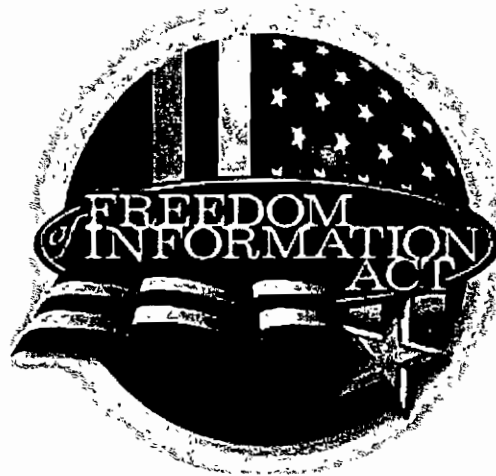


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ST. PAUL, MINN.



1905 Parkers Building  
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Dear Sir:

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Very truly yours,

M. M. FURVIL  
Special Agent in Charge.

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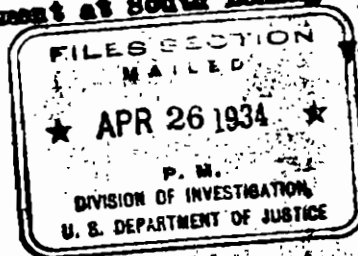
Mr. E. H. Clegg.  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
203 Post Office Building,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith three enlarged charts illustrating the identification of a latent fingerprint as that of Evelyn Frechette.

Ten photographic copies of these charts are being prepared in the Division.

This completes the charts in so far as the identifications effected in connection with the latent prints found in the apartment at South Lexington Avenue are concerned.



Very truly yours,

Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

I called Mr. Clegg at St. Paul and read to him the memorandum to the Attorney General regarding the publicity in the Dillinger case and asked his views re same. Mr. Clegg stated that he thought a paragraph should be added thereto to the effect that the Division is looking for Dillinger on a National Motor Vehicle Theft Act charge, which is a rather insignificant offense in comparison with the offenses for which he is wanted in Ohio and Indiana; that, however, in an effort to cooperate with local authorities in the states where Dillinger is wanted, the Division is exerting every effort to cause his apprehension. In other words, Mr. Clegg stated that he thought it should be stated that we are taking advantage of our jurisdiction over National Motor cases to extend our every resource to locate him on the other charges. Mr. Clegg was of the opinion that the statement should be issued.

Respectfully,

*S. P. Cowley*  
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**Bureau of Investigation**  
311 Hurley-Wright Building,  
Washington, D. C.

April 24, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

RE: JOHN HERBERT DILLINGER, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. 1217, et al--  
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT;  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

On April 24, 1934 Mr. Stapleton of the Division requested Assistant Special Agent in Charge L. R. Pennington to determine if Mary Evelyn Frechette, with aliases, was a ward of the Government and if as such she were entitled to have the Government represent her or whether she could employ her own attorney. Mr. Stapleton furnished information to the effect that a check in the amount of \$50, drawn on Government account F-35, Authority No. 5, Treasury No. 17418, drawn on Keshena Indian Agency by W. Beyer, with the notation on the check, Interior Indian Trust Fund, Menomie, Wisconsin.

*Indian Ward*

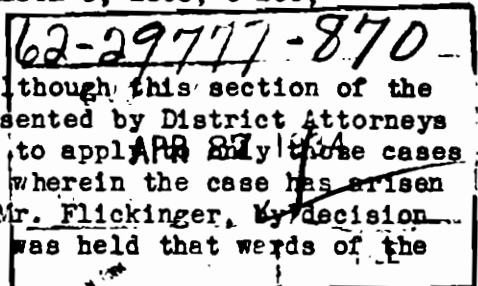
Please be advised that Agent Levin interviewed Mr. Armstrong, Chief Clerk of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Room 5349, new Post Office Building, who advised that Mary Evelyn Frechette was in fact a ward of the Government, being 25 years of age, single and a half-blooded Indian. Mr. Armstrong advised that Miss Frechette was considered a ward by reason of the fact that she still has realty held in trust for her by the Government, this land being restricted in that Miss Frechette could not transfer title to the same, although being allowed to reside thereon. Mr. Armstrong then suggested that Agent contact Mr. Flickinger of the Legal Division of the Bureau of Indian Affairs with respect to the question if Miss Frechette were entitled to have the Government represent her.

Mr. Flickinger advised that the U. S. Code Annotated, Title 25, Section 175 indicates as follows:

"In all states and territories where there are reservations or allotted Indians, the U. S. District Attorney shall represent them in all suits at law and in equity. (March 3, 1893; C-209; Paragraph 1; 27 Stat. 631)"

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Mr. Flickinger further advised that although this section of the Code indicates that the Indians should be represented by District Attorneys in all cases, yet this section has been limited to apply only in those cases wherein the realty of the Indian is affected or wherein the case has arisen by reason of interest in realty. According to Mr. Flickinger, by decision of the Attorney General on several occasions it was held that wards of the



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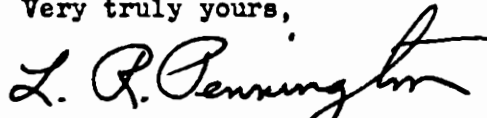
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Government are not entitled to have District Attorneys represent them in personal matters.

Mr. McMahon of the Legal Division concurred in the opinion expressed by Mr. Flickinger.

This information was immediately furnished to Mr. Stapleton of the Division by phone by Agent Levin.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "L. R. Pennington". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent loop at the end of the last name.

L. R. PENNINGTON, Assistant  
Special Agent in Charge.

LL:CSM



April 26, 1934

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Mr. E. E. Clegg,  
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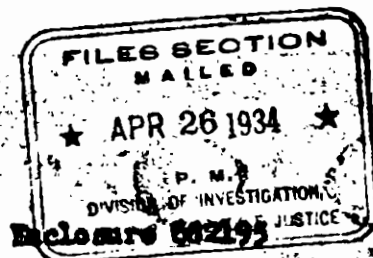
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RE: JOHN HERBERT DILLINGER, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, IDENTIFICATION ORDER 1217, et al  
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT;  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

Dear Mr. Clegg:

To confirm information furnished you by telephone  
by Mr. T. H. Stapleton of the Division on April 24, 1934,  
there is attached a copy of the letter from Assistant Special  
Agent in Charge L. E. Pennington of the Washington Field Of-  
fice, dated April 24, 1934.

Very truly yours,



Director

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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MR. NATHAN.....  
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MR. COWLEY.....  
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MR. EGAN.....  
MR. QUINN.....  
MR. LESTER.....  
CHIEF CLERK.....  
MR. RORER.....

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

*John Dillinger*  
I called Agent in Charge Connelley at Indianapolis. He advised that he had talked to Mr. Al Feeney, the Director of Public Safety at Indianapolis, Indiana, who stated that he had made no such statement as alleged in the newspaper article to the effect that the Government had bungled the Dillinger case and that he had made no statement to a similar effect. Mr. Connelley stated that the article did not appear in any of the papers at Indianapolis and that probably Mr. Feeney's name is mentioned in the paragraph which contained the statement in question and is not a direct quotation of a statement made by him. Mr. Connelley stated that Mr. Feeney is sending a telegram to the Director assuring the Director that he is misquoted in the article and that the Division is cooperating fully at all times. He is also sending a similar wire to Senator Copeland.

Mr. Connelley stated that the only thing Mr. Feeney felt badly about is the fact that at one time some newspaper men were questioning the Director relative to certain police organizations, at which time the question as to what the Director knew of the Indiana State Police was asked, to which the Director is alleged to have said that he was not acquainted with their activities. Mr. Feeney was of the opinion that the Director could have given them a boost at that time.

Respectfully,

*S. P. Cowley*  
S. P. Cowley

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The Star of tonight there is old wheeze (in re Dillinger et al) about "shooting the tires". How much longer will the public be fed such rot? One article quotes Hoover's "official report" to that effect, whereas the main article tells specifically of the results of the bullets fired by the Government agents—the areas reached by the bullets shows definitely that the men were aimed at, not the tires. Indeed, if the agents did aim at the tires, their marksmanship was punk, indeed. To any one who knows anything at all about firing a rifle, pistol or revolver, this "shooting at the tires" is ridiculous. A shot-gun employed at close range would serve for that—nothing else. Every few days during that prohibition era nightmare, police of this city were telling about "shooting at the tires" whenever they happened to kill some unfortunate "suspect". There is not one of them who can hit a revolving tire at 75 yards, with either a pistol, rifle or revolver. Even Col. Wm. Cody would have had great difficulty performing such a feat.

But The Star, although it knows better, printed such idiotic rot in pursuance of its years-old policy of being for the police force, however wrong, however lawless it was, and, in spots, is—even with prohibition mooching and cheap, grafting practically eliminated, save as it prevails in other very cheap forms.

How trained and experienced Department of Justice agents happened to be caught by one man and shot up is indeed almost a mystery. Apparently not one of the agents had his weapon in hand, despite their knowledge that "trouble" was all around them. In a word, the killer had the drop on the group he demanded identify itself. Unfortunate negligence, indeed—and altogether a sad chapter—for the agents.

One leaves a wife and two children. Of course, the slain agent was killed in the line of duty. What, if anything, will the Government do for those left bereft? If he were a New York policeman, a fair provision would be made automatically—out of the police pension fund. I know of no such fund for agents of the Department of Justice. Will Congress contain a member or members who are sympathetic enough to endeavor to bring about enactment of a bill whereby some financial provision be made for this stricken family of District of Columbia and Maryland antecedents?

Less than a month ago, Washington picture houses threw on the screen a monologue by Dillinger's sire. He was garrulous—and almost silly. The bulk of his remarks formed a defense of the jail-breaker. Is that the best Will Hays and his board of movie strategy can do in the way of increasing respect for law—Warner Bros., are equally culpable in this. A few days ago, this Indiana farmer declared with cheap comment that Dillinger had been at the farm a short distance from Indianapolis—but as the officers "had not asked him any questions" he had not volunteered any information during the visit of his killer son. If that was not harboring a criminal, then Mrs. Suaratt did not know the man who nearly succeeded in killing Secretary Seward; she told the truth then when "the laborer" (Payne, or Powell) appeared at her H street door a night or two after the tragedy in Ford's Theatre. Of course, she did harbor some of the plotters and she did know the uncouth swarthy plug-ugly who was later one of her associates that hot July day on the scaffold; likewise, old man Dillinger harbored his rascally son, and in so doing, violated a statute—either of Indiana or of the United States. Women companions of some of the Dillinger bunch and other bunches have been arrested on less tangible evidence. Why not take old man Dillinger at his word, and do something about it, since, according to The Star tonight the jail-breaker was parried primarily for the benefit of his father? Respectfully,

Hon. Homer S. Cummings,  
Washington.

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Hon. E. S. Cummings,  
Attorney-General,  
City.

P. O. Box 1876  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
April 24, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Re: John Dillinger with aliases - FUGITIVE,  
I. O. #1217, et al.; Nat'l. Motor Veh.  
Theft Act - Harboring Fugitive from Justice

Special Agent G. H. Franklin of this office advises that on the 24th instant A. B. Cooper of the Burns International Detective Agency, Oklahoma City, gave him a letter postmarked Greenfield, Oklahoma, April 13, 1934, addressed to Mr. E. P. Oum, Colored Building, Oklahoma City, signed by L. G. Thery. The letter is as follows:

"Greenfield Okla. April 12-34

"Mr. E. P. Oum  
Okla. City.

"See Dillinger suspected in Alabama. Suggest The Burns people investigate Groer Wadsworth, a switchman at Montgomery, Ala. Also understand Floyd visits him sometimes. He is a Racketeer of Montgomery and Grooks Cool off there occasionally.

Yours Truly

(Signed) L. G. Thery.

This information is being furnished the Birmingham office what value it may possess, and it is suggested that appropriate check made of the above mentioned layout at the earliest opportunity.

Very truly yours,

cc-Division. ✓

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EARLE E. BLOOMER  
Special Agent in Charge

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

Re: JOHN HENRY DILLINGER, with aliases -  
FUGITIVE, I. O. 1217, et al.  
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act  
Harboring

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the above entitled matter.  
Last night Mr. W. L. Wickham of 1084 Beaconsfield, Grosse Pointe,  
(Detroit) Michigan, communicated with Special Agent M. W. McKins  
of this office and informed that he was raised in the vicinity of  
Moose Lake, Wisconsin, and that his father is presently the Circuit  
Court Judge residing at Hayward, Wisconsin; that he recalls an  
individual by the name of Charles Hubbard of Moose Lake, Wisconsin,  
who in the past has operated an all year resort and is known to  
have from time to time harbored Chicago gangsters.

With the thought in mind that Charles Hubbard might  
be in connection with Subject Dillinger, Mr. Wickham voluntarily  
telephoned this information to Agent McKins with the request that  
the source hereof be not disclosed. This information is forwarded  
to your office for such value as it might have.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Division  
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~~TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE~~ R. E. CLEGG ST. PAUL

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TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT CHICAGO

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
318 Hewes Building,  
San Francisco, California.

Dear Sir:

A .38 calibre Colt super-automatic pistol, serial #13583, was shipped by the Colt Patent Firearms Manufacturing Company of Hartford, Connecticut to Baker, Hamilton and Pacific Company, 700 Seventh Street, San Francisco, on January 13, 1933. This gun was seized following the gun battle with John Dillinger at St. Paul, Minnesota on March 31, 1934.

The gun had been converted in an attempt to make it into a small machine gun. The foregrip, resembling the foregrip of a Thompson sub-machine gun, had been attached to the gun in front of the trigger guard. A modified compensator or device resembling a compensator had been attached at the muzzle of the gun to the barrel-bushing and a special magazine, which will hold twenty-two .38 super-automatic cartridges, was in the gun. This special magazine was not made by the Colt factory nor was the foregrip and compensator made at the Colt factory. The Division is informed that certain portions of this magazine appear to be factory material, to-wit: the coiled spring in the magazine and the plate which slides within the magazine and upon which the cartridges rest was apparently of Colt manufacture.

The only company or individual to which any of the special magazine spring material has been sold by the Colt Company is the Monarch Arms and Manufacturing Corporation of 6720 Franklin Place, Hollywood, California. A supply of this spring wire was forwarded to the Monarch Company in August, 1932.

A carbon copy of this letter is being forwarded to the Los Angeles Office, which is instructed to conduct immediate investigation with a view to obtaining any available information relative to the manufacture of the special magazine holding a large number of cartridges of the automatic pistol. Investigation should also be made to ascertain whether the Monarch Company manufactured and attached the device resembling a compensator which was attached to the Dillinger pistol. This investigation should be given immediate attention.

Very truly yours,

c/c Los Angeles  
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and the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof.

M. H. Purvis  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago Illinois

DILLINGER EMMA J L SINGER MY HORNS WISCONSIN OWNER CHEVROLET SEDAN  
WISCONSIN LICENSE TWO TWO NINE FIVE HAUGHT ON CAR WHICH HAS NOT BEEN OUT  
OF TOWN TODAY

Chg. Div. of Investg.  
U.S. Dept. of Justice  
203 P.O. Bldg.  
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During the course of its investigation at St. Paul, Minnesota, to effect the apprehension of John Dillinger, the Division of Investigation learned that Dr. E. G. Mortensen had probably treated Dillinger and other members of his mob for bullet wounds.

A check up on Dr. Mortensen disclosed that he is an ex-Past Commander of the American Legion; President of the American Legion Hospital Association of Minnesota; President of the State Board of Health, State of Minnesota; and City Health Commissioner of the City of St. Paul, Minnesota; also that he was a candidate for the position of County Coroner about four years ago and is planning to again announce his candidacy for Coroner in the next few weeks.

Dr. Mortensen was questioned on April 20, 1934, by Special Agents of the Division of Investigation concerning his alleged treatment of Dillinger and his mob. Dr. Mortensen advised that about midnight March 14, 1934, Albert W. O'Reilly, who is known to him as Pat Reilly, came to his residence at 2252 Fairmount Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, accompanied by three or four unknown persons. Pat Reilly requested Dr. Mortensen to give medical treatment to two of the men, who, Reilly stated, had been shot in a gun fracas in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Dr. Mortensen examined the two men and discovered wounds in back of the right shoulders of both men which appeared to have been made by bullets fired from a point of elevation. According to Dr. Mortensen, he gave these men superficial treatment and suggested that they come to his office the following day for further treatment, which they did not do.

Dr. Mortensen has now positively identified photographs of John Dillinger and John Hamilton as being the men whom he treated and a photograph of Homer Van Meter as one of the other persons present, who had a machine gun under his coat while at the doctor's residence. In this connection, the First National Bank at Mason City, Iowa, was robbed on March 13, 1934, during which time shots were exchanged with the bank robbers, some of whom have been identified.

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by witnesses from their photographs as being members of the Dillinger mob.

Dr. Mortensen advised the Agents that he did not recognize or identify these men on the night that they appeared at his home but that he later became convinced that John Dillinger was included among them in view of Dillinger's activities at St. Paul subsequent to that night. Dr. Mortensen did not report the treatment of these gangsters to the police at St. Paul, Minnesota, although he admitted that he was aware of a state law in Minnesota requiring such treatment to be reported.

Pat Reilly, whom Dr. Mortensen admits having known for the past two years, is a first lieutenant and bodyguard of Harry Sawyer, a well-known racketeer in that section, and whom Dr. Mortensen admits being acquainted with for the past four years. The whereabouts of Pat Reilly and Harry Sawyer are unknown at the present time, they apparently having fled from St. Paul following the escape of John Dillinger from the Lincoln Court Apartments, St. Paul, Minnesota, on the morning of March 31, 1934, by shooting at a Division Agent and police officer with a machine gun.

On May 26, 1933, members of the Barker-Karpis gang, who are now being sought for the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota, on January 17, 1934, rented the premises at 204 Vernon Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, from James P. McLaren, the owner, giving at that time the name of Dr. H. G. Mortensen as a reference. After these gangsters had vacated these premises, and before their presence was known to the Division, a medicine bottle was found which was ascertained to have been filled on a prescription written by Dr. Mortensen on February 16, 1932. Dr. Mortensen was questioned by Division Agents in July, 1933, concerning the individual for whom he had written the prescription and he advised that he could not recall the patient who was probably a transient recommended to him by some druggist. At that time Dr. Mortensen promised his cooperation to the Division, requested that photographs of all criminal suspects be given him, and stated that he would inform the St. Paul Division office should any of them appear in his office in the future.

*Edwin Harper*

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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There is attached, for your information, a memorandum concerning the activities of Dr. H. G. Mortensen in treating John Dillinger and members of his mob for bullet wounds.

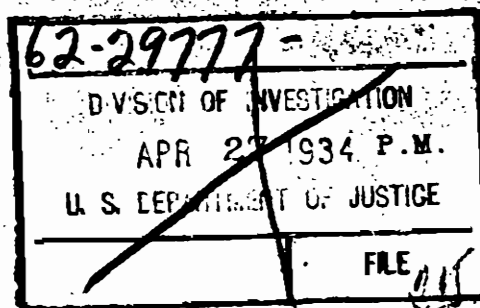
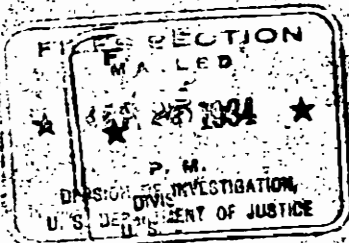
Your particular attention is invited to Dr. Mortensen's connection in the past with members of the Barker-Karpis gang who are now wanted for the Bremer kidnaping.

Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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THS:GJ

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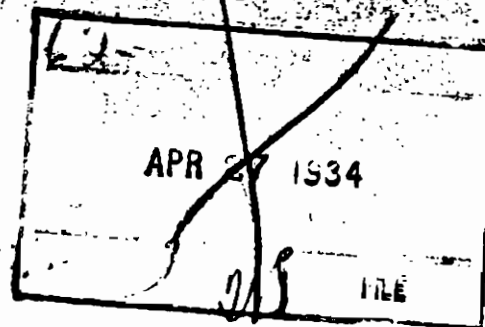
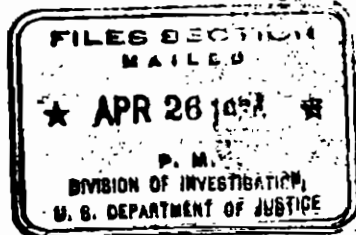
MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO  
THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR. STANLEY

There is attached, for your information, a copy  
of a memorandum prepared for the Attorney General, concern-  
ing the activities of Dr. H. G. Mortensen in treating John  
Dillinger and members of his mob for bullet wounds.

Very truly yours,

Director,

Enclosure #554621.



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Law Offices  
LOUIS P. PIQUETT  
Suite 2110  
228 N. LaSalle St.  
CHICAGO

Telophones Central 8847  
8848

March 7, 1934

*cc*  
*ag*  
Mrs. Eulalia Callender  
Galion,  
Ohio.

My Dear Mrs Callender,

Yours of March 7th, received and read with great deal of interest. Let me say in behalf of my client I certainly appreciate a very tender feeling reading between the lines of your short message. I can clearly realize the trend of your beautiful heart.

I will undertake seriously to have the message delivered to my client in person. You may rest assured that I am perfectly safe in saying that the party in question will be most appreciative of your very sweet offerings and thought. I, like you believe that it was the hand of God that enabled this young Christian soul to live on.

*John Dillinger*  
From my experience with the party in question, I can safely tell you that he will rob no banks, but it is his firm intention to travel in the path of righteousness. He is a great student of the Bible. The last conversation I had with him he had told me that it was his intention to give the balance of his life in this world to God, and beyond any doubt your sweet prayers have had a great deal to do with this deliverance.

I will be most happy to talk in person with as sweet a mind as I think you have, so if any time in the near future you feel well enough to come to Chicago you may meet me at my office address. I will be more than glad to discuss this matter with you further.

With very deepest appreciation for your very kind and thoughtful message, I beg to remain yours very sincerely and truly,

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REFERENCE YOUR TELETYPE REQUESTING IMMEDIATE WRITTEN REPORT GIVING FULL  
DETAILS CONCERNING INVESTIGATION NEAR RHINELANDER. MY LETTER DATED  
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April 25, 1934.

