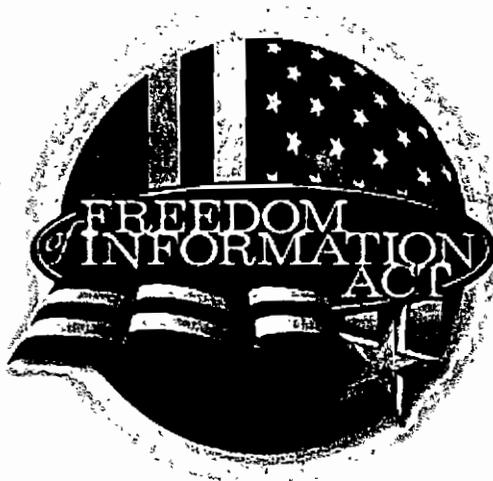


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Director
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Re: HARRY PIERPONT with aliases, et al
Nat'l Motor Vehicle Theft Act
Murder of Sheriff Jesse Sarber, Lima, O.;
Escapes from Indiana State Prison

Dear Sir:

Referring to my report dated 11/4/33 it will be noted on Page 3 that Subjects are alleged to have robbed the Police Station at Auburn, Indiana on October 14, 1933 at which time several guns were stolen.

For the information of the Division and other offices concerned, there is being transmitted herewith a list of the weapons and equipment stolen from the Auburn, Indiana Police Station, this list having been furnished by Charles Davis, Chief of Police, Auburn, Indiana.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson

Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

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NOTICE TO POLICE OFFICERS

Auburn, Indiana, October 28, 1933.

The Police Station, Auburn, Indiana, was robbed October 14, 1933, about 11:30 P. M. by three men with 45 calibre revolvers; covered two policemen on duty at station, taking the following:

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|---|--------------------------------------|
| 1 Thompson Machine Gun, Serial No. 409T364 | 30 Calibre Springfield Army Rifle |
| 1 L Type Magazine | 45 Colt Automatic Army Revolver |
| 1 Machine Gun clip | 38 Special Smith & Wesson Revolver |
| 2 Bullet Proof Vests | 9 M M German Luger Revolver |
| 44-40 Winchester Rifle—1897 Model —lever action | 25 Spanish Automatic Pistol |
| 401 Automatic Winchester Rifle—2 clips | 38 Hammerless Nickel Plated Revolver |
| | 1245 Automatic Cartridges |
| | 44 Smith & Wesson Special Revolver |

Guns can all be identified by officers.

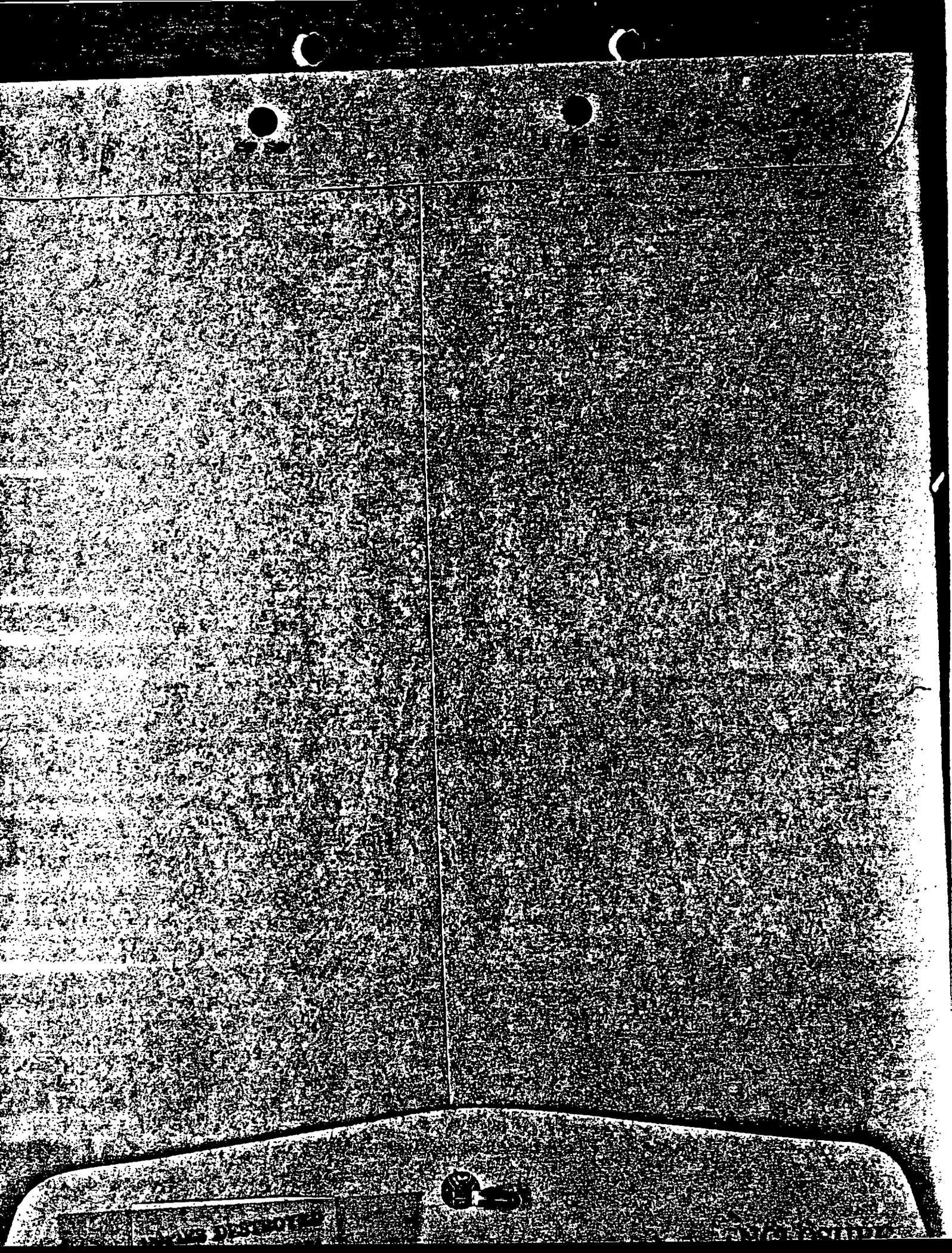
Any information received concerning this robbery, please communicate with

~~COPIES DESTROYED~~ CHARLES DAVIS, Chief of Police

Auburn, Indiana

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JOSEPH FOX

Age - 29

Height - 5' 9"

Weight - 154

Built - medium

Eyes - yellow slate

Hair Dark chestnut

Complexion - medium

Police No. - Indiana State Prison No. 13883

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25 Lafayette Building,
Detroit, Michigan.

November 20, 1933.

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HARRY PIENFORT, et al
N.M.V.P.A.; Miss.
Murder of Jesse Barber,
Lin., O., 1932.

Dear Sir:-

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Thanking you very kindly for your co-operation
in this matter, I am,

Very truly yours,

W. LARSON,
Special Agent in Charge

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325 Lafayette Building,
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Re - HARRY FLEMING, et al
U.S.V.P.A.'s Misd.
Murder of Jesse Barber,
Linn, O., etc.

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Dear Sir:-

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Thanking you very kindly for your co-operation in
this matter, I am,

Very truly yours,

W. LARSEN,
Special Agent in Charge

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625 Lafayette Building,
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Re - HARRY FINESTON, et al
U.S.V.P.A.; Miss. Murder
of Jesse Barber, King, etc.

Dear Sir:-

[Redacted]

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Thanking you very kindly for your co-operation in
this matter, I am,

Very truly yours,

W. L. LAMSON,
Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge

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625 Lafayette Building,
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Re - HARRY PIERFORT, et al
N.E.V.T.A. Case;
Murder of Jesse Barber,
Lin. Co., Ill.

[Redacted]

Dear Sir:

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Thanking you very kindly for your co-operation
in this matter, I am,

Very truly yours,

W. R. RAY,
Special Agent in Charge

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HARRY W. ...
S.M.V. ...
Director of ...
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Dear Sir:

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Thanking you very kindly for your co-operation
in this matter, I am,

Very truly yours,

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W. LARSON,
Special Agent in Charge

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

Re: HARRY PIERPONT, et al.
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act;
Miscellaneous: Murder of Jesse Barber,
Lima, Ohio; Escapes from Indiana State
Penitentiary

Dear Sir:

There is being transmitted herewith a clipping taken from the Detroit Times of November 17, 1933, outlining recent developments at Chicago concerning John Dillinger, a Subject in this case, who successfully evaded arrest in Chicago on November 16.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

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INDIANA BANDIT EVADES POLICE

Dillinger, Trapped in Chicago,
Makes Escape by Use of
Machine Gun.

From the
DETROIT TIMES
November 17, 1933

CHICAGO, Nov. 16.—(AP)—John Dillinger, wanted as the leader of a band of Indiana bank robbers, vanished today after a daring escape from a carefully laid police net.

Sixteen Indiana state policemen and Chicago detectives chased Dillinger, a woman and another man, for several miles through the northwest section of Chicago Wednesday after "bottling" up his automobile in front of a physician's office.

In the end the police were forced to retreat in confusion as bullets from a machine gun in Dillinger's car poured from a porthole and spattered windshields of the cars of his pursuers.

FREED ON OCT. 12.

Dillinger came into prominence Oct. 12 when men identified as escaped convicts from the Indiana State Penitentiary at Michigan City delivered him from the Allen County, Ohio, jail at Lima after slaying Sheriff Jess Barber.

Since then he is credited with leading the outlaws in a number of Indiana bank robberies. The gang also is said to have raided two police stations in Indiana and fled with guns and ammunition.

Lieut. John Jenkins and Sergt. G. W. Ryan, of the Indiana State Police, Wednesday traced Dillinger to Chicago and sought the aid of detectives in capturing him when he kept an appointment with a physician.

CROSSES UP POLICE

When Dillinger's car appeared three squads of Chicago police and one from Indiana were stationed nearby in four machines parked so as to head him off when he drove away.

But Dillinger failed to drive south, as expected. He backed his car up and headed west. In a moment police were in pursuit and the battle was on.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **DETROIT, MICHIGAN.**

FILE NO. **26-6847**

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TITLE: HARRY HAMILTON; with aliases.	CHARACTER OF CASE: NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT AND MURDER OF MARTIN JAMES HARRIS, Also, which occurred near Indiana State Prison.
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:	[REDACTED]
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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent in Charge William L. [REDACTED], Detroit, Mich., 11/6/33.

DETAILS: **AT SOUTH BEND, INDIANA.**

[REDACTED]

Agent inquired of Chief of Police John E. Kuespert and other officers of the Detective Bureau as to their knowledge of any of the Hamiltons living at 2200 Douglas Street, but the Chief and his men stated that they did not know the people at said address.

Agent has ascertained at the Post Office that 2200 Douglas Street is not served by a carrier inasmuch as the address which is South Bend is in the country and that all mail is received at General Delivery.

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South Bend, Indiana. It is not thought advisable at this time to make any direct inquiries at the said address looking for information regarding John Hamilton.

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November 24, 1933.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
625 Lafayette Building,
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

Re: Harry Pierson, with aliases, et al
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

Recent Associated Press dispatches carried under Chicago date line of November 20, 1933, a story reporting the removal of Subject Harry Copeland of the above entitled case from Chicago to the Indiana State Prison at Michigan City, but does not report the details surrounding the apprehension of this Subject.

The Division desires to receive information relative to these details at the earliest possible date. A copy of this letter is being directed to the Chicago Office so that appropriate investigation will be made in that District relative to the apprehension.

Very truly yours,

Director.

cc - Chicago

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CATCH DESPERADO AFTER AUTO WRECK

Indiana and Chicago Police Escort
Prisoner to Hoosier State
Prison

By the Associated Press.

CHICAGO, November 20.—A caravan of heavily armed Chicago and Indiana State police made its way out of the city early today bearing Harry Copeland, 33, wanted for murder in Ohio and bank robbery in Indiana, back to the Hoosier State prison at Michigan City.

Copeland, identified by witnesses as one of the desperadoes who delivered John Dillinger, paroled Indiana convict, from the jail at Lima, Ohio, last October 12 after killing Sheriff Jess Sarber, was arrested last night as he brandished a revolver after an automobile accident. At first he maintained he was John Stanton and connected with a labor union.

It was less than a week ago that Dillinger shot his way out of a carefully laid police trap.

But, aside from admitting that he knew Dillinger, the prisoner maintained a sullen silence and denied having taken part in the Lima jail-breach which has been linked to the escape of 10 prisoners from the Indiana prison a few days before.

- Mr. Nathan.....
- Mr. Tolson.....
- Mr. Clegg.....
- Mr. Edwards.....
- Mr. Egan.....
- Mr. Hughes.....
- Mr. Quinn.....
- Mr. Lester.....
- Mr. Locke.....



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HELD AS KILLER OF SHERIFF

CHICAGO, Nov. 20 (I.N.S.). Guarded by a police shotgun squad, Harry Copeland, paroled Indiana convict, was held today for Ohio authorities as one of five desperadoes who raided the Lima (Ohio) county jail, killing Sheriff Jess Barber.

After lengthy questioning, Copeland admitting knowing John Dillinger, Indiana desperado, liberated in the raid that brought death to Barber. He denied all knowledge of the jail attack, however.

To prevent any attempt to free Copeland, police armed with sawed-off shotguns and a machine gun guarded his cell. Lima authorities promised to take immediate action to have Copeland extradited for trial as one of the sheriff's murderers. He has been identified from photographs, police said, as one of the killers.

- Mr. Nathan.....
- Mr. O'Connell.....
- Mr. Clegg.....
- Mr. Edwards.....
- Mr. Egan.....
- Mr. Hughes.....
- Mr. Quinn.....
- Mr. Lester.....
- Mr. Locke.....

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Department of Justice
1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Edwards.....
Mr. Egan.....
Mr. Hughes.....
Mr. Quinn.....
Mr. Lester.....
Mr. Locke.....
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November 27, 1933.

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

Dear Sir:

With further reference to my letter to you dated November 10, 1933, enclosing a memorandum by Special Agent W. J. Devereux relative to the recent escapes from the Indiana State Penitentiary at Michigan City, Indiana, there is attached, hereto, a newspaper clipping, together with a copy of a memorandum from Special Agent W. J. Devereux, which indicates that Joseph Taylor has been arrested on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon at South Bend, Indiana.

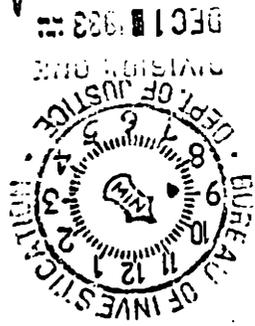
Very truly yours,

M. H. Purvis

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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**TAYLOR FACES
GUN CHARGES**

Joe Taylor, six feet six inches tall and aged 27, of 215 1/2 West Colfax avenue, will be arraigned in city court Thursday on charges of violating the state law which prohibits ex-convicts from carrying concealed weapons. He is alleged to have stolen a .45 caliber Colt revolver from the residence of E. Stannard, 615 West Colfax avenue.

✓ South Bend, Indiana, Tribune.
November 22, 1933.

Re: Michigan City, Indiana,
Prison Escapes.

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South Bend, Indiana,
November 22, 1933.

Memorandum for Mr. Purvis:

Re: Michigan City, Indiana, Prison Escapes.

I was advised by Chief of Police John H. Kuespart of South Bend, Indiana, today that Joseph Taylor, who was an undercover operative for Warden Louis Kunkel at the Indiana State Penitentiary at Michigan City, Indiana, was arrested on November 21, 1933, on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon while an ex-convict.

You will remember that this is the man with whom I went out looking for some of the escaped prisoners several weeks ago.

I am enclosing a newspaper clipping from the South Bend Tribune, dated November 22, 1933, regarding the arrest.

W. J. DEVEREUX,
Special Agent.

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Mr. Nathan.....
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Mr. Quinn.....
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Mr. Locke.....
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Director
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Re: HARRY PIERPONT, with aliases, et al.
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act
Murder of Sheriff Jesse Sarber, Lima, Ohio
Escapes from Indiana State Prison

Dear Sir:

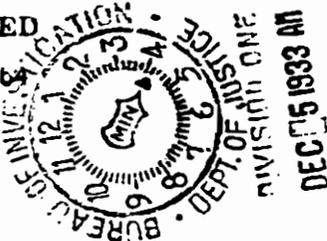
There is being transmitted herewith copy of a letter received at this office from Mr. Ernest M. Botkin, Prosecuting Attorney, Lima, Ohio, in which he requests that the bullets found in the County Jail at Lima following the murder of Sheriff Jesse Sarber and which bullets were forwarded by this office to the Division, be forwarded to the Chief of Detectives of the Chicago Police Department, to be used regarding the examination of a gun found in the possession of Harry Copeland, a Subject of this file who was recently apprehended at Chicago.

It will be noted in my first report in this case that Copeland possibly took an active part in the shooting at the Sheriff's Office at Lima. In this connection reference is made to laboratory report dated October 28, 1933, setting out the result of the examination made of the specimens in question. It will also be observed that the bullets were retained in the laboratory.

In view of the request of the Prosecuting Attorney it is respectfully requested that the Division forward these specimens to the Police Department at Chicago.

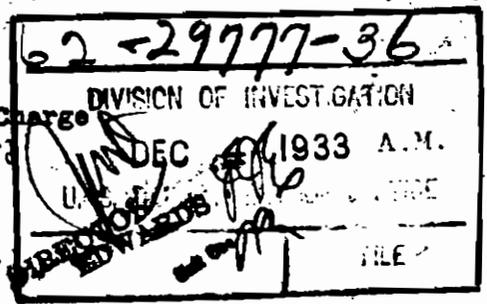
Very truly yours,

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Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge
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PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

ALLEN COUNTY
LIMA, OHIO

November 24, 1933

U. S. Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
625 Lafayette Building,
Detroit, Michigan.

Attention: Mr. William Larson,
Special Agent in Charge

My Dear Sir:

The Police Department of Chicago has requested
that we forward the bullets found at the jail here at the
time of the jail delivery.

We have the laboratory report which was forwarded
to me on November 2nd. I wondered if these bullets are
available so that they may be sent to the Chicago Police
Department. If so, will you kindly have them forwarded
to William Shumaker, Chief of Detectives, Police Dept.
Chicago, Illinois.

We are sending them a copy of the laboratory
report in the hope that it will answer their purpose.

The police department at Chicago desire these
bullets to compare with the gun taken from Harry Copeland
at the time of his arrest.

Very respectfully,
W. H. H. Sullivan
Prosecuting Attorney
Lima, Ohio

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

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the request of the Detroit office in
the case of HARRY FLYNN, et al, National Motor
Vehicle Theft Act - murder of Sheriff James Barker, Ill., this
there are being transmitted under separate cover by registered mail,
the bullets forwarded to this office by the Detroit office.

In accordance with the letter of the Detroit office, dated
December 2, 1933, these may be delivered to the Chicago Police De-
partment for comparison with the gun taken from Harry Flynn.
The Detroit office should advise the Prosecuting Attorney when this
has been done.

Very truly yours,
W. A. Rorer,
Acting Director.

cc - Chicago

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Kansas City, Missouri

December 4, 1933



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

Dear Sir:

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With reference to your letter, dated November 23, 1933, Warden Robert Hudspeth, U. S. Penitentiary Annex, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, was requested to notify the Kansas City Division office when [redacted] U. S. Penitentiary Annex, would be returned to Indiana to testify in a perjury case. The Warden advises that he has received no request, as yet, to produce [redacted] in Court in Indiana and when such request is received he will promptly notify the Kansas City Division office.

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The records of the penitentiary reflect that Convict [redacted] minimum term expires January 17, 1935, he having lost all his good time due to being returned to this institution for parole violation on March 29, 1933.

Very truly yours,

E. E. Conroy
E. E. CONROY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

DEC 7 1933

RE: MURDER OF SHERIFF JESSE SARBER AT JUSTICE
LIMA, OHIO, OCTOBER 12, 1933.

NATHAN FILE

The Division's file in this case indicates that on October 14, 1933, Mr. Brabner Smith of Mr. Keenan's office called Mr. Hughes by telephone and stated that he was in receipt of a telegram from a Sheriff in Ohio asking the assistance of this Division in the investigation of the shooting of the Sheriff at Lima. Mr. Smith stated that he had talked with Mr. Parrish who felt that it would be a good idea to have an Agent contact the Ohio people and make an offer of cooperation, and perhaps accomplish something in the way of fingerprint identification. Mr. Hughes advised Mr. Smith that inasmuch as the case was entirely without the jurisdiction of the Division it should be submitted by him to the Director in writing. Accordingly, on October 14th Mr. Smith directed a memorandum to this Division advising that he had just received a telegram from Congressman Frank L. Kloeb of Ohio, requesting that the Federal Government lend every available resource to aid in the search for the killers. Upon receipt of this memorandum Mr. Hughes conferred with Mr. Parrish, who suggested that an Agent of this Division contact Congressman Kloeb and volunteer to cooperate to a limited extent with the authorities of Allen County, Ohio, in their efforts to identify and apprehend the killers of Jesse Sarber. Mr. Hughes then called the Detroit Office and advised Mr. Larson of the telegram received from Congressman Kloeb, and requested that he communicate with the Allen County authorities and offer such cooperation as might be practicable in the way of identifying latent fingerprints or forwarding the fingerprints of any convicts who were suspected of this crime.

The Division is now in receipt of a letter from the Detroit Office, dated October 20, 1933, in which Mr. Larson states that he and Special Agent (A) Genau, in compliance with the telephonic request of Mr. Hughes, proceeded to Lima, Ohio on the afternoon of October 14th and went into conference with Prosecuting Attorney Ernest M. Botkins, Chief of Police J. W. Cook, Inspector of Police B. J. Rooney and two detectives who were engaged in the investigation, and also interviewed Mrs. Sarber, the Sheriff's wife; that they determined that at about 6 P.M. on October 12, 1933 three men entered the Sheriff's Office stating that they were from the Indiana State Prison and came to get John Dillinger, who was a parolee from that institution, Dillinger being at that time incarcerated in the prison. The Sheriff asked the man who was doing the talking for his credentials and simultaneously this individual pulled a gun and advised the Sheriff that that was his authority. It appears that the

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Sheriff evidently made a move to reach for his gun and as he did so the slayer fired a bullet through the Sheriff's abdomen and then jumped upon the Sheriff and began beating him on the head with the butt of the pistol. The Sheriff fell helpless to the floor and died about two hours later. The second man then asked Deputy Sheriff Sharp for the keys and Mrs. Sarber, who was also seated in the room during the time of the shooting, handed them to the criminals. Following the escape it was learned that two pistols had been stolen from the Sheriff's desk by the killers. One was a 38 Police Special nickel plated Colt #557614-N. On the handle of this gun was stamped "Property Allen County Sheriff". The second gun was a 38 Colt, Detective Special Blued Steel, 2" barrel, #410172-A-1. This gun belonged to the Sheriff. The other was the property of Deputy Sheriff Sharp.

It appears that while Dillinger was incarcerated in the jail he had made statements to other prisoners, mentioning the name of Harry^o Pierpont, indicating that Pierpont was an escape from the Indiana State Prison and that his home was near Lima. A check of the records indicated that Harry Pierpont was one of the convicts who escaped from the Indiana State Prison at Michigan City, Indiana on September 26, 1933. A photograph of Pierpont was secured and when shown to Mrs. Sarber she partially identified it as the man who shot the Sheriff. A posse was immediately formed by Chief of Police J. W. Cook of Lima, Ohio and a search made of the premises occupied by Harry Pierpont's parents and brother, about four miles from Leipsic and about 35 miles from Lima. This search took place about 10 P.M. on the night of the slaying, October 12, 1933. No trace of the bandits was found by the posse, which reported that there was nothing on the property of the Pierpont's to indicate that the killers were in that vicinity. However, an Oldsmobile coach, Motor #L13694, bearing no license plates, was found in the Pierpont barn. Fred Pierpont, brother of the convict, made a number of conflicting statements to the police officers concerning this car. Police officers later determined, however, that an automobile answering the description of the Oldsmobile had been seen in the vicinity of St. Marys, Ohio on October 3, 1933 at which time a bank at St. Marys was robbed. Investigation by the police disclosed that this car was sold to one Arthur S. Cherrington, 2318 Sunnyside Avenue, Chicago. Fred Pierpont later identified the photograph of Cherrington as being the individual who left this car at his place, Cherrington being also known as Harry Copeland, who was a parole violator from the Indiana State Prison and who was also wanted in the hold-up of the Daleville Bank, Daleville, Indiana. Deputy Sheriff W. L. Sharp, who was in the Sheriff's office at the time of the shooting, partially identified the photograph of Copeland as the man who held the gun on him. He also partially identified the photograph of Harry Pierpont as the man who shot the Sheriff.

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Fred Pierpont had repeatedly denied to local authorities that he knew anything about the whereabouts or activities of his brother Harry. Special Agent in Charge Larson and Special Agent (A) Genau, after interrogating Fred Pierpont for a considerable length of time, succeeded in obtaining information from him to the effect that shortly after the escape of the ten convicts from the Indiana State Prison on September 26, 1933 his brother, one of the convicts, and four other men, three of whom were also escapes, and Harry Copeland, a parole from the Indiana State Prison, appeared at his home late one night, visited the family for a short time and departed; that Harry Pierpont at the time of this visit told him that he had an Oldsmobile automobile and that he would give it to Fred if he would call for it at Hamilton, Ohio at 1052 South Second Avenue. Within the course of the next two or three days Fred stated that he, his mother, father and grandmother, drove to Hamilton in the family automobile, and that after separating from the other members of the family he proceeded to the above address for the purpose of obtaining the Oldsmobile; that upon his arrival at Hamilton his brother informed him that the bill of sale on the car had not arrived from Chicago, where the car was purchased, but that if he, Fred, would remain there until the next day he could obtain same; that he stayed there that night with his brother, Harry Pierpont, Indiana State Prison #11014, Russell Clark, Indiana State Prison #11261, Charles Makley, Indiana State Prison #12636, Edward Shouse, Indiana State Prison #13915, and Harry Copeland, Indiana State Prison #12231; that on the morning of October 3rd his brother Harry told him that the gang was going away for the day and that they would be back in the evening with the Oldsmobile car; that the above mentioned individuals did return that evening, at which time he obtained the car. On October 3, 1933 a bank robbery took place at St. Marys, Ohio, at which time an Oldsmobile automobile was seen.

