeding from wounds in the lower part of his back, also in his stomach and in back of his neck and in either his eye or forehead. He was wearing a white shirt, grey trousers, white shoes and a straw hat and a pair of glasses was lying beside him. He had a gold ring on his left hand on the ring finger. His eyebrows were discolored and seemed to be painted a dark heavy brown color. He had a mustache and his face had a small scar where the mole had been removed from between his eyes and his forehead. There were scars on his face, evidently from a recent surgical operation or face lifting operation.

Crowds gathered immediately and Agents assisted by policemen kept the crowd back until the police ambulance arrived in the alley. I then helped load John Dillinger's body on the stretcher and placed him in the ambulance. Special Agents Hollis, Hurt, Chaffetz and others accompanied the body to the morgue. I then picked up the car that Agent Hollis was driving and returned to the office, reaching the office sometime after 12:00 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,

G. C. WOLTZ,
Special Agent.

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July 23, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE M. J. PURVIS AND MR. J. J. CONLEY

Re: Dillinger Case

Under instructions from Special Agent in Charge M. J. Purvis and Mr. J. P. Cowley, this Agent, accompanied by Special Agent G. O. Hurt and officers Sopsic and Stretch of the East Chicago, Indiana Police Department, proceeded to the Biograph Theatre, 2455 Lincoln Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, arriving there at approximately 8:30 P. M. on the evening of April 22nd, 1934.

Upon arrival at the Biograph Theatre Agent assumed the position previously assigned and kept Mr. Purvis in view in order to receive the signal which was to be given by Mr. Purvis, when John Dillinger emerged from the Biograph Theatre. This Agent was stationed at a point approximately twenty or twenty-five feet immediately south of the Biograph Theatre.

About 10:30 P. M., John Dillinger accompanied by two women came out of the Theatre and walked south on Lincoln Avenue. Mr. Purvis lighted a cigar, which was the signal to all Agents that Dillinger had come out of the Theatre. Dillinger just before passing this Agent glanced in the direction of Agent and then took about two more steps and again glanced at Agent. At this time this Agent approached Dillinger on his right rear side. Agent observed Dillinger draw from his right hand trouser pocket a pistol and he then made an effort to run. There were three or four shots fired and Dillinger fell.

This Agent, together with Agents Hurt, Sullivan, Glynn and Gillaspie, upon instructions of Mr. Purvis accompanied the body of Dillinger in the police patrol to the Alexian Brothers Hospital, 1800 Bellin Avenue, where Dillinger was immediately examined by Dr. Walter Prusals, who is attached to the Alexian Brothers Hospital. Dillinger was pronounced dead by Dr. Prusals at 10:50 P. M.

Captain Duffy and several police officers were at the Alexian Brothers Hospital and under their orders the body of Dillinger remained in the patrol wagon pending instructions from the Coroner's office as to its disposition. After several minutes waiting Captain Duffy received orders to take the body of Dillinger to the County Morgue. The body of

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Dillinger was removed to the County Morgue in the patrol wagon accompanied by Special Agents Hart, Murphy, Chaffetz, Richmond, Sullivan and this Agent.

At the County Morgue Deputy Coroner Jack Butler assumed charge of the body and the body was examined by the men under the supervision of Butler. The person of Dillinger was searched by Deputy Coroner Jack Butler and he had on his person a gold watch, knife and chain, \$7.70 in cash, two keys, a clip for an automatic pistol and a handkerchief. Agent Sullivan made an inventory of the property found in the possession of Dillinger.

Agent was advised by Deputy Coroner Jack Butler that under the law he was bound to retain possession of the property until a court order was received as to its disposition. The fingerprints of Dillinger were taken by Special Agent Chaffetz, assisted by Agent Richmond.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. KELLY

W. E. KELLY
Special Agent

July 22, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. J. P. MOYNIHAN

HILLINGIER CASE

Chicago File # 100-100

Pursuant to instructions, this memorandum is being submitted as to the actions and observations of this agent on the occasion of the killing of John Dillinger, Subject of I. P. 1217, on the night of July 22, 1934.

