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May 2, 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, 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:-

Reference is made to your telegram of May 1, 1934.

After receipt of the above wire, telegram was dispatched to the Colt Patent Fire Arms Company, Hartford, Conn., and the following wire received:

"FORTY FIVE CALIBER AUTOMATIC 161971 SHIPPED TO WOLF AND ELAR FORTWORTH TEXAS FEBRUARY 22 1932 FORTY FIVE CALIBER NATIONAL MATCH AUTOMATIC 173697 SHIPPED FOR ACCOUNT OF WOLF AND ELAR TO H S LEBMAN SANANTONIO NOVEMBER 22 1933-COLTS."

Wire was sent to the Dallas office on May 1st, advising of the above, and requesting proper handling. Wire was also sent to you on May 1st, advising of the above.

Very truly yours,

F. I. FAY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-Division

cc-Mr. Fay

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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 -  
FUGITIVE, I. O. 1217, et al.  
NATL. MOT. VEHICLE THEFT ACT.  
HARBORING FUG. FROM JUSTICE.  
St. Paul file No. 25-2434.

Reference is made to the money found in safety deposit boxes at the Midway National Bank and the Liberty State Bank in St. Paul in the name of Hester/Hinds or Elizabeth Kline, which are aliases for Mrs. Bessie/Skinner alias Mrs. Bessie Green. 409491-934-935 904

To make a record of this transaction, Mrs. Skinner alias Mrs. Green stated that in order to avoid the publicity arising from a Court order, she preferred that the examination of the contents of those safety deposit boxes be made upon her written authorization. She addressed a letter to each of the banks and the letters were presented to officials of these banks. Subsequently, Special Agents, in the presence of bank officials, counted and took the numbers of the currency in these safety deposit boxes, as is being reported by Special Agents Hurley and Fortenberry. The numbers were compared with the numbers on the Bremer, Bohn, Hamm, Lindbergh, and the Urschel kidnaping ransom money, and no identification was made in any instance. At the time of Mrs. Bessie Skinner's arrest, she had in her possession a sum, the amount of which has already been recorded, in excess of \$1,000. Her attorney, Mr. Harold Stassen, presented a written authorization signed by Bessie Green in the presence of Special Agents as witnesses, since Bessie Green otherwise was being held incommunicado, requesting that this money be turned over to Mr. Stassen's associate, Mr. Olson; and I presented this matter to the United States Attorney George Sullivan who stated that upon such authorization, it would be proper to deliver this money to Mr. Stassen or to Mr. Olson. Accordingly, this was done, and receipts were obtained in the presence of Special Agent in Charge Werner Hann and myself, and the receipts are made a part of the file.

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Very truly yours,

H. H. CLEGG,  
Inspector.

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

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Fugitive, I. O. #1217.  
John O'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:-

On May 2, 1934, James Dolan, New York Police Department Detective (Shield 1110) assigned to 8th Squad, 253 Mercer Street, New York City, visited the New York Division Office. He delivered the attached envelope and enclosure for whatever value they may possess with respect to the Dillinger case. Photostats of the letter and envelope are attached to copies of this letter for the offices at Chicago, St. Paul and San Francisco.

Attention is invited to the fact that the letter is addressed to Miss Gough; is on letterhead of Hotel Normandie, Sutter and Gough Streets, San Francisco. Detective Dolan advised the letter and envelope had been delivered to him by George Brett, owner of the MacMillan Co., publishers, 60 Fifth Avenue, New York City, which firm had used the envelope in question, for mailing a circular to the addressee, Mr. Fred T. Elsey, Yokohama Specie Bank, Ltd., San Francisco, Calif.; that Mr. Brett had received the letter in this envelope on April 30th, in ordinary mail; that Mr. Brett is of the opinion that the unknown Mack Onile in some manner obtained the envelope which had not been sealed (had traveled as second class matter); that Onile sealed the present letter, as it was received unopened by the MacMillan Co.; that Mr.

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Brett desired to refer the matter to the proper authorities for consideration.

Should the Division see fit, the letter might be examined by the Laboratory.

It is possible the San Francisco office can identify the Ferry Hotel mentioned as a hideout of Dillinger in this letter.

Consideration might also be given as to whether the letter in question is not the work of a crank.

Two sets of photostats are also being forwarded herewith to the Division.

Very truly yours,

*F. X. Fay*

F. X. FAY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc - Division  
cc - Chicago  
cc - St. Paul  
cc - San Francisco

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Laboratory Report

Case: John Herbert Dillinger, with aliases, I.O. 121 Number: 62-29777-  
John Hamilton, with aliases I.O. 1220  
Homer Van Meter, with aliases I.O. 1228  
NMVTA and Fugitives.

Specimens: One original letter consisting of one page and beginning,  
"Dear Miss Gough, I have had the money for a long time, etc."  
One envelope postmarked San Francisco, Calif, Apr 26, 1934,  
5PM on one side, and postmarked New York NY on the other side.  
Two photostatic copies of above letter and envelope.

Examination requested by: New York Division Office.

Date received: May 5, 1934

Examination requested: General and Fingerprint.

Result of examination:

Examination by: <sup>51</sup>  
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Letter in envelope of the Macmillan Co., Publishers, N.Y.  
which had been used to send a circular to  
Mr. Fred T. Elroy, Rykthema Suez Bank, Ltd. San Francisco  
The address marked with red pencil and an arrow  
put in pointing to the return address of Macmillan Co.  
Letter See agent report.

Letter on paper of Hotel Normandie, Sutton & Gough Sts.  
San Francisco and begins Dear Miss, Gough,  
Comma after "Miss". Gough same as street of hotel  
Cather. Writer uses poor grammar & spelling

Says he killed a cop or will do so & get his gun  
Says his Miss Goughs money stolen but he will get  
it back.

Says Dillinger is in the prison hotel

Handwriting not like  
the other case

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

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

May 1, 1934. MAY 5 1934 PM

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.  
NATL. MOT. VEHICLE THEFT ACT.  
HARBORING FUG. FROM JUSTICE.  
St. Paul file No. 25-2434.

Reference is made to Division's letter dated  
April 23, 1934, requesting a copy of the fingerprints  
of Opal Milligan.

For your information, a set of the fingerprints  
of Opal Milligan, St. Paul Police Department No. 24027,  
was forwarded to the Division by the St. Paul Police  
Department on April 16, 1934; and a reply dated April  
21, 1934, was received by the St. Paul Police Department  
from the Division, advising that this person has no  
previous criminal record in the Division. Her finger-  
print classification is  $\frac{29}{18} \frac{W}{R} \frac{I}{OI} \frac{9}{11}$ .

Very truly yours,

H. H. CLEGG,  
Inspector.

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MR. SOAN	✓
MR. QUINN	✓
MR. LESTER	✓
CHIEF CLERK	✓
MR. ROSS	✓

~~Personal and Confidential~~

April 30, 1934.

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:-

There is attached, hereto, an Editorial which appeared  
in the Chicago American of April 26, 1934, for your information.

Sincerely yours,

*M. H. Purvis*

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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*John Ballinger  
C.R. Crittman  
C.R. Chicago  
C.R. NEWSPAPER CLIPPING*





**Division of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**

**P. O. Box #766  
Cincinnati, Ohio**

**May 2, 1934.**

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

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**Dear Sir:**

**Re: JOHN DILLINGER with aliases - FUGITIVE  
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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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With reference to Division letter of April 25, 1934, there are attached hereto six copies of a memorandum, prepared by Agents J. L. Geraghty and T. J. Donegan, and a picture, covering their activity on Sunday, April 8, 1934, at the time John Dillinger was there, in accordance with admissions of four members of the family, so far interviewed, namely, Hubert Dillinger, Norman, Fred and Mary Hancock.

As will be noted, the Agents were assigned to locate and keep Hubert Dillinger under surveillance, as it was thought he would contact John. Hubert was located and thereafter, by his actions, eluded the agents and delivered to John the new Ford V-8 Sedan, which was used in his departure. The Agents, it is believed, made effort to carry out the instructions, but due to the deliberate actions of Hubert Dillinger and Norman Hancock in the former's car, to deceive them by creating the impression that John was possibly in the car, made their efforts ineffectual, they not knowing this move was for purpose of allowing Dillinger to get away in the other car, which was not identified, at that time.

Also, the fact that they failed to note the appearance of John here, made his escape rather simple, that is, this, together with the fact that they were unable to continuously follow Hubert, who was arranging a contact of John with Mary Kinder.

The fact, also that the family, as per statements of those interviewed, had become suspicious of the Agents in passing the house, plus an airplane stunting over the farm, which John believed was watching for him, made Dillinger very cautious and facilitated his escape.

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The failure to recognize Evelyn Frechetti also simplified the escape. The attitude of the people at Mooresville, Indiana has now changed, but previously, little could be expected in the way of help from them. Should the Agents have done otherwise than they did, that is, if one had dropped off for foot surveillance, the maneuver at the house might have been detected.

It is believed the situation resolves itself into a case where a number of possibilities presented themselves as to covering same, and the Agents took one as the logical one in accordance with instructions, which could have been successful in the light of later developments had they not been recognized in following Hubert, this latter presenting a difficult task on country roads.

Very truly yours,

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

P. O. Box 5768

Cincinnati, Ohio

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MEMORANDUM SUBMITTED BY SPECIAL AGENTS DONEGAN and GERAGHTY:

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

This memorandum is prepared upon instruction from Mr. E. J. Connelley, Special Agent in Charge, in compliance with Division letter of April 25, 1934 requesting that the Division be advised of the details of the developments of the investigation on Sunday, April 8, 1934.

Agent Donegan arrived in Indianapolis, Indiana from Cincinnati, Ohio, at 6:30 Saturday evening, April 7, 1934, and that evening was taken by Agent Wynn and shown the different points of interest in this case, namely, the gas station operated by Hubert Dillinger at New York Ave., and La Salle Street, the home of Mary Kinder at 930 Daley Street, the Northern home at 518 N. West, the supposed home of Hubert Dillinger in Mars Hill, the home of Audrey Hancock (sister of John Dillinger), Maywood and the home of John Dillinger's father, in Mooresville. It is noted that the inspections of these localities were made about midnight and later. The surveillance made of the home of John Dillinger's father was about 2:30 in the morning. Previous to this time, Agent Donegan was not familiar with any of the points in Indianapolis or its vicinity.

Upon completing this surveillance, Agent Donegan, accompanied by Agent Wynn, returned to headquarters in Indianapolis at the Spink Arms Hotel about 5:00 o'clock in the morning and was informed by Agent Johnson, who was in charge of the investigation at Indianapolis at this time, that he had a call from Chicago, which stated that it would be necessary for the Agents in Indianapolis to meet a plane arriving from Chicago at the Municipal Airport in Indianapolis about 5:30 in the morning, and Agent Johnson instructed Agents Wynn and Donegan to get some rest and be ready for duty at 5:30 in the morning. Agents were up at 5:30 in the morning, however no word was received that the plane had arrived.

At 8:05 A.M. on Sunday, April 8, 1934, Agent Geraghty arrived in Indianapolis from New York City. After conferring with Agent Johnson and the other Agents present, working on this case, Agent Geraghty was instructed to accompany Agent Donegan, so that all the points in the city of Indianapolis, which

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might be of interest in the further investigation of this case, could be obtained, as well as those located in Maywood, Mars Hill and Mooresville, with specific instructions that during this trip to the different points above stated, that should Hubert Dillinger's car be located, that every effort be made to keep the same under surveillance, as it was believed that if constant surveillance could be maintained of this car it would possibly lead the Agents to a hide-out of subject Dillinger. Agent Geraghty had never been in Indianapolis or any of the surrounding territory before this date.

Agents Donegan and Geraghty started on their work at 11:30 A.M. and first visited the gas station located at New York Ave., and N. LaSalle St., where Hubert Dillinger and Fred Hancock, half-brother and nephew respectively, of subject Dillinger are employed. Neither Hubert Dillinger, nor Fred Hancock were known to either Agents Donegan or Geraghty, but Agents were trying to locate them on the identification of Hubert Dillinger's automobile, the license of which had been furnished to these two Agents by Agent Johnson.

Agents Donegan and Geraghty proceeded to the vicinity of 9-30 Daley Street, where it was observed that furniture was being removed from this address. Agents kept this address under surveillance until the furniture truck started to move, and surveillance of the truck was maintained until its arrival at 516 N. LaSalle Street. Agents reported this information by telephone to Agent Johnson, in charge of the investigation. Agents Donegan and Geraghty then proceeded to the vicinity of Maywood, in which section Audrey Hancock, the sister of subject Dillinger, resides and were unable to locate Hubert Dillinger's car in this locality.

It is further noted at this point that neither Agents knew the definite locality, of Audrey Hancock's home, insofar as the visit made in this locality on the previous evening was made about midnight and land marks could not be ascertained, because of the darkness.

Agents Donegan and Geraghty proceeded to the Mars Hill section of the city, the locality where Hubert Dillinger was believed to reside with his father-in-law, a Mr. Harry E. Baugh, whose home is located at 1941 Second Avenue. Agents made a tour of the Mars Hill district and in particular kept the home of Harry E. Baugh under surveillance for a short time and did not observe the Chevrolet Coupe with the license numbers 109,038 and it was deemed advisable to make a surveillance of the vicinity of Mooresville in a further attempt to locate Hubert Dillinger's car. It is noted at this point that the approximate time that Agents started to make a surveillance of the vicinity of Mooresville was about 5:00 P.M. Sunday afternoon, April 8, 1934. Agents Donegan and Geraghty observed what they believed to be Hubert Dillinger's Chevrolet Coupe and two other cars, which were old type Sedans, parked in the yard on the farm owned by subject's father, which is located on R.R. #267, between Mooresville and Plainfield, lying about one-quarter mile outside of the city limits of Mooresville in the direction of Plainfield.



(On a subsequent trip these automobiles were identified as being a Whippet and an Oldsmobile.)

Subject's father's home lays on the side of a small knoll, which is formed by a draw; the house, itself, sits in off of the road about 100 to 150'. It is impossible to observe the home of subject's father or the yard, except from a position on the highway 267, directly in front of the home or the entrance thereto. The home can be observed while driving on route 267 for a distance of approximately 100'. Agents, while passing the house maintained an average speed of about 30 to 35 miles per hour, in order that they would not attract attention, as it was noted that everybody in the vicinity of Mooresville observed closely every car that passed by, probably because of the notoriety arising out of the wrecking of Dillinger's car, north of Indianapolis.

It was further noted that there were a number of automobiles on route 267, which had the appearance of being Sunday curiosity seekers, who were looking at the home of subject's father. Agents tried to maintain an appearance of being Sunday drivers, going along this road, while they were making their surveillance. Upon the first observation of the home of subject's father, Agents drove in the direction of Plainfield from Mooresville. They drove down this road for approximately two miles, made a turn and came back again. Upon the return trip the Chevrolet Coupe was definitely determined from the license number, 109,838 Indiana, 1934, to be the Chevrolet Coupe of Hubert Dillinger, the half-brother of subject. It was also observed on both these occasions that there were several women and men in the yard, two of whom apparently were attempting to fly a kite. Agents returned past the Dillinger home, going towards Plainfield again, with the hope of taking up a position in the road which would permit Agents to stand and be able to observe Hubert Dillinger's car, should he leave the farmhouse of subject's father, but it was determined that it would be practically impossible to stand at any point in the road to make such an examination without standing so close as to be observed by anyone who might leave the farm.

It is noted that on these trips past, Agents made an effort to identify the women and the two men in the yard and one of the individuals was wearing a blue shirt, riding breeches and was believed to be Hubert Dillinger, because of the type of clothes which he was wearing, which are usually worn by a gas station attendant, but it was later learned, by interviewing Hubert Dillinger and Fred Hancock, on April 9, 1934 that these two men were Hubert Dillinger and Fred Hancock and that Fred Hancock was the man dressed in the gas station attendant's clothes.

As Agents returned on the road towards Mooresville from Plainfield after having attempted to locate a spot where the entrance to the farm could be observed without any success, and in driving past the house, it was noted that Hubert Dillinger's car was no longer in the farm yard. The two sedans, believed to be an old Oldsmobile and a Whippet were still in the yard. Agents Donegan and

Geraghty believed that Hubert Dillinger had left, possibly for Indianapolis, and proceeded on towards Mooresville, with the intention of driving in the direction of Indianapolis, in an effort to locate him. Agents Donegan and Geraghty, in going down a side street, namely Washington Street, observed a car which they believed was Hubert Dillinger's Chevrolet Coupe, to turn into Washington Street from another side street and proceed in the direction of subject John Dillinger's father's farm; proceeding on the road, ahead of this Chevrolet Coupe, was a black Ford Sedan. Agents did not have an opportunity to observe the license number of the Ford Sedan or ascertain who was in it, as it passed directly ahead of it was first observed. Upon the Chevrolet Coupe's passing Agents, they were able to observe the license numbers and identified it as Hubert Dillinger's Chevrolet Coupe. Agents proceeded in the direction in which they were going for about two blocks in order that they would not be identified by the party driving Hubert Dillinger's automobile, and made a turn around the street and followed in the direction that Hubert Dillinger's automobile was going, driving closely, however, in the belief that Hubert Dillinger was returning to Dillinger's father's home with the car.

Agents proceeded on Washington street in the direction they observed Hubert Dillinger's car had taken, on to route 257, and passed the home of subject Dillinger's father, going in the direction of Plainfield on route 257. As Agents Donegan and Geraghty passed subject's father's home, it was observed that Hubert Dillinger's car was in the yard and the only two automobiles in the yard were the old Oldsmobile and Whippet. Agents Donegan and Geraghty believed that Hubert Dillinger had proceeded on 257 route towards Plainfield and increased their speed, in order to overtake them if possible, driving to practically the city limits of Plainfield, when it was decided that possibly he may have turned off on a side road. Agents then turned around and proceeded back on route 257 in the direction of Mooresville, to make another surveillance of subject's father's home. At a point near where the county line road intersects route 257, the county line road being in the neighborhood of one-half mile distant from subject's father's home in the direction of Plainfield, Agents observed a black Ford Sedan which was stopped on the road. In the car were three women and one man. As Agents were driving by this car, the license number was observed and it was Indiana license, 1934, 25,388. As Agents passed the car the man in it appeared to leave the right hand side of the car and walk around to the rear left hand side and continue to watch Agents as they proceeded down the road, looking over his left shoulder. This party was dressed in light, ice-cream grey suit and grey hat. In Agents' opinion, from observation, the man would be described, as follows: age, 25; height, 6'; weight, 190 pounds; dark hair, well built. Agent Geraghty obtained a better view of this individual than did Agent Donegan, who was engaged in driving the car and Agent Geraghty observed the man's face at the time of approaching the car and observed his physical description, as he was standing in back of the left side of the car after Agents' car had passed by and Agent Geraghty advises that this individual did not, in any

way resemble subject Dillinger, nor did his actions cause any concern or create any suspicion in the minds of either Agent, other than that he was a Sunday tourist and that the parties were changing drivers and Agents only reason for retaining the license number of this car was that Agents were observing the license numbers of automobiles in the vicinity of the Dillinger home.

As Agents passed in front of subject's father's house, a light yellow Ford Coupe, Indiana license 18,948 was standing. Driving in this Ford Coupe was a woman, age 45, hair dark, light tan hat and coat and highly painted. This car just described, was first observed to come to a stop in front of subject's father's home on Agents last trip in the direction of Plainfield from Mooresville and a man was observed to leave this car and go up into the yard and apparently entered into conversation with an elderly gentleman standing near the front of the house.

As Agents passed in front of subject's father's home going towards Mooresville, on their last trip past the house on that day, Hubert Dillinger's car was still absent from the yard and Agents thereupon deemed it advisable to proceed towards Indianapolis, with the hope of again being able to put the car under surveillance.

For a better understanding of the following details of this investigation, it is noted that Mooresville is located on route 67 about eighteen miles from the City limits of Indianapolis in a Southwesterly direction, Maywood is located about 2 1/2 miles from the city limits of Indianapolis, on route 67, south west and Mars Hill is located about one-half mile from Maywood, directly west. Attached to this memorandum is an aerial photograph obtained from Lieutenant Cunningham, the officer in charge of the National Guard Airport, which is located just north of Mars Hill on Holt Road and this airport has been identified in the picture by the letter "A".

Agents, upon returning towards Indianapolis from Mooresville, were travelling on route 67. Agents again observed what was believed to be the Chevrolet Coupe of Hubert Dillinger travelling along route 67 in the direction of Indianapolis. When getting close enough to verify the license number of this car it was also observed that two men were riding in it. Agents followed this car at a reasonable distance. The car was first observed when about four miles Southwest of Maywood and proceeding in the direction of Maywood. The road on which Agents were proceeding is shown in the aerial photograph by the letter "A". When about one mile from Maywood, on route 67, at point "A" in the aerial photograph, Hubert Dillinger's car made a right turn, which is off of the main travelled route of 67. Agents, in an attempt to keep Hubert Dillinger from determining that he were surveying him, made a left turn at this point, as shown in the aerial photograph and stopped a few feet beyond, in front of a farm house, making a left turn and proceeding back on this road from position "A" towards



position "C". The road, at this point, goes over a knoll and from position "B" as shown in the photograph, point "C" can not be seen. When getting to the top of the knoll, Agents observed the car of Hubert Dillinger, immediately began to retrace their tracks and to again enter route "C". Agents decided not to stop but to proceed on in the direction in which they were then going. At a point on that point in the road would be perfectly evident as to what he was doing. As Hubert Dillinger's car approached, the party riding with him and sitting in his right, started to lower his head and as Agents car passed Hubert Dillinger's car, this party hid his face in his hands and lowered his head below the dashboard, and the only thing which Agents were able to observe was his hair, which appeared to be dark or chestnut. The hair appeared to be rather thin and unkempt. It was believed by Agents to closely resemble the description of subject's hair. Agents were of the opinion at this point, that the person who had hid his face was, without doubt, John Dillinger, subject of this case.

Agents immediately turned their car in the road and attempted to catch Hubert Dillinger's car. It will be noted, if closely observed, that the road from point "B" to point "C" has a sharp right hand turn, which is a 90 degree angle turn. As Agents had cleared the point on the road shown in the serial photograph, Hubert Dillinger's car was observed to be crossing the creek, which had to be observed in the serial photograph between "B" and "C" and before Agents were able to arrive at the turn in the road between "B" and "C" Agents observed Hubert Dillinger's car making a left hand turn at a gas station, at point "D" in the serial photograph. It is to be noted that at the time Hubert Dillinger passed Agents car between points "B" and "C" on the road, he travelled at a blinding pace and had covered the distance to the turn at point "D" before Agents were able to arrive at the turn in the road between points "B" and "C". Agents gave chase after this fact on the part of Hubert Dillinger in driving his car and travelled as fast as was possible with the idea of abandoning pretence and apprehending Hubert and the party riding with him, whom both Agents thoroughly believed was subject Dillinger. At point "D" a gas station is located, as well as a junk yard and several minutes were lost at this point, in making an investigation to determine if he had not run into this junk yard and attempted to hide his car in that place. Hubert Dillinger's car could not be located in the junk yard and Agents cruised through the streets in the vicinity of where Hubert Dillinger's car had disappeared and made several inquiries of people standing around as to whether they had seen the Chevrolet Coupe in question, or not. No one questioned indicated that they had seen the car or the coupe it had taken and upon this search appearing fruitless Agents decided to proceed to Engwood to make a surveillance in the vicinity of the home of Audrey Hancock, sister of subject, the location of which is designated as "E" in the serial photograph. Upon cruising around in the vicinity of the home of Audrey Hancock, Agents observed nothing unusual and did not see Hubert Dillinger's automobile, although they made a thorough search of this vicinity.

