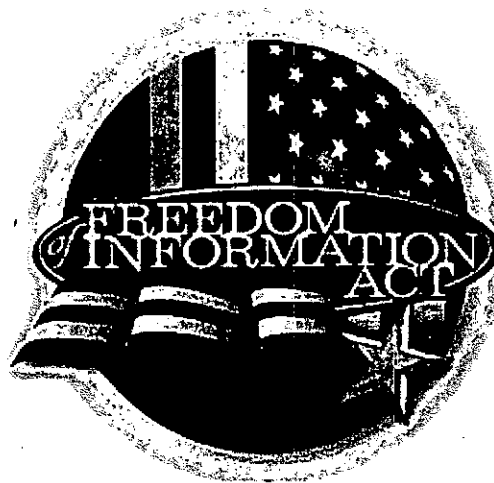


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Washington, D. C.

April 23, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Special Agent Hardy telephoned at 1:50 A. M. from Voss Birchwood Lodge, Rhinelander, Wisconsin, in connection with the Dillinger matter and submitted the following information.

Mr. Clegg, Mr. Rorer and group of Agents are on Highway about 50 miles north of Rhinelander, Wis. where they think they have Dillinger and his gang surrounded in place there. This place is called "Little Bohemia", located on a lake in the midst of wooded country. It is operated by a man named Emil Winetka. This place is located in Vilas County.

Several of the officers have been wounded, including Newman and McIntire, although information was vague and uncertain. Newman was reported wounded in the head, not seriously. McIntire was reported to be in the hospital at Ironwood, Michigan. Also reported to have been wounded was a constable by the name of Christianson who had been working with Agents. It was also reported that Baum of the Chicago Office was injured. Three or four others were shot, some of whom were dead, or least one to his knowledge.

Upon questioning ~~by Mr. Cowley~~ Agent Hardy stated that there was no question of Dillinger's identity. That seven men and three women were in the hotel and he was not certain whether any of them had escaped from the hotel.

A car from outside had driven up and started shooting. The occupants of this car had stolen a Packard car, about a 1928 model, bearing Wisconsin license #3111, to make their getaway.

The Sheriff and a group of his men were working with Agents and most of the men from the Chicago Office were on the scene.

Agent Hardy could be called at Rhinelander Exchange, Rhinelander, Wisconsin, care of Voss Birchwood Lodge, Wisconsin, which is about two miles from scene of action.

The above information was immediately submitted to
Mr. S. P. Cowley.

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Respectfully,
F. B. I.

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Special Agent Hardy called at approximately 2:15 A.M. and submitted the following information:

Dillinger is supposed to be surrounded at a place about 50 miles north of Rhineland, Wisconsin, on Highway No. 51. This is a resort called Little Bohemia. Seven men and three women were at the hotel awaiting the arrival of another party who were to join them from Minneapolis. This party arrived after the place had been surrounded and some shooting occurred. Someone was killed and Agent Hardy did not know whether it was an officer, Agent or guest at the hotel. During the fray Agents Newman and McIntire and a constable named Christianson were shot. Agent Baum was also injured. Some of the mob apparently attempted to escape in one of the cars which became disabled and they then stole a Packard bearing Wisconsin license #3111. The Ford Coupe which Newman & McIntire were using was seized by the gang apparently after they had been wounded. This car is a 1934 Ford Coupe, bearing Wisconsin license #166529.

Agent Hardy said it was thought Dillinger had been injured. He was shooting from the hotel although it is not certain he is still there. The building is surrounded by officers, but has not yet been entered. The Sheriff is gathering a posse and the Chicago office has been notified to send more men.

The trouble first started when a number of dogs at the resort gave the alarm as the officers approached the place to surround it. Shooting was done either by the party coming from Minneapolis or by some of the men who escaped from the hotel and joined the newcomers. The first shooting seems to have occurred some distance from the hotel. Second shooting occurred when the car in which Agents Newman and McIntire was riding pulled up to the gangster's car and was immediately fired on. The gangsters seemed to have deliberately aimed at the heads of the Agents, probably aware that bullet proof vests were being worn by the Agents. The gangsters then made off with the Agents' car. An exchange of shots occurred at the hotel during which one man was shot while running from the hotel, apparently by the men in the building. The constable seems to have been accompanying Agents Newman and McIntire.

Agent Hardy advised that there were about 18 or 19 of our men there and that the Sheriff had several there. More men were coming. Agent Hardy was advised to remain near the phone if not needed at the scene and relay any information and report any and all developments.

Respectfully,

S.P. Cowley

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Washington, D. C.

April 23, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Special Agent Hardy called at 3:50 A. M. and advised that Agent Baum was dead. John Morris, a C. C. C. worker, was also dead and two others, John Hoffman and John Warren, were wounded. Neither were members of the gang. It was not known whether these men were shot by Agents or the gangsters. One of the gang is believed to have been wounded as he was seen falling out of the car. He was picked up by his companions and put back in the car.

Agent Hardy advised that there were numerous roads of exit. The Sheriff was calling a posse together and the roads were being covered to the best extent possible.

Proprietor of the hotel had come out and advised that most of the men had made their escape from the house, but that the women were still there. The men had gotten away at the beginning of the shooting, using three cars. These cars are as follows:

1930 Ford Coupe, 4 cylinder, Model A, Wisconsin license #92652, Motor #2980001. Three men in this car.

1934 Ford Coupe, black body, equipped with spotlight, Wisconsin license #166529.

Padkard Sedan, blue body, Wisconsin license #3111.

The St. Paul and Chicago Offices were broadcasting the numbers and descriptions of these cars.

Respectfully,

S.P. Cowley

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April 23, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I called Special Agent Hardy at approximately 7 A.M. and he advised me at that time that the three women with the Dillinger gang at the hotel had been taken into custody, but that he did not know their names. Further information had been received that Agent McIntire had not been injured as had been previously stated. Agent Newman was quite seriously, but probably not fatally, wounded.

I requested Agent Hardy to ask one of the Inspectors or Mr. Purvis to get in touch with the Division and submit a report at the earliest possible moment.

Respectfully,

J. P. Cowley

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

625 Lafayette Building

Detroit, Michigan

April 30, 1934

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

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

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division telegram received at this office today requesting that action be taken looking toward the prosecution of persons who have been involved in aiding or assisting Dillinger or members of his gang.

It will be noted in previous reports and correspondence from this office that Opal Long, alias Bernice Thompson, a sweetheart of Russell Clark and who was arrested with the gang at Tucson, Arizona, on January 25, 1934, is now residing at the home of Andy Strachen, 75 Windemere Street, Highland Park, Michigan. Mrs. Strachen is a daughter of Mrs. May Clark, mother of Russell Clark.

It is also noted in reports received at this office that Opal Long was at St. Paul, Minnesota, on the day Dillinger escaped from the apartment house and there is every indication, of course, that this woman has aided in harboring Dillinger and other members of the gang. It is my belief that she will eventually depart from Detroit for the purpose of going to the gang's hideout and, for this reason, I believe that it would be advisable to continue our twenty-four-hour surveillance over the house in which she is residing as it is felt that valuable information might be secured in watching her movements.

It will be observed that Pat Cherrington is alleged to be a sister of Opal Long and she, Pat, is evidently with the Dillinger gang at the present time. Her child, June Young, age 12, is also living at 75 Windemere and undoubtedly this woman, Pat Cherrington, will attempt to make a contact with either Opal Long or her child at some future date.

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Very truly yours,

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Wm. Larson

Special Agent in Charge

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT Chicago, Illinois.

REPORT MADE AT: <u>Cincinnati, Ohio.</u>	DATE WHEN MADE: <u>4-30-34</u>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <u>4-27-28-29-34</u>	REPORT MADE BY: <u>Bliss Horton</u> C.E.
TITLE: <u>JOHN HERBERT DILLINGER with aliases-FUGITIVE, I.O. 1217; JOHN HAMILTON with aliases- I.O. 1220; HOMER VANMETER with aliases, I.O. 1222 at al;</u>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <u>NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;</u>

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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Inquiry at Ft. Thomas indicates Richard Zimmer, Recruiting Officer, United States Army, Ft. Thomas, Ky., resides at said address and that his wife has children by former marriage related to Dillinger's brother's father-in-law. Various activities of Cincinnati Agents outlined.

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DETAILS:

AT CINCINNATI, OHIO.

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Special Agent V. J. Wolfe, Cincinnati, Ohio, has made the following report on inquiry into this matter:

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AT FORT THOMAS, KY.

Agent contacted Chief of Police Cook, Ft. Thomas, Ky., and inquired if he was acquainted with parties living at 22 Southview Ave., and was informed that Richard Zimmer and wife lived at this address, and added that he did not know anything about the man other than he was connected with Fort Thomas. Agent then inquired whether there was anyone he would recommend talking to and obtaining from them information regarding the Zimmers and was advised that Patrolman Ross of the Ft. Thomas police force lived close by. Chief Cook advised that Mrs. Ross would be the party to contact but added that she probably could not be counted on to keep agent's visit confidential, and suggested that the information be obtained through Patrolman Ross from his wife. Agent asked that this be done and no information was obtained from Mrs. Ross, but Patrolman Ross contacted a Mrs. Greenwood, Tower Hill Road, Ft. Thomas, Ky., who formerly lived next to the Zimmers and she informed Ross that Mrs. Zimmer had a son and daughter, by a former marriage. She did not know their names but said that they were living at Indianapolis, Ind., the address she did not know. She also stated that Mrs. Zimmer's first husband was living around Indianapolis somewhere, and that she thought that one of the children was living with him.

Agent then contacted Mrs. Hobbs, 307 Military Park, Ft. Thomas, under pretext and was informed by her that Mrs. Zimmer's maiden name was Baugh; that she (Mrs. Zimmer) formerly lived at Indianapolis, and that she had two children, a son and daughter, who were raised by the Baugh family at Indianapolis. Mrs. Hobbs stated that as far as she knew the son and daughter were both married, and one of them was living with the Baughs at the present time, at least as far as she knew.

Agent then interviewed Mr. and Mrs. Hollenbeck, 18 Southview Ave.; under pretext, and was informed that Mrs. Zimmer had two children by a former marriage, and that the son was married and lived at Indianapolis, Ind., and that the daughter was not married. Mrs. Hollenbeck was formerly married to a Baugh and that either Mrs. Zimmer's son or daughter was living there.

Sergeant Arthur Levine, Recruiting Office, Fort Thomas, Ky., was then contacted through Col. T. P. Bernard of the Recruiting Office and was informed that he had known Richard Zimmer for about 12 or 14 years, having worked with him in the Recruiting Offices of the Fort. Sergeant stated that he did not know Zimmer intimately. He knew nothing really bad about him, but stated that at

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[REDACTED] Pat. Levine added that he did not see any reason for distrusting Zimmer. Levine stated that Zimmer was a very good clerk. [REDACTED]

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Levins stated that there might be a possibility of determining the names and addresses of the children by checking the records of the Adjutant General's Office in Washington, D. C. and check the enlistment papers for the names of the dependants of Zimmer at the time of enlistment. There would be two sets of papers, he thought, due to the fact that Zimmer re-enlisted after he had left the Service around 1923.

Agent then contacted Sergeant-Major Barret at Headquarters Office but Barret was unable to furnish any additional information.

Mr. Robert Kimble, clerk at the Newport Post Office, Ft. Thomas Branch, Ft. Thomas, Ky., informed agent that Mrs. Zimmer corresponded with people out in the country outside of Indianapolis, Ind., and agent asked if the names Wright and Baugh were familiar to him and he said that he believed those were parties she corresponded with, and that her daughter probably lives there and writes to someone by that name. He added that Mrs. Zimmer had mentioned just recently that she was to be a grandmother soon. This would indicate that either the son or daughter was married. Kimble stated that she was a very gabby woman, very loud in her talk, and that she had a few, if any, friends, and was always into a

neighborhood scrap, and that she ordinarily does not associate with anybody. He added that she comes in the Post Office two or three times a day and he said that he would try to find out from her in an indirect way just where her children lived and their addresses and to whom married.

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Agent then interviewed J. J. Massano, the mail carrier who carries to 22 Southview Ave., Ft. Thomas, Ky., but he was unable to give any information regarding mail being sent by Zimmers to Indianapolis, and upon request of agent he referred agent to Mrs. Tenner, 15 Southview Ave., Ft. Thomas, Ky., who might give agent some information.

Mrs. Tenner was then contacted by agent but she could not give any information whatever.

Agent then contacted Wm. A. Eimer, Postmaster, Newport, Ky., who furnished the former address of Richard Zimmer, which was 1019 Park Ave., Newport, and he also gave addresses of people living close by that might possibly furnish agent information regarding the Zimmers. The addresses given were, as follows:

1013 Vine St., Newport, Ky.
1011 Park Ave., Newport
1017 Park Ave., Newport
1027 Park Ave., Newport

Agent conducted discreet investigations at the above addresses but no information was obtained. It may be noted here that Agent conducted discreet neighborhood investigations at the addresses furnished by Sergeant Levins and no information was obtained.

Agent searched the marriage records at the Campbell County Court House, Newport, Ky., and found no marriages under the name of R. C. Wright or Baugh. Under the name of Zimmer two or three marriage licenses were recorded but from the information contained therein there was no indication that the parties were related to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Zimmer, of Ft. Thomas, Ky.

The Cincinnati Office at Fort Thomas, Kentucky, will interview Mr. Kimble at the Fort Thomas branch of the Newport Post Office relative to whatever information Mr. Kimble has obtained from Mrs. Zimmer.

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Further
With reference to the matter mentioned on the second page of report of Special Agent Bliss Morton, Cincinnati, Ohio, dated 4-27-34, concerning the joke played on a Town Constable near Springfield, Ohio by causing him to believe Dillinger had been seen in that vicinity, Special Agent Chapman Fletcher, made an investigation and reported as follows:

Upon receipt of your telephone call yesterday Treadwell and I proceeded to Springfield, Ohio, and contacted George W. Benham, Sheriff, who said he had no information other than furnished our office that a telephone call had been received from the Sheriff at London, Ohio, saying six men with one apparently injured in the head had been seen to pass through London in a Ford V-8 Sedan. Frank Haerr his deputy was assigned to assist us and we proceeded to London, Ohio, where we contacted Sheriff J. A. Maxwell who said he knew nothing other than his son who is his deputy had informed him he notified the Springfield Sheriff by telephone of the car having been seen in London.

We next saw E. L. Maxwell, Deputy Sheriff at London who said he had telephoned the Springfield police the information furnished him by Wilson Carl the Town Constable.

Wilson Carl was interviewed and advised that about 12:15 P.M. April 25, he had been standing on the main street of London and had observed six men in a black V-8 car. He did not notice the direction from which the car came and he would have paid no particular attention to the car but for the fact that he looked at the front plate and it was yellow and as the car passed he observed three men in the rear seat the one on the left apparently wounded in the head as he had his head in either a towel or bandage and appeared to be suffering. He says he then noticed that the rear license on the car was green and this aroused his suspicion. He said a short time after this he was told by Homer Plymml a local contractor that he Plymml had been working on High Street in London which Carl says is on Highway 42 and about noon a Black V-8 Ford had stopped him and one of the men in the car had inquired as to where they could locate a doctor residing outside of the town and that Plymml told him there were six men in the car and that the front license was yellow and the rear license green and that one of the men in the rear seat was wounded. He said he then informed Deputy Sheriff E. L. Maxwell of London of having seen the car and also told Maxwell of his conversation with Plymml. He said the car proceeded about one block further on Main Street and turned east which is in the direction of Highways 42, 38 and 142. He said he had made inquiry but could locate no one except Plymml who had seen the car.

We next saw Homer Plymml, who according to Deputy Sheriff Maxwell is a contractor and highly respected citizen of London. Present at this time was this agent, Agent G. H. Treadwell, Deputy Sheriff Frank Haerr of Springfield, Ohio, and Deputy Sheriff E. L. Maxwell of London, Ohio. Plymml was informed as to the identity of each of us and then advised that he was just joking with Carl having heard that Carl had seen the suspicious car and the

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of Evansville, and Madison, Indiana, and Lexington, Ky. by telegram.

Special Agent H. D. Harris, of the Cincinnati Office, has submitted a memorandum as follows:

AT COLUMBUS, OHIO.

Mr. E. J. Moore, Secretary to Governor George White, notified me today that a letter was received yesterday addressed to the Governor and signed "J. Dillinger"; that this letter was immediately placed in a cellophane envelope previously left by this agent, and as I was out of town, was turned over to Postmaster Nate McCoy. This letter was postmarked at Columbus, Ohio, and was to the effect that Dillinger was in Columbus to look after the man in the penitentiary and to see that the Governor took some action regarding them.

Postmaster McCoy was interviewed and he advised that as soon as he received this letter he took it to Chief of Police Fred Kunds who had an attempt made to bring out latent fingerprints, which was unsuccessful; that the letter was then sent to the Post Office Inspector in Charge, Washington, D.C. and that a copy was not kept.

Chief of Police Kunds advised me that he had a copy of this letter made but that he had left it at his home today, and that he would furnish me with a copy tomorrow. In the meantime, it is assumed that the Division can secure the original from the Post Office Inspector in Charge, Washington, D.C., if such action is desired.

Special Agent F. E. Hurley, of the Cincinnati Office, has submitted a memorandum from Louisville, Ky., reading as follows:

AT LOUISVILLE, KY.

Information was received at Police Headquarters, Louisville, about three P.M. April 27, 1934, to the effect that Dillinger and his gang were seen at Sullivan, Indiana, about 9:00 A.M. today driving south. The report was telegraphed by Director Peeney, Indiana State Director of Public Safety. One of the cars was described as being a Dodge, a Ford Sedan and a Plymouth Sedan. The cars carried Wisconsin license plates. The numbers were not given or known at Louisville. The occupants were reported to have been seen carrying machine guns and rifles. Police guards were posted at the two Ohio River bridges, Louisville. Agent accompanied the Police detectives. Nothing of value was noted. No subsequent reports were received from out of the city authorities.

The Cincinnati Office received telegraphic inquiry from the Birmingham Office as to whom Indiana license 212477 was issued, stating the tag had been seen on a black Graham Paige Sedan. Through Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Cincinnati, engaged at Indianapolis, Ind. it was ascertained that the Indiana State Automobile Registration Records show this license to have been issued January 2, 1934, to Hugh McCain, R.R. #5, Petersburg, Ind. for a Chevrolet Coupe 1926 Model. McCain was described as follows:

Age:	69
Race:	White
Height:	5' 9"
Weight:	155 lbs.
Hair:	Gray
Eyes:	Gray

This information was telegraphed to the Birmingham Office on April 28, with the suggestion that if further inquiry was desired details of the inquiry should be given.

A further telegram was received from the Birmingham Office stating that the license plates in question had been seen on a black Graham Paige Sedan at Paris, Tenn., April 25, 1934, and that the car was occupied by persons who were tentatively identified as Hamilton, Ted and Ed Bentz, the said persons claiming to have come from Paducah, Ky. and the Birmingham Office was desired to be informed whether the license plates had been stolen.

Accordingly this question was taken up by telegram with William Weathers, Sheriff Petersburg, Ind. who replied by telegram that these license plates had been issued to Hugh McCain for a Chevrolet Coupe and that the license plates were on his car and that neither the car nor the license plates had been stolen. This information was telegraphed to the Birmingham Office.

On April 30, Officer Dooley of the Indian Hill Rangers, a police organization of a municipality bordering Cincinnati informed Agent that Capt. E. E. Wilson of the Indian Hill Rangers had been informed by Dave Wright of Parinetown, Ohio that he had witnessed an incident he thought very suspicious, about as follows:

Dave Wright is a salesman for the Hamburg Grass Company, Hamburg, New York. He was driving from Parinetown, towards Cincinnati when he saw two machines just east of Milford, Ohio. A man and woman were in a small V-8 Coach parked on state road 131. He saw two men standing and a fourth man was in the rear of a large black sedan parked on state road 50. The coach was said to bear Indiana license plates the number of which Mr. Wright did not remember nor make note of. The black sedan was said to bear Illinois License plates. The number of which also was unknown to Mr. Wright. An object which Mr. Wright believes

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resembled a machine gun was covered with some material resembling dress goods and he also saw a machine gun which was not covered. He saw these guns being passed from the black sedan into the smaller car. Fearing a hold up he speeded on. He could still see the cars and the persons with them through his mirror and he heard the engines of the automobiles start after he passed. It is stated that Mr. Wright bears the title of Colonel, is sixty years of age, a Spanish-American War Veteran; that last Summer "Pretty Boy" Floyd is said to have robbed him at the point of a machine gun near Rogers, Ark. At least this is the story he gave the Indiana Hill Rangers.

Officer Dooley informed Agent that as soon as this information was received they had sent crews of officers out to search for the cars and had notified the state police as well as the sheriffs and other officers on the roads east of Milford, but nothing further had been heard of either car.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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MESSAGE TO BE TRANSMITTED BY TELETYPEWRITER

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TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
311 Hurley-Wright Building,
Washington, D. C.

May 1, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Inspector Burke of the Metropolitan Police
has requested that we furnish him with two dozen of
the photographs of John Dillinger which show him in
nine different poses. He desires these so that one
can be placed in each precinct station.

It would be appreciated if the delivery of
these photographs could be expedited.

Very truly yours,

L. R. Pennington

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

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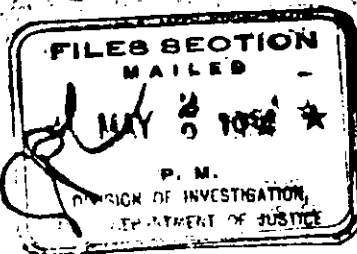
Dear Sir:

Pursuant to your request of May 1, 1934, there are forwarded, herewith, twenty-five copies of the group picture of John Herbert Dillinger, with aliases, showing him in nine different poses.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure 63577



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SAN ANTONIO TEXAS

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Indianapolis, Indiana,
April 30, 1934.

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Re: John Dillinger, with aliases—fugitive,
IO #1217, et al
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

MAY 2 1934

Memorandum for the Chicago Office:

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Reference is made to the long distance telephone conversation had today with Special Agent in Charge H. J. Murrie, relative to information in the possession of [redacted] Indianapolis, Ind., which has been offered to the Chicago office for [redacted] information.

Previous contact has been had at Indianapolis, Ind., with [redacted] and certain information obtained from his files which has formed the basis of investigations in connection with this case. After the long distance telephone conversation, referred to above, Special Agent H. J. Murrie, contacted [redacted] and the latter promised to prepare a brief detailing the pertinent information contained in his file, with a special reference to former known contacts and hiding places of the fugitive Dillinger. Much of the information contained in the file is in the form of pencil notes, and only understandable to [redacted] in that form.

From previous contact, and the interview with him today, the following information was obtained which merits attention in the Chicago District:

On one occasion in the latter part of 1933, in Chicago, Ill., it is known that a Ford V-8 Sedan, bearing 1933 Illinois license #64120 or #64120, drove up alongside of a car being driven by Dillinger, and the driver of the Ford V-8, asked Dillinger whether he had disposed of the bonds. It is thought that this party was in close contact with the fugitive. It would seem well to check to determine the owner of said license plates.

One Joe King, who formerly operated the Centilover Club, a gambling house in St. Anne, Indiana, and an ex-convict, has, in the past, been friendly with Dillinger. He is thought to have a cabin on the Wabash River, between Newroot and Abash, Indiana, which has the reputation of being a 'spot' for criminals.

Montrose Brown, formerly of St. Anne, Indiana, has associated with Dillinger and his associates; his wife is now thought to operate a house of prostitution, and so operated such a house in the past, and Dillinger visited the girls in the house. Montrose is thought to be a fugitive from justice.

The firm of attorneys in Chicago of which Mother W. Reed is a member, is the firm reported to have been in active negotiations for the 'leasing' of numerous bonds stolen by the Dillinger outfit; reported to be a very 'crooked' firm; therefore no direct contact will be made.

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The Triangle Bar, Milwaukee, Wis., operated by one Casey Jones, was frequented by the Hillinger mob when they were in that vicinity.

Chicago.
Bill X Davis, 119 S. Ontario, proprietor of a gambling joint at an id address, is thought to have handled some of the stolen bonds.

*Red X Martins, former prisoner at Michigan City, and presently living at Ft. Wayne, Ind., is a contact of Hillinger, and can be located thru the police of Ft. Wayne, Ind., or undergo old contacts.

At the earliest possible date the pertinent information will be
b7D obtained from [REDACTED] and forwarded to you.

Very truly yours,

R.J. Connelley,
Special Agent in Charge.

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

DALLAS TEXAS APRIL 28 1934

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U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Chicago, Illinois
April 28, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE:

On April 19, 1934, Mr. Barce, Deputy Attorney General for the State of Indiana, called me and stated that he desired to see Evelyn Frechette, who was at that time located in the County Jail in Chicago. He stated he desired to have a woman witness see the Frechette woman for the purpose of determining if she were the woman who had called at an address in Hammond, Indiana.

I informed Mr. Barce I was sure the Marshal would be pleased to make the arrangements for them, and as a matter of fact I would be glad to make them myself for him, and that I would also be very pleased to have a Special Agent assist him in any manner in this respect. He appeared to be very grateful and stated that he desired to be at the jail at 8 o'clock that night, and I therefore instructed Agent McIntire to be there and assist him in any way possible.

Agent McIntire informed later that night that Mr. Barce had arrived at the jail with 2 policemen from Hammond, Indiana, and that inasmuch as the arrangement had been made for only Mr. Barce and the woman, and Mr. McIntire to see her, these 2 officers were not permitted to see the Frechette woman. Mr. McIntire informed me that they were quite perturbed at this, and indicated that they had cooperated with this office on many occasions, and they could not understand why they were not allowed to see Evelyn Frechette.

I endeavored to contact Mr. Barce and also Sergeant Singer, of the Hammond Police Department, who was one of the officers who accompanied Mr. Barce there that night. I was unable to do so. The next morning I talked to Mr. Barce by telephone, and explained to him that arrangements had been made as above, and that the woman was in the custody of the Marshal, and that he had been very strict with her in view of the fact that information had been received to the effect that Dillinger might possibly try to rescue her. I informed Mr. Barce that this office was ready and willing at all times to cooperate with him to the fullest extent, and he stated he understood the matter fully, and said he would drop by to see me when he was next in Chicago.

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I then talked to Captain Hamlon of the Hammond, Indiana Police Department, and informed him that I could not understand why Sergeant Singer felt there was any lack of cooperation on the part of this office in view of the fact that the woman was in the custody of the Marshal, and that he had made the arrangements for Mr. Barce to see her as a matter of courtesy, and that if Sergeant Singer of his department had asked me if he could be allowed to see the Frechette woman, I would undoubtedly have extended this cooperation.

Sergeant Singer now understands the situation fully, and Captain Hamlon does also, and I believe the matter has been handled satisfactorily.

M.H.PURVIS
Special Agent in Charge

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1053210 SERIAL NO 3AC140916

BLACK ROUGH REPAINT JOB BEARING

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U. S. Department of Justice

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

April 19, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

There are being transmitted herewith finger-
prints of Dr. Clayton E. May and Mrs. Augusta Salt alias
LaDelle, who are at present confined in the Ramsey County
Jail on a charge of conspiracy to harbor a fugitive.

Will you kindly advise the St. Paul Division
office ^{by mail} whether or not either of these persons have a
previous criminal record.

Very truly yours,

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

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P. O. Box #766
Cincinnati, Ohio

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April 30, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

JUN 1 - 1934

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

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In connection with the cover, which is being maintained at Indianapolis, Indiana, at the various possible places which subject Dillinger will contact, we are, at present, maintaining a twenty-four hour surveillance, by at least two agents, upon the home of John W. Dillinger, Sr., just outside of Mooresville, Indiana, we being located for observation purposes, in the barn of the farm located directly across the road, about one hundred yards from the Dillinger home. We are also maintaining, in so far as possible, a twenty-four hour surveillance upon the home and garage of Jesse Richardson, located on South Street, Mooresville, Indiana, the garage of Jesse Richardson being apparently the garage in which Dillinger concealed the Ford V-8 Sedan, purchased at Indianapolis, Indiana, April 7, 1934, on the night of this date, prior to his leaving this vicinity on Sunday, April 8, 1934. We are also maintaining, in so far as practical, a twenty-four hour surveillance, by cruising, upon the home of Harry E. Baugh, Mars Hill, father-in-law of Hubert Dillinger, the half-brother of subject Dillinger; also upon the home of Hubert Dillinger, Kerr St., and First Avenue, Mars Hill; also the home of Macey Davis, 1704 Second Ave., Mars Hill, which is the home in which John Dillinger arranged contact on Sunday night, April 8, 1934, with Norman Hancock, Audrey Hancock and Emmet Hancock, as well as Mr. and Mrs. Pierpont and Mary Kinder, before leaving Indianapolis, this being the point to which John Dillinger, Evelyn Frechette, Mary and Alberta Hancock proceeded, upon leaving Mooresville, Sunday, April 8, 1934.