At about 8:30 A. M. on Sunday, July 22, 1934, agent received instructions from the Chicago Division office to stand by during the day and until further notice, and not to leave his hotel. At about 2:00 P. M. of the same day agent was instructed to report at the Chicago office at 6:00 P. M. for duty. Agent arrived at the Chicago office for duty at 5:45 P. M. By 6:00 P. M. about thirty Special Agents and Captain O'Neill, Officers Zarocovitch, Gurevich, Boyko and Stretch of East Chicago, Indiana, were assembled at the Chicago Division office.

At 9:25 P. M. all Special Agents and the East Chicago policemen, named above, were called into the office of Special Agent in Charge M. E. Farris. Mr. Zarocovitch of the East Chicago, Indiana Police, was introduced by Mr. Farris, and Mr. Zarocovitch gave information that John Dillinger, Subject of Identification Number 100, 1217, would attend either the Marboro Theatre, 2122 West Madison Street, or the Biograph Theatre, 2435 Lincoln Avenue, at approximately 9:00 P. M. that evening. Mr. Zarocovitch stated that Dillinger had received a surgical operation which had lifted his face and that his face appeared rounder than indicated by his photograph; that Dillinger had no nose and the cleft in his chin had been removed; that Dillinger's hair had been dyed a jet black and would be worn plastered to his head; that Dillinger had a black, thin mustache which ran across the full length of his upper lip; further, that Dillinger would wear a grey checked suit, white shoes, and a white straw hat.

Mr. Zarocovitch further stated that Dillinger would be accompanied by two women, one of whom was about 45 years of age but gave the appearance of being about 25 years of age; that this woman would wear a slanting white hat and an orange skirt; that she would weigh 160 lb. and was approximately 5'8" tall and heavy built. The other woman who would accompany Dillinger, according to Mr. Zarocovitch, was a small girl about 24 years of age, weighing about 110 lb. with dark hair and complexion. This latter mentioned girl supposedly was Dillinger's sweetheart.

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Special Agent Campbell, Special Agent in Charge Purvis, Special Agent E. P. Souley and Mr. Barovitch departed and proceeded to the lobby for the purpose of John Hillinger. It was decided that Mr. Purvis and Agent E. P. Souley would proceed to the Biograph Theatre and watch the entrance of Hillinger and the two men at the theatre, and would notify the Chicago office immediately upon their arrival at the theatre. Mr. Barovitch and Special Agent Vol S. Shauer were to go to the Metro Theatre and watch for the arrival of Hillinger and his usual associates and report to the office immediately when Hillinger arrived at the theatre. It was decided that the attempt to capture Hillinger would be made as he emerged from the theatre; that if he went to the Biograph Theatre, Mr. Purvis would stand in front, and as Hillinger came out, he would light a cigar as a signal for the Special Agents to close in and capture him. The same signal was to be given by Mr. Barovitch if Hillinger went to the Metro Theatre.

Special Agents E. E. Hallis and E. S. Hart and East Chicago, Indiana police officers Depsis and Strach were assigned as the four men who would stand closest to the entrance of the theatre and effect the capture. Other Special Agents were to be stationed along the streets on the same side as the theatre and three agents were to be stationed across the street from the theatre. Each of the four curbs and the alleys were to be covered by Special Agents.