Fred Stated further that on Wednesday evening, October 11, 1933, the above named five individuals again came to his home at Leipsic late at night and stated that they desired to remain there overnight; that they were driving two automobiles, an Essex coach and a Chrysler sedan; that on the following day, October 12, 1933, which was the day the Sheriff was murdered, they all departed in the two cars. It takes about one hour to drive from Leipsic to Lima and the murder took place at 6 P.M. This evidence, together with the identification made by Mrs. Sarber, the Sheriff's wife, and Deputy Sheriff W. L. Sharp, indicates rather definitely that the five above named men committed the crime and effected the escape of John Dillinger.

Fred Pierpont, during the interview with these Agents, identified the photographs of the above mentioned individuals as being the parties who stayed at the home of his parents on the night of October 11, 1933. Fred Pierpont is at the present time being held by authorities, pending further investigation.

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Following a statement made by Fred, his mother, who had previously denied any knowledge of ever having seen her son since his escape, corroborated her son's statement about the convicts being at her home. Investigation by local authorities at Hamilton, Ohio indicates that the mob left there on October 13th.

The bullets found in the Sheriff's Office have been received by the Division and have been sent to Mr. Appel for the purpose of an examination.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley
S. P. Cowley.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **Detroit, Michigan.**

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REPORT MADE AT: St. Louis, Missouri.	DATE WHEN MADE: 12-2-39	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 11-29-39 to 12-2-39	REPORT MADE BY: R. L. BARNER, R.M.
HARRY PIERPONT, alias Frank Mason, RUSSEL LEE CLARK, alias R. L. Reed, CHARLES MARLEY, alias Mack Gray, alias A. [unclear], alias Charles [unclear], EDWARD BROUSE, JOHN HAMILTON, alias Jack Campbell, HARRY COPELAND, JOHN DELLENER.			CHARACTER OF CASE: NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT AND MURDER OF SHERIFF JESSE SARGENT, LIMA, OHIO.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

No indication of Walter Detrick having been in St. Louis, Mo., since 1938, when he is alleged to have committed a pay-roll robbery. Detrick wanted by St. Louis Police and both local police department and Pinkerton detectives are seeking his apprehension.

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent in Charge William Larson, Detroit, Michigan, November 4, 1939.

DETAILS:

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI.

The residential address of Mrs. [unclear] Detrick (wife change of spelling of family name) and Elsie Detrick, mother and sister respectively of Walter Detrick, was verified [redacted]

[redacted] Mrs. Detrick is a widow and often talks to [redacted] who promises to inquire about her son and if any information was received he would communicate with the St. Louis Office.

DETAILS:

Elsie Detrick, sister of Walter Detrick, is employed as a stenographer by the General Electric Company, Pierce Bldg., 111 North 4th Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

Ferr Mitchell, ex-wife of Detrick, has been interviewed on several occasions by Agents of the St. Louis Office, with reference to the whereabouts of John Klutas, with aliases - Fugitive, I. O. #179, who is a close friend of Detrick, but without results. She has also been interviewed by an Agent of the St. Louis Office subsequent to the escape of Detrick from the Indiana Penitentiary, at which time she denied any knowledge of the whereabouts of either Klutas or Detrick, stating that in January, 1939, [redacted]

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1935 she had visited Detrich at the Indiana Penitentiary and at this time they had agreed to "call it quits". She further stated that since the escape of Walter Detrich from the Indiana State Penitentiary and her subsequent association with Detrich, she had been questioned on several occasions by local detectives and had also spent a part of the night of October 4, 1935 in the 3rd Precinct Jail, but that on each occasion she stated that she did not know the whereabouts of Detrich. The last interview with Fern Mitchell was on October 12, 1935, at which time she was residing at the Lincoln Hotel, 2226 Olive Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

Lieutenant John Wren of the Market Service Division, St. Louis Police Department, is personally acquainted with Detrich, having arrested him on several occasions prior to the year 1933. When interviewed Lieutenant Wren stated that Detrich had been in St. Louis since the year 1933, when he participated in the robbery of the proprietor of Proctor & Gamble Soap Company, which resulted in a loss of \$7,000.00; that Detrich is now wanted in St. Louis on this charge and the local police department had filed a detainer at the Indiana Penitentiary; that subsequent to the escape of Walter Detrich, both the Police Department and the local branch office of the Pinkerton Detective Agency had made inquiries to ascertain if Detrich had returned to St. Louis, but that there were no indications that he had returned to this city, and possibly he will not return, due to the fact that he is well known to practically all of the officers of the St. Louis Police Department.

Lieutenant Wren further stated that upon receipt of the information concerning the escape of Detrich, an investigation was made by himself in St. Louis of the addresses mentioned in the reference report, but that said investigation was without results, although he and other officers of the department will continue their watch in St. Louis and arrest Detrich on sight; that on several occasions he has interviewed Fern Mitchell, but without results, and that it is his opinion that she will disclose no information concerning Detrich or any of her friends; also that the Lincoln Hotel, where she resides, is a place where no cooperation can be ascertained from the proprietor.

Agent called at 2226 Olive Street, and ascertained that this property is now vacant. Inquiry of the carrier at the Benton Park Station of the Post Office disclosed that Eustace McDonald moved from this address over a year ago and had no forwarding address. The carrier was unable to provide any information concerning McDonald's history or connections. Inquiries were also made of Detective Wren and other detectives of the Police Department, but they did not recall McDonald as being an associate of Detrich. Inquiries were also made at the Identification Bureau of the St. Louis Police Department, but they have no record of McDonald.

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Previous investigation by the writer in the case of John Klutas with aliases, Fugitive, I.O. 1179, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, and Edna Boll, with aliases, Fugitive, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, has disclosed that Klutas, Boll, Detrich, and James Clark, alias Farmer Wilson are well known in Galesburg, Illinois, where they formerly congregated at the Arlington Hotel. This hotel is operated by two brothers named Thompson, and is located almost opposite the office of the special agents of the C. B. & Q. Railway at Galesburg, and these special agents have been watching the hotel for the appearance of Klutas and his associates, Detrich, Klutas and their associates are also known to Sheriff Louis Wilson of Galesburg, Illinois, and on the occasion of Agent's last visit to Galesburg, Sheriff Wilson advised that upon receipt of information concerning the escape of Detrich, he immediately arranged for an informant to keep a close watch on the Arlington Hotel, thinking that possibly Detrich and his associates would return to the Arlington Hotel and hide out until things cooled off a bit; that this informant has been continuing his scrutiny of the hotel but that neither Detrich nor any of his associates have appeared in Galesburg.

Investigative reports in the John Klutas, with aliases, Fugitive file disclose that Detrich on one occasion appeared in East St. Louis with Klutas and traded a stolen automobile to E. J. Molman, which would indicate the close connection between these two men.

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625 Lafayette Bldg.
Detroit Michigan
December 12 1933



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

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Re: HARRY PIERPONT with aliases, et al.
Nat'l Motor Vehicle Theft Act

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division communication dated November 24, 1933 requesting to be advised the details surrounding the apprehension of Subject Harry Copeland on November 20 at Chicago, Illinois.

I have communicated with the Chief of Police at Lima, Ohio who has advised that he is unable to furnish any particular details concerning the arrest of Copeland in Chicago except that he was taken into custody in that city presumably on November 20 and removed to the Indiana State Penitentiary at Michigan City, Indiana from which institution he was a parole violator; that he will be incarcerated there pending his removal to Lima for trial in connection with the murder of Sheriff Jesse Sarber at Lima, Ohio on October 12, 1933. It will be noted in previous communications that Copeland, together with other associates, has been indicted at Lima in connection with the above crime.

In view of the meager information in possession of the authorities at Lima, it is suggested that the Chicago office secure the necessary details concerning the arrest and incarceration of Copeland at Chicago and Michigan City, Indiana.

Very truly yours

Wm. Larson

Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

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625 Lafayette Building,
Detroit, Michigan,
December 18, 1933.

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MR. HARRY FLEMMING,
10 E. Motor Yards, Detroit, Mich.

Dear Sir:

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NOTE

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When this information is received we will communicate with you further.

I desire to take this opportunity to thank you kindly for the very excellent cooperation rendered by this Division and trust you will find that same is deeply appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Wm. L. Brown,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Jesse T. Kennedy,
655 South Wells Street,
Chicago, Ill.
Nov. 22, 1933. Wabash 0260.

Dear President Roosevelt: You have shown the proper spirit in welcoming adverse criticism and suggestions from the rank and file - may I impose upon you again?

The attached clipping is a report of the 21st. of a bank robbery in Wisconsin at the hands of convicts that escaped from Indiana. Here is where the federal government can legally take action for the crimes of these men embrace inter state affairs.

I suggest that the Department of Justice notify the governors and sheriffs of the state surrounding Lake Michigan to move at a given moment to search every building, each sheriff's force to be increased in sufficient numbers to visit every house in his jurisdiction - these orders should be relayed thru the Governor, of course. The governors would be asked to patrol the highways for a day and scrutinize and question men traveling out of the zone agreed upon. In this way it is almost certain that these and other criminals sought will be picked up. Respectfully,

/s/ Jesse F. Kennedy

NOTE Complete description of the men wanted to go with the notices to sheriffs, of course.

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Mr. Jesse T. Kennedy,
655 South Wells Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

DEC 18 1933

Dear Sirs:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated November 22, 1933, by reference from the Secretary to the President, wherein you suggest a plan whereby escaped convicts can be apprehended.

Please be advised that your suggestions have been noted and your interest in forwarding them is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1420 Republic Building,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Re: **WALTER WATSON**, with alias, et al
Indiana Motor Vehicle Theft Act.
Murder of **WALTER JAMES BURTON**, Miss, Ohio.

There are enclosed herewith copies of a letter dated December 7, 1933 received at the Division from **WILL LEACH**, Captain in Charge, Indiana State Police, Indianapolis, Indiana, wherein it is noted that subjects **Henry Flanagan**, Charles Hickey, **Russell W. Clark** and **Henry Copeland** of the above entitled case have been identified as occupants of a Chrysler Sedan which was observed at Avon, Indiana. It appears that this car was stolen at Chicago, Illinois.

You are instructed to interview **Sp. Leach** and obtain from him all of the information he has in his possession concerning the theft of this car and to get out appropriate leads with reference thereto.

A copy of this letter is being directed to the Chicago Office so that subject **Copeland**, who is reported to have been apprehended in Chicago and is now being held in custody at the Indiana State Prison, Michigan City, Indiana, can be interviewed with reference to the theft of this car.

It is desired that investigation in this case be expedited and that the Division be kept advised at all times as to the developments.

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Mr. M. Peckay, Director,
Indiana State Police,
State House,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

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Dear Mr. Peckay:

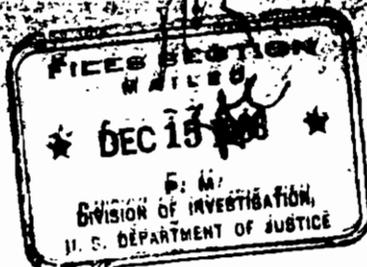
This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated December 5, 1933, signed by Matt Leach, Captain in Charge, wherein you report that the Chrysler Sedan, which was abandoned at Evans, Indiana, has been traced and found to have been stolen at Chicago, Illinois; that Charles Makley, Harry Pierpont, Russell E. Clark and Harry Copeland have been identified as the four men who were driving this car at the time it broke down; and further that Copeland was apprehended in Chicago and is now being held in custody at the Indiana State Prison, Michigan City, Indiana.

In accordance with your desire, the Chicago Office of this Division has been instructed to have a Special Agent interview Copeland at the Indiana State Prison with reference to this matter.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this and other instances, I am

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

Director.



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1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

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December 19, 1933.

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



Dear Mr. Hoover:

On Saturday morning, December 16th, I attended a conference at the office of Mr. Courtney, the State's Attorney for Cook County, Illinois. This conference included Commissioner of Police Allman, Chief of Detectives Schoemaker, Captain Zimmer, Captain Gilbert, Sheriff Meyering, and other Precinct Captains of Police.

Mr. Courtney stated that the purpose of the meeting was to begin a concentrated effort in order to bring about the apprehension of the so-called Dillinger gang, which escaped from the Indiana State Prison recently, and also in an effort to bring about the apprehension of the members of the Touhy gang, involved in the Factor Case, who still remain at large. He stated that he had secured the cooperation of the various members of the press, in order to have photographs of these Subjects promulgated over the country, and that he believed that good results would be obtained by reason of this action.

During Mr. Courtney's talk to the entire group he stated that his office and the Chicago Office of the Division of Investigation had been cooperating in an extremely excellent fashion at all times and that he desired that all other agencies cooperate with his and my office in bringing about the apprehension of those wanted. He expressed to all of those present, also, that it was his opinion that the work done by the Chicago Office was exceptionally good and that the Division of Investigation should be commended for its efforts in law enforcement. Mr. Courtney added, toward the latter part of his talk, that each person must have confidence in the other in order to bring about the desired results.

As a result of this meeting, Lieutenant Howe has been placed in charge of a squad of men to work entirely on these matters. He will have a separate office in the Police Station at Chicago and will act as a central clearing house for all information received by any officers or other law enforcement agencies. Mr. Courtney determined that this should be done in order to prevent two different groups of officers from working on the same information at the same time and thereby causing a conflict.

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At the end of his talk Mr. Courtney requested any remarks that I might care to add and I stated that I believed that the entire subject had been covered by him entirely and in an excellent manner, and that little could be added except that I believed he should be commended for the stand he is taking and has taken in the past.

This office will, therefore, continue to furnish all information in connection with the Factor Case, and other like matters, to the State's Attorney's Office and to Lieutenant Howe, in order that the best possible results might be obtained.

Subsequent to the meeting and after the others had left, Mr. Courtney mentioned to me the fact that he appreciated your bringing the matter with regard to Captain Gilbert out in the open, so to say, and he stated to me that he had understood fairly recently that I was not friendly to Captain Dan Gilbert, and that I was somewhat suspicious of him. I informed Mr. Courtney that I was, of course, rather surprised to hear of anything of this kind, particularly in view of the fact that this office has done everything possible to bring about the results desired by the State's Attorney's Office. I informed Mr. Courtney that I did not dislike Captain Gilbert and that I was not suspicious of him. I informed him that in view of the fact that the matter had arisen, that I believed it would be highly desirable to call Captain Gilbert in, in order that the matter could be definitely straightened out at that time. This was done and after a friendly discussion with these two, I believe they now understand that I have no feeling against Captain Gilbert.

I have instructed Special Agents Newman and Ryan to continue their efforts in the Factor Case with all possible despatch and to cooperate with Lieutenant Howe and the State's Attorney's Office in every respect.

I will keep you advised of any further developments in this case.

Sincerely yours,



M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **DETROIT, MICH.**

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TITLE HARRY PINPOINT, with aliases, et al.	CHARACTER OF CASE NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT AND MURDER OF SHEPHERD JAMES GARNER, LIND, OHIO, ESCAPES FROM INDIANA STATE PENITENTIARY
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Police South Bend, Ind., received information Columbus, Ohio, police that subjects might be about Wolf Lake, Ind. Investigation that point shows no indication of presence of subjects.

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Report of Special Agent W. J. Devereaux, Chicago, November 22, 1933.

DETAILS: A letter received by the Chief of Police at South Bend, Indiana from F. Y. Knutts, Chief of Police at Columbus, Ohio, dated December 2, 1933, was shown to agent by Captain E. M. Hamilton of the detective bureau, South Bend, Indiana, police department as containing information regarding the subjects of this case, especially those subjects who had escaped from the Indiana State Penitentiary, Michigan City, Indiana.

The letter stated in substance that the Columbus, Ohio, police had received information from a convict in the Ohio State Penitentiary who had been sentenced to prison with Hillinger, Pierpont and Gopeland to the effect that the persons who had figured in the Indiana Penitentiary prison break were spending considerable time at Wolf Lake, Indiana, dividing their time between Wolf Lake and Chicago, Illinois; that they had also been visiting Knutts and Seymour, Indiana, and also spending some time at [REDACTED] at Indianapolis, Indiana. This person is supposed to have known owners who had served time in the Indiana State Penitentiary, Michigan City, Indiana, who are acquainted with the prison system. The informant, according to the letter, did not know whether [REDACTED] were [REDACTED].

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still in prison or not.

Agent ascertained that Wolf Lake is a small town located on State Highway 18, northwest of Fort Wayne, Indiana, and in Noble County, Indiana. Agent in company with Indiana State Troopers Frank Bruggner and Analer, interviewed Sheriff William Hoffman and his deputy, K. Magham at Albion, county seat of Noble County and these men stated that they had received no information of any suspicious characters around Wolf Lake. They stated that one [redacted] in Wolf Lake would be a trustworthy person from whom to get information.

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Agent and the Troopers interviewed [redacted] at Wolf Lake and he stated that there had been no suspicious persons around the town. Wolf Lake has a population of about 100 persons and the lake from which the town derives its name is but a small stagnant pond with no living quarters near by.

Agent and the Troopers visited Bear Lake, Big Lake and Pitt Lake, three resort lakes in Noble County and in the vicinity of the town of Wolf Lake, and drove through all the resort roads making an inspection of all cottages from the outside for signs of persons living in the same. However, the cottages around the lakes did not appear to be inhabited and there was no indication that any of the subjects were around or living about the lakes.

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Agent, while conducting investigation in the case of [redacted] with alias et al., National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, Chicago File 66-5615, received the following information from [redacted] at present in the county jail at South Bend, Indiana, on the above entitled charge. [redacted] stated that while he was serving time at the Indiana State Reformatory at Pendleton, Indiana, he made the acquaintance of John Dillinger who was then in the Reformatory. He stated that afterwards, while he [redacted] was in the county jail at La Grange, Indiana, in October 1933, Dillinger climbed up to the roof of a porch below the cell window where [redacted] was, and asked him if he wanted to get out. [redacted] did not want to get out at that time, although later in the month he and his two brothers did escape from the jail. [redacted] stated that if he were on the outside now he would be able to get in touch with Dillinger, stating in one interview that Dillinger was on the northwest side of Chicago, Illinois. He could not tell agent the neighborhood or the address where Dillinger might be, merely stating that he would be found if he went on the northwest side of Chicago and taken to where Dillinger was. In a later interview agent was informed by [redacted] that one [redacted] Indiana, had also served time at Pendleton Reformatory when Dillinger and [redacted] were there, and that he knew that Dillinger would keep in touch with [redacted]

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Agent ascertained at the South Bend, Indiana, police headquarters that one [redacted] was sentenced on March 14, 1934, to serve from 10 to 20 years at Pendleton Reformatory for robbery, and that he was paroled on July 16, 1939. Inquiry of Captain E. M. Hamilton of the South Bend police revealed that [redacted] has not been seen about South Bend and the police do not know where he lives.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD: Chicago, Ill. At East Gary, Ind. will ascertain the identity of the person or persons having Box 123 at East Gary, Ind.

At South Bend, Ind. will make further inquiry to locate the whereabouts of [redacted] for the purpose of ascertaining whether he is keeping in touch with John Dillinger.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **DETROIT, MICHIGAN,**

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TITLE CHANGED; HARRY FLEPONT, with aliases; HARRY COPELAND, alias John Sinton, et al.		CHARACTER OF CASE NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT AND MURDER OF SHERIFF JESSE BARBER, LIMA, OHIO; ESCAPES FROM INDIANA STATE PRISON.	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS



Subject Harry Copeland, alias John Sinton, arrested Chicago Police Department, November 18, 1933, and on November 20, 1933, was turned over to Warden L. E. Dumble, Indiana State Penitentiary, Michigan City, Indiana, as a parole violator to be held awaiting removal to Ohio on murder charges.

DETAILS: Letter from Detroit Office dated December 12, 1933.

DETAILS:

HARRY COPELAND, under the alias of John Sinton, residence, 115 South Ashland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on November 18, 1933, at about 1:30 P.M. was arrested at Marles and North Avenues, in a suburb of Chicago, by Chicago Police Officers Morris, Labaki and Ryan of the Detective Bureau.

On November 20, 1933, Warden L. E. Dumble of the Indiana State Prison, Michigan City, Indiana, called for Subject Copeland and returned him to the Indiana State Prison, Michigan City, as a parole violator to be held there awaiting removal to the State of Ohio in connection with the murder of Sheriff Jesse Barber.

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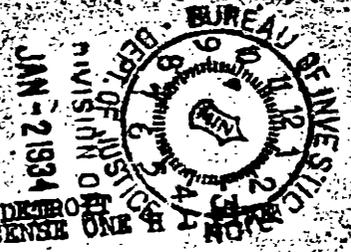
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December 28

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

Re: HARRY PIERPONT, with aliases, et al.
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act
Murder of Sheriff Jesse Sarber, Lima, Ohio
Escapes from Indiana State Prison

Dear Sir:

There are being transmitted herewith clippings taken from the Chicago Daily Tribune, dated December 21, 1933, and the Lima News, dated December 20, 1933, showing the apprehension of Subject Edward Shouse at Paris, Illinois, on December 20. It will be noted that Subject Shouse was one of the individuals who was involved in the slaying of Sheriff Sarber at Lima, Ohio, during the escape of John Dillinger.

Clippings from the Cleveland Plain Dealer and the Lima News are also being inclosed herewith showing action by the Chicago police in attempting to apprehend John Dillinger and other Subjects who are alleged to be residing in that city.

Information has also reached this office to the effect that John Hamilton, another one of these Subjects who escaped from the Indiana State Penitentiary and who also took part in the slaying of Jesse Sarber recently shot and killed a Chicago police sergeant in escaping a trap set in a Chicago garage.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson
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Special Agent in Charge

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Second Member Of Dillinger
Band Is Into Hands
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POLICE RAID APARTMENT AFTER TIP

Victims Not of Gang That Shot Down Sheriff Sarber at Lima, but Are Escaped Convicts.

20 PICKED MARKSMEN FORM RAIDING SQUAD

Shots Greet Detail, Which Then Rakes Ornate Suite; Trio in Pile in Corner.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Three escaped convicts were killed tonight in a fashionable apartment here with a withering barrage of bullets laid down by twenty police marksmen.

The police detail, led by Capt. John Stege, had a tip that the men to be found in the apartment were members of the notorious Dillinger band of outlaws which is wanted for a long list of crimes in Indiana, Ohio and Illinois. Chief on this list is the slaying of Sheriff Jess L. Sarber at Lima, O., in delivering Dillinger from the jail there.

The convicts slain were Illinoisans and in no wise connected with the band of escaped Indiana felons which are headed by Dillinger and believed to be hiding in Chicago.

The slain men were identified as:

LEWIS RATZEWITZ of Street, Ill., said by Police Detective John Anderson during last year's roundup of the Illinois State Penitentiary.

EARL GINSBURG, said to have been released from the State Penitentiary at Joliet, Ill., in 1934.

CHARLES THOMAS, said to have been released from the State Penitentiary at Joliet, Ill., in 1934.

their machine guns and raked the place with a round of stupe.

Keeping up the rapid fire the patrolmen, instructed to "shoot and not to kill," stormed the barricaded flat.

As they advanced into the apartment the guns from within were silenced.

The detail found three bodies, crumpled on the floor of the ornate suite.

The report flashed in to the Rogers Park Police Station on the far North Side put it in this cryptic fashion:

"Piled up in a corner of the parlor were three men; all were dead. They had been struck several times each."

None of the raiding policemen was scathed.

In Kouhy's Ballwick

While throngs of startled residents gathered in the quiet street outside, Capt. Stege searched the rearview and announced he had twenty bullet-proof vests, three machine guns, half a dozen shotguns and a full panoply of pistols and ammunition.

Dillinger was alleged to have engineered the escape of eleven convicts from the Indiana State Prison at Michigan City and his delivery from the Lima jail was by the fugitives returning a favor.

Police Invade Theater

A few minutes after the shooting a half dozen squads of detectives were rushed to the Uptown Theater, a motion picture house in the same district on information that a fourth member of the gang and a woman were within.

Several thousand patrons were in the place when the police with leveled pistols charged into the theater and took up positions barring all entrances.

Thousands of persons began gathering around the theater which was located in the heart of what is known as the "Uptown District."

Police apparently intended to subject each patron to intense scrutiny.

Raided Two Police Stations

Dillinger had been, in recent months, one of the most sought men in the country. Shortly after his escape he had escaped from the Indiana prison they went to Lima, O., appearing at the jail there on Oct. 23.

Dillinger was in a police charge of holding up the Houston (O.) bank. Sheriff Sarber was seized, and shot to death and the fugitive felons went back into the jail and escaped.

Immediately the gang set off on a trail of depredation across Ohio, Indiana and Illinois—looting banks, robbing two Indiana small city police stations to fastack their escape.

Dillinger came to Chicago about two months ago and police accounted his whereabouts. Aided by Indiana state patrolmen, they set an elaborate trap about a north side building.

Dillinger walked out, accompanied by two girls, leaped into an automobile and, while one of his female companions kept up a constant stream of fire at their pursuers, over a careening flight through traffic, managed to elude the squad.

Policeman Is Slain

Next police learned that he had taken a car to a North Side garage for repairs and Sergt. William Shanley was ordered to the place to apprehend him.

Instead of Dillinger, John Hamilton, another member of the gang, appeared and when Shanley sought to question him he shot the officer to death.

Yesterday Indiana police learned that Edward Shouse, another member of the gang, was at Paris, Ill. One of their group, Eugene Teague of Indianapolis, was slain in the resultant cross-fire but Shouse was arrested.

Among other crimes for which Dillinger and his benchmen were sought, officials said, are these:

- \$21,000 holdup of the Massachusetts Avenue Bank at Indianapolis.
- \$35,000 holdup of the New Central (O.) Bank.
- \$24,000 holdup of the Ferrall (O.) Bank.
- \$3,500 holdup of the Huntington (O.) Bank for which Dillinger was held in jail at the time of his delivery.
- \$3,500 holdup of the Deleville (Mo.) Commercial Bank.
- \$12,000 holdup of the Montpelier (Ind.) National Bank.
- \$27,000 holdup of the American Bank & Trust Co. at Racine, Wis.

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EMBER 19, 1933

PRICE THREE CENTS

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DRIVE ON DILLINGER

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CHICAGO PUTS FIFTY MEN ON SPECIAL WORK

Ten Squads To Devote Entire Time In Roundup Of Sarber Killers

CAPT. STEGE IS LEADER

Bulletin Showing Pictures Of Indiana Convicts To Be Given To Patrolmen

Chicago police Tuesday, in their search for members of the merged Dillinger-Trouby gang, assumed the grim determination of Canadian Northwest mounted police.

The command, "get your man," went out early Tuesday to Police Capt. John Stege, who Monday night had been placed in charge of 10 police squads—50 men—who were assigned to devote their entire time to the capture of the desperadoes.