We are also maintaining a one man, twenty-four hour surveillance upon 1730 N. Illinois Street, the home of Helen Vinson, mother of John Vinson, former associate of Dillinger, we having arranged a plant in an apartment at 1726 N. Illinois Street, where we also have installed a telephone. We are also maintaining a plant from 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M., by one Agent, in the home of a Mrs. Beulah Hughes at 254 1/2 N. LaSalle, from which place we can observe all

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persons who enter and leave the filling station at 3301 E. New York Ave., where Hubert Dillinger, the half-brother and Fred Hancock, a nephew are employed in this Shell Oil Filling Station, from 8:00 A.M., to 8:00 P.M., each day.

We have also located Pearl Elliott at Frankfort, Indiana, and we are maintaining contact with this place, which is also being covered, continuously by the City Police at Frankfort, Indiana.

Special Agent W. F. Wood has been maintaining contact with the Sheriff's office and the Police Department at Muncie, Indiana for the check of the possible appearance of Dillinger and his associates at Muncie and vicinity.

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b7D Also, in this connection, [REDACTED] informant, previously arranged for in prior communications, is residing at the home of Hubert Dillinger, Mars Hill; also, in this connection, Norman Hancock, who drove John and Evelyn from Indianapolis, Indiana to Chicago, Illinois, on April 8, 1934 has agreed to arrange for the apprehension of Dillinger, when he appears here, in view of the possible prosecution of his mother and other relatives for harboring this fugitive. The same arrangement has also been made with 801-545 Hubert Dillinger, the half-brother and Fred Hancock, the nephew. It is believed, however, that Norman Hancock is the most sincere of these three individuals and is the one who will furnish the information should Dillinger appear here.

Very truly yours,

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

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April 28, 1934.

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

There has appeared in the Washington Times for April 27, 1934, the attached article by Mr. Cullen, who was formerly connected with the Division of Investigation, but who is now a staff writer for the International News Service, he having resigned from my Division last fall. In a general way, I am rather sorry that Mr. Cullen has written the article which he has written, because maybe some of the local authorities may reach the conclusion that he is speaking, in a way, for the views of this Department. Of course, he has had no contact with the Division concerning this matter. His article, however, is certainly sound in so far as facts are concerned. In the Dillinger case I have been impressed by the fact that our Agents have come nearer to getting Dillinger than any of the various State officials, and we have only been looking for him on the ground of having stolen an automobile, and we have a rather weak case upon that angle, whereas he is wanted by the many local law enforcement officers for murder and more serious crimes than automobile theft. I thought you might be interested in reading Mr. Cullen's article.

Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: JOHN DILLINGER, with aliases - FUGITIVE,
I. O. 1217, et al. NATL. MOT. VEH. THEFT ACT.
HARBORING FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE.
St. Paul file No. 26-2434.

Mr. Rorer telephoned today, and this communication is in confirmation of my telephone conversation with Mr. Cowley.

Mr. Rorer stated that he ascertained that two newspaper men representing the Wisconsin News of Milwaukee were responsible for the petition. One of these individuals is a camera man by the name of Al Mahlberg, and the other is a reporter by the name of A. S. Aslekson. These two reporters arrived at the Little Bohemia grounds on the morning after the shooting and endeavored to obtain photographs of one of the gangsters' cars, a Buick, in which was placed all the baggage and luggage belonging to the mob that was there. The agents refused to permit them to take these photographs, and I assume they were following the cue that I had previously given when other newspaper reporters and photographers had endeavored to photograph this car on the inside of the garage and I courteously requested them not to do so, after they had obtained photographs of the artillery, and they very courteously refrained from taking the photographs.

These two men employed Mr. Herbert M. Peter of Mercer, Wisconsin, to drive them around while they made their inquiries, and he drove them around for two days. They decided to go to Eagle River, Wisconsin, to obtain photographs of the three girls being held there. They went to the station and four men were present, and the newspaper men inquired of those present to the effect that "you all must feel bad about not being in on the raid last night", and they further asked the men present why they did not get up a petition asking for a suspension of responsible persons and investigation of the affair.

One of the men present told the newspaper men that Mr. Lewis A. Gehr, the Postmaster at Mercer, was planning to write a story for the Milwaukee Journal, in which story he intended to portray the

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feeling that the local sharp-shooters and crack marksmen and deer hunters should have been called in on the raid and arrangements made to block the bridges over which the bandits must pass.

One of the newspaper men then got Mr. Peter to take them over to see Postmaster Gehr. The reporters had to leave on the train, but drew up a rough draft petition, which was believed to be drawn up by Mr. Aslekson, and Mr. Gehr took charge of the petition. Gehr made the remark that he wanted some names on the petition before the newspaper men left.

That night, namely April 24, 1934, was the occasion for the regular biweekly meeting of the Mercer Lakeland Association, an organization which boosts the resorts of that county. The meeting was a regular meeting, and the question was put before the meeting as to whether a petition should be circulated and it was agreed that such a petition should be prepared. Mr. Peter advised Mr. Rorer that he was sorry that he had anything to do with it.

Mr. Rorer interviewed Postmaster Gehr, who admitted that the newspaper men started the petition; but Mr. Gehr expressed the opinion that the petition should be left where it was until it was responsible for bringing about investigation to find out why local individuals were not let in on the raid. Mr. Rorer attempted to explain to Mr. Gehr.

Mr. Rorer stated that Ed Sargeant, a constable at Mercer, was somewhat peeved because he was not in on the raid, and Sargeant had taken it upon himself to boost the petition.

Last night, Mr. Rorer advised, Tony Richard of Mercer, Wisconsin, was in Vilas County at the Northern Lights Hotel where Mr. Rorer is staying. Richard asked Henry Kuhnert whether they were preparing a petition over there and indicated he believed one should be prepared as it was felt that local officers should have been called in on the raid. Mr. Kuhnert, the manager of the Northern Lights Hotel, stated he saw no need for such a petition.

Mr. Rorer subsequently telephoned that he had been to Eagle River, Wisconsin, and there was no petition there. He had conferred with Sheriff Tom McGregor, as well as with an undersheriff, and he found that they had a rather good attitude but they felt somewhat badly about Senator Copeland's statement that there had not been proper cooperation. Mr. McGregor stated that at 10:15 p.m., he

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received a telephone call from a Special Agent from the home of Mr. Voss, asking him to block the roads, and that he immediately started to telephone to have bridges and roads blocked, and he notified all residents in the community that he could reach to put their automobiles out of commission.

Journal

The Milwaukee Sentinel, Mr. Rorer stated, carries a splendid editorial today, critical of the criticism that had been made concerning the raid, stating that there was no occasion for such criticism and that the best action that could be taken was taken in connection with the raid.

Very truly yours,


H. H. CLEGG,
Inspector.

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Cc Chicago

Chicago Ill

Apr. 27 1934

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Dear sir

Walter Edgar J. Hauer
I have been Day about Mr
Fillingore he moved here up
year in Chicago was in the
at the Chicago police
I have started street service 5
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Clay and I will give them the
best of care

I am a Breach water and don't
stand out any more of that kind and
a chance no more, my dear Mr. Tillam
and so that he can be caught.
I'll be caught if he is as good as caught
that is, looking for him till now
I'll just have to get in in any
place to catch any group.
I will work with the government
already in this city all I want is
protection - your truly

Jesse Lee Jenner

3428 Calumet Ave

Chicago Ill

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Mr. Jesse Joe Bonner,
1428 Calumet Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated April 27, 1934, offering your assistance for the purpose of apprehending John Dillinger, and requesting to be given some authority.

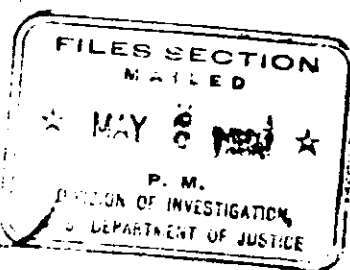
While your offer of assistance is greatly appreciated, I regret to advise that authority is only given to those who have been appointed as Special Agents of this Division. If you possess the requisite qualifications for the position of Special Agent, an application blank will be sent to you upon your further request. At the present time there are no vacancies in this service.

There is enclosed herewith a statement concerning the position of Special Agent in the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure #554235



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JEH:BCB

April 25, 1934.

MEMORANDUM

67D During telephonic conversation this evening, Mr. Purvis stated he had just interviewed an informant by the name of [REDACTED] who has been in Pontian Illinois and Joliet prison for robbery, etc. He indicated to Mr. Purvis that he could make some contacts for him. I impressed upon Mr. Purvis that I wanted less raiding and more confidential informants. I authorized him to employ this informant. He will advance \$20 in cash to this informant, and will pay him \$5 a day, beginning tomorrow.

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MR CLEGG AT SAINT PAUL
~~TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT~~

HAVE INSPECTOR RORER SUBMIT AT THE EARLIEST PRACTICABLE DATE A
WRITTEN REPORT OF HIS ACTIVITIES AND OBSERVATIONS DURING
INVESTIGATION AT LITTLE BOHEMIA RESORT AND VICINITY APRIL 22
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April 24, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

In connection with the conditions in the Oklahoma City office, as outlined by Mr. Nathan in his telephone call with you on April 20, 1934, I discussed these matters with Mr. Brantley, who advised that in his opinion two Agents should be assigned to work exclusively on the Gallatas case and of the personnel now assigned to his office recommended Agents Black and Marshall for this assignment; that two Agents should be assigned exclusively in the Oklahoma City territory to work on the Barrow case and recommended Agents Deaderick and Smith; that two Agents should be assigned to work exclusively on the Floyd and Richetti case and recommended Agents Chyman and Hartin, that two Agents should be assigned to work exclusively on the Bremer case, primarily looking toward the apprehension of the Barker and Karpis gang, and recommended Agents Hansen and Franklin. Mr. Brantley is of the opinion that the Dillinger case does not require special assignment in the Oklahoma City territory at this time, there being no indication that Dillinger has ever been in that district or that his hide-outs or contacts are in the section but that leads such as have been coming into Oklahoma City in connection with this case could well be handled as general assignments; they, of course, to be given preference over other matters.

There are at the present time thirteen Agents assigned to the Oklahoma City office and Mr. Brantley is of the opinion that in order to give the above named cases the attention they deserve they should be made specials, as above indicated, and that to take care of the general assignments in the Oklahoma City territory eight additional Agents should be transferred to Oklahoma City, some of whom at least should be experienced.

b6 In connection with Mr. Nathan's comments on the personnel in the Oklahoma City office, Mr. Brantley advises that [redacted] is a willing and hard worker; that he is inexperienced and is not an average Agent but that with careful and close supervision he may eventually develop into an average Agent, but not into a better than average Agent.

With respect to Agent Black, Mr. Brantley advises that he is energetic and forceful and a very efficient Agent.

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Mr. Brantley advised that [REDACTED] is capable of handling most any kind of assignment well but he does not believe him to be well adapted to work involving raids in the pursuit of hardened criminals as to other classes of work.

Mr. Brantley advises that Agent Chipman is qualified for any type of work, as is Agent Deaderick.

Mr. Brantley advises that [REDACTED] is a bit slow, but his work is fair.

He reports that Agent Hansen is an efficient Agent and is well qualified to handle any type of case.

Agent Hartin is an average Agent.

Agent Marshall is comparatively new in the service, He does good work and will, in Mr. Brantley's judgment, develop into an average Agent.

[REDACTED] has been in the service since June, 1933. It is Mr. Brantley's opinion at this time that it is doubtful that with close supervision he will ever develop into an average Agent.

[REDACTED] has been in the service several years, is a hard worker and handles a large volume of work, but it is not believed that he is adapted to handling those investigations involving hardened criminals.

Agent Smith is a seasoned Agent. He handles a great deal of work and is especially valuable for his contacts with peace officers and enforcement agencies. He is qualified to handle investigations involving hardened criminals.

With the exception of Agents [REDACTED] Mr. Brantley is of the opinion that all of the Agents now assigned to the Oklahoma City office are doing at least average work and that the following Agents are above the average; Black, Chipman, Deaderick, and Hansen, in the order named.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley.

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DIRECTOR

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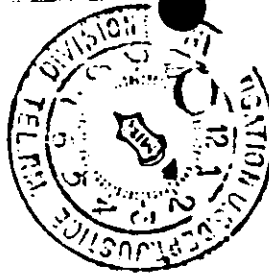
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Mr. Jones
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Mr. Coffey

DIV INVEST STPAUL
DIRECTOR

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DILLINGER CASE EVELYN FRECHETTE ARRAIGNED AT NOON.
ENTERED PLEA OF NOT GUILTY. MOTION FOR REDUCTION BOND SCHEDULED
FOR TOMORROW 4-14 PM. ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE FOR TRIAL BEGINNING
PROBABLY NEXT WEEK.

NO NEW DEVELOPMENTS AT HOUSE UNDER SURVEILLANCE FROM WHICH PAT
X CHERRINGTON MADE DEPARTURE ENROUTE CHICAGO.

CORONER ADVISED HANNI INQUEST RELATIVE SHOOTING EDDIE GREEN CONTINUED
AT ~~REXXXX~~ REQUEST OF GOVERNMENT. U S ATTORNEY HERE CONFIRMS THIS
REQUEST AND STATES BELIEVES MATTER WILL DIE DOWN AND NO INQUEST BE HELD.
NO PUBLICITY PAST TEN DAYS CONCERNING INQUEST.

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Washington, D. C.

May 2, 1934.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. COWLEY. *SAC*

With reference to the attached telegram signed by J. E. Davis and sent from Alexandria, Virginia, April 28, 1934 advising that he has important information about J. D. of Indiana, I wish to advise that upon receipt of this telegram, I contacted Acting Special Agent in Charge Pennington of the Washington Field Office and instructed him to have an Agent proceed immediately to Alexandria, Virginia to locate J. E. Davis and obtain whatever information he had.

About noon on April 28, 1934 Mr. Pennington called me and advised that Agent Stein had returned from Alexandria, Virginia and suggested that I talk to Agent Stein. Agent Stein advised that J. E. Davis was now confined in the County Jail at Alexandria, Virginia, having been removed from the State of Indiana in connection with an impersonation case being investigated by the Division. Davis stated that he was confined in the same jail with Dillinger at Crown Point, Indiana prior to Dillinger's escape on March 3, 1934 and that while he did not become intimate with Dillinger, they did exchange greetings practically every day. Davis is not in the possession of any information concerning Dillinger or his whereabouts, but said he expected to be released on bond on April 30th or May 1, 1934, at which time he expected to proceed to Indiana for the purpose of obtaining information concerning Dillinger.

Agent Stein stated that Davis appeared to be sincere, that he did not ask for any promises of leniency in his case and that Davis stated he would come to the Washington Field Office immediately upon his release on bond before proceeding to Indiana.

I instructed Agent Stein to insist upon Davis' reporting to him in the event he was released on bond and to assure him that it would be worth his while financially if he could furnish information to the Division which would result in the apprehension of Dillinger; however, that, of course, no promises should be made to Davis in connection with the case in which he was involved.

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Respectfully,

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT J. D OF INDIANA FOR YOU:

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DIV INVEST ST PAUL CALLING CGO 451

PURVIS CHICAGO DIV INVEST ST PAUL MINN 4-29-34

INFORMATION JUST RECEIVED THAT FRISCO DUTCH IS NOW IN MILWAUKEE WISC
AND THAT HARRY SAWYER CONTACT MAN FOR TWIN CITY HOODLUMS IS LIKELY WITH
HIM BELIEVED THAT SINCE CGO ANGLE HAS DEVELOPED IN BREKID CASE THAT
FRISCO DUTCH MAY BE FINGER MAN AND THAT MONEY MAY HAVE REACHED CGO ALSO
THRU SAWYER WHO IS BOSS OF PAT REILLY AND AN INDIVIDUAL WHO LOCATES
HIDEOUTS AND MEDICAL AID

ADDITIONAL

SALOON KEEPER AT BEAVER DAM WISCONSIN ADVISES INFORMANT THAT DILLINGER
AND UNIDENTIFIED MAN THERE FRIDAY IN SALOON 1309 NORTH SPRING STREET
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Rendell of the AP and Mr. Waldrop of the Herald telephoned at 10:30 and 10:40 PM respectively this evening, and gave information to the effect that Inspector Rorer and a group of men had surrounded George "Baby Face" Nelson, in a cottage 150 miles northwest of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and that Rorer had been seen speeding through the town of Merrill, Wisconsin on his way to Wisconsin Rapids, at which place Nelson was reported.

I telephoned Mr. Hammi at St. Paul to verify the above information and he advised that the information was correct, that they had received the information from the Director.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley
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1900 BANKERS BUILDING
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

May 1, 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.

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith various pieces of paper material, properly wrapped, to be treated for latent fingerprints. This material was found at Little Bohemia, near Rhineland, Wisconsin, in a raid made there against the Dillinger gang.

Kindly notify me as early as possible of any results that may be obtained from an examination of this material.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Purvis

M. H. PURVIS,

Special Agent in Charge.

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Laboratory Report

Case: John Herbert Dillinger, with aliases, I.O. 1217, Number: 62-29777-1052
M.V.T.A. and Fugitive.

Specimens: See attached note.

Examination requested by: Chicago Division Office.

Date received: May 3, 1934

Examination requested: General and Fingerprint.

Result of examination:

Examination by:

5/4
5/4 note "Dear Marie We're all fine" etc
was written on L.C. Smith's elite typewriter.

*Western
Tablet &
Dictionary
to
H. Joseph
Muo.*

Envelope 5.44 x 3.47 0047 - W. 3,0535
W/M HY TONE only one of the batch of P
Marked Feb 933
Envelopes examined for comparison with my other
cases which may come up
Top sheet taken from Hy Tone Liner
Police Lab Number 6005 Note, in
5x8 inf. Measures 4.97 x 7.91 - 0034 W. 1.9357
Marked Feb 933
W/M HY TONE

Handwriting on road chart in Note B. 17
The attad series Number 102 ✓ 102
Melody Paper to W Paul Minn
compared with road chart Dis Minn
to Wyls & W Paul by side cases B.N. 22:34
and found not the same at the same style
also not same as letter to Chief of Police Port Huron, Mich
Mar 17 or letter to Winchell from Windsor
or to the Editor of the Daily News here
signed J. Dillinger.

The slips of paper with pouring & and
other notations are many of them in the
same handwriting. This might be Dillinger
so far as can be told from a comparison
with his signature only. It is believed the road
chart was written by this person who might
be a woman. The notations comparing the
road chart with anonymous letters & other
previously received specimens applies also to
these specimens.

The writing in the note addressed "Dear Jack"
signed Dick is not like the road charts or the
other writings and is different also from the
anonymous letters.

The blue covered notebook appears to be that of a
woman and the notations there of a woman. It should
be noted that this is a complimentary thing being on the
cover printing of the grand badge of the I.O.G.T.

Specimens: Four cellophane envelopes, the first of which contained:

Twenty plain white envelopes.

One unstamped post card addressed to "The Sesamee Company".

One tablet of unruled "Hytone Linen Fabric" writing paper.

One small account book, "Carlton Mills, Inc., 79 Fifth Ave., New York."

One envelope containing circular advertisement, "Sesamee, The Modern Lock".

One "Atlas" notebook containing road chart.

One newspaper clipping showing cooking recipes.

One four page pamphlet advertising, "Noske Fieldscope."

Second Cellophane Envelope contained:

Pages 23 to 30 inclusive of Chicago Daily Tribune, issue of April 6, 1934.

Two Kotex.

Third Cellophane Envelope contained:

Pages 1 to 14 inclusive of St. Paul Daily News, issue of March 8, 1934.

Fourth Cellophane Envelope contained:

One address book with blue cover and back.

One four page letter written in ink and beginning, "Dearest Jean, Well dear, it only took 22 hours, etc."

One scrap of paper on which is written a poem beginning, "Jealousy In My Heart."

One scrap of paper on which is written, "Around 27th and Humboldt, etc."

One scrap of paper on which is written, "Call Jack Miller - Tripp Inn."

One scrap of paper on which is written, "I longed for things that money cannot buy, etc."

One scrap of paper on which is written, "Berwyn 5044-J Sammy, etc."

Part of a torn Western Union Telegram.

Two cash register receipts.

One street car transfer #019028.

One typewritten letter beginning, "Dear Marie, Were all fine down here, etc."

Two tickets for raffle of Plymouth Automobile.

One registration certificate for Mrs. W. L. Coffman's Boston Terrier.

One hotel call card - Room 712.

One card of "Meadows Garage".

One receipt slip of Lincoln Parks Arms, 2738 Pine Grove Ave., Chicago, Ill.

One torn card on which is written, "Telephone Albany 4090."

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Many Institutions - It is stamped on the
back of A. Dorman 1934. Stated as per Bldg Room 1437
Control 0638 Chicago. The handwriting is
believed to be different from the road charts or the
anonymous letters but it is the same general
style. Name Marie Control 2631 Mc Clellan on back
type 0632 corn -

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U. S. Department of Justice
1216 Smith Young Tower
San Antonio, Texas.
April 30, 1934.

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

JOHN DILLINGER et al
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act

Dear Sir:

In tracing 38 caliber Colts Superautomatic pistol that was obtained from bandits in recent Dillinger fight in Wisconsin, the Dallas office ascertained that this gun was shipped by Wolf & Klar, Fort Worth, Texas, to H. S. Lebman, 111 South Flores Street, San Antonio, Texas.

Lebman operates at this address a saddlery and harness shop. He also operates as a gunsmith and handles second-hand guns.

Lebman was questioned by the Police here at the time Tommie Carroll shot and killed City Detective H. C. Perrow, at which time Perrow and three other detectives were attempting to execute a pick-up order that had been issued by the Chief of Detectives for Tommie Carroll and H. L. Keith. At the time Carroll escaped after shooting Perrow, he commandeered a truck and left the truck about one block from Lebman's place of business. Investigation developed that he had gone into Lebman's place and obtained a pair of trousers to aid in changing his appearance, as at the time he shot the City Detectives he was dressed in riding breeches and boots. He made good his escape from San Antonio. At the time in cooperation with local police I arrested H. L. Keith at the Aurora Apartments. The Identification Unit identified Keith, who was at that time using the name of Chas. W. Fisher, as being wanted for several Post Office robberies in Wisconsin and Minnesota. He was returned to Wisconsin and upon entering a plea of guilty was sentenced to eight years in Leavenworth Penitentiary. A full report was made on this under the name of H. L. Keith with aliases. At that time there was no information available as to the identity of any persons who might have been in San Antonio with Carroll and Keith.

Knowing what success the police had attempting to obtain information from Lebman, I thought it best to pick him up and bring him to the Division office and question him there. This was done Saturday about 8 P.M. He was questioned throughout the night by myself and Special Agent C. B. Davis, and

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on Sunday morning about 7 o'clock, we took Lebman to his place of business and searched it. We found, in addition to possibly 200 second-hand rifles and shot guns, approximately 50 second-hand pistols and approximately one dozen new pistols of assorted makes. We found one Thompson sub-machine gun, the breech of which was in Lebman's safe, the balance hidden in his place of business. The serial number of this gun had been removed. On his work bench I found a 45 caliber automatic pistol dismantled and which he was making into a sub-machine gun. I found one new commercial type 45 caliber automatic pistol hidden in the drawer of a desk. I also found one 45 caliber automatic Army pistol that was the property of the United States Government.

After some hours of interview Lebman made the enclosed sworn statement and supplemental statement attached hereto. He is without a doubt the biggest liar and unprincipled human that I have ever talked to. He has resided in San Antonio for the past 15 years. In fact, he went to school here as he is only about 32 or 33 years of age.

At the time of taking the statement from him, I did not have a picture of George (Baby Face) Nelson. I exhibited to him a photograph of all the Karpis-Barker mob, together with photographs of Dillinger, Hamilton, Bentz and their women. He stated none of these individuals had contacted him. This morning we exhibited to him photograph of Homer Van Meter and he readily and positively identified the photograph as the likeness of Wayne Huttner, mentioned in his statement. We also exhibited to him photograph of George Nelson, which was received this morning, and he likewise identified it as a positive likeness of Jimmie Williams, also mentioned in his statement. It is my understanding that the description of Jimmie Williams's wife, as mentioned in Lebman's statement, tallies identically with that of the wife of George Nelson.

As will be noted in Lebman's statements, he admits that he was making the 45 automatic into a machine gun for Wayne Huttner, although he claims that this work was ordered last December, and as he had not been in touch with any of the bunch lately, he had not completed the work. The file markings on this gun shows that the work was recently done. A thorough search of his place failed to disclose any record whatever of the purchase, sale or shipment of any guns of any type and Lebman admitted that he kept absolutely no record of the receipt of a gun or the sale of it. I tried in every way to pin him down as to the date of the October shipment to Minneapolis but was unable to establish it. The only thing we found of any interest among his papers was the "Jimmie" letter that I incorporated in his supplemental statement. To show what a consummate liar this man is, you will note that he furnished me with a name and street address in St. Paul to which he claimed he shipped the five machine guns in October and it was not until we found the "Jimmie" letter and confronted him with it that he then admitted that the address contained in this letter was actually the address to which he had shipped the machine guns.

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Director, #3

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I tried to pin him down as to what made him think of the street address in St. Paul and whether or not he had done any business with any one at that address. He could not explain what made him think of that address and emphatically denies that he had ever done any business with anybody at that address.

The information contained in his statements was immediately telephoned to the St. Paul, Chicago, El Paso and Dallas offices.

We interviewed his wife and her statement is also attached. According to her claims, she only saw the men a few times around Lebman's place of business and had accompanied some of them on a pleasure trip to Laredo, Texas, during which time they did not register at any hotel as they made a round trip in one day. *noted*

There is no doubt in my mind but what this man Lebman has been dealing not only with the gangsters mentioned herein but possibly others and it will necessitate a painstaking check of the Express Company's records here to ascertain to what points he has shipped packages that might by their weight or value contain machine guns or other arms. Especially do I desire to establish the date of the October shipment, as the Texas Machine Gun Law went into effect October 25th last. This law forbids even the possession of a machine gun except in the hands of law enforcement officials.

According to Lebman, he first contacted Jimmie Williams and Keith in San Antonio in June. He could not explain why they called on him. He stated they only remained here a few days at that time. He claims the next contact was with Jimmie Williams in September and that Williams only remained in San Antonio about one week and this was the time that the negotiations were made that ultimately resulted in the shipment of the guns to Minneapolis. Lebman claims his next contact was when the five men showed up in San Antonio about November 18th or 19th. It is noted that he claims Jimmie Williams, Wayne Huttner and Tommie McGammon left San Antonio the day previous to the shooting of City Detective Perrow by Carroll and that from conversation he overheard Carroll and Keith were to remain here a while longer and later join the others somewhere in the East. In questioning him concerning the automobiles used by this mob, the only information I could obtain was that contained in his statements attached. He steadfastly denies that he knew where they were staying in San Antonio except that he knew that Keith was residing in the Aurora Apartments. It has been developed that Tommie Carroll was stopping at the Bluebonnet Hotel under the name of Tommie McLarkin. So far we have been unable to ascertain where the balance of the gang stopped while they were here in November and December. However, every effort will be made along that line.

The United States Attorney here is cooperating to the limit and a complaint was filed this morning charging Lebman with possession of stolen government property, to-wit: the 45 automatic pistol found in his possession. His bond was set at \$2,000.00 which he has not as yet made but probably will.

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Arrangements have been made for the full cooperation of State District Attorney Walter Tynan, who states that as soon as Lebman makes bond in the Federal case, he will file on him under the Texas Machine Gun Act which was passed October 25, 1933, and forbids the possession of a machine gun except by law enforcement officials. I have also arranged for the County Attorney to file complaints against Lebman charging him with being a dealer in firearms and not complying with the Texas statute which requires that a dealer be registered and keep a record of each and every gun sold.

It is my belief, and I have so advised SAC Blake at Dallas, that a thorough check should be made of the records of Wolf & Klar, Fort Worth to ascertain from them what record they have of every gun sold Lebman during the past year and a half, as he stated to me that all of the pistols that he handled were obtained from Wolf & Klar. He denied ever obtaining any machine guns from Wolf & Klar and states that the machine guns mentioned in his statement were obtained in the manner indicated. However, this will be thoroughly checked and may be found to be untrue.