Investigation was also made in the vicinity of Hubert Dillinger's father-in-law's home, but his Chevrolet Coupe was not observed. The father-in-law's home is located at 2214 Second Avenue in the block in Mars Hill designated in the aerial photograph as "B".

After failing to locate Hubert Dillinger's car in these locations, Agents immediately proceeded to the first telephone available and communicated to Agent Johnson the results of Agents' observations from the time of their arrival in Mooresville, until then, giving license numbers of tan-colored Ford Coupe, Indiana, 1934, 19,945 and black Ford Sedan, Indiana license 28,328. Agents proceeded to the vicinity of the gas station at New York Avenue and North Nashville Sts. It is noted that this is in the East part of Indianapolis and in this locality Agents failed to find Hubert Dillinger's Chevrolet Coupe. Agents then proceeded back to headquarters in the Spink Arms Hotel and were instructed by Agent Johnson, who was in charge of the investigation in Indianapolis, to again go out and cruise around the vicinity of Maywood, Mooresville, Mars Hill and the Luett Street address in an effort to pick up Hubert Dillinger's automobile again.

It is noted that on this trip of surveillance, Agents were accompanied by Agents Smith, Barber and Hirsch. Agents cruised in the vicinity of Mars Hill and failed to find any trace of Hubert Dillinger's automobile. It is noted that at this time it was dark and Agents proceeded to the vicinity of 516 Luett Street and observed Hubert Dillinger's automobile parked across the street from this address. Agents immediately communicated this information to Agent Johnson and it was believed, after a conference over the telephone, that in view of the actions of Hubert Dillinger, possibly subject was at this address. Arrangements were immediately made with local police for a raid, but before the arrival of officers, Hubert Dillinger's Chevrolet Coupe was seen to drive away, at which time the party driving was accompanied by a woman.

Agents Donegan and Garaghty, accompanied by Agents Smith and Hirsch followed Hubert Dillinger's car to the vicinity of his father-in-law's home. Agent Donegan was the only Agent of the four who had been in this vicinity after dark and he stated the car was being parked by the side of his father-in-law's house, which is 2214 Second Ave., Mars Hill, Indianapolis, Indiana (not North Nashville as indicated in the original memorandum). At the time Agents followed Hubert Dillinger's car to the vicinity of his father-in-law's house, Agent Barber was left in the vicinity of the Luett Street address, to advise Agent Johnson and the Indianapolis Police Department. Agents failed, or rather assisted in the raid by the local police and other Agents on 516 Luett Street, and the only individuals found at this address were Mary Rinder, Mrs. Margaret Lehman, a lady of the latter and Claude Parker of Plainfield, Indiana. Nothing was found which would indicate that subject had been at this address. From the above address, the local police and Agents went to the home of Hubert Dillinger's father-in-law.



Harry E. Baugh, where a raid was conducted in an effort to locate both subject John Dillinger and his half-brother, Hubert Dillinger. Harry Baugh, the father-in-law of Hubert Dillinger, upon first being questioned, stated that Hubert was not at his home, nor had he been there since early afternoon; that he believed Hubert was out at his father's where a dinner was being given for members of the family. Harry Baugh was informed that Hubert's car had been seen at some of that address less than an hour before. Mr. Baugh then made inquiry of his wife and learned that Hubert Dillinger had been there for minutes prior to the officer's arrival and the fact was put on record. Harry Baugh told Agents that Hubert Dillinger lived with his wife in the next block. The home of Hubert Dillinger was located and entered by the officers but Hubert Dillinger or subject John Dillinger were not found in it. Surveillance was maintained near this address by Agents Donagan and Garachy, Barker and Smith until 4:00 p.m., and Hubert Dillinger was not seen to return to his home, when the surveillance was discontinued upon instructions from Agent Johnson, in charge of the investigation at Indianapolis, Indiana.

On Monday afternoon, April 3, 1934, Agent Baugh reported that Indiana license 86,389 had been issued to a Mrs. Fred Penfield, address, 409 N. LaSalle Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, for a Ford Sedan and further investigation was conducted along the lines that this car might have been bought for subject Dillinger, as noted in other memoranda.

No further details are being set forth in this memorandum as the letter of the Director referred to in the beginning of this memorandum does not apparently call for any further details.

It is noted that Agents Garachy and Donagan did not see any man in the vicinity of subject's father's home at Mooresville, who resembled John Dillinger and had no indications while in this vicinity that subject might be located there. It is further noted that there was no cause to arouse Agents' suspicions until they put Hubert Dillinger's car under surveillance en route when it was proceeding in the direction of Maywood, as noted in aerial survey map and at this time when Hubert Dillinger made every effort possible to get away from Agents and the occupant of his car had his face hidden from them. Agents were of the belief that John Dillinger was in the car at this time and made every effort humanly possible to overtake the Hubert Dillinger car and apprehend whom they believed to be the subject. Further, upon failing to overtake the Hubert Dillinger automobile at this time, they made every effort to locate it and communicated promptly with the Agent who was in charge of the investigation at Indianapolis, advising him of the happenings and as soon as Hubert Dillinger's car was located, a raiding party was promptly organized and the home of Harry Kinder, 516 N. Luett Street was raided and also the home of Hubert Dillinger and Hubert Dillinger's father-in-law, as set forth in this memorandum.

Agents Donegan and Geraughty regret deeply the fact that their investigation conducted at this point is considered lax and indifferent, as they were honestly doing all in their power to develop every angle in the case, and would have willingly, at that time, done everything humanly possible to apprehend the subject, John Dillinger, if he were recognized.

Very truly yours,

*J. J. Donegan*  
J. J. DONEGAN,  
Special Agent.

*J. L. Geraughty*  
J. L. GERAUGHTY,  
Special Agent.



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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	5/2/34	ALVIN KARPIS ET AL	J. E. CONNELLEY
CHARLES JOHN HENRIET DILLINGER, aliases: John Hall, John Donovan Hall, Clarence Brown, Harry J. Harris, H. P. Donovan, Kirtland F. Sullivan, Carl P. Hollman, FUGITIVE, I. O. #1224; HERBERT YOUNGLOOD (Deceased); JOHN HAMILTON alias John Campbell, I. O. #1224; SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: EDWARD GREEN, aliases: Eddie Green, Harry Green, George Green, Donald Green, Eugene Green, Charles Ryan, Frederick Riley, Fred Riley, J. A. Stevens, Fred Fred Graham, J. S. Makely (Deceased); EVELYN FRECHETTE, aliases: "Billie" Spark, Ann Martin, Mary Evelyn Frechette, Evelyn Spark, Evelyn Frachetti, Evelyn Frisbetta, Grace B. Edwards, Mrs. John Dillinger, Mrs. J. Hughes, "Billie"; MRS. BESSIE WINNER, aliases: Mrs. J. E. Randall, Beth Green, Mrs. J. A. Stevens, Mrs. Edward Green, Bessie Walsh, Bessie Moore, Bessie Hall, Bessie Green, Elizabeth Kline, Hester Hinds, Mrs. J. S. Makely; HOMER VAN METTER, aliases: Kenneth Jackson, Kenneth B. Jackson, John J. Van, I. O. #1224; DR. CLAYTON B. MAY; MRS. AUGUSTA SALT alias Mrs. Gurliath La Delle; ALBERT W. REILLY, aliases: Pat Reilly, Pat Riley - I. O. #1224; DR. WELLS C. MORTENSEN; MRS. ISAAC STEVE; LESTER M. CHILDS, aliases: Alex Childs, Lester Childs, George Childs, "Big George", "Jimmy", Jimmy Williams - I. O. #1224; THOMAS LEONARD CARROLL, aliases Tommy Carroll, James Earl Cook, Frank Slone, Frank Slone, Tom Carroll, Tim Brock, George Molarken, J. G. Molarken, Thomas Murray, Thomas Murray, I. O. #1224; PATRICIA YOUNG, aliases: Pat Cherrington, Ann Jackson. SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Special Agent Jay D. Howard identified the marks of Childs as having been made by the Special Agent W. Carter Baum and his cell telephone number GROVEHILL 2211, found in the possession of the girls taken into custody at Spiller Lake, Wisconsin, when Dillinger was shot. APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>M. H. Quinn</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE DIVISION 3 St. Paul-3 Cincinnati-2 Detroit-2 Birmingham-1 Chicago-2 COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO: MAY 4 1934 A M BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION MAY 14 1934 MAY 14 1934			

is that of Mrs. Millicent, 2115 South West  
field Avenue, Chicago, at which address Mrs.  
Julia Fitzgerald, sister of Millicent, and her  
mother reside. One Father Doughlan, who has  
known Nelson under name of Jimmy Williams for  
considerable length of time, identifies photo-  
graph of the woman who gave the name of Mrs.  
Joseph J. Harr at time she was taken into  
custody at Spider Lake, Wisconsin, as wife  
of Nelson.

**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent V. E. Peterson  
dated at Chicago, Illinois, April 27,  
1934.

**DETAILS:**

The title of this report is being changed in order  
to include the alias "Jimmy Williams" which was used by Millicent alias "Red  
Face" Nelson; also, the alias "Pat Hilary" which was used by subject Albert  
W. Kelly, and further, to show THOMAS LEONARD CARROLL as the brother  
of this subject and to list the following additional aliases used by him:  
Tom Carroll, Jim Brock, George Molaren, E. G. Molaren, Thomas Murray, and  
Thomas Murray.



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The following signed statement was made by Special Agent Jay C. Bowman, giving the details of the shooting and killing of Special Agent W. Carter Baum, and the wounding of Mr. Bowman:

On the night of April 22, 1935, while covering the Little Bohemia Roadhouse at Spider Lake, Wisconsin, where John Dillinger and several of his confederates were believed to be hiding, I was requested by Mr. E. J. Voss, Birchwood Hotel, located approximately two miles away, and telephoned Special Agent M. H. Purvis at Rhinelander, Wisconsin, instructing him to have Special Agent in Charge Warner Baum and all agents who appeared at Rhinelander, proceed to Little Bohemia immediately upon their arrival and to bring with them all the equipment available. Special Agent W. Carter Baum was detailed to accompany me and the trip was made in a Ford coupe turned over to Agents by Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis. Shortly before midnight, Agents Baum, Hart and I, under the direction of Mr. Purvis, had gone to Voss' Birchwood Hotel and telephoned Sheriff McGreager at Eagle River, Wisconsin, advising him that we were covering the Little Bohemia Roadhouse in this county, and soliciting his cooperation. Agent Hart had been late at Voss' place to meet Sheriff McGreager and his men, and accompanied them to Little Bohemia.

Upon the arrival of Agent Baum and this Agent at Voss' Birchwood Hotel, I communicated by telephone with Agent Gurn at Rhinelander, and later through conversation with the occupants of Voss' place, learned the location of Henry Kuhmer's residence, from which a Packard automobile had been stolen shortly after our arrival at Little Bohemia. Believing it likely that some of the members of the Dillinger gang had taken this automobile to make their getaway from that territory, Agent Baum and I decided to secure complete details before returning to Little Bohemia. Accordingly, we drove to Kuhmer's place, located approximately two miles west of the entrance to Little Bohemia. There we met three men in the driveway, one carrying a rifle. Agent Baum was holding a machine gun on his lap in readiness for an emergency. I stopped the car a short distance from these men, and I announced that we were officers. Two of them identified themselves as Deputy Sheriffs and all three came up to our car. Henry Kuhmer, one of the deputies, related the details surrounding the theft of his old Packard sedan, bearing Wisconsin license 31-11 and advised that the thieves had headed west toward St. Paul. Inasmuch as Agent Hart had fired at the tires of a car that had endeavored to enter the driveway of Little Bohemia Roadhouse that evening, the driver of which had refused to stop upon proper demand, I inquired of these officers as to whether a car had been abandoned near there. Carl Christensen, one of the deputies, stated that he had heard that a car had been abandoned on the highway, two or three miles east, and accordingly volunteered to accompany agents to the place.

Upon entering our car, Christensen removed from a holster or from one of his pockets a revolver, which he held in his hand in readiness for an emergency all the time he was with me. From Koerner's place, we proceeded east as far as Yoss' Birchwood Hotel, when it was advised from the directions given by Deputy Sheriff Christensen that the abandoned car he referred to was one with a flat tire left on a party enroute to Little Bohemia. Accordingly we made no further investigation of this angle, but stopped again at Yoss' Birchwood Hotel. Here I left Agent Baum and Christensen in the car while I left instructions for Agent Hardy to telephone St. Paul and inquire late points to be on the lookout for the persons driving the stolen Packard Sedan. While in Yoss' place, a telephone call was received from the operator to the effect that an automobile without lights had been observed near Koerner's residence, located between Yoss' and Little Bohemia. I informed the operator that we would make an investigation, and I immediately discussed the matter with Agent Baum and Christensen, and it was decided that we would look the car in question over enroute to Little Bohemia. In traveling here, I drove the Ford Coupe, Agent Baum sat next to me with a machine gun in his hands, and Christensen, holding his revolver, sat next to him. As we approached Koerner's place, we observed a car without lights parked almost directly across the street from the house on highway No. 12. I cautioned Agent Baum and Christensen to have their guns ready, and we first drove slowly past this car, whereupon it was observed that it contained one. We then went down the highway some distance past the car and turned around returning slowly to secure the license number. After this had been done, we noticed a small old car with the lights on parked near Koerner's residence, and decided to proceed to that point to determine the identity of the occupants, if any, and to learn if possible from them, or from occupants of the house, the ownership of the car parked without lights on the highway. In approaching this car, the same arrangement existed as before, namely, I was driving, Agent Baum was sitting to my right, and Deputy Sheriff Christensen was to his right. Both Agent Baum and Christensen were holding their guns in readiness for action. The car we were approaching was located at what I believed to be a lane running in front, or at the side of Koerner's house. As our lights flashed against the rear of this car, I observed two men sitting in the back seat. I stopped our car a little to the right and rear of the one in question, lowered the window on my side, announcing that we were officers and asking for Mr. Koerner. Immediately a man darted from around what I believed to be the left side of this car and covered us with an automatic which appeared to be of



.45 calibre. He held his gun even with the door four or five inches away from the car and shouted, "We know you have bullet proof vests on. I'll shoot you in the head. Get out of that car. I'll kill you." I immediately leaned back in the car as far as possible as as to give Agent James or Christensen a chance to shoot me as the car was moving. I fired my .38 calibre S&W automatic in the inside pocket of my coat. At this point, the man in question turned his automatic directly at me, saying that I keep my hands out of my pockets and again shouting that he will up and ordering me out of the car. I then reached for the door which brought from his hands the same weapon he had just used on me. At that time I commenced getting out of the car. I stepped off the running board, and was just turning toward him, with hopes of diverting his attention so that Agent James or Christensen could shoot him, when he opened fire on me, the muzzle of his gun being only foot or two from my head. This shot struck me in the forehead knocking me semi-unconscious. I fell face downward away from the man and recall having crawled under a fence to the right and in front of our car, and at the same time heard several additional shots. Here I lost consciousness and next recall lying just inside of the fence with my automatic in my hand facing our car which was backing out of the lane possibly 25 yards away from me. I fired at the car three or four times from a prone position and noticed the car come somewhat to a stop, and then continue backing. I fired possibly twice more while the car was still in the lane, and then turned east on Highway No. 41, toward the Birchwood Hotel. I fired once or twice more as it passed a clearing. This emptied my automatic, and I estimate that I fired seven shots at this car, having previously fired two shots from this clip at the tires of a car at Little Bohemia earlier that evening. It is very probable that I did not hit the assailant as my senses were not entirely clear, and I had difficulty keeping my eyes, blood which was flowing profusely from the wound in my forehead.

After emptying my automatic at the fleeing car I struggled to my feet and removing my .38 calibre revolver from my right hipcoat pocket I advanced with it drawn to the parked car from which I believed the assailant to have emerged. I ordered the occupants of this car, if they to come out with their hands up and I saw who asked he was a native and pleaded not to be shot, got out the right side of the car. I determined that he did not have a gun on him, upon the assurance that in one of the was in the car. This person gave his name as Christensen and explained that the assailant, known to him only as a "fella" who was a bartender and the occupants of Koerner's residence, and also Alvin Karpis and another local man who were in the car with him, endeavoring to force them at the point of a gun to drive him away from the hotel. Christensen stated that Alvin Koerner and the man with him had fled from the car while the shooting was going on. He also informed that he was lying in the back of the car that there was a rifle there, and that he did not believe the assailant knew that he was in the car.

While conversing with Christensen, I heard someone groaning at a place near the place where Agent Baum, Deputy Sheriff Christensen, and I had been captured. This person proved to be Deputy Christensen. Agent Baum's body, apparently lifeless, was lying several feet inside of the house. I endeavored to secure aid at the Kerner residence, but persons inside of the house refused to come out or admit either Christensen or myself, although I informed them of my identity and pleaded with them at the windows that my companions were undoubtedly living and had to have aid. After having somehow removed a bullet from my leg, I was wearing and feeling no pain either at the front porch or on the ground at the rear of the house. Being unable to secure aid at the Kerner residence it became necessary to force Christensen, found hiding in the ear, to accompany me to Voss' Birchwood Hotel, he being afraid to venture out on the highway. At that time, I was experiencing considerable dizziness, felt nauseated and doubted if I could be able to make the trip unaided. He finally found the keys to the car which had been in, which had become lost, and drove me to Voss' place, where I met Special Agent in Charge Hanni and agents in his company and advised them of the shooting and the location of Agent Baum and Deputy Sheriff Christensen. I remained at Voss' place until taken by Mr. Hanni and Agent Dodd of the Saint Paul office, in company of Deputy Sheriff Christensen to the Hummel Hospital at Ironwood, Michigan to which place we were admitted at approximately 5:00 A. M. April 23, 1934.

On April 25, 1934, Special Agent W. W. Ryan exhibited to me Chicago Police Department group photograph #2633A of one Lester Gillis (Gillie) alias Nelson and two others. I positively identify the photograph as Gillis (Gillie) alias Nelson, number 5 of the group, as being that of the person who murdered Special Agent W. Carter Baum at Spider Lake, Wisconsin the night of April 22, 1934, and who wounded Deputy Sheriff Carl Christensen and this agent.

Signed: JAY C. HANNAH  
Special Agent



The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent A. Murphy to obtain data for the issuance of an I.O. Order for James Willis, alias George Nelson, and to locate his relatives.

The Record Office at the State Penitentiary, Joliet, Illinois, possesses a record of the following correspondence of Willis while he was incarcerated at that institution:

Helen Nelson - wife,  
6839 W. 22nd Street,  
Berwyn, Ill.

Mrs. Juliette Fitzsimmons,  
2715 39th Place,  
Chicago, Ill.

Mrs. Nelson - mother,  
2715 39th Place,  
Chicago, Ill.

Investigation disclosed that Mrs. Juliette Fitzsimmons moved in November, 1932, from the 39th Place address to 5515 South Marshfield Avenue, Chicago. She was not known to letter carriers Paul Sails or Peter McKuck of the McKinley Park Post Office Station, 3407 Archer Avenue, which station covers the former address.

He stated that at this address there is a three story wooden house in front with a frame cottage, having a garage underneath, in the rear. In the two story house Mr. and Mrs. Fitzsimmons and four or five small children live on the first floor, and Mr. and Mrs. Earl G. Hildebrand and two children live on the second floor. A Mrs. Katie Williams, mother of Mrs. Hildebrand, resides in the cottage in the rear.

He described Mrs. Fitzsimmons as about 5'2" tall, 30 years of age, or younger, sandy red hair, about 125-130 pounds, and of quiet disposition. He states that Mrs. Hildebrand is apparently Scotch. Doesn't have much to say, but seems to be friendly with Mrs. Fitzsimmons. Either Mrs. Hildebrand or Mrs. Williams is the owner of the premises.

described the entrances to the two story house as follows. There is a vestibule at the front entrance with

two push button bells inside, the lower of which is Mrs. Fitzsimmons. There are two doors, one to the right and one ahead, the right hand door leading to Mrs. Fitzsimmons' apartment and the door in front leading to the stairway to Mrs. Hildebrand's apartment. There is a rear entrance for both the first and second floors.

[redacted] knows that the Hildebrand family have an Auburn Sedan which they keep in the garage in the rear, but he does not know whether the Fitzsimmons have a car.

It may be further noted that Mrs. Hildebrand has a telephone, the number being Grove Hill 8841 which happens to be the same number as was found in the possession of one of the three girls recently taken into custody at Little Bohemia, Spider Lake, Wisconsin.

b7D It may be further noted that [redacted] stated that an elderly lady named Mrs. Gillis lives with Mrs. Fitzsimmons. He was under the impression that this woman was the mother of Mrs. Fitzsimmons although it is obvious that this is Nelson's mother.

[redacted] knows very little about Mrs. [redacted] Mrs. Fitzsimmons [redacted] frequently but no information could be obtained as to the origin of [redacted]

In an effort to locate Helen Nelson, the wife of "Red Face", the Postmaster at Berwyn, Illinois, was contacted and he furnished forwarding address of a Mary E. and L. M. Gillis from 6838 W. 32nd Street to 2142 South Millard Avenue, Chicago. This removal was made on August 10, 1931. It should be noted that the name of the person at this address was Gillis and not Nelson.

At the Hawthorne Post Office Station, which covers the Millard Avenue address, there was found a removal on September 1, 1931, of a Gillis from 2142 S. Millard Avenue to 3751 South Winchester Street, Chicago.

At the McKinley Park Post Office, which covers the Winchester Street address, the following removals under the name of Alex Gillis were found:

8/16/32 from 3751 South Winchester St. to 825 W. 33rd Place.  
11/2/32 from 827 W. 34th Place to 825 W. 33rd Place.

All of these addresses are in the McKinley Park Post Office district.

b7C Letter carrier Frank B. Kolin stated that he has been  
b7D delivering mail at the 33rd and 34th Place addresses since June, 1933.



and recalls that he delivered mail for Mrs. Willis at 825 W. 33rd Place, from June until November, 1933. Although he did not see Mrs. Willis he learned from a German lady, who lived in the basement at this address, that Mrs. Willis lived with her. It was noted that a Polish family by the name of Linkowski live on the first floor and two individuals reside in the back at 825 W. 33rd Place.

Kolia had mail for Alex Willis on three or four occasions and attempted to deliver it at 825 W. 33rd Place but it was refused by this German lady, who said that he did not live there and she did not know where he was. On one occasion he had a registered letter for Alex Willis and this German lady told him that Mr. and Mrs. Willis had broken up in November, 1933.

About November, 1933, Kolia noted that he ceased having mail for Mrs. Willis and he has not had any since. He therefore has not had occasion to ask for his present address but he is inclined to believe that this German lady, with whom Mrs. Willis lived, knows where she is. In fact she told the carrier at one time that Mrs. Willis went East.