Aroused to a fighting pitch by last week's slaying of Detective Sergeant William T. Shanley by John Hamilton, one of the escaped Michigan City (Ind.) state prison convicts, who Oct. 12 shot down Sheriff Jess L. Barber and freed John Dillinger from Alton jail, high Chicago police officials called a special meeting Monday night.

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December 29, 1933.

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

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DIVISION ONE
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Dear Sir:

Re: BARRY VIERPORY, with aliases, et al.
National Motor Veh. Theft Act; Murder
of Sheriff James Barber, Ill., et al.
Escaped from Indiana State Penitentiary.
Det. file 25-475B.

During a recent inquiry at Lima, Ohio, concerning the above
entitled matter, this office was informed by the police at Lima that
they had received information from the police at Chicago to the ef-
fect that some of the subjects in this case are alleged to have been
in possession of an automobile bearing Ohio 1933 license plates
No. 413617. Further inquiry in this regard developed that the above
plates were issued to a [redacted]
Cleveland, O., business address [redacted],
Cedar, Motor No. 18248.

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This office is at the present time conducting an extensive
inquiry in Cleveland for the purpose of securing all information in
connection with these license plates and also to determine if any of
the members of the so-called John Dillinger gang are residing in the
City of Cleveland.

It is requested that you determine from the Chicago police the
source of their information concerning the above license plates and
furnish this office any information which will be of value in conducting an
investigation at Cleveland.

Very truly yours,
W. L. Larson,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Dear Sir:

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Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter,

I am,

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Re: John Callinger,
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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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Detroit, Michigan.
 January 8, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

Re - **BARRY COPPELAND** with aliases, et al;
 National Motor Vehicle Theft Act;
 Murder of Sheriff Jesse Sartas,
 Lima, O.; Escape from Indiana
 State Penitentiary.
 Detroit file #26-47

On Saturday, December 22, 1933, this agent was in
 Lima, Ohio, interview was had with John W. Book, Chief of Police, and
 Bernard Roney, Chief of Detectives, with reference to any new develop-
 ments in regard to this case. These officers advised that they had
 several days prior to that date received information from Chicago, Ill.,
 to the effect that the Billinger gang was supposed to be using an
 automobile bearing 1933 Ohio license plates 415-417. They stated that
 they had made inquiries through the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles,
 State of Ohio, and had that morning learned that this particular set
 of license plates had been issued to [redacted] residence at
 [redacted] Cleveland, Ohio, business address [redacted]

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[redacted] Cleveland, Ohio, and that they had been issued for 1933 Buick
 Sedan, motor #18068. These officers requested that the Division con-
 duct some inquiry at Cleveland to determine whether or not the license
 plates above mentioned had ever been reported stolen to the Police at
 Cleveland, and in the event they had not, to determine in what manner
 the Billinger gang had obtained possession of same.

These officers were questioned regarding the capture of
 Copeland at Chicago, Ill., and they stated that they had not taken
 any part in his apprehension and had no information regarding the
 same. They advised, however, that they had interviewed Copeland at
 the Indiana State Penitentiary, Michigan City, Ind., but that they had
 been unable to obtain any information from him. Chief Book stated in
 his impression that the members of this gang are still hanging out
 in Chicago, Ill., and he stated that at the time he talked to Copeland,
 the latter advised him that he would have been able to live in Chicago
 for years without being captured if he had not made a mistake and gotten
 drunk.

Several days prior to agent's trip to Lima, Ohio, article had
 appeared in the papers to the effect that a barber at Findlay, Ohio,

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had identified a picture of John Dillinger as a man who had visited his barber shop and for whom he had done some barber work. With reference to this matter, both Chief Cook and Detective Huxley stated that they had interviewed this barber at Findley, but that there was absolutely nothing to this story, it being merely a barber shop story.

An attempt was made while in Lima, Ohio, to interview Ernest H. Botkins, Prosecuting Attorney, Allen County. However, he was out of the city on the day of Agent's visit and was not expected to return until late the following afternoon. Agent desired to interview Mr. Botkins to determine what the plans were for prosecuting subjects of this case. In this respect, however, Chief Cook advised that subject Copeland could not be prosecuted but would be left in the Indiana State Penitentiary until several other subjects had been apprehended, in order that they might be prosecuted at one time.

With reference to the information furnished by the officers at Lima, Ohio, regarding the Ohio license plates 418-417, a letter was despatched to Cleveland, Ohio, to have this matter checked in that city.

Very truly yours,

F. L. MURPHY,
Special Agent

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DETAILS:

AT INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

Captain Matt Leach, Indiana State Police, informed Special Agent J. E. Johnson, of this office, that Subjects Pierpont, Clark, Shouse and Makley abandoned a Chrysler Sedan, motor #CD 5101, which had been stolen from Dr. Ralph W. Trimmer, 715 Lake St., Oak Park, Ill., on 11-4-33 and was recovered after it had been abandoned at Avon, Indiana, 11-9-33. He advised this car was recovered by a garage man, whose name he was unable to furnish agent, at Avon, who had taken the car into his garage a short time previous to 11-9-33 for repairs. He advised that the photographs of the above named Subjects were shown to this garage man by members of his Department and were identified by him. He also stated that shortly after the Subjects, before mentioned, left instant car at this garage, they hired one [redacted] a resident of Avon, to take them to Terre Haute, Indiana; that officers at Avon became suspicious and telephoned the Terre Haute Police, who watched the road leading into Terre Haute from Avon but when Subjects failed to appear they abandoned the watch and returned to Terre Haute. However, [redacted] drove very slowly from Avon into Terre Haute and the Terre Haute Police abandoned the watch on the highway too soon as Subjects are reported to have passed the point where they had been watching a few moments after the officers had left. Captain Leach was unable to furnish any further information at that time and stated that no success had been had in locating the Subjects at Terre Haute or in ascertaining where they went to after leaving.

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AT READING, OHIO

Chief of Police Nate Hilderbrandt, Reading, was interviewed relative to the family and other relatives of Joseph Fox residing at Reading. He stated that Joseph Fox in his estimation is a very dangerous character and although he has been arrested on numerous occasions in Reading, Ohio, he, Mr. Hilderbrandt, has no record of such arrests, as none was of a serious nature. He further stated that he is well acquainted with members of the Fox family who reside at Reading. He then called in Officer John Renner, who is also very well acquainted with Joseph Fox and members of his family. Both Chief Hilderbrandt and Officer Renner stated they had closely watched members of the Fox family and are satisfied that Joseph Fox has not visited his home for the past six months. Officer Renner advised that Ray Fox is a brother of Joseph Fox and resides with his family at 808 Main St., Reading; that he is a member of the Reading Fire Department. Officer Renner stated he has often quietly questioned Ray concerning his brother, Joseph, and is reasonably certain that Joseph Fox is not in touch with members of his family. He stated that Joseph Fox's father is deceased, but that his mother, Mrs. Catherine Fox, resides at 808 Main St., and bears a very good reputation; that Ezra Hawley is a brother-in-law, who now resides in Winchester, Indiana; that Ezra Hawley bears an excellent reputation and has no use whatsoever for the brother-in-law, Joseph Fox. Chief Hilderbrandt advised that Clear Lutz is a nephew of Joseph Fox, who now resides somewhere in Akron, Ohio, address unknown; that Clear Lutz is a young man of 19 or 20 years of age attending school in Akron and bears a very good reputation. They informed that Lucille Smoker, sister of Joseph Fox, is separated from her husband, Frank Smoker, and now resides with her people at 808 Main St., Reading. Both officers stated they believed if Joseph Fox contacts any member of his family he would contact Lucille Smoker, as they were very close while living at home and Mrs. Smoker, regardless of her brother's difficulties, is still very fond of him;

that they will carefully watch Mrs. Snoker's activities and immediately call the Cincinnati Division Office should she leave the city of Reading or if any other circumstances indicate that she may be in touch with her brother. They advised Mrs. Joseph Fox, wife of Joseph Fox, still resides at 8345 Woodbine Ave., Cincinnati, and is now keeping company with another man and has no use for her husband. Chief Hilderbrandt advised he has talked with Mrs. Joseph Fox on several occasions and she has always registered disgust for her husband.



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AT HAMILTON, OHIO

Details concerning the visit of at least four of the subjects at Hamilton, Ohio, for a period of ten days prior to 10-15-35 are contained in the letter to the Division from the Cincinnati Office dated 10-28-35.

Chief of Police J. S. Calhoun, Hamilton, informed Agent on 11-28-35 that Mrs. Iowa Ross, who resides on Ohio Highway #1, which is the main highway from Hamilton to Middletown, Ohio, had some important information to furnish. Agent and Chief Calhoun interviewed Mrs. Ross at her home and she advised that Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Hooten rented a small bungalow located next door to her home on the Middletown Pike approximately a week after 10-15-35; that the Hootens purchased new furniture and a great deal of new clothing and appeared to have a quantity of money; that they often sat in their house at night with the shades down and the lights out and appeared to be watching for someone; that numerous cars called at the Hootens' home, some of them bearing Indiana and Illinois license plates, numbers of which she was unable to recall. She stated the Hootens had an auction sale of their furniture and other belongings on the Wednesday preceding Thanksgiving and left her bungalow, after advising her they were going to the State of Washington where they intended to buy a small fruit farm; that when Mrs. Hooten left she paid her, Mrs. Ross, a debt amounting to \$20.00 in crisp new \$1.00 bills.

Chief Calhoun advised agent he had been unable to learn where the Hootens had gone and stated he is reasonably certain the Hootens are in touch with the Subjects wherever they might be. This fact is clearly evident from the letter from the Cincinnati Office to the Division dated 10-28-35.



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Chief of Police Calhoun later learned that Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Clark had accompanied the Hootens when they left Hamilton.

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While in Hamilton, Ohio, on 12-24-33, Detective Bob Dinwiddie of the Hamilton, Ohio, Police Department, advised that on the night before he had seen Mr. and Mrs. Hooten in a beer parlor located at 1293 Heaton St., Hamilton; that he noticed a salmon colored Chevrolet Sedan bearing Arizona license plates, 1934, #1HL5, in front of the place, and that Mr. and Mrs. Hooten were reported to have driven away in this car; that he questioned the proprietress of the beer parlor, who informed him Hooten had told her that they had returned from Arizona and were spending the holidays with their parents; that they had spent money liberally in her place. Dinwiddie advised he drove by 1054 South 2nd St., and there noticed this car parked in front of that address.

Dinwiddie went on to state that he is well acquainted with Mrs. Hooten, whose maiden name was Naomi Wagner; that Mrs. Hooten was at one time a paramour of Bob Ewick, a notorious Ohio outlaw, who has recently been sent to prison for life; that she has associated with numerous Ohio outlaws and that he understands she was once intimate friend of Subject Harry Copeland; that Mr. Hooten was engaged in bootlegging in Hamilton previous to about 1-1-33.

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The license number of the Chevrolet bearing the Arizona license plates driven by the Hootens was furnished the Los Angeles Office which office advised that this car, a Chevrolet Coach, 1929 model, motor #986055, serial #9 AC 68274, was licensed at Phoenix, Arizona, by Leroy Hooten, giving his address as 1142 N. 25th St., Phoenix, Arizona, and was issued Arizona 1934 license #1HL5, and Arizona title #234094. Since the purpose of the Hootens' visit to Phoenix, Arizona, is unknown and since they have definitely been connected with the Billinger gang, it appears that investigation should be made at Phoenix, Arizona, to determine the reason for their trip to Phoenix.

Chief of Police Calhoun advised Mrs. Hooten has a sister residing either in or near Seven Mile, Ohio, which is a small town located seven miles North of Hamilton.

At Seven Mile, Ohio, agent ascertained from [REDACTED] that a Mrs. Ralph Hart resides with her husband on a farm about one and one-half miles North of Seven Mile, Ohio, on RR #2; that he knows Mrs. Hart and understands she is the sister to a Mrs. Hooten, who resides in Hamilton; that they are good people and Mr. Hart works at the Ford Plant in Hamilton.

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[REDACTED] who was interviewed and stated he knows the Hart family and understands Mrs. Hart has a

sister by the name of Mrs. Hooten in Hamilton; that a Chevrolet Coach, salmon color, with a trunk on the rear, had often been seen in front of Mrs. Hart's house previous to about a month ago but since that time he has not seen it. This is evidently the Hooten's Chevrolet; [redacted] volunteered to keep the Hart home under surveillance and if strangers appeared or automobiles bearing foreign license tags were seen they would immediately notify the Cincinnati Division Office.

Agent interviewed Deputy Sheriffs W. A. Duerr, A. C. Lincoln, and [redacted]

It is believed that members of the Sheriff's Office at Hamilton, Ohio, are reliable and [redacted] is unquestionably a reliable source of information. From these persons the following was learned relative to persons in Hamilton who probably know the Subjects and assisted in harboring them while in that vicinity:

1034 South 2nd St.; at this address there resides [redacted] and Mrs. George Wagner, parents of Mrs. Hooten. George Wagner has no criminal record in Hamilton, Ohio, but is known to associate with bootleggers and shady characters. Subjects are thought to have spent considerable time at this address while in Hamilton. Mr. and Mrs. Hooten are at present visiting their parents and will probably remain there until they are able to find a more suitable place to reside in Hamilton or leave the city. There is no telephone at this address.

Miss Dorothy Wagner, sister of Mrs. Hooten, said to be a young lady of about 19 years of age, also resides with her parents at this address.

1005 South Second St.; at this address Walter B. (Toots) Clark and his wife, Mrs. Edna Clark reside. Walter Clark and Subject Copeland are reported to have been partners at one time and are supposed to have been arrested in Middletown, Ohio, together about three years ago. Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Hooten are close friends and the officers interviewed advised Mrs. Clark accompanied Mrs. Hooten to the cabin hide-out of Subjects near the Venice, Ohio, bridge on the Miami River, when they were in hiding previous to 10-15-33. Both Mr. and Mrs. Clark are reported to have accompanied the Hootens to Phoenix, Arizona, and according to Detective Bob Binwiddie they have now returned to Hamilton.

14 South D Street; at this address reside Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wagner. Carl Wagner is employed at the Champion Coated Paper Company and is reported to be a brother-in-law of Toots Clark. [redacted] advises he hopes to secure valuable information through casual interviews with Carl Wagner.

118 Main St.; at this address resides Mrs. Eva McDonald, who is in some way related to both the Clarks and the Hootens.

According to Deputy Sheriff Duerr, one morning about 6 o'clock during the time the Subjects are supposed to have been in Hamilton, he saw Mrs. Hooten drive up to the McDonald residence with a large basket of groceries and enter the place and she appeared very cautious in doing so. This address was examined by agent and it was found that there are three possible exits, one in the front, one in the rear and one on the side. It is a two story frame house. [redacted] advised he has been keeping this address under surveillance and on several occasions recently he has seen a new Studebaker Sedan, bearing 1933 Indr

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license plates #133-632 parked in front of this address. This address is located near [redacted] where he will be able to keep the place constantly under surveillance. If this automobile continues to appear at this address the 1934 license number will be obtained by [redacted] and a check will be made as to its ownership.

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[redacted] advised that a member of the Hamilton, Ohio, Police Department, whose name he does not wish to give at this time, but who has two sisters working at the Champion Coated Paper Company, confidentially informed him that an officer of the Hamilton Police Department by the name of [redacted] confidentially told him, the informant, that he had arrested one of the subjects in this case, whose head was closely shaved, in a section just south of Hamilton known as the Jungles, shortly before 10-15-33; that [redacted] permitted this subject to escape as he was afraid of the consequences should he take him into custody. [redacted] further advised that this informant also told him that Dr. Louis Schneider, who has offices at 135 Main St., and who is the family physician of both the Wagners and the Clarks, treated Subject Pierpont for a bullet wound in his right foot shortly previous to 10-15-33; that this doctor identified the man through a photograph of Pierpont in the newspapers. [redacted] stated his informant cautioned him, not to mention this fact to Dr. Schneider because the Doctor will absolutely deny this and will refuse to give any information whatsoever due to the fact that he is afraid of harm from other members of the gang. [redacted] stated his informant will keep him posted as to the activities of Clark and the Hootens. It is [redacted] belief that there is a very definite leak in the Hamilton Police Department, which resulted in the failure to capture subjects while in Hamilton and that this leak will continue. He, therefore, advised against furnishing any information whatsoever to members of that department.

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On 1-4-34, [redacted] called the Cincinnati Division Office by telephone and advised his informant had told him Mrs. Hooten had been seen parking her car for the past three days in front of the Stockton Club located approximately one and one-half miles south of Hamilton; that this place is operated by one Harvey Langdon, who has recently been discharged from a U. S. Penitentiary. He stated that this club has always been a rendezvous of gangsters in Hamilton and it is possible that Mrs. Hooten is preparing a place for subjects when they come to Hamilton. An attempt will be made in the near future to ascertain Mrs. Hooten's connections at this place.

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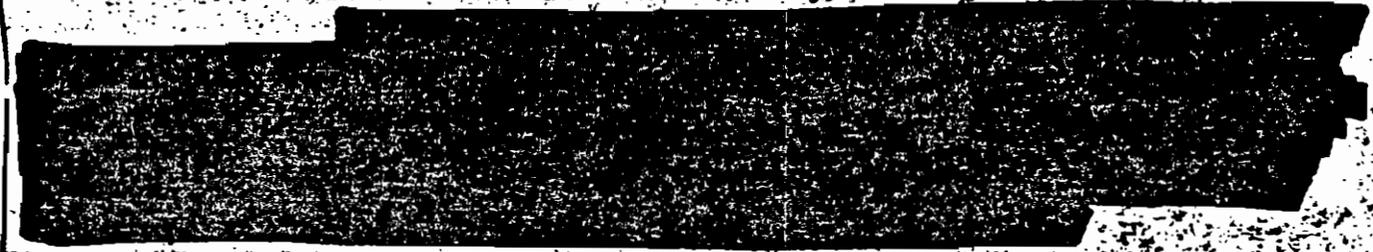
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Mrs. Hooten is described by [redacted] as being about 30 years of age, large blue eyes, dark brown curly bobbed hair, light complexion, 5' 6" in height, unusually talkative, and has a pleasing personality. She wears a black lapin jacket with a small close fitting black hat. Her husband, Leroy Hooten, is about 30 years of age, 5' 7" in height, weight 135 to 140 lbs., dark hair and dark eyes, and sometimes wears a small black moustache. His complexion is sallow and he appears thin and sickly. According to informants, previous to

the visit in Hamilton of Subjects, the Hootens were in bad financial circumstances, but are now well dressed, driving an automobile, and appear to have plenty of spending money, which, according to informants, is new money.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

CHICAGO OFFICE at Chicago, Ill. Will interview Mr. Ralph W. Trimmer, 715 Lake St., Oak Park, for full details relative to the theft of his Chrysler Sedan, motor CD 8101, which is reported to have been stolen from him on 11-4-33. The value of this car when stolen should be obtained, as well as a more complete description of the same.



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LOS ANGELES OFFICE at Phoenix, Arizona, Will conduct complete investigation at 1148 N. 25th St., which address was given by Leroy Hooten in obtaining Arizona license plates for his Chevrolet Coach recently. No information is as yet available as to the reason for the Hootens and Clarks going to Arizona and it appears strange that they returned so suddenly to Hamilton, Ohio. A complete investigation should be made, if possible, to ascertain their movements while at Phoenix. For the use of the Agent conducting this investigation a photograph of each Subject is being forwarded to the Los Angeles Office.

CINCINNATI OFFICE at Avon, Indiana, Will obtain complete details from the garage owner at that point, name unknown, who recovered Chrysler Sedan, motor CD 8101 on or about 11-9-33 and full details from [redacted] who resides at this point concerning his transporting Subjects Pierpont, Clark, Shouse and Makley from Avon to Terre Haute, Ind.

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At Terre Haute, Ind. The Terre Haute Police should also be consulted as to the action they took in attempting to apprehend the Subjects. Photographs of these four Subjects should be used in this investigation.

At Reading, Ohio, Will interview Chief of Police Nate Hilderbrandt relative to his investigations of the members of the Fox Family, who reside at 808 Main St., that city.



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It is believed that he has this data in his possession. Developments in this case which may not be known to this office should also be obtained from him.

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[REDACTED] At Hamilton, Ohio, will again contact [REDACTED] Detective Bob Dinwiddie, Chief of Police Calhoun, Deputy Sheriffs Duerr and Lincoln for any information they may have to offer. Care should be used in interviews with members of the Hamilton Police Department as there is some question as to their reliability. An attempt should be made to follow closely the movements of the Hootens and the Clarks and also the activities of Mrs. Eva McDonald, who resides at 112 Main St., as it is highly possible the Subjects may return to Hamilton due to the indication that they may believe they will receive protection at this point.

At the Stockton Club, one and one-half miles from Hamilton, an attempt should be made to ascertain the reason for Mrs. Hooten's visit at this Club.

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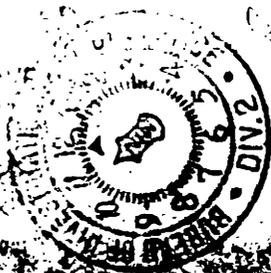
ADDENDUM:

For the information of the Los Angeles Office, there escaped from the Indiana State Penitentiary, Michigan City, Ind., 9-26-33, Harry Pierpont, Russell Clark, Edward Shouse, Charles Makley, John Hamilton, Joseph Fox, Walter Detrick, Joseph Burns, James Clark and James Jenkins. Apparently Burns, Fox and Detrick have separated from the other escaped convicts and nothing has been heard concerning them. The Division is informed that Subject Harry Copeland, bank robber, joined the other escaped convicts shortly after 9-26-33. On 10-12-33 Pierpont, Russell Clark, Copeland, Hamilton, Shouse and Makley appeared at the County Jail, Lima, Ohio, shot and killed Sheriff Jesse Barber, and liberated Subject John Dillinger, who was being held for a bank robbery. It is reported that Homer VanMeter and Hilton O. Crouch have joined the ex-convicts.

Subjects Shouse and Copeland have been apprehended; James Clark has been killed and James Jenkins, captured.

Photographs of Subjects Pierpont, Russell Clark, Charles Makley, John Hamilton and John Dillinger, together with photographs of Joseph Fox, Walter Detrick, Joseph Burns, Homer VanMeter and Hilton O. Crouch, bearing their respective descriptions are being furnished the Los Angeles Office for investigation at Phoenix, Arizona.

Ford V-8 Sedan, motor #15394929, stolen from its owner, W. H. Underwood, 1837 Fargo Ave., Chicago, Ill., 10-6-33 was recovered at 1052 S. 2nd St., Hamilton, Ohio, on 10-15-33, hiding place of Subjects, shortly after they had departed. No Federal process is outstanding against any of the Subjects at the present time, but the Director has directed that the Division assist all state and local officers to the fullest extent in capturing Subjects and those who escaped with them. Subjects are desperate criminals and are reported to have committed a number of daring hold-ups and robberies in the Middle West since their escape. They are heavily armed and have indicated they will not be apprehended alive.



JAN 10 1934 AM

1800 BANKERS BUILDING
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
225 Lafayette Building,
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir: Re: EARL PIERSON with aliases et al
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT AND
RENTING OF MICHIGAN MOTOR VEHICLE
LINA, WIND, ESCAPE FROM INDIANA
STATE PENITENTIARY
CHICAGO FILE NO. 24-247

For further use in investigation of the above
subject matter in your district, attached hereto please
find additional copies of photographs of all subjects,
together with other individuals named in connection with
various violations. These photographs, descriptions and
physical characteristics have been supplied by the
Chicago Police Department. A copy of this letter is being
forwarded to the New York Division office, and copies of
the above photographs are also being transmitted to that
office for its information.

Very truly yours,

M. E. SURVID,
Special Agent in Charge.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
JAN 10 1934
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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In connection with the Michigan license plate, reference is made to telephone from this office, dated January 8, 1934, requesting that inquiry be made relative to 1934 Michigan license plates No. M-30034. Further reference is made to your file of the SA report, advising that 1934 Michigan plates No. 30034 were issued to one [redacted] Michigan, for year 1934, motor No. 21304.

It is noted that your telephone advice that the subject of your inquiry pertained to Michigan license No. M-30034, whereas No. M-30034 was furnished your office. It is respectfully requested that you check this discrepancy, and if it develops that your inquiry involved license No. 30034, kindly make appropriate investigation pertaining to No. M-30034, inasmuch as it is thought that this one was used by the members of the Harry Campbell and John Dillinger gang.

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Your investigation should be advised that on January 8, 1934, this office was furnished, by way of an anonymous telephone call, the license number of 1933 Michigan plates No. M-30034 and Louisiana plates No. 22470. Information was received from the New Orleans office that Louisiana license plates No. 22470 were issued to [redacted] Monroe, Louisiana, for 1933 motor No. 22470. No further investigation in this respect was made by that office. It will be noted that the Louisiana plate number furnished by the Chicago Police Department was 22470.

The party calling would not divulge his name or address, but would be furnished any other information except that he is the owner of a North side garage in this city, and that shortly before New Year's four men stored two automobiles bearing the above described license plates at his garage; that these men were unknown to him and appeared to be gangsters. He further stated he had information on hand to the effect that during the entire time the cars were stored at his garage, these men thronged about the city in disguise. The caller would not give any definite information regarding the identity of these men but indicated that they were high speed criminals. He stated that they departed hurriedly on January 8, 1934, and that their present whereabouts is unknown to him.

The Chicago Police Department further advised that they communicated with the Police Department at Detroit, Michigan, by telephone, and after a check was made at the Book Cadillac Hotel, the Police Department advised that the entire party, names not given, had left Detroit sometime Sunday, January 7th, en route to New York. The Chicago

Police Department advised they had immediately telegraphed the New York Police Department, furnishing them with the above information.

On January 7, 1934, Walter Detrich, an escapee from the Indiana State Penitentiary, Michigan City, Indiana, was apprehended by police attached to the State's Attorney's office, Chicago. Upon being interviewed on January 9, 1934, sometime between 11:00 P. M. and midnight, at the Detective Bureau of the Chicago Police Department, Detrich advised that he knew nothing whatever concerning Flanagan, et al., other than that John Hamilton is said to have a mother and a son residing at 807 West 271st Street, Cleveland, Ohio, and that he might visit them. This information likewise was telegraphed to the Police Department at Cleveland, Ohio, by the Chicago police.