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

I am attaching hereto a copy of an article appearing in today's Washington Times, and which is a press dispatch from Horner, Wisconsin, stating that a petition is being circulated demanding the suspension of Special Agent in Charge Melvin Purvis, of the Chicago Office of this Division, because of the unwarranted shooting of one of the C.C.C. workers at the Little Bohemia Inn. In order that you may have at hand the true facts concerning this matter, I might state that Mr. Purvis was not in charge of the detail of Agents who went to the Little Bohemia Inn, as the detail was under the direction and control of Assistant Director Clegg. As a matter of fact, Rhineland, Wisconsin, in the neighborhood of which is located the Little Bohemia Inn, is not even in the jurisdiction of the Chicago Office, of which Mr. Purvis is Agent in Charge. Mr. Clegg was in charge of the detachment of Agents which arrived at Rhineland on Sunday, Mr. Clegg having proceeded there from St. Paul, where he had been stationed in connection with the investigation of the Bremer kidnapping case, as well as the Dillinger case. Mr. Clegg was accompanied from St. Paul by Inspector Rorer, from Washington headquarters, and by Special Agent in Charge Hanni, of the St. Paul Office. Mr. Purvis proceeded to Rhineland from Chicago, accompanied by Agents of that office. Mr. Clegg, being the ranking official in the Division, was in charge of the detail at all times.

I have talked with both Mr. Clegg and Mr. Purvis relative to this particular incident concerning the killing of the C.C.C. worker. I have asked that a full and detailed report be submitted by each, but in substance they have reported to me by phone, that upon their arrival at the inn, three men were seen leaving the inn and getting into an automobile which was parked in front of the inn. They were commanded to halt, and they did not halt, whereupon Agent in Charge Purvis and Agent Baum, the Agent who was subsequently killed, endeavored to stop the car by firing at it. Mr. Purvis' machine gun jammed and did not fire. Mr. Baum's gun, however, did fire, and it is possible that the shot from Mr. Baum's gun was the one which killed one C.C.C. worker and wounded the other two. It should be remembered, of course, that these three men had been in the inn and were seen leaving it immediately upon the arrival of our Agents, which was about one o'clock in the morning. It was a very dark night, raining and snowing intermittently, with the result that they could not be identified as being Dillinger or any of his associates, but we had received definite information that Dillinger and his associates were in the inn and that no other persons were there. Consequently, it was to be suspected that the three men entering the automobile and moving away in it were either Dillinger

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and his associates, or at least, members of his gang. To have permitted them to depart would have resulted in criticism of our Agents, had it subsequently been found that the three men in the car were Dillinger's gangsters. Consequently, after the three men had been told to halt and did not do so, they were fired upon, and as indicated, it is possible that the shots fired by Mr. Baum may have been the ones which caused the death of one of the C.O.C. workers and the injury of the other two. I do not believe, however, with the facts which have been presented to me to date, that there can be any criticism leveled at the Agents for the action which they took in this matter. They were approaching a known gangsters' hide-out, and they saw three men leaving this hide-out. These three men were called upon to halt, but instead of doing so, they entered an automobile and proceeded to drive away, and consequently, the Agents fired.

The above facts have not been made public, of course, because I do not consider it desirable that the details as to the actual shooting of these men should be disclosed, particularly in view of the fact that the Agent who fired the gun which possibly inflicted death upon one of the C.O.C. workers is now dead himself.

I wanted, however, to bring the facts to your attention in order that you might have them available and if you desire to do so, to call them to the attention of the Attorney General.

I might add that the alleged petition which is being circulated at Mercer, Wisconsin, demanding Mr. Purvis' suspension, is being circulated by United States Postmaster Gehr, of Mercer, Wisconsin.

Respectfully,

Director.

Incl. #369990

# U. S. AGENTS' "BUNGLING"

Telephone District 7000

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 1934

## BLAMED IN DILLINGER ESCAPE

### Should Have Used Dead Shot Woodsmen in Resort Raid

MERCER, Wis., April 25 (I.N.S.).—Suspension of Melvin H. Purvis as head of the division of investigation of the Federal Department of Justice for this area was asked in petitions being circulated among townsfolk here today.

Bitter over the shooting of three citizens, one of whom was killed, the Mercer folk sought an investigation of what they termed "incredible bungling" of the raid by Federal agents on the John Dillinger hideout at Little Bohemia in Spiker Lake.

#### Woodsmen Ignored

Those who are distributing the petitions place particular stress on the failure of the Government operatives to enlist the services of woodsmen and authorities in this section, pointing out that had they done so it would have been impossible for Dillinger and his mob to escape.

Petitioners pointed out that local huntsmen are dead shots with rifles and know every crook and turn of roads in this vicinity.

#### Twin Cities 'Hem In'

#### Dillinger, Police Say

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 25 (I.N.S.).—Believed fenced within the Twin Cities by an army of heavily armed Federal, State and city police, many of them protected by bullet proof vests, John Dillinger and his mob of desperadoes were still eluding capture today.

With this city and Minneapolis surrounded by a cordon of police under orders to "shoot to kill," it was a virtual impossibility for the nation's foremost criminal to get away from here and into the adjacent country, authorities believed.

Convinced that the Indiana gunman is within the city limits, the authorities today were concentrating their efforts upon a check of the town in order to "smoke" him out.

Squad cars of police were investigating all suspicious persons in their zones, while county officers were stopping and searching all automobiles leaving the city.

Federal agents under direction of Hugh H. Clegg, sent here by J. Edgar Hoover to take charge of the manhunt, were investigating many reports tending to establish the whereabouts of the gangster who has escaped them on three occasions.

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TO DIRECTOR and SAC ST. PAUL

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JOHN DILLINGER NMVTA GEORGE NELSON IDENTIFIED AS GUNMAN WHO STOLE  
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## MEMORANDUM

*The AG said "Fine!"*

*[Signature]*

Solicitor General Biggs  
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HONORABLE AL WHEENY  
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
INDIANAPOLIS INDIANA

I AM IN RECEIPT OF YOUR INQUIRY AS TO THE COOPERATION BETWEEN YOUR ORGANIZATION AND AGENTS OF THIS DEPARTMENT. I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT AT NO TIME HAS THERE BEEN ANY STATEMENT ISSUED BY THIS OFFICE WHICH COULD BE CONSTRUED IN ANY WAY AS REFLECTING UPON THE COOPERATION ASSISTANCE AND HELP WHICH YOUR ORGANIZATION HAS RENDERED. I KNOW OF NO INSTANCE IN WHICH THERE HAS BEEN ANY LACK OF COOPERATION BETWEEN YOUR ORGANIZATION AND THIS DEPARTMENT. THE POLICE AUTHORITIES BOTH STATE AND MUNICIPAL HAVE GENERALLY IN ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTRY WORKED IN PERFECT UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION WITH THIS DEPARTMENT IN ALL MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

J EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Report

Case: John Dillinger, with aliases, I.O. 1217, et al. Number: 62-29777-886  
NMVA.

Specimens: One letter printed in pencil and addressed to John Dillinger  
beginning, "J. D. - Do not try your present plans."  
One envelope in which the above letter was mailed postmarked,  
Detroit, Mich., April 26, 1934, 130PM.

Examination requested by: Detroit Division Office

Date received: April 30, 1934

Examination requested: General and Fingerprint.

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\*ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATION

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## DILLINGER FLEES SECOND TRAP WITH TWO AIDS

Outlaw and Part of the Gang  
Escape in a Running Gun  
Battle Near St. Paul.

### TWO DIE IN EARLIER FLIGHT

Federal Agent and CCC Worker  
Killed in Raid on Resort  
in Wisconsin.

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the dark forest of this resort country followed forty-eight hours in which Dillinger and his henchmen had held Emil Wanatka, proprietor of the Little Bohemia Lodge, captive under death threats in the resort with his wife, his 8-year-old son and two employees.

#### Doors Shot Away.

More than fifty federal agents and local officers engaged in the three battles.

The gangsters answered assaults with machine guns and the attackers literally blasted doors and windows out of two resorts with buckshot and rifle fire.

Dillinger was believed to have fled south toward Manitowish and every available posseman in the wild, wooded region was called upon in the search for him. Police from St. Paul and many other cities joined in battle lines to block the escape of the gunmen from the region.

Sheriff Thomas McGregor disclosed that Dillinger and ten confederates, including four women, took possession of the lodge for 36 hours, terrorizing the proprietor, his wife, their 8-year-old son and two employees by threatening them with death.

The Sheriff said one of the women escaped with the gangsters.

#### The Known Dead.

EUGENE BOISENEAU, a C. C. C. worker, killed by fire from federal guns, when a challenged automobile failed to halt.  
W. CARTER BAUM, federal agent from Chicago.

The Way

## 9 Deaths Mark Dillinger Trail

Nine violent deaths mark the trail of John Dillinger and his gang across a dozen States in the last seven months. Three of the gunmen were among those killed.

The death roll follows:—

1933.

- SEPT. 30—JAMES JENKINS, Dillinger gangster, killed by police at Beanblossom, Ind.  
OCT. 21—SHERIFF JESS BARBER, murdered when gang freed Dillinger in a raid on Lima (Ohio) jail.  
DEC. 14—DETECTIVE SERGEANT WILLIAM SHANLEY, killed by a member of Dillinger's gang at Chicago.  
DEC. 21—STATE POLICEMAN EUGENE TEAGUE, slain by the gang at Paris, Ill.

1934.

- JAN. 15—POLICEMAN PATRICK O'MALLEY, killed in a hold-up of a bank at East Chicago, Ind.  
MAR. 16—HERBERT YOUNGBLOOD, Negro murderer, who escaped from the Crown Point (Ind.) jail March 3, slain when trapped at Port Huron, Mich.  
MAR. 31—EUGENE GREEN, pal of Dillinger, fatally wounded in St. Paul when Dillinger shot his way to freedom.  
APR. 23—EUGENE BOISENEAU, CCC worker; W. Carter Baum, federal agent, killed near Mercer, Wis., as Dillinger again escaped police trap.

of one of the resort cottages, to drive them in his car thirty-five miles across country to Park Falls. There Johnson was thrown out.

#### Reports Car Stolen.

Johnson was positive in identifying one of his passengers as Dillinger.

At the same time Henry Kuhnert, proprietor of the Northern Light Hotel at Manitowish, reported that his Packard sedan had been stolen from a garage.

Another member of the fleeing gang went to Alvin Koerner's Spider Lake resort, about two miles south of the battle. He attempted to kidnap Koerner, the resort owner reported, but was balked by arrival of Winetka and officers.

The gangster opened fire with an automatic pistol, fled to one of the motor cars in which the officers arrived and escaped.

### Proprietor Forced to Feed Gang 3 Days.

By the Associated Press.

MERCER, Wis., April 23.—John Dillinger and his gang held possession of the Little Bohemia resort

for three days, county authorities said today.

Emil Wanatka, proprietor of the resort, and two employees were held forcibly and under constant guard by the Dillinger gang.

Wanatka said he knew since Friday that one of his guests was Dillinger.

"I played cards with him every day," Wanatka said. "Those Chicago cops couldn't find him, and in Indiana they couldn't hold him. So why should I have tried to take him."

"Say, he had a roll of money big enough to choke a cow."

Wanatka was quoted as saying some members of the gang were awake constantly. Wanatka was forced to prepare food, the officers said, and on one occasion was obliged to accompany an armed member of the gang on an expedition for mail.

Attractively dressed and carrying large amounts of money, the three captured girls said they had been there since Wednesday. Their names were withheld.

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MR. NATHAN \_\_\_\_\_  
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Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: JOHN DILLINGER, with aliases,  
I. O. 1217, et al  
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act

Dear Sir:

Mr. McLaughlin, Post Office Inspector at Detroit,  
turned over to me today a letter postmarked Detroit, Michigan,  
addressed to "Mr. J. Dillinger, Monroe, Indiana."

The contents of same reads as follows:

"Detroit, Mich.

Tues. - 24 -

J.D. -

Do not try your present plans. Too big a  
risk saw pals 3 days ago. Will join you  
soon as possible - Be careful - Dont let  
them take you a - breathing. --

Luck

"Shadow"

It will be noted that this letter was mailed yesterday. The  
original communication is being transmitted herewith to the  
Division for laboratory purposes. Mr. McLaughlin states that  
he is the only person who has handled the letter and same was  
placed in a celophane envelope immediately upon receipt at  
this office.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson

Special Agent in Charge

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SPECIAL DELIVERY

April 25, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

There is quoted below telegram received from Mr. P.J. Gaffney, Coroner Vilas County. The telegram is dated April 25, 1934 at 3:45 P.M. at Eagle River, Wisconsin:

"Inquest will be held Saturday at 9:30 at Spider Lake for the two men that were killed. Would like to have one of the men who was present that night to give the version at inquest".

Confirming my conversation with you this afternoon, I have called Mr. Clegg in St. Paul, and have conveyed your instructions to him to proceed to Eagle River, Wisconsin on Friday night in order to be at the inquest on Saturday morning at 9:30.

Mr. Clegg informed me later tonight that Mr. Hanni had talked with the coroner, who appeared to be very cordial, and that he said he would be there at the time specified.

With reference to the possibility of Special Agent Jay C. Newman attending the coroner's inquest, I know that this would be inadvisable in view of his health at the present time. The wound he has in his head is receiving constant medical attention in order to prevent blood poisoning, and he will not be able to go. Mr. Clegg has stated that he will arrange to have someone else, who was a witness at the shooting, attend the coroner's inquest if it is possible to do so.

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*

M. H. PURVIS

Special Agent in Charge

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U S ATTORNEY RYAN, WISCONSIN, MISSED TRAIN . HIS ASSISTANT MR  
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

April 16, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

I wanted to bring to your immediate attention the situation in Chicago affecting the case of Evelyn Frechette, who was taken into custody by Agents of this Division on last Monday. This woman, as you probably recall, is the woman who has been accompanying Dillinger around the country, and was with him at St. Paul two weeks ago, at which time Dillinger engaged in gun-fire battle with St. Paul police and Agents of this Division. This woman at the time was with Dillinger, and aided in his escape from the apartment in St. Paul. Diligent investigation of this Division resulted in her apprehension on last Monday. She was arraigned before the United States Commissioner later in the week, and while the Government requested that bond be fixed at \$200,000, the United States Commissioner at Chicago fixed it at \$60,000. There is to be held today a hearing at Chicago upon motion of this woman's attorneys, to obtain a reduction of bond, if possible, but I have received confidential information that her attorneys are prepared to give a \$60,000 bond. Our Chicago Office has strongly urged that the bond be raised rather than lowered, because there is no doubt that if she is released on bond, she will immediately rejoin Dillinger, and as we well know from our investigation of her, the Frechette woman and two other women rendered material assistance to Dillinger in not only procuring firearms, but in aiding his rapid movement about the country.

I thought I should bring this to your attention, as you might wish to communicate personally by telephone with the United States Attorney at Chicago to indicate your interest in this matter, in order that he might make possibly more vigorous representations before the United States Commissioner than he would otherwise. I am attaching hereto for your information a copy of our Identification Order which was issued for the Frechette woman.

Respectfully,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
Director.

Incl. #365983

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From

# THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

to

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## MEMORANDUM

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

## Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

April 20, 1934

### MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

I desire to acquaint you with a situation which has arisen at St. Paul, Minnesota, concerning the shooting of Edward Green, with aliases. You will recall that Green was shot, and later died, by Division Agents at St. Paul on April 3, 1934, when he endeavored to secure possession of a machine gun and other firearms and ammunition which had been recovered by Division Agents from an apartment where Green had been living. This was the outgrowth of the incident which occurred on March 31, 1934, when John Dillinger shot his way out of an apartment at St. Paul, Minnesota, with a machine gun.

A few days ago, representatives of two local newspapers in St. Paul, Minnesota telephoned Mr. Hanni, the Special Agent in Charge of the St. Paul Division Office, and inquired concerning a proposed Coroner's inquest into Green's death. Mr. Hanni having no information concerning such an inquest, so advised the newspaper representatives. The following day, Assistant County Attorney Lynch, St. Paul, Minnesota, and United States Attorney Sullivan, appeared at the St. Paul Division Office, at which time, Mr. Lynch advised Mr. Hanni that Mr. Thompson, of the St. Paul Dispatch newspaper had questioned him as to the Coroner's inquest concerning the death of Green and the part that he was to take in such inquest. According to Mr. Lynch, he informed Thompson, who, he understood, was the instigator of the proposed inquest, that if he did anything about the matter he would start with an investigation of the shooting wherein Dillinger escaped for the purpose of initiating prosecution against those who had attempted to murder the officers.

Following this conference, Deputy Coroner Michael Leonard, appeared at the St. Paul Division Office and inquired for Mr. Nathan or Mr. Clegg, who were not in, indicating to Mr. Hanni at the time that he desired to obtain the names of those who would be proper witnesses at a Coroner's inquest, which inquest was merely for the purpose of keeping the records straight.

On April 14, 1934, Deputy Coroner Leonard appeared at the St. Paul Division Office, and later accompanied Mr. Nathan to United

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States Attorney Sullivan's Office where, at a joint conference, it was agreed that if it were necessary to hold the inquest, Mr. Hanni would attend and afford such information as might throw light upon the manner in which Green came to his death.

On April 16, 1934, Mr. Thompson, of the St. Paul Dispatch, appeared at the St. Paul Division Office and indicated to Mr. Nathan that he had personally initiated the inquest, stating that he was putting the "heat" to the proper local officials only in order that the citizens of St. Paul might be protected.

United States Attorney Sullivan has advised that to the best of his recollection this is the first time an inquest has been conducted into the shooting of a gangster by the law enforcement officials. Mr. Charles Tierney, Chief of Detectives of the St. Paul Police Department, who has been connected with the Police Department for fourteen years, has also advised that he has never heard of an inquest relative to the killing of a gangster in St. Paul by the police.

I have been advised by representatives of the St. Paul Division Office that this proposed inquest has been initiated by Mr. Thompson, of the St. Paul Dispatch, apparently for the purpose of obtaining a newspaper story and photographs of Bessie Skinner, with aliases, who was accompanying Green when he was shot. The Division has refrained from furnishing the press with information concerning this woman, at her request, and further for the reason that she is furnishing valuable information concerning Dillinger and his gang, and the activities of other notorious criminals.

The date for the proposed Coroner's inquest has been set for May 2, 1934.

Respectfully,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
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MR. CLEGG.....  
MR. COWLEY.....  
MR. EDWARDS.....  
MR. EGAN.....  
MR. QUINN.....  
MR. LESTER.....  
CHIEF CLERK.....  
MR. RORER.....

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

At the request of Mr. Cowley, the following data has been taken from the file concerning the occasion when Troopers Ryan and Armstrong, Indiana State Police officers were at Detroit, Michigan conducting investigation for the purpose of causing the apprehension of John Dillinger.

Under date of March 21, 1934 Special Agent in Charge Larson directed a letter to the Chicago Office, a copy of which was furnished the Division, which reads in part as follows:

"For the information of interested offices and the Division, I desire to state that Troopers Gene Ryan and Armstrong of the Indiana State Police arrived in Detroit some days ago for the purpose of observing the two above named addresses (referring to 75 Windemere, Highland Park, Michigan and 531 Chandler Street, Detroit, Michigan, where friends of Dillinger and members of his gang were known to reside). However, they did not contact this office and their presence in Detroit was not known until we were so informed by the local police.

"Upon discussing certain angles of the investigation with Trooper Ryan, it was clearly evident that he was attempting to confuse us in the identity of the woman residing at 75 Windemere and 531 Chandler, and it was also clearly evident that he was not serious in his cooperation with the local police. Information in possession of this office was then thoroughly discussed with Inspector Collins of the Detroit Police Department and other members working under his jurisdiction.

b7c [REDACTED] \*\*\*\*\*The two above named Indiana officers have been called off the investigation, by their superiors at Indianapolis, and they have returned to that point.

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It is my understanding that Mr. Ryan has been discharged."

A report was submitted by Special Agent in Charge Larson, dated at Detroit, Michigan, March 28, 1934, entitled JOHN HERBERT DILLINGER, with aliases, Identification Order #1217, et al, National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, from which the following is taken:

"It appears from the information furnished by the local police that a member of the Indiana State Police, Gene Ryan, is alleged to have followed a woman from the Indiana State Penitentiary to Detroit. At the Penitentiary this woman is alleged to have visited Harry Copeland. She proceeded to 75 Windemere and was seen to ply between that address and 531 Chandler. Also it was ascertained that Opal Long alias Bernice Thompson, a sweetheart of Russell Clark and who was arrested with him at Tucson, Arizona on January 25, 1934 was also in Detroit living at the above addresses.

"Upon discussing the matter further with members of the Police Department in Detroit and Troopers Ryan and Armstrong of the Indiana State Police, we were unable to make much headway, it appearing that the Indiana officers were attempting to confuse matters considerably and it was quite apparent that Ryan especially, did not relish having this Division secure information concerning the women in Detroit. However, it was later learned that this man Ryan had also not furnished the Detroit Police Department, who were working with him, the proper information and from the files of record in this office we were able to furnish the police here certain desired information. It was very evident that Inspector Collins was much displeased over the conduct of Trooper Ryan in Detroit and it was finally concluded that the Agents of this office would work with the Detroit Police in covering the two above addresses. From the information furnished by Ryan it was assumed that the woman who had been followed from the Indiana State Penitentiary to Detroit was Evelyn Frechette alias Ann Martin alias Sparks. However, we were subsequently able to show that this woman was not the above named individual through photographs obtained from Chicago and Los Angeles. On the day that this office took over the surveillance of the two above addresses in conjunction with the Police Department, Troopers Ryan and Armstrong who had been in Detroit for several days, were withdrawn and returned to Indianapolis. Ryan subsequently communicated with Inspector Collins apologizing for his actions in Detroit and advised that he had been indefinitely suspended."

Respectfully,

*W. Stapleton*

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MR. RORER .....

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

I called Mr. Clegg at St. Paul relative to the publicity in the Dillinger case and he advised that he had received the following information from Mr. Rorer:

Two newspaper men representing the Wisconsin News, of Milwaukee, arrived in the vicinity of the shooting on the morning after the shooting. One of them was a camera man by the name of Al Mahlberg and the other was a reporter of the same paper, by the name of A. S. Aslekson. Upon their arrival they employed one Herbert M. Peter, of Mercer, Wisconsin, to drive them around while they made their observations. Peter drove them around for two days. They tried to get photographs of the automobile belonging to Dillinger in which the baggage was piled and the Agents refused to let them take the photograph because of the fact that they did not want to advertise the fact that they were transporting that car through the country from Rhinelander to Chicago. About noon the second day they made plans to go to Eagle River, Wisconsin, at the Sheriff's office in order to obtain photographs of the three girls who are being held there in jail. They went to the railroad station and there were three or four men present. One of the reporters said "You all must feel pretty bad about not being let in by the Federal Officers on this raid. Why don't you get up a petition". Someone remarked that the Postmaster, Mr. Lewis A. Gehr, had indicated that he would write a story for the Milwaukee Journal, a rival paper to the Wisconsin News. These newspaper men got Peter to take them over to see the Postmaster and they drew up a rough draft of a petition. It was believed to have been drawn up by Aslekson, the reporter, who turned it over to the Postmaster who took charge. The Postmaster made a remark that he would like to get some names on the petition before the newspaper men left. That night there was a regular meeting of the Mercer Lakeland Association, the purpose of which is to boost the county resorts. This association meets every two weeks and they had a regular meeting scheduled for April 24. The petition was presented that night and the association voted to circulate the petition. Mr. Peter stated he was very sorry he had anything to do with it. The Postmaster has admitted that the newspaper men started the petition but he feels now that it should be left where it is in the store until some action is taken to find out why the local sharpshooters were not let in on the case; these men are deer hunters and are supposed to be expert marksmen. The Postmaster's story that he was planning to write for the

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Milwaukee Journal had to do with the blocking off of two or three bridges and putting some expert marksmen on these bridges, which would have prevented their get-away if they made their escape and the Postmaster wants to find out why the local individuals were not called in on the case.