I have called in Resident Agent Murphy at Houston to assist us but may have to call on you for one other man as I intend to sift this matter to the bottom.

At the time of the arrest of Keith at the Aurora Apartments, he was in company with one Chas. Nelcey, who, on account of his having no previous criminal record, was released by the San Antonio Police Department. It is believed that this is the correct name of that man as he had been in San Antonio for several months at the time Carroll-Keith and their mob came here. Lebman admits that he has been in correspondence with Nelcey who is now supposed to be located at 2315 Kemper Lane, Cincinnati, Ohio, and that he sold Nelcey a gun case that was bought through Wolf & Klar, Fort Worth, Texas, and shipped direct to C. H. Nelcey at the Cincinnati address mentioned, on Feb. 24, 1934. Nelcey's San Antonio Police number is 8331, and, for the information of the Cincinnati office, he is described as follows:

Age 35; height 5 feet 7; hair medium chestnut; eyes gray green; complexion ruddy; native New Haven, Conn.

I am furnishing the Cincinnati office with a copy of this letter and enclosures together with a photograph of Nelcey and it is suggested that a thorough check be made of this man as he may be in touch with some of this gang.

Chicago
St. Paul
Dallas
El Paso
Cincinnati

Very truly yours,

Gus T. Jones,
Special Agent in Charge.

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I, H. S. Lehman, after being duly warned of my constitutional rights that I do not have to make a statement and that any statement I may make concerning this matter may be used against me, make the following free and voluntary statement to Gus T. Jones, Special Agent in Charge, W. S. Division of Investigation, Department of Justice, at San Antonio, Texas concerning any and all pistols, machine-guns, and other firearms I have sold and delivered to certain individuals.

In June, 1933 one Jimmie Williams and a man named Fisher or Keith came to my place of business, 111 South Flores Street, San Antonio, Texas. They were traveling in an Essex 1933 model terraplane sedan, dark blue in color, and bearing either Minnesota or California license plates. At that time they had with them a woman whom Williams said was his wife, described:

Age 26 or 27, Height about 5' 5", Weight about 125, Light complexion, Light brown hair, brown eyes, Irregular teeth, Spoke bad English, appeared to be uneducated.

Williams and the woman had a little boy about five years of age, light brown hair, who they called Ronald. There was also with them an elderly woman over 50 years of age with gray hair, who did not get out of the car and who I took to be the mother of either Williams or his wife.

Keith had no woman with him and is the same man who was arrested in the Aurora Apartments on or about December 12, 1933 in connection with the shooting of City Detective Perrow. These people remained in San Antonio, Texas about one week. While they were here I sold Williams and Keith two colt super-automatic pistols and two 380 caliber automatic pistols. These pistols I ordered by express from Wolf and Klar, Ft. Worth, Texas.

I never heard any more from these people until in the latter part of September, 1933, I believe it was, when I had a letter from Jimmie Williams written from St. Paul, Minnesota, ordering two super-automatics, .38 caliber, two caliber 380 automatic pistols, and three .22 rifles. In this letter Williams also wanted to know if I could get him some Thompson sub-machine guns.

I ordered the two super-automatics and the two 380 caliber automatics from Wolf and Klar. Through Harry Cushman who travels for a gas mask concern and who should be well known to the Fire Department here I learned that I could get some machine guns from John Stockmeyer, an insurance man who resides on Porfirio-Diaz Street, El Paso, Texas. I communicated with Stockmeyer, I do not recall whether by letter or by telegram, and he advised me that he could furnish me with some machine guns. I drove to El Paso in my car accompanied by a man named Nelcey. This is the same man who was arrested in the Aurora Apartment house with Keith. On this trip I secured two Thompson machine guns and returned to San Antonio. This was in the month of October, 1933. I later that same month made another trip to El Paso and obtained three additional Thompson machine guns from Stockmeyer. All of these guns were shipped to Jimmie Williams at 1632 South Preston

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Street, St. Paul, Minnesota. I do not recall whether I shipped the pistols at a different time than I shipped the machine guns. Williams also had sent me about \$400 in the letter he wrote me and I believe that approximately \$300 of this was in cashier's checks on some Chicago bank, the name of which I do not recall. I believe the balance of the money was a Postoffice money order. The machine guns were shipped with C. O. D. charges of approximately \$900. I later received a letter from Jimmie Williams acknowledging receipt of this shipment in which letter he spoke of the weather being cold in Minnesota and stated that he would probably be down in this country soon.

Sometime after the middle of November, 1933 this same Jimmie Williams who is described as follows arrived here:

Age 26 or 27, Height about 5' 5", Weight about 135, Complexion light, Hair light brown combed straight back, Small blond mustache, Blue eyes.

He was accompanied by Keith and the following individuals:

TOM MCGANNON DESCRIBED: AGE ABOUT 32 OR 33, HEIGHT 5' 8" or 9", SLIGHTLY POCKMARKED OR ROUGH FACE, LIGHT COMPLEXION, LIGHT BROWN HAIR, ACCOMPANIED BY A WOMAN: AGE ABOUT 35, HEAVY SET, LIGHT YELLOW HAIR BOBBED, ROUGH COMPLEXION, ABOUT FIVE FOOT SEVEN INCHES TALL AND WHO HAD A LITTLE GIRL ABOUT FIVE YEARS OLD WITH BLOND HAIR.

WAYNE HUTTNER DESCRIBED: AGE 33 TO 34, HEIGHT 5' 10", DARK BROWN HAIR ALMOST BLACK, WEIGHT ABOUT 150 POUNDS, DARK COMPLEXION, HAIR COMBED STRAIGHT BACK, SMALL DARK MUSTACHE, WALKED WITH DROOPING SHOULDERS, TALKED WITH A DRAWL. ACCOMPANIED BY A WOMAN: AGE ABOUT 20, HEIGHT 5' 5", WEIGHT ABOUT 115 POUNDS, DARK COMPLEXION, BLACK HAIR, THIN EYES BLACK, APPEARED TO BE PART INDIAN OR ITALIAN.

TOMMIE CARROLL WHO IS THE MAN CHARGED WITH KILLING CITY DETECTIVE PERROW.

WILLIAMS WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE SAME YOUNG WOMAN WHO WAS WITH HIM IN JUNE BUT I DID NOT SEE THE ELDERLY WOMAN AT THIS TIME.

At this time the party had the following automobiles:

Jimmie Williams, what appeared to be the same terraplane sedan he had in June.

Wayne Huttner, a terraplane sedan, 1933 model, dark blue color, with an Illinois license.

Tom McGannon, Buick coach, 1933 model, black color, trunk on rear, Minnesota license.

Keith, an Auburn sedan, 1933 model, Minnesota license.

This party of people remained in San Antonio almost a month during which time I sold either Jimmie Williams or Keith two more 380 caliber automatic pistols. Williams, Huttner, McGannon, and the women left San Antonio on Saturday night, prior to the shooting of Detective Perrow on Monday, December 12, I believe it was. I know they left because they came by my store and told me goodbye. Carroll and Keith remained in San Antonio.

Tommie Carroll had at one time asked me if he could borrow a pair of old pants to wear hunting. On the evening that Detective Perrow was shot, and before I knew of the shooting and at about 5:30 P. M. Carroll came to my place and borrowed a pair of trousers and left my place walking. I have never seen him since. Later that same evening about 6:30 P. M. Keith phoned me to meet him on Broadway near Brackenridge Park. I met him and Nelcey. They were in the Auburn car of Keith's. Keith asked me about the shooting and I told him that from a conversation I had had with a girl who had phoned me from Keene's drug store Carroll might have been involved as this girl had asked me not to say anything about her going with Carroll or knowing him in case anyone asked me. Keith said he was going to the Aurora Apartments, get his clothes, and leave town. The next time I saw Keith was in the San Antonio Police Department after his arrest.

I do not know where Tommie Carroll, known in San Antonio as Tommie McLarkin, Wayne Huttner, Jimmie Williams, Tommie McGannon, or the women resided while they were in San Antonio. I knew that Keith resided at the Aurora Apartments, as he had asked me about a place and I had mentioned this apartment house to him.

I do not know whether I have any record of the shipment of guns to Jimmie Williams at St. Paul or not, and I hereby willingly give my permission to Gus T. Jones, Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, or anyone he may designate, permission to look through all my records and my store at 111 South Flores Street, San Antonio, Texas for any information or record in connection with this shipment or any other sales of pistols or machine guns that may be in my establishment.

I recall that Jimmie Williams in conversation with me once said if I was ever in San Francisco and he was there I could get in touch with him through Foghorn Murphy, who is well known in that place.

I have willingly told the entire truth concerning my transaction with the people mentioned herein. It is the full truth and all of the truth.

I have not been able to find the record of a .38 caliber super-automatic pistol shipped to me on September 18, 1933 by Wolf and Klar, Ft. Worth, Texas, but if one was shipped on that date it was one of the guns that I shipped to Jimmie

Williams at 1632 South Preston Street, St. Paul, Minnesota.

H. S. Letman

Subscribed and sworn to this 29th day of April, 1934
before me a Notary Public in and for Bexar County,
Texas.

Mrs. Mamie Levine

Notary Public, Bexar County, Texas.

Witness:

C. R. Davis, Special Agent,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
San Antonio, Texas.

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Supplementary statement made to Gus T. Jones, Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, San Antonio, Texas, to be made a part of the statement made on this date. This statement is made under the same conditions as my previous statement and after the same explanation of my constitutional rights.

Concerning the following letter found in my files in my place of business at 111 South Flores Street, and which letter I voluntarily turned over to Mr. Jones:

"September 25, 1933.

"Dear Pal

"Could not write sooner the address here is

"Mr. Joseph Bennett
3242 Sixteenth Ave. So.
Minneapolis, Minn.

"Enclose my personal letter in another envelope addressed to 'Jimmie'.

"Hope to hear some good news from you soon. Don't get me any more outfits like the last one. It was 'one way' like I thought it was. I'm sure you understand what I mean. But don't let it worry you.

As ever your pal,

Jimmie."

I received the above letter from Jimmie Williams. It was posted in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and since having it called to my attention I now know that I was mistaken in the address of Jimmie Williams which I said in my previous statement was 1632 South Preston Street, St. Paul, Minnesota. I now am sure that the address mentioned in the above letter is the place I shipped all the guns described in my former statement. I do not know what made me mention the South Preston Street address. I can not recall that I ever communicated with anyone at that address.

The outfit Jimmie refers to in the letter was a machine gun I sold him in September, 1933. I recall now that Jimmie and his wife returned to San Antonio about the tenth of September, 1933 and remained about three days. There was no one else with them. At that time he also bought one .38 Colt super-automatic and a .25 caliber automatic pistol. This machine gun I obtained from Izzey/Shap-pu, Corpus Christi, Texas. My brother-in-law, Louis/Schwartzman, who travels for me, had told Izzey that if he could get a machine gun I would buy it. I believe that Izzey got the gun from a deputy sheriff. He called me up and I went down to Corpus and got the gun and I believe I paid him \$150.00 for the gun. I brought it to San Antonio and Jimmie was leaving that night and I delivered the

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gun to him. He paid me \$300.00 for it. This transaction was about the middle of September, 1933. At that time I was making no record of transactions of this kind and I have no record to refer to to refresh my memory.

Jimmie shipped this gun back to me to be repaired as it would not operate "full auto" and that is what he meant by his statement in the above letter that it was "one way." I repaired this gun and showed it to him when he came to San Antonio in November, 1933. At that time he said he would give me an address to ship the gun to him but he never did. The machine gun I am now referring to is the gun found in my place of business this morning. It has no serial number on it now although I am sure it did have when I delivered it to Jimmie in September, 1933. This gun I am now voluntarily turning over to Gus T. Jones for the purpose of tracing its identity.

Concerning the Colt .45 automatic, with the number filed off and secret number 173697, this gun was obtained by me from Wolf & Klar sometime in November 1933. I believe I sold this gun to Keith or at least it was to one of the bunch that was here in November. It was traded back to me for a .38 super automatic. At the time I obtained the gun the serial number was intact but when I got it back it had been removed. This is the gun found in my desk drawer and was not with my regular stock of guns. I am turning this gun over to Gus T. Jones in order that it can be traced to verify whether or not I obtained it in the manner I have here stated.

Concerning the .45 caliber colt automatic, serial number 161971 (secret) this gun was dismantled by me in the shape it was found and I was building it into a machine gun; the hand grip found with it was to have been affixed to the gun and the gun was to have been made to fire "full auto." This job was ordered done by Wayne Huttner while the gang was here in November, 1933. The job was not finished when Huttner left and I was to deliver it to Keith but did not on account of his arrest. This gun was not sold by me and I do not know where they obtained it.

Concerning the nickle-plated .45 caliber Army automatic, serial number 77149, I am positive that this gun was left with me for repairs several months ago by some party I do not know. I held this gun for some time and placed it in my show window but realizing that it was a Government gun I took it from the window and placed it in my safe where it was found today. I have turned this gun over to Gus T. Jones in order that it can be returned to the military authorities from whom it must have been stolen. I know that none of these guns, bearing the stamp "United States Property" are for sale.

I can not think of anything additional to say at this time except that the United States Army Springfield Rifle found in my place, serial #646706, was left there by a man named Stanfield for repairs several months ago. Stanfield did

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not leave any address and I do not know him.

This statement is the truth and is made to Gus T. Jones, San Antonio, Texas, on April 29, 1934.

H. S. Lehman

Witnesses:

C. R. Davis, Special Agent,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
San Antonio, Texas.

S. J. Maloukis, M.-Sgt., Military Police.

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May 11, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1216 Smith-Young Tower Building,
San Antonio, Texas.

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

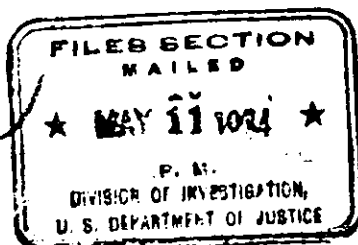
Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter dated April 30, 1934 advising of the arrest of H. S. Lehman, San Antonio, Texas, who has been furnishing guns to subject Dillinger's associates, please be advised that the statement of Mrs. H. S. Lehman referred to in the third paragraph on page three, was not received at the Division. The Division desires to receive a copy of this statement at the earliest practicable date.

The Division also believes it advisable that you submit a report incorporating the circumstances leading up to the murder of City Detective Perrow by Tommy Carroll at San Antonio, Texas on December 11, 1933, giving particular attention to the source from which the Police Department first received information that the individuals mentioned in your letter of January 5, 1934 in the case entitled "Charles W. Fisher, with aliases, et al" were in San Antonio, Texas.

Very truly yours,

Director.



U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

Room 1403
370 Lexington Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

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May 1, 1934.

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

Re: JOHN HERBERT DILLINGER 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
Harboring Fugitive from Justice

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed a decoded copy of the Western Union telegram sent to the El Paso Office during the night of Saturday, April 28, 1934. The copy sent your office on Saturday night bore code words, and it is desired that the attached copy be substituted therefor. This mistake was occasioned by a rush at midnight to dispose of the remnants of the day's mail.

Very truly yours,

F. X. Fay
F. X. FAY
Special Agent in Charge

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CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARDJ. C. WILLEVER
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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

DECODED MESSAGE

VCZ/wbm 11.45 PM

New York, N. Y., April 28, 1934
Official Business; Government Property
Charge to Division of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice
New York City.

R H Colvin
Divn of Investigation U S Dept of Justice
1331 First Natl Bank Bldg
El Paso Texas

John Dillinger WA Fugitive Etal NMVTA Division tonight instructed tracing to ultimate purchaser Thompson submachine gun number six three one five recovered Rhinelander Wisconsin April twenty second STOP Auto Ordnance Corp Hartford Conn manufacturer advise this gun with three others numbered seven naught three one STOP six naught four six STOP eight two eleven shipped March twelve nineteen twenty nine Momsen Dunnegan Ryan Company Elpaso Texas having been telegraphically ordered thru manufacturers NYCity office STOP Division instructs preferred attention.

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c/c Division. ✓

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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REPORT MADE AT: NEW YORK CITY	DATE WHEN MADE: 5/1/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 4/28-5/1/34	REPORT MADE BY: W. B. MURAN
TITLE: JOHN HERBERT DILLINGER with aliases-FUGITIVE I. O. #1217 JOHN HAMILTON with aliases - FUGITIVE I. O. #1220 HOMER VAN LETER with aliases - FUGITIVE I. O. #1222, et al			CHARACTER OF CASE: NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT HARBORING FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Thompson submachine gun #6315 and 3 others shipped 5/12/29 to Momsen Dunnegan Ryan, El Paso, Tex. El Paso wired 4/28/34 to continue tracing. Colt .38 Super Automatic shipped 8/31/33 to Wolf & Klar, Ft. Worth, Tex. Remington Arms Corp., Bridgeport, Conn., and Winchester Co., New Haven, Conn., report records destroyed on 3 rifles in question.

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REFERENCE: Teletype from Division to New York Office of 4/28/34.
Letter of 4/28/34 from Chicago to New York Office.

DETAILS: AT NEW YORK CITY

In response to teletype, contact was finally arranged by long distance telephone with George E. Goll of the Auto Ordnance Corp., Hartford, Conn., at his residence (Hartford 5-1091) during the night of 4/28/34. He courteously visited the factory and later called this Agent by telephone and advised as follows:

That Thompson submachine gun #6315 was one of four guns shipped on 5/12/29 to the Momsen Dunnegan Ryan Co., El Paso, Texas; that the other three Thompson submachine guns were 7031, 6046 and 8211, and that the four guns were shipped on telegraphic instructions received from the consignee by the New York City office of the Auto Ordnance Corp.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>E. X. Day</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	62-29777-1055 MAY 2 - 1934	RECORDED AND INDEXED
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The wording of the Division's teletype is, in part - "Thompson submachine gun number six three one five or six three one dash five F". George E. Goll further advised that Thompson submachine gun #6315 was shipped 5/28/28 to the U. S. Marine Corps, Corinto, Nicaragua; that his company never has used a dash in the serial numbers of this type of gun; that no letter prefix or suffix has ever been used; that at times, one factory unit might temporarily use a letter for purpose of identifying a factory department; but that at no time would a dash or letter ever appear in the identifying number of any Thompson submachine gun.

The El Paso office was advised by wire during the night of 4/28/34 of the above and was requested to give preferred attention in tracing gun 6315 to ultimate purchaser.

Special Agent T. J. Connor, while at Hartford, Conn., ascertained from the Colt Fire Arms Co., that the .38 Colt Super Automatic, with secret No. 14130, had been shipped on 8/31/33 to Wolf & Klar, Fort Worth, Texas; and that the secret and serial number are the same. Agent Connor also was advised that this information had been telegraphically furnished the Chicago Office on 4/28/34 in response to a wire from that office.

With respect to .351 Automatic Winchester Rifle, Model 07SL, #41806, and .30-.50 Winchester Lever Action Rifle, Model 94, 1046510, this Agent was advised via tele phone by Mr. H. C. Curtis, of the New York City office of the Winchester Arms Co., that:

Unfortunately, he could furnish no information concerning either of these guns; that all records have been destroyed on the Model 07 rifles; that with respect to Model 94, no record is presently available which might help trace; that there had been a lapse of several years when records on this model were not maintained, and it is only by negative conclusion that he is assuming that this item in question was shipped during the period when records were not maintained. Mr. Curtis also advised that he had replied by telegraph to a telegraphic inquiry from the Chicago office on 4/28/34.

With respect to the .22 calibre long Automatic Remington Rifle, Model 24, #128096, this Agent was advised via telephone by Pam Davis of the Remington Arms Co., Empire State Building, New York City, that this gun was sold between January, 1931 and January, 1934, but no records on same were available; that he telephoned to the factory offices at Ilion, N. Y. and Bridgeport, Conn., but could obtain only negative information; and that the Bridgeport office had advised of having replied by telegraph to a wire inquiry from the Chicago office on 4/28/34.

The letter from the Chicago office also requested tracing of a Sparton Radio "which was manufactured by the Best Mfg. Co., Irvington, N. J., Model D45W, Transmission #1-43-Field, #30008". Telephone inquiry was made to the Best Mfg. Co., Irvington, N. J. (Essex 3-7400) and the writer was advised that such firm makes only speakers, switches, relays, etc., for radios, and play games. Mr. S. A. Sader, who was contacted by telephone, advised that his firm, Sparton Radio Distributors, 1350 Broadway, New York City (Ashland 4-2235) handle distribution for the New York area; that the reference information furnished by Agent was incomplete and would not permit a positive identification; that a name plate appears on all Sparton sets which would show the model number and alongside of which would be the serial number; that the set in question should be re-examined for better identifying features; that the only place to start tracing would be from the factory, which is the Sparks Withington Co., at Jackson, Mich. A telegram was sent to the Chicago office requesting that they obtain additional identifying features and suggesting trace through the Detroit office.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

EL PASO OFFICE - At El Paso, Texas, from the Momsen Dunnegan Ryan Co., will continue tracing to ultimate purchaser, Thompson sub-machine gun #6315. This matter should receive preferred attention. Wire requesting this investigation was sent your office on 4/28/34.

DALLAS OFFICE - At Fort Worth, Texas, will continue trace of .38 calibre Colt Super Automatic #14130, shipped to Wolf & Klar under date of August 31, 1933 from the Colt factory. It is probable the Chicago office has previously requested this information.

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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

St. Louis FILE NO. **26-4215**

REPORT MADE AT: St. Louis, Mo.	DATE WHEN MADE: 5-1-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 4/11 to 15/34	REPORT MADE BY: E. G. MAYNOR HGM:M
TITLE: JOHN BILLINGER, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1217, et al.			CHARACTER OF CASE: National Motor Vehicle Theft Act. Harboring Fugitive from Justice.

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

On 4-11-34 Cincinnati Division Office advised Mary Kinder and Lena Pierpont visited Harry Pierpont at Columbus State Penitentiary and conversation heard by warden directing them to come to St. Louis, Mo. next day for purpose of contacting O'Connells in 6400 block on some street for purpose of obtaining guns. St. Louis Division Office agents and police officials kept surveillance at all four bridges leading to St. Louis, as well as airports, endeavoring to locate probable automobiles used by these women bearing Indiana or Tennessee license plates and also at 6453 Wise Ave., St. Louis, kept said house under surveillance from 4-11-34 to 4-15-34. O'Connells who live at this address bear excellent reputation and disclaim any knowledge of any of the subjects in this case. No information of value obtained.

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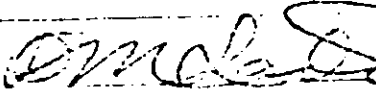
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent E. M. Notesteun, St. Paul, Minn. 4-12-34.

DETAILS: At St. Louis, Mo.

DETAILS:

On the night of April 11, 1934 Acting Special Agent in Charge E. F. Yearsley received a long distance telephone call from Special Agent L. E. Klein of the Cincinnati Division Office advising, in substance, as follows; that Mary Kinder, age 25, 4' 11" or 5' tall, weight 90 to 97 lbs., eyes blue or violet, hair dark brown, build small, fiancée of Harry Pierpont, who was arrested with Pierpont at Tucson, Ariz., and Mrs. Lena Pierpont, his mother, described as being 60 years of age, 5' 7", hair dark brown streaked with gray, sandy complexion, wearing glasses, were believed to be on their way to St. Louis, Mo. from

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373 Columbus, Ohio and if so would in all probability be driving a 1932 Auburn Sedan, color unknown, khaki top, which may possibly bear 1934 Indiana license #175-665, Indiana license #86-389 or Tennessee license #176-003.

Agent Klein stated that Mary Kinder and Lena Pierpont during their visit with Harry Pierpont at the State Penitentiary, Columbus, Ohio, on April 11, 1934 were heard by Warden Thomas, or some other prison official, to be directed by Pierpont to proceed to St. Louis, Mo. the following day, April 12, 1934, and to go to O'Connells in the 6400 block on some street in St. Louis and there obtain from John the special key to the apartment and after doing so obtain the guns and get rid of them.

Acting Special Agent in Charge F. F. Yearsley and this agent consulted both the telephone and city directories and ascertained that the only O'Connell who lives in a 6400 block on any street in St. Louis is Jeremiah O'Connell, who formerly worked for the City of St. Louis in Forest Park at the city stables but who has not been so employed since 1931; that the residence of Jeremiah O'Connell is 6458 Wise Ave. where he resides with his wife, Mary, and sons, John and Jeremiah, Jr., who is generally known in that community as Bus, also his unmarried daughter, Mary, who is employed as an office girl by the Laclede Gas Company, lives with him; that his oldest daughter, Julia, is married to Robert Brady and lives directly across Childers St. from her father at #1201 and that Robert Brady is a toll collector on the Free Bridge at St. Louis.

On April 12, 1934 Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd conferred with Chief of Police McCarthy and Chief of Detectives Carroll of St. Louis and confidentially advised them of the information received from the Cincinnati Division Office, who assigned a number of plain clothes police officers to assist agents of the Division in maintaining a surveillance at 6458 Wise Ave., at the Free Bridge, Eads Bridge, McKinley Bridge and Chain of Rocks Bridge. The home of Jeremiah O'Connell at 6458 Wise Ave. was kept under surveillance from 9:00 A. M., April 12, 1934 until 2:00 P. M., April 13, 1934. A surveillance was maintained at the Free Bridge by Division agents and police officers from 9:00 A. M., April 12, 1934 until 8:00 A. M., April 13, 1934. At the Eads Bridge from 9:00 A. M., April 12, 1934 until midnight of the same day. At the McKinley Bridge from 9:00 A. M., April 12, 1934 until midnight of the same day and at the Chain of Rocks Bridge from 9:00 A. M., April 12, 1934 until midnight of the same day. The last three bridges mentioned were the most unlikely bridges which might be used in coming to St. Louis but uniformed officers at these three bridges were given the license numbers of the automobiles likely to be used by Mary Kinder and Mrs. Pierpont and these officers in

connection with the toll collectors were furnished with pertinent information concerning this matter with instructions to notify the St. Louis Division Office should they observe either an Auburn sedan or a Ford V-8 sedan bearing the above mentioned license numbers.

Special Agent Glenn A. Paulson contacted the officials of the St. Louis Lambert Airport and ascertained that the only plane arriving in St. Louis from Columbus, Ohio and Indianapolis, Ind. arrived at 6:17 P. M. daily; that two planes arrived in St. Louis from Chicago, Ill. daily at 11:16 A. M. and 3:20 P. M. These planes were covered by Agent Paulson on April 13, 14 and 15, 1934 and contact established with the airport officials, who were furnished with copies of all identification orders in this matter and instructions to immediately call this office should they receive any information concerning subjects.

Copies of identification orders on subjects Dillinger and Hamilton were furnished to all Pullman and railroad conductors working out of St. Louis, Mo. and Springfield, Illinois.

No information was obtained by the maintenance of the surveillance mentioned above and on Sunday evening at 8:00 P. M. further surveillance was discontinued at all points except the Free Bridge, which surveillance was continued until Monday morning, April 16, 1934.

It was decided by Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd at the conclusion of the surveillance at 6458 Wise Ave., St. Louis, that an investigation be made in order to determine the character and reputation of Jeremiah O'Connell and family.

Interview was had with M. H. Hense who operates a grocery store at 6402 Wise Ave., who stated he has known Jeremiah O'Connell and wife for more than twenty years; that Mr. O'Connell formerly worked for the City of St. Louis at the stables in Forest Park but has not been so employed since 1931; that he is advanced in years and has not been employed since that time; that his family consists of the following:

Wife	Mary O'Connell
Son	John O'Connell - age 31
"	Jeremiah O'Connell, Jr., commonly called Bus - age 18
Daughter	Mary O'Connell - age 22
"	Julia Brady - age 33

that his son John is employed by the Missouri Pacific R. R. Co. and his daughter Mary by the Laclede Gas Co. of St. Louis; that Jeremiah, Jr.

is unemployed; that the entire family are considered among the best citizens in the community in which they reside and that no member of this family has ever been known to be in trouble of any kind.

Mr. W. H. Bissick, druggist, corner of Clayton and Term Ave. being interviewed stated he has known the O'Connell family at 6458 Wise Ave. for at least eighteen years and knows that their reputation is A-1 in every respect. Mr. Bissick gave the same information concerning the individual members of said family as that given by Mr. Hense.

Ed Driscoll, druggist, corner of Clayton and McCausland, being interviewed advised that he has known the O'Connell family, who reside at 6458 Wise Ave., for at least twenty years and during all this time has never known any member of said family to be under suspicion of any wrongdoing; that the entire family are regular church attendants and each member of the family has always been industrious.