Lieutenant Ross further advised Special Agent E. F. Halligan that the Police Department of Chicago was conducting an investigation at 2122 Lincoln Park West in connection with these individuals, and further advised that in leaving, one of these parties left a suit of clothes. He stated that this address was covered for the possible return of somebody to pick up this suit of clothes, and should there be any further developments, Lieutenant Ross promised to advise this office.

As stated in the telephone conversation between Special Agent Halligan and yourself, a copy of this letter is being forwarded to the New York Division Office, for their information, together with photographs of the various subjects involved, and you are requested to advise the New York office direct of all the circumstances in connection with the above subject matter. The New Orleans office is also being furnished with a copy of this letter for its information.

There are attached for your information photographs of the various subjects involved in instant investigation.

E. F. HALLIGAN

Special Agent in Charge

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Detroit, Michigan.
January 8, 1934.

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DIVISION ONE
JAN 11 1934 AM

M. H. Purvis
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Bldg.,
Chicago, Ill.

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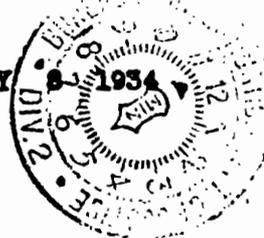
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HARRY PIERPONT ETAL NMVTA CLEVELAND POLICE RECEIVED WIRE TODAY FROM CHICAGO
POLICE ADVISING SOME SUBJECTS THIS CASE HAVE LEFT CHICAGO EN ROUTE DETROIT
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RELATIVES CLEVELAND THAT POINT NOW COVERED STOP SECURE ALL INFORMATION FROM
CHICAGO POLICE AND ADVISE

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 U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
 DIVISION ONE
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605 Lafayette Building
 Detroit, Michigan
 January 10,
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Special Agent in Charge
 Division of Investigation
 U. S. Department of Justice
 1900 Bankers Building
 Chicago, Illinois

Re: **RANSOM PAYMENT**, with aliases, et al.
 National Motor Vehicle Theft Act
 Murder of Sheriff Jesse Barber, Lima, Ohio
 Escape from Indiana State Penitentiary

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your communication dated January 8, 1934, with which was transmitted circulars prepared by the Chicago Police Department showing the photographs and descriptions of the persons involved in the above entitled matter.

It is noted that Charles Hickey and Russell Clark are wanted for bank robberies and prison escape. No mention is made in these circulars concerning the charge of murder committed at Lima, Ohio, on October 12, when Sheriff Jesse Barber was killed during the escape of John Hillinger from the County Jail in that city, and it is believed advisable to call this matter to the attention of the Chicago police.

As indicated in my report dated November 4, 1933, the following named persons have been indicted at Lima, Ohio, in connection with the murder of Sheriff Barber:

Harry Copeland, Indiana State Penitentiary	912231 (Apprehended)
Russell Clark, Indiana State Penitentiary	112041
Edward Brown,	112015
Harry Fitzgerald,	112014
John Hamilton,	112008
Charles Hickey,	112006
John Hillinger, Dayton, Ohio,	202807

Very truly yours,

W. L. Ladd
 Special Agent in Charge

W. L. Ladd
 in Charge

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 DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
 JAN 12 1934
 U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Indiana State Policeman Is Battle Victim

Paris, Ill., Dec. 20.—[Special]—Eugene Teague, 24, of Indianapolis, an Indiana state policeman, was fatally wounded and scores of pedestrians narrowly escaped death or injury today when Indiana state policemen, headed by Capt. Matt Leach, engaged in a gun fight with Edward Shouse, 27, one of the convict gang which escaped from Indiana state prison Sept. 24.

Shouse, a man named Carl Miller, and two women companions were captured and taken to Indianapolis for questioning. After a preliminary questioning Miller, who was found in the La France hotel outside which the fight took place, was sent on to Indiana reformatory at Pendleton. A third man, said by Indiana authorities to be named Brown, escaped in flight.

Police Await Party.

Acting on an unexplained tip, the Indiana policemen waited in Paris for arrival of an automobile driven by Shouse. The car, recognized by its license number, came down the street to a point almost in front of the La France hotel. The policeman called to Shouse to surrender.

Shouse, it was said by Leach, cowered behind the steering wheel of the car. The second man jumped from the car with the first exchange of shots and escaped.

Two women gave their names as Mrs. Frances Cole, 25, Fort Wayne, Ind., and Ruth Spencer, 24, San Diego, Cal. They were reported to have been traveling with Shouse for some time.

Killed by Own Companion.

Leach said he did not know who shot Shouse, which struck Teague, fatally, in the head. Medical examiners established that he was struck by bullets fired by Indiana policemen. The bullet shot entered the man's head at the base of the brain and passed out through his mouth.

The capture and shooting took place when downtown Paris was crowded with Christmas shoppers. Motorists scurried to curbs while pedestrians scattered to shelter or fell prone in the street. Shouse was captured in the middle of a revolver held by Albert Stepp, Paris policeman. Local police cooperating with Indiana officers were headed by Addison DeWitt, chief of police.

Shouse was sentenced to 10 years in state prison from Vigo county, Ind. Terre Haute, in June 1924, for auto larceny.

Teague joined the Indiana state police force in May.

One of Ten Who Escaped.

Shouse was one of ten convicts who shot and stung their way out of prison after overpowering guards with weapons which had been smuggled into the prison.

James Clark, one of the convicts, was captured two days later at Har-

oldups. They also are credited with a bank robbery at Kenosha, Wis. Dillinger avoided capture in Chicago recently when he shot his way out of a carefully laid police trap.

John Hamilton, one of the escaped convicts, was identified last week as the slayer of Sargt. William Shanley of Chicago, who attempted to question him.

RAIDERS HUNT GANG

Indiana police, who yesterday captured Edward Shouse, one of the ten convicts who escaped from the Michigan City [Ind.] prison, and have since terrorized Chicago, telegraphed Chicago police information on which a raid was made on an apartment at 115 North Parkside avenue. The apartment, which had been rented two weeks ago by men who gave their names as H. Ellis and C. Mehr, was not occupied.

Mrs. B. W. Houghton, manager of the building, was shown pictures of all the convicts not yet recaptured, and also was shown a picture of Shouse, who was taken prisoner in Paris, Ill. She said she could not identify any of the men.

Many Hiding Places Here.

Supervising Captain John Stagg, who has been placed in charge of the search here for the Indiana bandits, said they had hundreds of hiding places in Chicago, due to the fact that more than 200 convicts paroled from the Michigan City prison live here. Members of the Indiana gang, which is headed by John Dillinger, keep moving, seldom living in an apartment more than one week, Stagg said.

In every instance, he said, they have had the help of Chicago residents in obtaining apartments, and usually found women companions.

In the felony court Mr. DeWitt Sullivan Burton DeWitt was with John Hamilton, Indiana felon, when Harry Hamilton, police Sargt. William Shanley Thursday was arraigned yesterday as he appeared in the garden. She was named as the food store manager and John Jay A. Schiller and heard the attorney, Rene J. Grunewald, said in vain for the party.

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **DETROIT, MICHIGAN** DATE **12-23-33**

REPORT MADE AT **Chicago, Ill.** DATE WHEN MADE **1/10/34** SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE **J. J. MULLIN**

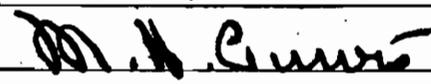
TITLE **HARRY PICKFORD, with aliases; HARRY COPELAND, alias John Santora et al**
CHARACTER OF CASE **NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT; MURDER OF Sheriff Jesse Carter, Illa. 1932; ESCAPE FROM Indiana State Prison**

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:
C. M. Hamilton not known at Kenosha, Wisconsin. Elmer J. Hamilton, brother of Subject HAMILTON, now residing at 6038 - 18th Street, Kenosha, Wis. His home under constant surveillance of Police Department, Kenosha. Subject HAMILTON not seen around Kenosha during past three years. More information to be obtained as to his name and addresses of Subject Hamilton's other and sisters.

REFERENCE: Telegram from the Detroit Division Office, January 5, 1934.

DETAILS: At Kenosha, Wisconsin
The reference telegram sets out a request to ascertain if C. M. Hamilton, alleged brother of Subject HAMILTON, is now residing at 6038 - 18th Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin.
In this connection, interview [redacted] in the Post Office at Kenosha, Wisconsin, the states he resides at 6038 - 18th Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin, with address is immediately adjoining the address 6038 - 18th Street, formerly occupied by one Elmer J. Hamilton. [redacted] advised that Elmer J. Hamilton for about fifteen years; that Elmer Hamilton resided at 6038 - 18th Street up until

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about October, 1934, when he moved from that address to 2607 - 13th Avenue, in Kenosha; that while he and Elmer Hamilton were on friendly terms as neighbors, he had never seen Subject JOHN HAMILTON about the premises of Elmer Hamilton and had never heard Elmer Hamilton speak of him.

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[redacted] advised that Elmer Hamilton's family consisted of himself, his wife, Ethel, and a little girl about six or seven years of age. Upon being shown a picture of Subject JOHN HAMILTON, [redacted] stated this picture very much resembled Elmer Hamilton; that as far as he knew, Elmer Hamilton's reputation was good; that for a considerable length of time, Elmer Hamilton has worked as a machinist for the Holmes Manufacturing Company, in Kenosha, Wisconsin, although at the present time, it is his opinion Elmer is unemployed. He stated he has not seen Elmer to talk to him since he moved in October of 1934 to his present address. He stated, however, that during a conversation with Elmer Hamilton at one time, Elmer advised him his mother, whose name he did not give, was residing in Sault Ste Marie.

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[redacted] stated that at no time during the period Elmer J. Hamilton resided next door to him, neither he nor his wife had ever seen anyone about the premises of Elmer Hamilton that in any way resembled Subject JOHN HAMILTON.

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[redacted] but at the present time, Carl Ibsen is not residing at that address; however, [redacted] is the owner of the property in which Elmer Hamilton now resides. He stated the exact whereabouts of [redacted] are unknown, but according to information furnished by [redacted] he states that about a year and a half or two years ago, [redacted] left Kenosha, Wisconsin, stating he was going to work at the Overland Automobile Plant in Dayton, Ohio. [redacted] also advised that a Miss James Nelson resides at 2407 - 13th Avenue with the Hamiltons, and that Miss Nelson is a niece of Mrs. Hamilton.

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[redacted] was proceeded to the Police Department, Kenosha, Wisconsin, and there interviewed Lieutenant Frank Schneebarger, Chief of Detectives. He advised that ever since the escape of Subject JOHN HAMILTON from the Indiana State Penitentiary at Michigan City, Indiana,

the Police Department at Kenosha, Wisconsin has been keeping a constant surveillance on the residence of Elmer J. Hamilton at 447 25th Avenue; that just four weeks ago, his Department conducted an exhaustive investigation in and about Kenosha for the purpose of ascertaining the present whereabouts, if possible, of Subject Hamilton. Lieutenant Schneeberger stated that this surveillance is still being maintained and should Subject Hamilton, or anyone resembling his general description, appear at that address, the Police will be advised immediately and the necessary action taken. Lieutenant Schneeberger stated Subject Hamilton has not been seen in Kenosha during the past three years, although he at one time resided there, and Elmer Hamilton lives in constant fear of Subject Hamilton's return.

Raymond Gleason, an officer of the Kenosha, Wisconsin, Police Department, is a step-brother of Elmer J. Hamilton's wife and for the past two years he and Mrs. Hamilton have not been on speaking terms; further, through Gleason, the Kenosha, Wisconsin, Police have obtained considerably information concerning the Hamilton family.

Gleason was interviewed by Agent and he advised that Subject HAMILTON has a brother by the name of Sylvester Hamilton, said to be a milkman, living in a road camp resort on some river a short distance out of Gary, Indiana; further, that Subject John Hamilton's wife is dead but his mother-in-law is at the present time taking care of John Hamilton's two sons and she is said to be residing in Toledo, Ohio. With respect to Subject Hamilton's mother-in-law, Gleason advised Agent he would obtain her name and address in Toledo.

Gleason further advised that Subject Hamilton has a brother, first name unknown, residing in Cleveland, Ohio; that this brother had been engaged in the real estate business a few years ago with two other individuals in Cleveland, Ohio and the name of "Hamilton" appeared in the firm name; that they had offices in one of the larger office buildings in Cleveland; that this Hamilton was known as "Red" Hamilton and was crippled in one leg. In connection with this brother, Gleason stated he would ascertain his name and correct address. He added he understood that this Hamilton brother in Cleveland had a considerable amount of money belonging to Subject John Hamilton, which he was keeping in trust for him, and that in all probability, if JOHN HAMILTON ran out of funds, he would no doubt contact this brother in Cleveland.

Gleason also advised that Subject's mother, who resided in Sault Ste Marie, Mich about three months ago, that Subject has a sister living in Sault Ste Marie and another married sister in Milwaukee, Wis.

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Gleason stated he will endeavor to determine the names and addresses of these two sisters of HAMILTON and advise this agent accordingly.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

CHICAGO OFFICE: At Kenosha, Wisconsin, will contact Lieut. Schneeberger, Detective Bureau, in about a week or ten days, for the purpose of obtaining from him the additional information which Officer Gleason has promised to secure, relative to the names and addresses of the sisters and brothers of Subject Hamilton.

As soon as this information is obtained, the Chicago Office will conduct the necessary investigation at Sault Ste Marie, Michigan, Milwaukee, Wisconsin and Gary, Indiana, among the relatives of Subject Hamilton.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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FILE

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

Re: **WALTER WYCKOFF with aliases, et al.**
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act
Order of Sheriff James Barber, Lima, O.;
Escape from Indiana State Penitentiary

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your communication dated January 8, 1934 and recent telegram and telephone conversations concerning the above entitled matter.

Upon receipt of your telegram dated January 6 requesting to be advised the name and address of the person to whom 1933 Michigan license plates H-3534 were issued, please be advised that in view of the Motor Vehicle Division of the Secretary of State's office at Lansing, Michigan being closed on Saturday afternoon, this information was requested of the Motor Vehicle Bureau of the Police Department and this office was advised that records did not reflect that such a license had been issued in the State. The name and address of the person to whom plates H-3534 were issued were then requested and it was determined that these plates were in the possession of [redacted] Michigan, owned by a Fred Baker. This information was telephonically furnished to your office.

On Monday morning, January 8 in order to definitely determine if Michigan plates H-3534 were existing, communication was had with the Secretary of State's office at Lansing and it was then determined that these plates were issued to [redacted]

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[redacted] for a 1933 Buick Terraplane model, motor No. 21120, Serial No. 78812 under Michigan Title 0871584. The records further disclosed that this car was purchased September 26, 1933 from A. Kohn & Company, 234 River Street, Manistee, Michigan and further that a chattel mortgage in the amount of \$540 in favor of the

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Commercial Credit Company, 5007 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Michigan is filed against this bar. The application for license was acknowledged by [redacted] before Paul S. [redacted], Chief Public Registrar, Michigan.

Upon receipt of your communication of the 6th instant the matter was discussed with the local police who advised that at 2:00 a.m. January 7 they received telephone communication from the Chicago Police Department to the effect that it was believed that John Bunilton, Harry Pierpont, John Billinger and Oscar Vandeter and two unknown women were at Detroit and that they were to contact someone at the Buck Cadillac Hotel in this City and then proceed to New York. They were further informed that the gang was travelling in two Essex Ferraglamers, one of which bore Louisiana license 280788 and the other license unknown; that perhaps they were also using a Chrysler Sedan.

The Police Department immediately made investigation of the above hotel exhibiting photographs of the Subjects to employees there but were unable to find any trace of the outfit.

Lieutenant [redacted] of the 10th-15 Squad, Detroit Police Department further advised that following the first telephone call a second call was received from the Chicago Police stating that [redacted] Keage Harbor, Michigan near Pontiac and about twenty-five miles from Detroit, had received a wire requesting that the [redacted] girl meet her sister, [redacted] at the Commercial Credit Company located at 5007 Woodward Avenue, 8:00 p.m., January 6, which was Saturday afternoon.

The Police Department upon making a further search of the Eastern Union office determined that a second wire had been received by [redacted] at Keage Harbor signed [redacted] and which was sent from Michigan City, Indiana at 11:30 p.m. January 6, 1934 reading: "Will arrive at Woodward Avenue 8 p.m." From this wire it is indicated that evidently the persons in route advised that they could not be able to reach Detroit at 8:00 o'clock in the afternoon and therefore signed the change of time.

Members of the Detroit Police Department then proceeded to Keage Harbor where they located [redacted], who is residing at 1735 Sylvan Glen and who is employed by the Yellow Cab Company at Pontiac. It was determined that his wife [redacted] is a sister of [redacted] and that she also has another sister named [redacted]. In this connection reference is made to the wire set out in your communication dated January 8 signed [redacted] Chicago requesting sister [redacted] to meet them at the Buck Cadillac Hotel 10:00 a.m. Saturday [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that the [redacted] family resides at Easton, Michigan although he claimed not to know much about the family, and stated that [redacted] married [redacted] about a year or two ago and that they have been residing in Chicago, address unknown; that it is his information that [redacted] has been employed by the [redacted]. He further stated that [redacted] sister of [redacted] and his wife, arrived at his home at Dodge Harbor on Thursday, January 4, that she had come there from her home in Easton with her brother [redacted] in his automobile and that she left his home in company with her brother, Saturday, Jan Detroit where she intended to meet her sister [redacted] and [redacted] of the Commercial Credit Company, 2037 Woodward Avenue, at which place [redacted] was to make a payment on the Essex Terraplane. [redacted] he stated, told him that she expected to proceed with her sister and the other members of the party to an unknown point in New York State where [redacted] is alleged to have two children by a former marriage. In this connection it will be noted that the wire quoted in your letter above referred to will be dated from Chicago on January 8, 1934 to [redacted], Easton, Michigan. [redacted] does not know the [redacted] is. It will be observed that although this wire instructs evidently [redacted] brother, [redacted] transport [redacted] [redacted] had left Easton departing [redacted] the day before and it is presumed that [redacted] stayed the night at Dodge Harbor. [redacted] stated that no baggage was brought to his home as indicated in the wire.

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Investigation Serial further advised that [redacted] of Keego Harbor stated that [redacted] left his home at about noon, Saturday for the purpose of meeting the party in Detroit at 8:00 p.m.; that they later returned to Keego Harbor and were that given the wife sent from Michigan City, Indiana to the effect that the [redacted] outfit would be in Detroit at 8:00 p.m.; that [redacted] then proceeded again to Detroit. He is of the opinion that [redacted] upon following [redacted] to Detroit, proceeded back to his home in Keego Harbor.

It will be noted that the Louisiana license furnished by Chicago Police to Detroit Police is 224780, whereas the Louisiana number furnished by way of an anonymous telephone call to the Chicago Office is 224780. It is requested that this discrepancy be straightened out with the Chicago Police. It is also suggested that it be determined from the Police at Chicago if it has been definitely established that the Billinger outfit resided at 2122 Lincoln Park West, from which address the telegram was sent to [redacted].

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With regard to the statement made by Walter Detrick, also an escapee from the Indiana State Penitentiary and who was apprehended on the night of January 4, 1934 at Chicago, to the effect that Hamilton has a mother and son residing at 207 East 571st Street, Cleveland, please be advised that for the past several days a very careful investigation has been made in Cleveland with a view to locating friends and relatives of Subject John Hamilton.

It was noted upon examination of records at the Indiana State Penitentiary that Hamilton at one time had a visitor who was registered as Orville Hamilton, son, 207 E. 571st Street, Cleveland. This is evidently the address that Detrick had in mind as there is no East 571st Street in the City of Cleveland and instead of name being 207 as Detrick thought, the number is 209, which indicates that he has some knowledge of that address. Investigation developed that a Claude H. Hamilton had resided at 207 E. 571st Street until a short time ago when he moved to 725 Green Hill Avenue, Mentor, Ohio. The name Orville was unknown to anyone at the address at 571st Street.

Upon further consulting records in this office it was found that while John Hamilton was an inmate of the Indiana State Penitentiary he received mail from Mr. C. H. Hamilton, brother, 6028 18th Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin. It now appears that the C. H. Hamilton of Kenosha is the Claude H. Hamilton who formerly resided at 207 E. 571st Street, Cleveland and now living in Mentor, a suburb of

Cleveland. It will be noted that your office has been requested to determine if there is a Claude M. Hamilton residing at 2028 12th Street, Elyria, Wisconsin in order to clarify this situation. There is no information on record in Elyria that John Hamilton has a son. However, investigation at Elyria has developed that Claude Hamilton has two children and through the cooperation of the Superintendent of Schools at Elyria, the Agents at Cleveland are attempting to determine the names and addresses of friends and relatives of the Hamilton family. The Police at Cleveland have been furnished complete information concerning this matter by the Agents and are cooperating fully.

In view of the information furnished by the Chicago Police to the effect that the gang is supposed to be in this vicinity and travelling East, the information was furnished to the Agents at Cleveland with instructions to keep a close look-out in the vicinity where Claude M. Hamilton resides at Elyria in view of the possibility that John Hamilton might attempt to visit his brother.

With regard to [redacted] Manistee, Michigan to whom the wire was sent by [redacted] on January 8, which wire was set out in your communication of January 8, please be advised that on the afternoon of January 8 a wire was received at this office from the Sheriff at Marion, Ohio advising that he had in custody one [redacted] in possession of a stolen automobile. He also stated that the man in custody claimed to have resided in the upper peninsula of Michigan and in the vicinity of Manistee and Elyria. In view of this it appeared that perhaps [redacted] was connected with the [redacted] and Billinger outfit and an Agent was immediately dispatched to that point. [redacted] however, stated that his home was at Thompson, Michigan which is located in the upper peninsula and considerable distance from Manistee. He claimed, however, to have a brother named [redacted] but denied that he knew anyone by the name of [redacted] or did he have any friends or relatives residing in Manistee.

It was learned, held up and robbed a tourist near Michigan City, Indiana in August, 1938 stealing the automobile after showing the owner from the car that [redacted] as he proceeded into this store he and another individual took part in at least one hold-up. It is believed that to secure all information regarding [redacted] that a careful investigation should be conducted at Manistee, Michigan which consists of telephone communication with Agent Smith today. As indicated in this communication, the [redacted] family resides at Manistee and evidently can be located either through Post Office Box 264 or through the Hudson-Beck dealer at Manistee from whom [redacted] purchased the car. It is believed that [redacted] will communicate with her folks and that this communication will indicate

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Manistee, Michigan,
January 18, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE W. A. CURVIN

Re: John Hillinger, et al.

In accordance with the information furnished Agent by Special Agent W. A. Smith, January 11, 1934 by long distance telephone at Manistee, Michigan the [redacted] (wife being [redacted]) were connected with the Hillinger gang and were departing to New York in two new Essex Terraplanes, one bearing a Michigan license number, and that the Chicago office would like to know where these individuals are now. Information being furnished that [redacted] talks lived at [redacted]. Agent proceeded to Manistee, Michigan and conducted the following investigation.

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Agent interviewed Mr. Frank Kruse, Chief of Police, who advised that he had received a letter from Chief of Detectives, W. H. Schomaker, Chicago Police Department, Chicago, Illinois dated January 9, 1934 requesting information concerning the [REDACTED] that he had made an investigation and found that [REDACTED] was married to [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] is a marine engineer; that he was Chief Engineer on the [REDACTED] which boat belonged to [REDACTED] and which docked for the winter at Manistee, Michigan and is still in winter dock; that [REDACTED] worked as cabin maid or hostess; that [REDACTED] is a good looking girl about 18 years of age; that he does not know whether she has any children or not; that [REDACTED] was hired by [REDACTED] as Ship Steward; that he had with him his father-in-law, [REDACTED] age about 65 years and [REDACTED] age about 54 years; that [REDACTED] was an officer and [REDACTED] a sergeant.

Mr. Kruse advised further that [REDACTED] and wife registered at the Chippewa Hotel, Manistee on Dec. 7th and checked out on Dec. 19th and registered as coming from New York City; that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] registered at the same hotel on December 19, 1933, [REDACTED] from New York City and [REDACTED] from New Orleans, and both checked out on December 20, 1933.

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Mr. Kruse further advised that [redacted] was a married sister living in Chicago, address unknown; that in his opinion she might be going under the name of [redacted]. He also advised that [redacted] has a married sister living in Pontiac, Michigan and a brother named [redacted] age about 34, living with his parents, [redacted] in Marquette at the present time; that [redacted] was in Marquette as late as January 6th; the [redacted] has a sister [redacted] age about 22 and good looking. Mr. Kruse stated he was satisfied the [redacted] delivered [redacted] to Detroit in the Essex Coupe which [redacted] gave to her father last September when she purchased her new car. He advised that [redacted] returned to Marquette by himself.

Mr. Kruse advised that the [redacted] was attacked by W. E. Marshal Martin Brown of Grand Rapids, Michigan on January 2, 1934 and [redacted] and [redacted] ordered off the boat. He stated that he saw the proper papers delivered to the new Ship Keeper, [redacted] authorizing his services. He advised that from what information he can gather [redacted] left for Buffalo, New York, no address given, about Jan. 10th.

Mr. Kruse further stated that [redacted] received a telegram from [redacted] from Chicago, dated Jan. 10, 1934, N.Y. (copy - 4th duplicate Michigan, Vol. 2-7,00 p.) reading as follows:

Please deliver tonight my brother [redacted] to take part of luggage Pontiac and bring sister [redacted] to Best Cadillac Hotel, Detroit also check Saturday for trip to New York. If possible bring my watch. Reply by Western Union tonight wire [redacted] regarding.

Chief Kruse stated that he called [redacted] Marquette and learned that [redacted] had left a white wrist watch, size of line, 3 diamonds and 2 emeralds, valued at \$30 with [redacted] for repairs, and that no one at job had called for it. Agent personally called on Mr. [redacted] and verified the above information and was advised by [redacted] that he had to get new movement for the watch and it had not been called for yet. He was requested by Agent not to allow the watch to go out, but to first ascertain the address of [redacted] and to advise whoever called for it that he would mail the watch to her registered mail. [redacted] agreed to do this. He seemed very reliable and was vouched for by Mr. Kruse and stated he would be glad to cooperate in every possible way.

Chief of Police Kruse stated that [redacted] own jointly a 1933 Model Essex Terraplane Sedan, License No. M-38-054, Mich. 1933, which [redacted] is now driving. Mr. Kruse stated that this car was purchased from A. Kann & Co., 554 River Street, Hudson and Essex Dealer; that there is a balance due of \$450 as of Jan. 11, 1934; that the address given when the license plates were purchased was Houghton, Mich.