Ed Sergeant, the constable at Mercer, Wisconsin, was somewhat peeved because he, as an official, was not invited to participate in the raid so he agreed to circularize the petition, although instead of being circularized it is being left on the counter of the store.

Last night an individual by the name of Tony Richard, of Mercer, was in Villas County, Wisconsin, at the Northern Lights Hotel where Mr. Rorer is stopping. The operator of that hotel is a Deputy Sheriff and Tony Richard inquired as to whether the Deputy Sheriff was getting up a petition at Northern Lights. The Deputy Sheriff, Henry Kuhnert, stated that they did not plan to get up a petition in that particular section; that they thought that the investigation was being made and there was no occasion to get up a petition.

Mr. Clegg advised that Mr. Rorer is now proceeding to the other three points and will inquire about the petitions there; that Mr. Rorer stated he had been informed, but it had not been confirmed, that the petition in Ironwood was being prepared by a newspaper in that town. Mr. Clegg will advise the Division as soon as he hears from Mr. Rorer.

Respectfully,

*S. P. Cowley*  
S. P. Cowley.

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1900 Bankers Building  
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April 26, 1934

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

RE: JOHN<sup>O</sup> DILLINGER, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O.#1217, et al  
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OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

Dear Sir:

There is attached hereto a statement which I have obtained from Special Agent Reinecke in connection with his activities, and the activities of other Agents at Saulte Ste. Marie April 19, 1934, whence Agents from this office had proceeded to conduct inquiries relative to the Dillinger matter. The statement is self-explanatory.

Very truly yours,

*M.H. Purvis*

M.H. PURVIS  
Special Agent in Charge

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Chicago, Illinois  
April 26, 1934

During the early afternoon of April 19, 1934, I was instructed by Special Agent in Charge Melvin H. Purvis of the Chicago office of the Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, to proceed by airplane to Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan with Special Agents A. E. Lockerman, R. D. Brown, M. C. Falkner and J. H. Rice, for the purpose of investigating information received from Sheriff J. W. Welch of that city that John<sup>o</sup> Dillinger and John Hamilton were seen at the home of Mrs. Isaac Steve at Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan on Tuesday evening, April 17, 1934. Mr. Purvis instructed me to take complete charge of the men and the investigation and to contact Sheriff Welch and his deputy, both of whom were familiar with the information and the background.

✓ We arrived at Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan about 9:30 A.M. Friday, April 20, 1934, and immediately went into a conference with Sheriff Welch and his deputy, Mr. McKee. Sheriff Welch gave us the source of his information and called in the informant who went over the matter with us. This informant stated that he would possibly secure additional information by about 6:30 P.M. of that day and it was decided to make no raid on the premises of Mrs. Isaac Steve until the informant endeavored to secure additional information.

In the meantime, the Special Agents accompanying me, and myself, conducted certain discreet investigation in and about Sault Sainte Marie, as well as observed Mrs. Isaac Steve's premises, all with the view of subsequently raiding them.

✓ During the afternoon of April 20, 1934, while I was sitting in the private office of Sheriff Welch, the Sheriff came in and advised me that there was a Michigan State Trooper in his outer office and wondered if I desired to see him for any reason and I replied in the negative. It was not my impression that the State Trooper knew of our presence in Sault Sainte Marie or of the information Sheriff Welch had given us relative to the possible presence of John Dillinger and John Hamilton in Sault Sainte Marie a few days previous. Neither did I gather the impression that the State Trooper had asked to see me or any of the Agents or had offered any assistance or cooperation.

At that time it had been determined to a reasonable extent that Hamilton and Dillinger and a woman had probably been in Sault Sainte Marie a few days before but that they were not there at that time, and that in view of this, any raid on the premises could be satisfactorily made with the five Agents, the Sheriff and his two deputies. It was not my desire that the information we had get into too many hands prior to the raid in view of the danger of a "leak".

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About 7:00 P.M. on April 20, 1934 we raided the premises of Mrs. Isaac Steve and determined that Dillinger, Hamilton and Pat Cherrington had been there for about two hours on the evening of Tuesday, April 17, 1934.

Saturday, April 21, 1934,

Shortly after noon/while I was again in Sheriff Welch's private office, he came in and stated that a State Trooper was in his outer office and wondered if I desired to talk with him. I told the Sheriff that it would probably be advisable and important that the State Trooper, working in and about Sault Sainte Marie, be advised of the presence of Hamilton, Dillinger and Pat Cherrington in that city a few days before, in order that he might be on the alert for their possible return. The sheriff then called in this State Trooper whose name I do not recall and I visited with him at length, giving the information which had been disclosed as a result of the raid. I exhibited to him a photograph of Pat Cherrington. Photographs of Dillinger and Hamilton were not shown to him as he stated he was familiar with them. This State Trooper seemed very much interested in the information I supplied him and agreed to cooperate to the limit in being on the alert in and about Sault Sainte Marie for the possible return of these individuals. I thanked him for his offer of cooperation and assistance. After visiting with this State Trooper approximately 20 minutes, I was called away on another matter and have not seen him or any other Michigan State Trooper since.

H. H. Reineck

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

May 21, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. COWLEY.

For your information I have reviewed the reports submitted by the various offices of the Michigan State Police concerning the investigation conducted by the Division at Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan and Spider Lake, Wisconsin to cause the apprehension of John Dillinger and I am setting forth hereunder the particular accusations against Division agents appearing in each of these statements as compared with the information appearing in the Division file.

Briefly, on April 19, 1934, the Detroit Office telephoned the Chicago Office that information had been received from Sheriff D. W. Welsh, Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan, to the effect that Subjects Hamilton and Dillinger had been seen in Sault Sainte Marie. Special Agent J. J. Waters of the Chicago Office immediately communicated by telephone with Sheriff Welsh at Sault Sainte Marie, who advised in substance that he had received information which lead him to believe that John Dillinger and John Hamilton had visited Hamilton's sister, Mrs. Isaac Steve, at Sault Sainte Marie on the night of April 17, 1934 and that there was a possibility that they were there at that time. Special Agent in Charge Purvis immediately instructed Special Agents H. H. Reinecke, A. E. Lockerman, R. D. Brown, M. C. Faulkner and J. H. Rice to proceed by airplane to Sault Sainte Marie and further instructed Agent Reinecke to take complete charge of the men and the investigation and to contact Sheriff Welsh and his deputy upon their arrival. These agents arrived at Sault Sainte Marie about 9:30 A. M., Friday, April 20, 1934.

There is attached a statement of Special Agent Reinecke dated at Chicago, Illinois, April 26, 1934, which explains his contact with the Michigan State Police at Sault Sainte Marie.

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(1) The report of Sergeant Fred M. Keune, Michigan State Police, reflects that he and Sheriff John Turnbull arrived at the Sheriff's office in Sault Sainte Marie about 4:00 P. M. on April 20th and upon entering, knocked upon the door of the Sheriff's private office, advised the occupants therein of his identity, and inquired whether they were busy. Sergeant Keune received an affirmative reply. Shortly thereafter he observed Sheriff Welsh and the agents leaving through the "family entrance" and drive away in a car. At 5:30 P. M. he saw Sheriff Welsh, who asked him where he would be later that evening. He again saw Sheriff Welsh about 7:00 P. M. that evening and the Sheriff stated, "Gee, I feel mean about this, Fred." Sergeant Keune and Sheriff Turnbull then remained at the office of Sheriff Welsh, visiting a short time, when Sergeant Keune noticed all the Federal agents, the Sheriff and his deputies leave by the "family entrance". According to Sergeant Keune, on April 25th and 26th Sheriff Welsh advised him that he and his deputy, Jack McKee, both tried to get Keune in on the Dillinger case, but the "Federal men" would not consider it at all.

Agent Reinecke's statement is self-explanatory concerning this accusation.

(2) Trooper Jack Miller, Michigan State Police, states that on Saturday, April 21, he was in Sheriff Welsh's office, at which time the Sheriff stated that he "felt terribly about Sergeant Keune and Sheriff Turnbull and the way things happened at the office on the night before, but that he had tried to get them in on the raid, but couldn't do it." Following this conversation, Sheriff Welsh introduced Trooper Miller to Agent Brown and Agent Reinecke, who at that time advised him of what had taken place and cautioned him against any publicity. Trooper Miller then left and after arriving at his Post Headquarters, advised Sergeant Keune of the information which he had received from Agent Reinecke. (It should be noted that Agent Reinecke furnished Trooper Miller this information shortly after noon on April 21st and Trooper Miller passed it on to Sergeant Keune later that evening.) Trooper Miller further stated that on April 22, 1934 after he had received some information concerning the Dillinger case he contacted Sheriff Welsh, who suggested that he advise the agents of it. At this time Miller met Agents Rice and Lockerman and furnished them this information.

Agent Reinecke's statement is self-explanatory in this connection and in the report of Special Agent W. W. Peterson dated at Chicago, Illinois, May 9, 1934, there is incorporated a memorandum submitted by Agent Lockerman which reflects that Trooper Miller furnished information to him concerning this case on April 22.

(3) Lieutenant O. E. Demaray in his report dated at Marquette, Michigan, April 26, 1934, states in part as follows: "April 22nd I called Sergeant Fred M. Keune to find out what the developments were and he informed me he had heard nothing more from the Soo, but said he would call right away. A short time later, I talked with him again and he stated he could get no further information. By this time I had heard indirectly that Hamilton's sister's home had been raided and she had been arrested. I then tried to get some information regarding cars they were driving and the direction they might be travelling. Sergeant Keune informed me he was unable to get any information. I got practically all my information through our local newspaper reporter and what I read in the Milwaukee Journal."

As noted from the foregoing reports of Troopers Miller and Keune, this is in error inasmuch as their reports reflect that Agent Reinecke had furnished them the information in the possession of the Division concerning the investigation at Sault Sainte Marie on the afternoon of April 21, 1934.

(4) The following comments are taken from the report submitted by Trooper N. H. Modders: "We then started for the state line near Winegar, a short distance from Winegar, we met Under-sheriff Drew from Bessemer, Gogebic County. He said that there was no use of going any further as the Federal men had left the gang get away again, and that he was unable to get any information from them, in other words they would not tell him anything."

It appears that some of the troopers then proceeded to Little Bohemia where they interviewed Emil Wanatka and Frank Traube and George Bazso. The latter two were employed by Wanatka at the resort. According to Trooper Modders, Bazso stated that "about 8:30 or 9:00 P. M. Sunday, the constable and two CCC boys were leaving the place and he went outside with them. They got into their car and started to drive away

as they did the Federal men called for them to "Halt". Bazso said that he called to the Federal men not to shoot as they were three of their customers and he said that they did not pay any attention to him and shot anyway. At that time three of the Dillinger gang were in a cottage about fifty feet from the lodge, when the shooting started they left, the other two were upstairs in the lodge. They jumped out of an upstairs window and left. Bazso stated that the gangsters did not fire a shot at the lodge; that all the shooting there was done by the Federal men."

The Division file reflects that immediately following the shooting at Little Bohemia and as fast as information could be dispatched every Sheriff's office and Police Department in that section of the country was called and furnished a description of the cars in which the Subjects had made their escape. It would appear from the reports that the officers were more interested in ascertaining the details of what had already taken place than they were in taking appropriate action to check the Subjects in their getaway. Of course, if the Division agents had taken enough time by telephone to go into detail as to what had happened, they would have been unable to immediately advise everyone in that section and it would also have delayed the officers in making preparation to cover the highways.

With reference to the statement of Bazso that he instructed the Federal agents not to shoot the men, as they were their customers, it may be stated that a signed statement has been taken from Bazso in which he states that he heard the commands of the agents to halt; however, that the CCC boys did not stop, whereupon they were fired on. He did not make a statement to the effect that he told the Federal men not to shoot the CCC boys. The alleged statement of Bazso to the effect that the Federal men did all of the shooting is, of course, not true as the agents were fired upon by the occupants of the cottage and also the men on the roof of the lodge.

Trooper Modders states that on April 24th he called Special Agent Rollins at the Northern Hotel in Mercer, Wisconsin and told him about a certain car which had been found and asked him if there were any new developments in the case; that

Agent Rollins stated that they had not heard from Washington.

The Division does not have an agent by the name of Rollins and I have been unable to ascertain the particular agent to which the Trooper talked.

On April 25, 1934 Special Agent in Charge Purvis telephonically advised you that when Agent Reinecke was leaving Chicago to make the investigation at Sault Sainte Marie, he was advised that if any assistance from law enforcement officials other than the Sheriff and his deputies, who were already aware of the information, was needed, Agent Reinecke should contact Mr. Purvis before soliciting assistance of other officers.

It would appear from the report submitted by the Michigan State Police that they have received information which they investigated before submitting it to the Division.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "T. N. Stapleton".

T. N. Stapleton.

# U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice  
1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago Illinois

April 25, 1934



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

RE: JOHN HERBERT DILLINGER,  
I.O. #1217  
JOHN HAMILTON with alias,  
I.O. #1220  
HOMER VAN METER with alias  
I.O. #1222, et al  
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act  
Obstruction of Justice

Dear Sir:

In connection with investigation by Special Agents of this office at Saulte Ste. Marie recently, based on information that John Dillinger, John Hamilton and Pat Cherrington, had been at the home of Mrs. Isaac Steve, a sister of John Hamilton, this is to advise that upon receipt of this information, I directed five Special Agents to proceed to Saulte Ste. Marie, including Special Agent H.H. Reinecke, who was placed in complete charge of the investigation by me.

The agents accompanying Mr. Reinecke were R.D. Brown, A.E. Lockerman, M.C. Faulkner and J.H. Rice.

These agents arrived in Saulte Ste. Marie about 9:30 A.M. Friday, April 20, 1934, and immediately proceeded to the office of Sheriff J.W. Welch, who had supplied the original information. A lengthy conference was had with Sheriff Welch, and numerous outside inquiries were made, and the premises of Mrs. Isaac Steve observed, all with a view of ultimately raiding the premises to determine if any of the fugitives involved were hiding out there.

Following the various inquiries and the observing of the premises, as above stated, the agents again met in Sheriff Welch's office for discussion of the results of their inquiries, and of plans for further investigation or raiding.

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The Sheriff's informant, [REDACTED] came in early in the afternoon and advised that his wife expected to secure additional information as to the possible presence of Dillinger and Hamilton that afternoon, and that he would be able to secure any further information she might have come in contact with, about 6:30 that evening. As a result it was decided to put off any possible raiding of the premises of Mrs. Isaac Steve until [REDACTED] reported any further information his wife was able to secure, it having been determined in the meantime to a reasonable degree of certainty that Dillinger and Hamilton were probably not on or about the premises of Mrs. Steve.

During the afternoon while Agents Reinecke and Brown were in the Sheriff's private office, the sheriff came in and advised that a Michigan State trooper was in his outer office and wondered if Agent Reinecke had anything he desired to take up with him at that time. Agent Reinecke advised the sheriff that at that particular moment there was nothing that it was necessary to see the State trooper about, it not being the impression of Agent Reinecke that the Michigan State trooper was aware of the presence of the agents or had offered any assistance or services, or had even asked to see the agents.

In the afternoon of April 21, 1934, following the raid on the premises of Mrs. Isaac Steve by the five agents, Sheriff Welch and his two deputies, which constituted a sufficient number of men in view of the information that the fugitives were no longer on the premises, while Agent Reinecke and one or two of the other agents were in Sheriff Welch's office preparing to return to Chicago, the sheriff again came in and advised that a Michigan State trooper was then in his office and asked Agent Reinecke if he desired to speak with him. Agent Reinecke told the sheriff he thought it would be valuable for a State trooper working in that section of Michigan to be advised of the presence of Dillinger and Hamilton, and Pat Cherrington in Saulte Ste. Marie, Michigan on Tuesday night, April 17, 1934, and that he be shown photographs of these 3 individuals. Sheriff Welch then called in the State trooper, whose name is not now remembered by any of the agents, and Agent Reinecke visited with him, exhibiting to him a photograph of Pat Cherrington, the trooper stating that he was familiar with the likeness of Dillinger and Hamilton. This State trooper was also told that Dillinger, Hamilton and Pat Cherrington, had been in Saulte Ste. Marie on the night of



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April 17, 1934 and might possibly still be in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. The trooper said he would be glad to cooperate and would be on the alert for any of these individuals, and Agent Reinecke thanked him for his offer and assured him that it was appreciated. The agents, Sheriff Welch and the trooper visited at some length, following which Agent Reinecke was called out, and did not see the trooper again.

This was the only contact Agent Reinecke, who was in charge of the agents who proceeded to Saulte Ste. Marie, Michigan, had with any Michigan State Policeman, and it was the only offer of assistance received from that organization, and as noted above this was after the raid on the premises of Mrs. Isaac Steve.

Prior to the departure of Agent Reinecke to Saulte Ste. Marie, Michigan, I instructed him that it would probably be unnecessary to contact any other law enforcement officials other than the sheriff and his deputies, who were aware of the information with reference to Dillinger and Hamilton's recent presence at that place, and that should he need additional assistance in the conduct of any raid, he should contact me by long distance telephone before taking any steps in securing same.

Very truly yours,

*M.H. Purvis*

M.H. PURVIS

Special Agent in Charge

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MR. NATHAN  
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RETEL REPORT OF OBSERVATIONS RHINELANDER WISCONSIN AND VICINITY  
SENT AIR MAIL NIGHT APRIL 25 1934

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

April 23, 1934.

MR. NATHAN ---  
MR. TOLSON ---  
MR. CLEGG ---  
MR. COWLEY ---  
MR. EDWARDS ---  
MR. EGAN ---  
MR. QUINN ---  
MR. LESTER ---  
CHIEF CLERK ---

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Agent Nicholson called from St. Paul and advised that the three men who were picked up by the Police in Minnesota were Big Wally, who is supposed to be a Sioux Falls, South Dakota, bank robber; Sam Stone, supposed to be wanted for murder in Lincoln, Nebraska, and Clarence Walker; that they have not been able to ascertain as yet what Clarence Walker is wanted for or what his connections are; that they were picked up by the police on suspicion, they having a blanket in the back of the car; that they have not been able as yet to establish any connection between these men and the Dillinger case or the Barker-Karpis gang. Agent Nicholson advised that they have not as yet questioned these individuals but will do so as soon as possible; that the Minneapolis Police Department will hold them as long as the Division desires.

Respectfully,

*S. P. Cowley*  
S. P. Cowley.

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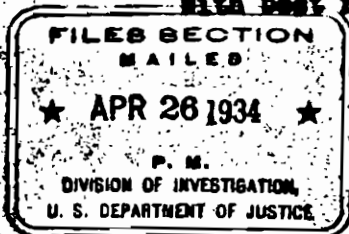
Personal

Mr. E. G. Harvey,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
735 Philadelphia Saving Fund Building,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. Harvey:

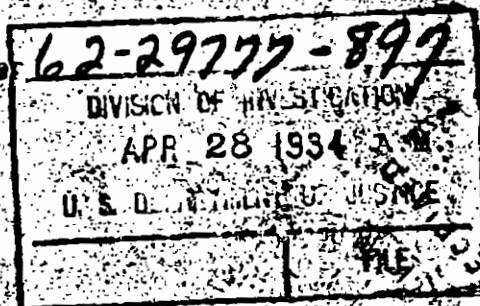
I noticed in the Philadelphia Evening Ledger for April 24, 1934, a cartoon entitled "Sooner or Later," which depicts a snake on the ground labeled "Dillinger" and a large foot above it, with the words "Plain Justice." I have been making a collection of a number of the more impressive cartoons, particularly pertinent to our work, and I am writing to inquire whether you possibly know some one on the Philadelphia Evening Ledger who could procure the original of this cartoon for me, in order that I might add it to my collection. It so aptly presents the picture which I hope will be a reality in the very near future of bringing about the apprehension of Dillinger and his gangsters.

With best regards, I am



Sincerely,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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Philadelphia Eve Ledger

TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 1934

Letter Mr. Harney

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SOONER OR LATER—



From Chicago - Apr. 27, 1934 7:15 PM.

DIRECTOR

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WISCONSIN IN VIEW PHYSICAL CONDITION ALTHOUGH HE IS RECOVERING RAPIDLY

NATHAN

MR. NATHAN .....  
MR. TOLSON .....  
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## MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CONNELLEY

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Mr. Clegg telephoned from St. Paul this morning. He stated that the attorney who has been employed by Bessie Green is a personal friend of O. G. Hall. He is a young man and has a very high standing. Mr. Clegg stated he had heard a part of the conversation between this attorney and Bessie Green, at which time he informed her that he would not cover up any evidence of crime. He has presented to Mr. Clegg a formal order for the St. Paul Office to turn over to one of his associates the \$1145 which has been taken from Bessie Green. Mr. Clegg showed the order to the United States Attorney, who thought it best to comply. I directed Mr. Clegg to turn the money over. The attorney is also making a formal request at the banks for the money to be turned over to his associate, who is under bond. Mr. Clegg stated that although they have no evidence, there is a possibility that this money comes from a couple of banks that have been robbed. I agreed with Mr. Clegg that it is up to the banks to interpose an objection in this regard.

With regard to the publicity which broke in Chicago last night to the effect that Dillinger was near the Frechette woman when she was taken into custody, Mr. Clegg stated he did not believe this, but to force the issue, he wondered if it would be advisable to subpoena the individuals to whom she made the statement; that they are being charged in St. Paul with conspiracy because conspiracy carries a heavier penalty, and if she made the statement that she was with Dillinger at that time, this overt act admitted in Illinois will be further evidence of the general conspiracy, and if she made that admission there it will be further evidence against her. I agreed with Mr. Clegg that this action should be taken. He felt that she would vigorously deny this story then. I asked Mr. Clegg to endeavor to ascertain the names of the people to whom the Frechette woman talked so that they may be subpoenaed.