Mr. G. E. Layman and Walter Moon who operate a hardware store at 6400 Wise Ave. advised they have been acquainted with the O'Connell family who reside at 6458 Wise Ave. for at least twenty years; that Mr. O'Connell owns only the property in which he lives; that he has always been a hard working man and that his children, consisting of two boys and two girls, have assisted in every way possible in keeping the family together; that the entire family bear an excellent reputation and they are sure that no member of the O'Connell family has ever been suspected of any wrongdoing.

At the direction of Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd, Jeremiah O'Connell, Sr. was openly interviewed by this agent and Special Agent W. E. Rich. He stated he has lived at his present address during his entire married life; that he is now 67 years of age and for a great number of years prior to 1931 was employed by the City of St. Louis as caretaker and stable man in Forest Park; that he does not know any other O'Connell family in St. Louis and that all his relatives reside in the East; that to his personal knowledge no key has been left with himself or either of his sons to any other apartment or building in St. Louis. Mr. O'Connell was not given any idea as to the purpose of the interview.

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THIS IS DIV INVEST CHGO

ST PAUL 4-30-34

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ASK AGENT MURPHY COME TO MACHINE

OK

PLEASE GIVE US CODE NUMBER IF AVAILABLE FOR OPENING THE COMBINATION HAND-
BAG THAT WAS SENT HERE WITH LETTER DICTATED BY AGT MURPHY TAKEN FROM
DILLINGER MOB

ONE MOMENT PLEASE OK

VPURVIS TALKING MURPHY IS OUT OF THE OFFICE NOW AND I DO NOT KNOW THE
COMBINATION WILL LET YOU KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

DO YOU KNOW WHETHER MURPHY KNOWS I AM NOT CERTAIN BUT I RATHER ASSUME
THAT HE DOES IS IT URGENT HE WILL BE BACK IN IN ABOUT AN HOUR AND A
HALF

OK WE WILL WAIT JUST GETTING THE STUFF READY FOR INVESTING TOMORROW TIME

ADDITIONAL MESSAGE

JOHN DILLINGER PAT ~~CHERRINGTON~~ CAME IN AND IS LEAVING HERE TKXKQUUNCOUVA
TONIGHT FOR DETROIT AN AGENT ULLIXXXHILL ACCOMPANYHER THERE AND IA
AM ADVISING THE DETROIT OFFICE
WAS DILLINGER WITH HER

I AM AFRAID NOT METOO SEND

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1900 BANKERS BUILDING
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

May 1, 1934.

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

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

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith the original and a copy of
an anonymous communication received by the Chicago office, relating
to one DOCTOR PLANKERS of St. Paul. It is alleged that Doctor
Plankers is connected with criminals.

Copy of this anonymous communication is also being for-
warded to the Division with this letter.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,

Special Agent in Charge.

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PURVIS. Dr. Plankers st paul is a bad egg question him on taking care of the crooks, there is greek called Charley the greek that changes the money for the boys hangs around a dice game run by that bird pauly reardon pauly ok but he has a bad gang around him. county atty. kinkaid also a bad one, some time ago he rush off to ia to find kidnappers hang out, well he picked up a bird named franch once us atty and they all went to cedar rapids to one of the leadings hotels and put on a big party, you know purvis the co atty has been very chummy with glockman and has let the jers run st paul there is also a bad gnag hanging out over near the track hotel at the fair grounds the place is great hang out get the stuff there. dont dare to sign this thing too many bad birds around, too bad you cant work on the state capital the big mouth boy floyd floyd isnt so os

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice

1900 Bankers Bldg,
Chicago, Illinois
May 1, 1934

W
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Director,
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U. S. Department of Justice,
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Dear Sir:-

Referring to your letter dated April 25, I am submitting the following list of the guns which were seized near Rhinelander, Wisconsin, in the Dillinger case:

- 1 Winchester .351 calibre automatic rifle, No. 41506, Model 07SL.
- 1 Winchester repeater, Model 94 - 30 WCF No. 1046510
- 1 Remington .22 automatic long rifle, Model 24, No. 128096
- 1 .38 Special Smith and Wesson Pistol No. 576426.
- 1 .38 Colt Superautomatic, Secret No. 14130.
- 1 .38 Calibre Smith and Wesson Double Action Pistol on a .44 frame, No. 40399.
- 1 .45 Pistol, Smith and Wesson, on which numbers have been removed.
- 1 Thompson submachine gun on which numbers have been removed.

The following information has been obtained concerning these guns:

The .38 Special Smith and Wesson Pistol, No. 576426, and the .38 Smith and Wesson, double action pistol, on a .44 frame, #40399, have been definitely established as belonging to the Police Department at Warsaw, Indiana. This information has been obtained by wiring the Smith and Wesson Company, who furnished us with information showing that the gun, #576426 had been shipped by them direct to Chief Pettinger at Warsaw, and that the gun #40399 had been shipped by that company to Lauzy Sporting Goods Store, which concern in turn sold the gun to Chief Pettinger.

The .38 Colt Superautomatic, secret No. 14130 was shipped by the Colt Arms Company at Hartford, Connecticut, on information obtained from them, to the Wolf and Klar Company, dealers in arms at Fort Worth, Texas. Accordingly, a wire was sent to the Dallas Office, in

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order to check this information. It was determined by the Dallas Office that the Wolf and Klar Company shipped this gun to a man named Lebman in San Antonio, Texas. This last-named person is a dealer in harness and saddle equipment and also handles guns. A proper lead was set out for the San Antonio Office, in order to determine the accuracy of this information. Subsequently, the San Antonio Office has furnished the information, telephonically, which is set out in the attached memorandum, showing that this gun was sold by Lebman to a person who may be connected with the Dillinger Gang.

The Thompson submachine gun on which numbers had been removed, has been forwarded to the Division, as requested by teletype message. The Thompson submachine gun which was taken at Rhineland by the St. Paul Office, has also been forwarded to the Division.

Wires were sent to the Winchester and Remington Arms Companies to ascertain the sale of the Winchester and Remington guns set out in the above list, and replies from these companies showed that neither company has kept records of its sales of these guns, thus making it impossible to make a thorough check of these guns.

No disposition has been made of the .45 Smith and Wesson pistol, on which the numbers had been removed.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Furvis

M. H. FURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

LC/dr

Chicago, Illinois,
April 30, 1934.

MEMORANDUM:

Special Agent in Charge Gus T. Jones, San Antonio, Texas, advised by long distance telephone at 9:45 this morning, with reference to tracing of super-automatic #14130, that a Jew by the name of Lehman, in the harness and saddler business at San Antonio, also handles guns, although he has no license to handle guns. He has about 100 guns in his possession. Lehman admitted to Mr. Gus Jones that he, Lehman, shipped this gun to Joseph Bennett, at 3242 18th Ave., South, Minneapolis. Jones has already advised the St. Paul Office of this.

In June of last year, a man known as Jimmy Williams and described as age 26 or 27, height 5 feet 5 inches, weight 135 pounds, light complexioned, light brown hair, small blonde mustache, came to San Antonio accompanied by a man by the name of Keith, who at that time went by the name of Fisher, and who was with Tommy Carroll at the time Carroll killed a City Detective in San Antonio. Carroll got away, but Keith was taken back to St. Paul and is in the penitentiary now, serving eight years on a Post Office Robbery Charge. The St. Paul Office has a file on Keith, as E. L. Keith, alias Fisher, and Tommy Carroll is mentioned in this file. At that time these two men came to San Antonio, stayed about a week, and bought from Lehman two Thompson guns and two super-automatics. Jimmy Williams came back in September of last year at which time he bought two more super-automatics, two 380's and ordered all the machine guns he could get. In June he went out to El Paso and got three Thompson guns and went back later and got three more. Lehman says that in October Jimmy Williams left word for him to ship the Thompson guns to the address given above in Minneapolis.

In November, five of the boys showed up in San Antonio - Tommy Carroll, Keith, Jimmy Williams, a man giving the name of Tommy McGannon, and Wayne Ruttner. Ruttner has been identified as Homer Van Meter. These boys had women with them at the time. Jimmy Williams' wife, who was called Helen, is described as age 25 years, height about 5 feet 1 inch, weight about 105 or 110, blonde hair (apparently natural), fair complexion. Wayne's wife was about 19 or 20 years old, very attractive petit type, about 5 feet 1 or 2 inches tall, does not weigh much over 105 or 110 pounds, dark eyes, dark hair, olive complexion, appears as though she might be part Indian, was called Marie.

In a conversation that was overheard, Jimmy Williams wife called him "Les".

In June when Jimmy Williams and Keith came down, they had a woman with them and a little boy about five years old, who they called Ronnie. At that time there was a woman with them, a matronly looking old woman about 55 years old, with grey hair. She never got out of the car. Lehman was shown

a picture of Mother Barker, but couldn't identify it. Jimmy's wife was back with them when they came back in the fall, but the old woman never came back.

Letman keeps no records whatever; consequently hasn't the numbers of any of the guns.

Mr. Jones advised that he hasn't been able to find out where Jimmy Williams stayed while in San Antonio. Keith was at the Aurora Apartments, but was there alone. At the time the police attempted to arrest Carroll, they didn't know that these other men were there and this was just learned in the last few days. Letman has been filed on for having in his possession a Government gun. He buys his gun from a firm by the name of Wolf & Klar, at Fort Worth, Texas. This is the worst outfit in the south and is the biggest arms dealer in the entire south. They deal mostly in secondhand firearms.

Tommy McGamon is described as about 32 or 33; height about 5 feet 6 or 9 inches; face rough, has appearance of pock marked but should not be confused as plain pock marks, light complexion, brown hair, had women with him around 33 to 35 years of age, heavy build, light yellow hair, rough complexion, about 5 feet 5 inches tall, had a little blonde haired girl about 5 years old.

Special Agent in Charge Jones desired that he be furnished, immediately, with photographs of the women taken at Rhinelander, Wisconsin; also wishes a picture of Pat Reilly and the numbers of the guns taken at Rhinelander.

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June 5, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

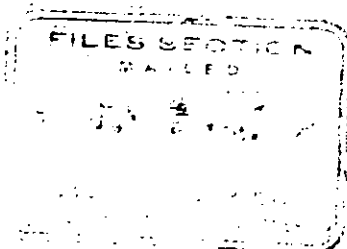
Reference is made to your letter dated May 1, 1934 submitting a list of firearms which were seized near Rhineland, Wisconsin in the Dillinger case.

It is noted that the .38 Calibre Special Smith and Wesson Revolver, Serial No. 576426, and the .38 Calibre Smith and Wesson Revolver with a .44 frame, Serial No. 48399, have been definitely established as being the property of the Warsaw, Indiana Police Department. Inasmuch as these two firearms have been definitely identified as the property of the referred to Police Department, they should be returned to that Department and appropriate receipts taken therefor.

The other arms listed in your letter may, for the time being, be retained in your office.

Very truly yours,

Director.



DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

Room 318 5731 1934.

To: ☒ Director *Am-5h*
☒ Mr. Nathan
☐ Mr. Edwards
☐ Mr. Cowley
☐ Mr. Lester
☐ Miss Gandy
☐ Mrs. Kelley
☐ Chief, Unit
☒ Mr. Baughman
☐ Chief Clerk
☐ Personnel Files
☐ Files
☐ Equipment Section
☐ Supervisor, Steno. Pool
☐ Miss Sheaffer

See me

Send file

*I believe they
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to Police Dept
when properly
identified*

Clyde Tolson.

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From: Unit #1

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To: ☐ Director
☐ Mr. Nathan
☒ Mr. Tolson
☐ Mr. Hughes
☐ Unit Two
☐ Unit Four
☐ Files Section
☐ Personnel Files Section
☐ Chief Clerk's Office
☐ Identification Unit
☐ Mr. Cowley
☐ Mr. Little
☐ Mr. Newby
☐ Mr. Stapleton
☐ Miss Gandy
☐ Mrs. Skillman
☐ Stenographic Pool
☐ For transmittal to Board
of Parole
☐ Mr.

*What do you think
should the sum
stolen by Dittmer from
Warsaw Police Dept
be returned to Warsaw
or sent in here?*

T. F. Baughman

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From Chief Clerk's Office Room 432

5/18 1934.

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. Baughman

Do you not think
sent in?

Ward
Chief Clerk.

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OK CGO

OK WASH

ST PAUL MINN 5-1-34
DIRECTOR AND PURVIS

DR MAYS BLONDE GIRL FRIEND DOLORES SMART HAS JUST FURNISHED STATEMENT THE
THS DR MAY HAD DATE WITH HER SATURDAY NIGHT 3-31-34 BUT HE DID NOT
ARRIVE UNTIL ABOUT 11 P M AND HE EXPLAINED THAT HE HAD EARNED \$500.00
55 THAT NIGHT BUT NEVER MENTIONED DILLINGERS NAME. SHE THEN WENT
WITH THE DOCTOR TO EDDIE GREENS HOUSE AND SHE HEARD EDDIE TELL THE MD
NOT TO TELL THE GIRL ABOUT IT SHE AT THAT TIME SAW WEAPONS INCLUDING
A MACHINE GUN IN GREENS APARTMENT
AGENTS INVESTIGATING AT EAU CLAIRE WISC TODAY LEARNED THAT THE WIRE
TO CHERRINGTON AT CHICAGO WAS DELIVERED TO AGENT BY PORTER OF PARLOR
CAR ON TRAIN TO ARRIVE AT CHICAGO AT 8 05 PM TODAY EVIDENTLY THIS WAS
MESSAGE SEND BY PAT CHERRINGTON FOUND AT CHGO ENROUTE TO DETROIT

THE LEAD ON LOCATION OF PLACE WHERE MACHINE GUNDS WERE SHIPPED FROM SAN
ANTONIO TEXAS SHOWS THAT THE ADDRESS TO WHICH THE GUNDS WERE SHIPPED
IS THE SAME ADDRESS AS SHOWN ON I O NO. 1224
FOR TOMMY CARROLLS WIFE ALTHO THE HOUSE REPORTED VACANT FOR SEVERAL MONTH
WITH NO FORWARDING ADDRESS. THE LISTER OCCUPANT WAS RECORDED IN DIRECTO
DIRECTORY AS BEING A DRIVER IN 1933 AND A MECHANIST IN 1934////////1932
THIS MAY BE A MACHINIST WHO REPAIRS MACHINE GUNS AND THIS LEAD WILL BE
FOLLOWED CLOSELY

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625 Lafayette Bldg.
Detroit Michigan
May 1, 1934

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
370 Lexington Avenue, Room 1403
New York City, New York

Dear Sir:

Confirming my telephone conversation with
Special Agent Val C. Zimmer today, please be advised that
Mr. Cowley of the Division called here stating that a
Mrs. William Whitten of Cardinal, Ontario, Canada had
written a letter to a Chicago police officer, name unknown,
to the effect that JOHN DILLINGER is now in Cardinal. Upon
consulting a map of Ontario, it was found that Cardinal is
located west of Montreal and near Ottawa. Hence, the in-
formation was transmitted to your office for appropriate
attention.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

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MAY 1 1934

WM LARSON
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
625 LAFAYETTE BUILDING
DETROIT MICHIGAN

JOHN DILLINGER NMVTA PHOTOGRAPH OF IZZIE KAPLAN ALIAS IZZIE

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Mr. E. S. Haycraft,
Sheriff, Audrain County,
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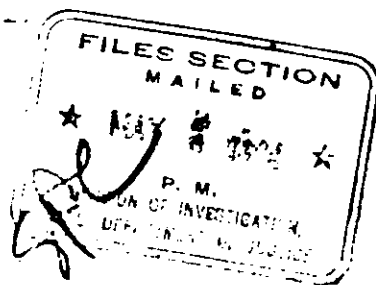
My dear Sheriff:

Pursuant to your request of April 30, 1934,
there is attached a copy of this Division's Identification
Order #1217, John Dillinger, with aliases.

Sincerely yours,

Director.

Enclosure #54294



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

April 30, 1934.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

I called the Chicago office relative to the article in the Washington News of today relative to a gun battle had yesterday in Chicago with George Nelson. Agent Peterson stated that two officers tried to stop a car which went through a red light; that they ran them down; that they stopped at a filling station and when they started to question the men in the car one of them hammered an officer over the head with a machine gun and they escaped; that one of them was supposed to have been identified as Baby Face Nelson. Agent Peterson stated that the Chicago office has Agents working on the matter now and as soon as they get the details relative to the case they will advise the Division by teletype.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley
S. P. Cowley.

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May 2, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
370 Lexington Avenue, Room 1403,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

In connection with the case entitled John Dillinger,
with aliases, I.O. #1217, et al; National Motor Vehicle
Theft Act, reference is made to your letter dated April 9,
1934, submitting a one-cent postal card addressed to the
Daily News signed "J.D. Dillinger".

Approximately ten latent fingerprints were developed
on the postal card in the Division laboratory and have been
compared with the fingerprints of John Dillinger, our file
#688382, with negative results.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

April 30, 1934.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

In connection with the information telephoned to the Division on April 26, 1934, by Special Agent Burruss to the effect that a telegram had been sent from White Sulphur, West Virginia, on April 25, to John Dillinger, c/o train #6, I telephoned Mr. Pennington on the 26th, who advised that he would contact the Pittsburgh office and request that said office endeavor to determine the identity of the sender of this telegram, and that he would also make an investigation at Staunton, Virginia.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley
S. P. Cowley.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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

May 1, 1934.

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MR NATHAN
MR. LOSON
MR. C. F. O'D.
MR. COWLEY
MR. HOWARDS
MR. JOAN
MR. QUINN
MR. L. B.
MR. CLERK
MR. ROBER

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Waters called from Chicago and advised that he had just received a call from Lieutenant John Howe, of the Chicago Police Department,

Mr. Waters asked what disposition should be made of two of the guns taken by the Division at Wisconsin which belong to the Police Department at Warsaw. He stated that this Police Department had three bullet proof vests stolen from it and the Division recovered five such vests at Wisconsin and he inquired as to whether the three vests should be returned. Mr. Purvis also talked to the writer in connection with this matter and stated that he was of the opinion that it would be better if the Division contacted the Police Department at Warsaw and advised that the guns and vests had been recovered, than to have the Warsaw Police Department make inquiry of the Division.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley
S. P. Cowley.

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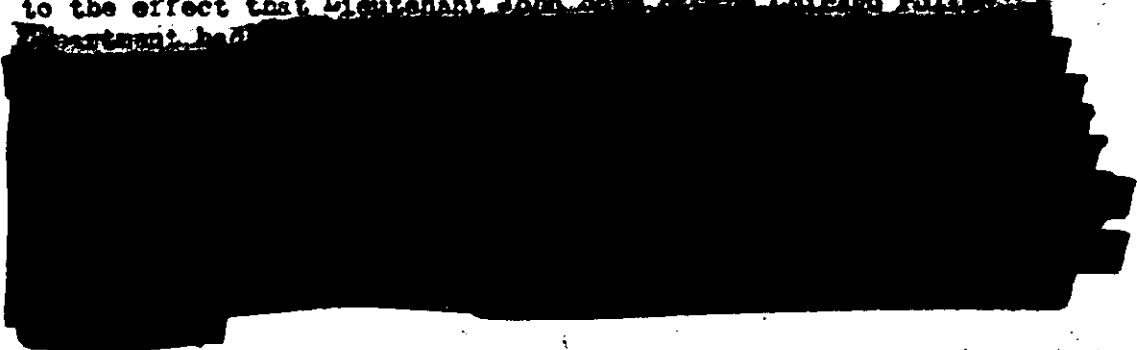
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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
1700 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to telephonic information furnished
Mr. Cowley of the Division on May 1, 1934 by Special Agent Waters
to the effect that Lieutenant John Hays of the Chicago Police
Department had

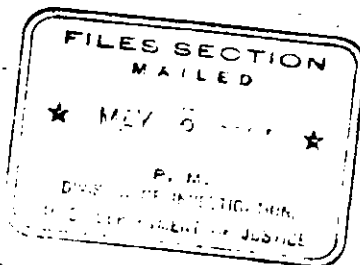


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Very truly yours,

Director.

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

New York City
8 PM
May 1st, 1934
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GUS T. JONES
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
1216 SMITH YOUNG TOWER BUILDING
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

JOHN DILLINGER ETAL COLE FACTORY HARTFORD CONNECTICUT
ADVISE 3 FORTYFIVE CALIBRE AUTOMATIC SIXTEEN NINETEEN
SEVEN AND SHIPPED TO GOLF AND KLAN FORT WORTH TEXAS
FEBRUARY TWENTYSECOND NINETEEN THIRTY TWO FORTYFIVE
CALIBRE NATIONAL MATCH AUTOMATIC SEVENTEEN THREE
SIX NINE SEVEN SHIPPED FOR ACCOUNT OF GOLF AND KLAN TO
H S LUNGAN SAN ANTONIO MONTHS TWENTYSECOND NINETEEN
THIRTY THREE DALLAS REQUESTED TO TRACE AND ADVISE YOU

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Passaic, N. J.
April 26, 1934.

Dept. of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Mr. Hoover.

Dear Sir:

Did you ever think that by letting the newspapers give out all news about the doings of the Federal Agents working on the Dillinger case that it has done more harm than good. Now when a person gives out any information about Dillinger, it is in the papers giving their names and addresses. So that the gang, can come back and plug these people who give out news.

As a Veteran of the World War, and as having a little detective experience, I believe this gang can be taken in 48 to 72 hours. if the Federal Agents would run a false story in the paper saying that Dillinger was seen in other parts. and that all Gov. Agents were being rushed to these parts. it would throw the gang off guard. And therefore the Gov. men could close in on them. I am quite sure they could take him. And above all do not publish names of persons giving information.

Very Truly Yours,

(S) FRANCIS E. THOMPSON

246 Autumn St.
Passaic, N. J.

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Mr. Francis L. Thompson,
246 Autumn Street,
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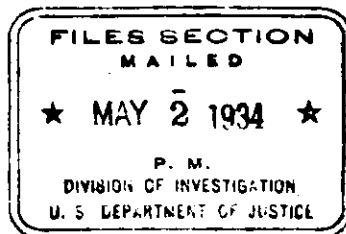
Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated April 26, 1934 offering a suggestion for the purpose of causing the apprehension of John Dillinger.

The interest manifested by you in this matter is greatly appreciated and your suggestion will be given careful consideration.

Very truly yours,

Director.



DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

JEH:HCB:ps

MESSAGE TO BE TRANSMITTED BY TELETYPEWRITER.

MAY 2 1934

TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT CHICAGO

PLEASE ADVISE WHAT STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN BY YOUR OFFICE TO
COVER INFORMATION AT IRONWOOD MICHIGAN WHICH WAS REPORTED
TO YOU BY SAC CONNELLEY AND WHICH INDICATED THAT DILLINGER
MIGHT POSSIBLY BE IN THAT VICINITY

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 To
OFFICIAL INDICATED BELOW BY CHECK MARK

Attorney General _____
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 Assistant to Attorney General Stanley _____
 Assistant Attorney General Wideman _____
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 Assistant Attorney General Sweeney _____
 Assistant Solicitor General MacLean _____
 Mr. Stewart _____
 Director, Division of Investigation _____
 Mr. Bates, Director, Bureau of Prisons _____
 Division of Accounts _____
 Chief Clerk _____
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 Division of Supplies _____
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 Mr. Ridgely _____
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 Mr. Fisher _____
 Mr. Ramsey _____
 Mr. Brabner Smith _____
 Mr. Morrison _____
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 Mr. Norris _____
 Mr. Gottshall _____
 Miss Brookley _____
 Miss Broomhead _____

MEMORANDUM

MR. NATHAN _____
 MR. TOLSON _____
 MR. CLEGG _____
 MR. COWLEY _____
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 MR. EGAN _____
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DRUAR AND MILINOWSKI
CONSULTING ENGINEERS

500-505 Globe Bldg. Fourth &
Cedar - Saint Paul, Minn.

April 23, 1934

Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I have been thinking over the Dillinger case and have come to the conclusion that perhaps Dillinger and a great many other outlaws are traveling about the country in alcohol trucks or other trucks fitted up to meet their convenience. I know that police and sheriffs are lax in the inspection of such trucks as the alcohol traffic is still a very lucrative business and I believe a great many county officials are not doing their duty in this respect. At any rate you can see the possibilities of such travel when there is practically no inspection of any of the trucks. As a matter of fact any of the trucks could be fitted up to be a regular travelling fortress and this mode of travel would account for the ease in which Dillinger seems to slip around the country.

Very sincerely,

(s) John F. Druar

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Mr. John F. Druey,
500-505 Globe Building,
Fourth and Cedar Streets,
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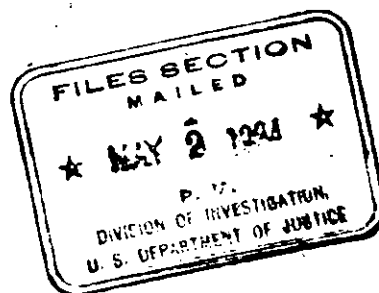
Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of
April 23, 1934, suggesting a method to be used in ef-
fecting the apprehension of John Dillinger.

The interest manifested by you in this matter
is greatly appreciated and your suggestion will be given
due consideration.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. COWLEY.

On May 1, 1934 I interviewed Mr. T. F. Kinder, who was referred to me by Mrs. Skillman. Mr. Kinder had no specific address, but stated that he traveled all over the United States as well as Canada, Mexico and Alaska. He stated that no one was more familiar with the country, especially the Twin Cities, Chicago and Denver, Colorado than he. It appeared that Mr. Kinder was drawing compensation from the Veterans' Administration and he stated that he could be reached through this Department at any time.

At the outset of the interview Mr. Kinder advised me that he had been a close friend of Mr. V. W. Hughes, deceased; that he was also acquainted with Mr. Harold Nathan, as well as United States Attorney Carr at Denver, Colorado. Mr. Kinder had very little to say, but appeared to be merely paying his respects to the Division. However, after continued questioning, he finally stated that he was now interested in effecting the apprehension of John Dillinger, which he was positive he could do. When asked how he would effect such, he stated that he had a method all of his own and would give no specific information. He did state that he would proceed to the State of Indiana and possibly from there to Chicago, Illinois and Twin Cities. Mr. Kinder stated that if the Division would pay his expenses, he would personally arrest Dillinger in a short time.

I advised Mr. Kinder that if he could furnish information as to Dillinger's whereabouts and such information resulted in his location, the Division would not only pay his expenses, but would pay him for the time he had expended.

Mr. Kinder then departed apparently satisfied and stated he would proceed to Chicago and if he obtained any information would contact Special Agent in Charge Purvis.

Respectfully,

T. N. Stapleton

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St. Louis, Missouri

May 1, 1934

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
P. O. Box 25
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

RE: JOHN DILLINGER, with aliases
FUGITIVE I. O. #1217;
JOHN HAMILTON, with aliases
I. O. #1220;
HOMER VIN KETTER, with aliases
I. O. #1222; et al;
NAT'L. MOTOR VEHICLE TRSF ACT;
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

Confirming telephone conversation between Special Agent F. F. Yearsley of this office, and Special Agent Nicholson of the St. Paul Division Office, on the night of April 29, 1934, relative to the identity of the individual to whom 1934 Illinois license No. 759-085 was issued, please be advised that this Illinois license was issued on March 29, 1934 to one, Henry L. Bartoli, Bannockburn, Deerfield, Lake County, Illinois, for a Dodge Coupe, Motor No. DD44326, Serial No. D 256KY, Model DD, six cylinder automobile. Further, that this automobile was purchased new on June 15, 1931, from Matherson Brothers, Highland Park, Illinois upon a conditional bill of sale.

The Notary Public appearing upon the application for 1934 Illinois registration, is A. B. Cummings, probably an employee in the office of the Secretary of State at Chicago, Illinois, where the above license plates were issued over the counter.

1933 Illinois license No. 1,125,212 were issued for this automobile.

The above information was obtained by Special Agent G. B. Norris of this office at Springfield, Illinois on the evening of April 29, 1934.

Very truly yours,

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Special Agent in Charge

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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Washington, D. C.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Agent Nathan called from Buffalo and stated that Agent Doherty, who had been sent to Cardinal, Ontario, Canada, to interview a woman there who had stated that she was positive that Dillinger was in Cardinal, had just called him and stated that he had interviewed the woman; that she stated she had seen Dillinger in Cardinal a week ago last Friday on the street; that she did not see him with anyone else; that she could not describe him but stated that she had seen Dillinger's picture in the paper and she was positive that it was Dillinger that she had seen. Agent Doherty stated that this woman has been suffering from a mental disorder and that he is positive that she is mentally deranged. He was instructed to have Agent Doherty return to Buffalo.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley
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MEMORANDUM

MR. NATHAN.....
MR. TOLSON.....
MR. CLEGG.....
MR. COWLEY.....
MR. EDW. RDS.....
MR. EGAN.....
MR. QUINN.....
MR. LES. BR.....
CHIEF CLERK.....
MR. RORER.....