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Mr. Kruse stated that [REDACTED] expressed a package last week and in Agent's presence telephoned Manistee, and from his association that [REDACTED] expressed a package to himself at [REDACTED] which is a little town about 7 miles from [REDACTED] on January 2, 1934. It should be remembered here that [REDACTED] former carpenter of [REDACTED] and very good friend of [REDACTED]

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Agent checked the records at the Hotel Chippewa and found that the information furnished by Mr. Kruse was correct. Agent took a tracing of the registration and the same is attached to this memorandum.

Agent endeavored to check the telegram at the Western Union but was advised by [REDACTED] Local Manager, that he could not get them from Chicago to furnish Agent. Inasmuch as Agent later got the other telegram and had the one from the Chief of Police which he obtained through his friend at the office, Agent made no further attempt to obtain them.

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Agent, accompanied by Chief of Police, [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] who advised that [REDACTED] had been married once before and had two children of the first marriage who were now being held in a school in New York some place; that [REDACTED] was behind three months in the payments and he believed that he was going there to get the children and bring them back. He stated that [REDACTED] originally came from Houghton, Michigan; that she was supposed to be a fashionable dress-maker and had been married to [REDACTED] for about 3 years. He stated he believed one of the children was a boy and the other a girl; that they were very young. He stated that [REDACTED] told him that he was going to New York to get his children and bring them back to Keweenaw Harbor, Michigan, near Sontias and let [REDACTED] take care of them for him. He stated that [REDACTED] is a brother of [REDACTED] that he was a very good looking boy and was about 14 years of age, that his parents lived in the [REDACTED] house at [REDACTED] Agent learned from the clerk in the post office that [REDACTED] was a traveling agent.

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[REDACTED] advised that he received a wire from [REDACTED] at Chicago, dated January 2, 1934 reading "Have Watchman at your office-telephoning 8 tonight. Seasons Greetings". He advised that he was at his office at the appointed hour and talked with [REDACTED] in Chicago but he would not tell him where he was talking from, but he heard him use slugs and he assumed he was talking from a pay station. He stated that the conversation was about the [REDACTED] that he asked where his father-in-law was living and he told him at the Northern Hotel and he in turn told him to tell his father-in-law to go to the Chippewa Hotel for it was just as cheap. He advised further that [REDACTED] told him that he would be back in Manistee next week or the week following.

He stated that [redacted] attorney for Cox, owner of the Isle Royale, now located in Chicago, [redacted] was a very close friend of [redacted]. He stated further that [redacted] is trying to promote a treasure hunt.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] worked for him and that he felt sure the information desired could be obtained from [redacted] if he knew about it. [redacted] went to see [redacted] and returned with the information that [redacted] and his little daughter [redacted] left for New York Saturday at 9 P.M. from Detroit; that he has not heard from them as yet. He stated that he expected to hear from them within the next few days. He stated that [redacted] told him that [redacted] left Saturday morning from Manistee with [redacted] for Portias; that [redacted] received a telegram from [redacted] the one set out under the interview with Chief Kruse; that he wired back to [redacted] and told her that [redacted] and [redacted] had already left for Koggo Harbor and he wire them there.

He stated that [redacted] told him that [redacted] told him that he, [redacted] had gone to Detroit and could not wait so he and [redacted] went back to Koggo Harbor where they received another wire from [redacted] to return to Detroit and meet them at the Mack Cadillac Hotel and to stay there until they arrived; that they went to Detroit again and waited; that [redacted] and [redacted] came at 2 P.M. and went from Detroit to Toledo and stayed there over night; also that [redacted] said [redacted] had purchased a new car in Chicago and had gone ahead of [redacted] and [redacted] and was to meet [redacted] and [redacted] at Toledo to talk over matters pertaining to the [redacted].

[redacted] promised Agent that any additional information he would obtain regarding the present location of [redacted] and [redacted] he would convey to Chief of Police Kruse, who in turn would transmit the same to the Chicago office, the address and telephone number being furnished him for that purpose.

b7c Agent interviewed [redacted] who advised that he talked with [redacted] on the telephone on January 3 or 4, 1934 from Chicago, Ill. and [redacted] advised him to forward any mail to him c/o [redacted] Chicago, Ill.

b7c Upon receipt of the information set out above, Agent telephoned said information to Special Agent W. A. Smith, who in turn desired to be informed what relation [redacted] now being held by the Sheriff of Marion, Ohio for two hold-up cases, was to [redacted] of Manistee. Agent communicated with [redacted] who advised that he did not know the man and that so far as he knew there was no relation existing between them.

[REDACTED] The Chief of Police will cooperate with the Chicago office in every possible way and will notify the Chicago office in the event he has any information as to the present location of [REDACTED] if [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] should return to Michigan.

Very truly yours,
Earl Van Wagner,
Special Agent.

P. S. Chief Frost just advised that the Michigan license tags on the Buick Coupe is M-34-507. It is not sure whether these plates on the Buick Coupe or the Sedan.

1800 Bankers Bldg.
Chicago, Illinois
January 15, 1934



Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
225 Lafayette Building,
Detroit, Michigan.

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Dear Sir: Re: HARRY HENRY with alias, at
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act;
Murder of Sheriff James Barker, Lima, Ohio;
George Fred Indiana State Penitentiary.
Chicago File # 2-527

Reference is made to your letter of January
11, 1934, and to telephone conversation of yesterday. Transmitted
herewith, for the offices indicated, is copy of a memorandum of Special
Agent Earl Van Wagener, concerning investigation at Manistee,
Michigan, in connection with [redacted] and their
present location.

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In your letter of January 11, 1934, you state that the Chicago Police Department has ascertained that a telegram
had been sent from [redacted] at Manistee, Michigan from [redacted]
[redacted] The information which the Chicago Police Department has,
concerning these two addresses in the above instance, was obtained
in the following manner:

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An anonymous telephone call was received at the office of the Commissioner
of police stating that anyone for whom the police were looking, could
be located at [redacted] Lieutenant Healy of the Detective
Bureau was immediately dispatched to this point, and upon his arrival,
he noted an Essex Touring automobile driving away from the place,
bearing Louisiana license plates 700-700. Investigation was conducted
at this address, which resulted in the identification of the picture of
John Dillinger by a woman at this place, as being that of the person
who had been living at this address. By checking over the various individ-
uals living in the apartment in company with the individual identified
as Dillinger, the police came across the telegram of [redacted]
above-mentioned, and concluded that [redacted] was living at this
address with members of the Dillinger gang.

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Information as to the names of [redacted] has been obtained
in stationary of 201 E. Delaware, Detroit, Michigan, and [redacted] and [redacted]
Hooley conducted an investigation of 201 E. Delaware, Detroit, Michigan, and
interviewed the managers of that place. She advised that on December
8, 1933, a party by the name of [redacted] and party registered by the
week at this apartment hotel. The person living in this apartment was
known as [redacted] It is to be noted that in the
attached copy of the memorandum of Agent Van Wagoner, reference is made
to [redacted] who
owned and operated the [redacted] in which [redacted] was employed
this past summer. One of these two women was the owner of a maroon
colored roadster, bearing a Michigan license plate, number unknown. They
also had two Indianapolis sedans, one of which bore a Louisiana license plate
#280-700, and a black car, bearing Michigan license plate unknown. These
cars were kept in a parking lot at 201 E. Delaware, Detroit.

There is now in this parking lot at 201 E. Delaware Place,
a Ford V-6 Coupe, blue in color, yellow wire wheels with Louisiana license
#10-487, and according to the management of the hotel at 201 E. Delaware
Place this car is also owned by [redacted] and party and he gave instructions
to cover it over with a tarpaulin and that they would call for it as
soon as they located a friend of theirs.

A letter was sent out by [redacted] to [redacted] Another
letter was addressed to [redacted] A copy of
a telegram also to [redacted] containing the following words:
"Gold venture going very nicely" and signed, [redacted] Another letter
was addressed to [redacted] no address, and a notation of 700
shares of stock Class A, Stock Certificate No. 4-3-3 of Prima
Fahst Corporation, now the Prima Mill Co., dated Nov. 8, 1933, eighty
dollars per share, signed [redacted]

Another letter contained the name [redacted]
Manistee, Michigan, also a letter of the Commercial Credit Co., 2007
Howard Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, and an account slip of [redacted]
No. 220-6415 and return address to [redacted]

The reason the Manager has this information in her possession
was that she became very suspicious of these people and was wishing
they would move out. She also states that when the hotel bill was about
to be paid on December 28th one man paid the bill and he called a brown

envelope from his left hip pocket containing a large amount of money. He took \$100 from it, but the balance was not taken. He then searched to the envelope and placed the envelope back in his hip pocket. He then searched into the inside coat pocket and took a similar envelope containing a large amount of money and took a fifty dollar bill which she checked. This sum was used to have two small dogs put for a walk every day and she states the picture of Billinger is very much like the man. She also states he had a bandage with adhesive on his forehead; it on some side of his face she didn't know which. She was unable to identify any other photographs.

The above-quoted paragraphs are a portion of a report of Lieutenant Joseph Buchanan and Sergeant Neely, made to the Chief of Detectives in their investigation of Ed L. Delaware's case.

It is to be noted that the information concerning the address of 2136 Lincoln Park, East, was obtained by an anonymous telephone call to the Police Department, and the investigation conducted by the Police Department, disclosed that [redacted] evidently lived at both 2136 Lincoln Park, East, and 201 E. Delaware Place, and that each of these places, one individual identified the picture of Billinger as being one of the members of this party. It is to be further noted that an anonymous telephone call to the Chicago Division Office, as set forth in letter from this Office to the Detroit Office, dated January 8, 1935, gave the information that suspicious parties who looked like hoodlums were driving two Black Terraplane Sedans, one bearing Louisiana license 234-750 and the other bearing Michigan license 1-B-2074, which were determined to have been issued to [redacted] for a Black Terraplane Sedan. From these above facts, it was concluded, especially in view of the fact that Billinger was identified as being at each of these addresses with these parties, that there seems possibility that Billinger and members of his gang were travelling with [redacted] and had left for the east. It is to be noted that only one person at each of the above addresses was able to identify the picture of Billinger as being with the [redacted] party and that the identification made at 201 E. Delaware Place was not very positive.

As noted from the [redacted] report of Special Agent Van Gagoner, it appears that both [redacted] as well as [redacted] are at the present time on a trip east for the purpose of getting the children of [redacted] who are located somewhere in or near New York City, and returning them to the State of Michigan. According to Agent Van Gagoner's memorandum, [redacted] and [redacted] are at the present time interested in a venture to locate and recover buried treasure. Evidently, the telegram from [redacted] stating that "Gold venture is going very nicely", has to do with this contemplated treasure hunt.

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b7c disclosed that [REDACTED] Smith called [REDACTED] is an attorney, Special Agent [REDACTED]

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secretary advised that [REDACTED] was out of town at the present time, but that she did not know where the [REDACTED] were located at the present time. She believed they were [REDACTED] in the past.

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Investigation to be the present time has failed to disclose just where the [REDACTED] are at the present time, but it appears that they will return in the next week or so to Michigan. Further effort will be made by this office to obtain [REDACTED] address from [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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The only point at which it is possible [REDACTED] to locate in the past. It is suggested that the New Orleans office contact [REDACTED] office at that address to determine the present whereabouts of the [REDACTED] and whether the Hillinger gang is travelling with them.

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It is suggested that the New Orleans office ascertain the names and address of the persons to whom the various Louisiana licenses mentioned in this letter, were issued, and endeavor to ascertain whether they are connected, in any way with the Hillinger gang.

Very truly yours,

H. M. FURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge

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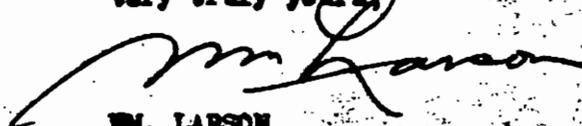
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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

There is being transmitted herewith a copy of "The Protective Bulletin", issued by the American Bankers Association, New York City, for the month of January, 1934. On page two will be noted the photographs and descriptions of the John Dillinger mob.

Very truly yours,



WM. LARSON,
Special Agent in Charge

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Sound Banking Demands Self-Protection

Banking's Own National Police

DURING recent months there has been a gratifying drop in the number of burglaries, daylight holdups, forgeries and other swindles reported by banks. Yet, hardly a week passes without some development to prove not only the value, but also the imperative need of nation-wide protective service to combat criminality and to meet the demands peculiar to the banking fraternity. Crime is entrenched and well organized and, since bank crooks comprise the smart set of the underworld, nothing less than a strongly organized and highly skilled force of specialists trained in the unraveling of bank crimes can cope with them.

The arrests of Johnny Wilson, Carl Evans and Arthur Phillips are but a few examples of the nation-wide "web" of protection afforded by the far-flung system placed at the disposal of member banks.

Three bandits swooped down upon an ~~Atlanta~~ bank, killing the assistant cashier, wounding the city marshal and taking more than \$7,000. One of the bandits was captured by a customer of the bank and another was arrested a few hours later by the local sheriff. But the leader of the trio escaped with nearly all of the loot. After a lengthy investigation, an operative from the Burns' Memphis office determined that the bandit still at large was Johnny

COMMENCING with this issue, the Protective Department sends direct to all members of the Association this BULLETIN which is filled with warnings of crimes against banks and other messages of prevention. Each copy should be digested immediately by the proper officer or employee, and corrective instructions issued promptly. Affording one of the major benefits of membership, the BULLETIN brings to you the experiences of thousands of other banks and of this nationwide protective organization. Forewarned is forearmed

Wilson, a hardened criminal who was wanted for the robbery of a non-member Arkansas bank. The hunt for Wilson led our agents through five states until a Burns' operative caused his arrest in Hot Springs, N. M. Wilson was quickly returned to Arkansas, found guilty of murder, and sentenced to serve the rest of his natural life in the Arkansas state penitentiary.

A bank in Wheatley, Ark., was held up by a lone bandit while the assistant cashier was left alone in the bank. After locking the assistant cashier in the vault, the bandit departed with \$1,366, all the cash on hand. Leads were scarce

and the investigation developed numerous suspects, the strongest suspicion pointing to one Carl Evans, a broken bootlegger whose whereabouts remained a mystery for months. Information developed in Missouri, however, opened a new trail to an address in Detroit, Mich., where a Burns' Detroit operative quickly located and arrested Evans. He was promptly extradited to Arkansas, positively identified, indicted and later sentenced to a penitentiary term of seven years. In reporting the bandit's delivery to Arkansas authorities, the bank gave full credit to our agents for establishing the identity, guilt and arrest of Evans, adding that "our county officers are practically helpless in such cases and, therefore, give very little assistance. It is very probable that without their (Burns) assistance, the guilty party would never have been known."

An unidentified forger succeeded in victimizing a score or more of hotels and a few banks in ten states, using a different alias in each instance. The Burns' Kansas City office uncovered leads which indicated that one Arthur Phillips might be implicated. Upon searching the files at the Burns' New York office, it was determined that when arrested at Elyria, Ohio, in 1931, Phillips gave his birthplace as Timmons ville, S. C. Police (CONTINUED ON PAGE 8)



CHARLES MAKLEY



JOHN DILLINGER



RUSSELL CLARK



HARRY PIERPONT



EDWARD SHOUSE



JOHN HAMILTON

These Dangerous Bandits Are Badly Wanted

REWARDS of \$1,000 each, dead or alive, have been offered for the arrest and conviction of six men wanted in connection with the murder of the sheriff of Allen County, at Lima, Ohio, on October 12, during the jail delivery of JOHN DILLINGER (5420), alias John Hall, who with HARRY COPELAND (5421), was mentioned on p. 6 of our October issue. Copeland was arrested on November 19 in Chicago and has been returned to the Indiana state prison for violation of parole. The reward offer applies to Dillinger who, with several accomplices, is also wanted for bank robberies.

Wanted for the murder are CHARLES MAKLEY (5445), and RUSSELL CLARK (5446), previously mentioned on p. 6 of our November issue; also HARRY PIERPONT (5496), EDWARD SHOUSE (5497), and JOHN HAMILTON (5498). Hamilton's most recent crime was the slaying of a Chicago police sergeant on December 14. All of these men had escaped from the state prison at Michigan City, Ind., on September 26, and Louis E. Kunkel, warden of that institution, had posted a reward of \$100

of any of the escaped prisoners. If any of these men are apprehended, H. G. Robinson, Ohio Bureau of Investigation and Identification at London, Ohio, and our agents' nearest office should be promptly notified.

John Dillinger is 30 years old; height, 5 ft. 7½ in.; weight, 160 lbs.; gray eyes, light chestnut hair, medium complexion. Fingerprint classification: (13) 9/14 R/U O/OO /9.

Charles Makley is 44 years old; height, 5 ft. 7½ in.; weight, 180 lbs.; medium heavy build, gray slate eyes, medium dark chestnut hair, medium dark complexion, tip of left index finger amputated, right leg short, limps slightly. Fingerprint classification: (11) 30/21 W/U MOO/OOO 8/

Russell Clark is 33 years old; height, 6 ft. ¼ in.; weight, 167 lbs.; medium build, gray slate eyes, dark chestnut hair, dark complexion; occupation, teller; has brown scar in middle of back; body is covered with small moles. Fingerprint classification: (15) 13/29 U/U OOO/OOI /12

Harry Pierpont is 39 years old; height, 6 ft. 1 in.; weight, 162 lbs.; gray eyes, light chestnut hair, light complexion, medium build, medium dark chestnut hair, medium dark complexion, tip of left index finger amputated, right leg short, limps slightly. Fingerprint classification: (12) O/I 29/19 O/O 13/13 (right index and middle fingers amputated).

classification: (31) O/I 14/32 R/ O/O O/I

Edward Shouse is 30 years old; height, 5 ft. 7½ in.; weight, 150 lbs., medium blue eyes, medium chestnut hair, medium dark complexion, medium build. Fingerprint classification (22) M/L 1/1 R/UR 10/10?

John Hamilton is 40 years old; height, 5 ft. 8¼ in.; weight, 160 lbs.; dark slate eyes, light chestnut hair, light complexion, medium build. Fingerprint classification: (12) O/I 29/19 O/O 13/13 (right index and middle fingers amputated).

WILBUR UNDERHILL (5499). Bank bandit. A reward of \$350 has been offered for the arrest and delivery of this man in any jail in the United States to an authorized officer of the Kansas state penitentiary at Lansing, from which he escaped on May 30, 1931.

Underhill was serving a life term for first degree murder. Any information regarding his location should be forwarded to the nearest Burns' office. If arrested, both our agents and Warden Lacy M. Simpson of the Kansas state penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas, should be notified.



WILBUR UNDERHILL

Underhill is 30 years old; height, 5 ft. 11 1/4 in.; weight, 170 lbs.; medium large build, dark complexion, light brown hair, gray eyes; occupation, electrician; has vaccination scar on upper left arm; two teeth gone at upper front left side; a gunshot scar on back of neck at lower center, and moles on face and neck. Fingerprint classification: 16/32 R/W O/OO



ROY A. JOHNSON



IRVIN THOMPSON

by the sheriff at Palestine, Texas, and by the warden of the Oklahoma state prison. They may be driving any of the following cars: 1933 Ford V-8 standard coupe, black with black wire wheels, Texas license No. 4177, motor No. 444749; 1933 Ford V-8, standard sedan, blue with black wire wheels, Texas license No. 4150, motor No. 458145; 1933 Ford V-8, maroon color sedan, Texas license No. 385374; 1933 Ford V-8, coach, gray color, Texas license No. 466573. Descriptions:

Walker is 39 years old; height, 5 ft. 9 in.; weight, 162 lbs.; medium build, auburn hair, blue eyes, medium complexion; occupation, farmer. Fingerprint classification: (11) 1/1 T/Ra 5/4

Johnson is 27 years old; height, 5 ft. 11 1/2 in.; weight, 172 lbs.; medium build, black hair, brown eyes, medium dark complexion; occupation, ball player. Fingerprint classification: (5) 1/1 Aa/aA2a 3/2

Thompson is 41 years old; height, 5 ft. 8 1/4 in.; weight, 140 lbs.; medium build, black hair, gray eyes, dark complexion; occupation, shoemaker. Fingerprint classification: (20) 13/17 R/R OO/OO 21/23



CHARLES COTTNER

Stuttgart, Ark., bank. Any information leading to his arrest should be promptly forwarded to our agents' nearest office. Sheriff McAllister at Stuttgart holds a warrant for his arrest.

Description: 33 years old; height, 6 ft. 1 in.; weight, 180 lbs.; blue eyes, dark hair, stoop-shouldered, has pleasant smile.



ROBERT W. HOLMES

A DANGEROUS bandit, who operates alone, has been active and amazingly successful in Los Angeles since 1932. This man, ROBERT W. HOLMES (5502), alias B. C. Holmes, Woodrow Holmes, in addition to other robberies, held up the same branch of a Los Angeles bank on three different occasions. Several warrants have been issued for his arrest and any information regarding him should be communicated to our agents' nearest office.

Description: 25 years old; height, 5 ft. 11 in.; weight, 168 lbs.; blue eyes, reddish brown hair. Fingerprint classification: O/I 12/13 UOO/RII 14/12

Fake Claim Agent

POSING as a claim agent, a persistent crook was active recently in numerous western cities with bogus sight drafts purporting to be drawn on various railroad companies. He used the following names: H. SKILLEN (5502).



WHITEY WALKER

AS anticipated in our issue on pp. 6 and 7 of our November issue, WHITEY WALKER (3537), alias Walter Anderson, lost no time in resuming a career of bank robbery following his escape from the state prison at McAlester, Okla., where he was serving a life term. In fact, he evidently persuaded his two fellow prisoners who escaped with him to assist in the holdup at a Palestine, Texas, bank since photographs of all three were positively identified as participants in the robbery.

These men, ROY A. JOHNSON (5472), alias R. A. Gregory, C. W. Ward, Homer Watt, Roy Sexton, and IRVIN THOMPSON (5473), alias "Buckie" Thompson, John Thompson, were serving life terms for murder at the time of their escape. Any information concerning their location should be promptly forwarded to our agents' three are wanted

CHARLES COTTNER (5515). Bank bandit. A former inmate of the state penitentiary at Little Rock, Ark., Cottner is wanted for the holdup of a

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alias O. Hollingworth, W. Backeberg, R. Babb, E. Pugh, H. Powers, P. Eddy, N. Nelson, G. Eaton, Roy Miller, G. Bounds, G. Davis, P. P. Dorsey, G. Malone, Calvin Gillispie. He drew against the Chicago Burlington & Quincy Railroad Co., the St. Louis-San Francisco Railway Co., the Atchafalaya & Santa Fe Railway Co., the Oregon Pacific Co., and the Union

at a bank, this crook draws a check on his supposed employers, payable to the bank with which he is dealing. He leaves the draft for collection, and obtains a receipt and, if possible, a checkbook. Then he passes checks for various amounts on local merchants by displaying the receipt as identification. As yet no bank has reported being defrauded by him, but we wish again to call the attention of all members to the dangers in the practice of handing out checkbooks or blank checks promiscuously to strangers in return for initial deposits of out-of-town checks or drafts. This generous

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practice is unwarranted and cannot increase the good-will of customers or others on checks which bounce back marked, "drawn against uncollected funds." Also, our records reveal several instances where swindlers have defrauded banks out of considerable sums by clever use of the checks supplied. Banks should issue receipts *only* in such cases, and these should be marked "issued against uncollected funds". Attempts to erase or alter the receipt should be noted.

Members are also warned to be on the alert for this fake claim agent.

He is 30 to 35 years old; height, 5 ft. 8 to 10 in.; weight, about 150 lbs.; dark brown hair, brown eyes; sometimes wears glasses; is reasonably well dressed; has the appearance of an Italian or a Greek, but does not speak with an accent.

Grubbs and Bowen, Travel Checks

A FAKE travel check passer, JOHN GRUBBS (5505), alias John Burton, was arrested recently in Portland, Oregon and was returned to Baker County, Ore., for prosecution.

The gasoline station operator who accepted his bogus paper deposited it in the First National Bank of Baker, Ore., and had presence of mind enough to note the license number on Grubbs' automobile, which was issued in Oklahoma. Joseph Rogers, cashier of the First National Bank in Baker, recognized the paper as being bogus and immediately notified the Oregon state police, the Burns Portland office and the Oregon Bankers Association. As a result, Grubbs was arrested at Crown Point, Ore., by an Oregon state trooper. According to Theo. P. Cramer, Jr., secretary of the Oregon Bankers Association, "he was picked up within five hours of the time the message was broadcast, and at a point about 320 miles from where the message originated. Again we have proof of the value of our state police."

Grubbs operated extensively on fake travel checks ostensibly issued at the First National Bank of Ch



JOHN GRUBBS



signature appearing on them checked with the signature, "E. H. Hobbs," purporting to be that of a bank officer which appeared on checks negotiated last spring by WILLIAM BOWEN (4703), we believed that Bowen negotiated the first few of these checks. Before the arrest of Grubbs, we learned that he was not Bowen, but a marked similarity in the handwriting on their checks indicates that Grubbs was an accomplice of Bowen several months ago.

Any of Grubbs' victims desirous of prosecuting him should have detainer warrants forwarded to Supt. Charles P. Pray, Oregon state police at Salem.

Although Grubbs' check passing career has been interrupted, Bowen continues to circulate checks bearing the name of the United States National Bank, Portland, Ore. This form has a yellow background which is printed on white paper in an attempt to imitate safety paper. "United States National Bank" appears at the top in old English type, and below in smaller type are the words "Affiliated with Chase National Bank, New York, N. Y." "Traveler Check" is printed below this and "Twenty Dollars" is in the center of the check in large type. The following notation also appears: "This check is protected by the Bankers Protective Association." The checks are signed "R. M. Alton" at the lower right, and below this are the words "Issued by United States National Bank, Portland, Ore." On the counter-signature lines at the upper and lower left corners, Bowen filled in the alias "Asco L. Cates."

These checks were passed recently in Nebraska, Iowa and Missouri, but all members are urged to be on the lookout for Bowen and, wherever possible, to warn merchants and other customers against him. If he is taken into custody, notify our New York office by wire. Bowen is wanted by the police at Bridgeport, Conn., Harrisburg, Pa., Jacksonville, Fla., and other cities. A state warrant is held by the chief of police at St. Joseph, Mo., charging Bowen with embezzlement of a late model Ford V-8 coupe, motor No. 354131, Missouri license No. 23-8-4 which he secured December 9, 1933, depositing a bogus \$20 travel check with a drive-it-yourself garage.

Descriptions: Bowen is 4 ft. 10 in. height 5 ft. 10 in.; weight 110 lbs.; fair complexion, gray eyes, left hand.