Mr. Clegg stated he learned from the doctor and the nurse, as well as from the Green woman, that Dillinger now is rather fat; that his hair is dyed practically a blond color; that he weighs 187 pounds at the present time, which is about twenty or thirty pounds above his normal weight. I instructed Mr. Clegg to give this information to Agents in Charge Connelley, Larson and Purvis. Mr. Clegg further stated that Evelyn Frechette is supposed to be at St. Paul Friday, and the question has arisen as to whether the Division should take any precautions in the nature of a guard. I suggested that the United States Attorney should instruct the Marshal to take extraordinary precaution. However, Mr. Clegg stated that the Marshal's office is not properly equipped with machine guns, and I therefore authorized him to use Agents on guard duty.

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Memo to  
Mr. Cowley

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I cautioned Mr. Clegg that no one should be allowed to talk to Evelyn Frechette except, of course, her lawyers.

Agent Fortenberry is at Reno. He is stopping under the name of F. T. Barry at the hotel El Cortes. He will contact with the Division through Mr. Clegg.

The total bill for which claims have been filed in connection with the damages at the Lexington Avenue apartment is now \$175.71. The two automobiles would be worth considerably more than that. I authorized Mr. Clegg to see that this bill is paid and to keep the automobiles.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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April 27, 1934.

Mr. E. E. Clegg,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

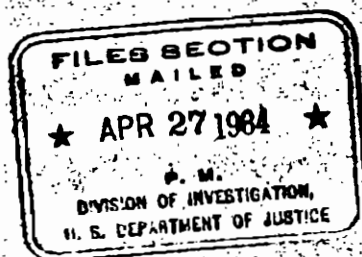
Dear Mr. Clegg:

This will confirm Division teletype of April 27, 1934, requesting you to personally submit a detailed report of the facts as known to you concerning the investigation made at the "Little Bohemia" resort and vicinity on April 22 and 23, 1934.

I desire that this be given your attention at the earliest practicable date in order that I may obtain a clear and concise picture of the entire situation.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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April 27, 1934.

Mr. E. H. Purvis,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

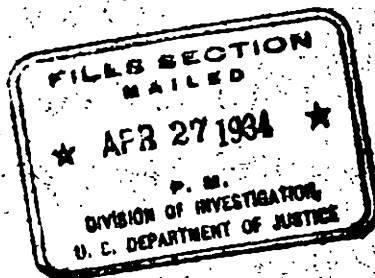
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Very truly yours,

Director.



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This is a full-rate Telegram or Cablegram unless its deferred character is indicated by a suitable sign above or preceding the address.

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J. C. WILLEVER  
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

NEWCOMB CARLTON  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

STANDARD TIME  
APR 27 PM 10:00

MINUTES IN TRANSIT	
FULL-RATE	DAY LETTER

The filing time as shown in the date line on full-rate telegrams and day letters, and the time of receipt at destination as shown on all messages, is STANDARD TIME.  
Received at 708 14th St., N. W. Washington, D. C.

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DIRECTOR=

DIV OF INVESTIGATION US DEPT OF JUSTICE WASHDC=  
DILLINGER NMVTA REFER TELEPHONIC COMMUNICATION MR COWLEY  
TO MR CLEGG TODAY RE FIVE MEN ONE WOMAN NEAR DULUTH  
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DIVISION ONE  
U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago Illinois

April 21, 1934

Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
U.S. Department of Justice  
P.O. Box 2344  
Boston, Massachusetts

RE: JOHN MILLINDER with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O./1217  
JOHN HAMILTON with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O./1220  
HOMER VAN METER with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O./1222, et al  
National Motor Vehicle  
Theft Act  
Obstruction of Justice

Dear Sir:

Supplementing my letter of April 19th, with reference to  
1934 Illinois license plates, the last 4 numbers of which are  
5236, please be advised that Peter Reuter, 1722 Armitage Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois, to whom were issued Illinois license plates  
553236,

[REDACTED]

A personal interview with Mr. Peter Reuter, Sr., by Special  
Agent J.J. Metcalfe, determined that according to his statement  
his Essex Terraplane sedan, which is green in color, is still in  
his possession, as also are the 1934 Illinois license plates 553236.  
Mr. Reuter did not have his car at his office at the time of the  
interview, stating that he generally keeps it at home during the  
day for the use of his family. He confirmed his telephonic state-  
ment of April 19th to the effect that his car and license plates  
have been continually in his possession, and have not been outside  
of Chicago or Highland Park in recent weeks. He said that when  
he was telephoned on the 19th by this office, he immediately went  
to his garage to make certain that his car was still <sup>there</sup> found  
it so. In this connection, it was likewise learned from St. Louis  
office that Illinois license plates 553237, were issued to Peter

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Reuter, 1723 Armitage Avenue, and glass plates were observed by Agent Metcalfe on a Model 1929 Hudson Super-six Sedan, which was standing in front of Mr. Reuter's place of business. This car likewise has not recently been out of the possession of Mr. Reuter.

The records of the Secretary of the State of Illinois in Chicago, Illinois, which has a record of some license numbers which are not yet on file in Springfield, Illinois, were thoroughly checked by this office with the permission of Mr. S. Kosinski and with the cooperation of Mr. J. Romaine, with reference to numbers ending in 3236, but no license bearing such numbers was found, or had been issued for an Essex Terraplane sedan.

Very truly yours,

H. S. PURVIS  
Special Agent in Charge

JJM:FB

cc Division  
St. Paul  
Detroit  
Cincinnati

CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED	
DOMESTIC	CABLE
TELEGRAM	FULL RATE
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NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT LETTER
NIGHT LETTER	SHIP RADIOGRAM

Patrons should check class of service desired; otherwise message will be transmitted as a full-rate communication.

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R. B. WHITE  
PRESIDENT

NEWCOMB CARLTON  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

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FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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

H H CLEGG  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
203 POST OFFICE BUILDING  
ST PAUL MINNESOTA

Kansas City, Missouri  
April 23, 1934  
9:30 PM  
DIVISION OF JUSTICE  
APR 26 1934 PM

JOHN DILLINGER NMVTA CURRENT KANSAS LICENSE ONE DASH TWO TWO NINE EIGHTY  
ISSUED F F MCCARTHY 705 NEBRASKA KANSAS CITY KANSAS ON 1929 OLDSMOBILE  
COUPE MOTOR F FIFTEEN THREE NINE SIXTY STOP ABOVE ADDRESS IS VACANT LOT  
OCCUPANTS 705 NEBRASKA ADVISE MCCARTHY ROOMED THERE UNTIL ABOUT WEEK AGO  
WHEN DISAPPEARED STOP MAKING FURTHER INVESTIGATION TOMORROW

cc-Division ✓

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April 26, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CONLEY

I telephoned Agent Burruss at the Washington Field Office to inquire concerning the story in the morning papers to the effect that Dillinger was supposed to have been on Chesapeake and Ohio train No. 6 at Staunton, Virginia, last night. Mr. Burruss stated he had called Captain Davis at Staunton, Virginia, who advised him that he had received the "tip" from Lt. Kelly of the Washington Police Department. In checking further, Mr. Burruss ascertained that the man who had contacted with Staunton was Clarence Talley, of Detective Headquarters. Mr. Burruss read the following telegram which was given to Mr. Talley by an employee of the Western Union Telegraph Company, and which was addressed to "John Dillinger, Chesapeake & Ohio Train #6," and signed "LO4": "LO4 is going strong, cocktails lasting unusually long. Ice is cold. Water is wet. Just shook up the last one yet." This was mailed at White Sulphur, West Virginia, and stated the train was to arrive in Staunton, Virginia at 10:57 p.m. last night.

Mr. Pennington will direct the Pittsburgh Office to ascertain who sent the wire.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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P. O. Box 314,  
Birmingham, Alabama,  
April 24, 1934.

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

Re: JOHN HERBERT DILLINGER, with aliases,  
I. O. #1217 - FUGITIVE; JOHN HAMILTON,  
with alias, I. O. #1220 - FUGITIVE;  
RONALD VANMETTER, with aliases, I. O.  
#1222 - FUGITIVE, et al.  
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act;  
Obstruction of Justice.

62-29777-903NRI  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
APR 27 1934 A.M.  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Dear Sir:

This is to confirm telephonic conversation of this date between Special Agent J. J. Waters of the Chicago Office, and the writer, at which time Agent Waters advised that in the Buick Coupe abandoned by Dillinger and his associates in Wisconsin, there was found a statement prepared on the stationery of the Johnson Auto Part and Supply Company, 112 - 15th Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee, dated April 9, 1934, for repairs to a 1933 black Buick car with wire wheels, indicating that work in the amount of \$45.25 had been done by that company - straightening two left fenders, straightening left of the body, straightening lower front wheel and replacing fender lights.

As Agent Waters was advised, Special Agent J. M. Towler of this office ascertained today at the above mentioned company that on April 9, 1934 at 7.30 A.M., two men and a woman driving this automobile, came into this garage, stating that they had just come from Florida; that they were in a hurry and had had an accident on the road, resulting in the fenders of the automobile being damaged. They requested that, if possible, new fenders be placed on the automobile. When the work could not be done immediately, these people left and returned at 10.00 A.M., when they left the automobile, and when one of the men and the woman left the car and went out on the sidewalk. Neither of these persons could be identified by the employees in this garage. However, these employees, there being five of them, positively identified the photograph of Tommy Carroll as the man who was in and out of the garage at the time the repairs were made on it, and who is the man appearing to be the owner of the car.



It was learned that while the automobile was in the garage, there was no baggage in it, and that the employees at this garage have no information as to where these people came from. It was recalled by the cashier, [redacted], who also identified Tommy Carroll, that when paying the bill he gave her five ten-dollar bills.

As Agent Waters was advised, the license tags on this automobile were California tags S K 1763, which were stolen tags, and as Agent Waters was also advised, the Birmingham office is conducting continued inquiry in Nashville and vicinity in an effort to ascertain whether these people might be hanging out in that vicinity.

This also is to advise that Special Agent J. M. Fowler has recently interviewed one Aubrey Wamsley, who is a Federal Prisoner at Nashville, Tennessee, pending disposition of a National Motor Vehicle Theft Act case against him. During the course of that investigation, which resulted in the recovery of approximately thirty-three automobiles, and which also resulted in the arrest of one Elbert Fink, who, however, was delivered to the Indiana authorities on a charge of bank robbery, now being confined in a State institution at Jandleton, Indiana, it developed that a woman named Fern Cooch had been living with Wamsley at Nashville, Tennessee. According to Wamsley, this woman is intimately acquainted with John Dillinger. Wamsley also claims that Elbert Fink is an acquaintance of Dillinger and is perhaps a close friend of his, having been raised in the vicinity of Dillinger's home.

Investigation in the Birmingham district in connection with this automobile case revealed that Fink is willing to talk, and if he is a close acquaintance of Dillinger, it might be possible that he has some information that might be of assistance in effecting his apprehension. Wamsley believes that Fern Cooch likewise possibly could furnish some information as to the associates of Dillinger, if she were properly approached. Fern Cooch at the present time is serving a sentence in the Women's Prison at Indianapolis, Indiana.

Copies of this letter are being sent to the Cincinnati Office in order that it may conduct appropriate inquiry to ascertain if either Elbert Fink or Fern Cooch have such information.

Very truly yours,

CC:Division  
CC:Cincinnati (2)  
CC:St Paul

J. H. HANSON, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

P. O. Box # 987  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

April 26, 1934

Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
P. O. Box # 766  
Cincinnati, Ohio

JOHN DILLINGER with aliases - FUGITIVE

Dear Sir:

In confirmation of the information conveyed to Special Agent Norton of your office telephonically on April 26, 1934, you are advised that Chief of Police Charles B. Steger of Sharon, Pa., a former resident of Kentucky, has informed an Agent of this office that Subject DILLINGER was indicted in the Marion Circuit Court at Lebanon, Kentucky upon a charge of bank robbery on a date not recalled.

At the same time one Kirkland was also indicted upon the same charge, together with another person whose name is not now recalled by Chief Steger. Kirkland and the unnamed co-defendant are presently serving an eight-year term in the State Reformatory at Frankfort, Kentucky.

Chief Steger advises that he believes Kirkland may furnish some information concerning DILLINGER'S present whereabouts.

Very truly yours,

E. A. TAMM  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc:Division

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Division of Investigation

POSTAL

Chicago Illinois April 26 1934 6:40 P.M.

SECRETARY OF STATE  
AUTOMOBILE DIVISION  
SPRINGFIELD ILLINOIS

FURNISH BY WIRE COMPLETE DATA ON REGISTRATION OF CAR BEARING NINETEEN  
*License*  
THIRTY FOUR ILLINOIS PLATE NUMBER THREE THREE SIX FOUR THREE TWO

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MC:JVV

cc Division



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U.S. Division of Investigation

CHARGE

Chicago Illinois April 25 1934 10:22 P.M.

CHIEF OF POLICE  
CRYSTAL FALLS WISCONSIN

NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR FORD COUPE BEARING WISCONSIN PLATES ONE SIX SIX FIVE TWO NINE - STOLEN BY DILLINGER GANG IN EFFECTING ESCAPE RECOVERED AND RETURNED TO OWNER

FURVIE

ABOVE TELEGRAM TO BE SENT TO CHIEF OF POLICE AT THE FOLLOWING CITIES IN WISCONSIN: Iron Mountain, Iron River, Eagle River, Park Falls, Ladysmith, Chippewa Falls, Eau Claire, Wausau, Madison, Barrill, Tomahawk, Antigo, Orono, Shawano, Clintonville, Green Bay, Appleton, Menasha, Neenah, Oshkosh, Stevens Point, Wisconsin Rapids, Marshfield, Fond du Lac, Madison, Milwaukee, Waukegan, Wauwatosa, Manitowish and Sheboygan.

TSB:FVV

cc Division  
St. Paul

On the night of April 23, 1934, the night of the escape of the Dillinger gang from Little Bohemia, Manitowish, Wisconsin, telephone calls were made to all of the above police departments, advising them to be on the lookout for automobiles used by the gang in effecting their escape.



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1900 Bankers Bldg.  
Chicago, Illinois  
April 24, 1934

Mr. W. A. Rorer, Inspector,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Care of Northern Lights Hotel,  
Manitowish, Wisconsin

Dear Sir:-

RE: JOHN HERBERT DILLINGER, with  
aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1217;  
JOHN HAMILTON, with aliases,  
I.O. #1220; HOMER VAN METER,  
with aliases, I.O. #1221; et al.  
KID. MOT. VEH. THEFT ACT.  
HARBORING FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE

There are forwarded herewith, twenty copies  
of a Chicago Police Department Bulletin, which contains  
photographs of GEORGE NELSON, alias "BABY FACE" and two  
copies of the photograph of WILLIAM DAVIS, Chicago Police  
Department No. 6-8099. Davis is alleged to be a contact  
man for the Dillinger Gang.

Very truly yours,

VUP:FMH  
CC:Division  
St. Paul  
44-5688

M. E. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge

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1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago Illinois

April 20, 1934

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Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
P. O. Box 986  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Re: JOHN DILLINGER with aliases,  
I. O. 1217 - FUGITIVE, et al.  
N. M. V. T. A. and HARBORING  
Chicago File 22-3085

Dear Sir:

With reference to your telephone call of April 20, 1934, please be advised that Illinois 1934 license plates No. 1046845 and 107398, as also Wisconsin 1934 plates No. 22950, have been checked with the following results:

1934 Illinois plates No. 1046845 were issued to A. L. Evans, Box 205, Schiller Park, Illinois, for a Buick coupe, motor No. 2101687, factory No. 2042877. With reference to this information, telephonic communication was had with Postmaster E. J. Philbey, Schiller Park, Illinois, telephone Franklin Park 2-21, who advised that he has met Mr. A. L. Evans personally, and that he understands that he is a carpenter by trade. He advised that Mr. Evans resided in Schiller Park for about three years until approximately one year ago, when he left town, but he understands that he has now returned to Schiller Park. The Post Office Box No. 205 is in the name of E. H. Martin but Mr. Evans receives his mail at this box. The Postmaster said he believed Mr. Evans to be a man of good character and reputation, but beyond this he was unable to furnish any information. Investigation will be conducted at Schiller Park as early as possible to determine the exact whereabouts and recent activities of A. L. Evans.

1934 Illinois license plates No. 107398 were issued to Henry Coney, Mount Clare, Illinois, for a 1930 Chevrolet Coupe, motor No. 2017078, factory No. 2-AB-104497. Mount Clare is in Macomb County, and accordingly a telegram has this day been sent to the St. Louis office, requesting that the necessary investigation be conducted at Mount Clare.

1934 Wisconsin plates No. 22950 were issued to L. C. Sinnott, Mount Horeb, Wisconsin, for a Chevrolet sedan, motor No. 3764573. Mount Horeb is in Dane County, and accordingly a wire has been sent to the St. Paul Division office, requesting that necessary investigation be conducted at Mount Horeb.

Very truly yours,

M. H. FURVIS  
Special Agent in Charge

JJM:AB  
CC-Division; St. Paul; St. Louis

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J E P DUNN  
 DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
 US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
 617 FEDERAL BLDG  
 LOS ANGELES CALIFORNIA

JOHN DILLINGER KEY NUMBER FOURTEEN FIVE NAUGHT TWO THREE OF MASTER KEYED SERIES  
 NUMBER FOURTEEN EIGHT SIX EIGHT NINE UNABLE DETERMINE IDENTITY BUILDING STOP INSTANT  
 KEY IS CALIFORNIA HARDWARE COMPANYS ORDER NUMBER SEVENTEEN ONE AND ONE HALF INVOICE  
 DATED NOVEMBER SIXTEENTH TWENTY NINE

HARVEY



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 DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
 APR 25 1934  
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 cc: Division  
 cc: St. Paul



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NIGHT LETTER	

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R. G. WHITE  
PRESIDENT

LOS ANGELES CALIFORNIA  
APR 21st, 1934



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R G HARVEY  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
735 PHILADELPHIA BAVING FORD BUILDING  
PHILADELPHIA PENNSYLVANIA

JOHN DILLINGER MIA REFERENCE YOUR WIRE TWENTY EIGHT INSTANT RE  
KEY NUMBER FOURTEEN FIVE NAUGHT TWO THREE STOP KNECHTEL OF CALIFORNIA  
HARDWARE COMPANY HERE ADVISES NO RECORD MAINTAINED OF KEYS SOLD UNLESS  
KEY IS A MASTER KEY STOP CONTACT MANUFACTURER AND ASCERTAIN WHETHER INSTANT  
KEY IS OF A MASTER KEY NUMBERED AS ABOVE WAS MADE WITH SUCH INFORMATION  
FOR WHICH MASTER KEY NUMBERED AS ABOVE WAS MADE WITH SUCH INFORMATION  
KNECHTEL CAN DETERMINE THE DETAILS OF LOCAL SALES IN OTHER WORDS RECORDS  
MAINTAINED BY BUILDING NAME AND NOT BY SERIAL NUMBER

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APR 25

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Off Bus Govt Rate  
Chg Div Inv LA 617 Fed Hldg  
/99 Division  
12:15 PM  
JEPD:EE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY IS BY TELEGRAPH O'

CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED	
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NIGHT LETTER	SHIP RADIOGRAM

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St Paul Minnesota  
April 23 1934

E E CONROY  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BLDG SUITE 1  
KANSAS CITY MISSOURI



JOHN DILLINGER WA ETAL FUGITIVE CHECK IMMEDIATELY OWNER AND IDENTITY THIS YEARS  
KANSAS LICENSE TWELVE TWO NINE EIGHTY REPORTED ON OLDSMOBILE COUPE

CLEGG

Off. Bus. Govt. rate  
Chg. Div. of Investigation,  
203 P. O. Bldg.  
Cc Division -- Cc Chicago  
DLN:HVS

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CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED	
DOMESTIC	CABLE
TELEGRAM	FULL RATE
DAY LETTER	DEFERRED
NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT LETTER
NIGHT LETTER	WEEK END LETTER

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J. C. WILLEVER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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*alg* JACKSONVILLE FLORIDA APRIL 23 1934

WILLIAM LARSON  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
625 LAFAYETTE BLDG  
DETROIT MICH

JOHN DILLINGER WA FUGITIVE ETAL POSITIVELY DETERMINED DAYTONA BEACH FLORIDA GEORGE T WILLIAMS AND BOB HEARN NOT IDENTICAL WITH HOMER VAN METER WILLIAMS AND HEARN NOT CONNECTED INSTANT CASE STOP THEIR APPREHENSION DESIRED CONNECTION AUTOMOBILE STOLEN DAYTONA BEACH APRIL EIGHTEH LAST

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CHARGE GOVT RATE  
DIV INVES US DEPT JUS  
CC DIVISION  
RAA:SLH  
4:05 PM

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WESTERN UNION GIFT ORDERS ARE APPROPRIATE GIFTS FOR ALL OCCASIONS.

735 Philadelphia Saving Fund Bldg.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Re: JOHN HERBERT DILLINGER, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1217, et al

Dear Sir:

National Motor Vehicle Theft Act  
Obstruction of Justice

Reference is made to telephonic conversation with Inspector Clegg under date of April 19, 1934 concerning what appeared to be an apartment house key, which was found in the possession of Mary Evelyn Frechette, which key contained the trade mark of the Reading Hardware Corporation, Reading, Pa.

In this connection I am transmitting attached hereto for each of the interested offices a copy of the memorandum prepared by the writer covering telephonic inquiry with an official of the Reading Hardware Corporation. Subsequent thereto, Special Agent Sam. Browne interviewed Mr. Lyons, Vice President and Superintendent of the Reading Hardware Corporation, and Mr. Unger, Secretary and Treasurer, and ascertained that Mr. L.M. Unger had declined to furnish any information over the telephone because officials of the company follow the procedure of issuing the same key designs to more than one customer in widely scattered sections of the country, although they do not want this to be generally known, as they are supposed to make a different design for each particular customer. Upon ascertaining definitely that the Division had no interest in this angle, they consented to furnish the records on their master key contracts covering key design #145023.

Agent Browne obtained the list of purchasers of Key #145023 as follows:

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8-2-1928

Nichols Bldg. Co.  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Morningside Apt. Job

8-12-28

Joest Bros.  
1071 Market St.,  
San Francisco, Cal.

Contract #514

4-12-29

Chas. G. Van Ness  
7th & K St.,  
Washington, D.C.

Customer's #04768

8-14-29

Emery Waterhouse Co.,  
Portland, Maine

Brown Co. Bldg., Berlin, N.J.

1-31-29

A.L. Rgolf,  
2500 N. 17th St.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Same M.E. Church

1-16-29

M. Baurse,  
414 Market St.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Rowe Job

9-18-30

W.A. Hankin  
410-16 Bank St.,  
Ottawa, Canada

S. Miller Apts., Ottawa

8-4-30

Jack Cole Construction Co.,  
Paducah, Ky.

Pinekeyville High School,  
Pinekeyville, Ill.