In the event that further information is desired as to Mrs. Willis, particularly as to her previous residence at 54th Place, it is suggested that Stanley Baginski, now retired, the letter carrier who covered that address, be contacted. He resides at 1111 South Paulina Street, Chicago.

Detective Lynch from headquarters of the Chicago Police Department, called at this office on April 24, 1934, and advised Agent Waters that he arrested "Baby Face" Nelson on January 15, 1934, along with Stanton J. Randall, on a charge of bank robbery. Nelson at the time was residing with his wife at 6100 25th Street, Cicero, Illinois. Helen Nelson, the wife, was described by Lynch as 5'10" in height, 115 pounds, hair, blond, medium build, good looking, and then about 31 years of age. "Baby Face" at the time was known as "Big George" and it was noted that he was very fond of brown clothes, was a natty dresser, and at the time had two children around 10 and 12 years of age. Detective Lynch stated that Randall is now serving a term of one to ten years in the State Penitentiary at Joliet and is visited monthly by his sweetheart, who is on friendly terms with "Baby Face".

Mr. E. S. Saunders, 3024 Clinton Avenue, Berwyn, Illinois, telephone Berwyn 8331, called at the Chicago Division office on the afternoon of April 25, 1934, at which time he was interviewed by Special Agent V. W. Peterson. Mr. Saunders at the present time is connected with the Illinois Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, Springfield, Illinois, and was formerly associated with the Illinois Bankers Association. Mr. Saunders conducted a considerable amount of investigation with reference to "Baby Face" Nelson, particularly in connection with the robbery of the State Bank of Hillside and the Itasca Illinois Bank.

It was the outgrowth of these bank robberies which caused Nelson to be sentenced to the Illinois State Penitentiary at Joliet, Illinois, from which place he escaped. Mr. Saunders advised on the occasion of his first visit that he will do all in his power to obtain information which might assist in the location of Nelson, and that in view of his former investigation he is in possession of a considerable amount of information pertaining to Nelson and his associates. Mr. Saunders advised that the wife of Nelson is very loyal to him, and that he has received information that Nelson visits his wife and on the occasion of his visits he always enters the apartment through a rear door.

Mr. Saunders also stated that George "Baby Face" Nelson, whose real name is Gillis, has an unmarried sister who is supposed to be a stenographer for some Chicago attorney. According to Mr. Saunders this unmarried sister is believed to be the individual who provided Nelson with a gun at the time of his escape from the Joliet prison and he is of the opinion that Nelson will probably be in closer contact with her than with his wife.

Mr. Saunders further stated that Nelson met Jack Britt of East St. Louis, Illinois, in a jail, and became quite friendly with him, and that subsequent thereto Baby-Face Nelson and Jack Britt frequently visited a house of prostitution located at 309 Missouri Avenue, East St. Louis, Illinois. According to Mr. Saunders, it would be impossible to gain information from this place by making direct inquiry there by Agents of the Division. He stated, however, that he had an informant in the vicinity of East St. Louis by the name of [redacted]. Mr. Saunders directed a letter to informant [redacted] and instructed him to call at the St. Louis office for the purpose of conferring with Special Agent in Charge Ladd and making arrangements to cooperate with Agents of the St. Louis office. Acting Special Agent in Charge Yearaley later communicated by telephone with Special Agent in Charge Purvis, stating that the St. Louis office had formerly come in contact with an informant, [redacted] who is apparently identical with [redacted] and



that he is extremely unreliable. Mr. Saunders advised that Ray Stantoni of the Chicago Police Department is in possession of a large amount of information concerning Nelson and his associates.

Mr. Saunders stated further that Mrs. Stanton J. Randell, who is the wife of Stanton J. Randell who was associated with Nelson in the Hillside Bank robbery and who is now serving time in Joliet, Illinois, lives at 710 South Central Park Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. It is the belief of Mr. Saunders that Mrs. Stanton J. Randell has late Nelson as she is well acquainted with him and is alleged to have been in Springfield, Illinois, when Nelson was in Springfield looking after the interest of one Ray Evans when he was in jail there after having been arrested at Divernon with Pete Samboff and Johnny Mack, both of whom have been connected with bank robberies. Mr. Saunders stated that Mrs. Randell is extremely unreliable and of the lowest character, but he is firmly convinced that she is capable of placing Nelson on the spot and that if she were offered money and handled in a most diplomatic manner it could be arranged. Mr. Saunders emphasized the fact, however, that extreme care must be taken if an attempt is made to contact Randell's wife.

On April 27, 1934, Mr. J. C. Saunders again called on the Chicago Division office, at which time he was interviewed by Special Agent V. W. Peterson. On that occasion he presented a report containing information concerning Nelson, and the information contained therein is furnished below:

About April 10, 1934, Mr. J. C. Saunders furnished Acting Chief of Detectives Storms of the Chicago Police Department information to the effect that the wife of George "Burrhead" Nelson and two small children were at that time living at the Mayfield Hotel Apartments, Hotel, 148 North Mayfield Avenue, Chicago, and that the children were attending the school at Central and Madison Streets. According to Mr. Saunders, Nelson either lives at that place with his wife or visits there frequently. The informant Mr. Saunders described the wife as being approximately 34 years of age, of light build and light complexion. Mr. Saunders informed Agent Peterson that he has talked to the wife of Nelson on two or three occasions. Photographs of Mrs. Virginia Marr were exhibited to Mr. Saunders in view of the fact that, as will be shown later in this report, this photograph has been identified by one Father Coughlan as the wife of Nelson. Mr. Saunders stated that the photograph of the person which was shown to him could possibly be Mrs. Nelson, but that he is of the opinion that same is not the photograph of Mrs. Nelson. He stated, however, that it has been two or three years since he has seen Mrs. Nelson.

Mr. R. C. Saunders' informant also advised that Nelson sometimes drives a well groomed four passenger 1935 or 1936 Lincoln coupe with a metal greyhound on the radiator cap. This car is dark blue in color and has a black leather top. The last known license plate contained thereon was a 1934 Illinois license No. 236-435. This car belongs to one Tony Baker who is employed as a "bookie" at 1434 Taylor Street, Chicago, Illinois. Tony Baker is an Italian and his correct name is stated to be Bierco (or Tony Beezo). Baker and Nelson frequent the Crawford Coffee Shop at 1335 North Crawford Avenue. Baker is a cousin of Frank Pala.

67C [REDACTED] Baker is sometimes called "Shoe-string".  
[REDACTED] Joliet number is 4331.

Another associate of Nelson is Al Vander Houten, who has recently arrested with several other individuals in connection with the fraudulent collecting of insurance on automobiles. According to the informant of Mr. R. C. Saunders, Nelson frequents a garage which is operated by a party known as "Larry" or "Charlie". All cars operated by Nelson are repaired at this garage which is located on the East side of Crawford Avenue, Chicago, either three or four doors North of South of Fullerton Avenue. The garageman at this address is alleged to install smoke screens and other equipment on the cars of bringing for Nelson. According to Mr. Saunders, Nelson is sure to contact the individual who operates this garage sooner or later, inasmuch as he does all of Nelson's garage repair work.

With reference to the past history of George Nelson, the correct name of whom is Lester Gillis, Mr. Saunders advised that he was convicted of the Hillside, Cook County, Illinois, bank robbery, June 27, 1931, and given a one year to life sentence in Joliet. At a later date he was convicted of the robbery of the Itasca State Bank, Itasca, Illinois (Du Page County); on October 6, 1931, he also received a one year to life sentence on that charge. When he was being returned to the Joliet prison he overpowered his guard and escaped on February 16, 1932.

Mr. Saunders further advised that Howard Davis, a former associate of Nelson, operates a garage at 8201 Grand Avenue, River Grove, Illinois (Cook County). Nelson frequented this garage and used Davis as an alibi witness when he, Nelson, was tried and convicted of the Hillside Bank robbery. Davis was later indicted for perjury on which charge he was tried and convicted, according to Mr. Saunders.



Mr. Saunders advised that the name of George Wilson is Helen and at the time of the Miller's Bank robbery they resided at 6159 East 25th Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. Saunders further informed Special Agent Peterson that there is a negro employed in a panatorium in St. Paul who is believed to be a contact for Billings. It is the opinion of Mr. Saunders that he can determine the identity of this negro and in the event this is possible he will immediately communicate with the Chicago office.

Investigation by the Chicago office has determined that the wife of Willis is supposed to be residing in Apartment 311, 149 North Mayfield Street, Chicago, Illinois. Special Agent M. R. Brown conducted investigation at the Illinois Bell Telephone Company with reference to this address, after which he submitted a memorandum under date of April 22, 1934, pertinent portions of which appear below:

"At the office of the Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Agent interviewed Mr. J. M. Swanson, Acting Superintendent, who advised that there is no telephone located in Apartment 311, at 149 North Mayfield Street, at the present time, that the number MANSFIELD 5164 was formerly assigned to this apartment, but same was discontinued on January 15, 1934; that two girls, Miss Duggan and Miss Anderson, occupied this apartment previous to January 15, 1934, and moved to 200 North Broadway Avenue, St. Paul, Illinois.

It appears that Jimmy Wilson and M. R. Joseph, who are believed to occupy the apartment in question at the present time, moved into Apartment 311 after January 15, 1934. Mr. Swanson further stated that the house telephone located in this apartment building is MANSFIELD 6610, and checked the long distance calls over this telephone, both in and out, for the past sixty days and ascertained that the only long distance call made was from some person, whose identity he was unable to state, to BROOKFIELD 8394, Brookfield, Illinois, to Paul Lunnell, whose address is 1025 Grand Boulevard, Brookfield, Illinois.

Mr. Swanson advised he will immediately inform the Chicago Division office should further long distance calls be received or be routed from the above mentioned number.

At the main office of the Western Union Telegraph Company, 427 South La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois, interviewed Mr. E. W. Smith and Mr. Mansfield, who have been cooperative. Both stated they could not recall the Chicago Division office when telegrams are sent from received at Apartment 411, 148 North Mayfield Street, and they were furnished with the names of Jimmy Nelson and Joseph, as being the persons who would possibly receive telegrams at this apartment.

Mr. Mansfield advised that Captain Daniel Gilbert, assigned to the States Attorney's Office, Chicago, Illinois, once informed him that Jimmy Nelson, after his escape from the Illinois State Penitentiary at Joliet, Illinois, purchased a garage somewhere in the 3200 block West and used this point as a place to receive and send telephone messages and as a point where he might establish visits conveniently should he be picked up on any charge.

Agent ascertained at the States Attorney's Office, Chicago, that Captain Gilbert is out of town and not expected to return until Friday, April 27, 1934.

At the time of the escape of Dillinger from Little Bohemia Lodge, Spider Lake, Wisconsin, there was found among his effects a card on which the name "Father Coughlan, Catholic Boy Magazine, 506 South Wabash Ave., Chicago, Illinois" appeared. Investigation relative to this card was conducted by Special Agent W. C. Jamison, the results of which are contained in a memorandum by Special Agent Jamison under date of April 26, 1934. A copy of said memorandum appears below.

"In the Buick automobile recovered near the place known as Little Bohemia in Wisconsin, was found a card of Father Coughlan, Catholic Boy Magazine, 506 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. On the back of this card was written in pencil 'Phone Chicago Forest 2637'. A check of this phone number was made and it was found to be listed under the name of John C. D. Ryan, 148 Keystone Avenue, River Forest, Illinois. It was found that this address receives mail from the River Forest branch of the Oak Park Post Office and mail is delivered by carrier E. J. Anderson, who resides at 5938 Fulton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois."



Anderson was interviewed and he stated that he has delivered mail to this address for several years. That O. D. Ryan was a Democrat, interested in politics and had just been defeated as a candidate for the Democratic Precinct Committeeman. Anderson stated he did not know what Ryan's occupation was but that he stayed at his house considerably and he doubted that he was working steady. He further stated that Ryan had a wife and seven children, two girls and five boys as he recalls. Anderson further stated that he understood Ryan owned the property at 146 Keystone Avenue and also stated that besides the members of the Ryan family, James Costello and Lawrence Lane were receiving mail at that address. Anderson described Ryan as follows:

Age	70 years
Height	About 5' 8"
Weight	155 to 160 pounds
Build	Medium
Hair	White
Complexion	Ruddy
Smooth shaven	

Anderson stated that he had not seen any cars about the place recently with foreign license plates, but recalled that last summer he had observed a car bearing California license plates. He also recalled that he has frequently seen a Catholic priest about the place but does not know his name or what his connection may be with the Ryan family.

James Costello, Supervisor of the River Forest, stated that Ryan was employed in the Treasurer's office of Cook County; that he had lived at 146 Keystone Avenue for the past fourteen years and owned this property; that he had a \$3,000.00 mortgage on the home; that he was married and had seven children. He further stated that Ryan had seven children, five sons and two daughters named Margaret, Catherine, John J., who is with the Sears & Roebuck Company and is at the Hotel Pontchartrain, New Orleans, Louisiana, Kevin, who resides at 146 Keystone Avenue; Robert E., who resides at 7350 Lake Avenue, Michael B., who resides at 7358 Lake Avenue, and one other son whose name he cannot recall. Costello further stated that Mr. Ryan bears a very good reputation in River Forest and is thought to be a very reputable person.



At 506 North Mahan, it was found that Room No. 450 is occupied by the Catholic Boy Magazine. On the door of this office appears the name, Reverend Francis Bans, M.C.S. Reverend P. W. Coughlan, Associate Editor. The office was locked and accordingly, Mr. Curtis, the manager of the building, was interviewed. Mr. Curtis stated that this room was leased in September, 1935, by a Mr. Francis Bans, who was acting as Agent for the Catholic Boy Magazine and that neither Reverend Bans nor Coughlan had appeared as parties to the lease of these premises and therefore he had no information about them. Mr. Curtis stated that the main offices of this magazine were in St. Paul and that Father Bans had given him the Curtis Hotel, located in Minneapolis, as the address.

Mr. John J. Ryan, Director of the Property Division of the County, was interviewed and he stated that he has known Father Coughlan for about four years; that he was formerly Curate of the diocese in Medina, Missouri; that he came to Chicago about four years ago and had been Curate at the Oak Park Hospital for about two years, but that all of last summer Father Coughlan was in charge of a Catholic Mission located in the vicinity of Michigan City, Indiana; that Father Coughlan resides with his sister, Mrs. T. J. Carney, 1155 Mohawk Road, Wilmette, Illinois, telephone Wilmette 1062. Mr. Ryan further advised that Mr. Carney is Vice President of the Sears, Roebuck Company. He further stated that Father Coughlan did not live with the Ryans but that they are close friends and he sees Ryan several several times each week. Father Coughlan was interviewed with reference to the card bearing his name.

He stated that he was quite positive that this card had been in the possession of Baby Face Nelson. Father Coughlan stated that while acting as Curate at the Oak Park Hospital, he had become very well acquainted with Henry Touhy, that among the visitors he had while in the Oak Park Hospital was a man Touhy introduced under the name of Jimmy Williams. Subsequently, he, Father Coughlan, had met Jimmy Williams on a number of occasions and while in charge of the mission at Michigan City, Indiana, during the summer of 1935, Jimmy Williams had requested him to rent two houses at Long Beach, Indiana. Father Coughlan explained that Long Beach, Indiana, is immediately adjacent to Michigan City, Indiana, and lies along the lake and contains a number of summer cottages. Father Coughlan advised that Williams

rented a summer cottage at stop 17 on the beach and this cottage was owned by a man named William and then another man with him rented the adjoining house. Father Coughlan stated that Jimmy Williams was accompanied by his wife and two children, a Mr. and Mrs. Rogers, who acted as chauffeur and housekeeper respectively, and a Mr. and Mrs. Coffey. Father Coughlan stated that they remained at the fishing cottage until sometime in September, 1935. He further stated that later on there was a bank robbery at Grand Haven, Michigan, and one of the robbers is attempting to flee after the robbery, fell and broke his leg; that this man's picture appeared in the papers with a statement that he was at the point of death, and that this man was the man who had been known to him as Coffey, but that his real name was Doyle and that he is now serving a term in the penitentiary at Jackson, Michigan. Father Coughlan further advised that about three weeks ago he met Baby Face Nelson, well known to him as Jimmy Williams, at a Redwood stand and filling station, which is run by Tommy Connors at Mannheim Road and Irving Park Boulevard on the outskirts of Chicago, and that at this time he had given Nelson the card which was found in the Buick automobile. Since meeting Nelson at that time, Father Coughlan says that he saw him ten days ago while he, Father Coughlan, was eating dinner at a place known as Louis's Place at Fox River Grove, Illinois; (this is undoubtedly Louis Cernocky's place) that Nelson told him he was in trouble, but he did not disclose the nature of the trouble, and stated that he, Nelson, would like to have Father Coughlan get him another place as good as the one they had at Long Beach, Indiana, last year. Father Coughlan stated that he advised him that if he were in his predicament he would hunt a new spot instead of returning to a place where he formerly resided.

Father Coughlan stated that about two or three days after this talk, he again saw Nelson, driving along the River Road on the outskirts of Chicago. Father Coughlan stated that he did not know who Jimmy Williams was until he saw his picture in the Monday papers giving his name as Baby Face Nelson. He stated he is positive from the newspaper photograph that Baby Face Nelson is the man who was known to him as Jimmy Williams. Father Coughlan stated that, in his opinion, Nelson and other members of the Dillinger outfit are in and out of Cernocky's place through the rear and go to the living room above. Father Coughlan stated that he thought that Nelson and other members of the gang would return to the beach at Michigan City, Indiana, and that the most likely spot to find them would be Cernocky's place or possibly Tommy Connors' place at Mannheim Road and Irving Park Boulevard.



Father Coughlan further stated that he had been born and raised on the West side of Chicago and knew quite a number of the members of both the Lyons and Touhy gangs. He was very insistent that his name not appear in any way in connection with the investigation, but stated that he was willing at all times to give the Government any information he might have with respect to members of the Dillinger gang.

It was apparent from Father Coughlan's conversation that he has come into contact with many members of the Chicago underworld, and more particularly members of the Touhy mob.

Father Coughlan volunteered the information that he has been severely criticized by his Bishop for having his name appear in connection with the Touhy case and he appeared to be somewhat disturbed by the possibility that his name might again be brought into public notice as being connected with the Dillinger gang.

Father Coughlan also requested that he be contacted through calling the home of John C. D. Ryan, telephone Forest 8623, rather than through his sister's telephone in Wilmette, Illinois.

It may further be stated that the photographs of the three girls who were taken into custody at the time the Dillinger gang escaped from Little Bohemia, Spider Lake, Wisconsin, were exhibited to Father Coughlan by Special Agent J. J. Waters. Father Coughlan positively identified the photograph of the girl who gave the name of Mrs. Joseph J. Marr as that of the wife of Billie alias Baby Face Nelson. The Dillinger were known to Father Coughlan as Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Dillinger.

On the evening of April 2, 1935, a man who declined to disclose his identity, telephoned the Chicago Division office and advised Special Agent in Charge M. E. Purvis that he was in possession of some valuable information pertaining to a matter of interest to the Division. He stated, however, that he did not care to be seen visiting the Chicago Division office and requested that Agents of the Division contact him at



the southwest corner of State and Lake Streets, Chicago, Illinois. He provided a description by means of which it would be possible to locate him at the given point. Special Agents J. C. White and W. A. Ryan interviewed this individual; the results of this interview were incorporated in a memorandum prepared by Special Agent W. A. Ryan under date of April 26, 1934, which memorandum is copied below.

About 6:30 P.M. tonight a telephone call was received by Special Agent Peterson from a party who refused to give his name, stating that he had some valuable information which he would give, and he would meet an Agent at the southwest corner of State and Lake Streets right away.

The party calling stated that he would be wearing a green hat and light overcoat, blue suit, hat on a blue shirt and was 5' 6" tall.

Upon instructions of Special Agent Peterson, this Agent and Agent J. C. White proceeded to the southwest corner of State and Lake Streets, Special Agent White remaining somewhat in the rear in order to cover any possible ruse.

The party calling was located and advised that the information he had to give might not be of any great value, but that he was desirous of furnishing it for a personal reason, which he did not disclose. He stated that he recently ran into a party by the name of Bobbie Young, whom he had met several months ago while serving in the Bridgwall in Chicago; that Bobbie Young informed him that at the time John Hamilton and the others escaped from the Michigan City, Indiana, prison, Dan McGeoghan did not get out with the rest. He said that Young further told him that at the time John Hamilton shot the policeman last December, Hamilton was at the time contacting Danny McGeoghan's wife, who was at that time living at the St. James Hotel, 442 St. James Place. He stated that he did not know whether Mrs. McGeoghan was still living there at the time under her right name, and does not know whether she is still living there. He stated that he does not know where Bobbie Young lives, that his home is now in Chicago, and that Bobbie Young left last Monday for Detroit, Michigan, at which time he asked the informant to accompany him. Young told him that he would be reached at the Cadillac Hotel in Detroit, and is probably still there.

Informant further stated that he is acquainted with John Hamilton or John Dillinger or any of the gang and that he has never seen any of them. He was very reluctant to furnish his name, stating that he had at one time served in the Bridewell in Chicago, and had been picked up in New York a year ago on a larceny charge, and brought back to Chicago where he was questioned at the Federal Building by an Agent named McDonald; that this latter charge was not pressed in the Federal Court, inasmuch as the party from whom he was supposed to have stolen the car had actually loaned him the car; that the case was turned over to the State Attorney's office in Chicago, where he and the other were charged with conspiracy to defraud the insurance company, that this latter action has been dropped.

He finally stated that his name is [REDACTED] He stated that he resides at the above address with his parents. The informant stated that he was not desirous of any remuneration for furnishing the information, but was merely furnishing it for a personal reason. He stated that he would get in touch with this Agent in the event he secured any further information. He also stated that in the event it is desired to contact him again, that he be telephoned at his home, and told that the party who met him on the corner was calling.

A telephone call was received from Mr. King of the United States Marshal's office to the effect that possibly some information of value might be obtained from one Charles A. Mugler, 1057 North Sacramento Avenue, Chicago, relative to a possible hideout of Dillinger and his gang in Wisconsin. Special Agent A. J. Lockerman interviewed Mr. Mugler and his wife at the given address.

Mr. and Mrs. Mugler stated that up until September, 1935, a man by the name of Elmer Frizzelle and his wife, Marion, and their two children, both being girls, lived in that apartment building, and that Mr. Frizzelle was employed there as the janitor; that when the Drachel kidnaping case occurred, and it became known that George Keller and the Shannons were involved in the case, and after considerable newspaper publicity had been given to the Shannon family, Mrs. Frizzelle told them (Mr. and Mrs. Mugler) that she was related to one Mrs. B. G. Shannon (Mrs. B. G. "Boss" Shannon), and Mr. Frizzelle stated that he



had formerly worked for "Boss" Shannon at his farm in Paradise, Kansas, prior to coming to Chicago. Mr. Maglar further stated that in December, 1933, Elmer Frizzelle and his wife and their two children left Chicago accompanied by Mr. Frizzelle's father and her family (name unknown), and went to Park Falls, Wisconsin, where Mr. Frizzelle intended to haul pulp wood to the Hines Lumber Company in Park Falls.