At approximately 10:30 P. M. Special Agent E. P. Souley received a telephone call that Mr. Purvis had observed Hillinger and his two associates enter the Biograph Theatre, 2025 Lincoln Avenue. Immediately upon receipt of this information, Special Agents McCarthy, Lockman, Wallis and this agent proceeded to the Biograph Theatre. Pursuant to instructions, Special Agent McCarthy and this agent took up a position 50 feet north of the entrance to the Biograph Theatre about 15 feet north of Officers Strach and Depsis. Agent observed a clock in a window a few moments after taking his position, and the clock registered 9:15. On the south side of the theatre, about 20 feet from the entrance, Agents Hallis and Hart were stationed, and about 15 feet north of Hallis and Hart, Agents Lockman and Wallis were stationed. On the west side of the street, opposite the theatre, Special Agents Richmond, Campbell and Kotalife were stationed. Special Agent Stanton was moving around just north of the theatre. Special Agent in Charge Purvis was stationed immediately to the north of the lobby of the theatre.

These positions were maintained by this agent and the other Special Agents and police officers until approximately 10:30 P. M. at which time what appeared to be a police car drove up, and one plain clothes man went across the street to the point where agent Campbell was stationed and another plain clothes man began questioning officers Strach

and Dupuis. While the officer was questioning the group, a number of people emerged from the theatre and saw Special Agent in Charge Purvis give the signal that Billinger was leaving the theatre by lighting a sign. Agent noticed that all of the people who were leaving the theatre were wearing coats or Lincoln suits, and that they gave the signal that Billinger was in the group of people, which appeared to be seven or eight in number. Agent Murphy and this agent then ran south toward Mr. Purvis and the others, who were then closing in on Billinger. After taking about five steps, agent heard three shots fired and immediately upon arrival at the point where the shots were fired, he observed the body of a man lying face downward on the sidewalk at a point where an alley crossed the sidewalk. He appeared to have been shot through the heart and through the right eye. Some by-standing stated that a woman had been shot through the leg and to get a doctor. The by-standing was despatched to obtain a doctor for the woman, and agent assisted other Special Agents and police, who had then arrived on the scene in rapid force, in keeping the crowds back. Billinger appeared to live approximately two or three minutes after he fell, as agent observed him taking what appeared to be his last gasp, about three minutes after the shooting took place. The body lay in this position for approximately ten minutes, and was then put in a police patrol wagon. Three Chicago policemen, Special Agents Hollis, Hart, Sullivan and this agent then rode in the patrol wagon with Billinger's body to the Alarian Brothers Hospital, 1800 Baldwin Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, where one of the doctors at the hospital pronounced Billinger dead. The body was left in the patrol wagon, and officer Foley of the Chicago Police Department Homicide Squad arrived and directed that the body be taken to Cook County Morgue. Agent then left and proceeded to the Chicago office, where he was relieved from further duty.

The movie at the Biograph Theatre witnessed by Billinger just prior to his death was the "Machete Hildner".

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. GILBERT
Special Agent

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July 22, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR SENIOR AGENT IN CHARGE, E. H. CONNELLEY

RE: DILLINGER CASE - Chicago File # 100-100000

At approximately 8:30 P. M., July 22, 1934, this agent with agents E. F. Glyn and T. V. Connor, in accordance with police instructions, took positions at the southeast corner, rear of the Biograph Theatre, covering the exits at that point. The car in agents' possession was placed in a vacant lot across the alley from the theatre, kept in preparation for any emergency that might arise. Agent Glyn took a position on the side of the exit above described. This agent took a position on the other side, while agent Connor took a position immediately to the rear of the car. Several persons passed through the alley but did not appear to be suspicious of agents.

At approximately 10:30 P. M. three cars stopped them upon the alley from three different directions. While agent was of the opinion that they were police squad cars, he could not be sure, until one of them drove up immediately in front of agent, at which time agent was covered by one of the officers with a sawed-off shotgun, another officer cautioning the one holding the gun not to shoot until agent's identity was determined. Agent identified himself to the officer and was questioned by the officer as to what was going on. He was advised that agent could not reveal this information. He then asked if the police could be of assistance, and agent advised him that he should immediately leave the alley but it would be proper for the squads to stay in the close vicinity of the theatre. Agents Connor and Glyn were likewise covered by the officers until they identified themselves. These officers stated they had received information that the theatre was being "stuck up". The officers immediately left and shortly thereafter agent heard shots around the front of the theatre. Agent Connor immediately drove the car so that the lights would throw upon the alley to the side of the theatre, to give agents a view should anyone pass in that direction. Shortly thereafter agent heard instructions being given in front for the by-standers to stand back.