8-27-30

Johns-Stone Corp.,  
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Coles School

1-20-31

W. Irvin Henningsen,  
620 N. Front St.,  
Reading, Pa.

622 N. Front St., Apts.

2-23-31

Dexter Folder Co.,  
28 West 23rd St.,  
New York City

11-29-29

Oelschlager & Kraft, John J.,  
2212 Market St.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sewickley Job

10-10-29

California Hdwe. Co.,  
Los Angeles, Cal.

"Knechtel" Job



10-7-33

Dignan Hdw. Co.,  
115 E. Main St.,  
Owosso, Mich.

Police Tel. Co. Bldg.

3-7-34

Adriana Hdw. Co.,  
Jackson, Miss.

Mississippi Educational Bldg.

3-15-33

J.C. Robins,  
8309 -5th Ave.,  
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Hotel Olympic Bldg.

5-22-33

Reilly Bros. & Bank,  
Lancaster, Pa.

Telegrams were immediately despatched to the offices covering the territory where the purchasers of this key were located, requesting that the purchasers be interviewed to develop whether Mary Evelyn Frechette or any of the Dillinger mob were acquainted with the purchasers of this key design, in view of the fact that the said key was found in the purse of Mary Evelyn Frechette, information was likewise conveyed to Inspector Clegg.

For the benefit of the Los Angeles Office in answering inquiry conveyed in telegram dated April 21, 1934, from that office, Mr. Lyons advised that Key #145023 is of the master keyed series #148689, and that the master key of a particular series always contains a different number than the companion keys for the particular job. The California Hardware Company's invoice for the key of the series #145023, and master keyed series, as indicated above, was dated November 16, 1929, and is the California Hardware Company's order #1713.

It is requested that all interested offices expedite the investigation outlined herein.

Very truly yours,

R.O. Harvey  
BCH:AG.  
26-1810

R.O. Harvey,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc: Division  
Chicago Wash. Field  
Okla. City Boston  
San Fran. Cincinnati  
Los. Ang.  
Detroit  
New York  
New Orleans

Philadelphia, Pa.  
April 19, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE

Re: John Herbert Billinger with aliases - Fugitive  
I.O. #1217. et al.  
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act  
Obstruction of Justice

On this date, Inspector Clegg telephoned from the St. Paul Office and advised that a key, which resembled an apartment house key, was found in the possession of Mary Evelyn Frechette. This key on one side had the word "Reading" followed by the words "Hdwe. Corp." In the centre of the rounded portion of the key, near the top, appeared the word "Reading" and below it the words "Reading, Pa." The key has a trademark on the other side - "Reading" and, in scroll effect, the number "145023." The "3" is somewhat out of line, as are some of the other numbers, and it is possible that the number "3" was changed, although rather improbable, as there appears to be some unevenness in the numbering, occasioned, perhaps, at the time the key was manufactured.

I immediately telephoned the Reading Hardware Co., Reading, Pa., and talked with Mr. L.M. Unger, Salesman in the key department. He informed that the key number would not mean anything unless he knew the job for which the key was made - for instance, the name of the apartment house or hotel, - as these keys are all carried under the number of the master key for the particular job. He said the Reading Company sends out about 10,000 or more keys a month to all states in the Union, and that they have manufactured millions of keys. He stated that the numbers were not listed numerically or alphabetically under names, but each number refers to a different depth in the design and gives specifications for their own make of keys. He informed that this number would not mean anything to another key manufacturer, unless that company possessed specifications for the Reading Company keys. He added that, if he knew the name of the building the key in question was manufactured for, it would be a matter of only a few minutes to determine the purchaser, because their records are complete and accurate, the numbers being listed for the master key of each particular job. In the event the key was other than a master key, it would carry the master key number for that particular job.

This information was telephoned to Mr. Clegg, who informed that he would send the key directly to Special Agent S.T. Browne at the Berkshire.

Hotel, Reading, Pa., and Agent Brown was requested to interview Mr. Brown and endeavor to make an examination of the Reading Company's records to locate the purchaser of the key in question.

Inspector Clegg advised that he would likewise forward name of apartment houses and Hotels where Mary Evelyn Frechette has resided, although this list will be by no means complete.

RCH:MEC  
26-1810

R.G. Harvey  
Special Agent in Charge.



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APRIL 24, 1934

WERNER HANNI  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
803 POST OFFICE BUILDING  
ST PAUL MINN

JOHN DILLINGER RATED THIS YEARS WISCONSIN LICENSE PLATES TWO TWO  
NINE FIFTY SEEN AT MOORESVILLE INDIANA SAID PLATES ISSUED TO J. I.  
SINGER MOUNT HORN WISCONSIN FOR CHEVROLET SEDAN MOTOR THREE SEVEN  
SIX FOUR FIVE SEVEN THREE CONDUCT INVESTIGATION AT MOUNT HORN

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CC-Division ✓  
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P.O. Box 815, St. Paul, Minn.

April 25, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: JOHN DILLINGER, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1217, et al.  
NATL. MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT.  
HARBORING FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE.  
St. Paul File No. 25-2434.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Earl Van Hagoner, dated 4-11-34, at Chicago, on page 6 of which mention is made that "Radio Sally", alleged wife of TOMMY CARROLL, who is known to be a member of the DILLINGER mob, visits AGNES MASS, who resides at 4534 Malden Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

It is requested that your office conduct such investigation as is necessary to locate the residence of "RADIO SALLY", the alleged wife of TOMMY CARROLL. In that connection, a telephone call was made to your office two weeks ago advising that SALLY was employed at the RED ORANGE NIGHT CLUB in Chicago, and at that time it was requested that she be kept under surveillance for the purpose of determining if TOMMY CARROLL were attempting to contact her. In view of the information contained in the report referred to, it is requested that the residence of SALLY be located and a close surveillance be conducted in order to determine if she is connected with TOMMY CARROLL.

TOMMY CARROLL was with the DILLINGER mob in St. Paul, both before and after the escape of DILLINGER. TOMMY CARROLL was with members of the DILLINGER mob in Mankato, Minnesota, a few days after the escape of DILLINGER on March 31, 1934, at St. Paul, Minnesota. For this reason, it appears that the location of CARROLL might result in the location of the remaining members of this gang.

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Very truly yours,

One JWS

COH:TC  
CC Division

H.M. CLEGG, INSPECTOR.



425 Lafayette Building  
Detroit, Michigan  
April 24, 1934

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

APR 26 1934 PM



Re: JOHN HERBERT DILLINGER, with aliases,  
I. O. 1217, et al.  
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act  
Harboring

Dear Sir:

There is inclosed herewith copy of a letter dated at Chicago, Illinois, on March 24, 1934, addressed to Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Pierpont, Terre Haute, Indiana, from Harry Wilson, 334 Maypole Avenue, presumably Chicago, Illinois, which was forwarded to this office by Mr. Ernest M. Botkin, Prosecuting Attorney, Lima, Ohio.

Mr. Botkin has requested that the fact he had a copy of this letter in his possession be kept in the strictest confidence and the same is forwarded to you for such value as it may be.

Very truly yours,

M. W. Hopkins, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge

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Encl.  
cc Division  
St. Paul  
Cincinnati

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Chicago, Illinois.

March 21, 1934.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Pierpont,  
Terre Haute, Ind.

We'll hope you are the only one to read this as it is important, so guard this letter very much. We only have one more ace to play. We now have contact and expect to get Harry and the boys out O.K. without much trouble. We have got to get 25 grand to do so. We can get 75 grand as soon as we get them out, but here you try and loan us \$2000.00 for one week and we will give you back 5 grand for it and get Harry out.

Now do this this week and don't fail if it is possible as we are leaving for Dayton Sat. night this week.

Guard this information for it is going to be damn hard as it is send information (and money)

Harry Wilson,

3334 Maypole Ave.

C O P Y - vns - 4/24/34

JHH:BM  
26-4514

P. O. Box 514,  
Birmingham, Alabama.  
April 24, 1934.

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

Re: JOHN HERBERT DILLINGER, with aliases,  
I. O. #1217 - FUGITIVE; JOHN HAMILTON,  
with alias, I. O. #1220 - FUGITIVE;  
BOMER VANMETER, with aliases, I. O.  
#1222 - FUGITIVE, et al.  
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.  
Obstruction of Justice.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with instructions contained in Division telegram  
of this date, there is enclosed herewith a copy of the report of Special  
Agent J. M. Towler, dated Birmingham, Alabama, April 20, 1934.

Very truly yours,

J. M. HANSON, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

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CC: Division ✓



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4:55 P.M.

APRIL 24, 1934

D. H. LANE  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
801 TITLE GUARANTY BUILDING  
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

JOHN DILLINGER BEYOND THIS YEARS ILLINOIS LICENSE PLATES TEN SEVEN  
THREE NINE EIGHT OBSERVED IN VICINITY HUBERT DILLINGERS RESIDENCE  
INDIANAPOLIS SAID PLATES ISSUED TO HENRY GANNY MOUNT CLAIN FOR  
NINETEEN THIRTY CHEVROLET COUPE MOTOR TWO NAUGHT ONE SEVEN NAUGHT  
SEVEN THREE CONDUCT INVESTIGATION AT MOUNT CLAIN

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CC-Division  
25-5685

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
APR 25 1934 A.M.  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
JMS



P. O. Box #768  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

EM:CE  
26-3988

April 22, 1934.

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

RE: JOHN HERBERT DILLINGER with  
aliases, I.O. #1817, -FUGITIVE;  
JOHN HAMILTON, with alias, I.O.  
#1220-FUGITIVE; HERMAN VANDERBILT,  
with aliases, I.O. #1222-FUGITIVE;  
et al.  
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT;  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE.

Dear Sir:

This letter has reference to memorandum of the Cincinnati  
Office under date of April 21, 1934, copy of which was furnished you.

Special Agent F. E. Hurley, of the Cincinnati Office  
states that the likeness of VanMeter, I.O. #1222, has been definitely  
identified by several persons in or near Louisville, Kentucky, as  
also being the likeness of George T. Williams, who was in Louisville,  
recently with E. J. Hearn, at which time they were attempting to dis-  
pose of an Essex Terraplane Coach. The information that the likeness  
of VanMeter had been identified as Williams was telegraphed to the  
Jacksonville Office, subsequently Special Agent in Charge Alt of the  
Jacksonville Office telephoned the writer that investigation at Daytona  
Beach, Florida shows that Williams is a well known bootlegger in that  
section and has been known there for a number of years and that it is  
extremely doubtful that he is identical with VanMeter. However, the  
Essex Terraplane which these men had in their possession at Louisville,  
Kentucky was stolen from J. C. Harper of Daytona Beach, Florida, April  
8, 1934, and these men could undoubtedly be handled in the Federal  
Court for violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act. The  
Jacksonville Office describes them as follows:

Name:  
Age:  
Height:  
Weight:  
Build:  
Hair:

George T. Williams  
About 35 years  
5' 9"  
145 lbs.  
Slender  
Black

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Unit One  
Unit Two



Eyes:  
Peculiarities:

Dark  
Steeped; Sharp  
Features; Forefinger  
right hand off at  
first joint.

Name:  
Age:  
Height:  
Weight:  
Hair:  
Eyes:  
Complexion:  
Mustache:

Robert (Bob) Hearn  
35 years  
5' 10"  
175 lbs.  
Very dark  
Blue  
Medium-full face  
Mustache

Special Agent in Charge Alt, of the Jacksonville Office also stated that Williams has a sister in Detroit, Mich., name and address not yet ascertained. On April 19, Williams telephoned his wife at Daytona Beach, Florida and later the same night sent her a telegram from Detroit. Hearn was with him at the time. Williams is said to have sold a "hot" car in Detroit, sometime ago, the purchaser being one Baker, a dealer in used cars on Liverpool Ave. Baker also may be knowingly handling "hot" cars.

If Williams and Hearn can be located, it will then be established whether they have any connection with the above entitled case. If not, they can undoubtedly be prosecuted for violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, as previously indicated.

The Cincinnati Office is continuing efforts at Louisville, Kentucky, to locate these men and it is suggested that the Detroit Office make effort to find them.

Very truly yours,

ELISS MORTON,  
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

CC-DIVISION  
CHICAGO  
JACKSONVILLE  
BIRMINGHAM

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1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago Illinois

SPECIAL DELIVERY

April 24, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Building,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

JOHN DILLINGER, with aliases -  
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1217; JOHN HAMILTON,  
with aliases, I.O. 1230; HOMER VAN  
METER, with aliases, I.O. 1222; W. A.  
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE.

The following information relative to the murder of Special Agent  
W. Carter Baum and the shooting of Special Agent Jay G. Newman and Constable  
Christiansen at Spider Lake, Wisconsin on the night of April 22, 1934, was  
furnished to Special Agent W. A. Ryan by Special Agent Jay G. Newman.

Agent Newman advised that shortly before 11:00 P.M. on the above  
night, he was at Voss' Birchwood Hotel at Spider Lake, Wisconsin for the  
purpose of contacting Special Agent Euran telephonically at Rhinelander,  
Wisconsin, being accompanied by Special Agent W. Carter Baum and Constable  
Christiansen. Special Agent Newman was advised by the telephone operator  
that she had received information that a suspicious car with no lights  
was in the vicinity of the residence of Emil Kerner, which is a short  
distance from Voss' hotel on Wisconsin State Highway Number 31. He stated  
that Special Agent Baum and Constable Christiansen accompanied him in  
the Ford V8 Coupe to make investigation at Kerner's place. Agent Newman  
was at the wheel of the car. Agent Baum was seated in the middle with  
a machine gun in his lap and Constable Christiansen was seated on the  
right hand side of the seat with his pistol drawn in his hand; that as they  
approached Kerner's they noticed an automobile with no lights parked near  
the residence, and not being able to observe the license plates at first,  
they drove a short distance past the house and turned back to take the  
license number. As Special Agent Baum was taking the number of this  
car, they noticed a Ford automobile occupied by four men with the lights  
burning, parked in front of Kerner's house. Agent Newman advised that he  
asked the occupants of this car, "Where is Mr. Kerner?" that upon re-  
ceiving no response he called to the occupants of the car, "We are officers,  
whose is that car?" Following this last statement, a young fellow got out  
of the car and came quickly over to the car occupied by Agent Newman and  
the others, approaching the car from the driver's side. Agent Newman stated  
that his car was parked almost opposite the car from which the fellow came,  
at a distance of approximately five or six feet. Upon approaching the car

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This individual immediately covered him, Agent Newman, and the others with an automatic pistol, pointing the pistol directly at the head of Agent Newman, and standing in such a position that he was, at the same time, covering the other occupants of the car. The individual stated, "I know you have on bullet proof vests, but I'll shoot you in the head. I'll kill you, get out of that car". Agent Newman states he made several efforts to grab the gun held by this individual but was unsuccessful; that he then made an effort to reach inside of his own coat for his automatic pistol which he was carrying in his shoulder holster, but that as he did this, the individual said, "Don't reach for that gun, I'll kill you, get out of that car". During this time no attempt was made by Special Agent Baum or the Constable to cover this individual with the guns they had.

Agent Newman states that he then stepped out of the car on the driver's side, directly in front of the individual, at which time Special Agent Baum and the Constable apparently began to get out of the car on the opposite side; that as soon as he, Newman, had placed his foot on the ground, and before he could take any steps to grab the individual, this party fired his gun directly at him, Newman's, head - the bullet striking him a glancing blow immediately over the right eye. As a result of this shot Agent Newman states that he was knocked unconscious and that he fell to the side of the road; that he remembers nothing as to exactly how Special Agent Baum and Constable Christiansen were shot by this individual; that when he regained consciousness he observed the car which he had driven with the others to Kerner's, being backed out on to the highway by the individual who shot him and that he, Newman, had his automatic pistol in his hand upon gaining consciousness, although he does not recall exactly when he took it from the holster; that upon noting the car being driven away, he raised himself up slightly and emptied his automatic pistol at the car, firing at least seven shots. He does not know whether any of these bullets struck the car or not. Agent Newman states he then drew his pistol, which he was also carrying, and directed his attention to the automobile from which the individual who did the shooting came; that he stepped up to this car and ordered the occupants to come out with their hands up, at which command one individual came out of the car with his hands up and crying, "Please don't shoot, I'm a resident". This individual advised Special Agent Newman that his name was Christiansen - no relation to Constable Christiansen who was shot; he further told Agent Newman that himself and the other two that had been in the car were COO workers who had been held up by the individual who had done the shooting and that prior to holding them up, the same party had also held up Mrs. and Mrs. Kerner in their home and terrorized them in an effort to secure their automobile. He advised Agent Newman that at the time, he, Newman, had driven up, that the party who did the shooting had he, Christiansen, and the other two boys covered with the automatic in an effort to force

them to start the Ford car; that they had been unsuccessful as they did not have the key. Christiansen said that the other two GOC workers, who were

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and his old friend, Walter, who was a Special Agent in Charge of the FBI, and other agents.

as follows:

**Age: 26 or 27**

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could identify the individual and the person if



Agent Newman, further stated with reference to the photograph of Nelson, that the individual who did the shooting wore his cap in just about the same manner as Nelson is wearing the cap in the photograph exhibited to him.

A detailed statement will be obtained from Special Agent Newman within the next few days.

The above information was furnished the Division, in substance, by teletype today.

Very truly yours,

M. H. FURVIE,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Numerous acquaintances of Pat Cherrington's  
ascertained from Vera Cherrington.

**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent Earl Van Wagoner,  
Chicago, Illinois, April 21, 1934.

**DETAILS:**

The title of this report is being changed to include the  
name of Mrs. Isaac Steve.

On April 19, 1934, Acting Special Agent in Charge M. J.  
Meekins, Detroit, Michigan, telephoned the Chicago office advising that  
he had received information from Sheriff D. W. Welsh, Sault Ste. Marie,  
Michigan, to the effect that both subjects Hamilton and Dillinger had  
been seen in Sault Ste. Marie at 11:45 P.M. on Tuesday, April 17, 1934,  
that Dillinger and Hamilton were reported to have visited Hamilton's  
sister and brother who reside at Sault Ste. Marie; that Dillinger and  
Hamilton were driving a new large black sedan and that it was possible  
that both subjects were hiding out in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.

Based on the information furnished Special Agent in  
Charge Purvis by Special Agent Meekins, Special Agent J. J. Waters com-  
municated by telephone with Sheriff D. W. Welsh at Sault Ste. Marie,  
Michigan. He stated that on Tuesday night a young boy is reported to  
have approached a man at Sault Ste. Marie, whose name the Sheriff refused  
to disclose over the telephone, and requested this man to go to a certain  
address. The address in question was later determined to be that of the  
home of John Hamilton's brother. This man's wife was reported to be  
very ill and she pleaded with him not to go. Notwithstanding this fact,  
he went to Hamilton's home and while he was there it was necessary for  
his wife's sister and mother to go to her home and take care of her.  
While they were at this place, he returned and stated that John Hamilton  
and Dillinger were at the home of Hamilton's brother and that Hamilton  
had aged considerably and was in a very bad physical condition because  
of a bullet wound he had received in the chest which gave him difficulty  
in breathing. He is also supposed to have said that Dillinger looks  
much better than his photographs indicate. The Sheriff further stated  
that Hamilton's home is located in a little section of a hill known as  
"Oak Bluff", and to the best of his information Dillinger and Hamilton  
were still there.

Special Agent in Charge Purvis communicated by telephone  
with Inspector Clegg at St. Paul and Mr. Cowley at the Division in Wash-  
ington, and in accordance with Division instructions, Agents Reinecke,  
Brown, Lockerman, Rice and Falkner proceeded immediately to Sault Ste.

Marie, by airplane which was chartered from Mike Caffarella.

On April 20, 1934, Special Agent Reinecke telephoned and advised that the above named Agents raided the home of Mrs. Louise Steve at Sault Ste. Marie. Mrs. Steve is the sister of Hamilton and a complete description of her will be incorporated in a later report. Agent Reinecke advised that Mrs. Steve admitted that Hamilton, Dillinger and Pat Cherrington stopped at her place on Tuesday night, April 17, 1934, and that at the time they were at her home they were in possession of a machine gun. Agent Reinecke further advised that a Ford V-8 sedan, motor No. 18-517244, bearing Tennessee license plates No. 127-032, was left by Dillinger and Hamilton at the home of Hamilton's sister. In this connection, attention is directed to the report of Special Agent J. J. Waters, dated at Chicago, Illinois, April 18, 1934, wherein information is provided with reference to the taking into custody of Evelyn Frechette at the Austin State Tavern, Austin and State Streets, Chicago. Agents observed on that occasion that Evelyn Frechette was transported to the Austin State Tavern in a black coach or sedan automobile bearing 1934 Illinois license plates No. 338-557. It was ascertained that Illinois plates bearing that number were issued to Art Morton, 2709 Washington Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, for a Ford sedan bearing motor No. 18-517244. As indicated elsewhere in the file Tennessee license plates No. 127-032 were also issued to Art Morton, which is believed to be an alias used by Hamilton. With further reference to the Ford sedan bearing motor No. 18-517244, it may be stated that inquiry was made of the Automobile Protective and Information Bureau, who replied by letter under date of April 18, 1934, at which time information was provided that Ford sedan bearing the above motor number was assembled at the Louisville branch of the Ford Motor Company and was shipped to the Hippodrome Motor Company of Nashville, Tennessee, on December 8, 1933. Elkin Lewis, Chief of Detectives, Nashville, Tennessee, advised the Automobile Protective and Information Bureau that this car was sold by the Hippodrome Motor Company of Nashville, Tennessee, on December 13, 1933, to a man giving the name of Art Morton, who paid cash for the car consisting largely of \$50.00 bills.

During the time that Hamilton and Dillinger were at the home of Hamilton's sister in Sault Ste. Marie, Hamilton complained of a wound in his shoulder, while Pat Cherrington complained of being ill as a result of a recent operation which she had undergone in a Chicago hospital.

Investigation at Sault Ste. Marie failed to disclose any definite information pertaining to the route taken by Hamilton or Dillinger at the time of their departure from Sault Ste. Marie.



On the night of April 19, 1934, Special Agent Lockerman at Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, communicated by telephone with Special Agent J. J. Waters at the Chicago Division office, and submitted the following information: He stated that they had located a gasoline station attendant who said that on Tuesday, April 17th, two cars pulled up at his station and requested to have the tank of one of the cars filled. The men were driving a Ford V-8 sedan which had 1934 Illinois license tags No. 338-557, and a new black Buick coupe, bearing California tags. One of the occupants of the Ford sedan was positively identified as Dillinger and the gasoline station attendant asked him what his business was and was informed that he was a salesman. They had with them three cases, the description of which accurately fitted machine gun cases. Further investigation is in progress at Sault Ste. Marie. A subsequent report will provide all the details of the investigation conducted at Sault Ste. Marie.

On April 21, 1934, a Federal complaint was filed against Mrs. Isaac Steve at Sault Ste. Marie, charging her with harboring a fugitive from justice.