Mr. Maglar stated that the Frizzelles are supposed to be living about fifteen miles from Park Falls, Wisconsin, in a shack in the woods; that he does not know the route number or how to describe the place where they live, but he expressed the opinion that such information might be obtained from the Hines Lumber Company. He stated that the reason he called Mr. King was that he was of the opinion that there was possibly some connection between Dillinger and the abductors of Charles Urschel, and that in that event it was possible that Dillinger or some of his gang knew Frizzelle and might try to get him to put them out. He stated, however, that he has never known Frizzelle to be involved in any criminal activities, but stated that he had suspected him of being a party to a burglary that occurred in their apartment building during the time that Frizzelle was living there.

The following description of Elmer Frizzelle was furnished by Mr. Maglar:

Age	About 35
Height	5' 10"
Weight	175 lbs.
Hair	Dark, grey at the temples
	Neck shaved

On April 25, 1934, confidential informant [redacted] whose identity is known to the Division, called at the Chicago office and was interviewed by Special Agent [redacted]. [redacted] advised that on April 21, 1934, he conversed with one John Kelly, who is now located at 849 Newport Street, Chicago, Illinois. According to [redacted] Kelly is a hoodlum and sooner or later will be contacted by Dillinger or associates. [redacted] also advised that he had conversed with Larry [redacted] on the night previous. Larry informed him that he was short of money and that the mob had better get in touch with him soon as he needed money. It was the impression of [redacted] which he derived from his conversation with Larry that the Dillinger gang is headed for Chicago because other places are too "hot".



also provided information to the effect that "Sally", who is engaged as a singer at the "Sally" club in Chicago, is the wife of Tommy Carroll. Further inquiry concerning whether or not Face Nelson is identical with St. Cloud Prison No. 4237. He stated that in the event this is the case, Face Nelson was at some time together in that institution.

Attention is directed to pages six and seven in the report of Special Agent V. W. Peterson, dated at Chicago, Illinois, April 27, 1934, wherein information is provided concerning Buick Sport Coupe No. 2245179, which was recovered at Spider Lake, Wisconsin, at the time Billinger escaped from that place. Investigation concerning this car was conducted by Special Agent E. K. McKee and the information developed was set forth in a memorandum dated April 27, 1934, a copy of which appears below:

In connection with the telegram received from Special Agent in Charge Larson, Detroit, Michigan, on April 23, 1934, in which advice was transmitted to the effect that Buick Sport Coupe, black in color, Model 869, Motor No. 2245179, was shipped on June 11, 1933, to the Buick-Oldsmobile-Pontiac Company of Chicago, Illinois, for the Heinz Motor Company of Niles Center, Illinois.

Interview was had with Harry Heinz, proprietor of the Heinz Motor Company, 8140 Lincoln Avenue, Niles Center, Illinois, and an examination of the sales records of this company was made, and it was learned that on June 10, 1933, Ben F. Nelson, a former Buick dealer, but not connected with the Lake Park Garage Corporation, 2606 Lake Park Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, telephone Dorchester 8606, purchased 1933 Buick Sport Coupe, black in color, Model 869, Motor No. 2245179, serial No. 2291033, for delivery to Helen Ferguson, for whom no address was furnished. It was noted that in order to complete the sales records of the motor company, the motor company address, namely 8140 Lincoln Avenue, Niles Center, Illinois, was used for Helen Ferguson in connection with the sale of this car. Nelson paid \$1,398.95 in cash for this automobile. Mr. Heinz said that Nelson was to furnish an address for Helen Ferguson in order that the motor company records might be complete, but that he never did so. It was further stated that this automobile was never at the premises of the Heinz Motor Company, but was secured by Nelson

on order of Mr. Heins from the Buick-Oldsmobile-Pontiac warehouse at 65th Street and LaVergne Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. The retail price of this automobile was furnished as \$1,787.00.

Mr. Nelson, at his own office, informed that some time last Fall in connection with another investigation being handled by the Division of Investigation, he was asked to go to the Chicago Division office and furnish information regarding another automobile purchased from his concern by Ben F. Nelson. He stated that he supplied this office with a complete list of all automobiles purchased from him by Nelson at the time he came to the office. Mr. Heins referred to his files and found that the automobile concerning which inquiry was made by this office last Fall was a Buick Victoria coupe, Motor No. 2323919, Model 86, purchased from the Heins Motor Company, by Ben F. Nelson for Mrs. S. L. Davis of 5419 Blackstone Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Heins said that he had received an inquiry from the firm of Van Cise and Robinson of Denver, Colorado, on behalf of the American Express Company concerning this car, and said that the car had been used by Albert Davis in the commission of some robbery.

Ben Nelson, who advised that his correct name is Carl Benjamin Nelson, was brought to the Chicago Division office for interview on April 26, 1934. Nelson furnished his age as 43, his residence as 5419 Lake Park Avenue, business address, the Lake Park Garage, 5506 Lake Park Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. He stated he had no home telephone.

When questioned regarding the sale of the Buick Sport coupe, Model 86-6, which car he had purchased from the Heins Motor Co. of Hiles Center, Illinois, Nelson related that on the day prior to the sale date shown in the record of the Heins Motor Co., a woman came to the Lake Park Garage and asked for him, Mr. Nelson, and when he told her that he was Nelson, she asked him if he sold automobiles, to which he replied in the affirmative. He said the woman then asked him what kind of automobiles he sold, and he told her he could get any kind of car she wanted, following which she placed her order for the black Buick Sport coupe in question. Nelson advised that he had never seen this woman before and had not seen her since. He said he had no idea who she was aside from the name, Melba Ferguson, which she furnished. He stated that

she did not say anything about having been related to anybody, and that he had no idea how she happened to come into his in connection with the purchase of the automobile.

He stated that by the time of the above conversation with the Ferguson woman, she made a cash deposit of \$500.00, same consisting of two \$100.00 bills, with the understanding that the balance of the purchase price was to be paid the next day, at which time the car was to be delivered.

Nelson said he contacted Harry Heinz of the Heinz Motor Co. and made arrangements for securing the car in question; that he did secure the car from the Buick warehouse, Chicago, Illinois, delivered same to the woman, at which time she paid the balance of the purchase price, which he remembered to be around \$1,500.00, the balance being paid with one \$500.00 bill, several \$100.00 bills and a quantity of \$50.00 bills and notes of smaller denominations. Nelson said this woman told him she would take care of securing license plates for the car, and he attributed this fact as the reason he did not furnish an address for her to the Heinz Motor Company.

Nelson described Helen Ferguson as follows:

Name	Helen Ferguson
Age	About 35 yrs.
Height	5' 5"
Weight	130 to 140 lbs.
Hair	Could only state he believed she was prematurely grey, stating that she wore a close fitting turban hat which almost covered her hair; did not wear glasses; wore tailored suit.

Nelson furnished the name of his wife as Lucille, the names of three sisters as Mrs. Richard Green, Mrs. Lucille Dekker, and Hazel Nelson, and the names of four brothers as Harold A. Nelson, John F. Nelson, Elmer F. Nelson and Arthur H. Nelson, whose ages run from 31 to 44 years. Nelson advised that all of his brothers are married and have sons and that his oldest nephew is sixteen years of age.



Nelson was questioned as to a possible relationship between himself and George (Baby Face) Nelson, but he stated that he had never heard of this individual. The photograph of "Baby Face" Nelson was displayed to him, but he advised he did not recognize it as a likeness of anyone he knew. All available photographs of the Dillinger mob and their associates, the Karpis-Barker gang and associates, including the Barker brothers, were displayed to Nelson, but he did not know any of them.

Nelson stated that for approximately fifteen years prior to 1931 he was in business as a Buick dealer at Pontiac, Illinois. He failed in business in 1931, following which he stated he came to Chicago, Illinois, and until about December 1932, made his living through what he termed the "gyp" sale of automobiles. In this connection he said he would secure a customer for a car and would then go to the regular dealer and arrange a proposition through which he would make a commission of several hundred dollars on each car. He stated that the transaction with Helen Ferguson was commonly known as a "gyp" deal.

Nelson advised that in December, 1932, he and one Sol Etahokin leased the building in which the Lake Park Garage is located, and since that time they have operated the place for storage of automobiles as both a permanent and a transient business.

Nelson said that sometime last fall he was asked to come to the Chicago Division office for questioning in connection with a Buick Victoria Coupe, which he had sold to a woman named Davis after securing same from the Heims Motor Co. He said that following the sale of the Victoria coupe he realized that he might have been dealing with underworld characters and decided to stop engaging in "gyp" sales, and said that if his memory served him correctly, the sale to the Ferguson woman is the only one he consummated after the sale of the Victoria coupe.

Nelson stated that he would be glad to come to this office at any future time for questioning.

On April 23, 1934, Mr. F. B. Dunn, 2150 North Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, called at the Chicago Division office, at which time he was interviewed by Special Agent V. W. Peterson. He stated that he was formerly connected with the Legal Department of the U.S.A. which was recently discontinued. He was employed under the supervision of R. C. Johnson, who was then in charge of the Legal Division, 1319 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago.

Mr. Dunn stated that he received information from a man who resides at Twin Lakes, Wisconsin, pertaining to a house which is located in the vicinity of Twin Lakes, and which is believed to be a hideout for criminals. The house in question may be reached by following the route outlined below: According to Mr. Dunn, proceed about one-half mile north from the water tower in Richmond, Illinois, on State Road No. 12, leading between Minneapolis and Chicago until reaching a road known as the Twin Lakes Road. Proceed on the Twin Lakes Road north, making one turn to the right and a half turn to the left, passing a dirt road, and arriving at an intersection of a gravel road and the Twin Lakes Road. To the left of this intersection, there is a schoolhouse and across the gravel road from the school on the north side of the road is the house which is alleged to be used as the hideout for criminals. According to Mr. Dunn, this house has been occupied for a period of approximately a year and a half, but the identity of the occupants has never been known to neighbors, and there are two large dogs in front of the place which prevent anyone entering the yard surrounding the house and according to Mr. Dunn the only possible means of entrance to the premises could be with an armed posse. He stated that under no circumstances will the people residing there allow other individuals to enter the place.

At the close of the interview, Mr. Dunn declined to provide the name of his informant. In view of the fact that he had promised that under no consideration would he disclose the source of his information to the Government authorities, Mr. Dunn was assured, however, that if the name of this individual were provided and if it was deemed necessary to contact the informant, under no consideration would it be disclosed that Mr. Dunn provided the name of the informant, and further that any information provided by this informant would be held in strict confidence and the source thereof would never be revealed. After receiving this information, Mr. Dunn stated that his informant was [redacted] Twin Lakes Realty Company, Twin Lakes, Wisconsin. According to Mr. Dunn, [redacted] owns a large part of the entire subdivision in that locality, and is frequently approached

by individuals of the hoodlum type for the purpose of renting a place in that vicinity. Mr. Dunn further stated that the house to which he had reference might possibly have been used as the hideout for Edward George Bremer during the time he was held captive.

Under date of April 23, 1934, a letter was received by the Chicago Division office from police officer Jack Cusack, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, wherein it is stated that a man by the name of "Buck", who operates a resort at Powers Lake, Wisconsin, called "Buck's Place", claims that three men came to his place Monday, April 23, 1934, at night, at which time they used the washroom and bought some beer. Buck alleges that he recognized one of the men as Dillinger and after carefully examining the pictures of Dillinger in the various papers, he still maintains that he is positive that the man in question was Dillinger. According to "Buck" the four men drove to his place and three of the men jumped out of the car and entered his place of business, while the fourth man remained in the car. It is not known whether "Buck" recognized the make of the car as they drove away. Mr. Cusack advised that all suspicious cars seen in the vicinity of Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, are being investigated and that the Police Department at Lake Geneva is desirous of providing all the cooperation possible in the instant case.

On Saturday, April 21, 1934, Special Agents in Charge E. J. Purvis received several telephone calls from Mr. Donnelly, the United States Attorney at Grand Rapids, Michigan, at which time he stated that Chief of police Hanson of Muskegon, Michigan, was well acquainted with a Stevenson family, all of whom were born at Pickford, Michigan, which is located about twenty miles from Gault Ste. Marie, Michigan. Mr. Donnelly on the occasion of his telephone calls stated that he had received information to the effect that on January 1, 1927, the State Bank at Grand Rapids, Michigan, was robbed, and in March, 1927, the bank at South Bend, Indiana, was also the subject of a robbery. It was alleged that Hamilton and one Lawrence were both convicted at South Bend, Indiana, for the latter robbery. Lawrence is supposed to be serving time in an institution at the present time. Mr. Donnelly of the Grand Rapids, Police Department, investigated the robbery of May of 1927, at which time Mrs. Lawrence, the wife of Hamilton's associate, was interviewed. At that time she was employed in a drug store at Plymouth, Michigan. Her father and mother also reside at that place.



In connection with the above, it was stated that John Stevenson, George Stevenson and Joseph Stevenson were at one time for aiding and abetting. All of these individuals, together with Hamilton, resided at 1212 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, for approximately three months prior to the robbery. It was also stated that the purpose of maintaining the situation was to keep the Stevenson family in the area.

It was also stated that a few members of the Stevenson family and Hamilton were working in Muskegon about that time. According to the information received by Special Agent in Charge Purvis, Hamilton's wife was a sister of the Stevenson family. She was also implicated in the case was one Clayton Powers, who is still incarcerated at Jackson, Michigan. The wife of Powers is also said to be a sister of the Stevensons. The mother of the Stevenson brothers is said to be a woman of bad character. She may be located through the Clayton Powers.

Investigation pertaining to the information received by Special Agent in Charge H. H. Purvis as set out above is in progress by the Chicago office at the present time.

As indicated previously in the reports of this case, certain cards and correspondence were found at the residence address of the Cherryington, sister of Pat Cherryington, who resides at 1812 Belmont Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. One card contained the name of John H. McFarlane, American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, 7 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois. On the back of this card the following notation was made: "Pass and Ernie Young". Mr. McFarlane was interviewed by Special Agent E. H. Deadrick. He was unable to provide any information as to the exact location of Ernie Young. He is a man of approximately fifty years of age, is a booking agent and is located at 125 North State Street, Chicago. Mr. McFarlane stated to Agent Deadrick that he would call Mr. Young and request him to cooperate with Agent Deadrick. Two calls were made at 125 North State Street, by Agent Deadrick but on both occasions Ernie Young was absent.

A card was also found bearing the name of John H. Rowan, representative of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States, 120 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois. Agent Deadrick called at this office, and was advised that John H. Rowan severed his connection with that company almost two years ago and that his present whereabouts are unknown.

**INVENTORY OF BAGGAGE & OTHER ARTICLES FOUND  
AT "LITTLE BOHEMIA" SPIDER LAKE, WIS.**

A memorandum has been prepared by Special Agent J. J. Murphy listing the articles found in bags, suitcases and otherwise, at the Little Bohemia, Spider Lake, Wisconsin, on Monday, April 25, 1934, with a view to ascertaining the names of the individuals and occupants at the Little Bohemia on the previous night, and also for the purpose of attempting to locate them.

Several suitcases and bags were found with clothing and other personal effects, which for the purpose of identification are being listed herein by number according to labels which have been affixed to these bags.

**BAG #1**

This is a man's black Gladstone suitcase of genuine topgrain cowhide #324-26. It contained both man's and woman's clothing, most of which did not bear identifying data.

1 woman's silk scarf with initials "M.V." (it is possible that this scarf belongs to Marion Virginia Harr, one of the girls taken into custody on April 25, 1934, at Little Bohemia).

2 hand towels bearing the printed "Hotel Key".

1 table cloth bearing laundry mark 545 and inscription in red thread "The Belmont".

3 white napkins and 1 hand towel bearing inscription in red thread "The Belmont".

1 white dish towel with a 3 line red border bearing the name "Algorta Apts."

(Both "The Belmont" and the "Algorta Apts." are located in Chicago.)

**BAG #2**

This is a black woman's overnight bag and contained principally cosmetics and woman's clothing.



4 pieces of jewelry (ear rings, a box of "The Jewelry Company" - Minneapolis.

1 bottle of 10% argyrol sold at the Walgreen Company, 3001 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, phone LA 6-0755.

BAG #3

This is a man's black Gladstone suitcase of bologna leather and contained man's clothing.

1 white broadcloth shirt bearing the following marks: "NEVADAH - Golden Leaf Size 14 1/2-33;" and laundry marks T30; S-15; and "C.B."

Other shirts found in this bag were size 14 1/2 and bore initials "C.B."

2 white Ayvon Shrubwhite broadcloth shirts, size 14 1/2, with the initials "J.L." (It is possible that these initials refer to J. Lanella, whose name appears subsequently.

1 white broadcloth shirt, size 14 1/2, of Maurice Rothschild & Co., imported 100% broadcloth, with laundry marks S15; S-15; 172; S-15; and T30.

1 green suit, fairly new, with the following label: "Wall Street Clothes - Custom Shop - Individually Tailored for Maurice L. Rothschild." The trousers of this suit bore a manufacturer's tag with the manufacturer's number MHT, 725034.

1 pair gray trousers which bear a cleaner's writing: "S15" and "J.L." There is also a cleaner's writing in indelible ink "J. Lanella."

1 narrow tie "Marvare - The Resilient Scarf" sold by Sam Haskins, 201 O'Farrell Street, San Francisco.

1 green tie from the shop of Albert Rosfeld, Chicago.

1 green tie from Joske Brothers Company, San Antonio, Texas.

1 brown tie, "Rhyfair - Resilient Construction," from Joske Brothers Company, San Antonio, Texas.



1 green tie and 2 gray ties from Maurice L. Rothschild  
& Company, Chicago.

BAG #4

This is a man's black Gladstone and contained man's clothes  
and effects.

1 new and 2 used broadcloth shirts, size 14 1/2-34 of  
the following make - "Van Heusen, Phillips-Jones  
Country Shirts". The new shirt, which still bears  
the price tag, \$2.15, was purchased from the store of  
Joseph Frank & Son, Nashville, Tenn.

It may be noted that several of the shirts which have  
been laundered bear the number 730.

4 pairs new socks purchased at Joseph Frank & Son, Nashville,  
Tenn. These are "Westminster Garter Top" socks, price  
50¢ per pair.

4 new ties purchased at the store of Joseph Frank & Son,  
Nashville, Tenn., these still having affixed the price  
tags, which are as follows: \$2.00, \$1.00, \$1.00, and  
50¢.

1 black suit, fairly new, bearing the manufacturer's  
stamp and number 781901, and the following label:  
"Individually tailored for Maurice L. Rothschild  
Wall Street Clothes Custom Shop".

It may be noted that the above bag contained one bullet-  
proof vest.

BAG #5

This is a tan cowhide suitcase which contained

2 bullet-proof vests

2 large white canvas sacks

.45 calibre Colt ammunition

may be either any identifying marks, it is  
old blue serge suit without identifying marks, it is  
the exception that the suit has a cleaner's writing  
"Williams". It is possible that this was written by  
"Baby Face" Nelson, inasmuch as the suit was found  
therein, this being the only place by which has turned up.

BAG #6

This is a woman's Hartman overnight case #2460. It contained  
woman's clothing and effects and the only article having any identifying  
data being a pair of woman's grey gloves which had just been cleaned  
and were contained in an envelope bearing the following address:  
"Tronick, Minneapolis - St. Paul."

BAG #7

This is a woman's black Hartman overnight case which contained  
various woman's clothing and also some men's clothing, including several  
men's shirts with the laundry marks "V-2".  
A pair woman's blue leather shoes, size not apparent,  
from the store of "Superlands Inc., Reno, Nevada."  
The shoes are number 2411, 2404, followed by 4 or 5.

BAG #8

This is a black suitcase which contains:

1 bullet-proof vest

1 large white canvas sack

1 rifle box

Several men's shirts, size 15 1/2 with no further identifying  
marks.

BAG #9

This is a light brown suit case containing

1 bullet-proof vest

Various men's shirts, size 15 1/2 without further identifying  
marks.



1 blue tie from "Carrington & Sons, Inc. Chicago, Illinois."

1 blue tie from "W. Cohn & Sons, Crystal Lake, Ill."

BAG #10

This is a woman's black overnight case and contained various woman's clothing and effects, none of which bear any identifying marks.

BAG #11

This is a woman's black overnight case with one red leather band around the bag. It contained among various woman's clothing:

1 pair woman's light brown imitation leather shoes, size 8B with the name "Joseph Spence Company, Elgin, Ill." and number WY 60321 and 1004 and 1005 or 1007.

BAG #12

This is a man's dark brown handbag and contained miscellaneous articles, the ones bearing identifying marks being listed below:

1 electric shelf clock bearing the name "A. L. Lawrence & Co., Inc., Chicago, Illinois."

1 wooden jewelry box, brown in color, with imitation leather cover bearing on the inside top the following printed in pencil "Marie Costello - from Pa. March 1, 1932." In this box was a weight slip, showing weight of 105 lbs. (It is apparent that this box belongs to one of the girls taken into custody at Little Bohemia, who gave her name as "Rose Ancker". It has been just learned that she has admitted that she has gone by the names of Marie Costello, Constance Mickey, and Mrs. John Ozer, the latter name being used in Minneapolis. She has also admitted being James Van Meter's girl.

1 piece of soap with a label bearing the name "Hotel Belmont."

BAG #13

This is a large brown man's handbag with two straps and contained man's clothing. The shirts are mostly "Van Heusen, Phillips-Jones, Country Style", size 14 1/2-33. They do not bear initials or laundry marks.



set of wrenches (5 in number) contained in a case bearing the name "Hinsdale Manufacturing Company, Chicago, Ill."

BAG #14

This is a man's brown suit bag known as a "Valise", manufactured by the American Products Corporation, Trenton, N. J., and contained:

1 black suit with blue stripes with label "Bolville, Dayton Men's Store, Minneapolis." It is size 40 numbered 1339 and is fairly new.

1 green tie bearing on the label "The Bank Store, Sioux City."

1 green tie bearing "Dayton Men's Store, Minneapolis."

1 gray suit, fairly new, without any identifying marks except "Maurice L. Rothschild."

BAG #15

This is a large new man's light brown handbag with two straps and contained men's clothing, some from Maurice L. Rothschild, as well as the following:

1 shirt (white) size 15 1/2-4 "Symphony Tunes by Huro." This shirt bears the price tag which reads as follows: "Joseph Spiess Company, Elgin, Ill., #242821, price \$2.99."

1 tan shirt ("Manhattan") with laundry marks "R.J."

3 shirts ("Excello") from the "Dayton Men's Store, Minneapolis." One of these shirts bears the initials "Y.C.M." which apparently are the initials of Vern C. Miller.

1 Arrow shirt, size 15 1/2, with the initials "Y.C.M." which may possibly be John Billinger.

1 blue silk bathrobe from the Dayton Men's Store, Minneapolis.

1 green tie bearing "The Golden-Bath, St. Paul."

1 line tie from Joseph Stiles Company, 1115  
The bag itself was purchased at George J. Thiel Store  
Minneapolis, as is evident from a label which appeared  
fixed to the inside bottom of the bag.