Mr. Purvis telephoned this afternoon. He stated that F. G. Layton, of Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin, had just telephoned him, and advised that there is a green Hudson sedan with Indiana license plates on it in a parking lot in Wisconsin Rapids, having been there for several days. Layton had checked the license plates and ascertained they were issued to the Universal Institute at Fort Wayne, Indiana, for a Chrysler instead of a Hudson. He advised Mr. Purvis that the gas station attendant had just received a call, instructing him to deliver this car to a point near Rudolph, which is just above Wisconsin Rapids, and instructed that it be delivered after dark tonight. There is a grip in the rear of the car, bearing the initials "L.J.K." Mr. Purvis stated he had tried to get in touch with Mr. Rorer, but he is in Iron Mountain, Mich. I agreed with Mr. Purvis' suggestion that he have several Agents cover this matter tonight. Wisconsin Rapids is approximately 250 miles from Chicago, but only about 80 or 90 miles from the point where Agents Suran, Medalla, Rhodes, and Melvin are located. Mr. Purvis said Agent Suran advised him that Mr. Rorer had gone to a hospital in Iron Mountain to see the men who were wounded, and he, Mr. Suran, was unable to get in touch with him. I instructed Mr. Purvis to again try to locate Mr. Rorer and instruct him to handle this detail, but that if he wasn't successful again, to instruct Mr. Suran to proceed to Wisconsin Rapids with these Agents and get the Sheriff to accompany them.

After searching our files for a record of Mr. Layton, referred to above, I telephoned Mr. Purvis and advised him that Layton is an applicant; that under date of February 19, 1934, he wrote me a long letter, copy of which was sent to Mr. Rorer at St. Paul, directing him to interview Layton because he apparently had some information which might be of value in the Bremer case; that according to his application, Layton has been in the investigative business since 1921; that he was arrested for obtaining money under false pretenses, but upon trial was found not guilty. I read the letter to Mr. Purvis, in which Layton claims to have information concerning the Lindbergh, Hamm and Bremer cases.

During telephonic conversation this afternoon Mr. Clegg advised that Mr. Rorer was at Ironwood, Michigan, interviewing the wounded men in the hospital there; that there were only four Agents left in that territory besides Mr. Rorer, and that Mr. Rorer had planned to release two of them to Chicago tonight. I told him I had ordered these Agents to take care of the lead at Wisconsin Rapids.

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May 1, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. J. W. GARDNER,
GENERAL AGENT AND CHIEF CLERK.

There are transmitted herewith voucher in favor of Paul C. Williams, in the amount of \$175.00, for the charter of an airplane from Los Angeles, California, to Tucson, Arizona, and voucher in the amount of \$632.00, in favor of Blue Bird Air Transport, Inc., for the charter of three planes by Special Agents assigned to the Chicago office of this Division.

In explanation of the voucher for air transportation to Tucson, Arizona, you are advised that this was necessitated by an urgent investigation which required the earliest possible presence of three Special Agents from the Los Angeles office of this Division. The exigencies of the case were such that the investigation would have been defeated had the Agents delayed their departure until a plane flying on regular schedule could be utilized. Accordingly, the Special Agent in Charge at Los Angeles was instructed to charter the plane for which this charge is made, and proceed to Tucson, this being the fastest means of transportation available.

With regard to the planes chartered from Blue Bird Air Transport, Inc., you are advised that this means of transportation was imperative in connection with the Dillinger investigation. The nature of the case required that the fastest means of transportation be used, and chartered planes were necessary in order that the Agents could proceed to any locality, if necessitated by that investigation.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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AGENT VAN WAGONER TELEPHONED TONIGHT THAT NO INFORMATION HAS BEEN DEVELOPED AS YET INDICATING DILLINGER AND GANG ARE IN VICINITY OF IRONWOOD, MICHIGAN.

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~~WAS THE FIGURE (PHONED) SEE YOU TONIGHT THIS IS 660 MAY 1 1934~~

~~ADV. THE CLERK ON FILE FOR THE 660~~

FURTHER INVESTIGATION IN PROGRESS. ARRANGEMENTS MADE TODAY WITH INFORMANT RESIDING FOX RIVER GROVE TO FURNISH INFORMATION REGARDING LOUIS CERNOCKYS PLACE WITH REFERENCE TO LOCATION PEARL ELLIOTT, DILLINGER CONTACT. SAC CONNELLEY DESIRED INFORMATION CONVEEXXX CONCERNING WHETHER DEWEY ELLIOTT HUSBAND OF PEARL HAS BEEN RETURNED MICHIGAN CITY PENITENTIARY INVESTIGATION DEVELOPED THE DEWEY ELLIOTT IN MICHIGAN CITY PENITENTIARY IS NOT HUSBAND PEARL. FORD COACH PROPERTY ROY P. FRANCIS ST. PAUL FOUND ABANDONED CHICAGO TODAY. CONTAINED MATCH BOOKS WITH NAME WANATKA, LITTLE BOHEMIA LODGE. ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION IN PROGRESS

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REKID

SLIM IDENTIFIED AS ROY GRAY, WIFE ESTELLE GRAY, AND BROTHER IN LAW NAME NOT KNOWN HAVE APARTMENT AT 626 WAVELAND AVE CHICAGO, SAID PARTIES NOT SEEN SINCE LAST FRIDAY, BUT PERHAPS WILL RETURN SINCE THEY HAVE EXPENSIVE FURNISHINGS IN APARTMENT. SLIM IS DRIVING 1934 FORD

MR. NATHAN...
MR. TOLSON...
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V-8 COUPE. ESTELLE GRAY HAS A 1932 BUICK SEDAN NOW PARKED AT GRACE-
LAND GARAGE 3729 BROADWAY. PARTY FITTING DESCRIPTION OF IZZY, KNOWN
AS SAM MILLER PARKS HIS 1934 FORD V-8 COACH IN SAME GARAGE. SAME
MILLER BROUGHT TO GRXXX GARAGE BY GRAY. APARTMENT OF GRAY RAIDED
TONIGHT. EVIDENCE FIVEXXX FOUND LINKING HIM DEFINITELY WITH DR.
MORAN. AGENTS ON DUTY AT GARAGE. WILL FOLLOW ALL LEADS CAREFULLY.
ARTICLES SEIZED WILL BE EXAMINED FOR LATENT PRINTS UNLESS DIVISION
DESIRES US TO FORWARD ARTICLES TO WASHINGTON IMMEDIATELY. AGENTS
BROWN, NICHOLS, FALKNER AND CROWL PROCEEDED TO ST. PAUL TONIGHT TO
PRESENT RANSOM MONEY MATTER TO GRAND JURY TOMORROW.

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WAIT A MOMENT MESSAGE FROM ST PAUL ARE YOU

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BRKID

INFORMATION AVAILABLE HERE THAT ONE GRAY FIRST NAME NOT AT PRESENT KNOWN
IS BROTHER IN LAW OF HARRY SAWYER OF STPAUL AND MPLS WHO IS SUSPECTED
AS A FINGER MAN IN BREMER KIDNAPPING

DILLINGER CASE

HOUSE WHERE IT WAS BELIEVED THAT PAT ~~CHERRINGTON~~ DEPARTED FROM MPLS
ENROUTE TO CGO AND DETROIT WAS ENTERED TONIGHT AND INDICATIONS ARE THAT
THIS IS A CASE OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY AND THAT WOMAN WHO LEFT THIS PARTICU-
LAR HOUSE WAS GOING TO CHICAGO TO VISIT HER SISTER CHICAGO HAS BEEN
FURNISHED NAMES AND ADDRESSES FOR VERIFICATION THE DETROIT OFFICE
WAS NOTIFIED OF THIS FACT.

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NEXT WEEK. CHARGES AGAINST MCLAUGHLIN ET AL IN BREKID CASE TO BE
PRESENTED TO GRAND JURY HERE TOMORROW MORNING AS WELL AS A WHITE SEAVE
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CLEGG

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CGO CAN YOU GIVE US LICENSE TAGS ON BUICK CAR AT GRACELAND GARAGE ABOVE
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TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT CHICAGO ILL

CHAIRMAN SYKES FEDERAL RADIO COMMISSION WILL TELEGRAPHICALLY INSTRUCT
OFFICE OF RADIO COMMISSION IN CHICAGO FIRST THING IN THE MORNING TO
COOPERATE WITH DIVISION AND RENDER EVERY ASSISTANCE POSSIBLE THROUGH
THE USE OF THE RADIO TEST CAR IN AN EFFORT TO LOCATE THE UNLICENSED
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*John G. Sullivan
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REPORT MADE AT: DETROIT, MICHIGAN	DATE WHEN MADE: 5/2/34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 4/30&5/1/34	REPORT MADE BY: M. W. MEEKINS
TITLE: JOHN HERBERT DILLINGER, with aliases - FUGITIVE; I. O. 1217; JOHN HAMILTON, with alias, I. O. 1220; HOMER VAN METER, with aliases, I. O. 1222, et al			CHARACTER OF CASE: NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject John Hamilton's two minor sons questioned by Toledo school authorities for information concerning their father and relatives resulting in information that sons are of impression that father is dead. No additional information obtained through this source. Inquiries in vicinity of 1008 1/2 East Bancroft Street result in information indicating that Subject Hamilton and others have not visited relatives residing at that address.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, Detroit, Michigan, dated April 17, 1934.

DETAILS:

Through Mr. R. E. Dugdale, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Board of Education, Toledo, Ohio, Miss Grace McLean, Principal, Sherman Public School, questioned Subject John Hamilton's two sons Orville and Howard in such a manner as to permit Agent's observation of the same. The following information was obtained from Orville Hamilton:

That he presently resides with his grandmother, Mrs. Elander Kimble at 1008 1/2 East Bancroft Street, Toledo, Ohio, where they have lived since moving to Toledo from Detroit, Michigan, some four years ago, except for a period of three or four months, at which time they lived somewhere on Ashwood Street, Toledo; that also residing at 1008 1/2 East Bancroft are their aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde (Esther) Varnes; uncles, Albert Stevenson, single, employed at intervals by the Sam Davis Coal Company of

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Toledo, Ohio; George Stevenson, single, age 36; Joseph Stevenson, single; Jack Stevenson, single; that when his older brother Howard was born at Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, Howard was given to the grandmother, Mrs. Elander Kimble, who is 82 years of age, to raise; that all of the relatives of Hamilton and Mrs. Kimble reside at Sault Ste. Marie and in that immediate vicinity; that about 11 or 12 years ago the Hamilton family moved to Detroit, Michigan, where they resided for a period of time, at which place he, Orville Hamilton, was born and where his mother died a very short time after his birth; that his father John Hamilton then gave him, Orville, also to his grandmother to raise, and that two or three years after his mother's death his father, John Hamilton, died and that they were both buried in the same grave in a cemetery in Detroit, Michigan. Orville Hamilton also informed that he had an uncle Claude Hamilton who lives somewhere in Cleveland and whom he had seen only once in two or three years, and knows nothing about him.

When questioned for further information as to relatives of the Hamiltons and Kimbles Orville Hamilton was unable to give any information. He is only about ten years of age and informed that his grandmother and uncles did not discuss their relatives any around him.

Howard Hamilton was also questioned under the same circumstances, and he appears as a delinquent boy of about twelve years of age. In response to questioning he was unable to furnish any additional information. He appears to be dense and sluggish and it was quite apparent that he had no information in his possession. He also informed when questioned as to the whereabouts of his father John Hamilton that his father was dead and that his father and mother were buried in a joint grave in Detroit, Michigan; that he as well as his brother Orville does not recall ever having seen his father. When questioned as to possible visitors at 1008 1/2 East Bancroft, both Hamilton boys informed that the family had no visitors in three or four years except on one occasion when the uncle, Claude Hamilton, stopped in to buy them a couple of sticks of candy, saying at that time that he was on his way to Cleveland, Ohio. Both of the boys informed that their family is on the city welfare and that none of the uncles have been employed for some little time now, and are presently relying on city help for their existence, including clothing. They also informed that they never hear their grandmother or uncles speak of their father or mother very much.

Mr. Julius Petsch, Manager, Kroger Store, 1002 East Bancroft Street, Toledo, Ohio, was interviewed and he informed that since the occasion of his last interview he has had several opportunities to question the two Hamilton boys concerning information of their family and father, but that they seemed to know nothing about him, and had informed that their father was dead and that they do not recall ever having seen him; that apparently the two boys returned home and told their grandmother of the conversation they had had with the storekeeper and the questions he had

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propounded and a short time afterward the grandmother came over and wanted to know why he was questioning the two boys concerning John Hamilton.

Mrs. F. J. Randle, 1015 East Bancroft Street, Toledo, Ohio, was interviewed and she informed that she has lived at this address for approximately 15 years; that some three or three and a half years ago the Kimble family including the Stevensons moved to 1008 1/2 East Bancroft Street where they have resided continuously since; that Mrs. Kimble's first husband was a man by the name of Stevenson, now deceased, who was killed in a railroad wreck years ago; that the remaining members resided at 1008 1/2 East Bancroft, including her sons by her first marriage, and her daughter, who is married to Clyde Varnes; that it has been rumored in the neighborhood that one of Mrs. Kimble's daughters married John Hamilton who was a cohort of Subject Dillinger, and this daughter was dead and is reported to have been buried somewhere in Detroit, Michigan; that since the instant matter arose due to the great amount of newspaper publicity she has watched the premises of 1008 1/2 East Bancroft from a standpoint of curiosity and that she has not observed any strangers visiting there nor have there been any strange automobiles observed near the premises, and that she is of the opinion that Subject John Hamilton is not in communication with the grandmother, Mrs. Elander Kimble.

Mrs. Henry Schultz, 1010 East Bancroft Street, was interviewed and she informed that Mrs. Kimble's correct name is Eleanor Kimble and that Mrs. Kimble with her sons and daughter and son-in-law moved to 1008 1/2 East Bancroft about three and one-half years ago, having moved to Toledo a very few weeks prior thereto from Detroit, Michigan, and that they have resided at that address continuously since; that from time to time she has visited with Mrs. Kimble and has talked to her concerning her sons; that however Mrs. Kimble has not mentioned any of her relatives but that she understands those she does have reside at Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan; that Mrs. Kimble has never referred to John Hamilton that she can recall, but knows that Mrs. Kimble has a daughter who is dead and that the two sons, Orville and Howard, are sons of that deceased daughter. Mrs. Schultz was unable to furnish any information concerning the Kimbles, Mrs. Kimble's residence in Detroit, Michigan, or the cemetery in which John Hamilton and his wife are reported to be buried in a joint grave; that she recalls that Mrs. Kimble attended a funeral of some relative during August of 1933 at Sault Ste. Marie; that she has observed no strangers or strange automobiles around the premises of 1008 1/2 East Bancroft, and she is of the opinion that Subjects of the instant file have not visited at that address.

Copies of the Identification Orders of Subjects John Dillinger, John Hamilton, Lester M. Gillis, Thomas Leonard Carroll, Albert W. Reilly and a group photograph of the Karpis gang were exhibited to both Mrs. Schultz and Mrs. Randle and they informed after a careful study that none of those individuals had been observed in that vicinity.

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Surveillance of the premises 1008¹/₂ East Bancroft Street at intervals for a period of several days failed to develop any unusual activities at that address. It was observed however that a model 1927 or 1928 blue Buick sedan bearing 1934 Ohio plates C-28018 was parked in the side lot of that address. This car appears to be in very poor condition and it is doubtful if an extended trip could be made therein. A check of the Automobile Detail, Police Department, Toledo, Ohio, by telephone resulted in information that the above described car was licensed on April 7, 1934, by Clyde Varnes, 1008¹/₂ East Bancroft, and bore motor number 1636290, serial number 1595713.

No undeveloped lead is being set out for the Chicago Office to conduct further inquiries at Sault Ste. Marie in an effort to develop further information concerning the relatives of Mrs. Eleanor Kimble and John Hamilton, the same being left to the discretion of that office.

P E N D I N G

1900 Bankers Building
Chicago Illinois

May 2, 1934

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

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

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted, herewith, copies of a letter dated April 30, 1934, from one, Edward T. Heath, 17439 Woodford Avenue, Lakewood-Cleveland, Ohio, in which Mr. Heath states that he is in possession of information which might be of value in effecting the location and apprehension of John Dillinger and members of his gang.

The letter from Mr. Heath is forwarded to you for whatever consideration may be deemed advisable.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge.

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C O P Y

17439 Woodford Avenue,
Lakewood-Cleveland, O.
April 30, 1934

Mr. Melvin E. Purvis,
Dept. of Justice,
Federal Building,
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Mr. Purvis:

I have worked out a plan whereby John Dillinger may be worked into a trap and captured. This plan does not include just the capture of John Dillinger, for I believe it will also lead to the capture of several other members of his mob, if worked right.

You already have the chief material needed within your hands now. It must be put to use and if this is done, within thirty days you will have John Dillinger and members of his mob under arrest and safely locked behind the bars.

I suggest that you come to Cleveland and I will explain to you in detail. I should be very glad to meet you in Room 420 of the Federal Building here, which is the office of the United States Secret Service, but however, I truly believe it would be better if you came directly to my home at the address above. The meeting place is up to you.

May I suggest that you come personally, so if you approve of this plan it can be put into operation at once as there will be some arrangements made in Ohio with State Officials. You will clearly understand why I do not mention the plan in this letter, as one slip or error will spoil its usefulness to you and the Government.

My telephone number is Boulevard 3037-W

Very sincerely yours,

EDWARD T. HEATH

P.S. I do not believe that John Dillinger is dead, no doubt he may have been wounded and is in hiding, the material we have will lead us to him.

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DIRECTOR

JOHN DILLINGER FUGITIVE MNVT I HAVE RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM MR BUTTERFIELD OF THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY THAT ONE GEORGE BAECHTOLD KNOWS BABY FACE NELSON QUITE WELL AND I HAVE SINCE TALKED TO BAECHTOLD AND I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE WISE TO EMPLOY HIM AS A CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT HE IS WILLING TO WORK IN THIS CAPACITY AT THE RATE OF \$ 8.00 PER DAY PLEASE GRANT THE AUTHORITY TO SO EMPLOY HIM

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MR. ROBER...

MEMO. ANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I talked with Mr. Clegg at St. Paul and advised him that Mr. Larson had been communicated with and he advised that he did not believe Pat Cherrington was aware of the fact that she was being kept under surveillance; that in view of this information, he was directed not to conduct the raid at Detroit tonight for the purpose of taking her and Opel Long into custody, and that neither should he raid the place at St. Paul from which Pat Cherrington left, but that it should be kept under close observation and the telephone wires tapped until further notice.

Mr. Clegg advised that Pat Riley's wife had just been located and was now in the St. Paul Office; that efforts were being made to have her indicted at the time the Grand Jury in St. Paul was recalled for the purpose of indicting the money changers in the Bremer Kidnaping case. He stated that the prostitute of Pat Riley, who had previously been arrested by the Police Department, had testified before the Grand Jury, and an indictment would be returned against Pat Riley on a charge of violating the White Slave Traffic Act; that they had also succeeded in locating and apprehending Bennett to whom the guns were shipped by Lebman at San Antonio some time ago; that the coroner's inquest was scheduled for tomorrow; that it had been given no publicity and that he and Mr. Hanni would attend the inquest and read the prepared statement; that Bessie Green would undoubtedly plead guilty; that the Judge today decreased the bond of Dr. May and the nurse from \$50,000 to \$20,000.

Mr. Clegg advised that he would notify Mr. Purvis in Chicago that the raid in Detroit and St. Paul had been cancelled.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley
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Dear Sir:

Re: JOHN HERBERT DILLINGER, with aliases
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1217, ET AL MAY 4 1934
Nat'l Motor Vehicle Theft Act
Obstruction of Justice
L. A. File 26-3325

Under date of April 27, 1934, the San Francisco Office advised by telephone and telegraph that Colt .38 calibre super-automatic pistol, serial No. 13583, shipped by Colt factory to Baker, Hamilton & Pacific Company, San Francisco, January 13, 1932, had been recovered at St. Paul following a gun battle with John Dillinger on March 31st. This office was further advised that the Baker, Hamilton & Pacific Company records show that this pistol No. 13583 was sold on May 2, 1932 to the Western Arms Company, Los Angeles, California, located in the San Fernando Building at Los Angeles.

In letter from the San Francisco Office, dated April 28, 1934, it was stated that the Western Arms Company was a partnership consisting of C. F., Walter and Victor A. Daniels, brothers located at 208 San Fernando Building, 406 South Main Street, Los Angeles.

Pursuant to instructions in your telegram to the San Francisco Office to trace the gun through to the ultimate purchaser, an investigation was made at the San Fernando Building, but it was learned that the management of the building has changed within the past year, and the present management has no records to show the history of previous tenants. The manager could give no information as to the Western Arms Company, but suggested that one George E. Borbo, a printer who had room 220 in the San Fernando Building, had been at that address for two or three years and could probably give some information.

George E. Borbo advised that the Western Arms Company was located in room 208 for about sixty days only, and that one C. F. Daniels was the manager. He did not know of any other person connected with the company, and stated that Daniels had an extension to be attached to pistols which would enable a person to shoot it as a shotgun or rifle, and that he believed he received these extensions from some company in Germany. He stated that Daniels was not in the building longer than sixty days, and that he quietly folded up and left, and no one knew what became of him. He stated that Daniels came to him and wanted him to do some printing for him, and he understood that he did a mail order business.

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It was learned that Miss Florence Chamberlain, 3813 DeLongpre, Los Angeles, telephone Morningside 7418, was manager of the building in 1932. She stated that C. F. Daniels was in room 208 about sixty days, and that when he left, he stated he was going to the country. Later he called up and informed Miss Chamberlain that all mail of his should be returned to the sender, and that he was going to Seattle. She stated many inquiries were made for the man after he left, but she never heard any more concerning him, and has no information as to the nature of the business he was doing.

Investigation has been made at 6720 Franklin Place, Hollywood, California, in an effort to locate and interview the officials of the Monarch Arms and Manufacturing Corporation, pursuant to instructions in your letter of April 26th. It was learned that 6720 Franklin Place is the address of the La Habra Apartments. From Mrs. E. E. Kohler it was learned that the Monarch Arms and Manufacturing Corporation was owned by one Benjamin Lipton who, with his wife, had an apartment at that address in 1932. Mrs. Kohler was unable to state what kind of business Mr. Lipton was engaged in, and stated that he left the La Habra Apartments in December, 1932, leaving no forwarding address, and she has not seen him nor his wife since that time.

Mrs. Kohler stated that Lipton's wife was formerly employed at the First National Studios under the name of Simone Maes, but inquiry at the First National failed to elicit any information concerning her.

The 1933 Los Angeles city directory gives Benjamin Lipton's address as 6720 Franklin Place, but his name appears in no subsequent directory, and the Register of Voters for Los Angeles County does not contain his name.

The Portland Division Office is requested to locate and interview C. F. Daniels.

No information has been obtained as to Walter or Victor A. Daniels who are alleged to be brothers of C. F. Daniels, and associated with him.

Very truly yours,



B. E. SACKETT,

Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

May 1, 1934.

MEMORANDUM

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

Agent in Charge Purvis telephoned from Chicago shortly after nine o'clock this morning. He stated that they have kept Pat Cherrington under surveillance, and that she left Chicago last night for Detroit, where she will join Opal Long. After discussing the matter, I instructed Mr. Purvis to direct Agent in Charge Larson at Detroit to take Pat Cherrington into custody for questioning and then send her to St. Paul, where she will be charged with harboring a fugitive. I directed also that the persons with her be taken into custody for questioning, and suggested that this matter be handled without publicity, if possible.

I later talked to Mr. Nathan at Chicago, and discussed with him the matter of the letter received by John Dillinger's father relative to Dillinger's being in Ironwood, Michigan. Mr. Nathan said he had instructed that this information be given to the Sheriff. I stated that I felt this would be all right, but also suggested that one of our Agents proceed there to ascertain just what the situation is, and if there is anything to it, to see that it is covered thoroughly.

Mr. Clegg telephoned this afternoon from St. Paul concerning the taking into custody of Pat Cherrington and Opal Long. He stated that he didn't believe we had anything against Opal Long that we could prove, although we have some fairly tangible evidence against Pat Cherrington. Mr. Clegg stated that this morning he sent an Agent to Union Station in Minneapolis to ascertain whether an identification might be made of Pat Cherrington as having been on the train at Minneapolis, and found that this was in fact the case. They have made a positive identification of the house from which she came yesterday morning at seven o'clock. Mr. Clegg suggested, since Mr. Larson doesn't plan to take these women into custody until tonight about 10:30, that probably there should be a coordination, either through Chicago or Washington, so that neither the girls in Detroit nor the occupants of the house in St. Paul will be "tipped off." Mr. Clegg stated he had no knowledge as to who the occupants of this house are; that it is in an undesirable neighborhood, about one block from one of the main streets; that it is a frame building, two stories and an attic. He is sending Agents out to keep this house under surveillance on all sides.

I told Mr. Clegg that Mr. Purvis informed me this morning that both he and Mr. Nathan were of the opinion that Pat Cherrington knew she was being kept under surveillance, and therefore suggested that she be taken into custody by Mr. Larson. Mr. Clegg stated that Mr. Larson was not in favor of taking her into custody yet. Mr. Larson advised Mr. Clegg that she arrived in Detroit at

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three o'clock this morning; that they did not travel from the station to this house, knowing that she would likely go immediately to this house; that she gave no indication that she knew she was being followed, and in fact was not followed from the station to the house. Mr. Larson feels that the wisest procedure is to keep them under observation, since they have contacted this gang before, and there is a possibility that they will contact the gang again. Mr. Clegg stated it would of course be hard for him to form an opinion since he knew nothing of the facilities for tapping phone wires or having [REDACTED]

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Upon my inquiry, Mr. Clegg stated there is a phone in the house in St. Paul, they having learned this when they telephoned from the house for a taxicab. I instructed that this phone be tapped and that the house be kept under constant observation. I told Mr. Clegg that I would talk to Mr. Larson before deciding what action to take with reference to these two houses, in Detroit and St. Paul.

I telephoned Agent in Charge Larson at Detroit to inquire as to his reasons for not wishing to take Pat Cherrington into custody at the present time. He stated that Opal Long met Pat Cherrington at the station, and instead of following them back to the address on 75 Windemere Street, he returned to this address and waited until their return. He felt certain they had no suspicions that they were being kept under surveillance. Mr. Larson called attention to the fact that on two other occasions these women have left there and contacted the gang. On the 24th or 25th of March, he stated, Opal Long left there for Chicago, staying at the Commonwealth Hotel, and the following day flew to St. Paul, meeting the gang there. Mr. Larson thought there would be a possibility of their contacting the gang again within the next few days. I explained to Mr. Larson that I had authorized the arrest tonight because I understood Pat Cherrington was cognizant of the fact that she was under surveillance, but that on the other hand, if she was not cognizant of this fact, I agreed with his, Mr. Larson's, views that the arrest should not be made at this time. Mr. Larson stated that last night when he received the call from Chicago he called the Agents who are covering the house on Windemere Street and told them that in the event Opal Long should leave at 1:30 or 2:00 a.m. they should not follow her. Mr. Larson went to the station himself. Opal Long did leave the house at approximately 2:10 a.m. it taking her about an hour and a half to go to the station. Mr. Larson saw her meet Pat Cherrington and drive away in the car. Mr. Larson drove away in the opposite direction, and felt there was no reason why they should suspect that they were being followed. He doesn't believe that the occupants of the house know that they are under surveillance. At the present time there are five people in this house, namely, Opal Long; Pat Cherrington; Mrs. Pierce, who is a daughter of Mrs. Clark; Mr. Striken; and a little girl. Mr. Striken's wife usually occupies the house, but is in the hospital now.

Mr. Larson stated that a Mrs. Morton accompanied Opal Long to the station today, and on their return, evidently discussed Dillinger's location. Mr. Larson suggested that if the arrest were made tonight, he might be able

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to track the Norton girl. Mr. Larson stated they had followed these people at intervals, believing that in this manner they would not become suspicious. I suggested the possibility, however, that a contact might be made during one of the times that they are not under surveillance. Mr. Larson is attempting to ascertain where these people are receiving mail, it being evident that Opal Long had received a message in some way as to the time of Pat Cherrington's arrival, it not having been delivered at the house.