On April 21, 1934, Mr. Summerfeld of the Chicago Herald and Examiner, communicated with Special Agent in Charge Purvis, at which time he advised that he formerly resided at Sault Ste. Marie, and that he was of the opinion that Fort Brady, which is situated approximately twenty miles above Sault Ste. Marie, would be a good place to check. Special Agent Lockerman was instructed to confer with the Sheriff at Sault Ste. Marie and check the place if it appeared that the lead provided by Mr. Summerfeld was worthy of consideration.

Investigation has developed that Vera Cherrington resides at 1832 Belmont Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, with her husband, Ira, a Mr. Laake, a Mr. and Mrs. Schuster and several children. These individuals have resided at the given address for several years and with the exception of Vera Cherrington, these individuals bear good reputations. Although there is some question as to the reputation of Vera Cherrington, no definite information has been provided concerning any criminal activities on her part.

On April 18, 1934, Special Agents K. D. Deadrick and M. C. Falkner conducted certain investigation at which time Vera Cherrington was interviewed at her residence address, 1832 Belmont Avenue, Chicago. The result of this investigation was incorporated in a memorandum prepared by Special Agent M. C. Falkner under date of April 18, 1934, pertinent portions of which are copied below:

"At 1832 Belmont Avenue Agents interviewed Vera Cherrington (Mrs. I. J. Cherrington), who stated that she was born at this address and has resided there ever since; that Pat Cherrington married a brother of I. J. Cherrington, and that Pat has a girl about 13 years old named Beverly June Cherrington, who resides now somewhere in Michigan, the address being unknown to her; that she never had a great deal to do with Pat Cherrington until a few months ago at which time Pat became very ill and had a serious operation in a local hospital, the address of which she does not know; that upon leaving this hospital, which was in about February or March, 1934, Pat Cherrington came to her home at 1832 Belmont Avenue and remained there for several days, during which period she (Vera) constantly attended to Pat's needs and desires; that she remained here for a week or more and some time in March, 1934, proceeded from this address to Detroit, Michigan, where her child was at that time; that she was taken from 1832 Belmont Avenue to the railroad station in Chicago in an automobile belonging to and driven by her friend, Tom Panton, who is employed by the Bartenders and Beverage Dispensers Union, 166 West Washington Street, Chicago, and who prior to this occasion was unknown to Pat.

Vera further stated that one or two days after the raid on 1832 Belmont Avenue by some officers a few days ago, a strange man whom she had never seen before and whom she has not seen since, appeared at her door and asked her if she recalled him proceeding to 1832 Belmont Avenue with the little girl of Pat Cherrington; that she told the man she did not recall this incident, and the man then said that he was very anxious to get in touch with Pat and wanted to know where she could be reached, whereupon she told the man she did not know where Pat could be reached and questioned the man as to his address and name, neither of which he would give and referred to the "club boys" without qualifying this remark; that he further stated that he was in some sort of difficulty and did not want to be seen on this mission; that he gave her his name and address, but in the excitement she forgot these and has not since been able to remember them. She further stated that this man was exceedingly "pretty", well dressed and appeared to have money; that she knows nothing further about him.

Vera further stated that she had in her possession a suitcase and trunk belonging to Pat, and which had been left there some time ago. Upon being requested by Agents, Vera stated that she did not object to Agents' checking the contents of this trunk and suitcase.



The suitcase was checked and the following was obtained therefrom:

Copy of Journal entry divorce record, Chester A. Young, plaintiff - Lerada Young, defendant, Judge Jesse H. Horton, State of Oklahoma, County of Osage District Court, Agreement for custody of minor child Beverly June Young, signed by Attorney Charles E. King, 9/3/30, Osage County, Oklahoma.

The above papers were in an envelope which bears the return address "Glyde Davidson, Registrar of Deeds, Crawford County, Girard, Kansas", and the envelope bears the address "Giles James, 720 E. 20th St., Pittsburgh, Kansas."

Vera produced a number of letters which bore the return address of Post Office Box 7, Leavenworth, Kansas, which bore postmark dates during the past several weeks, and showed them to have been mailed at Leavenworth, Kansas, each of which is addressed to Mrs. Pat Cherrington, care Mrs. I. C. Cherrington, 1832 Belmont Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. With reference to these letters Vera stated that they were letters from Pat's husband who is now serving a sentence at Leavenworth Penitentiary.

Vera also produced a letter which is addressed to herself at 1832 Belmont Avenue, and the envelope shows the return address of Andrew Jackson Hotel, Nashville, Tennessee, December 13, 1933, in which is a letter carrying the salutation "Dear Vee and Cherry - am on my way to taking a job south, will mail until I return. Leaving tomorrow. Signed - Pat".

Vera also produced an address book which was located in the drawer of a table in her home and which contains the following names and addresses:

Sam Cherrington, 4841 Wabash Ave., Detroit, Mich.

H. B. Smith - International Ink Inc., Co., 161 W. Harrison St., tel. Wabash 3113 and Plaza 5910, Chicago.

Mary Barlow (Pat's husband's sister), 1074 Lackourue Road, Columbus, Ohio.

Eleanor Johnson (Pat's husband's sister), 28 Wetmore Road, Columbus, Ohio.

Bill Cherrington, 2037 Crescent Road, Allen Addition, Charleston, W. Va.

All of the above are said by Vera to be acquainted with Pat.

Vera's address book also set out the name "Bill Berkey, 6134 Roscoe St., Chicago, Illinois", whom she states is a traffic officer on the local police force, and whose wife is a good friend of Vera Cherrington. She stated that she is not sure whether she has ever introduced Mrs. Berkey to Pat, but it may be that she has done this, and Pat is known to Mrs. Berkey.

The trunk belonging to Pat Cherrington was located in the attic at 1832 Belmont Avenue, and was unlocked and the contents inspected by Agents. The trunk contains clothing, shoes and a pair of glasses and a camera. In this camera was found a roll of films which apparently had been used and which roll was extracted and was brought to the office by Agents for the purpose of having the same developed. There was nothing further of value found in this trunk, there being no papers or any other matters having addresses or names on them.

Vera stated that her husband, Ira Jordan, is a bartender and is employed in the H and K Saloon, Roosevelt Road, and Kedzie Avenue, Chicago; that about nine years ago her husband served about 30 days in the Bridewell jail in Chicago on a charge of intoxication; that since that time he has led a fine life and has worked hard to support her to the best of his ability. In connection with her husband Vera seemed to be apprehensive that investigation of this matter involving her husband might cause him to suffer the loss of his position. She stated however that he would be glad to cooperate in this matter to the fullest extent, but she doubted sincerely if he could give any information which would be of material value, inasmuch as he had seen Pat only a few times in the past several months and she feels sure he has not seen her in the last several weeks.

Agents questioned Mrs. Johanna Schuster, 1832 Belmont Avenue, who is a sister of Vera Cherrington, and who stated that before the present difficulty arose in regard to Pat Cherrington there had never been any reflection cast upon any member of the family; that they have been law abiding citizens and have resided

at this address for more than 30 years, that they are aware of the fact that detectives have been stationed in the neighborhood, which fact is exceedingly embarrassing to them, and that they would much prefer, if it were feasible, to have the detectives stationed in their home in the future, where they would be extended every courtesy, and the fullest cooperation; that she regrets exceedingly that such a state of affairs has come to exist, and that she personally will do everything possible to bring about the location and apprehension of John Dillinger, because he should be apprehended, and because she does not feel safe at her present place of abode as long as he remains at large. Mrs. Schuster stated that she would be more than willing to notify this office immediately upon receipt of any information which might lead to the whereabouts of Pat Cherrington. It is the belief of Agent Falkner that Mrs. Schuster can be relied upon to take these steps. There is no question but what she entertains a great deal of fear over the possible outcome of this matter, and during the course of this investigation she asked Agents as to their opinion relative to her moving herself and family from this address rather than run the risk of harm coming to them should they remain there and Dillinger appear there in company with Pat Cherrington at a time when the officers were waiting for them. In regard to this feeling on her part, Agents advised Mrs. Schuster that the best thing she could possibly do would be to remain where she is and keep to her word that she will immediately notify this office in the event any information concerning the whereabouts of either Pat Cherrington or John Dillinger or both is received by her. She again assured Agents that she would do this and bear this matter in mind at all times, and that no one would be happier than herself to see Dillinger taken into custody.

Vera Cherrington stated that she would do likewise, and promised Agents that in the event she heard any word either directly or indirectly from Pat Cherrington she would immediately call the Chicago Division office. The address, including telephone number, of the Chicago office was left with her for the above purpose.

Vera Cherrington did not seem inclined at the outset of this questioning to give detailed information, which apparently she possessed, relative to her sister-in-law, Pat Cherrington. However, after continued questioning she stated that she had heard from Pat Cherrington within the past week, and at this time had in her possession a letter which she received on Monday morning from Pat Cherrington.



At the request of Agents, Vera Cherrington handed this letter to Agents, which was brought to the Chicago Division office, and is attached to the file in this matter.

As a matter of interest to Agents who will continue with this investigation, the following detailed information relative to this letter and envelope is given:

The envelope is one of plain white paper, usual letter size, and on the front bears the Post Office cancellation stamp "Chicago, Illinois, April 14th, 11:30 A.M., 1934, Ogden Park Station". A cancelled three cent stamp and the address "Mrs. Vera Cherrington, 1832 Belmont Avenue, Chicago, Illinois" also appears thereon.

On the back of this envelope appears the Post Office cancellation mark "Chicago, Illinois, April 16th, 4:30 A.M., 1934, Ravenwood Station".

Enclosed in the envelope is a plain white sheet of letter paper, and appearing thereon is the following:

'Dear Vee & Cherry:

Hope this finds you well and happy. I haven't been feeling so well lately, but I suppose I will get well sooner or later - Here's hoping anyway.

Vee, is inclosed \$115.00 take \$10.00 for yourself & keep \$100.00 for me - "don't go to the bank" and the \$5.00 get Bob that paper you got for him before. Keep my letters for me and I will see you as soon as possible. Working quite hard now.

Love

Pat

Keep that "G" note where you can get to it quick for me.' "

Previous investigation conducted at 1832 Belmont Avenue, Chicago, in the residence of Vera Cherrington, resulted in the finding of certain cards and notes described below:

Personal card of Samuel Bonafede, Department of Public Works, State of Illinois, 608 South Dearborn Street. On the back of this card was written "Mrs. Davis, 3546 North Halsted Street, this will introduce Mrs. Vera Cherrington as per conversation. Remaining yours, S. Bonafede".

Investigation concerning the above card and other cards and notes found in the residence of Vera Cherrington was conducted by Special Agent Arthur McLawhorn. The result of his investigation was incorporated in a memorandum dated April 20, 1934, and the information which he developed is set out below.

"Mr. Bonafede was interviewed by this Agent in a possible effort to connect this Mrs. Davis with the Bill Davis wanted in this case. Mr. Bonafede stated that Mrs. Davis had worked in a restaurant in a building at 3546 North Halsted Street, which was a hotel owned by him for a period of about seven years. When he bought the hotel, he employed Mrs. Davis to run it for him. She was in his employ approximately the entire seven years, having been discharged by him about four months prior to the time that the hotel went into receivership, which was during June, 1933.

b7C [REDACTED] He has not seen her since that time, namely, March, 1933, but he had heard that she moved two doors south of the restaurant and started a rooming house. He said he never knew Mrs. Davis in anything but a business way and if she had any connection whatever with any hoodlums, he did not know it. He never heard her mention a great deal concerning her husband, the only information concerning him being that he was generally referred to as a cripple and an invalid, and that he lived on a farm in Quincy, Illinois. He could not recall the first name or initials of Mrs. Davis. He stated he had no checks to which he could refer to ascertain this, inasmuch as she merely took cash from the drawer to pay her own salary, and that he had no contract with her.

He did not recall who Mrs. Vera Cherrington was, stating that this card was merely one of many which he had written out, writing similar inscriptions on the back, referring people to his hotel and making them think they were given special attention. He said it is apparent that the card is rather old, inasmuch



the hotel has been closed for nearly a year and that Mrs. Davis has not been in his employ for over fourteen months. Mr. Bonafede seemed thoroughly cooperative with this Agent and pledged his cooperation in any further way he could help the Division.

Agent called at 5720 Madison Street, which is Linn's Fur Store, where he interviewed Mr. Sam Linn, who is the son of the owner of this shop. He stated he knew Mrs. Vera Cherrington, she having worked for them about seven or eight years ago and having been one of their customers ever since that time, bringing her furs there for repairs and at times purchasing new coats and furs. He seemed to think rather highly of Mrs. Cherrington, and said that while he did not know her husband, he had been led to believe that he was a worthless type of man and he would not be surprised at any connections that he had. He thoroughly believed, however, that Mrs. Cherrington was O. K. He stated that he had only known her in a business way and that if she had any connections with hoodlums he never knew it.

Mr. Linn made inquiry regarding what case this investigation had to do with, stating also that he had noticed in a paper some two or three days ago that a woman by the name of Pat Cherrington was connected with the Dillinger case. He assured Agent that neither his family nor himself had any connection with any Dillinger contacts.

The inscription appearing on the back of a card, namely, "Appointment with Dr. Aron, 3:30 Monday P.M. don't forget", was not followed out, inasmuch as doctors by this name are so numerous in Chicago that it would be futile to try to cover them all.

Agent called at 4525 Sheridan Road in an effort to locate Morris Zeskin, whose card states he is an advertising Agent for places of amusement, giving the above indicated address. Agent found at that place that it was a hotel, namely the Hotel Martinique. Clerk J. Reeves was interviewed, and he stated that no such person was at the hotel Martinique at the present time. He did recall, however, that there had been such a man stopping there about eighteen months ago. He knew nothing of Mrs. Vera Cherrington nor did he know the present whereabouts of Morris Zeskin.

At 736 Cleveland Avenue this Agent ascertained that the Club Sunny was no longer in existence, having closed about nine months ago.

At 607 Ashland Block Building, 155 North Clark Street, this Agent ascertained that the Suranyi Booking Offices have not occupied space in that building for the past two years.

As indicated in previous reports in this case, Laurence A. (Larry) Strang, room 38, fourth floor, 119 West Ontario Street, Chicago, Illinois, was brought to the Chicago office for questioning after he met Evelyn Frechette at the Austin State Tavern, Austin and State Streets, Chicago, on the night of April 9, 1934, by pre-arrangement. It was believed that possibly an examination of the personal effects of Laurence A. Strang which were located in his room at 119 West Ontario Street, Chicago, might disclose information of value in effecting the location of the subjects of this case. Accordingly, at approximately 12:10 o'clock on the morning of April 11th, 1934, Special Agents J. T. McLaughlin, W. Carter Baum and V. W. Peterson visited the apartment of Larry Strang, room 38, 119 West Ontario Street, Chicago, Illinois. This is a single room without bath and is situated in a cheap rooming house. Very little information could be developed at this place. A card addressed to Larry Strang by one "Harrie" from New Orleans, on March 19, 1934, and several cards of the Bill Club, 511 North Clark Street, second floor, Chicago, Illinois, evidently a bookmaking establishment, were the only cards found at this place.

As previously indicated in this report, the car which was used to transport Evelyn Frechette to the Austin State Tavern on the night of April 9, 1934, contained Illinois license plates No. 338557, which plates were issued to one Art Morton, 2709 Washington Boulevard. On the morning of April 11, 1934, Special Agents Baum, McLaughlin and Peterson made a thorough check in the vicinity of the Ansonia Hotel, which is located at 2709 West Washington Boulevard, but the cars parked in this vicinity failed to contain Illinois license plates No. 338557, nor were there any other license plates observed which are thought to be in the possession of the Dillinger gang. For the purpose of locating said license plates, the garages located at the following addresses were examined, but the license plates in question could not be located:

2845 Fifth Avenue, Chicago;  
2825 Fifth Avenue, Chicago;  
2652 Madison Street, Chicago;  
2916 West Lake Street, Chicago;  
2943 West Lake Street, Chicago.

On the night of April 18, 1934, Frances Schultz was brought to the Chicago Division office for questioning. Special Agent M. E. Falkner interviewed Frances Frechette on this occasion and prepared a memorandum setting forth the result of this interview. Pertinent portions of which appear below:

"Frances Schultz stated that she is a half-sister of Evelyn Frechette and her home is in Neepawa, Minnesota; that she is a full-blooded Indian and a member of the Menominee Tribe and draws a homestead allotment from the Government; that she came to Chicago in about June, 1930, on the suggestion of her aunt Elizabeth Bauer, 1542 Cleveland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois (whose husband and brother are policemen on the Chicago Police Force) and obtained a position as maid for a family named Stern, 709 Cornelia Avenue, where she remained one year; that she later obtained a position as maid for a family named Lippmann, initials forgotten, at 429 Roscoe Street, and remained in this place from about February to September of 1933, prior to which time she had served in the same capacity for a family named Murphy, initials forgotten, who lived in Oak Park, Illinois.

Frances Schultz further stated that her half-sister, Evelyn Frechette, came to her place at 3512 Halsted Street, about one week prior to March 8, 1934; that she had no money and simply stayed with her in order that she might have a place to sleep and food to eat. During this time she saw very little of Evelyn, who spent most of her time out in the city and was at home only a few hours at night; that on a Friday about March 1 or 2, she left her home at 3512 Halsted Street at about 6:00 P.M. and proceeded alone to a beer tavern at Roscoe and Clark Streets, Chicago, where she remained in company with the proprietor thereof, a man named "Lash", until about 1:00 A.M.; that she then proceeded with "Lash" and a man named Carl to the Pickininnny Barbecue on Clarendon Avenue, where she remained until about 3:00 A.M., when she returned to her home. Upon her arrival there she saw that Evelyn was not there. She noticed this because Evelyn had been sleeping with her since her arrival at that time. Frances stated that she went to sleep immediately and did not awaken until noon the next day, at which time she saw that Evelyn apparently had not come home that night. At the time that she had left the evening before, her girl friend, Madge Edwards, was at home with Evelyn. Frances stated that upon seeing that Evelyn was



not at home the following day, and made no inquiry of Madge as to the whereabouts of Evelyn, that she has not seen Evelyn since the above date, and has not heard from her.

Frances further stated that she does not know Joseph Billinger or any of his companions, and that while Evelyn was at her place in the time above mentioned, she referred to some boy friend as "her honey", she never made inquiry of Evelyn as to whom she referred to by the use of the term "honey", and Evelyn never volunteered any information relative thereto; that she has no use for Evelyn and would not assist in obtaining her release from jail, if the opportunity were afforded her to do so; that about one year ago Evelyn made some remarks about a boy friend of hers, whereupon she, Frances, beat Evelyn with her fists, and has not had anything to do with her since, and has permitted her to remain at her house for only one week in February, 1934; that she has made no efforts to get in touch with an attorney for Evelyn; that she does not contemplate taking such steps; that she has not discussed the matter with Madge Edwards or anyone else; that in the first place she would do nothing to aid Evelyn; that in the second place, if she would care to help her, she has no funds; that she did not put in a long distance call to an attorney in Washington or to anyone else with reference to this matter.

With reference to Pat Cherrington, Frances stated that about three years ago she "ran across" Pat Cherrington in a saloon on Halsted Street; that Pat thereafter called at her home several times, and she introduced Pat to Evelyn, whereupon they became bosom friends, which did not meet with her approval because of her. Pat's, bad influence over Evelyn as she caused Evelyn to drink excessively; that she has not seen Pat since November of 1932, and does not know where she resides or has ever resided; that she has seen Pat and Evelyn on the street together several times prior to November of 1932; that she does not know Pat's occupation, but does recall that Evelyn showed her a photograph of Pat in a dancing costume, therefore, she assumes that Pat is a dancer, although she has no definite knowledge as to this. Frances heard that Pat was married, but does not know of this personally.

Frances further stated that she now resides at 841 Cornelia Avenue, where she has been for about two weeks, having

moved there from 3518 Halsted Street with her friend Midge Edwards; that Midge's description is as follows:

Age	34
Height	5' 6"
Weight	157 lbs.
Hair	Black
Eyes	Black
Home	Burlington, Iowa.

She further stated that Midge has a boy friend named Roy Saunders, who is employed by the Hokerfield Clothing Stores, Chicago, Illinois, but that she, Frances, does not know where he lives; that this man is short and slender, has brownish hair turning gray, and has a small mustache.

Concerning her own previous record and history, Frances further stated that she married one Jerry Schultz in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in about 1922 or 1923; that he is a mechanic and formerly resided at 785 Superior Street, Milwaukee; that the last time she knew of his being at this address was in June of 1927, at which time she left him; that he obtained a divorce from her, she thinks, in 1928, and she has not seen him since 1927.

Agent questioned Frances at length relative to mutual acquaintances of herself, Midge Edwards, Pat Cherrington, and Evelyn Frechette. The only information which Frances would give in regard to this matter is that these women knew a number of "fellows" who hung about the saloons in the vicinity of Halsted and Clark Streets; that she does not know the names of any of them, or of any with whom Evelyn or Pat were familiar or acquainted. In this connection, Frances mentioned a number of "fellows" whom she referred to as Sailor, Mike, Joe, Bill and the like, as to surnames and additional information as to addresses, occupations, and such, Frances would not or could not give any information. Frances also stated that the only girl friend Evelyn ever had was Pat Cherrington.

Frances Schultz further stated that her half-sister, Evelyn Frechette, like herself, receives an allotment from the Government as being in possession of an Indian homestead in Wisconsin.



A description of Frances Schultz is as follows:

Age	31
Height	5' 4"
Weight	150 lbs.
Hair	Black
Eyes	Dark
Complexion	Olive skin
Features	Distinct Indian type flat features.

On Saturday, April 14th, Special Agents Arthur McLawhon and James E. White were instructed by Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis to proceed to the Cook County Jail for the purpose of interviewing Evelyn Frechette and also for the purpose of observing the precautions which were being taken in keeping her incarcerated and guarding those who are allowed to see her.

No valuable information was obtained from Evelyn Frechette in the questioning on that morning, her attitude being very belligerent and her only remarks being that she now had an attorney and that if the Agents wanted to know anything concerning her they could speak with her attorney. During the interview Attorney Louis Piquette called and stated that he wished to see Miss Frechette for the purpose of having her sign some papers. Special Agents McLawhon and White considered the advisability of making the attorney wait until they had completed the interview before allowing him to see his client, but decided that inasmuch as no information of value was being obtained and inasmuch as there might be a possibility of unfavorable comment on the part of attorney Piquette in Court relative to his not being allowed to see his client by Federal Agents, it was decided to end the interview and allow Attorney Piquette to confer with Miss Frechette.