Grubbs is 33 years old; height 5 ft. 8 in.; weight 150 lbs.; dark brown hair, brown eyes; sometimes wears glasses; is reasonably well dressed; has the appearance of an Italian or a Greek, but does not speak with an accent.

Victimizes Three Out of Four

TWO check-kiters recently mulcted three Dallas banks of considerable sums by a forged certified check swindle.

The operators used the names A. LEMIS (5494) alias Mario Inigo, and E. MONTUORI (5495), when opening accounts with cash at several Dallas banks.

*A. Lemis
E. Montuori*

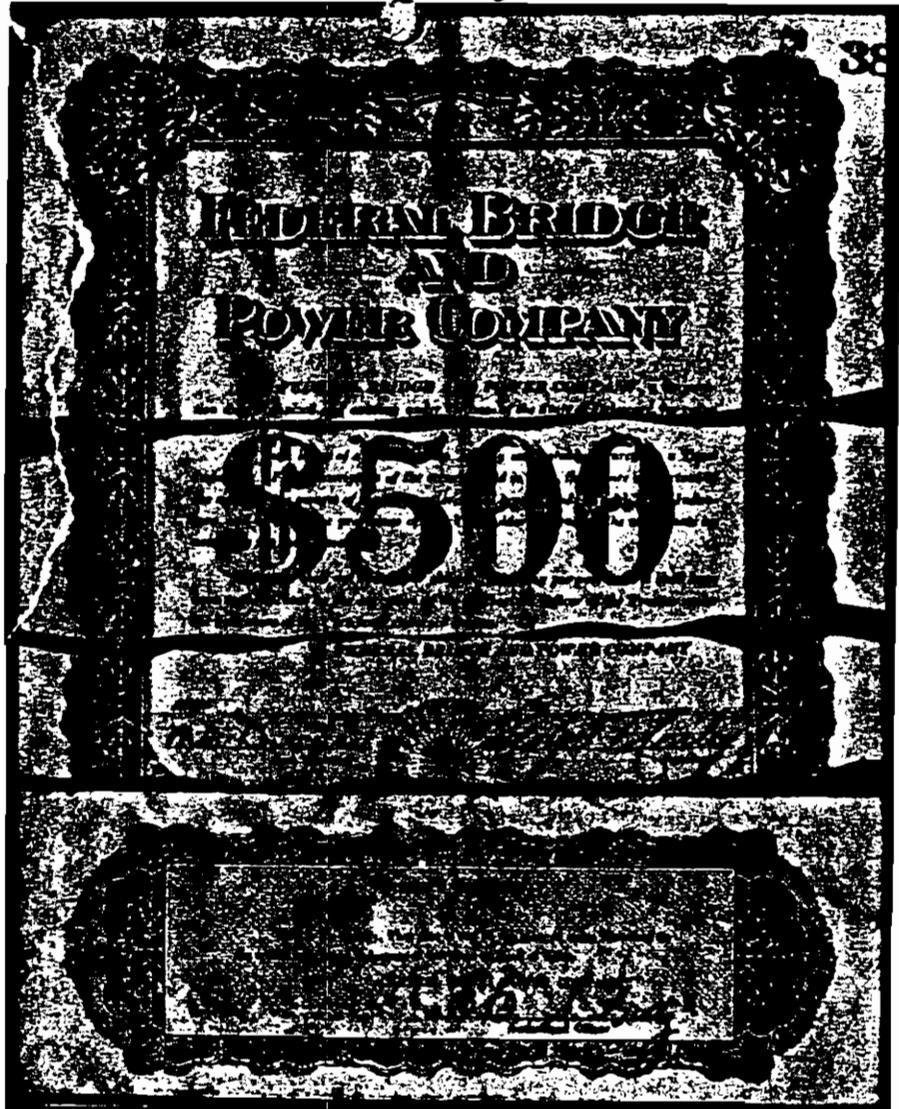
Their accounts were kept active for some time with cash deposits and withdrawals, also by kiting checks between the various accounts. Both men made it a point to transact business with one particular teller in each bank. After the confidence of the various tellers had been secured, most of the cash was withdrawn. Then Lemis called at four banks on the same day and deposited at each bank a check made payable to his order for a large sum. These four checks were drawn on and ostensibly certified by another local institution. At the same time, Lemis presented a personal check for encashment, which was drawn for about \$400 in each case. In three instances the tellers accommodated him, but the teller in the fourth bank hesitated and, of course, Lemis quickly left the bank. This aroused the teller's suspicion and upon communicating with the bank on which the certified check was drawn, the certification was found to be a forgery. It was then learned that the checks deposited in the three other banks also bore forged certifications.

Further inquiry disclosed that Montuori had a \$20 check certified at the bank on which the forged items were drawn, and it is believed that the certification on this check was used as a model for the forged certification stamp.

Bankers who place too much faith in the magic word "certified" may find themselves duped by these men.

Lemis is 50 years old; height, 5 ft. 6 in.; weight, 160 lbs.; dark complexion; Italian.

Montuori is 40 years old; height, 5 ft. 10 in.; weight, 165 lbs.; has dark swarthy complexion, is clean shaven, and stoop-shouldered; Italian.



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Fraudulent Bond

A FRAUDULENT \$500 bond ostensibly payable at the Keswick National Bank of Glenside, Pa., was recently called to our attention. This bond bears the name of the Federal Bridge and Power Company and purports to be secured by a trust indenture.

The Glenside bank advises that one EDMUND S. FRITZ (5503) called about a year ago, claiming to be a representative of the Federal Bridge and Power Company. He said that the firm had offices in Philadelphia and New York, also Boston, and he intended opening a corporation account with the bank. Fritz never returned and the Glenside bank heard nothing further from him, but recently several inquiries were received concerning payment of coupons of Federal Bridge and Power Company bonds. The bank was equally ignorant of the issuance of these

securities and was unaware that its name had been used. On the bond reproduced here, the name E. E. S. Fritz is signed on the trustee's certificate which bears the name of Central Jersey Power Company.

CAREFUL —

NO bank has yet reported being defrauded through the negotiation of these instruments, but members are warned to be on the alert for them. It appears that Fritz has been engaged in several questionable stock promotion schemes and caution should be exercised by bankers and others in any dealing with him.

Description: 62 years old; short, heavy set, speaks with a Pennsylvania Dutch accent, quotes authors and the Classics, and talks pleasing blue sky promotion.

Bogus Cashier's Checks

A VETERAN swindler J. B. SAUNDERS (2370), alias S. E. Clayton, Charles H. Williamson, Charles Henry Hamilton, D. L. Morgan, etc., last reported on p. 3 of our July issue, is still active. Recent reports placed him in Iola, Kans., and Ann Arbor, Mich.



J. B. SAUNDERS

This old crook is still using cashier's checks ostensibly issued by the non-existent Merchants National Bank of Bridgeport, Neb. The check passed in Iola is almost identical with that described in our July article. It is printed on safety paper, bears the bank name in old English type at the top, and is numbered 1234 in red ink in the upper left corner. The words "Cashiers Check" are printed in red ink in the lower left corner. The item is filled in with a typewriter and checkwriter, made payable to D. L. Morgan for \$20, and signed "J. E. Paugh, Cashier."

Doubtless Saunders had a number of these forms printed and will continue to pass them until his supply is exhausted. Our records reveal that the name "Merchants National Bank" has always been a favorite with him since it appears on many of the bad checks which he has passed. For years he was active with checks purporting to be issued by

the fictitious Merchants National Bank of Farwell, Texas.

At present he seems to be confining his operations to merchants, and they should be warned to be on the alert for his fake forms. Banks should beware since he may attempt to swindle them.

In addition to check swindles against banks and merchants, Saunders has also worked a confidence game on individuals, giving them bad checks for valuable securities. Numerous warnings concerning him have appeared in this Section and on p. 4 of our June, 1929, issue we reported his arrest in St. Louis. At that time he had numerous letters typewritten on letterheads of non-existent banks and addressed to himself. They pertained to mortgages or cash transactions between him and imaginary officers of fictitious banks.

If Saunders puts in an appearance, he should be detained for questioning by local police, and our agents' nearest office promptly notified. Chief of Police R. A. Miller, White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., holds a warrant for his arrest.

Description: 54 years old; height, 5 ft. 6½ in.; weight, 165 lbs.; medium build, medium chestnut hair turning gray; ruddy complexion; may wear shell rimmed glasses.

opened a personal account, with a supposedly certified check for \$1,000 on an Evansville, Ind., bank. He was permitted to draw \$150 against it before telegraphic advice told that it was a forgery.

Doubtless he has victimized many individuals who have not reported their losses to us. Therefore, members are urged to display his photograph to any depositor whom he may have defrauded. If he has victimized your bank or one of your depositors, full details should be reported to our agents' nearest office and they will advise where detainer warrants should be lodged. He is wanted at several points and it has not been determined where he will be prosecuted. He is an old offender, being a former inmate of state prisons at Deer Lodge, Mont., Waupun, Wis., Jefferson City, Mo., and the Federal prison at McNeil Island, Wash.



NORMAN FRAZIER

Description: 39 years old; height, 5 ft. 8½ in.; weight, 148 lbs.; light hazel eyes, florid complexion, medium brown and gray hair, medium slender build; American, born Indiana; small cut scar outer corner left brow small cut scar right side of head, front inner hair line, vaccination scar left upper arm. Fingerprint classification: 1/1 U/U OI/OO 11/1.

AN alert hotel clerk is responsible for the recent arrest of the notorious international crook, DR. ARNOLDO DE BEST (5200), alias Albert Best, Albert Besmanoff, Alfred Best, Jack Kearns, John Singer, Bert Williams, Jack McWilliams, Dr. Albert Stanley Fortune, Barnett Besmanoff, Dr. Robert March, William Fortune, Orinaldo De Best, etc. He was last reported on p. 4 of our November issue.

De Best had been a guest at an Akron hotel for several days, and after he checked out the clerk received a circular concerning him which had been mailed by our agents. He recognized the photograph on the circular and notified local police who arrested De Best on November 8. He has since been turned over to the Federal authorities and is awaiting trial at Washington, D. C.

This crook perpetrated check fraud in Germany, Canada, on board transatlantic liners, and throughout the United States. He usually opened accounts at banks to receive checkbooks, then passed checks on local parties before the items deposited were returned marked "no account" or "no funds." Members whose customers have been defrauded by this crook should urge them to communicate with our agents who will advise where detainer warrants should be filed. Although he has a long criminal record, being a three-time offender, the filing of detainer warrants

Detainer Warrants Wanted

A SMART and persistent swindler, NORMAN FRAZIER (2576) alias R. Frazier, A. G. Loughlin, C. F. Vaughn, Cliff D. Dawson, J. K. Meredith, etc., is again in the toils. His arrest at Fort Wayne, Ind., on November 23 was caused by a prospective "victim."

In recent months, Frazier departed from his usual practice of defrauding banks as described on the front cover of our July issue, and he directed his energies against individuals and firms. Despite the fact that he changed his name and his method of operation, our agents recognized his handwriting when they received checks which he had used to victimize an individual in Nevada.

In his latest swindles he claimed to be interested in gold mining and he made a practice of giving bogus certified checks in payment for mining property or equipment. He then attempted to secure advances against the certified checks before returns were received. In one instance, he secured about \$270 against a bogus certified check ostensibly issued by the Commercial Savings Bank of Trinidad, Colo.

Readers may remember that when defrauding a bank in Casper, Wyo., Frazier posed as an agent for a mining company. In this case he managed to secure an introduction to a bank through a local real estate man. The conversation concerning the sale of mining



DR. ARNDO DE BEST



ARTHUR R. PHILLIPS

P. H. Hannah

in the Pittsburgh bank. Hannah was so nervous that he destroyed four checks before he was able to fill one out properly.

Members are warned to be on the alert for this operator and to refrain from cashing his bad paper. We understand that he is now using checks drawn on the Franklin-Washington Trust Company of Newark, although he has no account there.

Description: height, 5 ft. 5 in.; weight, 150 to 160 lbs.; gray mixed hair, full face, and small chin.

H. C. HUNTLEY (5512). Bogus check with forged endorsement; Gaffney, S. C.

The check negotiated by Huntley purports to be drawn by the Myers-Goldburg Cotton Company, "By I.A. Myers," on the First National Bank of Brundidge, Ala., in the amount of \$65. This bank carries no such account, and both H. C. Huntley and I. A. Myers

H. C. Huntley

are unknown to it. Before presenting this item, the swindler forged the endorsement of a good customer of the South Carolina bank. We urge members not to cash uncollected items for strangers even though they ostensibly bear the endorsement of depositors, unless such depositors are communicated with for verification.

Any information concerning Huntley's location should be forwarded to our agents' nearest office.

Description: 30 years old; height, 5 ft. 6 1/2 in.; weight, about 150 lbs.

VERNON LAWTON (5513), alias Glenn C. Hewitt. Bogus draft, El Paso.

This operator opened an account in the El Paso bank by depositing a \$350 check, ostensibly issued by the Butte Construction and Electric Equipment Company on the Bank of America, N. T. & S. A., San Francisco. The El Paso bank immediately wired the drawee which advised that the draft was unauthorized and they had no authority to honor it. It was then found that the San Francisco offices of the firm ostensibly issuing the item, had been burglarized.

It is probable that Lawton has most of these forms in his possession and he may continue to pass them. Western members are warned to be on the alert for him.

FLORENCE MARTIN (5514). Forged cashier's check; Fort Worth, Texas.

The item which this woman passed purports to be a cashier's check of the First National Bank of St. Louis. It is made payable to her

Florence Martin

order for \$170.30, and is filled in with typewriter and checkwriter. The bank name appears at the top and is followed by an incorrect transit number 32-56. A picture purporting to be that of the bank building is printed at the left side of the check. The words "Cashier's Check" are printed in the lower left corner. The true name of an officer of the bank is signed as cashier, but this officer is not the cashier. Western members are urged to be on the alert for these forms.

against him will help frustrate any attempts for premature release on parole.

Description: 35 years old; height, 5 ft. 11 1/2 in.; weight, 240 lbs.; dark hair, light brown eyes, medium dark complexion, smooth shaven, round face, well groomed; has fine personality, wears good clothes and usually a derby hat; has a small vaccination scar on upper outer left arm, cut scar at base of left index and middle fingers, small (1) scar on palm of left hand; vaccination scar right arm upper and outer; a number of small cut scars on rear of right thumb; small cut scar on knuckle of right index finger; small brown mole in the center of right cheek, small brown mole on right cheek at 2.0 from lobe of ear; dragon tattooed on chest. Fingerprint classification: 5/19 OO/OO 16/13

ON page 5 of our November issue, we reported the arrest and subsequent release of ARTHUR R. PHILLIPS (5443), alias Art Roy Boyd, a dangerous forger. Since then, Phillips has passed bad paper in various cities, but he was recently re-arrested in Oklahoma City.

As previously reported, Phillips operated by assuming the name of a bank depositor and registering at a local hotel. In a few days, he would present a check for \$45 or \$50 in payment of his bill. If the hotel management appeared dubious about accepting the check, Phillips would insist that they telephone the

bank on which the item was drawn in order to ascertain its validity. The bank would usually assure the hotel that it carried an account in that name with a balance larger than the amount of the check, and Phillips would receive the difference between the amount of his hotel bill and the check. When some of his checks were presented at the banks for payment, the forgeries were immediately detected and returned, thus making the hotels the losers; but in other instances, the forgeries were not discovered until the depositors received their cancelled checks, thus victimizing the banks also.

While we doubt that Phillips appeared at banks to cash checks, his latest photograph should be carefully studied. Members are also urged to show his photograph to hotel men who have been swindled in this manner. If Phillips is identified in connection with any other crimes, full details should be reported immediately to our agents' nearest office, and they will advise where detainer warrants should be lodged.

Description: 25 years old; height, 5 ft. 10 1/2 in.; weight, 209 lbs.; medium dark brown hair, greenish slate eyes, florid complexion; has diagonal cut scar, left middle finger outer, at second joint; horizontal cut scar, 1 1/4 in. above right wrist, inner; small mole on right middle finger, outer near base. Fingerprint classification: 32/32 W/W IOM/OOI 21/18

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F. M. ABBOTT (5507), alias A. B. Webster, A. W. Webster. Bogus checks in Kentucky and Tennessee.

A person using the above names passed bad paper drawn for small amounts in several Kentucky and Tennessee towns. His checks are ostensibly issued by the Official Railway Advertising Guide Co. of America, Inc., on the American Exchange National Bank of St. Louis. One called to our attention is payable to A. B. Webster and is signed "F. M. Abbott, Secretary-Treasurer." The firm name is printed at the top and the bank name appears in the lower left corner.

Filling stations, apparently the chief victims of this crook, should be warned against him. It is believed that he is traveling in a Ford coupe bearing Georgia license number 31385-D.

F. F. BURROWS (5509). Worthless checks; Gainesville, Ga.

We are advised that

1931 model Ford sedan, motor number 4039628, bearing a Georgia license. The sheriff states that he will pay a reward of \$50 for Burrows' arrest with the car or a reward of \$25 for Burrows alone. We are also informed that this operator may display a deposit slip on the Bank of Dahlonga when passing bad paper.

Any information regarding this man's whereabouts should be forwarded direct to Sheriff Lawson, Gainesville, Ga., and to our agents' nearest office.

Description: 55 years old; height, slightly over 6 ft.; slender build, wrinkled face, ruddy complexion, sandy hair, left arm amputated.

P. K. HANNOH (5511). Worthless checks; Newark, N. J.

A Newark member reports that this man opened an account with a check for \$5,500 drawn on the Mellon National Bank of Pittsburgh. The bank wisely refrained from issuing a passbook or checkbook and its caution was justified when it learned that he had no account

Missing Securities

THE National Bank of Commerce, Norfolk, Va., requests that we publish the following list of stocks and negotiable bonds which, with other securities, disappeared on December 9 from an officer's desk in one of its branches and were apparently stolen:

- Ctf. CL 139505 for 10 shares S. S. Kresge Co. in name of R. Henry Moore
- 1 \$500.00 U. S. Treas. Bond 1943/45 No. 88665 E
- 2 100.00 do. No. 171595 E & 171596 F
- 2 50.00 do. No. 66298 J & 59630 L \$500.00
- 6 \$100.00 1st 4 3/4% Liberty Bonds A00134690/94 & C00176053
- 1 50.00 do. F00795360 650.00
- 2 \$1000.00 Treas. 4 3/4/3 3/4 of 1943/45 No. 83921A & 171698J
- 1 500.00 do. No. 22870L 2500.00

Any information concerning the above securities or any attempt to negotiate them should be reported promptly to the National Bank of Commerce at Norfolk.

HENRY T. MEEHAN (5355), alias Harry T. Meehan, W. W. McDonald. Bogus cashier's checks; Washington, D. C.

Last reported on p. 7 of our July issue, still active with worthless paper. His most recent item is identical with that previously reported except that the address of Continental Bank and Trust Company, the cable issuer of the checks, is given as 130 Street, New York, instead of 30 Broad Street. The item is for \$200.60 and is payable to

Dr. B. Simms

an account with an initial deposit of \$50 cash. Then he deposited an \$80 check on the New Britain National Bank of New Britain, Conn., signed "R. F. Bowles". Later he deposited another check on the same bank for \$164.50, signed "Beacon Realty Company, Inc. by William D. Bragdon". The tellers advanced him small sums on each of the checks which were returned marked "account closed". The Morristown bank has since received checks from Richmond, Va., which were evidently passed by Simms.

It is recalled that Simms has previously cultivated negro ministers upon arrival in strange cities and, after worming his way into their confidence, induced them to endorse his bad paper. Members are urged to be on the lookout for Simms and to caution colored depositors to refrain from dealing with him.

Description: 35 years old, white, 6 ft. 2 in., very near glasses.

Time Certificates Stolen

THE Kanawha Valley Bank, Charleston, W. Va., reports that its time certificates Nos. 1044 to 1036 inclusive have been lost, mislaid or stolen. They disappeared from a pad which is in current use, but they were not signed or filled in. They are plainly marked in the lower left corners, "Government regulations prohibit the payment of this certificate before maturity or interest thereon after maturity." The drawee will not be liable since any signa-

ture appearing on these certificates may be a forgery. Members are urged to be on the alert for them and to refrain from cashing them.

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RECENTLY discovered 3511 inclusive were Gilbert, a depositor in the National Bank of Sharon, Pa. They were mailed in for small amounts and used in Chicago and Tablequah, Okla. They were returned as forgeries, although they were made to duplicate the deposits of are.

Members are urged to be on the alert for the remainder of these items of the operator who obtained them will continue to pass them.

Banking Own National Police

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photographs of Phillips were quickly procured by our agents in Ohio and were submitted to recent victims in Washington, D. C., who made positive identifications. Further investigation, including an exhaustive search of automobile license records, eventually trailed Phillips back home in South Carolina, where he was arrested by an investigator from the Burns Atlanta office. Without the comprehensive, nation-wide record of forgeries, bogus and worthless checks classified according to both the modus operandi and the handwriting used in each case—as

our agents—the identity of this man and his fraudulent activities might have remained undetected.

Arrests and Dispositions

THE detailed record of arrests and dispositions is omitted due to lack of space, but the figures are taken into account in the following table:

Statistics of the Protective Department

	Awaiting Trial Sept. 1, 1933	Arrests			Dispositions			Awaiting Trial Dec. 1, 1933
		Reported Since Aug. 31, 1933	Reported in November, 1933	Total	Convicted	Discharged or Acquitted	Fugitives Escaped, Insane or Dead	
Forgers, etc.	97	24	6	20	8	1	1	47
Burglars	18	0	0	0	2	1	0	15
Bandits	115	29	9	48	25	13	2	113

W. W. McDonald, and an illegible signature is shown as "Sec. & Treas."

His previous checks were filled in with a pen, typewriter and checkwriter are used on this check. A number 446072 is inscribed at the upper left with a rubber stamp, and the words "Cashier Check" are printed at the lower left.

LOUIS SABOR (3443), alias Samuel L. Meyer, M. V. Friez. Attempted check frauds; Atlantic City, N. J., and Philadelphia. This operator opened an account with an Atlantic City bank by depositing a \$150 check

Louis Sabor

to Milton Men and Management Bank Trust Company, Philadelphia, payable to and signed, Samuel L. Meyer. On the following day a telephone call from the drawee disclosed that this item was drawn against a check which Sabor, alias Meyer, had used to obtain an account with the Philadelphia bank. That check was drawn on the 42nd Street branch of the Corn Exchange Bank and Trust Company, New York, which returned it "marked account." Subsequently, the Atlantic City bank received a check signed M. V. Friez, payable to Louis Davis for \$150, which Sabor had attempted to pass on another Philadelphia bank.

As far as our records show, this operator has not as yet swindled any bank. But, unless members are on the lookout for his worthless paper, he may do so.

Description: 30 years old; tall, blond, wears glasses, bears smallpox scars.

A NEGRO swindler reported on p. 8 of our October issue, DR. E. SIMMS (5428)

SPC:RCL

January 15, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I called Mr. Purvis last night and advised him that Mr. Walter Norton and Mr. O'Neil of the Home Loan Board at Washington had called the Division and stated Mr. Henry Zander, State Manager in Chicago, Illinois of the Home Loan Board, had a number of cases in which he wanted the Division's cooperation.

Mr. Purvis was requested to contact Mr. Zander and offer every possible assistance in matters in which the Division had jurisdiction. Mr. Purvis stated that he had met Mr. Zander two or three days ago and that Agent Kiernacke was now conducting a number of investigations submitted by Mr. Zander; that he would see to it that Mr. Zander was given every consideration.

Incidentally, Mr. Purvis stated that he had been out of the office all afternoon on a raid; that they had received information indicating that Billinger, who was released from jail at Lima, Ohio by the criminals who escaped from the Indiana State Penitentiary, was located at a certain address, but the raid proved unsuccessful in locating him.

Respectfully,

E. P. Conley.

John D. Sullivan

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1900 Bankers Bldg.,
Chicago, Illinois
January 18, 1934.

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Dear Madam:

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Your cooperation is
greatly appreciated.



Very truly yours,

W. E. FOWLER,
Special Agent in Charge

WVF:EM
OO:Division
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RE: HARRY PIERPONT, with alias, et al.
MAT. WOT. VIK. TRIST ACT - Murder of Sheriff
James Barber, Lima, Ohio. Escape from Indiana State Prison.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

FILE NO. 28-5547-

REPORT MADE AT: Chicago, Ill.	DATE WHEN MADE: 1/15/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 1/8, 9, 11, 12/34	REPORT MADE BY: Sgt. Van ...
TITLE: HARRY MERPORT with alias		CHARACTER OF CASE: ... of ... Jesse State Prison	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[REDACTED]

Investigation disclosing that sub-
ject HAMILTON's mother, Sarah Hamilton, died about
a year ago and Foye Hamilton, subject's brother,
was sentenced in April, 1933 and sent to Marquette
branch of the Michigan State Prison.

[REDACTED]

Subject Hamilton, (Chief of Police), Sault Ste Marie,
promised full cooperation. BILLINGER suspected of
having been in South Bend, Ind., 12/25/33 and in
Highavain, Ind., 1/3/34. No trace of him now known.
Anonymous tip that he was in Chicago in 1/11/34
unfounded.

Reports of Special Agent in Charge William Larson,
Detroit, November 3, 1933 and of Special Agent W.
Devereux, Chicago, Illinois, December 21, 1933.



DETAILS:

DETROIT: Agent interviewed [REDACTED] who ad-
vised that Foye and not Jay Hamilton, brother of Subject JOHN HAMILTON,
was sentenced to the Marquette branch of the Michigan State Prison in
April, 1933 for breaking and entering Freeman Cigar store in Sault Ste
Marie and that Mrs. Sarah Hamilton died the first part of 1933, as she
understood.

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was advised that he had contact with subject JOHN HAMILTON about twenty years ago; that Hamilton left the Soo about ten years ago, at which time he was engaged in the bootlegging business and was wanted then for violation of the National Prohibition Act. He advised that Subject Hamilton's brother, Foye, not Fay, was sentenced to the Marquette Branch of the Michigan State Prison, last April, 1933 and that Mrs. Sarah Hamilton, mother of subject Hamilton, died early last Spring; that Mrs. Isaac Steve, sister of subject Hamilton, is still residing at 1714 Chestnut Street, which is only about four or five blocks away from his station. [REDACTED] advised that Mrs. Steve has been married twice, her first husband having died; that she has about five or six children by her first husband, the oldest girl being married and he does not recall where she is living and the youngest child being about eight years old.