BAG #15

This is a woman's small black overnight case containing  
chiefly toilet articles and the following articles:

- 1 bottle Cascade Sagrada purchased at Kingston Place  
Pharmacy - 22nd & Church Streets.
- 1 price tag of Main Clean Co., Ansville, N.Y. price  
\$5.05, No. 8-3639, size 18"
- 1 novel book entitled "24 Hours" by Louis Bromfield,  
rented from the "Uptown Library, 5011 Hennepin  
Avenue, Minneapolis" and has dates stamped on  
back "March 2 - March 16."

The following other articles were also found at the Little  
Bohemia on April 25, 1934:

- 1 Crowley Dual Case Radio bearing the following identifi-  
fying marks: AC or DC - 100 - 125; Model 172; 50  
watts; number AGR122221; the Crowley Radio Corporation,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.
- 1 Trucone Superheterodyne Broadcast and Short Wave Radio,  
number 302527, Series 05A777; the series number had been  
torn off from the bottom of the radio and only the above  
marks appeared.
- 1 jewelry box bearing the name J. E. Hudson Ltd., Jewelers,  
Minneapolis.

The following papers were found in the Little Brown  
the station and were submitted herewith:

1 Certificate of the United States Registrar  
office, Baltimore, Maryland, which purported to  
register a Boston Purrier for Mrs. V. L. Purrier  
on February 12, 1934, and assigned number 225-500  
to the dog, which is named Colonel Coffman.

1 envelope bearing the return address of Mrs. V. Purrier,  
R.D., 2000 Hennepin Avenue, corner of Lake Street,  
Minneapolis. This envelope bears some postpaid stamp  
which refers to a prescription.

1 slip of paper containing the following: "Starts 2225  
Clarence Avenue, Barwa, corner of Windsor and Clarence  
Avenue." (Barwa is in Illinois near Chicago.) On  
the back of this slip of paper appears the following:  
"Barwa 50447 - Summies". It is apparent that this  
piece of paper is part of the stationery of the post  
man or person who has telephone numbers Lakewide  
2220 and 2221.

1 card bearing "Wardens Garage, phone Lincoln 2204,  
address 631-33 Dewey Place, Chicago." There appears  
the following written in pencil "All 2700 and Mary  
6121 - John" and "Kamare Apt. 304 - Ballie". Also  
"205 - Glengyle - 5041".

1 small blue telephone memorandum book bearing on the  
outside cover "Grand Lodge of Illinois Loyal Orange  
Institution." On the inside cover thereof appears  
the name "Marie Costello" and below that  
"2222 N. W."

This memorandum book contains probably 100 names and  
telephone numbers which are being studied and will  
receive the proper attention, but are not being set  
out herein.

1 card of "Hotel Francis Drake, 15th Street at 5th Avenue,  
South Minneapolis, telephone Main 0541."

1 postoffice receipt for insured mail dated at St. Paul  
12/22/33, numbered 18224.



- 1 receipt #3234 signed by E. Clark of the Lincoln Park Arms Hotel, 5733 Pine Grove Avenue, Chicago, dated 10/31/33, showing receipt of \$50 from Mr. Huttner.
- 1 piece of paper which contains several attempts at poetry, and bears the following names: "Wm. R. Costello, Marie Huttner and Mrs. E. L. Huttner."
- 1 piece of paper which purports to be part of a Western Union money order notification addressed to Mrs. Robert L. Huttner, Lincoln Park Arms, Chicago.
- 1 rail ticket made out to Mrs. E. L. Huttner, Lincoln Park Arms, on the back of which is written in pencil "127 South Marion Street, Oak Park," and "Village 9767." Also "Jean Stamford 5615 West Lake, Euclid 5601."

The following firearms were also found on April 25, 1934, at Spider Lake, Wisconsin:

- 1 .38 calibre Colt Super Automatic, the serial number of which had been effaced by the use of some acid or chemical, but which was found to bear serial number 14130.
- 1 Smith & Wesson Double Action .45 calibre pistol, which is a Government gun. All of the numbers on this firearm had been filed off.
- 1 Smith & Wesson .38 calibre Special pistol #1009.
- 1 .22 calibre long Automatic Remington rifle, Model 84, #126094.
- 1 .38 calibre-44 Smith & Wesson Double Action pistol #40399.
- 1 .351 calibre Automatic Winchester rifle, Model 0751, #41806.

St. 35 Winchester  
Flanagan

Chicago Sub-machine Gun Model No. 1  
Automatic the number 1 shot 1st Jan 1934

*Handwritten:* Bullets

The following other miscellaneous property found at the Little Bohemia is being listed:

- 1 Mr. King's guide bearing on label "Judge's Pharmacy" corner Chicago & Franklin Sts., Minneapolis
- 1 pair eye glasses - no rim - with address on cloth found in case, "Timmy Optical Co., 55 E. 7th St., 50 E. 5th St., St. Paul."

1 bottle oil of wintergreen with label, "Lakewood Pharmacy, 5342 Hennepin Ave., Minneapolis"

1 bottle medicine (prescription number and address of drugstore torn off) bears following: "3 teaspoons in water 3 times daily. - Dr. Peterson, M.D."

1 bottle Knights Spur "Prepared by Charles F. Haller Prescription Druggist - The Alchemists - St. Peter 10th St., St. Paul."

1 set luminous binoculars - "Strophos" - serial #1575 with case bearing word "Francis"

1 box ammunition purchased at Kennedy Bros. Store corner 5th and Minnesota Sts., St. Paul.

Sparton Radio manufactured by Post Mfg. Co., Irvington, N. Y. Model 8486, Transmission 11-1000 Field 10000



The following 1937 automobile registration plates and  
duplicates were also recovered:

Minnesota: B 187-001

B 419-078

420-000

78-000

B 420-015

B 47-000

Tennessee: 259-339

174-000

California: 8K1703

Indiana: 86-300

Illinois: 642-130

821-000



On April 23, 1934, Mike Caffarello, Electrical Supply Company, Municipal Airport, Chicago, Illinois, communicated with Special Agent in Charge Purvis and stated that a man named Purvis who is a city electrician on night duty at the airport asked him "if a fellow wanted to make a getaway would you take care of him". Mr. Caffarello replied "Sure, as long as the fellow has cash he will not care". Upon receiving this reply from Mr. Caffarello, Purvis said "You will be taken care of" and laughed. It was Mr. Caffarello's assumption that this man might possibly have some connection with the Dillinger gang. Appropriate investigation will be made by the Chicago office pertaining to the information furnished by Mr. Caffarello.

Information was received on April 23, 1934, to the effect that a 1933 Plymouth sedan bearing 1934 Wisconsin license plates 3731, was stolen the night before at Lac Du Flambeau, Wisconsin, and that the gunman who stole the car had been identified as George "Baby Face" Nelson. The 1933 Plymouth sedan was described as follows: Nine body with yellow stripe, black top, three fenders badly bent, right front fender shows noticeable fold. The motor number of the car was stated to be PD150620.

The information set out above was immediately provided to the Chicago, Illinois, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Rockford, Illinois, Police Departments. Special Agent in Charge Connelley was communicated with by telephone at which time he was provided with the information and a telegram was dispatched to Special Agent in Charge William Larson, Detroit, for the information of the file. It may be stated that Special Agent V. E. Peterson communicated by telephone with Sergeant Robinson of the Rockford, Illinois, Police Department, Dayton, Detective Bureau, Chicago, and Sergeant L. Blase, Detective Bureau, Milwaukee Police Department. Each individual communicated with promised to immediately broadcast the information.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE DETROIT DIVISION OFFICE, at Jackson, Michigan, will make an attempt to contact Doyle alias Coffey. As indicated in the body of this report, Father Coughlan, a Catholic priest, observed Mr. and Mrs. George (Baby Face) Nelson and Doyle alias Coffey and wife living together in Michigan City, Indiana just prior to a bank robbery at Grand Haven, Michigan, which occurred during the latter part of 1933. It is suggested that contacts with Doyle alias Coffey might

is productive of information of value concerning Hamilton. Hamilton was living in Michigan City, Indiana, at the time the name of Jimmy Williams, according to Father Dougherty.

The attention of the Detroit office is also directed to the fact that Hamilton robbed the Kalamazoo State Bank, Grand Rapids, Michigan, in 1937 and that the following individuals are still serving time for aiding and abetting: Alvin Stevenson, John Stevenson, George Stevenson, and Joseph Stevenson. Hamilton's wife was a sister of the Stevenson boys. Another man implicated in this robbery was Clayton Powers, who is now serving time at Jackson, Michigan. His wife is also a sister of the Stevenson boys and it is stated that the mother of the Stevenson brothers can be located through Powers.

THE ST. PAUL DIVISION OFFICE will conduct appropriate investigation in Minneapolis and St. Paul concerning the names and addresses found among the personal effects of the Dillinger gang at the time they escaped from Little Bohemia, Spider Lake, Wisconsin. The following addresses were noted among the personal effects of the Dillinger gang:

Post Office insured mail receipt dated at St. Paul, Dec. 22, 1935, bearing No. 15824;  
Kronika, Minneapolis-St. Paul, at which place women's gloves were purchased;  
Dayton Company, Minneapolis, from which place jewelry was purchased;  
Walgreen Company Drug Store, 3001 Hennepin, Minneapolis;  
Dr. Edgar W. Bedford, M. D., 3000 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis;  
Dayton Men's Store;  
George P. Thies Store, Minneapolis.

Attention is also directed to the fact that there was found among the effects one book entitled "Twenty-Four Hours", which was rented from the Uptown Library, 3011 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis. The dates stamped thereon were March 3 and March 10.

A jewelry box was also purchased from J. B. Hudson, Inc.

The St. Paul office is also requested to conduct appropriate investigation concerning the license plates listed on page 39 of this report for the State of Minnesota.

will make appropriate investigation with reference to Brooklyn, N.Y. No. 100-52221.

THE CHICAGO DIVISION OFFICE, at Chicago, Illinois, indicated in the body of this report, it appears that Nelson, known as the barbecue stand and filling station operated by one Tom Connors, Mannheim Road and Irving Park Boulevard, Chicago, and 549 Newport Street, Chicago. Appropriate investigation will be conducted with reference to John Kelly, who is alleged to be a contact man for Dillinger. Appropriate investigation will be conducted concerning Howard Davis, an associate of Nelson, who operates a garage at 2201 Grand Avenue, River Grove, Illinois.

Investigation will be conducted at the Municipal Airport with reference to the information provided by Mike Carrarella, Blue Bird Transport Company, to the effect that a man named Turcia, an electrician on night duty at the Municipal Airport asked him if a fellow wanted to make a getaway could you take care of him. This will be checked to determine if this request was made in connection with Dillinger's activities.

Investigation will be conducted concerning the information received that John Hamilton is alleged to have been formerly contacting the wife of Danny McGeoghan. The last known address of Mrs. McGeoghan is St. James Hotel, 244 St. James Place, Chicago.

At Michigan City, Indiana, will interview one Lawrence who was sentenced with Hamilton for robbery of a South Bend Indiana bank.

It will be noted from the list of articles found in the personal effects of Dillinger after he escaped from Little Rock, Missouri, recently that the name "Hotel Belmont" appears in several places. The name of the "Alderts Apartments" also appears. Investigation will be made in these two places. It will also be noted that a large amount of clothing was purchased at the Maurice L. Rothschild clothing store in Chicago. Investigation will be made at this place.

At Elgin, Illinois, investigation will be made at the Joseph Spiess Company.

At Crystal Lake, Illinois: A tie was purchased from M. Cohn and Sons, Crystal Lake, Illinois.



At Kalamazoo, Michigan  
made concerning the certificate of birth of David  
which purports to register a motor vehicle  
No. 823-090 was assigned to a license plate No. 176-006.  
A copy of this report is being furnished the  
DIVISION OFFICE for its information only. This office has previously  
been requested to check Tennessee license plate No. 823-090 and  
176-006.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# 856

Laboratory Report

April 30, 1934.

Case: John Dillinger with aliases, I.O. 1217,  
Fugitive, et al; National Motor Vehicle  
Theft Act.

Number: 62-29777-656

Specimens: 3 shells obtained from Mr. C. R. Clark, President of the  
Security National Bank of Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Examination requested by: St. Paul Office.

Date received: April 23, 1934.

Examination requested: Ballistic.

Result of examination:

Examination by: C.A. Appleby.

April 23. The shells were marked by the writer by filing on the  
rims, one, two, and three notches. The shells are western .45 automatic.  
It is believed they were fired from a Colt .45 automatic pistol.

The markings on these shells indicate that they were  
fired from the same gun.

Photographs of the markings are being made for comparison  
with other specimens by police departments.

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

MAY 4 1934

Re: John Dillinger, with aliases,  
Identification Order 1217,  
Fugitive - et al -  
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office in connection with the above entitled matter and received in the Division April 23, 1934.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*  
Director

Enclosure: 685800





JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

May 3, 1934.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

MR. TOLSON  
MR. CLEGG  
MR. COWLEY  
MR. EDWARDS  
MR. EGAN  
MR. QUINN  
MR. LESTER  
CHIEF CLERK  
MR. ROBER

Mr. Blake of the Chicago American called this office at about 2:55 PM and stated that he had received information through attorneys of Evelyn Frechette to the effect that she was badly in need of money, and that the Chicago American would be willing to advance as much as \$1,000 to her for information leading to the apprehension of Dillinger; that if representatives of their paper were permitted to consult with her and make such a proposition and if she were willing to submit such information, the paper would be glad to give the Division the benefit of same.

I told Mr. Blake that the Division appreciated his attitude in the matter very much but that it was itself at the present time working with Evelyn Frechette in the hopes of getting some information from her, but that after our efforts had been exhausted in this respect, and if they proved unsuccessful, the Division, of course, would be willing and anxious for them to endeavor to get what information they could from her.

Mr. Blake stated that he was well acquainted with Mr. Carusi and tried to get him first but he was out.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley  
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*This sounds like a publicity stunt. Also the general attitude of the American is such that I would doubt its sincerity. Furthermore we cannot be a party to any such stunt as it looks like a crude effort to get a story from this man.*

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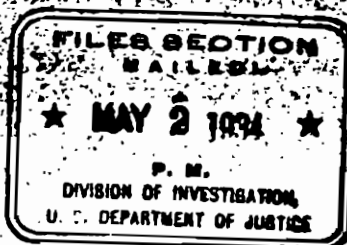
April 30, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CONLEY

Mr. John McMahon, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, this evening advised me that he had conferred with the Post Office Department relative to the action taken by the postmaster at Maroon, Wisconsin, in connection with the petition recently circulated there requesting the suspension of Mr. Purvis. The Post Office Department agreed to send an Inspector to Maroon to look into the matter.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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DIRECTOR AND STP OFFICE

JOHN DILLINGER NMVTA

AGENT VAN WAGONER TELEPHONED FROM BESSEMER, MICHIGAN, TONIGHT AND STATED THAT ON APRIL 24, A LINCOLN SEDAN- BEARING GEORGIA TAGS 635A WAS SEEN WATERS MEET, MICHIGAN. ONE MAN IN CAR IDENTIFIED AS TOMMY CARROLL. BIRMINGHAM OFFICE REQUESTED TO CHECK TAGS AND WIRED REPLY SAME ISSUED TO ROBERT WILSON ELKS CLUB COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, FOR LINCOLN SEDAN MOTOR NUMBER 55546 AND THAT FURTHER CHECK BEING MADE AT COLUMBUS CONCERNING WILSON. FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED WITH REFERENCE TO UNLICENSED RADIO STATIONS OPERATING IN INDIANA. NO DEVELOPMENTS AS YET CONNECTING SAME WITH DILLINGER GANG. EVA TEISE VISITING SISTER 1155 GRACE, CHICAGO, APPARENTLY HAS NO CONNECTION WITH PAT CHERRINGTON.

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WHICH BENNETT OR WIFE SIGNED EXPRESS RECEIPT. THEY CLAIM DID NOT OPEN  
TO NOT DELIVERED THEM TO CARROLL ON HIS RETURN AND CLAIM NOT TO  
BOTH CLAIM FIRST MACHINE GUN EVER SEEN BY THEM  
AFTER UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT BY MPLS POLICE TO FIND  
MACHINE GUN FOUND IN SUIT CASE OF CARROLL

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JES:ML  
May 2, 1934  
Judge Eugene O. Sykes, Chairman,  
Federal Radio Commission,  
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Mr. Sykes:

This is to confirm the telephonic information furnished you on the night of May 2, 1934 by Mr. E. M. Stapleton to the effect that this Division, through its investigation to cause the apprehension of John Dillinger, had learned that two unlicensed radio broadcasting stations have been operating in the vicinity of Indianapolis, Indiana, sending code messages, and soliciting the cooperation of the Chicago Office of the Federal Radio Commission in locating these stations through the use of its radio test car.

In accordance with the information given by you to Mr. Stapleton, the Chicago Office of this Division was advised that the office of the Federal Radio Commission in Chicago would be telegraphically instructed on the morning of May 3, 1934 to cooperate and render every assistance possible.

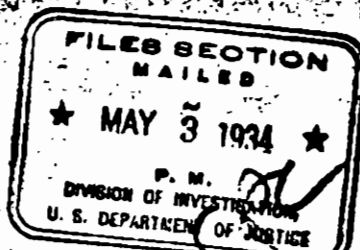
I want to personally thank you for your interest and cooperation in this investigation and trust that you will not hesitate to call upon me and this Division for assistance at any time.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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May 2, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 760,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the two road maps submitted by your office in connection with the case entitled John O'Hallinger, with aliases, I.O. #1217, et al; National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

In addition to the fingerprint comparison reported in Division letter of April 11, 1934, you are advised that the latent fingerprints developed on the Shell and Sinclair road maps have been compared with the fingerprints of the following individuals with negative results:

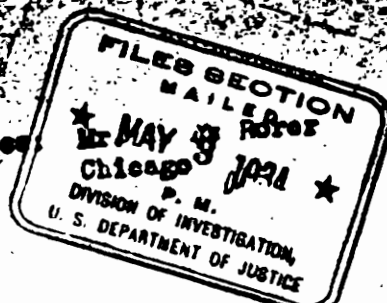
Thomas E. Priben, St. Paul Div. Off.  
Thomas Parks, U.S.M. St. Paul #1328.  
Harriett Longbrake, our file #2504.  
Sidney Mason, St. Paul Div. Off.  
Joseph Fox, our file #254545.  
Leon Cookman, St. Paul Div. Off.  
William Weaver, our file #19220.  
George Nelson, our file #542742.  
Trisco Dutchy Steinhardt, our file #36633.  
Augustus Salt, St. Paul Div. Off.  
Albert V. O'Reilly, PD Minneapolis,  
Minnesota, #24438.  
Otto Mahee, our file #72042.

Eugene Green, our file #73824.  
Jack Reiffer, our file #47641.  
Mrs. T. J. Randall, St. Paul Div. Off.  
Clarence R. Kimmel, St. Paul Div. Off.  
Joseph Burns, our file #15400.  
Ledy Jackson, St. Paul Div. Off.  
Laurence Strong, our file #77120.  
Mrs. E. P. Johnson, our file #10000.  
Patricia Charrington, alias and  
Jackson, PD Tacoma, Washington, #664-A.  
Dr. Clayton May, St. Paul Div. Off.  
Oscar Milligan, St. Paul Div. Off.  
Tom Carroll, our file #14020.

Very truly yours,

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

April 30, 1934.

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MR. LESTER	
CHIEF CLERK	
MR. ROBER	

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

While talking with the Chicago office on another matter, Agent in Charge Purvis requested that I advise you that Agents Faulkner and McLaughlin just took off in a plane with the colored man who said he had seen Dillinger, Baby Face Nelson, Tommy Carroll and another man near Newcastle, Pennsylvania; that he had gotten in touch with Mr. Tamm at Cincinnati and Mr. Tamm is going back to Pittsburgh and that they will meet Mr. Tamm at the airport at Pittsburgh, where they will make plans to cover the situation.

Respectfully,

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

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E J CONNELLEY  
SPINK ARMS HOTEL  
INDIANAPOLIS INDIANA

FORWARD SPECIAL DELIVERY FULL AND DETAILED CONFIDENTIAL REPORT UPON  
✓ INDIANA POLICE MATTER WHICH I DISCUSSED WITH YOU BY TELEPHONE THIS AFTERNOON

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RE DILLINGER, FRECHETTE CASE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY HERE DESIRES  
CERTIFIED COPY DIVORCE RECORD OF FRECHETTE AS EVELYN SPARKS  
TOGETHER WITH JUDGES CERTIFICATE AS REQUIRED BY SECTION SIX EIGHT  
SEVEN TITLE TWO EIGHT UNITED STATES CODE ANNOTATED. CERTIFIED  
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ALSO EXPEDITE ALL REPORTS AND EXHIBITS HARBORING CASE. EARLY TRIAL  
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May 2, 1934.

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

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the latent fingerprint examinations being carried on in connection with the case entitled John Dillinger, with aliases, I.O. #1110, et al; National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

One of the lifted latent fingerprints submitted by you with your letter dated April 2, 1934, and two latent fingerprints appearing in photograph submitted by the St. Paul Police Department have been searched in the single fingerprint file and no identification has been effected.

In addition to the three identifications previously reported to have been made between finger impressions of John Dillinger and latent fingerprints developed on the get-away chart submitted under cover of your letter dated April 2, 1934, fourteen of these latent prints have been identified with impressions of John Dillinger. However, several of these do not present sufficient detail to permit charting for court purposes. Two other latent prints appearing on the get-away chart have been searched through the single fingerprint file with negative results.

Eight latent fingerprints of a fragmentary nature appear on the negatives and lifting tape forwarded with your letter of April 7, 1934. These have been compared with the fingerprints of the suspects listed below.

Approximately fifty latent fingerprints were developed on the eight envelopes transmitted with your letter of April 10, 1934, and which were reported to have been found in safe deposit boxes rented by Eugene Green. Of these eight have been eliminated, being identical with finger impressions of Special Agent Fortenberry, and fourteen have been identified with the fingerprints of Special Agent Hurley.

Six latent prints on the envelopes found in a safety deposit box of the Liberty State Bank of St. Paul, Minnesota, have been identified with the fingerprints of Eugene Green, our file #73524. On the envelopes found in a safety deposit box of the Liberty National Bank of St. Paul, Minnesota, four latent fingerprints have been identified with the finger impressions of Green. Of the remaining latent fingerprints two have been searched through the single fingerprint file with negative results.

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Mr. H. H. Clegg.

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All of the remaining latent fingerprints developed in this case have compared with the fingerprints of the individuals listed below with negative results.

John Hamilton, our file #110553.

Eugene Green, our file #73524.

Jack Feister, our file #47641.

Bernice Thompson, Los Angeles Div. Off.

Joseph Fox, our file #34945.

Herritt Longbrake, our file #32904.

Thomas Hooks, #1328 U.S.M. St. Paul.

Joseph Burns, our file #419408.

William Weaver, our file #17920.

Leona Goodman, St. Paul Div. Off.

Paula Harmon, our file #105680.

George Nelson, our file #542743.

"Triace Dutch" Steinhardt, our file

#36433.

Patricia Wherrington, alias Ann

Jackson, 3864-A PD Tacoma, Washington.

Otto Mcabee, our file #72042.

John Millinger, our file #45022.