This agent and Agents Connor and Glyn remained at their post and observed that no one passed down the alley. The post was maintained until information was received that Dillinger had been slain. Agents Glyn and Connor and this agent then proceeded to the front of the theatre, where agent Connor and this agent assisted in keeping the crowds back from Dillinger's body until the same was removed. This agent remained in the vicinity of the Biograph Theatre until instructions were given to return to the office. This agent is of the opinion that he heard two shots fired.

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R. C. SURAT, Special Agent

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July 28, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE E. J. CONNELLEY

Re: Dillinger Case

(Apprehension John Dillinger)

On the evening of July 22nd, 1934, at the suggestion of Mr. Cowley, the writer proceeded to the Marbro Theatre, located at 4124 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois, leaving the Chicago Division Office at approximately 8:15 for the purpose of entering the Theatre and remaining in the lobby thereof to the end that John Dillinger and his party might be identified by the writer in the event they entered such Theatre; the writer was instructed, in the event such party did enter the Theatre, to cover them during the time they were in the show and follow them out to make doubly sure that the identity of Dillinger might be known to Agents on the outside.

Agent arrived and entered the Marbro Theatre at the above address at approximately 8:35; secured an advantageous position in the lobby, from which point all persons entering the same could be kept under surveillance without the presence of the writer being known to them.

In accordance with Mr. Cowley's suggestion, inasmuch as Dillinger's party had failed to enter the Theatre at about eight minutes of 9:00 o'clock P. M., the writer telephonically communicated with Mr. Cowley of the Chicago Division Office, at which time he advised that he had had no word and requested that Agent continue the surveillance.

At 9:18 P. M., Agent again called the office of the Chicago Division, at which time Agent Peterson informed that the party in question had entered the Biograph Theatre, located at 2453 Lincoln Avenue. The writer immediately proceeded by automobile to the vicinity of the Biograph Theatre, parking across the street and approximately three car lengths north of such Theatre. On arrival Agent observed Mr. Purvis stationed in a doorway a few feet south of the entrance of the Biograph Theatre and on the same side of the street. Mr. Martin on observing Agent in his parked car joined Agent in the car and as the time approached when it was expected Dillinger would depart from the Biograph Theatre, Mr. Martin and Agent moved out of Agent's car to a position in the doorway directly opposite the Biograph Theatre, where both remained seated on the doorstep until the Dillinger party came

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out of this theatre and proceeded toward Mr. Farvia.

As soon as the Dillinger party left the Biograph show agent paralleled them on the opposite side of the street and saw Mr. Farvia give the pre-arranged signal of identification.

After Dillinger was shot his hat and glasses and cigar, which was in his pocket, were handed to the writer by Mr. Cowley with the request that the same be preserved and taken to the Chicago Division Office and the same were subsequently taken there by the writer.

Respectfully submitted,

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VAL. C. KERR
Special Agent

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. S. P. CONLEY

Re: DILLINGER CASE

At 9:30 P. M. on July 26, 1934, this agent, in the company of Special Agent J. J. McCalfe, went to the Biograph Theatre, located at 2433 Lincoln Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, and checked all exits and entrances, whereupon agent returned to the office and prepared the drawing.

This agent was stationed directly across the street from the Biograph Theatre after it was learned that Dillinger was in the theatre. After waiting approximately an hour and a half, a city detective knocked agent and stated that there had been complaints from the theatre that there were men hanging around the theatre and wanted to know what agent was doing there. Agent showed the detective his badge. The detective stated he would tell his partner and would immediately leave the vicinity. Just as the detective was crossing the street, Special Agent S. G. Campbell, who was standing near this agent, stated, "There they go", and started running south on Lincoln Avenue with this agent directly beside him.