Agent McLawhon made the following observations relative to requirements in obtaining an audience with Miss Frechette in the jail: That Superintendent Gibson, who is acting in charge of the jail in the absence of Warden Money Penny, who is confined to his home because of illness, had been given strict orders that no one excepting Attorney Piquette be permitted to see Miss Frechette. Both Agents White and McLawhon exhibited their credentials to Assistant Superintendent Gibson, who, after thoroughly examining them and requiring Agents to submit copies of their signatures for

comparison with the signatures appearing on the commission card. He requested that Agent McLaughlin telephone Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis where he, Gibson, might personally receive authorization from him to allow the Special Agents to interview Miss Frechette. It was then observed that only Assistant Superintendent Gibson had the key to the cell in which Miss Frechette was held. He accompanied Agents to the cell and it was only after he had turned over the key to the matron that Miss Frechette was permitted to leave her confinement. After the interview she was returned to the cell and the key was returned to Assistant Superintendent Gibson. He stated that this was the only key to the lock which held her and that should anyone happen to get to the women's quarters by force or otherwise and overpower the matron in charge, they would still not be able to release Miss Frechette, the only possibility of this being that they come and find him and take the key from his person, where he kept it at all times.

Special Agent in Charge Larson of the Detroit Division office provided information to the effect that Kirby Davis, 804 Third Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana, is alleged to be a contact man for Dillinger and that Dillinger stayed at the home of Kirby Davis during the past Summer. Investigation is in progress in the vicinity of the given address by Special Agent W. J. Devereux at Fort Wayne, Indiana. He communicated by telephone with Special Agent J. J. Waters on the morning of April 21, 1934, at which time he advised that the

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Agent Devereux also received information to the effect that numerous cars from other States stop at this residence and that Kirby Davis, the alleged contact of Dillinger, is now at 804 Third Street. Agent Devereux further stated that on the morning of April 21, 1934, he observed a Chevrolet coupe with Missouri license plates bearing No. 261-764 parked in front of the premises. Agent Devereux was instructed to check any long distance telephone calls of which there may be a record and to keep the place under surveillance to the best of his ability.

A telegram was forwarded to the Kansas City Division office for the purpose of ascertaining the identity of the owner of Missouri license plates No. 261-764, and at 1:00 P.M. on April 21, 1934, Agent Spear of the Kansas City office communicated by telephone

with Special Agent in Charge Purvis, at which time he advised that Missouri license No. 261-764 was issued to one Sylvester E. Walters, formerly of 1129 Murphy Street, Joplin, Missouri, for a Chevrolet coupe. Walters was said to be a bootlegger with a criminal record. He is described as 38 years of age, 5' 6" tall, weight 150 pounds. Agent Spear further stated that Walters left Joplin less than two months ago, moving to Tulsa, Oklahoma, and he is supposed to be bootlegging between Tulsa and Kansas City at the present time.

In connection with Sylvester E. Walters, attention is directed to the report of Special Agent M. C. Spear, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, March 1, 1934, relating to the case entitled "ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O. 1818; et al, EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim, KIDNAPING - CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-98". In this report information is contained pertaining to the results of investigation conducted by Special Agent E. D. Bray of the Kansas City office for the purpose of attempting to ascertain the location of Fred and Arthur Barker at Neosho, Missouri. The report states that George B. Kohler, State Highway Patrolman, Joplin, Missouri, informed Special Agent Bray that he had received information concerning a gang operating at Joplin and Springfield, Missouri, through a confidential informant. Sergeant Kohler stated that Sylvester Walters is a leader of a gang at Joplin, Missouri, and that on January 25, 1934, a few days after the Bremer kidnaping, he made a trip to Picher, Oklahoma, where he stopped at a lead mine located in that vicinity. The confidential informant accompanied Walters on that occasion and advised that Walters left him with the car at the lead mine and took a case which was of approximately the same size and shape as a machine gun case to a large stone house and a few minutes later he returned to the car with one Mike Evans.

In the report of Special Agent G. G. Hall dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, February 11, 1934, pertaining to the Bremer case, it is stated that a possibility exists that Sylvester E. Walters is an escaped convict from the Texas Penitentiary and that he is known to Special Agent R. C. Coulter of the St. Paul office. According to the report of Special Agent Hall, Special Agent Coulter stated that Walters was sentenced to serve a term in the Texas State Penitentiary during or subsequent to 1925; that he thereafter escaped but was apprehended within a year, after which he was arrested on a charge of robbery while armed. Walters was sentenced to serve a term of 99 years in the Texas State Penitentiary. The sentences in question were not made under the name of Sylvester Walters, but it is stated that he is listed under that name, as well as Stanley Stewart, in the Identification Unit of the Division.



Further investigation is being conducted in the vicinity of 604 Third Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana, and the results of this investigation will be reported at a subsequent time.

On April 13, 1934, Special Agent in Charge William Larson, Detroit, communicated by telephone with Special Agent Jay O. Newman, advising that he had received information to the effect that Mrs. Pierpont, mother of Harry Pierpont, who is now under death sentence and who is an associate of Dillinger, mailed a letter on the day previous at Leipsic, Ohio, addressed to "The Neumode, 538 South Wells Street, Chicago". Special Agent in Charge Larson stated that his information was obtained from a prosecuting attorney and it was thought that this letter might have some significance to the instant case, in view of the fact that the prosecuting attorney stated that Mrs. Pierpont had been at Columbus, Ohio, on the date previous and that she would do almost anything to assist her son to escape. It was stated that Mrs. Pierpont was driving an Auburn sedan, bearing Indiana license plates No. 175-663.

The Chicago telephone directory reflects that the general office of the Neumode Hosiery Company is located at 538 South Wells Street, Chicago.

Investigation was conducted by Special Agent J. E. Metcalfe at the office of Hills Reports, Inc., concerning the Neumode Hosiery Company, 538 South Wells Street, Chicago. This investigation developed that the Neumode Hosiery Company is a substantial firm having stock in excess of \$100,000, and that the officers of this firm are apparently respectable business men of this city.

Special Agent Metcalfe interviewed [redacted] of the Neumode Hosiery Company, who advised that he did not recall any irregular or suspicious communication of any kind having been received by his firm. He then conferred with his secretary from whom it was learned that the only mail received in the last two weeks of [redacted] that had not been opened was mail addressed to "The Neumode", which is a small, four page publication issued by the Neumode Hosiery Company for its employees and customers. [redacted] secretary produced the unopened mail, among which was found a letter from Leipsic, Ohio, dated April 12, 1:30 P.M. This letter was opened by [redacted] and was found to contain the following information:



The Neumode  
538 S. Wells St.,  
Chicago, Ill.

Kate: "Taken to an Asylum."

Jim: "Pasing with a load of Horse Manure."

Kate: "What are you going to do with the Manure?"

Jim: "Put it on my strawberries."

Kate: "Well I use sugar and cream on my strawberries, but  
they say I crazy."

Mrs. Lena Pierpont,  
Leipale, Ohio  
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b7c [redacted] expressed the opinion that the contents of this letter were undoubtedly intended as a joke which was being submitted to the publication of The Neumode Hosiery Company, inasmuch as this publication offers a prize of a pair of hosiery for every joke that is accepted and published. The fact that this letter was addressed "The Neumode", instead of "The Neumode Hosiery Company" indicated to this firm that it was intended for the publication and this, together with the letter sent by Mrs. Pierpont are now in the Chicago file. Also in the file is a copy of the report of Hills Reports, Inc., dated March 1, 1932, setting forth extensive data regarding the Neumode Hosiery Company and its officers and directors.

Special Agent in Charge Purvis received confidential information on April 4, 1934, to the effect that one John Hagan alias John Evans alias John Murphy, rented two apartments of two rooms each and two one room apartments at the Irvington Apartment Hotel, 4614 North Paulina Street, Chicago, Illinois, on March 31, 1934, for a period of one week. The apartments were reported to have been rented under the name of John Evans. Special Agent in Charge Purvis was further advised that Hagan was in St. Paul during the past month.

On the night of April 12, 1934, Special Agents R. C. Suran and H. H. Reinecke conducted investigation at the Irvington Apartments,

4614 North Paulina Street, where [redacted] was interviewed. The result of this investigation is contained in a memorandum dated April 13, 1934, submitted by Special Agent E. J. Moran, pertinent portions of which are copied below:

[redacted] permitted an examination of the index file for the tenants of this building. No names were found therein similar to the known aliases of John G. Hagan alias John Murphy alias Evans.

[redacted] advised that there are 45 apartments in this building and all of the tenants appear to be law abiding citizens, keeping regular hours. He has noticed no suspicious circumstances on the part of any of the tenants. He further advised that the apartment house door is locked at twelve o'clock midnight and he knows that very seldom anyone comes into the building at this hour. In this connection Agent has had this apartment under surveillance during the night of April 10th and 11th and observed that few persons entered after the hour of midnight, but Agent also observed that the rear door of this apartment is apparently kept open at all times.

[redacted] further advised that there were no reservations made for any apartments in the building and that all were presently occupied, with the exception that a [redacted] telephone [redacted] had made reservation for an apartment to be occupied on May 1, 1934. However, during a subsequent visit of this Agent at that apartment house, [redacted] appeared and cancelled her reservation in Agent's presence.

[redacted] later on the night of April 12, 1934, permitted Agent to examine the register and the cards for the various tenants, which indicated that the following persons had rented apartments at the Irvington Apartments subsequent to February 3, 1934:

[redacted] rented an apartment on February 3, 1934, and presently resides there. She is employed, according to [redacted] either at the Northwestern or B. & O. Railway.

[redacted] rented an apartment on March 23, 1934, and is presently residing there; he is a linotype operator employed somewhere in Chicago, according to [redacted]

[redacted] rented an apartment on March 18, 1934, and both are presently residing there. [redacted] advised that the occupation of [redacted] is unknown, but described him as being about 40 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches tall and heavy set.

[redacted] rented an apartment on February 14, 1934. [redacted] stated that [redacted] occupation is unknown to him, but he described him as follows:

Age	About 38 years
Height	5 feet 9 inches
Weight	150 lbs.

[redacted] three young ladies, rented an apartment on March 28, 1934. Their occupations were unknown to [redacted]

[redacted] rented an apartment on March 1, 1934. [redacted] advised that [redacted] is a pharmacoplist employed in Chicago, but he did not know the exact place of his employment.

[redacted] rented an apartment on March 1, 1934. [redacted] stated that he believed that they were mother and daughter. Their occupations were unknown.

[redacted] also permitted an examination of the cards for the tenants who rented apartments subsequent to February 1, 1934, and have since checked out. These persons are as follows:

[redacted] rented an apartment on February 9, 1934, and departed on March 31, 1934. The occupations of these persons were unknown to [redacted]



[redacted] stayed at the Irvington Apartments for one night on February 24, 1934.

[redacted] rented an apartment on February 18, 1934, and checked out on March 5, 1934.

All of the "check-out" cards for a period from September 1, 1933, to the present time, which covers the period that this system has been in effect at the Irvington, did not reveal the name of HAGAN or any of his known aliases.

[redacted] rented an apartment at the Irvington on December 12, 1933, and according to [redacted] is in the saloon and safe business on Ravenswood Avenue. [redacted] stated that from all appearances [redacted] although being in the saloon business, is a law abiding citizen.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent T. E. Billings:

On March 6, 1934, confidential informant [redacted] informed Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis that certain gangsters, known to be acquaintances of the Dillinger gang had been known to hang out at the Chateau Hotel, 3838 Broadway; that a man by the name of Sol Stern was said to be the owner of this hotel, and that Dillinger and Hamilton were said to have been in and out of this hotel while they were at liberty before Dillinger's apprehension.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent W. Carter Baum, Chicago, Illinois, dated 12/20/33 in the case entitled VERNON G. MILLER with aliases (Deceased) - OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE (Endeavor to Deliver Federal Prisoner Frank Nash), wherein it is stated that Special Agent Lew D. Nichols conferred with Mr. Charles Nathan, Receiver of the Chateau Hotel. Mr. Nathan stated that when he was appointed receiver, the owners of the building had been Mr. Sol Stern and Mr. Max Kornhouser, who were both known to the Chicago Police and were reported to have evil associates. The report further discloses that both Stern and Kornhouser had long criminal records, and that at that time, Stern was implicated as a receiver in the quarter-million mail robbery which occurred in the Chicago loop at Dearborn Street, north of the Federal Building in December, 1932, and that Kornhouser was then being sought by the Bureau of Narcotics for violation of the Harrison Narcotic Act.



Special Agent Nichols advised this Agent that it was his opinion that Mr. Nathan was entirely reliable and could be depended upon to give accurate information.

Mr. Charles Nathan was interviewed at the Chateau Hotel and he advised that neither Stern nor Kornhauser were living at the hotel, and that he has not seen them for several months. He stated further that he was certain that the hotel was not now a hangout for hoodlums, and doubted that there were any hoodlum contacts at the hotel. Mr. Nathan did not have information as to where Sol Stern is now located, but stated that [redacted] who were not then available, could undoubtedly give information as to his whereabouts, stating further that both of these individuals were entirely reliable.

[redacted] Chateau Hotel, 3838 Broadway, Chicago, will be interviewed at an early date for the purpose of ascertaining the present location of Sol Stern and Max Kornhauser, after which appropriate investigation will be conducted in order to determine whether Dillinger may be contacting these individuals at the present time.

On April 9, 1934, Special Agent in Charge Purvis received a telephone call from Special Agent Wood of the St. Paul office to the effect that a woman named Lettie Cox left Minneapolis on the 7:45 plane for Chicago. Special Agent J. J. Metcalfe proceeded to the Municipal Airport, at which place he met the plane from Minneapolis. This plane arrived about noon and Lettie Cox was observed to arrive on this plane. She was kept under surveillance by Special Agent Metcalfe from the airport to the loop, where she went to the Sherman Hotel and checked her bag, after which she proceeded to walk to various places in the loop district of Chicago. Further efforts to maintain surveillance were discontinued on instructions from Special Agent in Charge Purvis, who stated that investigation had been made at Kansas City, Missouri, with reference to the residence address given by Lettie Cox at the airport in Minneapolis. This residence address was 418 1/2 Chestnut Street, Kansas City, Missouri, and investigation at said address failed to disclose any information which would indicate that Lettie Cox had any connection with the instant matter.

On April 19, 1934, T. P. Sullivan, Springfield, Illinois, called Special Agent in Charge Purvis advising that the First National Bank of Pana, Illinois, which is located forty-five miles East of

Springfield, Illinois, was robbed at 8:00 A.M. by four men driving a Pontiac sedan, 1934 model, bearing Illinois license No. 617-772. This car was stolen at Gillespie, Illinois, the name of the owner of the license plates being unknown by the informant. He advised that the robbers obtained \$30,000. The license number contained on the car driven by the robbers was broadcast by T. P. Sullivan.

Mr. Sullivan advised that a young man at the bank identified one of the robbers as Dillinger. He described him as weighing 140 pounds, 5' 8" in height, age 35, noticeable limp while walking, dark hair, and dressed in a gray coat and a black hat.

He described robber No. 2, the driver of the car, as 28 to 30 years of age, wearing a gray cap and being 165 to 170 pounds in weight.

He stated that robber No. 3 was about 50 to 55 years of age, short heavy set with red face, and wearing black horn-rimmed glasses.

T. P. Sullivan further provided information to the effect that George (Baby-face) Nelson was supposed to be with Dillinger and is a contact of Marcus A. Cutter, recently out of Leavenworth. Cutter previously resided at Pana, Illinois, and his description fits that of robber No. 3.

At approximately 1:50 A.M. on the morning of April 15, 1934, Special Agent J. F. Sears communicated by telephone from Indianapolis, Indiana, with Special Agent Jay S. Newman of the Chicago office, at which time he advised that he had just received information that two men in a large black sedan had held up the police station at Warsaw, Indiana, at 1:15 A.M., and one of the holdup men had been positively identified as Dillinger. A memorandum relative to the information provided by Special Agent Sears was prepared by Special Agent Newman and same is copied below:

"At 1:50 A.M. today, Special Agent J. F. Sears telephoned from Indianapolis, Indiana, stating that while at the Police Department in Indianapolis he had just received information that two men in a large black sedan had "stuck up" the Police Station at Warsaw, Indiana, at 1:15 A.M. and that one of these persons had been positively identified as Dillinger.

Immediately upon receipt of the above information communicated by telephone with Sheriff Harley D. Person at Warsaw, being unable to contact anyone at the Police Station, Sheriff Person stated that at 1:15 A.M. today two men, each armed with a machine gun, driving a large black, almost new sedan, the make and license being unknown, accosted night police officer Judd Pittinger on the streets of Warsaw and forced him to open the Police Station, inquiring as to the location of the machine guns. It so happened that the police department had no machine guns, whereupon these men took three bullet proof vests and two .38 calibre revolvers, make undetermined. While they were securing these articles, Officer Pittinger was able to effect his escape by dashing out of the particular room they were in and sliding down the stairs.

Sheriff Person further advised that Officer Pittinger had positively identified one of these men as Dillinger and the only description of the other person which was available at that time was that he was approximately six feet tall. I inquired of the Sheriff as to whether he had a photograph of Homer Van Meter and he stated that he did have this person's photograph and that he would exhibit same to officer Pittinger, along with other photographs of members of the Dillinger gang in his possession. He stated that immediately following the robbery, Dillinger and his companion drove their automobile North from the police station on a street which has access to highways leading in all directions, so that it was impossible to determine which route they took in leaving the city.

Subsequent to the robbery, according to the Sheriff two strange cars have been observed circling the town and in view of the fact they have very few men available, they have made no effort to determine the identity of these persons. In this regard he intimated that they were afraid to leave the building they were in for fear that they might be forced to open up their office, which would allow access to guns and ammunition. He stated that he had our telephone number and would immediately communicate any additional information secured to this office.

Incidentally Sheriff Person advised that Warsaw has a population of six thousand and has one bank.



The substance of the above telephone conversation with Sheriff Person was communicated by teletype to the Division.

Information was also received by the Chicago Division office that Dillinger had recently been seen at 1801 Loomis Street, Chicago, Illinois. Special Agent K. E. Deaderick conducted investigation with reference to this information and made a survey of that place under date of April 20, 1934. It was discovered that this address is a very cheap building, apparently a rooming house which has a long narrow stairway leading to the second floor, with stairs beneath.

b7C On the second floor, Agent Deaderick interviewed [redacted] who advised that they have lived there for the past three years and that there were only two other persons living in these rooms at this time. There had been no trouble there of any kind within their knowledge recently and no strangers had been observed in the vicinity of the building.

It was also reported that Dillinger had been seen entering a doctor's office on the northeast corner of Van Buren and Damen Streets, and upon observing this location, Agent Deaderick ascertained that there is only one doctor's office on the Northeast corner of Van Buren and Damen Streets. This doctor's office is that of [redacted]

b7C Special Agent Deaderick contacted Dr. Killian on the pretext that he, Agent Deaderick, [redacted]

b7E b7C Agent Deaderick also inquired of [redacted] as to whether one of the boys had not recently been in to see him. The doctor replied that he had treated no patient recently and emphatically refused to discuss the matter with Agent relative to administering aid to a wounded man. He stated that he bears a good reputation in Chicago; that he was formerly a college professor and that under no circumstances would he administer aid to a wounded man without advising the police officials.

b7D On April 16, 1934, Special Agent in Charge Purvis received information from confidential informant [redacted] to the effect that one Jack Perkins is now doing all the work for Dillinger in Chicago with reference to bonds, etc. [redacted] stated that he believed that John Dillinger is now in Chicago. Larry Streng is alleged to have told [redacted] to keep away from him at the present time because he, Larry, is "hot" now. Confidential



Informant [redacted] further advised that Perkins associates with "Battler" Capone and that they frequent the Silver Slipper dance hall, 4000 South Harlem, Chicago. Confidential Informant [redacted] also stated that one Bill Davis lives at 52 North Long Avenue, third floor, Chicago, Illinois, and it is stated that Jack Perkins meets there and there is also a possibility that Dillinger visits that address.

From 9:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. on Sunday morning, April 22, 1934, Special Agents R. D. Brown and M. C. Falkner covered the Municipal Airport in Chicago. Evelyn Frechette was removed by plane from Chicago to St. Paul, leaving the Chicago airport at approximately 9:30 A.M. Subsequently, on April 22, 1934, a teletype message was received from the St. Paul office advising that Evelyn Frechette had arrived in St. Paul and was in custody in the County jail.

**UNDEVELOPED LEADS:**

As indicated in the body of this report, Pat Cherrington was with John Hamilton in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, on the night of April 17, 1934. It appears that the location of Pat Cherrington may be of material aid in effecting the location of Hamilton and Dillinger.

THE DETROIT DIVISION OFFICE, at 4341 Wabash Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, which is the address of Sam Cherrington, is requested to conduct appropriate investigation for the purpose of locating Pat Cherrington and the subjects of this case.

THE CINCINNATI DIVISION OFFICE, at Columbus, Ohio, is requested to conduct investigation for the purpose of locating Pat Cherrington and the subjects of this case through the following sources:

Mary Barlow (Pat's husband's sister)  
1074 Lackourue Road, Columbus, Ohio;

Eleanor Johnson (Pat's husband's sister)  
28 Wetmore Road, Columbus, Ohio.

THE PITTSBURGH DIVISION OFFICE, at Charleston, West Virginia, is requested to conduct similar investigation at 2057 Crescent Road, Allen Addition, which is the address of Bill Cherrington.

THE CHICAGO DIVISION OFFICE, at Chicago, Illinois, will conduct similar investigation for the purpose of locating Pat Cherrington

through R. S. Smith, International Ink Inc., Co., 161 West Harrison  
Street, Chicago, telephone Wabash 815 and Plaza 8818.

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# State House of Correction and Branch Prison

Marquette, Michigan

April, 26, 1934.

William E. Rortl,  
Warden

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

This morning I received a note from one of my inmates, telling me that he could be of some help in catching the Dillinger gang.

I had a talk with him and did not get any definite information but during the conversation he mentioned 1922 West Adams Street, Chicago, as a place where some of the gang might hang out.

This inmate was committed from St. Joseph, Michigan and told me he was very well acquainted in Chicago area. He seems perfectly sane and as a result, I am passing this information on to you for what it is worth.

Very truly yours,

*W. R. Doell*

W. R. Doell,  
Warden.

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

Dear Sir:

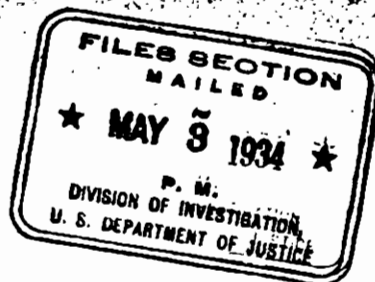
There are attached copies of a letter received from Mr. W. E. Doell, Warden, State House of Correction and Branch Prison, Marquette, Michigan, dated April 26, 1934 containing information received by him from an inmate of that institution concerning the Dillinger gang.