I suggested to Mr. Larson that he maintain a closer surveillance of Opal Long and Pat Cherrington, even if they should become cognizant of the fact, since it is obvious that they will probably contact members of the Dillinger gang. He stated that he had talked with Inspector Collins of the Police Department, and is receiving excellent cooperation. Upon my inquiry, Mr. Larson suggested the advisability of also prolonging the raiding of the house in Minneapolis. I instructed Mr. Larson to postpone the raid on the house on Windemere Street, and to keep close surveillance on Opal Long and Pat Cherrington. I told him I would also instruct Mr. Clegg to postpone the raid on the house in Minneapolis, awaiting further developments.

Mr. Larson stated he is receiving excellent cooperation from both Postal and Western Union, as well as the Post Office, and feels that he would be informed immediately as to any developments along those lines.

Mr. Larson stated that Mrs. Clark maintains a home approximately a mile from the Windemere address. [REDACTED]

Mr. Larson doesn't believe the crowd will frequent this place soon again. He stated there is a man there by the name of Pierce, who married one of Mrs. Clark's daughters. Agent Chapman, who covered this house for several days, had a higher regard for this individual than the others, and Mr. Larson has been considering contacting Pierce in order to obtain some information. I agreed with this suggestion, and told Mr. Larson I would be willing to pay him well if he should cooperate with us.

Cowley

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April 26, 1934.

Mr. Burruss just telephoned from the Field Office and gave me the following information with regard to the Dillinger matter at Staunton, Virginia:

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Mr. Burruss wanted to stress the fact that this was very confidential.

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It is a pity old Saint Patrick drove all of the snakes out of Ireland, for it is quite evident, from the clipping attached, that some of them are over here.

Don't send any more "Fame Seekers" into Indiana! It is a foolish waste of the taxpayers money. Why not use a little of the common sense that was shown by officials at Tucson?

No wonder Dillinger's pictures are being cheered in the motion picture houses! We can't believe one word that is published in the newspapers, for, it seems, the editors are so greedy to sell their publications they are contradicting themselves in every edition. There were never more lies published about one person in the history of this country than has been published about Dillinger. We can't expect much of these boys as long as we have such a dishonest and degraded society.

and while you are grieving over the 2,000,000 that has been wasted in the Dillinger search, don't forget the 10,000,000 old Samuel took with him on his world cruise, besides the millions swindled from the widows and orphans before he set sail.

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Former U. S. Agent Says Veteran Man Hunters Could Run Down John Dillinger

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WASHINGTON, April 20.—Aroused by failure of the Department of Justice to effect the capture of the John Dillinger gang, a former veteran operative today offered to organize a volunteer posse of former agents and guaranteed that "we'll bring that rat in."

Further, he offered to pay his own expenses and work without pay in the proposed man-hunt and declared he was confident that other members of the suggested posse, if they were financially able, likewise would willingly spend their own funds to lay Dillinger by the heels.

The offer was made by Gerald P. Murphy, who served six years in the Department and was a prominent figure in the round-ups of many outstanding criminals.

Murphy appealed to the press to broadcast to members of his suggested posse, and any other seasoned ex-agents willing to volunteer, his invitation to join with him in capturing America's public enemy No. 1.

"I feel sure that these men, each a cool and courageous, and each a dead-shot, would willingly assist in this campaign," said Murphy. He named the men as follows:

W. D. Bolling, Chicago—a former Texas Ranger and former head of the Department of Justice branches in Texas and Oklahoma.

John J. McGinty, Carlisle, Pa.—World War veteran, holder of the D.S.C. and recommended for the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Harold Bailey, Chicago—World War veteran, former official of the Joliet, Ill., State Penitentiary, now a chief investigator for a national credit group.

B. B. Wilcox, Duluth, Minn.—former Government agent.

Roy Darling, Big Rapids, Mich.—former head of the New York and Chicago offices of the Department of Justice who aided in the fight of a cargo of serum to Nome.

Fred L. Parker, Cleveland—former head of the Detroit, Boston and Jacksonville, Fla., offices of the Department of Justice, an expert marksmen.

Larry Regson, chief special agent of a trans-continental railroad.

Like Following Circus.
"Just give us a general idea of Dillinger's location," challenged Murphy. "Following him and the train of women he supports would be like following a circus parade—give us authority from the Federal Government or the Governors of any of the states in which Dillinger may be seeking refuge, and we'll bring that rat in dead or alive—the latter if possible and insisted upon."

Murphy said he purposely had made up his suggested posse of World War veterans and seasoned former Federal agents because he realized the futility of sending a bunch of young, untrained men after Dillinger.

"Look at the Urachel kidnaping case," he exclaimed.
"Why, it was only..."

...couldn't catch Dillinger if they had him in a hanger in a telephone booth."

Elaborating on the department's failure to utilize the veteran agents available, Murphy said:

"Why, only the other day I happened to drop in at a branch of the Department of Justice.

"On a chair sat a wistful figure, a veteran operative, moodily cleaning his gun. With every swipe of his oily rag went the wish for a chance to 'see' Dillinger through the sights of his automatic.

"And that man, who sits in idleness, can shoot the eye out of an owl at 150 yards."

Gus Jones, a veteran operative, was assigned to that roundup.

"If the youngsters who right now are attempting to trail Dillinger, had been working on the Urachel case, Harvey Bailey would still be free instead of kicking his heels against jail bars."

Much Dissatisfaction.

There is considerable intra-departmental dissatisfaction with the manner in which the Dillinger hunt has been pushed, particularly over the employment of youthful "law-

agents" to the exclusion of veteran hunters in the department. Both publicly and privately, a number of the department's rolls are kum on the repeated setback suffered in the Dillinger camps. Murphy declared that he believed the failures are a result of the inexperience of these youths.

He added:
"These youngsters, with..."

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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice
1900 Bankers Building
Chicago Illinois

May 2, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

Re: JOHN DILLINGER, with aliases -
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1217; JOHN HAMILTON,
with aliases, I.O. 1220; HOMER VAN
OLETER, with aliases, I.O. 1222; et al
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE.

The following longhand note was given to Inspector W. A. Rorer on the morning of April 23, 1934, by some unidentified person at Little Bohemia:

"Henry - You can go to Rhinelander and call as planned. Not one word to anyone about it. Tell them to line up the highways. There will be more here tomorrow and don't let anyone know where you are going or why. We want to be protected by them as best as they can. Tell them that."

Agent J. L. Madala exhibited the above note to Mrs. Wanatka, and she identified same as the message she wrote on the morning of April 22, 1934. In this connection she advised that on Saturday afternoon, April 21, 1934, she and her husband, Emil, had a discussion about notifying the authorities of Dillinger's appearance at Little Bohemia. They finally decided to direct a letter to Edward A. Fisher, Assistant United States Attorney, Chicago, with whom they were well acquainted, advising him of the above, and with the request that he relay this information to the proper authorities. She further stated that Emil wrote the letter, and that she left the lodge at 7:00 P.M. that night for the purpose of driving to Mercer, Wisconsin to mail it. She advised that none of the gang attempted to stop her, and when she arrived at Manitowish, Wisconsin, which is only a few miles from Mercer, she picked up her brother Lloyd LaPorte, at his home, and asked him to go with her. He accompanied her to Mercer where she deposited the aforementioned letter, and then Lloyd drove her, at her request, to her other brother's home, George LaPorte, at Manitowish, who was giving a birthday party for his son.

They arrived at George LaPorte's home at 8:00 P.M. and she immediately informed Henry Voss, who was there at the time, about Dillinger and his gang being at Little Bohemia. She stated that she was very much afraid, and was anxious to know what to do. According to Mrs. Wanatka, Henry Voss suggested that the police at Milwaukee, or the Federal authorities in Chicago, be immediately notified, as he thought that the sheriff's office here was inadequately equipped to cope with that gang.

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In this connection they tentatively agreed to have Henry Voss drive to Rhinelander the next morning for the purpose of having him telephone some one in Chicago concerning Dillinger and his mob's appearance at Little Bohemia. This plan, of course, was pending the approval of Emily Wanatka.

Mrs. Wanatka went on to relate that on the following morning, April 22, 1934, she and Emil went over the situation, and it was agreed upon that the above plan be carried out. However, the next question was - how to get word to Henry Voss informing him to notify authorities as originally planned. Mrs. Wanatka stated that they dared not phone him at his home, for fear that their wires were tapped. They finally agreed to notify him by messenger, and in this connection Mrs. Wanatka wrote the above quoted letter and gave same together with a package of cigarettes to Lloyd LaPorte, brother of Mrs. Wanatka, who was in the place at that time. All this transpired before the gang got up that morning, which she estimates to be around 7:30 A.M.

Mrs. Wanatka continued that Lloyd delivered the message to Henry Voss without any difficulty; that she later heard that Mr. Voss had driven to Rhinelander, and there phoned Mr. Laubenheimer, in Chicago. She stated that she was very much afraid and nervous all that day, and towards late that afternoon she heard about the place that the mob was going to leave, immediately upon the arrival of Pat Reilly and Pat Cherrington from Minneapolis. She stated that she left the lodge at about 4:30 that afternoon, and proceeded to Voss's place, where she informed Mrs. Voss that the gang was leaving right after dinner that evening; that in view of Mr. Voss being at Rhinelander waiting for the Federal authorities to arrive, she (Mrs. Voss) drove to Rhinelander to relay the above information to Mr. Voss.

The above mentioned longhand note written by Mrs. Wanatka and delivered to Henry Voss by Lloyd LaPorte, is being retained in the Chicago Division Office files.

Agent John L. Madala interviewed Lloyd LaPorte, Manitowish, Wisconsin on April 27, 1934, and furnished the following information. He stated that on Friday, April 20, 1934, he stopped at Little Bohemia at about two P.M. for a glass of beer; that he remained there for approximately 15 or 20 minutes, and then left; that as he was starting his car, he noticed a Ford V8 Sedan, bearing Minnesota license plates, stop at a point about ten feet to the right side of his car. LaPorte stated that he did not pay any particular attention to the car, as he thought it contained customers going to Little Bohemia, and as he was starting his car, the driver of the other car got out and asked, "Is this Emil's place?" LaPorte replied, "Yes", and drove away. As he was leaving, he noticed that there were three occupants in this car, including the driver, and further noticed that the first three numbers of the license plate were "216". Agent exhibited to Lloyd LaPorte numerous photographs of the Dillinger mob, and he positively identified the photo of Homer Van Meter as the likeness of the man with whom he talked. He was unable to identify the

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other two occupants, giving the reason that he did not get a very good look at them. He stated, however, that one of the three was a woman.

LaPorte continued that he did not visit Emil's place again until early Sunday morning; that on Saturday night, April 21, 1934, at about 7:15 P.M. his sister, Mrs. Emil Wanatka, drove to his house and asked him to accompany her to Mercer, Wisconsin to mail a letter; that as they were proceeding to Mercer, she told him that Dillinger and his gang were at their place, and that she was sending a letter to some Federal official in Chicago, advising him to notify the proper authorities. LaPorte stated that upon their return they stopped at his brother's place, who was giving a birthday party for his son; that Mr. and Mrs. Voss and other relatives were there when they arrived. He stated that Mrs. Wanatka immediately called Mr. Voss to one side and told him about Dillinger's presence at Little Bohemia. LaPorte advised that he does not know the details of their conversation, but that after a while, he, Henry Voss, and Mrs. Wanatka discussed the best possible method of notifying the authorities; that in this connection, Henry Voss was afraid that Mrs. Wanatka's letter to Chicago would not be received in time, as the gang already had intimated to Emil that they were going to leave immediately upon the arrival of the other members of the gang (Pat Reilly and Pat Cherrington) from Minneapolis. LaPorte stated that Henry Voss suggested driving to Rhinelander that night for the purpose of calling Chicago or Milwaukee, but Mrs. Wanatka argued against that, as she wanted to confer with Emil first. They finally agreed to wait until morning; that is, until Mrs. Wanatka talked with Emil, and it was arranged that Lloyd LaPorte should go to Little Bohemia early the next morning, get Emil's decision on the matter, and then relay the information to Henry Voss, who was to act in accordance with their plans.

LaPorte stated that on the following morning he asked his mother to accompany him to Little Bohemia in order to divert any suspicion which they might create because of their appearance there. He stated that they arrived at Emil's place at about 7:15 A.M., and that the man, who he identified as Homer Van Meter, was the only member of the gang seen about the premises; that while he, LaPorte, was in the kitchen, he observed through the window, Van Meter walk about the yard and look over LaPorte's car on the inside and outside. He further stated that neither Emil nor Mrs. Wanatka talked to him, as they were afraid that their actions might arouse some suspicion. He stated that he remained there for about thirty minutes, when Mrs. Wanatka deftly handed him a package of cigarettes, together with a note, and whispered to him that he should give the note to Henry Voss. LaPorte stated that he discreetly left the premises and drove to Voss's and turned the note over to him; that Voss read same and immediately asked his son, Lloyd Voss, and him, Lloyd LaPorte, to accompany him to Rhinelander; that when they arrived there, Henry Voss called Mr. Laubenheimer in Chicago, requesting him to notify the proper authorities of Dillinger and his mob's appearance at Little Bohemia. LaPorte

stated that he and Lloyd and Henry Voss remained at Rhinelander until the Agents arrived from Chicago and St. Paul in airplanes, and then proceeded with them to Little Bohemia.

Henry Voss, upon being interviewed by Agents M. C. Falkner and M. B. Rhodes, stated that he and his wife attended a birthday party about 9:00 P.M. April (29) 1934 at the home of his brother-in-law, George LaPorte; that Mrs. Emil Wanatka and Lloyd LaPorte were there also; that during the course of the party Mrs. Wanatka told him the Dillinger gang was at their place and had been since Friday, April 20th, and that she had, on the evening of April 21st, mailed a letter to the Federal authorities, names not recalled, at Chicago giving information of the above fact; further, that Emil had taken the license numbers of the men's cars and had given them to Mrs. Wanatka to give to him, Voss. The above conversation took place in a bedroom at George LaPorte's home during the course of the party. George LaPorte was not present but his brother Lloyd was. After learning the above, he, Voss, talked to George LaPorte. Voss could not recall that George LaPorte wanted to organize a posse. However, he, Voss, does remember that he told George that local citizens should do nothing in the matter until the arrival of the Federal officers inasmuch as he had been reading in the paper that Agents of the Department of Justice were handling such cases and he thought that the local authorities should wait until they arrived on the scene and obtain the benefit of their experience in the matter.

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Sometime around ten P.M., Sunday, April 22, 1934, Voss tried to get in touch with United States Marshal Laubenheimer, Chicago, by telephone and report the above news to him, but he was unsuccessful. He then was able to reach Mr. Laubenheimer's son, name not recalled, but who is in the real estate business in Chicago, on the telephone, and he reported the situation to him. Subsequent thereto he received a telephone call from Mr. Purvis at Chicago, advising that his Department was handling the Dillinger case and that he would be pleased to receive what information he had relative to Dillinger's presence in the vicinity; that he gave the information, related above, to Mr. Purvis. He was unable to state the approximate time that he talked to Mr. Purvis, but said it was shortly after he had reported the situation to Mr. Laubenheimer's son.

George LaPorte, Manitowish, Wisconsin, upon being interviewed by Agents Madala, Melvin and Rhodes, stated he is a brother-in-law of Emil Wanatka and Henry Voss of Manitowish; that sometime during Saturday morning, April 21, 1934, his sister, Mrs. Wanatka, sent her son to his, LaPorte's place with some clothes; that he, LaPorte, suspected from the above incident that something was wrong over at Emil's place, but thought nothing more of it in view of the fact that Emil and his sister do not get along well together and are constantly having family quarrels.

LaPorte stated that along about 9:00 P.M. Saturday, April 21, 1934, he gave a birthday party at his home for his son; that Mrs. Wanatka, his sister, Mrs. Henry Voss and her husband Henry, together with his brother Lloyd LaPorte were there; that Mrs. Wanatka called Henry Voss and Lloyd LaPorte into a bedroom in his home during the course of the party and told them about Lillinger and his party being at their place; that Emil was not present at the above conference. George LaPorte was not present in the bedroom when Mrs. Wanatka gave the above information, but subsequently learned of it from Henry Voss. In addition to the above, Mrs. Wanatka told Henry and Lloyd of the fact that she had just mailed a letter to the Federal authorities at Chicago reporting the above incident from Mercer, Wisconsin.

George LaPorte stated that when he learned of the above news from Henry Voss he favored the immediate organization of a posse of local citizens and proposed surrounding Emil's place at once and attacking the lodge from all sides. Henry Voss was against this procedure and said "Wait until the Federal men get here". LaPorte stated that in view of the fact that Henry Voss has more influence in this community than he, he yielded to Henry's judgment and talked no more of organizing a posse.

George LaPorte denied that he had gone to Mercer, Wisconsin after receiving the above news to endeavor to organize a posse. He stated that Henry Voss was afraid if a local posse was organized at once and started shooting at the lodge, Emil and his help might be killed.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Purvis

M. H. PURVIS, *per voss*
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc St. Paul

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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

April 30, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

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

During the week of April 16, 1934, an individual called at this office representing himself to be Louis Piquett who had previously been Dillinger's lawyer at Crown Point, Indiana. He stated that he was now representing Evelyn Frechette. He asked permission to see his client, and at that particular time his client had not been brought from Chicago to St. Paul. I inquired as to the whereabouts of his client, and he did not know; whereupon I suggested that he find out before making his request as there was no action I could take under the circumstances. He later informed me that he conferred with the United States Marshal and he found that this woman had not yet been brought to St. Paul.

He also advised me that the Frechette woman had made statements to the press in Chicago to the effect that Dillinger had been with her at the time she was picked up in some "joint". I asked Mr. Piquett whether he had made that statement to the press himself, and he stated, "No. He had not, but that the Frechette woman had made the statements directly to correspondents and he thought that she did so in order to irritate Mr. Purvis." I told him that I was very glad to learn that this was not an indirect statement as, of course, an indirect statement of that sort made by Frechette would be considered as a matter of evidence, and Mr. Piquett blushing made his departure, after which the daily papers carried the story of an interview with Piquett who claimed that he had been Dillinger's lawyer and had visited him in the Crown Point jail. He described Dillinger as something akin to a Sunday school boy, and one of the local papers ran a story quoting Piquett to this effect.

When Piquett was in my office, he was accompanied by Jerome Hoffman, whom he desired to introduce to Frechette as legal counsel.

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Mr. Piquett stated at that time that Dillinger was after all a lovable character who had been a Sunday school boy and who did not have a drop of murderous blood in his veins but that his one supreme joy and thrill was obtained while robbing a bank.

Subsequently, Mr. Piquett called at the office and asked permission to introduce Mr. Hoffman to the Frechette woman.

Piquett, incidentally, as the above facts would indicate, is a blustering sort of individual; and during his moments of garrulousness he stated that a strange circumstance had arisen as he had a check for \$50.00 made payable by the Federal Government to Frechette. Mr. Hanni made notes as to the check and the number and purpose for which the check was drawn, and informed Mr. Piquett that it appeared that this girl might be a ward of the Government, whereupon the Government must first approve of the counsel selected for her; and Mr. Piquett again became embarrassed. Telephonic communication with Washington and with the Agent in Charge of the reservation from which the Frechette woman came disclosed that she is a Government ward but has the right to select her personal counsel. Piquett was subsequently permitted to see Frechette, with Attorney Hoffman.

On Friday, April 27, 1934, Special Agent R. L. Nalls telephoned from Darlington, Wisconsin, and advised that he was in the office of County Attorney H. J. Beardsley, who had a message. Mr. Beardsley stated that Louis Piquett was under indictment in that county for violation of the State's Securities Act in that he had sold securities without a permit and that Piquett is now out on \$500.00 bond, and that if it would be of any convenience to this office, he could decide that Mr. Piquett's bond was not a good one. I thanked Mr. Beardsley but no action has been taken in this regard because it appears that this fellow Piquett, although probably of unscrupulous character, is probably not such a good lawyer, so it might be to the Government's advantage to have him continue to represent Frechette. I thought, however, that the Division would be pleased to receive this information.

Very truly yours,


H. H. CLEGG,
Inspector.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Interviews had with **Hubert Dillinger, Fred Hancock, Norman Howard Hancock and Mary Hancock**, at Indianapolis, Indiana, relative to the visit of John Dillinger to the home of his father, Mooresville, Indiana, April 8, 1934, setting out in detail, the various occurrences. Copies of the transcript of said statements included in report and narrative comments made. All above indicate willingness to surrender John Dillinger, should he appear in this vicinity at some future date, due to fear of prosecution for harboring.

Threatening letter addressed to Governor of Ohio, probably by members of the Dillinger gang. Informant **[REDACTED]** under the name of **[REDACTED]** living with Hubert Dillinger, and reporting activities. Harry Baugh located Perryville, Maryland. Contacts with Director, Department of Public Safety, Chief, Indiana State Police and Chief of Police, Indianapolis, Indiana indicate cooperation satisfactory. Further activities Division agents reported. Information received from Norman Hancock, 4-30-34 that subject Dillinger is in Ironwood, Michigan, which information telephoned to the Chicago office.

DETAILS:

APPROVED AND
FORWARDED:

Alvin K. [Signature]

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In connection with the detailed transcript of Hubert Dillinger's statement, effort will be made to have Hubert Dillinger read and sign this statement, copies of which are attached hereto for possible use in prosecutive

In connection with the statement of Hubert Dillinger, the substance of such statement is that John and Evelyn came into Mooresville about Thursday night, April 5, and were at the home of the father, John W. Dillinger, although subsequent statements of the others indicate a possibility that John actually was concealed at some other point with some member of the family or friend whom they are endeavoring to conceal and that possibly he was only actually at the house a short time on Friday, when they fixed up the car to make the trip to Leipsic, Ohio and again on Sunday, April 8, when the entire family assembled for a general visit before John left. On Friday, Hubert together with John left the house shortly after dark and proceeded to Leipsic, Ohio, where Hubert waited on the outside and John went in to confer with the Pierpont family, between 11:30 and 12:00 o'clock, midnight, April 6, 1934 at the Pierpont home, Leipsic, Ohio; thereafter, they returned from Leipsic, Ohio and while proceeding on highway 31 ran into the car of Joe Manning and wife some distance south of Noblesville, wrecking the farmer's car and also wrecking their car by driving through a wire fence to a distance of about 100 yards into an open field. Thereafter, they took the machine gun out of the car, John tore off what are believed to be Tennessee license tags from the Hudson Sedan and after proceeding down the road, hid in a straw shed until Hubert could "bum" a ride into town, to obtain transportation to Indianapolis. Hubert claims that he obtained his own car for this purpose, however, on this same night, about the time of the wreck, the car of Dr. J. L. Reck was stolen at Sheridan, Indiana, which car was later returned, about two days following the wreck. Dr. Reck, it is known, has been in telephonic communication as of February 9, 1934 with John Eagan, Attorney, Dayton, Ohio who represented Dillinger at the time of his arrest at Dayton, September 26, 1933. Dr. Reck maintains he has no connection with the Dillinger outfit; that Eagan was arranging some legal matters for him in connection with another party.

On Saturday, at about 11:00 o'clock Hubert Dillinger, together with his wife and Evelyn Frechette arranged for the delivery of the Ford Sedan which was purchased for \$722.00 at Indianapolis, Indiana, the car being delivered later to Evelyn Frechette and the wife of Hubert Dillinger and was taken to the vicinity of Mooresville, where it was concealed in the garage of Jesse Richardson, a distant relative of the Dillinger family, and a worthless character and bootlegger.

On Sunday, there was an aeroplane practicing over the Dillinger home, April 8, 1934, this being a National Guard outfit and this plane caused John some apprehension, as he believed that the place was being watched; also Audrey Hancock apparently detected the car of Agents Donegan and Geraghty, who were covering this house and reported the actions to the other members of the family and thereafter Hubert Dillinger and Fred Hancock proceeded to Mooresville, where they obtained the Ford V-8 Sedan and during the time they

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were obtaining this car, the Agents were observed in following them and they eluded them sufficiently to get the car back to the Dillinger home; thereafter Hubert Dillinger with Norman Hancock proceeded out of the Dillinger farm in their car and were followed by Agents Donegan and Garaghty. Norman Hancock hid his face and gave the impression that he did not want to be seen. This car apparently was followed out of the place by the new Ford Car in which Dillinger was on the floor of the car with a machine gun; Evelyn Frechette was driving the car, Mary Hancock was sitting in the front seat and Alberta Hancock was sitting in the back seat, where John was on the floor, also his suit case.

Following this car out, was the car of Emitt and Audrey Hancock and following their car was the car of Fred Hancock, apparently deliberately arranged to confuse the situation as to who was leaving.

A more detailed description of the movements of Dillinger is covered in the statement of Mary Hancock, who was in the car with him.

Hubert Dillinger is 20 years of age, 5' 5"; gray eyes, medium dark blonde hair, weight 125 lbs. Norman Hancock, the nephew referred to has auburn or red hair, weight 130 lbs., height 5' 6", age 24. Norman indicated that the party referred to as Anne, had a scar over the right eye and pock marks on her face. Later, he advised that this party was also known to them as "Billie". The party who was seen along the road standing by the new Ford Sedan, about 1500' up highway 267 from the Dillinger home, was indicated by Hubert Dillinger, as possibly being John.

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Fred Hancock, whose statement, in substance verifies the statement of Hubert, as to John Dillinger's being at the father's home at Mooresville, indicates that he first saw him on Saturday, April 7 and again saw him Sunday, April 8, when the family made the maneuver previously outlined whereby they got him out of the house. He also refers to the fact that the aeroplane worried John some, which was flying over the house on Saturday and Sunday.

Fred Hancock indicates he was born, Indianapolis, Indiana, June 27, 1908. He is 5' 9", 181 lbs., brown hair. He has a tattoo of a horse whip and horse shoe combined, together with a fleur-de-lis and stars on the right forearm. He has dark chestnut hair tinged with red; small ears, sharp chin and wave, in hair. Fred indicated that from the conversation apparently John has in mind to get Pierpont out of the Ohio State Penitentiary.

Both Hubert Dillinger and Fred Hancock, in view of the fact that we indicated to them very definitely the possibilities of the prosecution of the entire family for the harboring of John Dillinger, stated that they would arrange to turn John Dillinger in, should he appear here again in some manner, in order to protect the family both from possible prosecution and from possible injury, should he appear here at any time, they being of the opinion that they are under continuous surveillance.

This arrangement was made with both of these parties, without the knowledge of the other. Both Hubert Dillinger and Fred Hancock agree to immediately advise us should subject Dillinger appear here again, however the truthfulness of these individuals and their real intentions in cooperation are a matter of conjecture.

In connection with interviews of the above indicated parties, which are attached, they are set out in detail as given and all of this information was given very reluctantly in a rather lengthy interview in each case.

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Norman Hancock was the most difficult of any of the three men interviewed to get the facts from. However, it is believed that he is the most sincere of the three and he has very definitely agreed to arrange for us to apprehend John, with the idea in mind of helping his mother and family in any possible prosecution of them, and also to prevent their possibly being hurt when John is apprehended. He believes the entire family is under constant surveillance, at all times and in subsequent conversation with him he indicated a willingness to continue working with us, with the above understanding in mind and in fact, on April 25, 1934, he was taken to Mooresville and allowed to enter the house from the rear and contact his grandfather who has no one to help him at the present time and the grandfather, at that time, indicated to him that he expected John at any minute; that they were very much worried over the recent incident in Wisconsin and Norman has agreed to go out to the place and help his grandfather repaint a fence and will go out there on Sunday, April 29, 1934 and continue at the place for several days and immediately John arrives at this place, at any time, day or night, he will go into Mooresville and contact the Agents, advising them of the fact that John is at the house, as well as to signal when he leaves the house, by a pre-arranged code that John is then in the house. This party, it is believed, is doing this solely for the protection of his mother and father and his two sisters. Previously he was not aware that they had ridden out in the car with John, exposing them to the dangers of being killed, should an effort have been made to take John at that time, it being remembered that he left in the car with Hubert apparently at the time effort was made to draw the attention of the Agents to the pursuit of this car while the others left the house.

It has later been indicated by Norman Hancock that he has talked with his sister, Mary Hancock and she has expressed a willingness to help turn John in should he appear here again, as she has also been advised of the seriousness of the situation as concerns the family and their harboring of John Dillinger, under the conditions previously indicated.