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[REDACTED]

67E [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] HAMILTON was very well acquainted in this country and everybody knew him; that he bootlegged within a radius of one hundred and fifty miles and he felt that if it got too "hot" for him in Ohio, Illinois and Indiana, he might return to the Soo. He stated he would know JOHN, no matter where he saw him and in the event he received any information at all regarding his possible whereabouts, he would communicate with the Chief of Police to notify the Chicago Office. He stated the papers had carried articles about JOHN HAMILTON and that there were lots of people in the neighborhood who would be only too glad to report him in the event he ever does show up at the Soo.

Agent interviewed Mr. E. H. Mitchell, Chief of Police, who advised that he was thoroughly familiar with JOHN HAMILTON'S activities and his escape at Michigan City, Indiana, and that he had been on the lookout for him. Agent, with the Chief of Police, checked the City Telephone Directory, issue for July, 1933, and found the name of Mrs. Agnes Steve, 1714 Chestnut Street, telephone number 1151. Mr. Mitchell advised that Subject Hamilton had a brother by the name of Claude, who moved away from the Soo over forty years ago and got married and had a family and the last he heard of him he was living at Gary, Indiana, but he has no information that Claude is still living there.

Mr. Mitchell further advised that JOHN had another brother by the name of Bill Hamilton, who was older than John and he left the Soo many years ago and he has no information where he might be. He stated that there is no Fay Hamilton; that the proper name is Foye and he is serving time at Marquette for breaking and entering Freedman's Cigar Store. He also advised that Mrs. Sarah Hamilton, mother of Subject Hamilton, died last Spring and Mrs. Steve is the only one now residing at the Soo. He also advised that he did not believe Agnes would know anything about where John is and that he did not believe that John would let her know. Mr. Mitchell stated that there are people living in the neighborhood, who will advise him immediately upon receipt of information of value looking towards the apprehension of JOHN. For this reason, Agent did not deem it advisable to contact Mrs. Steve for fear it would spoil plans already laid and too, that the Chief of Police felt that Mrs. Steve would not be possessed of any information as to where Subject Hamilton might be at the present time.

Mr. Mitchell stated that he would cooperate with the Division and the law enforcement officials in apprehending Subject HAMILTON and would notify the Chicago Office in the event he received any information of value.

Agent viewed the premises of Mrs. Story and found the house to be situated upon a high hill and is a two story house and the only one on the top of the hill. It overlooks all the other houses in the immediate vicinity.

At this time, no attempt will be made to interview Faye Hamilton, who is serving time at Marquette, as it is felt that the warden of that institution will take such action should Faye send out or receive information concerning Subject HAMILTON.

At South Bend and Mishawaka, Indiana

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent W. J. Devaraux:

Chief of Police John S. Kuespert of South Bend, Indiana informed Agent that on Christmas Day, 1933, he was informed by a woman informant that she had seen JOHN DILLINGER in South Bend, Indiana on that day, but by the time the information had been forwarded to the Chief, no trace of DILLINGER could be found, since it was not known where he might have been stopping.

On January 5, 1934, Agent received information that a filling station operator at Mishawaka, Indiana might have some information of value in this case.

Agent interviewed [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Mishawaka, Indiana, and he stated that at about 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, January 5, 1934, while he was at the station, two men and a blonde woman entered and asked to use the telephone. The blonde woman called a number east of Mishawaka, Indiana and the talk indicated that she was trying to induce another woman on the other end of the wire to meet her and her escorts. [REDACTED] stated that he was at once taken by the appearance of the shorter of the two men, and that this man stood behind the woman at the telephone and appeared to be dictating what she should say over the telephone. The other man, described as being larger, engaged [REDACTED] in conversation, apparently for the purpose of keeping him occupied so that he could not overhear the telephone conversation, since the telephone was in the open and a conversation had in the office could be overheard. According to [REDACTED] the person being called apparently stated that she was engaged, whereupon the blonde woman told her that if she could get free in an hour to meet her and the two men at the Lincolnway Inn, located at the extreme eastern part of Mishawaka, Indiana on the Lincoln Highway. The blonde, concluding the conversation, called another telephone number in South Bend, according to [REDACTED] and there talked to a woman living on North Allen Street. [REDACTED] stated that the name called sounded to him like

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"waffle". He could not, however, hear any of the conversation, other than that the person on the other end of the line apparently stated she had had to move hurriedly that day.

██████████ stated that while the blonde woman was talking, the short man, who had been telling her what to say, walked over to him and asked for some change, some nickles, and when he reached in his pocket for the coin, he wanted changed, ██████████ got the impression that the man had a pocketfull of bills. Also, when he moved from one pocket to the other, his suit coat slipped away from his shoulder a trifle and ██████████ saw what appeared to be the butt of a sawed-off shotgun sticking in a holster on the man's shoulder.

Shortly thereafter the trio left the station and went across the street, where a new Chevrolet sedan or coach was parked, got in and drove off. After a little while, while ██████████ was debating what to do, two members of the Mishawaka, Indiana police came into the gas station to while away some time and ██████████ related his experience to them. They went to the Police Headquarters and obtained some photographs of the Indiana Prison escapes and returned and showed them to ██████████ who stated he positively identified the photograph of JOHN BILLINGER as being the shorter of the two men who had been in his station with the blonde woman. He stated he told the officers that he believed the trio were going to the Lincolnway Inn, but later he found out that the Police did not go to the Inn; however, the Prosecutor of the town learned about the matter and induced one Mr. Kelly, the possessor of a Deputy Sheriff badge for St. Joseph County, to go to the Lincolnway Inn. According to ██████████ Kelly went to the Inn and looked at the Chevrolet automobile which he had described to the Police and also went into the Inn, but could find no trace of the three people. According to ██████████ the Inn has a basement room accessible only to women escorted by men.

Later, through arrangements made with ██████████ to have Kelly leave the license number of the car with the Sheriff at South Bend, Indiana, Agent learned that the license was for Illinois, 1953, no. 662-945.

Agent interviewed ██████████ manager of the telephone company at South Bend, Indiana, but he stated that it would not be possible to make any trace of the three men calls traced through ██████████ Mishawaka, Indiana, since the phone is a coin box set.

At Chicago, Illinois

Special Agent T. F. Miller ascertained from the Vehicle Bureau of the Chicago Police Department, that 1933 Illinois license plates No. 662-940 has been issued to "C. W. Watson, Receiver, Elkhorn Coal Corporation, 1014 Strauss Building, Chicago, Illinois," for a Chevrolet motor No. 3482480, Serial No. 31403-5522.

Efforts to locate and interview Mr. Watson concerning this matter were unsuccessful, due to the fact that Mr. Watson was out of the city. Further efforts will be made to locate him and interview him concerning the location of his automobile and license plates on January 3, 1934.

About 4:00 P.M., January 11, 1934, a woman who refused to give her name, called the Chicago Division Office and advised that JOHN DILLINGER at that time was living on the third floor at 2410 West Congress Street, Chicago, and that there was a blonde woman with him and they were preparing to leave for Kentucky at 8:00 P.M.

Special Agent in Charge E. H. Purvis, with Special Agents T. E. Billings, J. L. Madala, H. C. Ryan, W. A. Smith, accompanied by Sergeant O. W. Kempster of the Illinois State Police, Lieutenant John Howe of the Chicago Police Department and several of his men, and Sergeant Walsh of the State's Attorney's Office with several of his men, proceeded to this address and on raiding the place failed to find any evidence of DILLINGER ever having been there. It appeared the apartment on the third floor was occupied by several Greek individuals, who had just moved into the apartment about one hour previously.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE DETROIT OFFICE: [REDACTED]

THE CHICAGO OFFICE: [REDACTED]

At Chicago, Illinois, will interview C. W. Watson, Receiver, Elkhorn Coal Corporation, 1014 Strauss Building, to ascertain if his license plates, 1933 Illinois No. 662940, have been stolen; if not, whether his car with these plates was in Mishawaka, Indiana on January 3, 1934.

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 U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
 New York City
 JUSTICE

M. H. PURVIS
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
1900 BANKERS BUILDING
CHICAGO, ILL.

HARRY PIEHPONT JOHN DILLINGER ET AL NMVTA TELEPHONE OPERATOR SEVENTY SEVEN CHICAGO MADE THREE UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPTS TO COMPLETE CALLS AT SEVEN THIRTY COMMA EIGHT AND NINE OCLOCK LAST NIGHT FOR ANYONE ROOM FIVE TWENTY NINE CHELSEA HOTEL HERE TELEPHONE CHELSEA THREE DASH THREE SEVEN HUNDRED ROOM OCCUPIED BY [REDACTED] AND FOUR OTHERS CALL POSSIBLY COMPLETED LATER THROUGH BOOTH TELEPHONE CHELSEA HOTEL NUMBER WATKINS NINE DASH NINE TWO ONE EIGHT UNSUCCESSFUL TRACING LATTER CALL HERE

cc- Division

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **DETROIT, MICH.**

St. Louis

FILE NO. **88-4108**

REPORT MADE AT: St. Louis, Mo.	DATE WHEN MADE: 1-19-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 1-8-34	REPORT MADE BY: A. L. BARRON
TITLE: HARRY PIERPONT, with alias, et al.			CHARACTER OF CASE: National Motor Vehicle Theft and Burglar of Sheriff James Barlow, Ill., Ohio, Escape from Indiana State Prison

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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[REDACTED] Detroit apprehended at Chicago, Ill. on 1-7-34.

HD.

REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent A. L. Barron, St. Louis, Mo., 1-5-34.

DETAILS:

At St. Louis, Mo.

[REDACTED]

Recent associated press dispatches reported the arrest of Detrich at Chicago, Ill. on January 7, 1934. Under date of January 8, 1934, the Chicago Division office advised, by a letter to the division in the case entitled JOHN KLUTAS, with aliases, Fugitive, I. O. 1170, that on January 7, 1934 one Paul Stroud was arrested by State Police Officers at 4519 S. 24th St., Belleville, Ill. and later identified through fingerprints and admissions as subject Walter Detrich.

There being no further investigation in this District, this case is being

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Chicago, Illinois
January 28, 1934.

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U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
333 1/2 POST OFFICE BUILDING
NEW ORLEANS LOUISIANA

HARRY PIERPONT WA ETAL ASSURED INDEMNITY REPUTATION OCCUPATION AND
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ALSO OF [REDACTED] BILLY BATTISTON OR SON OF ATTORNEY OF [REDACTED]
AND IS EITHER OR BOTH NOW IN CHICAGO WITH [REDACTED]

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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JACKSONVILLE FLORIDA

HARRY PERPOINT RE REAL NEWS DETROIT ORIGIN ASCERTAIN IF POSSIBLE IDENTITY
REPUTATION OCCUPATION OF ██████████ PENSACOLA FLORIDA AND IF IN CHICAGO WIRE
REPLY

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Chicago, Illinois
January 20, 1934.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
301 LIBERTY NATIONAL LIFE BLDG
BIRMINGHAM ALABAMA

HARRY PIERCE ET AL RE: NEW YORK BRIDGE ASSOCIATE IDENTIFY REPORTER
OCCUPATION AND DESCRIPTION OF [REDACTED]
MEMPHIS TENNESSEE VERIFY IF NEW YORK CHICAGO WIRE REPLY.

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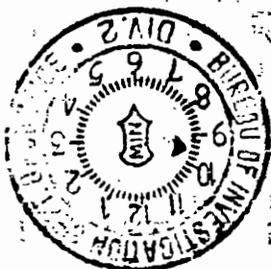
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M. H. PURVIS
 DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
 1900 BANKERS' BLDG
 CHICAGO, ILL.

HARRY PIERPONT WA ETAL UNABLE ASCERTAIN DEFINITELY WHEREABOUTS [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] STOP. [REDACTED] LOCAL ATTORNEY HAS APPARENTLY BEEN ABSENT FROM NEW ORLEANS MOST OF TIME DURING PAST SEVERAL MONTHS STOP CONSIDERABLE INFORMATION REGARDING [REDACTED] IN CASE UNKNOWN SUBJECTS MRS THELMA GORREZ COX VICTIM KIDNAPPING YOUR FILE SEVEN DASH FIVE TWO WILL ADVISE FURTHER

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A. C. WILKINSON, First Vice-President

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January 20 1934

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W. A. FURVIS
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U. S. DEPT OF JUSTICE
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CHICAGO ILLINOIS

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W. H. FENNER
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 US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
 1800 BANKERS BLDG
 CHICAGO ILL

URGENT HARRY PIERPONT HENRY [REDACTED] WILKINSON FERRAGLIA FLORIDA
 DELIVER ADVISE

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 DIVISION
 WASHINGTON
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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
 JAN 22 1934

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WESTERN UNION CANT GUARANTEE SERVICE FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS OR THAT IT CAN

101 Liberty National Life Building,
Birmingham, Alabama

January 24, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1935 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: HARRY FURCHON, with alias, et al
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act

Dear Sir:

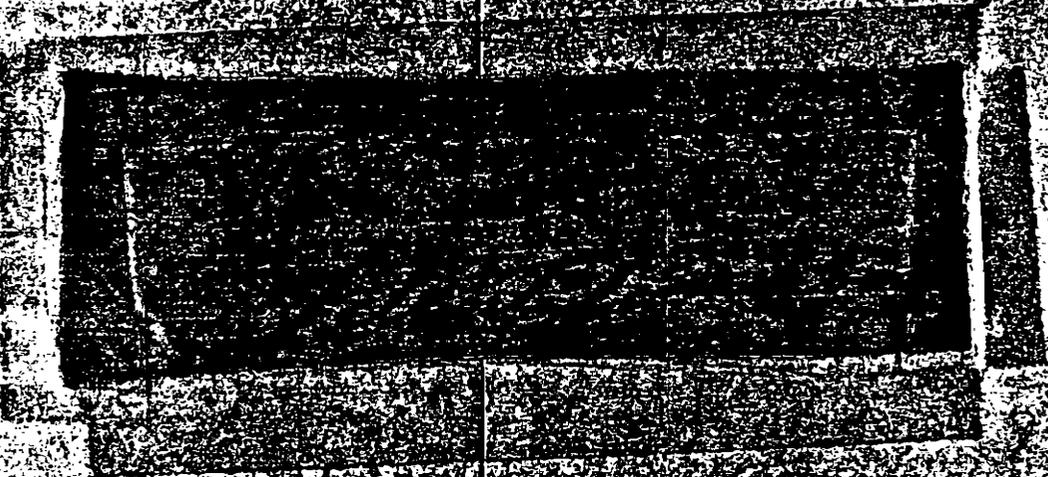
Confirming telegram from this office, this is to
advise that there is no record of [redacted] at
Memphis, Tennessee; further, there are no residences located on
State Street in Memphis.

JAN 24 1934



cc: Division
Detroit

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
JAN 26 1934 A.M.
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ENCLOSURE



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WANTED as an ESCAPEE

Escaped from Prison, Enclosure, 9-25-

Name	Russell Clark	No.	12261
Sentenced	12-12-27	County	Albany
Crime	Bank Robbery	Term	20 yrs
Age	33	Color	White
Height	5-11	Eyes	Gray Slate
W. ht.	145	Hair	Br. Chest
Build	Med.	Complexion	Fair
Occupation	Police		

Marks and Scars

Scars from near middle back
 Body covered with small moles

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Information has been received from the Los Angeles Office of this Division reporting the apprehension of John Hillinger, Charles Kelley, Russell Clark and Harry Pierpont, at Tucson, Arizona, yesterday. At the time of their apprehension they were in possession of four machine guns, several small arms, and approximately \$16,000 in cash. They also had in their possession a Studebaker Club Sedan, a Buick Sedan, and a Hudson Sedan. The police authorities also arrested with them Mrs. Pierpont, Walter Thompson and Ray Miller.

It will recall that Charles Kelley, Russell Clark and Harry Pierpont were among the ten convicts who escaped from the Indiana State Prison September 26, 1929, and shortly thereafter effected the delivery of John Hillinger, their leader, from the County Jail, at Lima, Ohio, where they killed Sheriff Jesse Barber, on October 12, 1931.

Information was obtained by a Special Agent of the Division from the local authorities at Hamilton, Ohio, that some of the band, immediately after their escape, were harbored by a family in Hamilton, Ohio for a period of several weeks. Immediately after the murder of Sheriff Barber, this family disappeared from Hamilton and did not return to Hamilton until early this month when they were in possession of a new Ford Sedan, bearing Arizona license plates, and were observed to be spending a large quantity of new money. It was ascertained through the Los Angeles Office of the Division that the Arizona license plates had been issued to this family under their true name, who gave an address in Phoenix, Arizona. Photographs of the escaped convicts were forwarded to the Los Angeles Office for appropriate investigation at Phoenix.

Of the ten convicts who originally escaped from the Indiana State Prison, three remain at large, namely, Joseph Paul, Joseph Burns and John Hamilton. Joseph Paul, one of the convicts, was apprehended at Hammond, Indiana, on September 19, 1931; Joseph Paul was killed at Hammond, Indiana, on September 30, 1931, by a posse near Georgetown, Indiana, and Walter Patrick was arrested on January 7, 1932 at Bellwood, Illinois, on the occasion of the apprehension of Jack Strong.

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John Billinger and his associates have been, since their escape, committing crimes of major character, and are badly wanted by local authorities throughout Indiana and Illinois for bank robbery and murders.

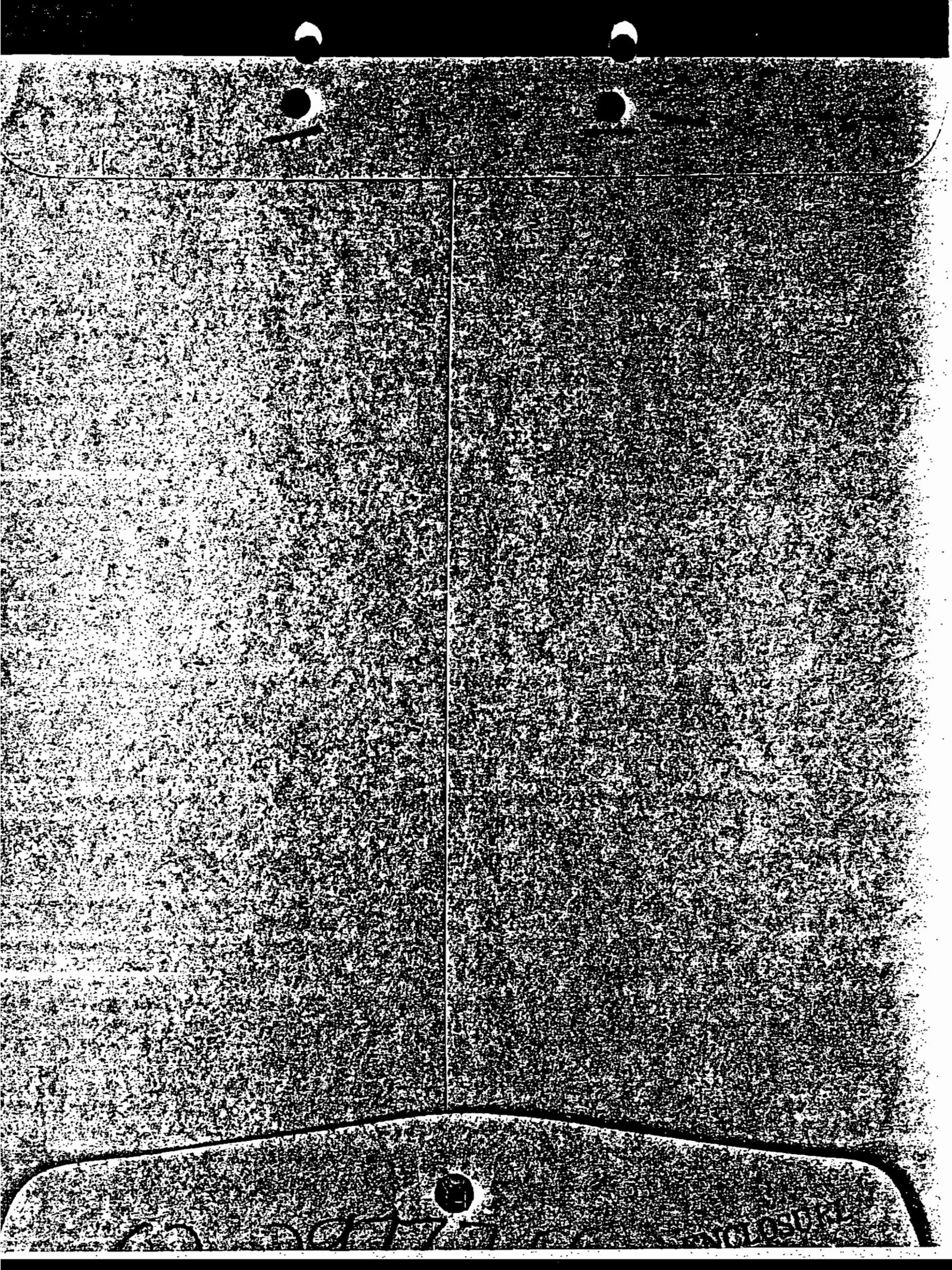
You will be advised as to further developments in this case.

Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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

There is transmitted herewith a copy of my memo-
randum, furnished to the Attorney General, relative to the
approach of John Hillinger, Charles Makley, Russell
Clark, and Harry Flaxbaum, at Tucson, Arizona, last evening.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director

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REPORT MADE AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	DATE WHEN MADE 1/25/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/19 to 21/34	REPORT MADE BY J. E. BARTER
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TITLE HARRY STURPONT with glasses, et al.	CHARACTER OF CASE NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT; MURDER OF SHERIFF JESSE GARRIS, LIMA, OHIO; ESCAPE FROM INDIANA STATE PRISON
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Surveillance maintained at [redacted] as [redacted] at Drake Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, 1/18 to 1/22/34 and data regarding telephone calls to room 329 Chelsea Hotel, New York, N. Y. obtained. Information which had been furnished the Chicago Police Department rechecked. Persons at 201 East Halstead Place and 2127 Lincoln Park West unable to identify [redacted] or associates when shown photographs of Hilliger and [redacted] 1/22/34 indicated that they are not connected with subjects of this file.

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REFERENCE:

Telegram from New York Division dated January 14, 1934.

DETAILS:

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

Reference telegram advised that three unsuccessful attempts were made by telephone operator No. 77, Chicago, Illinois, to complete phone calls to room 329 Chelsea Hotel, New York City, telephone Chicago 3-3700. This telegram also advised that this room was occupied by [redacted] and four others and requested the Chicago Division office to attempt to check these calls and ascertain whether or not the people who attempted to make them were in any way connected with the Hilliger case.

<p>Approved and Forwarded: <i>M. A. Quinn</i></p> <p>COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO: Division-5 Detroit-4 Birmingham-1 Jacksonville-1 New York-1 New Orleans-1 Chicago-2</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">62-29777-58</p> <p style="text-align: center;">JAN 27 1934 A M</p> <p style="text-align: center;">JAN 29 1934</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION</p>
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Upon receipt of the above telegram Special Agent in Charge
M. H. Purvis contacted Sergeant W. Kumpster, Illinois State Police who
is assigned to this office and Special Agent Hartin, and both of the
above persons made a check at the Drake Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, from
which place these calls were supposed to have been made.

Agent Hartin and Sergeant Kumpster contacted Mr. Charles
S. Hamilton, second assistant house officer at the Drake Hotel, and through
him attempted to check the telephone calls mentioned in reference telegram.
The effort to check these calls, however, was unsuccessful on the evening
of January 19th, and on the following morning Special Agent in Charge
Purvis contacted [redacted] Illinois Bell Telephone
Company, and he advised that a person by the name of [redacted] called Watkins
9-9218 New York City, from Superior 2318 booth in the Drake Hotel. He
also stated that three calls were attempted by Chicago telephone operator
No. 77 at 7:30, 8:00 and 8:50 P.M. on the night of 1/18/34 for room 222
Chelsea Hotel, New York City, telephone No. Chelsea 2-8700. [redacted]
however, advised that these calls were not completed.

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Agent Hartin in company with Sergeant Kumpster again called
at the Drake Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, and contacted [redacted]
[redacted] who in turn called upon [redacted]
Drake Hotel, and he furnished the following information:

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Arrangements were made through [redacted] Manager of the Drake Hotel, to procure a room adjacent to room 404, and was previously made arrangements with the telephone operator to plug in all calls incoming and outgoing from room 404. In the interim [redacted] checked all telephone calls made from room 404, and the calls are being listed below:

1/18/34 - 3 calls were made from Room 404 by [redacted] to Room 539 Chelsea Hotel, New York City, No. Chelsea 4-3700; 1 call was made by [redacted] to Mandeville, Louisiana.

The following are local calls made by [redacted] from Room 404, Drake Hotel:

- Pol. 2154 - 3 calls, address 510 Maple Street, Garvan called
- Web. 4747 - State Street Police Station, This call was made at 12:30 A.M. on 1/20/34
- Sta. 3290 - 7 calls to [redacted] 633 No. Michigan Ave., Steamship Agents
- Dal. 0577 - 2 calls to [redacted]
- Fra. 2100 - 14 calls, Sherman Hotel
- Sta. 2200 - 2 calls, Harris Trust Co., 115 West Monroe Street
- Fit. 2384 - 3 calls, [redacted]
- Fra. 4000 - 12 calls, Art Crafts Guild Corporation, 100 North Michigan Avenue
- Gen. 4500 - 4 calls to Pann and Bush, Attorneys, 231 South LaSalle Street
- Oak. 2580 - 2 calls - unable to check
- Lia. 1943 - 1 call - unable to check
- Whi. 4100 - 2 calls to Madinah Athletic Club
- Dep. 4742 - 2 calls, 12 East Elm Street, apartment hotel
- Dep. 2273 - 1 call, Beatrice Massage Salon, 53 Chicago Avenue
- Dep. 2484 - [redacted]
- Chi. 2790 - 2 calls Hedrick Blessing Studio, 240 North Michigan, Room 304
- Gen. 3010 - 1 call, Curtis Publishing Company
- Dep. 2223 - 1 call, Eldrich & Company
- Web. 2222 - 1 call, Park Dearborn Hotel
- Bit. 0150 - [redacted] address unknown
- Mag. 2392 - [redacted]
- Har. 9650 - Dearborn Street Railroad Station
- Har. 4300 - Blackstone Hotel
- Enc. 4100 - Reine Hotel, apartment 1-J - 2 calls

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- Gr. 5702 - Astor House, 2500 Lake Shore Drive
- Via. 1443 - [REDACTED]
- Sal. 5332 - [REDACTED]
- Des. 2262 - [REDACTED]
- Fra. 5400 - Morrison Hotel
- St. 5321 - [REDACTED]
- Reg. 5232 - [REDACTED]
- Fra. 2000 - Price Waterhouse & Co., 33 North LaSalle Street, Chicago.