Ann Martin, #376 PD Tucson, Arizona.

James Van Meter, our file #77024.

Clarence Paul Kimmel, St. Paul Div. Off.

Sidney Rosen, St. Paul Div. Off.

Mary Kinder, our file #77482.

Mrs. F. J. Randall, St. Paul Div. Off.

Orville B. Wimpy, our file #27407.

Lawrence Strong, Chicago Div. Off.

Luby Jackson, St. Paul Div. Off.

Tom Carroll, our file #11475.

Opal Milligan, our file #77822.

Thomas P. Wilson, St. Paul Div. Off.

Dr. Clayton Ray, St. Paul Div. Off.

Augusta Galt, St. Paul Div. Off.

Albert W. Reilly, #2455 PD Minneapolis,

Minnesota.

Very truly yours,

Director.

AIR MAIL

cc - Chicago.



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May 3, 1934.

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

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 28, 1934, submitting original letter postmarked Detroit, Michigan, April 26, 1934, and addressed to "Mr. J. Dillinger, Monroe, Indiana".

Seven latent fingerprints of a fragmentary nature have been developed on the letter and accompanying envelope, and have been compared with the finger impressions of the following named individuals, with negative results:

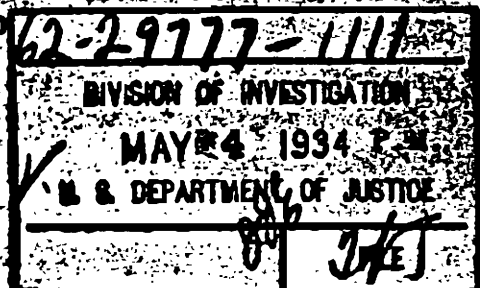
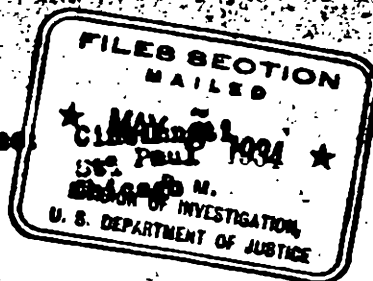
Thomas Banks, E.E.N. St. Paul #1322. Tom Carroll, our file #14678.  
Jack Geiffer, our file #47641. Joseph A. Burns, our file #14648.  
George Nelson, our file #52742. Homer Van Meter, our file #27023.  
Orville A. Simpson, our file #427607. Mrs. T. J. Randall, St. Paul Dist.  
Joseph Fox, our file #284945. John Hamilton, our file #110322.  
John Dillinger, our file #436322.

Very truly yours,

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PICK YOUR OWN POSSE AND PUT ME ON THE TRAIL OF DILLINGER  
CAN BE CAUGHT WOLVES ARE MY MEAT

MARSHAL JACK ABERNATHY  
NEW JERSEY

33 HOMESTEAD PARK NEWARK

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Mr. Jack Abernathy, Marshal,  
33 Homestead Park,  
Newark, New Jersey.

My dear Mr. Abernathy:

By reference from the President, receipt is acknowledged of your telegram dated April 25, 1934 advising that you would like to be of assistance in effecting the apprehension of John Dillinger.

Please be assured that your interest and offer of assistance are appreciated. Your telegram has been placed in the Files of this Division and will be given further consideration when it is deemed practicable to follow the procedure suggested by you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover  
Director





From  
**ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL KEENAN**

To

OFFICIAL INDICATED BELOW BY CHECK MARK

MEMORANDUM

The Attorney General

The Solicitor General

Assistant to Attorney General Stanley

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623 Ceddes St., Wilmington, Del.  
April 25-1934

President, Franklin D. Roosevelt,  
The White House, Washington, D. C.

Sirs

Dillinger Case.

I respectfully suggest the immediate detail of Major Harry L. Smith, in command, Cap. Joseph Jackson, Team Captain, Ed. S. A. Lloyd, Team Coach, and up to 50 members of the U. S. Marine Corps National Match RIFLE TEAM SQUAD from Quantico and Parris Island to take immediate charge of and conduct the rounding up and execution of John Dillinger and his gang.

The men suggested are unquestionably the very best rapid fire rifle shots in the world. They are thoroughly accustomed to handling tough customers and difficult situations. The leaders suggested are men who have a national reputation for being unusually efficient in the performance of duty, for being of a type who handle difficult problems with judgment and for finishing what they start.

It is perfectly obvious to the American public that the U. S. Department of Justice agents, either through stupidity or lack of accurate long range rifle shooting ability, or both, cannot conduct such a hunt without great danger of the further killing of several dozen of their own number, innocent bystanders, terrified automobilists and the like simply because one man, desperate, well-armed, and a good shot has every advantage of a pursuing car full of persons sitting crowded together, anxious, unable to fire accurately because of lack of personal shooting skill and for the further reason that they should be morally certain of who they are shooting at. Dillinger has no such disadvantages.

The Marine Corps Rifle Team is not composed of the type of men who wear "bullet proof" vests (there is actually no such thing - they can all be penetrated), stick Sears Roebuck catalogs down their pants and who must surround a shack 25 strong and then wait until near dawn so that they can mow down a bunch of innocent OCE men at a few feet.

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Among the Marine Corps Rifle Team there are a dozen expert snipers who have telescopically sighted match rifles with which it is perfectly easy and a simple matter to locate 200 to 500 yards from a barricade such as that in Wisconsin and pick off more or less at their leisure, aided by the perfect visual qualities of the sighting telescope, any person seen to man a machine gun mounted for offensive purposes on the roof, and before said party could even fire a shot. Furthermore, the Marine Team is accustomed to averaging about 98 x 100 points at 300 and 500 yards. RAPID FIRE match shooting on a mark just the size of John Dillinger's head.

As one who has known these Marines intimately for many years, who has shot against them since 1918, and as a rifle match shot of more than 30 years experience myself, may I suggest again that the reason John Dillinger has made a whole nation look ridiculous for six weeks is because no one with guts, who really can shoot has actually tried to kill him.

The Dillinger case, like the non-solving of the Lindbergh kidnapping, is causing unfavorable comment all over this nation. It may cause the death of several dozen people and additional loss of lives if allowed to continue for weeks more. The personal advertising given Dillinger and his type for their successful defiance of the officers of the law in five states may so inflame the imaginations of numberless boys who like to read such news, and may so incite other desperadoes now at large that the result may be the outbreak of a new wave of outlawry which may last for years.

The whole thing would be a very simple thing for Harry Smith and Joe Jackson to handle. They could be flown out over night. Once in touch with the gang, the Marines would take charge.

As rifle expert for eleven years for the Hercules Powder Company, as advertising aid for similar reason, to Winchester Repeating Arms Company and the Remington Arms Company, at various later times, and as the Gun Editor of seven different sporting magazines also at different periods, naturally I am familiar with the shooting ability of practically every recognized expert in this country, and presume therefore to give the suggestions contained in this letter to help you clean up a nasty mess with the least possible loss of life.

It is possible that Smith or Jackson may wish to take along a machine gun squad or two, or a one-pounder (easily transportable) rapid fire gun for immediately reducing a barricade or fortified dwelling but would suggest leaving any such details to their judgment. They know their way around and can handle this situation.

Respectfully yours,

(S) C. S. LANDIS  
C. S. Landis

Arms & Ammunition Editor, Sporting Goods Dealer,  
Arms & Ammunition Editor, Hunter, Trader Trapper.



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Mr. C. S. Landis,  
623 Goding Street,  
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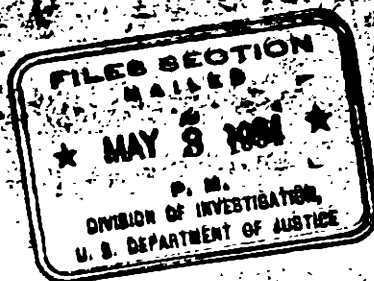
Dear Sir:

Your letter of April 25, 1934, addressed to the President and suggesting that members of the United States Marine Corps National Match Rifle Team Squad be used in effecting the arrest of John Dillinger and his gang, has been referred to this Division for consideration.

Please be advised that your suggestion has been noted with much interest and will be given careful consideration in the event a situation should arise whereby such procedure would be feasible.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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April 12, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

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

I talked to Mr. Clegg this evening concerning the Dillinger case, and inquired about the individual named Sawyer, whose name has been linked with that of Dillinger and several others in St. Paul. Mr. Clegg stated that a boy named Pat Riley, described as small, lighthaired, thin and pale faced, a former Mascot of the St. Paul baseball team, is supposed to be travelling with Sawyer. They have plenty of information and evidence with regard to Sawyer and if they are able to locate Sawyer he will be taken into custody and questioned thoroughly. Pat Riley's sister-in-law, Majorie, is a girl friend of a hoodlum named Tommy Carroll who is allied with Homer Van Meter. Mr. Clegg stated that it would be advisable to check the Division records on Carroll, but he doubted if Pat Riley has a record, however it is known that Pat Riley is Sawyer's man Friday and probably knows all about Sawyer's doings.

Mr. Clegg is going to telephone El Paso and talk to SAC Colvin concerning the wire from there this evening with respect to the airplanes at Phoenix, Arizona, thought to be owned by Sawyer.

Mr. Nathan is questioning the woman, Bessie, at the present time, Mr. Clegg stated, but he, Mr. Clegg, obtained the following additional from her, with respect to the Barker gang. Harry Campbell has a Cherokee Indian girl about 18 or 19 years old for a girl friend. This girl has straight black hair, unbobbed, and is named Winona or perhaps Neona. Fred Barker's girl is Paula Harmon, who, according to Bessie, is a funny looking dame, with flat features, dark complexion, dark brown hair, age 25 to 28, weighs less than a hundred pounds and wears a size 12 dress. She has been going with Barker since last summer. Bessie stated that she never saw Doc Barker with a girl, but he is supposed to have a girl in Reno. Kate Barker, at the present time is believed to be in Chicago with her sister from California, name unknown. Doc Barker and Fred Barker had a split-up last Christmas. Alvin Karpis has a girl friend named Dolores, age 18, in Chicago, Karpis rents an apartment there for her. Ray Karpis eats quite frequently at an eating place in Maywood, Illinois, just outside Chicago. This place is reached by going north on Washington boulevard to the town of Maywood, turning left to North Avenue in Maywood. The girl Dolores is supposed to stay Chicago, she has light complexion, light brown hair, brown eyes, has a long bob and uses quite a bit of makeup. Karpis also has a wife living in Chicago but he doesn't contact her. Bill Weaver, also a member of the Bremer kidnaping gang, has a girl friend named Mary Eaton, who is his girl friend by force, he often kidnaping her and taking her away against her will. She is supposed to be

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in Des Moines, Iowa, with her sister in law, the wife of another one of the Eatons. This sister in law runs a chicken eating place which is easy to find and Bessie states that wherever Mary Eaton is Bill Weaver is bound to be close, however he has been back to St. Paul on at least two occasions since the kidnaping. Bessie stated that she understood the Barker gang went to Reno right after the kidnaping, that Bill has returned to Des Moines to serve as a contact man to handle the money situation. In regard to the money situation, Mr. Clegg stated that about the first of December last year, the Barker gang was broke, that they planned the Bremer kidnaping, obtained the ransom money, turned it over to Sawyer, who was to keep it for ninety days, during which time he was to turn it in for good money, and take his cut for the exchange. Therefore it is believed that the Barkers and Karpis are laying low, and are not able to spend much money because of the fact that they have not got hold of the any of the money, and Mr. Clegg stated that Bessie stated that if none of the money had turned up yet, it was pretty certain that it was still being held by Sawyer and that he may be still negotiating through the Kleckmans, who are the bosses in St. Paul, to obtain good money, probably in New York. She stated that it is supposed to be ninety days before the money is turned back to the kidnaping gang, which is probably having just about enough money to get along.

*Des. Cleggman 12.1*  
Bessie stated that Billie described the house in which <sup>the</sup> Dillinger <sup>gave</sup> lived in Florida as having a large living room with four places grouped in a circle in the middle. However Bessie does not place much faith in what Billie says because she is inclined to lord over the other people and to stretch the truth. She stated that Harry Sawyer when he get "hot" usually goes to a hospital outside of Hudson, Wisconsin, which is sort of a private sanitarium for mental cases. At the time of the Bremer kidnaping, Bessie stated that she and Eddie Green were in the apartment building owned by Senator Capper in Topeka, Kansas. The girls who are with Barker and Karpis drink quite a bit and like night life.

Mr. Clegg stated that little by little they are getting this information out of her, but they are getting little evidence.

With regard to the Hamm case, Bessie stated that it is rumored that the Barker gang also pulled that job, but that they lost most of the money from that in a gambling place in Reno.

With regard to the record of Tommy Carroll mentioned on the first page of this memo, I am advised by Mr. Newby that he has already checked up on this man and he is known to be an associate of the bank robbers around St. Paul and is wanted by the authorities at Brainerd, Minn., at the present time for bank robbery.

Respectfully,

S.P. Cowley.

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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.  
N.M.V.T.A. and HARBORING.  
St. Paul File No. 26-2434.

There is attached, hereto, a clipping from the Milwaukee Sentinel for Monday, April 30, 1934. Special Agent S. W. Hardy forwarded this clipping, and it will be observed that County Attorney Edmund Drager of Vilas County was pursuing his own investigation of the death of Eugene Boieson, the CCC worker who was accidentally killed by bullets fired by Federal Agents.

In a telephone conversation with Mr. Rorer today while he was at Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin, I informed him of this article and Mr. Rorer stated that an investigation would be conducted by the State authorities upon completion of the Division's investigation in that territory, but the investigation would have for its purpose the ascertaining of the status and character of EMIL WENATKA, as they are planning to refuse to re-issue to him a liquor license, although I told Mr. Rorer to make other inquiries regarding the plans and activities of the County Attorney in connection with this situation.

Very truly yours,

H. H. CLEGG,

Inspector.

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# J.S., STATE GUARD ROADS AFTER CAR IS BELIEVED SEEN

## Monroe Prosecutor Reports Suspicious Machine Near Capital; Ducks Off Traveled Road.

The hunt for George (Baby Face) Nelson suddenly turned to southern Wisconsin late last night when a car answering the description of the one the Dillinger gangster is believed to have purchased at Marshfield Friday was sighted in the northeastern tip of Green county, between Monroe and Madison.

Federal agents and squads of deputies in all counties on both sides of the state line immediately took up the chase and began an armed patrol of highways.

Randall Elmer, district attorney of Green county, reported

having seen the car near Dayton in Green county last night, and said it hurriedly turned off into a little traveled road in the direction of the Rock county line as he passed it.

Elmer said he was unable to see the numbers on the license plates of the car, but that it otherwise answered the description of the car Nelson purchased from W. J. Smith, Marshfield automobile dealer, after his escape early Friday from Vilas county and the poses which had been tracking him down since the raid on Dillinger's lair at Little Bohemia a week ago.

### PLATES ARE LAST YEAR'S

The district attorney's suspicions were further aroused by the fact that the plates of the car had apparently been deliberately covered with weeds. He was able, however, to see that they were of the dark blue shade of the 1933 plates. The Marshfield car carried the 1933 plates, 445-363.

Elmer said the car was traveling at a moderate rate of speed when he approached it from behind on Country Trunk Highway B near Dayton. It slowed up to allow him to pass and then suddenly checked its speed still more as he drew alongside it. The district attorney said the driver of the mysterious car switched a spotlight on his machine and was lost to sight as he went over a knoll. The headlights on the Chevrolet then disappeared and Elmer believes the car turned into a little traveled side road and headed for Rock county.

The district attorney was unable to determine how many men were in the car, but believes the driver became alarmed when he noticed two men were in the Elmer and Garrit Kooreman, a friend, was sitting with Elmer.

### LOOKING FOR OFFICERS

Elmer thinks that Nelson, if he was in the Chevrolet, wished to see if deputies or armed agents were in his car and for that reason turned the spotlight directly into the machine.

"I first saw the car about 20 miles south of Madison," Elmer said. "It was traveling about 40 miles an hour and as I approached, slowed down until it was finally not traveling any faster than 20 miles an hour."

Elmer's report indicates the car had been traveling back roads and the fact that it was within 10 miles of the Dane county jail, where Nelson's wife and other captured women of the Dillinger gang are held prisoners, increased fears of a raid to liberate them.

Guards about the women were increased Saturday with the revelation in the Sentinel that one was Nelson's wife, another the "moll" of Homer Van Meter, and the third the reputed bride of Tommy Carroll, all of the Dillinger gang.

### GANG BELIEVED SPLIT

Elmer notified federal agents, who have set up a Dillinger headquarters at Madison of his suspicions and armed poses began a fresh manhunt. Sheriffs in Rock, Walworth, Dane, Racine and Kenosha counties were notified and squads were sent to guard all highways. The alarm sent deputies into action on the other side of the line.

The agents placed credence in Elmer's story, indicating that the manner in which the car was traveling and the fact that it was on back roads was typical of the manner in which the hunted gangster has been fleeing since his escape from Ole Catfish's cabin on Stearns lake in Vilas county after holding the Indian and his family prisoner for three days; of his purchase of a ride from a farmer into Marshfield and his buying of a car there.

The spot where Elmer saw the car near Dayton is in the direction with Marshfield, and could be reached by traveling on back roads without going through any large towns or cities.

The report that Homer Van

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Meter recently held up a bank in Chicago leads to the belief that the Dillinger gang has split up, part in the St. Paul area and others in Chicago, where Nelson seems to be heading if the car sighted by the Green county district attorney proves to be his machine.

Nelson has a criminal record in northern Illinois and it is familiar ground to him. He was convicted of the Hillside bank robbery in Du Page county and when en route to Joliet penitentiary Feb. 17, 1932, he overpowered guards, ejected them from his car and drove to Chicago. He has not been apprehended since.

Chief of Police Fred Gillman of Evansville, near the scene where Elmer had sighted the car, threw a guard across Highway 13 to prevent escape in that direction. Sheriff J. S. Fessenden of Rock county sent two heavy armed squads into the same territory at 1 a. m.

#### LICENSE IS BROADCAST.

The license on the 1929 Chevrolet coach Nelson bought at Marshfield was broadcast by federal agents at Madison as No. 445-243, Wisconsin 1933 plates. The number was sent to all Wisconsin police departments and to neighboring states. In addition radio descriptions of the "Baby Face" were broadcast direct from Sheriff Fred Finn's office at Madison.

Nelson is described as 26 years of age, with blond hair, yellow eyes; five feet four inches tall, weighing 123 pounds. The authorities asked any one with information on Nelson to communicate at once either with Sheriff Finn or the federal department of justice at St. Paul.

While federal agents first announced that Carroll's bride was held at Madison, information from St. Paul today indicated that the woman may be instead his sweetheart and the couple not married. Her name was given in St. Paul as Delaney.

Miss Delaney is described by federal agents as a sister-in-law of Pat Riley, former mascot for the St. Paul American association baseball club. Riley is sought by the government for questioning concerning the Dillinger search. He is said to have taken John Dillinger and his chief lieutenant, John Hamilton, to a doctor in St. Paul for treatment after the two were wounded in a bank holdup at Sioux Falls, S. D.

#### RENTED HIDING PLACE.

Van Meter's "girl friend" is the woman federal agents say rented an apartment in Minneapolis, under the name of "Oberg," for use

as a Dillinger gang hideout. This apartment was occupied by Mrs. Ruth Green, whose husband, Eugene Green, was slain by federal agents in a raid there April 2, three days after Dillinger and Van Meter shot their way out of an apartment in St. Paul when it was raided.

An inquest at Eagle River yesterday determined that the death of Eugene Bolsoneau, the CCC worker, was accidental, but that he died from bullets fired by federal agents. Dist. Atty. Edmund Drager, Vilas county, is pursuing his own investigation further, not content to call the killing incidents closed.

The fatal shooting of W. Carter Baum, Chicago federal agent, was laid to Nelson, for whom a first degree murder warrant has been issued by Drager.

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NO RECORDS WHATEVER. HE WAS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY HIS PLACE SEARCHED AND  
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WILLIAMS AND H L/KEITH THE LATTER NOW FEDERAL PENITENTIARY POST OFFICE  
ROBBERY CONTACTED HIM JUNE LAST YEAR AND HE DELIVERED THEM TWO MACHINE  
GUNS AND TWO SUPER AUTOMATIC PISTOLS. HE ADMITS THAT IN SEPTEMBER JIMMIE  
WILLIAMS RETURNED SAN ANTONIO AND HE DELIVERED HIM TWO SUPER AUTOMATICS  
AND TWO THREE EIGHTY AUTOMATICS AND AGREED TO GET ALL MACHINE GUNS HE COULD  
FOR WILLIAMS. HE STATES HE LOCATED FIVE MACHINE GUNS EL PASO TEXAS DROVE  
IN HIS CAR THAT PLACE AND OBTAINED THESE GUNS FROM ONE JOHN/STOCKMEYER  
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OCTOBER BUT AS HE HAS HEARD NOTHING FROM ANY OF GANG SINCE DECEMBER DID NOT SHIP IT. HE STATES IN NOVEMBER JIMMIE WILLIAMS, TOMMY CARROLL, KEITH, TOMMY MCGANNON AND WAYNE HUTTNER CAME SAN ANTONIO AND AT THAT TIME HE SOLD THEM SEVERAL AUTOMATICS THAT MCGANNON, HUTTNER AND WILLIAMS HAD WOMEN WITH THEM AND THAT ALL LEFT HERE SUDDENLY AT TIME TOMMY CARROLL KILLED CITY DETECTIVE WHILE RESISTING PICKUP ORDER OR ARREST. LEBMAN DENIES HE HAS HAD ANY CONTACT WITH ANY OF THIS GANG SINCE DECEMBER. HE HAS POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED PHOTOGRAPH OF HOMER VAN METER AS WAYNE HUTTNER AND ALSO HAS POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED PHOTOGRAPH GEORGE NELSON AS JIMMIE WILLIAMS. INVESTIGATION DEVELOPS TOMMY CARROLL STOPPED HERE AT BLUE BONNET HOTEL AND KEITH STOPPED AT AURORA APARTMENT AT WHICH PLACE I PERSONALLY TOOK HIM INTO CUSTODY COOPERATION WITH POLICE AT THE TIME DETECTIVE PERROW WAS KILLED AT THAT TIME NO INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE AS TO WHO WAS HERE EXCEPT CARROLL AND KEITH. COMPLAINT FILED THIS MORNING CHARGING LEBMAN POSSESSION STOLEN GOVERNMENT PROPERTY. FULL DETAILS HAVE BEEN FURNISHED STATE AUTHORITIES IN ORDER PROSECUTION CAN BE INSTITUTED RELATIVE TO STATE OFFENSES IN CONNECTION WITH HIS UNLAWFUL HANDLING FIREARMS. AS PER YOUR TELEPHONIC INSTRUCTIONS HAVE GIVEN WIDE PUBLICITY THIS MATTER. WRITING YOU AIR MAIL TODAY DETAILS SENDING COPY STATEMENT OBTAINED FROM LEBMAN. HAVE BEEN IN CLOSE CONSTANT COMMUNICATION BY TELEPHONE WITH EL PASO ST. PAUL AND CHICAGO

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Various Agents working on this case in the Districts have submitted memoranda in their investigations and will continue to do so.