Agent proceeded south on Lincoln Avenue to a point directly across Lincoln Avenue from an alley opening and Lincoln Avenue, which alley is about four or five stores south of the Biograph Theatre. During agent's journey from the point where he was stationed to the alley, three shots were heard. When agent reached a point across the street from the alley, he saw one person lying on the ground with four or five special agents standing around. Inasmuch as the citizens on the street, who had started running away from the shots, were now again gathering about, agent stayed on the side of the street opposite the theatre in order to keep the curious throng from crossing the street, and keeping traffic moving in the street.

After the body had been placed in the police ambulance, agent returned to the office, and at the entrance to the Bankers Building met Special Agent Chaffets, who was going to the Alexian Brothers Hospital, where the body of Dillinger had been taken, to take fingerprints. At the request of Special Agent Chaffets, who stated he needed some assistance in fingerprinting a deceased person, agent accompanied agent Chaffets to the Alexian Brothers Hospital.

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At the Alaskan Northern Hospital the body was still
 in the ambulance and about to be moved to the County morgue. After
 a wait of ten or fifteen minutes, during which time newspaper men
 various pictures of the body as it lay in the police wagon, and
 the company of Special Agent Willis was ordered after leaving with
 to the County Morgue in the police wagon. The body was taken
 until approximately 11:00 A. M. During the time Agent was at
 the County Morgue, he received a telephone call from Mr. Purvis, stating
 that if newspaper men wanted to take pictures, they should be allowed
 to do so. Agent was also called to the telephone to check a picture
 graph which was found in the watch of Billings. This graph stated that
 he could not identify this picture as that of Evelyn Froehner, but
 neither could he say that it was not Evelyn Froehner. Agent returned
 to this office at approximately 11:00 A. M. and gave the picture found
 in the watch to Mr. Purvis, after assisting Special Agent Garrett in
 taking fingerprints and identifying the deceased as John Billings.

E. L. MICHENER
 Special Agent

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Chicago, Illinois
July 23, 1934

**MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE E. W. PURVIS
AND SPECIAL AGENT S. P. CONLEY**

This is to advise you of the activities and observations of the writer in connection with the killing of John Dillinger.

On the night of July 22, 1934, at approximately 8:15 or 8:30 P.M., this Agent was at the office at the time the telephone call was received advising Mr. Conley that Dillinger had gone to the Biograph Theater, 2438 Lincoln Avenue, and in accordance with previously-given instructions, the writer proceeded to the vicinity of that theater with Special Agents McCarthy, Wallis and Gillespie. Upon arriving within one block of the Biograph Theater, the car was parked and the writer, in accordance with instructions previously given by Mr. Conley, proceeded to the left-hand side as one comes out of the Biograph Theater on Lincoln Avenue, being accompanied at that point by Special Agent Wallis.

Our instructions were to the effect that we were to be in position to see the four men designated to make the first approach on Dillinger and to cover those four men and assist in the apprehension if necessary, but to also endeavor to keep the crowd back when the grab was made, and to attempt to take the two women that would be with him.

We arrived at this point, which was approximately a half block from the theater, at approximately 8:50 P.M., where, as instructed, our surveillance was begun. From the position we occupied we could quite easily keep Mr. Purvis in direct view, as well as Special Agents Hollis, Burt and Special Agent Winstead, who later came to that side of the street. This watch was continued up until about 10:45 P.M., at which time Special Agent in Charge Purvis, who was standing just south of the entrance of the theater, was seen to light his cigar, which was the prearranged signal to indicate that Dillinger was coming out of the theater. Simultaneously with that signal, the writer observed a man who answered the description given as to how Dillinger would look and would be dressed who came out of the theater with two women answering the description given of the women who would be with him. It was immediately known to the writer that that party was Dillinger.

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