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April 23, 1934, Ruth Kamuff, wife of Alfred Kamuff, 1726 N. Illinois Street appeared in the office of United States Attorney Val Nolan, Indianapolis, Indiana, accompanied by Irma Kingsford, employed by the Western Union Telegraph Company, and indicated that she had information which possibly would be of value in connection with the apprehension of John Dillinger. She advised that she has a girl friend employed in the J & C Restaurant, 16th and Illinois Streets, a Greek Restaurant, this girl friend being Mrs. Joe Thompson, a waitress, and that this girl advised her that approximately three weeks ago John Dillinger, who is known to the people in this restaurant, walked in, took off his hat and asked if they had a wash room. Instead of going to the wash room, he went to the kitchen and came and looked out the back door and then came back into the restaurant, and Anne Martin came in and these people also knew her. John said, "Where did you park the car?" to which Anne Martin said she parked it in some alley, but the people did not get the name. They had dinner and went out and walked North. In Just a few minutes Anne came back in and got some cigarettes and looked in the telephone booth, to see if anyone was calling up; they then went out and went North on the street.

Mrs. Kamuff advises that Mrs. Virginia Whiteman, who conducts the rooming house at 1726 N. Illinois Street advised her when she moved in there that John Vinson of the Dillinger gang lived next door. That he had been there a good bit during the past week; that she asked this woman if she was going to advise the police as to John Vinson's being there and she said "No", that she had two children. She advised that the police had asked her to keep a lookout for Vinson, and agree to advise them, but she would not agree to do this; that the police had been observing the car, from time to time parked in front of 1730. Mrs. Kamuff advised that there had been a car parked in the alley on the previous Saturday night and that a man went out the back door, but she could not see him sufficiently to recognize him, although he appeared to be what her idea of John Hamilton would be; that there is a couple, about 19 years of age, living in this place, who have a baby. The Kamuffs have been living at this place for two weeks now, as of Saturday, April 28, and it was stated by Mrs. Whiteman that it was rumored John, when in the city, had had dinner, three weeks ago Sunday at the Vinson home; that it was reported he was taking care of Mrs. Vinson by furnishing her money.

It is noted in advice from the Jacksonville office that John Vinson, since his arrest, September, 1933 at Haines City, Fla., when the State of Indiana declined to supply the necessary funds to extradite him, has been living at Haines City, with a Mrs. L. M. Lawther, and a woman apparently his paramour, Ruby Jones; that he has kept very close to this place and does not leave, however, being apparently well supplied with money.

b7D Confidential informant, [REDACTED] advises me that it is his understanding Vinson obtained about \$8,000.00 in the last bank robbery for which Earl Nordern is now serving sentence in the Michigan State Penitentiary. Nordern is the brother of Mary Kinder, involved with Dillinger and his gang.

Mrs. Kanuff agreed that we could maintain a watch from her apartment, which gives a full view of the front and rear of 1730 N. Illinois, the home of Helen Vinson, mother of John Vinson, if it could be arranged so that the Agent would not be seen going and coming from this point, and on the date of April 23, 1934 it was arranged to have a telephone installed at this address, Agent C. E. Weeks being stationed here to observe these quarters at all times, for any possible visits of suspicious persons. Incidentally the telephone of Mrs. Vinson at this address has been tapped for some time, but no developments have occurred from telephone conversations received.

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April 20, 1934 S.A.C. Purvis telephoned and advised that John Dillinger and John Hamilton, together with Pat Cherrington had been at Sault Sainte Marie, Tuesday night visiting with the sister of Hamilton; that they had left behind, Ford V-8, Tennessee license 127,032, motor 8,157,244 previously purchased by Hamilton under the name of Art Morton in Tennessee; that Hamilton claimed a severe injury to his shoulder; that Dillinger's hair is light blonde; that Pat was complaining of her appendicitis operation; that they had a machine gun with them and took this when they left; they had two cars apparently with them. This information had been obtained through a confidential source and five Agents were covering the situation at that time.

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April 19, 1934 Special Agent in Charge Purvis telephoned and advised that he had received a call from Mr. Tolson indicating that someone had written to the Governor of Ohio in which he was threatened, if he did not turn loose the parties of the Dillinger gang held; that he, Mr. Purvis would call Special Agent H. D. Harris at Columbus, in order that he might contact the Governor as to this.

April 19, 1934 confidential informant [redacted] who was using the name of [redacted] at Indianapolis, Indiana and who has been in close contact with Hubert Dillinger, the half-brother, and who in fact, at this time, is residing at the home of Hubert Dillinger, advised that he had not learned anything additional, except that Hubert has said he believed they passed a Sheriff on the road as they were returning from the vicinity of the wreck south of Noblesville, in their attempt to reach Indianapolis; that at this time John hid in the field and he came in and got his Chevrolet and went back to get John.

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April 23, [redacted] advised that Hubert had been visited by one Homer Brown, of Kokomo, Indiana, who advises he is collaborating with some newspaperman in writing a story; that Homer Brown had endeavored to obtain from Hubert Dillinger various details of the intimate life of John Dillinger. Homer Brown of Kokomo, Indiana is an underworld character and is associated, at that point with Jake Campbell, ex-sheriff at Kokomo and also with Carl Broo as well as Olin Holt. These parties would be familiar with Pearl Elliott and this angle is being watched closely through our informant for the possibility they might be a means of contact.

[redacted] advises that Attorney John J. Ryan, Indianapolis, Indiana, a shyster lawyer here, who has previously been mentioned in connection with Dillinger, obtained \$2300.00 from John Dillinger while at Crownpoint, and also obtained an additional \$500.00 from members of the family here, to defend Dillinger; that he had done little towards preparing the case of Dillinger and Dillinger was of the opinion that this lawyer had defrauded them of this money; that it is his [redacted] as obtained from conversation with Hubert Dillinger that the whip and rope found in the wrecked Hudson car on April 7, 1934 was intended for this Attorney Ryan at Indianapolis, Indiana. Informant [redacted] has contacted Ryan the Attorney here at Indianapolis, who is now laid up at home with a sprained ankle, he being a one-armed individual who was recently released from the hospital, where he suffered with delirium tremens. [redacted] approached him as to whether or not he was going to return this money to the Dillinger family, he having promised to return \$1300.00 of the money taken and I understand [redacted] confidentially advised him of what John intended to do to him, probably with the idea in mind of having Ryan return the money to the family. This interest of [redacted] is in order to maintain his close interest with the family and make them believe that he is for them and also possibly for any gain he can make from the transaction, himself.

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Harry Baugh, R.R. #3, Box #394, Indianapolis, Indiana, who lives at Mars Hill, and is the father-in-law of Hubert Dillinger, has secured employment with the Pennsylvania R.R., and is now at Perryville, Maryland, where he is going to work. This party is in communication with his family by letter and postcard, having proceeded to Chicago, in order to complete the details as to resuming work with the Pennsylvania R.R., having been laid off from such employment for about two years. A wire was sent, 4-28-34 to the Washington Field Office, advising them of the location of Harry Baugh, in order that some check of his activities may be had at Perryville, Maryland.

April 24, 1934, Special Agent in Charge Larson, Muncie, Indiana advised that he had conferred with Mr. Cowley of the Division, and Special Agent in Charge Purvis of Chicago, and it was decided that it would be well for him, Larson, to return to Detroit. In connection with the matter he was covering at Muncie, it was decided that it would be well for Agent W. F. Wood to continue at Muncie, to obtain additional information; that the informant would remain at Muncie until, at least, the night following. As of April 28, 1934, Agent Wood has not, as yet, been able to contact this informant, and possibly he has already returned to Detroit, that is, [REDACTED] the idea being that when he returns to Detroit, he will try to associate himself in some manner with the Clark family here at 531 Chandler Street.

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Informant [REDACTED] advises that he knows John Vinson from having served time with him at Michigan City, Indiana, and also for reason that they were boys together around Indianapolis, Indiana, and he made a visit upon the mother of John Vinson, Helen Vinson, endeavoring to learn anything of what was going on here, also asking how he could get in touch with John Vinson and she advised him that if he gave her a letter, she would see that he got it. Evidently it was intended that she would send this to Haines City, Fla. without disclosing to informant [REDACTED] where this party was.

April 25, 1934, Mr. Cowley advised as to a reported condition in the Chicago papers of the previous night, to the effect that the Government had bungled the Dillinger case and had missed at least one-half dozen chances to capture or kill Dillinger. On the morning of April 26, 1934 I conferred with Mr. Al G. Feeney, who is known to me, and he denied that he had made any such statement, and he also referred to the fact, which had also previously been noted by me that no such reference to any statements of his had been made in the Indianapolis papers. He advised that he knew of no instances wherein there had been a failure of cooperation as between the Government and State Police, although he did make reference to the fact that it was indicated that at times we apparently did not give the information to the local authorities in various matters, although accepting anything they had in the way of information, and I dissuaded his mind as to this, by advising him and calling attention to instances that we always called upon the local authorities or the State Police to assist us in such matters as conducting raids on places, calling his attention to the raids we made Sunday night,

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April 8, 1934 in Indianapolis in cooperation with the Indianapolis Police, when we believed that Dillinger might be in some of the places raided at that time. The conclusion of the interview was very satisfactory, with Mr. Feeney, and it was believed that he would furnish us any assistance we would ask for, in fact he had previously arranged with Matt Leech, Chief of the Indiana State Police to furnish me with any men we might ask for, should we develop a situation where we needed them. This same arrangement had been previously made by me with Chief of Police, Michael J. Morrissey, Indianapolis, Indiana, who also extended to me the services of his Department and equipment, at any time we should call for such, this arrangement being made when I first arrived here and Agent J. S. Johnson, who had been here, prior to my arrival, had been in contact with both of these organizations in order that we might avail ourselves of their services when necessary.

April 26, 1934 Captain McMurtry, Indianapolis Police Department advised at 10:30 P.M., that the Associated Press had advised him that it had just been reported that Dillinger, Hamilton and Van Meter had been seen in South Bend and had headed Southwest out of South Bend on Highway 23, which goes towards Knox, Indiana and Bass Lake; that Hamilton was supposed to have a brother at 2209 Douglas Street, at Bass Lake, this latter, however, was apparently a confusion of the fact that the brother of Hamilton lives at 2209 S. Douglas St., South Bend, Indiana. This information was immediately telephoned to the Chicago Office.

April 27, 1934 Special Agent Peterson of the Chicago office telephoned and advised that they had just received information that George Nelson had been identified as a party stealing an automobile at Lac du Flambeau, Wisconsin, described as 1934 Wisconsin license 3731, 1933 Plymouth Sedan, blue body, yellow stripe, black top, three fenders bent, right front fender welding job very noticeable, motor number PD 159,620. This information was given to the Police Department, Indianapolis, Indiana and broadcast and was also communicated to Cincinnati for communication to the Cincinnati Police Department, Lexington, Ky. Police Department, Louisville, Ky. Police Department, Columbus, Ohio Police Department and State Sheriffs' Association, who have a radio station at Findlay, Ohio for general broadcast.

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b7d [REDACTED] where his men had picked up a conversation in continental code, part of which they were able to decode and this was apparently between two short wave stations W9ZV and W9ZJ, the words decoded being "Wabash Police", "Dillinger and Babewill be there", "Located Roadhouse near Plymouth". He advised that it had been checked and ascertained that these

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two stations were ~~unlicensed~~ stations; that his men had advised also that there was a roadhouse located west of Plymouth and on Highway #30.

This information was immediately telephoned to the Chicago office to Special Agent J. J. Waters, with the suggestion that this situation be suitably covered in the vicinity of Plymouth and that this information also be teletyped to the Division.

On the afternoon of April 28, in conversation with Mr. Cowley of the Division he advised that they had just received report from Chicago indicating that nothing had developed and suggested that I again call Mr. Nathan or Mr. Purvis of Chicago and advise them of the details of what this situation was. Telephonic communication was had with Mr. Nathan of the Division, at Chicago, Illinois and he was advised of the above information. He indicated that Mr. Waters had been checking this in the vicinity of Plymouth and that there was a roadhouse located in the vicinity of Plymouth, Indiana, in fact the only roadhouse so located there was vacant; that they had examined same and apparently thereafter had also visited various other roadhouses in that vicinity without obtaining any results and it was suggested that possibly the representative of the Radio Commission, formerly located at Chicago, if still there, could use his direction finder, possibly locating these two stations and in this way eliminate them from further consideration, in view of the possibility that this might be only two amateur radio operators, operating in this manner, although it is realized occasionally bootlegging activities have used this means of communication.

On April 26, 1934 while Agents Smith and Sears were keeping the house of John W. Dillinger, father of subject Dillinger under surveillance it was noted that a ~~Gardner~~ Sedan, Michigan license V 4098 containing a single occupant, a man about 50 years of age, drove up the driveway to the rear door of the Dillinger home, honked his horn twice and immediately turned around and drove down the driveway. The car had entered the drive, coming in the direction of Mooresville and upon leaving the residence returned towards Mooresville. Agent Smith left immediately to contact Agents Barber and Whitten, who were keeping the home of Jesse Richardson under surveillance. While Agent Smith was gone, the car with Michigan license V 4098 drove passed the Dillinger homestead towards Plainfield, Indiana and when it passed the Dillinger homestead, this car slowed down and the occupant looked towards the house in an inquiring manner. Agents Smith and Sears, accompanied by Agents Barber and Whitten drove to Plainfield, Indiana and there located this car, parked in front of a Doctor's office, and across the street from the Public Library in Plainfield, Indiana. Agent Sears telephoned this information to Special Agent in Charge, E. J. Connelley, giving him the information as outlined above, who informed Agent to use our own judgment in ascertaining the connection between this car and the Dillinger family.

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Agents Whitten and Barber stayed in the government-owned car, approximately 50' behind this car, bearing Michigan license V 409B. Agent Smith took a position opposite the corridor of the Doctor's office, while Agent Sears stationed himself at about 100' away, in the direction in which the car was pointing. Agent Sears noticed Agents Whitten and Barber leave the car and stop a man, who was about to enter the said automobile. This man, upon being questioned by the four Agents, gave the following information:

That, his name was S. W. Tench, address, Lawton, Michigan; that, he is a book salesman for the Beckley Cardy Company, 17 E. 23rd St., Chicago, Illinois. He informed Agents that his reason for driving up the drive of the Dillinger home was out of morbid curiosity, to see the home of the notorious outlaw, John Dillinger. He stated that while he was calling on Miss Stone, Librarian at Mooresville, Indiana, she informed him that the home of John Dillinger was located just outside of town and suggested that he stop in and take a look at it. He stated that he then drove back to Mooresville, after looking at the home, to pick up his samples, which he had left with Miss Stone, and that he then left Mooresville, Indiana, and proceeded to call on the librarian at Plainfield, Indiana. Agent Sears contacted Miss Jones at the library at Plainfield, Indiana, who stated that Mr. Tench, who was with the Agent at the time, had just left the library and that the purpose of his visit was an attempt to sell her a line of children's books. Agent contacted Miss Helen Stone, Librarian at Mooresville, Indiana over the telephone and asked her if she knew Mr. Tench, and she stated that she told Mr. Tench that John Dillinger's home was just outside of town and suggested that he drive by and take a look at it.

Mr. Tench was extremely nervous for a moment or two, while being interviewed, but calmed himself, and after Agents had verified his story stated that it was simply out of morbid curiosity that he had stopped and he realized that the Agents were doing their duty and that he was glad to see that the Department of Justice Agents were conducting this investigation in an efficient manner.

Approximately at the same time that Mr. Tench drove up the driveway of the Dillinger home and honked his horn twice, it was observed that a party was coming across the fields from a creek, which is about one-half mile from the Dillinger homestead, to the south, and was proceeding towards the Dillinger home. He walked to the front of the house, and then down the highway, 267, to the East, towards Plainfield. After walking about one-quarter mile, it was observed that a car was travelling from a southerly direction, along the old county road, which is about one-half mile from the Dillinger home and proceeded to turn on to 267 in a westerly direction. This car stopped and picked up this party, who was coming across the field. It was ascertained that the reason for the suspicious circumstances of these two parties was due to the fact that they were dynamiting fish in the creek to the south of the Dillinger home, which is, in itself, a penal offense and

consequently were cautious of their movements. The proximity of their movements and the movements of Mr. Tench added further to the suspicions of Mr. Tench's car, Michigan license plates V 4098.

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Norman Hancock, nephew of John Dillinger, and the son of Audrey Hancock, the oldest sister of John Dillinger, as indicated heretofore in the body of this report, has agreed to advise us should John Dillinger appear here or if he should learn of the location of John Dillinger. Norman lives at the home of his mother and father, Audrey and Editt Hancock at Maywood, Indiana and on Sunday, April 29, 1934 as per understanding with us, he went out to help his grandfather, John W. Dillinger at Mooresville, at which place, due to the making of a new road in front of the place, it has been necessary to rebuild the fence and Norman was to help on this and also to help the old man out on the farm inasmuch as he is not working at the present and also for the purpose of carrying out his indicated promise to us to try to get the location of John Dillinger.

The home of John W. Dillinger, as previously indicated, has been under twenty-four hour surveillance, and at the present time, we have arrangement whereby the agents conceal themselves in the barn of the farm across the road from the Senior Dillinger farm and from which point they have a good observation of the entire house and farm.

The understanding with Norman Hancock was that should John appear at the house at any time or get into the house in any way, Norman was to walk into town from the home and wipe his face with his handkerchief, which would say that John was then in the house; also, this would give the Agent who picked him up a chance to see just what the situation was at the house. Norman is still at the senior's farm.

On this date, April 30, 1934 at 2:10 P.M., Norman gave a signal from the front porch which was not thoroughly understood, inasmuch as he wiped his face several times and also signaled with his handkerchief in front of him, so as to avoid any one at the house seeing him, and immediately the Senior Dillinger came out and they walked up the road with the team and a drag to set some fence posts, about one quarter mile from the house.

When this information was received all men were immediately sent to that point and took posts as previously outlined to them, to prevent anyone from leaving the house and still not be seen from the house; also, arrangements were made with Chief of Police Morrissey to have several squads immediately proceed to that vicinity with cars to block all roads and myself and Agent Geraghty contacted the men at their posts and learned the details of all developments, since the call had been received. With the place covered in this manner and without the knowledge of the occupants of the house

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we drove up along road 267 and picked up Norman and the Senior Dillinger and without disclosing our particular recognition of Norman, we questioned them separately and learned that what Norman had in mind was to attract anyone who knew him from our office, who might be in the vicinity, he not knowing of our spot for watching this place, in order to get to us at the earliest possible time the information he had without arousing the suspicions of the Senior Dillinger.

Norman advised that on this morning, a letter had been received, addressed to the Senior Dillinger from Ironwood, Michigan, which, in substance, said that John was hiding out at Ironwood, Michigan; that he was all right (or possibly the vicinity of Ironwood); that he would be there for sometime unless the Federals got too hot and signed "A Friend". Norman says that apparently the Senior Dillinger believed this was from some one in contact with John. Norman tried to get the letter to show to us, but could not, without taking a chance of the Senior Dillinger noting his interest in the same. Norman says that he will continue to observe any and all indications as to the location of John. It is believed that he is sincere and wished to get this information to us at the earliest possible time in order to prove his sincerity.

Immediately the situation was learned as indicated, all men were withdrawn from the vicinity, except our men who have the posts for observation and which latter was a check against Norman telling anything other than the truth. The Senior Dillinger and Norman had opportunity to observe only the two of us, Geraghty and myself. However, the papers later in the evening, having learned from someone that the roads had been blocked for a short time, published item to the effect that the home of and bars of John W. Dillinger had been raided and searched, which, of course, was not a fact and only conjecture on their part. The contact and set up in the vicinity was handled through the country without going into Mooresville, and did not take much more than one half-hour when all activity was withdrawn.

The information as to Ironwood was immediately telephoned to the Chicago office upon return to the hotel here at Indianapolis; also information recently learned that possibly Pearl Elliott might be at 614 Cherry Street, Marion, Indiana.

The information was also telephoned to the Division to Mr. Moore and later to Mr. Pennington at the Washington Field Office, in order that the Division would be advised should any inquiry be made, based upon the story which appeared here, the newspapers not being familiar with our activity here.

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INTERVIEW HAD IN THE FEDERAL BUILDING, INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana, April 11, 1934, with Hubert Dillinger, R.R. #3, Box #394, Indianapolis, Indiana, in the presence of Agents T. J. Donagan and J. L. Geraghty:

Hubert Dillinger was interviewed at this time by Special Agent in Charge, E. J. Connelley and indicated that he had been born at Indianapolis, Indiana, May 16, 1913; that he attended High School at Indianapolis; that he is the half-brother of John Dillinger, John Dillinger being the son of the first wife of John W. Dillinger. There are living at the home of John W. Dillinger, the father of subject Dillinger, two children by John W. Dillinger's second wife, Doris, age 15 and Frances, age 11. He advised that Audrey Hancock, is the oldest sister of subject Dillinger, being probably 45 years of age; that she is married to Emitt Hancock and they have the following children:

Norman Hancock, age 21, Fred Hancock, married and living at 409 N. LaSalle Street, Indianapolis, Indiana; Mary Hancock, age 17, Alberta Hancock, age 13, and Thelma, Johnny and Emma Earl, younger children than the above. Emitt Hancock is employed by a bakery, driving a truck, the Hancock family living at Maywood, about five miles from Indianapolis, Indiana.

Hubert indicated that Norman Hancock had recently been arrested for failure to pay alimony for his wife and small daughter, the wife living in Mars Hill, which is in the immediate vicinity of where Hubert lives. He advised John was first sentenced to the Pendleton Reformatory and later changed to Michigan City Penitentiary and paroled. He violated his parole and was arrested at Dayton, Ohio in September, 1933, but was not brought back to Indiana, being taken to Lima, Ohio. He advises that the automobile which Attorney John Egan, Dayton, Ohio obtained at the time of the arrest was turned over to him.

While John was still being held at Dayton, Ohio, this automobile was turned over to him; that he visited John in Lima, Ohio, twice, approximately two weeks before he got out and a third, a few days before his escape. On his last visit to Lima to see John, they would not allow him to see him. He denies that he knew that any arrangements were being made to effect the escape of John from Lima, Ohio.

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Hubert advises that the only suit he saw John wearing was a light gray suit, possibly summer weight, and a light hat; that he had his left leg bandaged; that he did not have a doctor look at it while he was here at Indianapolis; that on Thursday night, April 3, he, driving the Hudson car of John, arrived, together with John at Leipsic, Ohio between 11:00 and 12:00 midnight and visited the home of Lena Pierpont; that he, Hubert, did not go into the house, sitting out in front in the car; that they had left from his father's home to go to this place. Hubert advises Evelyn and John came down to the grandfather's place on Thursday night a week ago; they were driving the Hudson car and "the family called her Anne. Apparently she was not shot in any way. I believe they had one grip; they stayed here until Sunday afternoon and then left. I left the house just before he did and I was the first one to leave. This was probably 5:00 P.M. on Saturday. I went with Anne to buy a car, however, Anne and my wife went down to the place when the car was delivered, in order that my wife could show her the way out of town. She left my wife out of the car on Kerr Street (this is the address where Hubert and his wife live in Mars Hill). She took the car down to her father's place. They had the car in a private garage across from the ball park.

"On Sunday, April 3, at my father's place, there were myself, Hubert, Anne, John, Fred Hancock and his wife, Norman Hancock, Editt Hancock, Audrey Hancock, Mary and Alberta Hancock. They did not have the younger children with them (referring to the Hancock family). When we drove out of the place, John and Anne were at the end, together with the two young girls, Mary and Alberta. I believe Mary and Alberta got out of the car at Maywood. I was not there. I left the house and did not see him after he left the house as I went over to Mary's (meaning Mary Kinder) and told them to meet him, advising that they should go down Holt Road to the Avenue, turn right as far as you can go, turn left as far as the pavement goes, turn right on that road and they would pick him up there. When I went to Mary Kinders there was at this place, Mr. and Mrs. Pierpont, Mary Kinder and Margaret Behrens and their mother, an elderly lady. I do not know Earl Nordern and the other Nordern boys. The party who was in the car with me and who hid his face was Norman Hancock. I was taking him to Andreys in Maywood and this was when these fellows followed me.

"John left while I was on this trip. I left before John. I took Norman out to Fred's to get his clothes; then I took him back to his house. I do not know that he connected up with John. I never saw Norman or John after this. I saw Norman yesterday. He came out to the station where I work. He came on the bus. He did not say what he was doing. I can not find him. I believe he said he had been in Chicago. He did not say why he was there. He said he rode the bus back from Chicago. He did not say anything about going up there with John. He told me before he was going to Detroit to get work. When he came back he said he had been to Chicago.

He did not say whether he had been to Detroit. He said he rode the bus back from Chicago.

"When we got to Leipsic, Ohio, about 11:00 P.M., Friday night, we stayed there possibly fifteen minutes, then came back from Leipsic, Ohio and between 3:00 or 4:00 A.M. we cracked into this car on the road. We were not hurt. It was dark. We both followed the road and got in the fields when cars passed. He had the machine gun wrapped in a blanket. It had the round thing like a film box on it. He took the machine gun with him when he left. I did not see any others besides this one gun. We did not walk all the way and when it got day light I got a ride and came on down and got my car and went out there and picked him up. We then went back to my father's place. Thursday is the day he came in but I did not see him until Friday morning. I did not know he was there until I went down home, as I understood he went to Chicago. I did not know where he was when he was picked up in Tucson. The first I knew was when a fellow came into the station with an extra. We have no relatives out around Tucson and John never said what he was doing out there at this time. When I visited him at Crown Point, he said that they went there to rest and that he had no idea they would be bothered. He never mentioned going back there to get his money which is there. I asked him if I could get one of the cars and he said, 'no', that the attorney had them. He never said anything about renting a plane. I went to Dayton, Ohio in a plane to see him. McGinnis went with me. I believe he was associated with some detective organization. I heard this later. John sent me a telegram asking me to come to Dayton, Ohio and McGinnis just pushed himself in, to go along. McGinnis did not try to see John. We flew back from Dayton, on the same afternoon. I have never seen McGinnis since this time. John never said who he was. I told John he came over with me, but he did not say anything.

"As to Anne, the only thing I can say, she is dark complexioned. I have often wondered what she was. I don't think anyone knew he was here. I believe he wanted to rest a few days. He did not leave the place, except on this trip to Leipsic, Ohio. He kept the Hudson on the farm. He got in Thursday night. The State Police were not around at any time, at least we did not see them. Nobody came around except one man who was parked on the road and walked up and just before we left, he walked up and talked to Dad and he did not see John. Someone said he was a Road Commissioner. Sis (Audrey) said he was the Road Commissioner. I did not know John was there. John called at the filling station and at Fred's house just before Christmas. He walked up to the house. He just stopped. He was here in the summer, I believe and stopped at the place. I believe this was just before he got picked up in Dayton. I believe he went over to Dayton that night and was picked up on the following morning.

As to Crown Point, my impression is that he did not pay anybody any money. He just got a lucky break. It was my understanding that this woman who was here and paid for the car was his wife. They did not say where they were married. He was married before here, his wife being from Martinsville, her name being Berlyie. This was before he got caught and sent to the Penitentiary, after which she got a divorce in a couple of years. They have no children. She is married again; her maiden name was Hovias or something similar.

"I stayed at home on Sunday night on Kerr St., and my wife and I went to Dad's place, possibly 10:30 A.M. Sunday morning. It took us about 3½ or 4 hours to get to Leipsie and we left for the return trip on Friday night, April 6, between 11:30 and 12:00 to come back.

"Father's place has six rooms. John did not go out of the house, except when he went with me to go to Leipsie, we leaving about 8:00 P.M. on Friday. He did not say anything about the whip and rope which was found in the car. After the wreck on Saturday morning about 8:00 A.M., we walked about three miles this side of the wreck and John hid in the straw shed right close to the road where I found him when I came back. I got a ride in on a freight truck and a party on the truck asked me if I had seen the wreck, which was about three miles back. The party who was hit came over to the car and he talked with myself and John. Both of us went out into the field. When a car came we would go over to the field. I caught the ride on a freight truck. When I got back John only ragged me about wrecking the car. I do not know what they paid for the car or where they got that is, this Hudson. Anne paid \$200.00 down while I was with her in arranging to buy the car on Saturday, April 7, 1934 and I believe the man told her it would be \$722.00. I did not work at the filling station on Friday. I worked all day Thursday, 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. I worked Saturday afternoon. Saturday I went to work from 1:00 to 8:00 P.M. Sunday, April 8, I did not work. Monday I worked 3:00 to 8:00 P.M. Tuesday, I worked 8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Wednesday I worked 3:00 to 8:00 P.M.