Warden Doell has been advised that an agent from your office will contact him for the purpose of further interviewing this inmate. Such action should be taken at the earliest practicable date.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure 685772





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Mr. W. E. Doell, Warden,  
State House of Correction and  
Branch Prison,  
Marquette, Michigan.

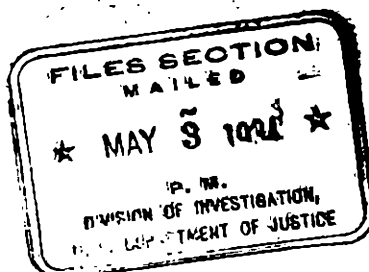
My dear Warden:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated April 26, 1934 furnishing information concerning John Dillinger and his gang which you received from an inmate of your institution.

I wish to thank you for your interest in promptly reporting this information to this Division and to advise that Mr. M. H. Purvis, Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 1900 Bankers' Building, Chicago, Illinois, has been instructed to have an agent from his office contact you with a view to making arrangements to further interview the inmate who has given you information in this connection.

Sincerely yours,

Director.



# U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

1900 BANKERS BUILDING  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS



April 26, 1934

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

RE: JOHN HERBERT DILLINGER with  
aliases-----FUGITIVE---I.O. 1217  
et al - NAT'L MOTOR VEHICLE  
THEFT ACT; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

Dear Sir:

There are forwarded herewith six photographs of GEORGE "BABY FACE"  
NELSON, three of which are photographs of Nelson with hat and overcoat,  
and three in which he is shown dressed in a suit and without a hat.

These photographs are being forwarded to the Division in view  
of the fact that it may be deemed advisable to furnish each field  
office in the Division with copies of same.

There are also forwarded, herewith, to the St. Paul, Detroit and  
Cincinnati offices with copies of this letter, ten photographs each  
of the two poses of Nelson as described above.

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*  
M. H. PURVIS, *mgr.*

Special Agent in Charge.

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CC St. Paul (Enclosures)  
CC Detroit  
CC Cincinnati

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Picture of Sister Gills  
Alias "Baby Face" Nelson





LESTER M. GILLIS alias  
GEORGE (BABY FACE) NELSON

LESTER M. GILLIS alias  
GEORGE (BABY FACE) NELSON



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DIRECTOR AND ST PAUL OFFICE

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TO FATHER COUGHLAN AS MR AND MRS JIM WILLIAMS LAST SUMMER AND MET  
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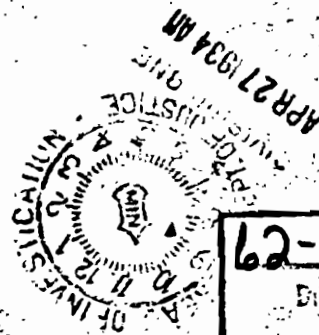
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**THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK**

ESTABLISHED 1881

CAPITAL \$100,000

SURPLUS \$100,000

G. D. LA BAR, PRESIDENT

F. A. FARRAR, VICE PRES.  
C. W. BOTLER, VICE PRES.  
S. L. LAGERQUIST, CASHIER



A. P. DROGSETH, ASST. CASHIER  
A. C. MRAZ, ASSISTANT CASHIER  
G. C. FLAATA, ASST. CASHIER

**BRAINERD, MINN.,**



April 26, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

On October 23rd, 1933, the First National Bank of Brainerd was held up and robbed by George "Baby Face" Nelson and some of his associates. At that time they took along with them my gun which was an official Police Model Colt 38 Special with a 4 inch barrel, Factory number 553517. This gun may be recovered by some of your agents in the future, if not already. If so, I would like to have this gun back.

Thanking you for any information regarding this gun if it should be recovered, I am

Yours very truly,

*R. S. Titus*  
R. S. Titus.  
Bank Guard.

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Mr. R. S. Titus,  
Bank Guard,  
The First National Bank,  
Brainerd, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter dated April 26, 1934, concerning your gun which you advise was taken from you by George "Baby Face" Nelson, during the robbery of the First National Bank of Brainerd, Minnesota, on October 28, 1933, please be advised that a search of the records of this Division fails to reveal that your gun was included among those that have been recovered by this Division. Your letter is being placed in the files, in order that the number of your gun may be checked against any of those recovered in the future.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

cc St Paul



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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

From Chief Clerk's Office Room 432

5/2 1933.

To: ☐ Director  
☐ Mr. Nathan  
☐ Mr. Tolson  
☐ Mr. Edwards  
☐ Mr. Clegg  
☐ Mr. Quinn  
☐ Miss Gandy  
☐ Chief, Unit  
☐ Chief Ident. Unit  
☐ Files Section  
☐ Equipment Section  
☐ Personnel Files  
☐ Supervisor, Steno. Pool  
☐ Proh. Unit  
☐ Supply Division  
☐ Division of Accounts  
☒ Mr. *Keeton*

*This gun not  
in our  
exhibit list.*

Howard P. Locke

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
From: UNIT #1 Room 420  
428 1934.

To: \_\_\_\_\_ Director  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Nathan  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Tolson  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Edwards  
\_\_\_\_\_ Unit Two  
\_\_\_\_\_ Unit Four  
\_\_\_\_\_ Files Section  
\_\_\_\_\_ Personnel Files Section  
\_\_\_\_\_ Equipment Section  
\_\_\_\_\_ Chief Clerk's Office  
\_\_\_\_\_ Unit Five  
\_\_\_\_\_ Identification Unit  
\_\_\_\_\_ Statistical Section  
\_\_\_\_\_ Technical Laboratory  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Baughman  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Cowley  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Little  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Lowdon  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Newby  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Smith  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Stapleton  
\_\_\_\_\_ Miss Gandy  
\_\_\_\_\_ Miss Finnell  
\_\_\_\_\_ Washington Field Office  
\_\_\_\_\_ Stenographic Pool  
\_\_\_\_\_ Secretary  
\_\_\_\_\_ Correct  
\_\_\_\_\_ Re-write  
\_\_\_\_\_ Re-date  
\_\_\_\_\_ See Me  
\_\_\_\_\_ Send file.

*Does this gun appear  
on your list of guns that  
have been sent in.*

H. H. CLEGG *CH*

1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago Illinois

April 28, 1934

Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
U.S. Department of Justice  
P.O. Box 518  
St. Paul, Minnesota

RE: JOHN HERBERT HILLINGHAM  
with aliases, I.O./1219  
JOHN HAMILTON with alias  
I.O./1220  
HOMER VAN METER, with alias  
I.O./1222, et al  
National Motor Vehicle Theft and  
Obstruction of Justice

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to telephonic request of Mr. Clegg from St. Paul on April 25, 1934, to this office to check information given by Rose Anker, Marion Virginia Carr, or Carr, and Anna Marie Sothern, who were taken into custody at Little Bohemia, Spider Lake, Wisconsin, Special Agent J.A. Murphy has conducted investigation as indicated below, which reflects that the information furnished by these girls is false.

Rose Anker has stated that she was born in Chicago, Illinois on April 14, 1915, and was married to Theodore Anker at Chicago on March 15, 1934, and was treated at St. Luke's Hospital, Chicago, from March 29 to April 11, 1934. A thorough check of the marriage records in Chicago fails to disclose any marriage in March of Rose Anker. It was impossible to check her birth, inasmuch as her maiden name is not known. At any rate, there is no record of the birth of Rose Anker in April, 1915.

Mr. J.R. Kelly, chief clerk at St. Luke's Hospital, 1439 South Michigan Blvd., Chicago, stated that a thorough search of his records failed to reveal that Rose Anker was treated at St. Luke's Hospital at any time since 1923.

There is a record at the Municipal Building, Chicago, reflecting the issuance of a license for marriage on March 8, 1934, to Rose Rheta Abate and Ralph Cantrell; this application has not been returned, which indicates that these persons have not been married. Examination of the affidavit of these persons indicates

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that Rose Rheta Abate was born at Melrose Park, Illinois, April 21, 1913, and that Ralph Cantrell was born on January 23, 1912. The address of Rose Abate at that time was 1107 North 22nd Street, Melrose Park, Illinois, and of Ralph Cantrell, 505 12th Street, Maywood, Illinois. There was no description of these persons by which it could be determined whether Rose Abate is identical with Rose Abate. Deputy Clark, Sidney Somerfield at the city clerk's office, who took the oath to the above mentioned affidavit, could not recall these persons. It may be noted that there is no birth record on file in Chicago of Rose Rheta Abate, who stated in the affidavit that she was born April 21, 1913. However, this can be explained by the fact that it was not compulsory at that time to file certificates of birth with the city clerk.

Marion Virginia Varr, or Marsh stated that she was born in Chicago, Illinois March 22, 1913, and was married to Joseph J. Marsh in Chicago in 1928. Records do not show the birth of Marion Virginia Varr, or Marsh, during March 1913. Likewise they do not show the marriage of this girl or Joseph Marsh during the year 1928. It was noted in examining the records of marriages for the year 1928, that there was one Varr and seven Marsh individuals married. A check on the previous of these individuals disclosed that no one of the girls bore the name Marion Virginia.

Anna Marie Sothorn stated that she was born at Cincinnati, Ohio February 18, 1912, and was married in Chicago on May 18, 1931, and resided for a time at 47th and Lake Park on the 2nd floor, south side, Chicago, Illinois. A thorough check of the marriage licenses issued during the first 5 months of 1931, failed to disclose one for Anna Marie Sothorn or any similar name. It is not known what her married name is, but it may be noted that there is no record of a male by the name of Sothorn being married in Chicago during the first 5 months of 1931.

The letter carrier covering the vicinity of 47th Street and Lake Park, Chicago, Illinois, was contacted, and he stated that although he has been on the same route for 25 years, he does not recall the name of Anna Marie Sothorn or a similar name.



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A copy of this letter is being furnished to the Cincinnati office inasmuch as Anna Marie Sothern stated that she was born at Cincinnati, Ohio on February 18, 1915; however, no lead is being set out for the Cincinnati office at this time inasmuch as it appears that the information furnished by these girls is in all detail false.

The above information indicating negative results on the check-up by this office was furnished by telephone to Special Agent in Charge Hannel of the St. Paul office on April 25, 1934.

Very truly yours,

H.H. PURVIS

Special Agent in Charge

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cc Division  
Cincinnati

# Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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

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

Dear Sir:

Re: JOHN DILLINGER, with aliases,  
I. O. 1217, et al. NMVTA.  
HARBORING FUG. FROM JUSTICE.  
St. Paul file No. 26-2434.

At approximately 2:00 p.m., Sunday, April 22, 1934, I received a telephone call from Special Agent in Charge Purvis of the Chicago office requesting that Mr. Rorer, Mr. Hanni, and myself, with all available agents and equipment, proceed immediately by chartered plane or otherwise to Rhinelander, Wisconsin, as definite information had been received relative to the location of Dillinger, and that the Director had instructed that we arrive at Rhinelander where we would meet Mr. Purvis at the airport. A plane was chartered at a cost of 35¢ per mile; and as soon as a pilot could be reached, we took off from St. Paul with the following group in addition to myself: Inspector W. A. Rorer and Special Agents John E. Brennan, S. W. Hardy, and G. T. Melvin. Mr. Hanni gathered together the equipment, and such portion of it as could be carried by airplane was carried in that manner; and gas gun equipment, which was not acceptable for transportation by airplane, and other portions of the equipment were carried by automobile by Special Agent in Charge Hanni, who was accompanied by Special Agents O. G. Hall, G. F. Hurley, and T. J. Dodd.

The preparation for the trip was made hurriedly as the urgency was not definitely known except that Mr. Purvis stated it was necessary to get to Rhinelander as soon as possible.

The St. Paul plane was the first to arrive on the scene, and we were greeted by three individuals in two automobiles, one of whom introduced himself as a Mr. LaPorte who asked whether I was looking for a man with a white handkerchief around his neck. Not having heard of this means of identification before, I informed him that I was; whereupon he introduced me to a Mr. Voss. Mr. Voss stated that his daughter, Mrs. Wenetka (?) was married to an individual whose name was Emil Wenetka, who operated an inn fifty miles north of Rhinelander. He stated that he had personally called at this inn on two or three occasions since Friday and had been informed by his daughter that a group of thugs was there and she believed that John

Dillinger was included among them. By this time, a crowd of people were assembling to view the arrival of an airplane in that small town, so we walked to a place where we could confer, in an adjoining wooded area, and I exhibited to Mr. LaPorte and to Mr. Voss photographs of a number of the individuals for whom we were looking. He stated that he had seen only two of the men. He had not seen anyone who looked like Dillinger, but there was a flat-nosed individual who had some resemblance to Tommy Carroll, and he thought that perhaps the girl whose photograph I showed him, i.e., Pat Cherrington, was probably one of those who were there. He stated that there had been six men and four women present, the first couple having arrived Friday with word from Louie, who runs Louie's Place just north of Chicago, that Louie had sent this couple to Emil's place, i.e., the Little Bohemia Lodge. Later that evening, the additional members of this mob arrived.

Emil and Emil's wife communicated to Mr. Voss and also to Mr. LaPorte, who is a brother-in-law of Emil Wenetka, that it was believed that the guests were mobsters and they entered into some discussion as to what should be done about this. The group stated that when the mobsters arrived on the premises, there was someone from upstairs who watched them and an eye was kept on them all the time while they were in the house; and whenever the telephone rang, there was someone downstairs belonging to this group who would listen to the conversation over the telephone. Mrs. Wenetka expressed the opinion that Dillinger was in the group. Finally it was decided that some sort of message should be sent out to Mr. Voss; and there was an understanding between them that in the event authorities were notified, Mr. and Mrs. Wenetka and their child would at 4:00 o'clock in the morning slip down to the basement so that the officers could raid the place.

Mr. Voss then prepared a diagram of the building and the seven or eight outhouses, including a cabin, a closed garage, and an open garage. We were informed both by the diagram and by his oral description that there was a lake to the rear of the house and that there was no means of escape by this lake; that there was no boat there; that the lake was covered partially with ice, and that it would be impossible for anyone to make an escape by any means across the lake, and that there was but a narrow margin of space between the house and the lake.

Although the identification of the gangsters for whom we were searching was not positive, the enthusiasm of Mr. Voss was of such a character that it was recognized that he was at least sincere. He stated that by means of sticking a note in a cigarette package, it was possible for him to get word from Mrs. Wenetka that they were prepared that night to have a raid; and in accordance with the understanding, they were to go to the cellar at four o'clock, which would be

the first sign of daybreak. The raid was to be made at that time.

Upon learning that it would be necessary to obtain transportation from Rhinelander as there were no automobiles in the party, and Mr. Hanni's group was not expected to arrive until late and his car was full, I proceeded to town immediately; and in an effort to keep discreet the fact that we were Federal officers and that we had a raid in mind, I decided to contact only one automobile agency, and learned that the agency having the most cars available was the Ford agency, the owner of which was considered reliable. I went to the garage and sales offices, looked over the stock, most of which consisted of new cars, and called the manager to his office. I explained to him that we were Federal officers and that we had some business in that vicinity and needed cars. He stated that he had no license to rent automobiles and that he did not want to rent his new cars and that he had only one coupe that he could let us have, and he refused to let us have that if we were in any way interested in liquor law violations as he stated that he had to sell his cars to the residents of that section and obviously, he did not want his name connected with rendering aid against liquor law violators. I assured him that this was not our purpose. He inquired whether we were looking for Dillinger, and I told him that it was reasonable to assume that all law enforcement officers were interested in finding Dillinger, but did not disclose our purpose at any time. I did inform him, however, that it was absolutely necessary that transportation be obtained, and he agreed that we might take two additional cars which salesmen were then out demonstrating, and the salesmen would be back later in the evening. He stated that it would be from one and a half to two hours before these cars would be available, and I also informed him that it would be necessary for us to have still another automobile, which he agreed to get by one means or another.

Having seen an airplane come into the port at a distance, and not knowing the number of men Mr. Purvis had with him, I returned to the airport and found that Mr. Purvis and party had arrived in two planes. It was then that Mr. Voss and Special Agent Suran were instructed to proceed to Mr. Voss's home in advance of the regular party so that Mr. Voss could obtain information from his relatives as to whether the party of gangsters had made any different plans or whether they were still at this place. After approximately fifteen minutes, Mr. Voss and Agent Suran drove back to the airport hurriedly and announced that Mrs. Voss or Miss Voss had driven from her home fifty miles away and Agent Suran and Mr. Voss had met her on the outskirts of Rhinelander and she informed them that the parties at the inn were planning to make their departure immediately after dinner.



It became necessary to take hurried action, and the car of one of the spectators was commandeered to drive three agents into the town of Rhinelander to the Ford agency to bring back automobiles and they brought back some cars, which were, they stated, the best available; and the arms and equipment were transferred to the cars immediately and we proceeded to the garage section of the Ford dealer's establishment, who closed the garage and turned off the lights in his office, and we were able to load the guns and the machine gun drums under this cover and by approximately 7:30 we were enroute to the Little Bohemia Lodge in a total of five automobiles. The roads were very bad but a great deal of distance was covered in a rather short period of time.

The original plan had been for the house to be surrounded very cautiously during the night so that at daybreak we could enter the house, as the hosts on the inside of the house would at four o'clock seek safety in the basement. Upon receipt of this hurried information, however, feeling that time was of the essence, we proceeded with all haste from Rhinelander to the inn fifty odd miles away. With the exception of the rough penciled chart drawn by Mr. Voss and the information furnished by Mr. Voss and Mr. LaPorte, we had no other information as to the layout. Enroute, two of the automobiles broke down and had to be abandoned on the way, and the last fifteen to twenty miles were covered with Special Agents hanging on to the running board in terrifically cold weather.

Upon arriving at a point about two miles from the Little Bohemia Lodge, the party stopped and it was explained by Mr. Voss that there were two bends in the road and then a straight-away before we would arrive to the detour leading to the inn. At this point, we learned that Mr. Voss had been informed that Mrs. Wenetka and her child had left the inn and were at Mr. Voss's house. I returned with Mr. Voss to the Voss home, about half a mile away, and we learned that the guests had not checked out up to thirty minutes previous to that time. We were informed by Mr. Voss that the only other occupants of the inn were Emil Wenetka and two or three assistants who were employed by Emil. We also were advised as to the location of the garage in which the gangsters' cars were located.

The plan was then to proceed with lights turned off to a point close enough to the house so that the surroundings could be clearly observed, and immediately an organization would be arranged whereby the house could be surrounded and raided since Mrs. Wenetka and her child were absent.

At about 9:00 p.m., as we approached the house, we could see that the lights were on in a goodly portion of the building; and the car in which I was riding was in front. We stopped the car at a point of vantage; and upon opening the doors, we heard dogs barking around the house. I had not previously been informed that there were any dogs about the house. Of course, the barking of the dogs would be interpreted as a signal of the arrival of outsiders at the inn; therefore, upon hearing the dogs barking, we all immediately got out of the cars and began surrounding the house, Mr. Rorer leading one group to one side of the house, and other agents took the other side of the house; and Mr. Purvis, Special Agent Baum, and myself were approaching from the center. Suddenly, an automobile parked in front of the house started up and we gave orders for it to stop. Several of us called in a loud pitched voice for the car to stop, and the words "Federal officers", "police", "officers of the Federal law" were all repeated loudly and distinctly; and the car, instead of stopping, put on a burst of speed, and I believe that both Mr. Purvis and myself simultaneously shouted orders to shoot at the tires of the car. It was felt that since this car was parked near the garage in which we were informed the guests' cars were parked, the first group of the Dillinger gang was trying to make a get-away; and shots were fired at the tires of the car with machine guns.. By this time, those of us in front of the house guarding the only exit to the highway and at the same time approaching the garage in which the cars were supposed to have been parked, heard some shooting with machine guns in the rear of the house. In addition to machine guns, it was believed that some single shots were fired; and my personal feeling was that Mr. Rorer had made a very rapid arrival to the rear of the house on the lake side and perhaps had cornered the gang trying to make a get-away in that direction. The automobile in front continued its efforts to make a get-away but then suddenly stopped and the motor was running. An elderly looking man got out of the car, which was the first time anyone had been seen, and sat down beside the car for a few minutes and he was ordered to stick his hands up and approach the officers. When definitely informed that we were officers, he sat down by the garage for a few moments, and reached into his hip pocket and took out his flask and took a drink. We continued to exhort him to come to us, but he did not do so and walked into the house. He offered no resistance, and orders were issued for no one to shoot at him unless he made some attempt to take the offensive. It appeared that he was either drunk or hurt. He went back into the house and could be seen through the windows walking back and forth.

Mr. Rorer then returned to the front and informed me that agents had been stationed all the way to the lake. Immediately after the first shooting at the automobile tires, some shooting from the roof of the building occurred; and Mr. Rorer stated he returned the fire of some men on the roof. One man jumped off the roof, and Mr. Rorer

believes this man went back into the house. Mr. Rorer stated that he had seen one man running around the edge of one of the cabins and that the man was firing in the direction of the automobile in which the CCC workers (later identified as such) were, which likewise would have been in the direction of Mr. Purvis, Mr. Baum, and myself. Mr. Rorer stated that upon seeing this man, he opened fire on him. The next morning, bullet holes were found in the ground surrounding this cottage as evidence of this fact. Unless this man had been shot, it was felt that he had been able to make a get-away from some place, not, however, from the inn itself. It was believed that all the others were in the house, and I continued to hold this view, particularly because of the rapidity with which Mr. Rorer and the other agents reached the rear of the house on the lake front. Some time later, the elderly man who had been in the house, after making several appearances at the door and treating indifferently all entreaties to approach us with his hands raised, with full assurance he would not be hurt if he kept his hands up, this particular individual, followed by Emil Wenetka and two employees, came out of the house and were kept constantly covered. Their hands were kept raised until they came to Mr. Purvis and myself, where we immediately searched them and found them to be unarmed. By this time, an individual identifying himself as a Deputy Sheriff had arrived and he identified the entire group.

In the meantime, an ambulance arrived, and <sup>a</sup>the man who had made a get-away returned, saying he was shot both in the arm and in the leg. He was one of the CCC workers, as was the elderly man, John. They were placed in the ambulance and Special Agent McIntire was to accompany them to the hospital. In the event their identities were not definitely established, he could find out more particulars concerning them.

Prior to the arrival of the ambulance and within a few moments after the shooting in front of the inn, a car came down the road leading off the highway, with headlights burning. The car was ordered to stop, the occupants were ordered to get out; but instead, the agents who were covering the road from the rear advised me, the car proceeded to leave the premises and several shots were fired at this machine. I was informed on April 24th by telephone from Mr. Rorer that a car which had had a tire shot off arrived at the service station about a mile away and a new tire was put on, and it is believed that the woman occupant of the car was Pat Cherrington, while it was possible that her associate was Pat Reilly.