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An examination was made of room 604 while [REDACTED] was out by Agent Martin, Sergeant Kumpster and [REDACTED] and there was found a telegram from Chicago, Illinois, addressed to [REDACTED] of Room 601 Drake Hotel, which read as follows:

"CONGRATULATIONS BOTH ACHIEVEMENTS STOP EXCELLENCE HOWEVER [REDACTED] NEEDS MORE VERY IMPORTANT"

(Signed) [REDACTED]

The following address was found on a piece of paper on the dresser [REDACTED] 23 East Division Street, New Orleans, on the personal stationery of [REDACTED] bearing the salutation "Dear Dad". The information contained therein would indicate that [REDACTED] is a very young boy who is going to school and was telling the person to whom this letter was addressed about his studies. There was also found a hotel bill from the Sherman Hotel, made out to [REDACTED] room 601, which showed that he checked in on January 18th and used a bill of \$123.00, and that he evidently was still there.

[REDACTED] gave the following description of the man registered in Room 604 Drake Hotel under the name of [REDACTED]

Age	About 35 years
Height	5' 8"
Weight	155 or 160 lbs.
Hair	Dark
Complexion	Dark
Beard	Bear on left upper lip about 1/2 inch long
Wears a heavy tweed suit of light color.	

[REDACTED] stated that he had no baggage when he checked in at the Drake Hotel with the exception of a brief case.

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Sergeant Kempster, accompanied by Agent Martin, called at the Knickerbocker Hotel and contacted [redacted] and he advised that [redacted] of New York City, had registered in at this hotel on 1/19/34 and was occupying room 804 that during the time that he was at this hotel he made three calls to the Chelsea Hotel, New York City, and one call to Mandeville, Louisiana, on 1/20/34, to [redacted] telephone No. 2443.

Agents M. B. Hodges and F. H. Rice relieved Sergeant Kempster and Agent Martin in Room 603 at 9:00 P.M. on the night of 1/20/34, and they continued surveillance and listened in on all calls made from and to room 804 during that night. Agent Rice reported that three calls were made to this room from someplace outside and that there was no answer to these calls. An outgoing call was made to Superior 4364 at 11:50 P.M., Knickerbocker Hotel, Room 302. The person making the call from Room 804 Drake Hotel, asked for [redacted] and the individual answering replied "Yes". The person calling then asked for General, and the person on the other end answering to the name of Hill said that General was asleep. An outgoing call was made to Greenleaf 5215, and the person making the call asked for [redacted]. The person replying stated that [redacted] was in bed. The person calling asked "Is this you Bug?" and the reply was "Yes". The person calling stated "Well, this is [redacted] says that the General and [redacted] are together & just talked to them. Tell [redacted] received a telegram marked 9:51 containing the following. Both absorption incident, also received a telegram marked 11:35, both absorptions accomplished."

On the morning of 1/21/34 at 12:30 P.M. [redacted] brought the following telegrams to Sergeant Kempster and Agent Martin at Room 603. The first telegram was addressed to [redacted] Evanston, Illinois, marked send at 2:00 A.M., reading as follows: "ALLAY YEARS SOLE SURVIVING MUSKETEER TOTTERING TELL [redacted] signed D'Artagnan. The other telegram was addressed to [redacted] Evanston, Illinois, marked, send at 4:00 A.M., and read as follows: "SURVIVING MUSKETEER GIBBERING", signed "Javasse". [redacted] advised that the person occupying Room 804 called the Western Union Telegraph Company and advised that he wanted wire No. 1 above sent at 2:00 A.M. and the second wire sent at 4:00 A.M., and that the telegraph company stated that they would be unable to deliver the 4:00 A.M. telegram, whereupon they were told by the man occupying room 804 to disregard the 4:00 o'clock telegram, but to send the 2:00 A.M. telegram.

By telephone Sergeant Kempster contacted Lieutenant Egan of the Evanston Police Department, in an attempt to check the address [redacted] Evanston, Illinois, and ascertain the reputation [redacted]

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and identify of the parties living at that address and also to attempt to determine who [redacted] might be. Lieutenant Homan called Sergeant Kempster back and advised that [redacted] and his wife live at this address; that [redacted] is a former barkeeper in Evanston, Illinois, and is supposed to bear a good reputation in the neighborhood. He stated that [redacted] wife's name is [redacted] and that living with [redacted] at the above address are a man and a woman by the name of [redacted] according to Lieutenant Homan these people are approximately thirty-five years of age. Lieutenant Homan stated that this house is a single frame house, and that he had never heard anything which would indicate that these people were not respectable. He stated that the man and woman by the name of [redacted] who reside at this address with the [redacted] have lived there for about a year and a half. He could furnish no further information.

On January 31, 1934, at 10:10 A.M. the person occupying Room 204 at the Duane Hotel, received a call from Room 202, Knickerbocker Hotel, during which the following conversation ensued:

[redacted] Hello. This is Bill. How do you feel?
I feel like hell.

[redacted] The General is up and says [redacted] got a hang out of that wire. That was a pig. Will the General want to talk to you.

General: Hello. How do you feel?

Response: Oh boy. I just decided I couldn't take it. I got an awful head.

General: Well, I think I can slip off on this one.

Response: So do I. I think that one will last me all week. I just realized that was a big one we had.

General: The boys are over in the kitchen. I talked to them.

Response: I will be over and have some coffee with you in about twenty minutes. Have you ordered your yet?

General: No. I think I will check the coffee and have some juice.

Response: Well, you better order it then while you are in the mood, it may take me about twenty minutes before I get over and I want to get that call at 1:00 o'clock.

General: Well [redacted] is here. He will get it anyway.

Response: A.K. Will be over in a short time.

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room at 10:45 A.M.

A telegram was addressed to Special Agent in Charge Whitley, New Orleans, Louisiana, by Special Agent in Charge Parvis, requesting that he ascertain the identity, reputation, occupation and description of [redacted] New Orleans, and also that [redacted] be believed to be the attorney or son of the attorney of [redacted] and further to ascertain whether either or both are now in Chicago and to wire a reply. A response to the above telegram was received on January 26th from Special Agent in Charge Whitley, advising that they were unable to definitely ascertain the whereabouts of [redacted] and [redacted] but that [redacted] was a local attorney and [redacted] apparently had absent from New Orleans most of the time during the past several months.

A telegram dated January 24, 1934, was also sent to Special Agent in Charge Parvis to Special Agent in Charge Herer, Birmingham, Alabama, requesting that they ascertain the identity, reputation, occupation and description of [redacted] Memphis, Tennessee, and also to ascertain whether or not [redacted] was then in Chicago. A response to the above telegram was received from Acting Special Agent in Charge Herer, Birmingham, dated January 21, advising that State Street in Memphis, Tennessee, was a new street in the colored section and there were apparently no houses on it, also that [redacted] was unknown in Memphis, and that further check would be made the following day.

Another telegram dated January 20, 1934, was addressed to Special Agent in Charge Alt, Jacksonville, Florida, requesting that office to ascertain if possible the identity, reputation and occupation of [redacted] Pensacola, Florida, and if he was in Chicago at this time to wire reply. On January 22nd a wire was received from the Jacksonville Division office, advising that [redacted] was unknown in Pensacola, Florida.

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It may be noted here that during the time that Room 604 was under surveillance none of the bellboys gave any word of the Drake Hotel nor did any of them call Room 604. The photographs of various criminals together with Dillinger and some of his gang as well as by the Chicago Police Department were exhibited to the Manager and the bellboys and house detectives, but they were unable to identify any of them as persons who had been at the Drake Hotel, and they were certain that the man occupying room 604 was not one of the Dillinger gang.

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On January 21, 1934, Special Agent in Charge Purvis advised that it would be unnecessary to continue surveillance of this room any longer, and in accordance with this instruction, Sergeant Kempster and Agent Martin discontinued surveillance of this room at 3:00 P.M. on that date.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent A. E. Lockerman, who pursuant to instructions from Special Agent in Charge Purvis, inquired at the Sherman Hotel relative to a party believed to be registered there by the name of [redacted]. This inquiry was being made for the reason that in the room of [redacted] at the Drake Hotel there was found a hotel bill of [redacted] from the Sherman Hotel, indicating that he owed that hotel a bill of that size of approximately \$165.00.

At the Sherman Hotel, through the courtesy of [redacted] it was learned that [redacted] first registered at the Sherman Hotel on December 8, 1933, at which time he was accompanied by his wife and family, and they at that time occupied rooms 942 and 943; that on January 17, 1934, at 8:47 P.M., [redacted] and his family paid their bill and checked out of that hotel and on the same night at 10:02 o'clock, [redacted] re-registered at the Sherman Hotel in room 939. Their records indicate that he has been there constantly since that time and is still living at that hotel. An examination of his registration card for the last registration indicated that he registered from Pensacola, Florida, no street or business address being given. [redacted] stated that he had been informed by the room inspector that [redacted] was an attorney representing [redacted] of New Orleans, Louisiana, and it is believed that he is handling the divorce proceedings for [redacted] against his wife, who is presently suing him for divorce. [redacted] stated that of course he is not positive that this is the exact situation, but he expressed the opinion that [redacted] is either the attorney or an investigator for [redacted] but that he believes he is his attorney.

Examination of the bills for this room indicates that on December 23, 1933, [redacted] paid a bill in the amount of \$110.00 and on January 13, 1934, he paid a bill which at that time amounted to \$157.00, and that at the present time he is indebted to the hotel in the sum of \$165.00. A further examination of the records relative to the account of [redacted] indicated that on January 16th a telegram was

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sent by Western Union to Mobile, Alabama, and on January 17th a call was made from [redacted] room to Oliver 3434, New Orleans, at a charge of \$15.45. On the same date a call by the name of [redacted] talked from [redacted] room to Milwaukee, calling Mrs. [redacted] at a charge of [redacted]. On January 18 a call was made to Mobile, Alabama, to [redacted] telephone No. 3883, at a charge of \$7.00. On the same date a call was made to Grand Rapids, telephone 3-4121, at a charge of \$1.00. A party by the name of [redacted] called this number from [redacted] room. On the same date two telegrams were sent to New Orleans and one telegram to New York. These messages were sent by way of Postal Telegraph. On January 10th a call was made from that room to Oliver 3434, New Orleans, at a charge of \$3.45, and on the same date a call was made to Grand Rapids, telephone 3-4121, at which time a party by the name of [redacted] made the call. On the same date a telegram was sent by way of Western Union to New Orleans, Louisiana.

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[redacted] further advised that on or about January 9, 1934, [redacted] presented a \$1,000 bill to be changed. He could not recall any checks being tendered to be cashed for any large amounts.

In an effort to determine whether or not the telephone calls to New Orleans from this room had been made to [redacted] the New Orleans telephone directory was examined, and it was found that no telephone is listed for [redacted] residence. However, there is a telephone listed at his place of business under the name of [redacted] Industrial Canal, telephone Broadway 1892.

Further examination of the hotel records indicate that on January 18th the man named [redacted] occupied room 341 and the expenses incurred were charged to [redacted] room, and that on December 30, 1933, parties by the names of [redacted] were in room 227, and that these expenses were also charged to [redacted] account; also, that on January 18, room 1418 was occupied by [redacted] the entire bill being charged to [redacted].

[redacted] advised that [redacted] formerly [redacted] on the boat that she owned and operated by [redacted] and that he believed that she could be located through her sister, [redacted] and that [redacted] could be located through telephone [redacted]. He also expressed the belief that [redacted] formerly worked for [redacted] on his boat. Through the assistance of [redacted] it was also learned through the housekeeper for the floor on which [redacted] lives that he spends a considerable portion of his time in his room; that he has numerous letters, telegrams

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and other papers on his desk, the contents being unknown to the house-keeper, and that he has quite a supply of clothes. She also advised that the maid's records for that room indicate that either [redacted] or someone else, has occupied that room every night since he has been registered there, the records not showing a "sleep-out" for any night.

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The following description of [redacted] was obtained from [redacted]

Age	about 42 or 43
Height	5' 6 1/2", or may be taller
Weight	approximately 135 or 140
Hair	dark
Complexion	dark
Eyeglasses	None
Peculiarities	Nervous

At the time this inquiry was made [redacted] was in his room and it was not possible to have the house detectives or any other employee of the hotel go into the room for the purpose of looking around.

In connection with the name and address [redacted] which was found in the room occupied by [redacted] at the Drains Hotel, Special Agents R. K. McKee and J. H. Rice called at the above address and learned it to be an old building which has been remodeled into six apartments. The names which appear on the various bells are as follows:

1. [redacted]
 2. [redacted]
 3. [redacted]
 4. [redacted]
 5. [redacted]
 6. [redacted]
 7. [redacted]
 8. [redacted]
 9. [redacted]
 10. [redacted]

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Effort was made to locate the janitor of this apartment on the night of January 20th, but with negative results. He was contacted on the following morning, however, and came to the Chicago Division office and advised during an interview that none of the photographs appearing in the Chicago Police Department Bulletin or the "Billinger Mob" appears to be the likeness of any of the several persons located at [redacted]

[redacted] the janitor in question, was asked for data regarding the identities of the occupants of apartment three, in view of the fact that the person under inquiry had the same first name and middle initial as one of the persons listed to this apartment's records. [redacted] said this apartment is an interior decorating shop which has been occupied since October, 1934, by the persons listed thereto. He stated that they appear to be conducting a legitimate business. He has not had any opportunity to come in contact with them to any great extent for the reason that they have a janitor come in and take care of cleaning. However, he described [redacted] as follows:

Age	40 to 45
Height	5' 7"
Weight	160 lbs.
Hair	Medium Brown
Eyes	Dark
Complexion	Dark

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[redacted] the janitor, has a telephone listed as [redacted]

It is to be noted that it has been thought that [redacted] might be connected with the Billinger mob, this supposition being based upon investigation conducted by the Chicago Police Department and telegrams sent by that Department to the Detroit and New York City Police Departments, indicating that the Billinger mob was traveling East with the [redacted]. The report of the Chicago Police Department upon which their telegrams were based is set forth in a letter from this office to the Detroit office, dated January 25, 1934, copies of which were directed to the New York, New Orleans and Cincinnati offices. In view of the fact that the investigation set forth above did not disclose any connection between the friends of [redacted] and the Billinger mob, it was thought advisable to conduct further investigation to ascertain whether there was any connection between the [redacted] and the Billinger mob. Accordingly, Special Agents S. K. McKee and W. Carter Baum conducted the following investigation.

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[redacted] located at [redacted] upon interview advised that [redacted] giving their address as New Orleans, Louisiana, registered at the apartment on the night of November 22, 1932, stating that they expected to remain there about one week. [redacted] was stated further that shortly thereafter they were joined by [redacted] these latter two people, however, did not register at the hotel. [redacted] stated that she became suspicious of these people, inasmuch as they placed an unusual number of both local and long distance telephone calls, and for that reason she made it her business to have them watched. She referred agents to [redacted] and [redacted] who took some distance from both [redacted].

[redacted] upon interview and upon being shown the Chicago Police Department bulletin bearing the photographs of the various members of the Millinger mob, advised that the photograph of John Millinger resembled to some extent the man who visited the [redacted] during their stay at the apartment. He said this man came to the apartment on several occasions, at which time he was leading two toy bulldogs on a leash. He said this man from time to time appeared with a long piece of adhesive tape on his right cheek; that he was also seen without the tape on his face, but that it had not been noticed whether or not he had a scar or injury.

[redacted] said that the [redacted] checked out of the hotel around the first of the year; that the bills up until then had been taken care of by [redacted] but on this occasion [redacted] came to the desk and tendered a \$100.00 bill. He said [redacted] secured this bill from an envelope which he carried in one of his hip pockets, and that it was noticed at the time that he had a considerable amount of currency on his person. He said that when the \$100.00 bill was refused [redacted] reached into one of his other pockets and secured another envelope containing a large amount of currency, from which he took a \$200.00 bill and paid his account.

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[redacted] when interviewed, stated that the manager of the hotel communicated with her one day during the early part of the winter and told her that [redacted] in apartment 1102 desired to have some letters written, and would she turn to his apartment and take dictation of several occasions, all of which with some few exceptions related to a wild speculation interview in which [redacted] seemed to be interested. In this connection she said that [redacted] dictation seemed

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to be in a legal vein, and that a great deal of correspondence was had with [redacted] of New Orleans, Louisiana. She referred to her notebook covering activities she had taken and advised that [redacted] had written one letter to [redacted] New Orleans, Louisiana, which bore the return address [redacted] New Orleans, Louisiana. She also stated that [redacted] wrote several letters to [redacted] and that all of the same were addressed to him at [redacted] Michigan.

The hotel records include an invoice relating to the shipment of a package to [redacted] New Orleans, Louisiana, in connection with which advice has been received at the hotel that the package had not been delivered. An examination of the telephone slips covering calls made from Apartment 1102 during the period the [redacted] and [redacted] were living there, revealed long distance telephone calls and telegrams sent to Brighton, Michigan, Hotel Chipewa, Manistee, Michigan, Long Island, New York, and telephone number Crescent 1050, New Orleans, Louisiana. In addition to the above, there was a large number of local telephone calls and it was noted that a great many calls were placed to telephone numbers Central 6500 and Franklin 6400, Chicago.

[redacted] were asked to examine closely the various photographs of the Billiger set, in order that they might be able to state whether any of the three men the men at the apartment resembled any of the photographs, and they did so. After the examination they could only state that the photograph of John Billiger resembled in some degree the man who called on the [redacted] and [redacted] and who brought with him the two boys Billiger. They advised, however, that there was some resemblance between this man and the photograph of Billiger, they did not desire to state that they were making an identification.

It should be stated here that none of the persons interviewed could furnish descriptions of the [redacted] and [redacted] or of the man who had visited them.

At the apartment house located at [redacted] [redacted] was interviewed. He produced registration records for the apartment which indicated that [redacted] and party of [redacted] No. 1, registered on December 29, 1935, and were assigned to apartment 1102. This is a two bedroom affair. It was stated that the party in question consisted of three men and two women. The only name furnished was [redacted]. It was also stated that the entire party

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checked out on January 4, 1934, at which time they left no forwarding address. The agents were advised that [redacted] left an automobile trunk in storage at the apartment. [redacted] was asked for descriptions of the various persons stated that he was not in a position to furnish same for the reason that he had not come in contact with them. He called in [redacted] who had come in contact with the party, and referred him to Agents.

Photographs of the various members of the Millinger mob were displayed to [redacted] but he was unable to point out any particular picture as being the likeness of any of the men or women who occupied apartment 401 along with [redacted]. He could not furnish descriptions of the two women, but described [redacted] as being about thirty years of age, heavy set, and as having red hair and a mustache. He described the second man as having light hair, of medium build, and as having the fore-finger of his right hand missing. The third man was described as being about 5' 8" in height, weighing about 160 pounds, and as being about 35 to 40 years of age, having black hair which he parted in the middle. He also stated that the third man appeared from time to time with a long piece of adhesive tape on his right cheek. He said that the adhesive tape aroused his curiosity as he also saw this man at times without the tape on his cheek and he noticed particularly that this man did not seem to have anything wrong with the cheek on which the tape had been placed.

[redacted] was asked particularly whether any of the three men who had been at the apartment looked like John Millinger, and he was positive in his statement that none of them resembled his photograph.

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It was also stated by [redacted] that the [redacted] party had two Hatz ferraplane automobiles in their possession; that one of them bore Louisiana license plates, while the other bore Michigan license.

Inquiry was made regarding telephone calls which might have been placed from the apartment, by the [redacted] party, and Agents were informed that there were numerous local telephone calls, including quite a few to the Western Union Telegraph Company, but that the party did not place any long distance calls during their stay.

Special Agents W. Carter Ham and S. K. McLee called at room 604 Drake Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, on the afternoon of January 22, 1934, and asked for [redacted]. At this time there were two

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men in this room, and after Acosta had identified themselves, they furnished their names as [redacted] and [redacted]. [redacted] was asked to explain his business in Chicago and to identify himself. He stated that he was a native of New Orleans and the son of [redacted] New Orleans, Louisiana; that he was graduated in law from Loyola University, New Orleans, was a member of the Louisiana Legislature from 1928 to 1932, and until the fall of 1933 practiced law at 515½ Canal Street Building, New Orleans. He advised that he came to Chicago, Illinois, about the middle of November, 1935, in company with the [redacted] the purpose of his trip being to arrange settlements of various debts on behalf of [redacted] the debts being connected with his work which he called the [redacted] stated that at the time he came to Chicago he was also accompanied by his wife. He also said that he brought with him \$42,000 in currency which had been received from [redacted].

When asked to account for his whereabouts since arriving at Chicago, [redacted] stated that he first registered at the Hotel Morrison under his true name, and that he was accompanied by [redacted]. He later moved to an apartment located at 221 East Delaware Place, where he registered as [redacted] and party, he being accompanied at this time by [redacted] and [redacted] who he stated is his brother-in-law. He stated that some time around the first of the year the party which had been at the Delaware Place address, moved to an apartment at 1156 Lincoln Park East, where they remained for about a week. [redacted] said that he and the entire party then started on a trip to New York City, traveling in two Essex Terraplane automobiles, which were owned by himself and [redacted].

The details of the New York trip will be set out later in an interview with [redacted].

[redacted] advised that he returned to Chicago alone about a week ago and registered at the Knickerbocker Hotel under the name of [redacted]. He said that while still living at the Knickerbocker Hotel he took a room at the Drake Hotel, under the name of [redacted] advising that at this time he used the above aliases in order to keep anyone from locating him. In this connection he stated that he resigned as attorney for [redacted] on January 2, 1936, for the reason that he had had several disagreements with [redacted] and for the further reason that the creditors of [redacted] were harassing him. It should be stated here that [redacted] at the time of this interview were well

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Under the influence of intoxicating liquor had seemed to treat the interview as a joke. [redacted] was questioned as to the several telegrams he had sent out, all of which appeared to have been written in a code and he explained same by saying that he sent these messages for the express purpose of annoying the recipients. [redacted] was also questioned regarding the identity of the man who had been at [redacted]

[redacted] with the piece of adhesive tape appearing on his right cheek, and he advised that he was the man who had worn the tape, the reason being that he has suffered for some time from facial paralysis. In this connection it was noted that the right side of [redacted] face is drawn, the right corner of his mouth being pulled out of place.

It should be stated that a glance at [redacted] was sufficient to indicate that he is not one of the individuals connected with the Billinger gang, as shown in the Chicago Police bulletins. He is described as follows:

Age	38
Height	5' 6"
Weight	160 lbs.
Hair	Black, receding at temples
Eyes	Brown
Scars	None noticeable - no tattoo marks on arms - right side of mouth drawn due to facial paralysis.
Relatives	[redacted] mother, New Orleans, Louisiana; [redacted] mother-in-law, New Orleans, Louisiana; [redacted] wife, presently at Hotel Madison, New York, N. Y.

With respect to the trip to New York City, which had been referred to by [redacted] related that the group which had been at [redacted] namely [redacted] left Chicago about January 6th in two Essex terraplane sedans, black and steel gray in color respectively, one of which bore Michigan license plates, while

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The other were Louisiana license. The purpose of the trip to New York was to secure custody of his son, [redacted] who was in custody of the children's aid society at Brooklyn, New York. [redacted] related that the party was killed in Detroit, Michigan, by his sister-in-law [redacted]

[redacted] were traveling in the car bearing Louisiana license while the remainder of the group traveled in the other car. He said that a short distance out of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, [redacted] and his wife stopped to rest while the remainder of the party proceeded on to New York City.

[redacted] related that he was stopped by several police officers on the New York side of the Holland Tunnel and searched, being later told that the police were looking for two black terraplanes, black and steel gray in color, bearing Michigan and Louisiana license. He said that he was released by the police after identifying himself.

[redacted] then went on to relate in detail his story of how he had proceeded to New York and registered at the Madison Hotel and had then taken a taxi and driven back along the road where he met and carried [redacted] not to come into the city in his automobile as the police would stop him. He said he left [redacted] the result being that [redacted] stored his car at the Hudson Essex Garage in Hoboken, New Jersey, and proceeded to New York City by ferry, where he registered at the Meyers Hotel with his wife under his correct name. [redacted] stated that he and the remainder of the party registered at the Chelsea Hotel as [redacted] and party.

After remaining in New York City for several days, the entire group went to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where they registered at the Green Hotel under the name of [redacted] and party. They returned to New York City shortly thereafter and went to the Hudson Hotel, where they again registered under the name of [redacted] and party, and in which place, according to [redacted] they were taken into custody by police officers and a Department of Justice Agent on January 19, 1934, being released shortly thereafter. [redacted] stated that he was arrested by Captain [redacted] and Lieutenant [redacted] of the Police Department and by Agent [redacted]. He said these officers questioned him regarding the whereabouts of [redacted] but that he refused to tell them where he was, although he knew that [redacted] had returned to Chicago and was stopping at the Hotel Drake.

[redacted] stated further that he left New York City on January 20, 1934, and reached Chicago on the afternoon of the following day, where he joined [redacted] at the Hotel Drake.

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It is to be noted that [redacted] does not resemble any of the individuals shown in the Chicago Police Department bulletins of the Dillinger gang. He is described as follows:

Age	35
Height	5' 8"
Weight	125 lbs.
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Blonde
Build	Medium
Complexion	Fair
Residence	Hotel Chippewa, Muskegon, Michigan (for mail purposes only)
Scars	Right index finger amputated at second joint - tattoo marks on right forearm
Relatives	[redacted] mother, [redacted] (Germany); [redacted] wife, presently at Chelsea Hotel, New York City.

Both [redacted] and [redacted] advised that they are in the course of enjoying a "royal bender," stating that at the time of his first agreement with [redacted] he paid himself a fee of \$10,000 from the money [redacted] had turned over to him and had likewise paid [redacted] \$2,100 as back salary. Both of these men said they expected to remain in Chicago for several more days, and to continue to use assumed names in order to keep people from locating them, and that upon leaving Chicago they anticipate rejoining the remainder of the party at the Chelsea Hotel in New York City. [redacted] said that he and [redacted] would not return to New York City to rejoin their wives and in-laws if it were not for the fact that he also wanted to secure his two daughters and bring them back to his in Michigan.

Inasmuch as it is apparent from the above investigation that neither [redacted] nor [redacted] has any connection with the Dillinger gang, no further inquiries concerning them are being made.

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