"John has a very slight limp in the left leg. John took the tags off the car after the wreck and I do not know what he did with them."

Agent Donegan speaking:

"We followed you and you gave us the slip, and when we came back the car was standing on the road."

To which, Hubert replied: "You were then across near the railroad and turned around and I saw you. I was in the new car and Fred was in my car. I believe they pointed you out as you went by the house. Audrey pointed you out. Then I went on to the place with the car, proceeding as indicated

above. I saw another yellow car and I believed it was a detective, although he had a woman with him. John had a machine gunⁱⁿ the house and kept this in a grip. I have only been to the house once since Monday and Father said nothing about anything he, John, left. On Sunday, Fred and I were trying to fly a kite in the yard with the children. John was planning to leave before he saw you and told Fred and I to go get the car. I believe he intended to leave in an hour, I think. After I got the car he told me he wanted to see Mary Kinder, but did not mention the Pierponts. He told me where to go to the Luet St. address. The Pierponts were there when I got there. Possibly they had just got there or were leaving and they said for me to get in their car. They took me to Maywood and then Audrey took me down with my wife to get my Chevrolet. John had given me information as to how I could reach him and I was to take Mary there, and the above changed the plans, the Pierponts accompanying her and they said I would not have to go. I expected they would come back and get me. They said to leave the car and they would drop me off. The four of us were in the car of the Pierponts. I did not say anything about seeing this car with the fellows in it, whom I believed were following me. I do not know John Hamilton or Homer Van Meter.

"John said as to the St. Paul incident, that the first thing happened, a fellow came to the door and asked for 'Carl'; that is, if Carl was there. I believe that John was in bed. Anne said 'No'; that they got dressed then and got some things ready. I don't believe they took anything with them except some dresses. They heard some shooting and ran into a detective down below. Then these two men came to the door again and she opened the door and saw two men standing there and it was then they started to shoot and he, John said four bullets went through his coat here, indicating under the left arm and one bullet hit his leg; that the two fellows were standing up there and shooting at him and one fellow downstairs; that he, John shot the machine gun but he could not hit anybody because they were standing around the corner and then they pulled out of the place in the back; then somebody got him a doctor and they left. I don't know where they, Anne and John were in the place when they started shooting and I said, 'I thought there was two fellows and a woman' and he said, 'No.' He did not say where he had hidden while in Chicago. When I walked into my father's house on Sunday he poked his head out and said 'Stick 'em up' pointing his finger at me. He said 'You got your old clothes on' and he asked me to go out and change the wheels on his car. He went with me then and he took the wheels off and washed them and he painted them black and last he went over them again with another coat. He then painted the yellow stripe black, with Duce and he asked if I wanted to drive over to Ohio. I just drove him over there to see Fred Pierpont. During the trip over he said 'I just got one chance out of a hundred; the gates were unlocked and that he locked up part of the guards and they called some of the others and he locked them up until he had them all locked up and I believe he said the

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'Jigg' was standing behind him with a club; they got the guns and he went to the garage and there were no keys and he could not find them; then he went to the other garage and asked which was the fastest car and they pointed to the Sheriff's car and I believe he said one of the two drove and he and the 'Jigg' were in the back. I believe 'Bunk' drove. He said he left the 'Jigg' out and gave him all he had, \$50.00 or \$60.00 in Chicago, which was all he had, to give him; that he wished he had had more to give him. I asked him if he didn't think the 'Jigg' was a d--- fool to go up there blowing off about John and he said 'You know how a nigger is'.

"When John got to Chicago he tried to locate Anne in a place run by a fellow named John, and the fellow was leery of him and he said, 'Get in touch with her and tell her John is here' and this party went and called Anne. John said some detective followed him twice while he had the Sheriff's car, and he gave him the slip both times. He said he and Anne were up there. Nothing else was said on this trip to Leipsie, Ohio, except he complained of my driving. Yesterday when I saw Norman for a short time in the filling station, he said he had driven John up there to Chicago. He said Sunday, April 8 he was going to Detroit to work, or rather to look for work and John said 'When are you going' and he said the next day, and John said 'If you want to go with me tonight, I will take you as far as Chicago'.

"Later when Norman talked to me he said that he went to John and drove the car into South Chicago about midnight, they having left here about 9:45 P.M., and getting into South Chicago little after midnight. In the conversation as to this on Sunday, John said that Norman could go on to Detroit to look for work or come back home. Norman told me when they arrived in Chicago he went on in a cab and stayed at the hotel and the next day came back to Indianapolis in a bus. Norman, at this time, did not say anything about going with John and advised the reason he returned was he guessed he could not find any work and decided to come back.

"This afternoon Fred told me he had talked with Norman and that Norman had gone to a fortune teller yesterday and she told Norman he would run into a certain party who would drive him to Tucson where there was a lot of money hidden and he would get himself a lot of money and set himself up in business and he would regain his health; that when he came back he would have a law suit with his wife and he would marry the girl he was living with, this being the girl living between Valley Mills, and Indianapolis, known as Gertrude.

"I did not see John take care of his leg, but I believe he had some medicine with him and I believe he carries bandages for his leg. He said on Sunday that he was going back to Chicago to try and find "Red".

"Red" was not with them in St. Paul. At St. Paul he and Anne were upstairs and another fellow was downstairs; the fellow downstairs was coming back to the room and ran into the detective downstairs. John said he had sprayed the door with machine gun bullets. He did not say how many shots he fired. He only had a machine gun with him. I saw the machine gun before he got in the car, but can not say whether he had another gun. There was no other man out there unless they came between the time I left and the time John left. John's car on Saturday night was parked in a garage by the picnic grounds on South Street. I don't think the man knew the car was there. John carried tags that were blue plates. I believe they were Tennessee. The title for the car was left in the Apartment in St. Paul, at least that is what John told me. This was the title for the Hudson. I believe that Norman fixed it up with Fred not to let me know where John is.

"In connection with the trip to Leipsic, Ohio John slept practically all the way back and I drove and fell asleep, resulting in the wreck."

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INTERVIEW HAD AT INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, April 18, 1934 with FRED HANCOCK, 409 N. LaSalle Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, in the presence of Agents Donegan and Geraghty. This interview was had in the Federal Building, Indianapolis, Indiana on the evening of this date.

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Fred Hancock, upon interview, advises that Norman Hancock had visited with a friend, Charles Martin, living in a suburb of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Martin being employed by the Mid-Continent Refining Company; that Norman was out there about a month ago and was sick in bed for about four weeks; that he possibly has some lung trouble; that this party Martin is not acquainted with John Dillinger; that Norman recently returned home; that John formerly lived at home and was in fact practically reared by the mother of Fred Hancock and he advised that the woman at the house with John was Billie and that Hubert also called her Billie and he did not understand why he referred to her as Anne.

Fred Hancock continued by stating, "Sunday, somebody came up in order to see Grandad, a fellow in a light suit. John saw this man and immediately grabbed his machine gun from the lounge where he was lying with the gun under a blanket and ran upstairs with the gun. Somebody called Hubert and then Hubert and I went to Mooresville in order to get the car somewhere. My two sisters, Mary, 18 and Alberta, 24, were in the car with John and Billie John being in the back seat covered up. He probably had the gun as he was suspicious. There was no other fellows there. I never saw John after he left. I heard no conversation which Norman had with John. I do not know if Norman was in Chicago. I know he came back on a bus. He said he just came in on a bus. Norman was back by the Station on Tuesday. The first I knew John was here was on Saturday he was in the house and talked with me. I walked in and shook hands with him and asked how he was and I knew Mother wanted to talk with him and I walked out in the yard. I got out there after 2:00 P.M. and there was myself, Audrey Hancock, my mother, Elvett Hancock, my father and John W. Dillinger, the father of John Dillinger. John was in the house as I left before bed time. He was reading the papers for two weeks back and he laughed. He did not mention how he got back to town.

"When John was locked up in Ohio, there were two cars, an Oldsmobile and another car. Some fellow came in driving a Chevrolet, who had been in two weeks before and he said he had a good job at the Worlds Fair, before he got caught. The previous summer he came into the Station by himself and had a Terraplane Sedan. I serviced his car and he said he had 300 miles to go and that he had driven two days and nights without any sleep.

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He left the station about 9:20 P.M., and the next morning I heard where he had been caught in Dayton, Ohio. (This would be September 26, 1933). The next day two cars came in. This one car I had seen the day before and there was a woman in it, probably a foreigner or Indian. Later I saw pictures of Pierpont Hamilton, Clark and these were the parties who came back the next day; at the time they called at the station I asked Hubert who they were and he would not tell me. The fellow who was driving the Chevrolet car on this occasion looked like a gorilla. He was about 60, short, heavy set, dark face, not much hair, gray-blue eyes. He did not say anything too much. We put on new Goodrich Tires on the Chevrolet Coupe. This was the Chevrolet Coupe which Hubert is now driving. They went to Dayton, Ohio. This was possibly the following day or the second day after John had been caught. Hubert and the girl went with them, and they parked outside of town and some of them went into see John. Hubert drove one car and the other fellow got in one of the other cars. I can not say for sure that Hubert drove a Chevrolet. He was back that evening to Indianapolis. The next I saw John Dillinger was a week before Christmas he came in in a Terraplane Coupe. There was a man with him, but I do not know who he was. I did not see this other party. They came up to the house at about 11:30 P.M., while Hubert was living with me. He wished us all a Merry Christmas and I believe he had some Christmas presents for some of the kids. He stayed only about five minutes and he then went on. The next time I saw him was last Saturday. (This would be April 7, 1934).

"This was about 2:30 in the afternoon. He was lying on the couch with a blanket over him and when he got up and went to another part of the house he took the gun with him, which was under the blanket. He changed clothes and at this time there was an aeroplane flying over the house; they were flying low and up and down. I left before they went to bed. He did not say anything about St. Paul. He was limping but did not say anything. You could notice this limp. Billie had a dark dress on and she said this was the only dress she salvaged out of the Tucson, Arizona incident. Her face was kind of rough. I believe there is some kind of a scar on her face, that is, on Billie's face. I saw her here about March 18, 1934. Mary told me last night that she asked them where they were going and they said 'If I don't tell you, you won't have to tell the dicks'. I believe that John has faith in me, but I don't know where he went and he did not tell me.

"On Sunday, I went out to the house about 3:00 P.M. They had just finished dinner, because I was too late for it. I heard practically nothing of the discussion. I was there possibly two hours until the time they went down to the house. I was only in the house a few minutes and went out in the yard and was flying a kite. John had on a blue suit. There were also present, John W. Dillinger, myself, Fred Hancock, Norman Hancock, Hubert Dillinger and his wife, Mary and Alberta Hancock, John Dillinger and Billie and also Audrey and Emmitt, my mother and father. When they left, Billie was driving and they headed towards Mooresville, Indiana. I was the last party out of the place in the evening. About 4:00 or 5:00 P.M. they asked us to

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go down and get the car. I went to Mooresville to get the car with Hubert. I left Hubert out on a side street and I drove down in the Chevrolet to a side street where I was told to wait and a new Ford V-8 passed me and I trailed it and went out to the County Line Road and turned around on the road.

(Addressing his conversation to Agents Geraghty and Donegan)
"I saw you when you were at the School house. I saw the Ford on top of the hill at the school house. This was the first mention made of your car. My idea was to see what was following me. Hubert drove by the house and turned around and I passed him. Possibly he went back to the house, then I came to the house. When I got there the Ford was loaded and ready to leave. In this car, Billie was driving, Mary in the front seat, Albert in the back seat and John was in the back seat on the floor, but I did not see or ask where he was and they said he was in the car.

"John has a grudge against Ed Singleton of Mooresville, as he gave him the rap, which started him on this. John was charged with accompanying him when he hit a grocer over the head and John plead guilty on this charge. John asked his father what to do and his father told him to tell the truth and when John plead guilty he was sentenced and given 10 to 21 years. He served 1½ years at Pendleton and then got in bad at the place. He still feels Singleton is the reason for his trouble, possibly that is the reason he came down here. When he was paroled he said what he thought of Singleton. He also complained of the punishment he had received and the crookedness of the parties up at the Penitentiary. He said he was going to get Singleton if he ever saw him.

"When we arranged to leave the place on Sunday afternoon, April 8, 1934, Hubert went out in his car first, then the Ford followed, Dad and Mother came next in the Oldsmobile and I came last in my Overland-Whippet. All I saw was Hubert went to the right and the Ford went to the left towards Mooresville and possibly the Oldsmobile followed. I went through Mooresville and turned to the left. I went in straight to Maywood and stopped at my Mother's place, then I saw these fellows in the Ford Sedan V-8 going by the place. Hubert and Norman were at my place; also my wife and Hubert's wife. I heard later that Hubert stopped some place and picked Norman up. I believe he picked him up at his girl's house, Gertrude, who lives in the white house on the South side of the grove. Hubert left with Norman and went out to my house at 409 N. LaSalle St., to get the clothes of Norman; then they came back to Mother's and Hubert and his wife went by. He left Norman at my mother's place when he left there at 6:30 P.M. Possibly Norman had left at this time, but I do not know when. I did not see any car come up to the house. At the time he was playing there in the yard I saw Hubert take his car out of my mother's garage.

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"If John were to come in here, I believe he would try to communicate with Hubert. John had a bullet proof vest with his grip, which is a black leather grip with straps on it. He has another big gun in his belt on his right hip. He had this bag in the back of the car when he left. He had a light gray suit on when he left and he had red hair. He is naturally a blonde.

"On March 18, Billie came into the station in a taxi, about 6:00 P.M. and she waited until 8:00 P.M. and asked me to call Hubert, but I could not get in touch with him. I then took her to Mother's and down to Grandpa's and then back to Hubert's house and then to downtown where we ate supper at Pop Jones, about 200 S. Illinois Street. I then took her back to Hubert's where she stayed all night. I picked her up at 11:00 A.M. next day and she had dinner with mother and she caught the 1:00 P.M. plane. I took her out to the field. I saw her picture in the paper and that is the one who was here. I could not get any information from her and she and mother talked in the front room. I believe she said that John had been shot in the back of the head and he has been shot in the leg this time. This is close to the top of the spine, where he was shot, according to her story to Mother and this is a small slug which has rolled down into the back, near the backbone where they can not get at it.

"I do not know Pearl Elliott. The first I saw John was on Saturday. He did not say anything about the wreck at Noblesville. He walked back up on the farm, Sunday afternoon with Billie and then had on a blue suit.

"Norman met me last night at the Armory and talked with me for about 15 minutes, about 9:00 P.M. He had talked with a friend and this friend told him that Fred wanted him for questioning and that when they got through with him they would turn him over to the police and that is where he would die. That he was down to visit an aunt in Houston, Texas, this being a relative of the Hancocks; that he went there to get work; that he also visited with Charles Martin at Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he was taken down with malaria and pneumonia about a week or ten days ago; that he returned here just before John returned.

"Norman stopped with me from Sunday to Saturday of last week. At the time Hubert went for the car in Mooresville, when John got ready to leave, I waited for him possibly ten or fifteen minutes."

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STATEMENT OF NORMAN HOWARD HANCOCK, MADE IN THE LAW LIBRARY, FEDERAL BUILDING, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, in the presence of Agents Seare and Weeks:

"On Sunday, April 8, 1934, I was here at Indianapolis, Indiana, and had been sleeping at the home of Ralph Moore, living on Centennial St., near Tenth. I rode the bus out to my girl's house, Gertrude Altman, where my mother and two sisters picked me up and took me out to Grandfather's house, we arriving there Sunday, April 8, 1934, about 10:30 A.M., and there was also at the place at that time, John Dillinger, and a woman with him, known as Millie. This was the first time I had seen John since December, 1933. The general conversation was about me, as to when I was down in Texas and Oklahoma, I having stopped in Oklahoma with a fellow who formerly lived in Maywood, Charles Martin, who lives at 4413 S. 30th Ave., West, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and I was there for four or five weeks, to the last of March, when I returned home, arriving April 1, 1934. I had also been to Houston and Galveston. I was in Galveston only one day to see the sights and then went to Houston and stopped with a great-aunt, Mrs. Gus Timmerman, 927 Courtland St., Houston, Texas. I was here possibly for a week, going over to Galveston for one day and then proceeded to Tulsa, Oklahoma, where I became ill of malaria fever and the flu. I do not believe my mother and father ever saw this relative, she being a relative on my father's side and I had obtained the address from an aunt here in Indianapolis before I started down there. When John left grandfather's house on Sunday, April 8, 1934, I was not there. I had been gone some time, but probably not so very long. Nothing was said as to their leaving as the auto was not there when I left. Hubert took me to Maywood, this being after we had dinner together. I left about 5:30 to 6:00 in the evening. I met my ex-wife up town and I figured the first thing Monday morning they would be out there looking for me at the place of my mother and that is the reason I left Sunday night. Judge Geckler told me the next time I was in, he would send me over the road. I went to 52 Highway and met a fellow in a Plymouth Coupe, who is a salesman and as I rode with him a couple of times before, I rode in with him to Chicago and he took me to the bus station, Twelfth and Wabash, where I bought a ticket intending to go to Detroit from the Union Bus Station. I do not know why I did not go. I believe I would have had to wait for the bus until sometime in the morning. I got on the bus and rode to 63rd and Stony Island Ave., and there is a drugstore on the corner and a bus station is next to it. I stopped at a hotel about four or five squares up from the place where the elevated runs into town. I paid \$1.00 for my room. I had a suit

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case with me. I left there the next day at 6:25 P.M. on the bus to Indianapolis. I turned in my ticket to Detroit and got \$1.35 difference and secured a ticket to Indianapolis. I got into Indianapolis at 7:53 P.M., on Monday night. I stayed with my boy friend, Ralph Moore. I had about \$14.00 when I started out. I stayed three or four nights with Ralph, possibly I stayed with him Tuesday night but I am not sure. Since then I have stayed at home most of the time. Part of the time I have been riding on the trucks to Chicago, I rode with Weimer Pearson, who works for Harold York. I went to Louisville on Thursday night on a bus, a Buick Sedan and got out at the Union Bus Station and stayed one night at the Y.M.C.A., under the name of Norman Hancock. I came back on the Indiana Traction; got in about 3:30 P.M. I then rode the truck into Chicago leaving here about 2:00 or 2:30 A.M., April 14, having met these parties the night before at 8:00 P.M. We got into Chicago around 10:00 A.M., where Pearson rented a room by the week on State Street, close to the loading dock. He rented this with Forrest Pepper, who is driving with him on a freight truck. We left there 8:15 P.M. Saturday on two trucks belonging to York, Pearson and I on one truck and Pepper on the other truck. We arrived at Cottage Grove, outside of Lafayette about 6:00 A.M. Sunday and got into Indianapolis at 9:00 or 9:30 A.M. when I went home. I had no idea of going to Tucson. The idea of Tucson I got from a fortune teller. She said I would catch a ride but I should not go in a dark blue Coupe. This fortune teller lives on Blaine Ave. My sister has been going to her for readings. She told me that the Police would send me to prison but that I would not have to serve my term.

"I was with Hubert when he saw the Ford V-8 with Kentucky tags and we turned at the top of Harmon Hill and this fellow turned the other way and then came back and I went down to my mother's. This was on Sunday, April 8, 1934. Hubert then put his car in the garage of Dad and Mother and went up to West Indianapolis. Hubert then took me out in his Chevrolet to Fred's. This car went by when we were standing in front of my mother's place in Maywood and then went down to the corner and turned around and came back past the place. I saw John at grandfather's house on Sunday and I believe he would get in touch with us if he comes back in town. I am certain he would get in touch with my mother, Audrey, and also that he would get in touch with his father."

CONTINUED STATEMENT OF NORMAN HANCOCK, as of April 23, 1934
at 1:00 P.M., in the presence of Agents Johnson and Sears:

"I wish to correct my previous statement as to the details of what happened, Sunday, April 8, 1934 at the home of my grandfather, John W. Dillinger, Mooresville, Indiana. When I left, my father, Hubert and myself left in Hubert's Chevrolet Coupe and at that time I had not seen the new Ford V-8 Sedan. It was not at the house. We drove to Highway 67 and I got out of the car. I had an arrangement to meet John as I wished to go to Detroit the next day and John said that I could ride to Chicago with him and later changed and said he might go to Detroit with me. I said, all right. I had only been at my girl's house about one hour when Hubert honked his horn

went out and he said, 'get your coat and hat and come on.' I told Gertrude I was going to leave and I went with Hubert in his car and he kept watching and he said 'There is some car that is following me'. He said that he had seen the car somewhere before. Hubert said, 'I am going to find out' and he turned right and there was a gate there into the field. He pulled in and turned around and started back up the hill and whoever it was following us passed us in the automobile and he said 'By - - - they are following me' and then I ducked my head. I realize this was foolish, but do not know why. We speeded up to 35 miles per hour on 67 and headed towards Indianapolis. We came to the grave-yard right at a standard filling station, where they have used cars and turned left and came to the first pavement, which is Lafayette Boulevard and started into Maywood near to my home and Hubert said 'Will my car go into your Dad's garage?' We went into the back and came out the front and talked to my brother, Fred.

(Addressing Agents present)

"We saw you go past and then you came back past and then my Dad pulled up and got out and my Mother and Dad were in front. I believe my two sisters were in the back, Mary and Alberta. I said, 'Hubert, will you take me out for my clothes' and I went to my brother's place and got my suitcase and came back to Maywood and picked up Hubert, who took me back to West Indianapolis and I got a bus, finally reaching the Ben Davis High School road, where I walked several squares back to the square where I was to meet John. This was about 5:30 P.M. I met Evelyn driving John's car and he was in the back seat on an Auburn Sedan and I followed the Auburn Sedan, driving the Ford until about 6:30 to 7:00 P.M. There was a man and two women in this Auburn car. I don't know whether I would recognize this woman again or not. We drove North on 40 on the High School road to the Ben Davis High School and turned left and we drove I don't know just how far, as I did not know the roads. Between 6:30 and 7:30 the Auburn stopped and I talked with Billie until John came to the car and got in. The gun, at this time, was in the Ford. It was on the front of the car. I got in the back and Evelyn got in with me. He drove. We then went on 36 to #1 to Chicago Heights. We stopped one time at Danville, Illinois for gas. We stopped on 39 highway and John and Evelyn got in the front, Evelyn driving and John holding the machine gun and I got in the back. We drove for some time and then he said I could get a taxi at that corner and I got out at this place and took a taxi to the bus station. John gave me \$5.00 and said he was not going to Detroit. I believe he let me out at 111th Street and then they drove on. I got a taxi and went to 12th and Wabash Sts. I bought a ticket to Detroit and the balance of my story is as I related to you on the previous day.

"When I went to Louisville, I intended to get work but when I saw this party I believed was following me, I decided to get back. I believe a party followed me through on the bus. While in Louisville, I wrote a letter to my girl friend, in care of Ralph Moore, 1135 Centennial St., Indianapolis, Indiana. I wrote this letter at 11:00 A.M. Friday and left in the afternoon to return here. The first I knew of the reported robbery at Warsaw, Indiana was when I bought a Louisville paper just before I got on the Interurban.

"I got into Indianapolis at 8:15 P.M.

"I wish to correct my story above, as I have not told the truth.

"On Sunday, April 8, 1934 I came up to the home of Macey Davis, with my Mother and Father and this was to be the meeting place, after I came back from my brother's place with Hubert. I went to Macey Davis' place with my Father and Mother and there were at this place, at that time, my two sisters Mary and Alberta, Macey Davis and his wife and children, John and Billie. These other people were there in the Auburn car, who I understand Hubert went after. Davis was at home, as his wife was sick. He was dressed in his uniform, he being employed by the Indianapolis Power and Light Company. We stayed here possibly ten minutes after I arrived. The Auburn Sedan pulled up and the Auburn left first, John being in the Auburn and I never saw the people in the Auburn. I left in the Ford V-8 Sedan with Billie and followed the Auburn. We drove West on Lafayette, as far as the street goes, then left two squares and West about one mile and then went to Lindhurst and drove to a road which goes into the Municipal Airport, then driving back to the Sky Harbor dance grounds and turned around and went back out to the Ben Davis High School and drove north to Morris Street. I was following the Auburn on the direction of John. We then turned left at the High School and drove West and they then got winding around on roads I did not know and finally ended up on highway 36, the Rockville road. We dropped the Auburn on the State road and John came back and got into the Ford. The Ford car had 52 miles on it when I took the wheel at the home of Macey Davis. The Indiana tags were on this car the last time I saw it."

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INTERVIEW HAD WITH MARY HANCOCK, MAYWOOD, INDIANA, April 23, 1934, in the Library, Federal Building, Indianapolis, Indiana, in the presence of Agents Johnson and Sears, who advises that she is 18 years of age:

"On Sunday morning, April 8, 1934 I, together with the members of my family, that is, my mother and father, Audrey and Editt Hancock, and sister, Alberta, left home to proceed to the home of my grandfather, John W. Dillinger, Mooresville, Indiana and picked up my brother, Norman Hancock at the home of Gertrude Altman. The five of us in the car went to grandfather's place. We had previously gone to Sunday School at 10:30 A.M., and right after Sunday School left to go down there. I believe John was out in the yard when I first saw him. He had on a very light blue or gray suit. Billie was in the house in the living room. I knew her as she had been here one time before, at our home. I had heard my people talking of her and I had also seen her pictures in the paper and had heard people speak of her, that is since this happened; that is, I saw her picture in the paper after her arrest at Chicago and knew that she was the Billie who had been here. We were out in the yard for quite a while. John, when we first saw him, kissed us all around, but he did not say when he was going to leave. There was, at grandfather's house, at this time, John, Evelyn, or Billie, Hubert, and his wife, Fred and his wife, Norman, myself, and Alberta; also, John W. Dillinger, my grandfather, as well as his two daughters, Doris, age 18 and Frances, age 11. We all had dinner. We went out into the woods after dinner. John went down in the woods with them. This is up in back of the County Road. Fred and his wife, Berneta were not there for dinner. John took the baby when they met him as they came over into the woods. John had a new Ford V-8 in the yard, but I do not know who brought it there, but someone went to get the car. He was making plans then to leave. I did not see the gun, as he was not in the room when he packed up. I don't know which automobile left first, but John wanted to know which way they went and I believe Audrey and Hubert had already gone. We had not watched them when they left and did not know which way they went. Billie was driving the car when they left. I was in the front seat with Billie. Alberta was in the back seat with John and John was down on the floor. The bag was in the back on either the floor or the back seat. I did not see the Smitheman talk with John at any time. I don't know whether he knew John was there or not. When Billie drove out she turned to her left, which would take her to Mooresville and John said possibly she should go the other way and she then turned to the right and went back to the County Line Road.

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We stopped just across the road which comes down here, and then, John said, 'Never mind, I will get out and drive.' John got out of the car and I got out of the front seat and got in the back on the right side. John got into the front seat and was driving. I did not see the machine gun at this time. When at the house I had manicured his nails and I accidentally struck his leg and he said something about his sore leg, but he did not say anything more about it. With John driving we turned to the right on the County Road and we came out somewhere and hit highway 87 and turned to the left and then drove to Mars Hill to Holt Road and turned to the left at a street about one-half block from the tracks, where we came to the home of Davis. We sat out in the car and talked for about one hour and we went into the house and waited for father and mother. We were there possibly one and one-half hours when Mother came. John left in about fifteen minutes. Mother and Father arrived before he left. John and Billie were in the house also. They did not say where they were going. Norman rode from Mooresville with Hubert and Norman came to the Davis' place and he was with them when they left. Somebody was with them in another car. Billie and Norman left in one car and John left in another car. I don't know who was in the other car. Mother and I were crying. Nothing was said about coming back, in fact, nothing was said as to how or when we would see him again. John was last here sometime before Christmas. This was before he was arrested in Tucson. I had never seen the people in the second car in my life. I don't know what kind of car it was, but it was possibly black. John left in the rear car and Norman was driving Billie.

"When Father came up to the Davis' home, he had with him his aunt, Mrs. Lyda Fisher, 1342 Blaine Ave. She came up to see John. I did not pay any attention to the people in the second car, and do not know if they got out. This was at the home of Mary and Macey Davis, who are friends of our family.

"While at grandfather's house, I was in the bed room; I believe I first saw the parties we thought were watching the place from the living room and then walked into the bed room and saw these fellows again and then went into the living room and said, 'There is a car out there with a couple of fellows and it looks suspicious'. I don't know if John heard this, but I said this generally to all the family in the front room. It was not very long after this that we arranged to leave."