AT INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

Special Agents David M. Smith and A. J. [redacted] visited the apartment house located at 1701 N. Elm Street, Chicago, Illinois, owned by Joseph Levy (Attorney for Pierpont and Melling) and ascertained the names of the following residents - Telephone Toller 6-8775.

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Jessie Levy resides in apartment 304 out of the present time apartment 303 directly across the hall is vacant. On Friday, April 12, apartment 302 located beside apartment of Jessie Levy will be vacant. Rent for any of the above apartments is \$47.00. The Security Trust Co. owns the apartment house. Miss Levy formerly resided at 1101 N. Harrison St., Indianapolis, Ind.

Special Agent G. E. Littlehales, FBI, Indiana, under date of April 11, 1934, submitted the following memorandum:

AT INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

The premises at 1730 North Illinois Road at Salem, Vincennes, mother of John Vincennes, former associate of Dillinger, consisted of a large rooming house with a three car garage in back. The garage opens on a private alley running between 18th and 19th Streets, and extends half way across the lot. A board fence parallels the alley from the corner of this garage to the garage on the next lot. There is no point upon either Illinois St., 18th St., or the alley from which both the front and back of the premises can be entered. The house was occupied by an undeterminable number of people.

Special Agent G. E. Littlehales submits the following additional memorandum under date of April 11, 1934.

AT BEDFORD, IND.

Special Agent D. E. Weeks accompanied by the writer and Chief of Police J. E. Rainbolt, of Bedford, after suitable preliminary inquiries called at the home of Miss Anna Brown, a former correspondent of James Joseph Jenkins allegedly a prior associate of the Dillinger mob. Miss Brown, a woman of approximately 50 or 55 years, preacher of sorts for the Pentecostal Church advised that neither she nor George Jenkins (father of Jas. Joseph) who lives with her ever heard from any of the Dillinger associates; that Mrs. Longacre had written to her father (George Jenkins) sometime ago and told of Dillinger's acquaintance and he had warned her to stay away from him and any like him. She further stated that a brother of Jas. Joseph was now living in that vicinity; that when last heard from Mrs. Longacre was in Dayton, Ohio. It was quite evident from this conversation that Miss Brown knew nothing of Dillinger's whereabouts, and from her disclosures, George Jenkins, the father of the above, likewise knew nothing. Attempts to locate him for personal interview were unsuccessful at this time.

Mrs. Jesse Woodward, Rural Route 2, Bedford, Ind., was interviewed and advised that she had raised Hazel Jenkins, son of George, the brother of Jas. Joseph since he was a baby; that he is now 28 years of age and still living with her; that he rarely ever even saw his father who had never come



tributed to his support nor did he regularly correspond with his sister Mrs. Langacre; that he last received a Christmas card from her this past Christmas, but she is sure that nothing was ever mentioned to him about her association with John Billinger; that the last the Woodmants had heard from her was that she had left her husband at Dayton, Ill. and was living with a soldier, but although Mr. and Mrs. Woodmants had heard her name, while she was in the army, they never heard from her and they nothing of her Billinger connections at all. Daniel, she was sure, Daniel was not particularly interested in the information was given by Mrs. Woodmants who undoubtedly is sincere and truthful.

At Houston, Indiana, the writer and Agent Wells have been previously advised that the home of John Billinger, Everett B. Billinger lived in that neighborhood, after suitable inquiries were made to the same two or three miles north of Houston. After checking the premises, he was located at the farm of George Boddy and readily conversed on the subject of John, his nephew, and the family under the impression that agents were persons are on the "Indiana News" from Indianapolis. He confirmed previous advice given by neighbors that John had a home in that neighborhood for years (about 11 years according to George Boddy and his son, neighbors of John's uncle, Everett B. Billinger and personally acquainted with John as a boy). Everett stated that John corresponded with his father now living at Ellettsville, Ind., regularly and that he (the father and brother of Everett) had last notified John in a letter to him (Everett) when John was in Ellettsville; that John never wrote to him Everett. He further stated that a long time ago John wanted to marry Frances Thornton, now Mrs. Frances Thornton Erwin, or Erwin, a step-daughter of Everett's, but he opposed the match and Frances subsequently married Fred [or Erwin]. She now lives at Rockville, Ind., and Mrs. Everett Billinger is now visiting her there. Everett Billinger stated that he also has two daughters, Elanora, now employed running an elevator at Ellettsville, Ind., and a son, Everett, now in Los Angeles, Cal. (supposedly employed at Southern California Bank there). None of them, he said, were children of Everett's who communicate with John. Inquiries of responsible people in Houston confirmed, as far as was known, all that Everett Billinger related and they further advised that no strangers had been in the neighborhood nor had any strange cars been seen there. Everett Billinger receives his mail from Post Office at Ellettsville, Ind., Route 11, and doesn't enjoy very high reputation in that neighborhood, chiefly on account of his failure to pay his debts.



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The St. Paul Office has informed that Indiana license plates 21423 had been seen on a Studebaker 1934 Sedan in St. Paul in April 1934. Information was obtained at the Indiana Department of Motor Vehicles, Indianapolis, that this car was registered by C. E. Riley, Ellettsville, Indiana, purchased thru the Pierce Arrow Sales Company, 200 West Madison Street, Chicago, September 20, 1933, when Riley was living at 2046 Winthrop Ave., Chicago. The car being financed thru the C.I.T. Corporation, Chicago. This information was wired to the St. Paul Office.

Special Agent E. E. Roper, has submitted the following memorandum on this matter from Indianapolis, Ind., April 11, 1934:

Studebaker Boughten - Indiana License 21423, 4 door, 1934 model, engine #2911, serial 606333, Indiana Title License - License Plates issued to C. E. Riley - 204 Main St., Ellettsville, Indiana. Application for tags notarized by Ann Kollar - Lake County, Indiana, on March 10, 1934.

Application for certificate of title indicates car purchased by Riley from Pierce Arrow Sales Corporation, 200 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois, on 9-20-33, Riley's address was 2046 Winthrop Ave., Chicago, at that time. A Graham-Paige Serial 506388, Engine #506388 was traded in on the Studebaker. Also that \$150.00 balance is due C.I.T. Corporation who financed purchase. This application was notarized by Ann Kollar, Lake County, March 10, 1934.

Attached to the above application for title was a certified bill of sale from the Pierce Arrow Sales Corp. and also a small certificate #272-235 issued by the State of Illinois indicating Passenger Car transferred from Illinois and the signature of C. E. Riley appearing thereon. This signature appears to be different from the signature appearing on the application for title and tags in Indiana.

Operator's permit in the name of C. E. Riley (the only one in State issued in that name) was issued on 11-4-33 to C. E. Riley, 181 Spencer Ave., Indianapolis, and notarized by Helen Hansen, Notary, Marion County. The description of Riley appearing thereon is as follows: Born 1-1-00, 6' 1" in height, 170 lbs., gray eyes.

The signature of C. E. Riley is not identical with the other three signatures on the other applications.

A message had been received that in September, 1934, Attorney John Egan, Dayton, Ohio, telephoned to Mr. E. L. Beck, Springfield, Ind. Special Agents J. P. Gourd, and H. E. Wicks, who were on duty at that time, in their investigation of this matter which is being handled by the Bureau.

Mr. Beck advised he had signed a bond for \$100.00 for his brother Walter E. Beck, of Miami, Mo. This bond was given to John Egan, Dayton, Ohio, for his brother. This was executed in February, 1934. He stated this was his only dealing with Attorney Egan.

Mr. Beck, Car Motor Number 1934-1, which was registered in Indiana, No. 1934-1, a Buick Coach was received in Indianapolis on April 6, 1934.

Mr. Beck in this interview advised that he owns property in Dayton, Ohio, and that in February of this year he went to Dayton to attend to his property, that he had a family friend who was at his home, that this transaction was handled by an attorney of the firm Billings and Jones, Inc., whose name he did not recall; that he then went to the office of Attorney Jack Egan to sign a bond for his brother to secure, alimony and maintenance of minor child payments so his brother could leave the State. Mr. Beck stated that this is the only time he has seen or had anything to do with attorney Egan; that however, his brother Walter has known Egan for years and Egan represented him in the divorce case; that his brother lives in East Hartford, Conn., and is in the employ of the United States Government buying airplane supplies and it is necessary for him to travel; that the divorce was lived in Dayton and the suit was brought there; that his brother has no property in Ohio so could not go away without making bond, so he was called upon to do it.

Mr. Beck advised that there is a man in town who is a suspicious man in town and the School Superintendent's daughter saw a man of that description driving a car.

Mr. Beck said that he saw this suspicious man on Friday morning walking toward town; saw him again on Saturday morning; that the man was about 40, black hair, thick chest, he looked over the pictures of Billings and Associates and advised he was positive that it was not one of those.



The following report was submitted for period of April 17, 1934.

At 7:30 P.M. Agent Whitson reported that a large moving van with the name SHURMAN across the front had backed into the alley way to Mary Kinder's house and that it appeared that several things were being moved into it. The license of this van was given as Michigan 187-011 (unofficial).

Accordingly upon instructions Agents Weeks and Seane trailed the truck to a Garage at Central and W. Walnut St., where it appeared that van was having motor trouble. Littlehales and Whitson were later sent to this spot to relieve Weeks and Seane.

At 4:30 A.M. on the 17th Littlehales telephoned from Kokomo, Indiana and advised that they had trailed the van to that point and that they had contacted the driver who had stated that the truck was engaged in interstate hauling and that he had come from Oerton, Missouri to Indianapolis at which place he had picked up two loads; from Indianapolis was to pick up a load at Akron, Indiana; from whence he was going to Detroit, Michigan. Littlehales was told that it was deemed advisable to continue to trail this truck in accordance with your instructions or that he could get in touch with Johnson at the Roberts Hotel, Muncie, Indiana.

Littlehales later was instructed to discontinue trailing instant van and to proceed to Muncie, Indiana. Lead was given to Detroit to check this truck on arrival there.

Special Agent J. E. Johnson, submitted the following memorandum under date of April 18, on inquiry made by himself and Agent Littlehales:

As per the information furnished by [redacted] (informant) that a contact man was located at Danville, Ind., an Attorney who might act as such for Billinger. Accompanied by Agent Whitson I went to Danville, Ind., on Route 36. Turned at the second stop light and found that to be a business block no spacing between the buildings. The block faced the court house and the post office is in the fifth building with an office entrance way joining. Up this stairs is the office of O. E. Edwards, and A. E. Edwards, who both occupy the same space. There are no other offices in the building, all the several doors open onto the landing which lead to apartment dwellings.



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E. B. Bradley, Postmaster, was approached and furnished the following list of attorneys in Danville:

- W. M. Fleming,
- W. M. Figue,
- W. M. Bailey,

The following attorney offices on Jefferson Street adjoining the Post Office which would be in the vicinity of the place described by [redacted] C. V. Davis, Gary Austin, C. E. Edwards, E. W. Edwards.

All the attorneys listed above enjoy an excellent reputation in Danville according to the Postmaster. [redacted] moved in with Edwards recently and is a young high class fellow. Edwards is an able attorney. At the time mentioned therefore Edwards may have been alone in the office.

On the other side of the square from Edwards' office an attorney by the name of Ernest Owen occupied an office in the [redacted] Building sometime ago but is now at 418 Indiana Trust Building, Indianapolis. The postmaster could not vouch for this man's reputation as he had heard things about him indicating that he was not strictly on the up and up.

It would seem that the informant in this matter should be able to state whether he walked upstairs to get to the attorney's office; whether the office was across from the courthouse, or next to the post office, the lawyer's general description etc. which would help to establish who he talked to. He might even refresh his recollection as to the name.

Special Agents C. E. Smith and A. F. Barber, [redacted] submitted the following memorandum under date of April 12:

Agents Smith and Barber contacted Claire Cook, 128 S. Monroe St., Evansville, Phone 59, Business address P. M. Main St., Tel. 109, partner of Everhard F. Bradley, 41 W. Washington St., Te. 70, [redacted] and phone address the same as Cook. Both of these men are well acquainted with entire community as they are in Building and Loan business and will co-operate. They can give full information as to everyone there.

Contacted Town Marshal Reuben Aldrich, 318 Lockman St., Te. 127. This man will cooperate and advise.

John Switz, was not reached, but Aldrich says he is

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O.K. He is also a Marshal.

Aldrich pointed out the home of Jesse Richardson (South Street, Moreasville) who is related to John Billinger Sr., by marriage, being the step uncle of Subject. Aldrich stated that John Richardson, brother of Jesse, is now either in the penitentiary or has recently been released. Aldrich says that Richardson is smart on the world and will not hesitate to do anything for money. Jesse Richardson's garage is located about 20 yards from his home and does not look to be part of it. Subject's car was supposed to have been stored there when he was at home.

[REDACTED]

Lester Parks, operated a Ford Agency in Moreasville, Tel. 142, stated that on Saturday 4-7-34 about 8:30 P.M. a man described as 25-30, 140-50 lbs., 5' 10" in height, dark hair, wearing white shirt, khaki overalls, drove into his service department and said he had just purchased a new black colored Ford V-8 Sedan, from the Frank Hatfield Co., Indianapolis; that he lived in Bloomington, and was on his way to California and had time to have car serviced in Indianapolis and came to Moreasville. Parks noticed that there were only 23 miles on the car. After the car was serviced he noticed this man drive south on Indiana Avenue. Parks is personally acquainted with Hubert and John and stated that it was neither one. Parks later contacted the Hatfield Company and was advised by Hatfield that he had sold the car to a woman.

Wm. R. Singleton, 316 Bolton Ave., Moreasville, stated that he had been sentenced with John Billinger to the Pen. for robbery; that he had knowledge that Fred Hancock had on the Monday 4-9-34 come into the Shell gas station on Route 57 near Washington St., Moreasville, and had the car in question filled with gas; that Mark Adams, former police officer, and a Marle Mills, of Anderson, Ind. were very intimate with John Billinger. This man is greatly afraid of Subject and will do anything in his power to assist in his apprehension. This man does not desire to be contacted under his right name and if he does have any information will call this hotel under the name of "Mac". If any of the Agents contact him it will be necessary to show their commission card and badge.



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The following inquiry was conducted on information furnished to Special Agent L. J. Hamilton by Mr. J. W. Hamilton, Indianapolis, Ind., who had the information from a source acquainted with the barber mentioned hereinabove.

April 15, 1934

Special Agent L. J. Hamilton, Mr. J. W. Hamilton, located A. Ross, who operates a barber shop on 10th St., Indianapolis, Ind., and he stated that about 1:30 P.M. on April 15, 1934, an individual, wearing a blue serge suit, brown topcoat and light gray hat, entered the barber shop and after removing his topcoat and suit coat exposed a shoulder holster with a gun in it. Further that this individual was wearing no vest.

Mr. Ross gave this individual a haircut and after he saw it in a mirror requested the barber to put it considerably higher so that when wearing a hat, the color of his hair would not show.

Mr. Ross stated that after cutting this man's hair the individual informed him that his name was HAMILTON; that he had been wounded in a recent gun battle with the police and exhibited to Mr. Ross his naked right shoulder where he observed three small patches of adhesive tape.

Mr. Ross stated that after being told that the individual was HAMILTON, he recalled that HAMILTON'S description reported that two fingers were missing; that he noted this man's right hand and observed that the first two fingers of his right hand had been cut off diagonally above the second joint.

Mr. Ross stated that after this individual got a haircut he got a shoe shine and tipped the boy who gave him the shoe shine.

Mr. Ross stated that HAMILTON spent about three-quarters of an hour in the barber shop before leaving. Also that shortly prior to the time HAMILTON left he observed a copper colored Chrysler sedan with orange plates with a blackbarber (probably Michigan plates) that the plates were too dirty to read. That there were two men sitting in this Chrysler, one in the front and one in the rear seat. That this car was parked beside the barber shop on W. 10th St.; that HAMILTON after leaving went directly to the car, got in it and was driven north on W. 10th St.

Mr. Ross stated that he could not identify the individuals in the car but examined the I.O. on HAMILTON and positively stated that it was a picture of the man whose hair he cut on April 15th.



the L.O. on HAMILTON but could add nothing to the above statement.

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Agents Smith and Barker interviewed Hovie J. Wade, Morgan County Prosecutor in his office at Hartsville, Ind. He was born in Hartsville, and was the man who drew up the pardon petition for Billinger at the direction of John Sr. Mr. Wade has since become involved with the actions of John and will do all in his power to cause his apprehension.

The prosecutor also informed agents that he would direct investigation of the instigator of the present clemency petition which is being circulated in Knoxville which in substance petitions the Governor to pardon subject. A Donald Roe is supposed to be the instigator, and is believed to be a son-in-law of Earl Fields, Martinsville resident and uncle of subject.

Special Agent W. F. Wood, submitted the following memorandum at Indianapolis, dated April 26, 1934.

I was introduced to C. E. Reed, City Marshal, Bates, Indiana through Leslie E. Cunn, Deputy Sheriff, Ellettsville, Indiana. Mr. Reed stated that about 11 P.M. on 4-27-36 he walked into King's Restaurant at Bates where a man was sitting in a chair and talking to a young boy named Barney Holden asking questions about the man at the time. That this Holden boy noticed him and said "Chief", that this holding the man sitting at the table nearly drove out of his chair. He then went to be in an awful hurry to get something to eat which would take him time to prepare. Meanwhile he turned his chair so that it faced the place where the Chief was standing, and kept watching him.

Chief Reed stated that he looked outside and saw a dark car either a Ford or Chevrolet, greenish color with a yellow stripe running around it. That a woman was sitting in this car sitting in back of the steering wheel and immediately after the Chief entered the restaurant she had turned in the front seat facing the restaurant and kept watching the Chief.

Chief Reed stated that the stranger while sitting sat up very straight as though he had a corset on, ate "something" like his food consisting of a sandwich, in gulps, and then hurried out of the restaurant. When reaching the car he hurriedly stepped in, started the engine before shutting the door, and raced away. Chief Reed stated that he couldn't see the license number and didn't follow the car outside, nor could he tell what state the car was licensed in.

Chief Reed stated that in his opinion the man was Billinger, that he could not recall definitely the description of Billinger and immediately after this happened went over to the office and looked at the photo of him and stated to Agent who asked him if he was sure it was Billinger, that if it wasn't Billinger, it was his brother.

Chief Reed described the man as follows, 38-40 years of age, 5' 6" or 7" in height; weight 130-140 lbs.; hair black, thin on top, eyes dark; peculiarities, walked with a decided limp but was quite sure that the limp was due to an injury to his right leg; wearing a dark suit, no overcoat or hat.

Chief Reed described the woman as being slim build, roughly 5' 4" or 7" in height but could only guess because she was sitting down; weight about 120 lbs., could not tell whether hair light or dark but recalled that she was dressed in light colored clothes.

Chief Reed stated that under no conditions would he have Holden be contacted inasmuch as he is a talking newspaper and would broadcast if he held any suspicions as to possible identity of visitor at Bates. That

would in a discreet manner get his attention on the stranger and furnish the same direct to agent of Mr. Ford. Chief Reed furnished this information only on condition that we would not furnish the same to anyone else. He was promptly assured by agent that this would not be done.

Chief Reed advised that shortly prior to the time of Billinger's arrest at Dayton, Billinger stayed with one Mackley who lives out of Muncie about two miles S.E. on Highway 21. They two operated a garage at 1800 So. Walnut Street, Muncie, Indiana. Chief Reed mentioned Edith Gamble and John Soull, residents of Eaton as persons of bad character who would be likely to harbor Billinger if solicited by him.

Special Agent R. M. Hirsch, submitted the following information under date of April 27, from Indianapolis, Ind.

Al. G. Feunoy, Director of Public Safety, State of Indiana:

Says Jess Lewis, Telephone 9221, Sullivan, Indiana who has a filling station at Junction of 54 and 51 one mile south of Sullivan says three cars came in at 9:30 A.M. Two cars with Texas Tags, one car a Ford V-8 with Minnesota Tags. Only one car bought gas. He saw two sub-machine guns. Three men in one car and one man each in the other cars. They headed east on 54.

Agent communicated with Jess Lewis, Sullivan, Indiana who stated that between 9 A.M. and 9:30 A.M. this morning 4-27-34 three cars drove into his filling station which is located 1 mile south of Sullivan, Indiana at the Junction of Highway Highway 51 and 54, the first car stopped in front of one of his gasoline tanks.

The first car contained two men in the front seat and one in the back, the latter doing all the talking. The car was a Ford V-8 Sedan 1934 model and carried Minnesota license plates. He pumped 18 gallons of gasoline into the tank of the Ford during which time the man in the back seat got out of the car. When he had finished this, the man who had gotten out of the back seat then told him to stay away there, and the three cars pulled away without paying for the gasoline, headed east on Highway 54. Mr. Lewis stated that the three men in the first car were armed with revolvers, he thought.

The second car which he believes was a Plymouth Coach contained only the driver and he stated that there was a machine gun mounted on the back of the front seat.



The third man in his collection may have been a police  
man and also contained a man and also a woman. The woman  
was said to be married to a man named [illegible]. All three of the men were said to  
be [illegible].

[illegible] stated that he was unable to identify any  
of them from photographs seen of the Billinger gang in view of the fact that  
as soon as he was told to stand back, he stopped and made no further attempt  
to observe the men.

[illegible] operates the [illegible] filling station, the  
telephone number being 9241.

[illegible] stated that as soon as the case reported  
attempted to get in touch with the sheriff of Sullivan County and also with  
the sheriff of [illegible] County but that neither could be reached.

Special Agent J. E. Johnson submits the following  
memorandum from Indianapolis, Ind., under date of April 22, 1934:

GEORGE BOOCHER, UNCLE OF PEARL ELLIOTT, ELWOOD, IND.

Previous information on this phase has been reported  
by Agents Eym and Donagan. Briefly, Boocher is the uncle of Pearl Elliott and  
George Bonham, Mayor of Elwood is Boocher's son-in-law. Boocher lives with the  
Mayor. An informant for the Sheriff of Tipton, Ind., had reported that [illegible]  
man Boocher had passed out guns to the Billinger mob left there by Elliott and  
that Boocher might know where Pearl is located as she had seen him after  
Billinger's escape from Crown Point. Bonham was previously contacted and is  
very co-operative. As no direct information was forthcoming Agents Donagan  
and Johnson interviewed Boocher directly. He stated that he was called upon  
to see Pearl Elliott about ten days after Billinger's escape and met Pearl at  
Cyphers home at 7th and A Streets in Elwood. Pearl told him at that time that  
she was with the gang in Tucson, Ariz. before they were picked up; had gone  
over to Old Mexico; expected to see Billinger in Chicago shortly; and going to  
Louisville and Cincinnati the next day; that no packages at any time had been  
left with Boocher for delivery to a stranger; that he has no idea where Pearl is  
at present; that she has two brothers Emory and Yarns McDonald in Frankfort,  
Ind., and her mother Mrs. Belle McDonald. The brothers are in the military  
service.

According to Boocher Pearl is in very bad shape with a  
cancer of the womb and asked Mr. Boocher's advice as to where to go for medical  
attention. She suggested that she would put up at a hospital in Lafayette,  
Ind., while Mr. Boocher told her to go to the Mayo in Rochester if she could

get together enough money to go to. Mr. Boucher seems to be an honest and co-operative, and promised to tell Mr. Boucher the names of the people that Pearl is and the latter will notify the Cincinnati Office. They believe and his family live at 7th and A Streets in Elwood. The people working for Pearl at one time near Elwood and is probably in communication with Pearl. Pearl according to Boucher has lost a great deal of money.

On one occasion after his talk with Pearl, Boucher reports that two parties in an auto honked their horns several times in front of his home but he did not go out. Boucher believes that Pearl was there to see him again but he is not sure. He says that he cannot meet with Pearl until she comes into town and looks him up. Boucher is a teacher for the school in Elwood.

#### RILEY HOTEL, INDIANAPOLIS

This hotel is located at 16th and Illinois. On 4-2-34 a Western Union wire was sent from this hotel addressed to Mary Kinder, 500 Daly St., signed "Mother" and directing Mary to come to the Riley Hotel. Agents Donegan and Johnson contacted Robert W. Higgins, Clerk, Riley Hotel and examined his register and found that Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Pierpont, Leiden, O., had checked in there on 2-22-34, 2-23-34, and 4-2-34, staying one night on each occasion. Higgins informed that they were driving a big car and that on the last occasion a middle-aged man with glasses met them at the hotel. The latter was no doubt W. M. Fogarty as the Pierponts had telephoned him from the hotel. Higgins will call Agent Norton at his home should the Pierponts come back again.

#### E. E. SMITH, UNION CITY, INDIANA

Smith is said to have gone to John Williams in Ellettsville, Ind., telling the latter that there would be a stranger in to see Williams and that there was a place under foot to kidnap him in Ellettsville. At Union City Agent Johnson contacted James Patchell, Postmaster, and learned that Smith had been under suspicion a long time for underworld connections. Has served a term in Leavenworth, and has a farm just out of Union City about a mile. Agent drove by this place with Patchell. The latter is another farmer lives across the way and will assist if necessary in keeping the place under surveillance. Mr. Patchell later wrote and informed that E. E. Smith is driving a Buick 28-51 Sedan, Indiana License 849-794. Strange cars are reported to come and go at Smith's place but nothing definite has developed as yet connecting Smith with the Dillinger Subjects. Mr. Patchell will report anything suspicious to the Cincinnati Office.

#### Yellow Dodge Coupe Michigan License 24-63-715

The driver of this car was seen on two occasions com-



last Robert Billinger at the filling station. Agents Dunbar and Jones picked this car up on E. New York and followed it to the intersection near Linden & Cottage Streets in Indianapolis and followed it down the 675 E. Grant Street where Earl Johnson advised to turn this license tag over. Further check of this party was made by Agents Dunbar and Jones.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

Agents Russell and Detective Ryan of the Indianapolis Police Department made a trip to Indianapolis to report that one party believed to be [redacted] made a purchase of groceries and delivered in Newcastle sufficient to last three weeks. [redacted] is an ex-convict, known to Billinger, and lives on one of Eoc Kimbrell's place near Shirley, Indiana. Postmaster, Shirley, Ind., informed that [redacted] placed under constant surveillance by Indiana State Police all [redacted] lives there with his family, wife [redacted] and two children [redacted]. [redacted] is the carrier. The latter pointed out the place to Agents Russell and Ryan. About 3 miles S.W. of town (Shirley). A letter had been delivered to [redacted] on 4-12-34 with return address 3327 E. 10th St., Indianapolis. Shirley Billinger is the nearest farmer and is reported reliable but did not come when Agents called. Later the original informant [redacted] was interviewed and stated that the [redacted] purchase of the groceries is in the Shirley vicinity but is not [redacted] is working on the matter and will give no details at present as he expects further information in a few days.

Special Agent W. F. Wood, submits a memorandum from Indianapolis, Ind., dated April 22, which is quoted as follows:

S. P. Snodgrass, Sheriff, Muncie, Indiana called on to his office and advised that about Christmas, John Billinger, came to [redacted] cigar store at Eaton and asked where Charles Frank's farm was and was advised that there was none around Eaton. That Billinger had apparently thought that he was in Albany, Ind., near which Charles Frank's farm is located. That [redacted] immediately after hearing that he was in Eaton instead of Albany he hurried away.

Sheriff Snodgrass, advised that Charles Frank is a [redacted] and served time in the penitentiary at Michigan City and worked in the [redacted] factory with Billinger there.

Sheriff Snodgrass advised that to get to Albany which is twelve miles from Muncie you take route 97 into Albany to the east end of the town and turn just before you get to a small oil station to the north for about 3 miles and then one-half mile east.

Sheriff Snodgrass stated that E. B. Horrick, 421 E. Charles St., Muncie, Ind., and that his wife Mrs. E. B. Horrick is a dope addict.



and that she formerly acted as a go-between between [redacted] and [redacted] [redacted] formerly a factor at [redacted]

[redacted] stated that it is possible that [redacted] might be used as a go-between between [redacted] and his contacts. That he has been watching the premises lately to see if any change took place but has not seen any.

Special Agent in Charge, E. J. Connelley, Cincinnati, Ohio, directing this investigation at Indianapolis, Ind., has advised a memorandum dated April 30, 1934, direct to the Chicago Office with copies to the Division, which is quoted as follows:

MEMO FOR THE CHICAGO OFFICE:

Reference is made to the long distance telephone conversation had today with Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Cincinnati, Ohio, information in the possession of [redacted] which has been offered to the Chicago Office.

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

From previous contact, and the interview with [redacted] the following information was obtained which merits attention in the Chicago District:

On one occasion in the latter part of 1933, in [redacted] Ill., it is known that a Ford V-8 Sedan, bearing 1933 Illinois license plates [redacted] or 14182, drove up alongside of a car being driven by [redacted]. The driver of the Ford V-8, asked [redacted] whether he had disposed of the [redacted]. 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 [redacted] King, who formerly operated the [redacted] and a gambling house in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, and an ex-convict, has, in the past, been friendly with [redacted]. He is thought to have a cabin on the Wabash River, between Sumner and Wabash, Indiana, which has the reputation of being a "spot" for criminals.

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Bartholomew Brown, formerly of Ft. Wayne, Indiana, is associated with Dillinger and his associates; his wife is now thought to operate a house of prostitution, and he operated such a house in the past, and Dillinger visited the girls in the house. Brown is thought to be a fugitive from justice.

The firm of attorneys in Chicago of which William J. Proctor is a member, is the firm reported to have been in active negotiation for the "financing" of numerous bonds stolen by the Dillinger gang; reported to be a very "crooked" firm; therefore no direct contact will be made.

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

One [redacted] proprietor of a gambling joint at said address, is thought to have handled some of the stolen bonds.

One [redacted] former prisoner at Michigan City, and presently living at Ft. Wayne, Ind., is a contact of Dillinger, and can be located thru the police of Ft. Wayne, Ind., or underworld contacts.

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

Special Agent R. E. Roberts, reports from [redacted] that confidential informant [redacted] has changed his address and is now living at [redacted].

Special Agent R. E. Broadwell, under date of April 24, reports that surveillance of the apartment of Mary Longaker is being maintained and that Mary Longaker and Claude Constance appear to remain at the apartment a great deal of the time. Continuing his memorandum he stated:

At 3:40 A.M. Sergeant Cabot of Dayton Police phoned Agents Broadwell and Roberts reporting a telephone message just received at headquarters from Greenville, Ohio, saying two young men in a Dodge Coupe were observed by a filling station operator near Greenville, Ohio, about 3 A.M. to park their car on the highway #36 and one man removed yellow license plates and replaced black ones and that while he was making this change his companion stood in the highway with a machine gun. The car then continued on Route 36 toward Greenville, Ohio. Dayton Police broadcast this information but nothing further has been heard of the car or its occupants.

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On April 22, Special Agent in Charge, W. J. Harbo, Pittsburgh, Pa., telephonically informed the Cincinnati office that he had been advised by Chief of Police William E. Stager, Newark, N.J., a former resident of Kentucky that Billinger and one Kirkland and another man had been friends and that Kirkland and the other man was in the neighborhood at Frankfort, Kentucky for bank robbery charges. With the thought that Kirkland and the other man might have information of value in this case, Special Agent A. C. Russell contacted them at the Kentucky State Penitentiary, Frankfort, Kentucky and reported as follows, under date of April 22,

Mr. J. W. Perkins, Warden, Kentucky State Penitentiary, Frankfort, Ky. exhibited his records which reflected that James Kirkland, #32874, and Maurice Lanahan, #32873, were received at that institution on December 10, 1933 to serve sentences of eight years each from Lebanon, Ky. on charges of bank robbery growing out of the robbery of a bank at Gravel Switch, Ky.

The records reflected that Kirkland corresponds with the following persons:

Jay Kirkland, father, Lebanon, Ky.  
 Pearl Kirkland, mother, Lebanon, Ky.  
 John Kirkland, brother, Lebanon, Ky.  
 Charlie Kirkland, brother, Lebanon, Ky.  
 George Kirkland, brother, Lebanon, Ky.  
 Anna Anderson, sister, Cincinnati, O.  
 (No street address given)  
 June Edder, sister, Lebanon, Ky.

James Kirkland, was interrogated and advised that during August 1933 Cliff Mohler, Cliff Abbott, and he robbed the bank at Gravel Switch, Ky. Stated that Mohler and he entered the bank and held it up while Abbott waited for them in the automobile which they had stolen in Harrison, Ky. for the purpose of using it in robbing the bank that after the robbery they abandoned the car and Mohler and he got Maurice Lanahan to take them to Washington, Ky. in his car; that they then went to East Chicago, Ind. where Mohler and he resided at the Broadway Hotel until they were arrested, Mohler being taken to Michigan City, Indiana, to finish serving a life sentence and he being returned to Lebanon, Ky. and prosecuted for the bank robbery.

Kirkland stated that he met Mohler through George Whitehouse, brother of Frank Whitehouse, at Lebanon, Ky. whom Mohler and Abbott were visiting during the Summer of 1933; and that he met Cliff Abbott through Mohler and made arrangements to rob the bank at Gravel Switch, Ky. He contended that he did not know where Abbott came from or any other facts regarding him and did not know that Abbott was his real name. He contended that he did not associate with Abbott subsequent to the bank robbery and did not know where he went.



Kirkland also stated that he met Dillinger on the occasion of his (Kirkland's) room in the Broadway Hotel in New Orleans, La. that Muller brought Dillinger to his room and apparently they were from Colorado. Kirkland contended that Dillinger did not have any thing to do with the robbery of the bank at Gravel Switch, Ky. notwithstanding the fact that he has been indicted at Lebanon, Ky. on this charge. He also contended that Lanahan did not have anything to do with the robbery of the bank and was unjustly convicted.

Kirkland was likewise questioned in an effort to obtain some information which would be of assistance in locating Dillinger and other members of his gang but none was secured. He professed to know nothing about their associates or friends or places where they reside.

The records reflect that Lanahan has corresponded with the following persons:

P. W. Lanahan, Father, Lebanon, Ky.  
 Lella Lanahan, Sister, Lebanon, Ky.  
 Gladys Kirkland, Sister, Lebanon, Ky.  
 Nellie Lanford, Sister, Lebanon, Ky.

Lanahan was interviewed and advised that he had no connection whatever with the robbery of the bank at Gravel Switch, Ky. He stated that on the evening that the bank was robbed Kirkland and Muller asked him to take them to Mt. Washington, Ky. in his car; that when he returned from the trip the officers searched his car and found a satchel which had been taken off of the money taken from the bank in his car and arrested him and he was convicted. He stated that he knew Muller only by sight having met him while he was visiting George Whitcomb during that summer; and that he did not know Dillinger at all and could not state that he had ever seen him. However, he stated that he knew Abbott and that he was not Dillinger. He stated that he did not know any person by the name of Brown living in the vicinity of Lebanon.

Both Kirkland and Lanahan described Abbott as being about 30 years of age, 5' 11" tall, weighing about 150 pounds, with dark hair and ruddy complexion, and very freckled face.

Special Agents J. D. Dugan, and J. G. Johnson, from investigations on which they have submitted memoranda under date of May 1, 1934 as follows:

Dillinger reported seen near Searlesville, Ind. 4-25-34

Glint Jackson, Chief of Detectives, Evansville, Ind. telephoned, advising that Dillinger had been seen near Searlesville and that Dan

Powers, Sheriff, Frankfort, Ind., had full information. Agents Johnson and Johnson proceeded to Frankfort and were informed by Sheriff Powers that on Saturday about 4:30 P.M. he received a call from Mrs. Ross Couden, 1 mile east of Spireleville to the effect that two men had been there and forced her to make up some sandwiches which they took with them. Sheriff Powers exhibited a great number of photos of persons wanted to Mrs. Couden and she gave an identification of Dillinger as one of the two men.

Agents interviewed Mrs. Couden at her home and she stated that about 2:30 P.M. on Saturday afternoon 4-22-34, she heard men talking on the cement sidewalk of her home; two men suddenly appeared at the kitchen door and demanded in an uncertain tone that she immediately prepare a bag full of sandwiches. Mrs. Couden threatened to shoot the men if they came into her home, whereupon they laughed and one of them, later identified by her as Dillinger, opened his coat and showed her two pistols. She then became alarmed and got up the sandwiches as demanded and also gave them a loaf of bread which they requested. One of the men was taller than the other and was very nervous constantly calling for more speed. Photos of all the known associates of Dillinger as well as several photos of the latter were exhibited to Mrs. Couden. After careful examination she stated that the shorter man resembled Dillinger but she was unable to identify the other man. She described the shorter man (Dillinger) as wearing a brown suit, tan hat, black mud covered shoes, and a heavy dark overcoat, all the clothing apparently new. The taller man wore a gray hat, blue suit, black mudcovered shoes, and a heavy dark overcoat. One remark made was significant in that the taller man complained that "staying in that cottage was miserable." They paid no money for the food; however the shorter man gave Mrs. Couden a knife guard fashioned out of wire remarking that she should keep it to remember him by. When the shorter man unbuttoned his coat Mrs. Couden also noted a round contrivance hanging on his belt that clicked when he moved. From her description this could very well be a circular magazine for a machine gun. After the men left the kitchen door they got into their car parked in the yard and drove away east at a high rate of speed. Mrs. Couden stated she took a look at this car and all she could say about it as it drove away was that it was black, bore no recognizable license plate, and looked very much like the car of a neighbor which is a Ford V-8 Sedan. The shorter man complained of having a headache. Both looked very tired and when they walked away Mrs. Couden noticed that the shorter man dragged one foot. Both men told her that she had better not tell the police that they were there and that is the reason she waited about two hours before notifying Sheriff Powers.

From Mrs. Couden's story it would appear likely that one of the two men at her place was Dillinger. She is a simple country woman and makes no attempt to color her story. Her identification of Dillinger's photo was not positive except as to two of the group study. She noticed particularly that he had a cleft in his chin almost large enough to insert a garden pea. This cleft is very noticeable in the photo.



No publicity has as yet been given the above incident. However, Sheriff Powers notified the surrounding towns to be on the lookout particularly Kokomo. Agents also covered a considerable portion of the country side and drove by the farm home of Tiny Cyphers near Windfall, Ind., without result. No further information has as far been developed.

#### PEARL ELIOTT REPORTED IN FRANKFORT, IND.

While Agents Donagan and Johnson were in Frankfort on other business, Capt. Fleming of the City Police informed that there had been persistent rumors to the effect that Pearl Elliott was living at her mother's home at 501 N. Main St., Frankfort, Ind. The mother is Mrs. Belle McDonald, and two brothers Bosco and Wayne reside in the community. With the assistance of the Postmaster William Thomas and the carrier to this address Charles Reed, it was determined that Eunice Morrison, a school teacher, now lives at room with Mrs. McDonald coming originally from North Vernon, Ind. No strange calls or mail had been noted coming to the address and general delivery as well as rented boxes were checked without result. Another roomer, Ada Nash, a widow working for the Coverall Company also lives at this address.

Western Union telegrams were checked for the past two weeks but none had been sent out from the McDonald home in this time. There is no record of incoming wires at Frankfort.

He was furnished with the telephone address of the Cincinnati Office.

On information that Pearl had bought and registered a Pontiac Sedan in Frankfort Agent Donagan checked the license bureau in Frankfort without disclosing that Pearl had registered a car either under the name of Pearl Elliott, Belle McDonald or Pearl McDonald. The clerk stated that a previous check for this information had also been made about three weeks ago. (This by Agent B. M. Hirsch by telephone from Indianapolis).

Dan Powers, Sheriff, stated that he had heard from an informant of his that Pearl was at 414 Cherry St., Marion, Ind., but he was not certain as to how recently she had been there. He had also heard that Dewey Elliott is now in Detroit working for the Ford Company. Ernest Lowden who runs a cigar store in Frankfort is related by marriage to the McDonalds; he stated that Belle McDonald had left home to go to her son Vernon's place in the country but he had no information that Pearl was in town. In case he learns anything he will advise the Frankfort Police.

Postmaster Thomas stated that a letter had been received from Valparaiso, Ind., addressed to Belle McDonald some weeks ago. Charles Reed stated that Mrs. McDonald has a sister who is a lay preacher in the Holiness Church.



Charles Sanders lives at 221 E. Adams St., Frankfort, Ky. He is a friend of Pearl's and Sheriff Powers is attempting to obtain some information from her as to the whereabouts of the Eliott woman. She is not known as [redacted] and her husband [redacted] is reported in Florida. This

There is no definite information as yet that Pearl is in or has recently been in Frankfort. However both the City Police and Sheriff Powers have this possibility in mind and will advise the Cincinnati Office if any information of value is developed.

April 30, 1934 the information as to the address 314 Cherry St. was telephoned to the Chicago Office.

The Detroit Office will be requested to check at the Ford Motor Co. to locate Dewey Eliott with the possibility that thru Dewey we can locate Pearl who is reported to own a new Pontiac Sedan.

Further efforts are being made at Indianapolis and also where to get the address of Dewey Eliott.

[redacted]

Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, Cincinnati, Ohio, from Indianapolis, Ind. has submitted the following memorandum under date of April 30.

Norman Hancock, nephew of John Dillinger and the son of Audrey Hancock, the oldest sister of John Dillinger as indicated in prior reports has agreed to advise us should John Dillinger appear her or if he should learn of the location of John Dillinger. Norman lives at the home of his mother and father Audrey and Emmit Hancock at Maywood, Ind., and on Sunday in per understanding with us he went out to help his grandfather, John W. Dillinger, at Mooresville, at which place due to the making of 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 house of John F. Dillinger is presently being observed by twenty-four hour surveillance and at the present time an arrangement whereby the Agents conceal themselves in the back of the house from the Senior Dillinger's farm and from which they have a good observation of the entire house and farm.

The understanding with Norman Haddock was that should John appear at the house at any time or get into the house he was to come out to walk into town from the house 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 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 signalled 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 dog to get into their 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 any one from leaving the house and still not to be seen from the house. Also arrangements were made with Chief of Police Morrissey to have several squads immediately proceed to that vicinity with care to block all roads and myself and Agent Baraghty contacted the men at their posts and learned the details of all developments since the call had been received. With the plan covered in this manner and without the knowledge of the occupants of the house 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 any one who knew him from our office who might be in the vicinity, he not knowing at that spot for watching this place in order to get to be 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 Drummond, Mich. which in substance said that John was hiding out at Drummond, Mich. that he was afraid (or possibly the vicinity of Drummond) but 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.



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Immediately the situation was learned as indicated, all men were withdrawn from the vicinity except our men who have the right for observation and which latter was a check against Brown telling anything other than the truth. The Senator Billinger and Brown had opportunity to observe only the two of us, Garaghty and myself. However, the papers later in the evening having learned from some source that the roads had been blocked for a short time published item to the effect that the home of and later of John W. Billinger 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 Shoresville and did not take much more than one half hour when all activity was withdrawn.

The information as to Brown was immediately telephoned to the Chicago Office upon return to the hotel here at Indianapolis. Also information recently learned that possibly Pearl Elliott lived at 414 Cherry St., Marion, Ind.

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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The Cincinnati Office received a telephone call on April 29, 1934, from [redacted]

to the effect that Deputy Sheriff Linkins had been threatened by an unknown woman that John Hamilton and two other men were seen by her in Hamilton, Ohio, Wednesday night, April 28, 1934, and that they were still in Hamilton, and of the man suffering from a bullet wound in the leg.

Special Agent V. J. Wolfe contacted Deputy Sheriff Arthur Linkins at his home, 2609 Fleming Road, Middletown, Ohio, who gave Agent the following information:

Deputy Linkins stated that Friday afternoon at about 4:30 he received a call at the Sheriff's Office from a woman who refused to give her name. This woman insisted that he meet her at Eagle's Corner, a point about four or five miles north of Hamilton on Route 24, at about 11:00 o'clock, stating that he was to come alone and to have no one trail her after she left, or in any way cover her or her actions or her car. She did not state the nature of the appointment. She merely said that she had something that she wanted to tell him.

Deputy Sheriff Linkins stated that after thinking the matter over, on his way home to Middletown he stopped and talked to the road patrol police and asked that one of them be planted behind a certain dance hall that was located at this particular corner and have him spot her car and get her license number.

Deputy Linkins stated that promptly at 11:00 o'clock he was at the appointed corner parked in his car, and that he waited until a quarter after twelve and the woman failed to appear. He also stated that there was a dance in the dance hall there at the corner that particular evening and there were some thirty or forty cars, and he thought at the time that probably due to the fact that there were so many cars there the woman was afraid to take the chance to meet him, and also that a highway patrolman on a motorcycle, other than the one he had told to be planted behind the dance hall, stopped and talked to him, and also during the period that Deputy Linkins was waiting for this unknown woman this same patrolman kept patrolling the highway, and Deputy Linkins was positive that that was the prime reason the woman failed to make her appearance, she probably thinking that he had double-crossed her. Deputy Linkins stated that at about 12:15 he left the designated corner and returned to his home and never gave the matter any particular thought.

At about 6:00 o'clock Saturday evening, April 29th, he received a call at his home in Middletown from a woman, requesting that he meet her at 8:00 o'clock at Central Avenue and Broad Street in Middletown, Ohio. Deputy Sheriff Linkins told the woman that he would meet her there. He stated that he had no suspicion that the woman calling

him would be the same woman that called him the day before at Hamilton, because he did not recognize her voice and due to the fact that he was called at his home in Middletown by someone in the town, so he made no preparations to have the party watched or covered in any way whatsoever. He stated that at the appointed hour, 8:30 o'clock, he was standing at the corner of Central Avenue and Broad Street, and a woman came up to him and told him that she was the woman that was to have met him the night before at Eagle's Corner, and upon finding this out the Deputy Sheriff asked her why she failed to keep her appointment and she said that she thought he had double-crossed her, because she had seen the motorcycle patrolman stop and talk to him and also that she was afraid of the crowd and afraid that she might be detected. Deputy Sheriff Linkins explained to her that the patrolman had recognized his car, the two men having known each other for a number of years, and that the patrolman had stopped to talk to him and asked him if he needed any help, upon which Deputy Linkins told the patrolman that he was just doing a little private work of his own and told the patrolman to leave.

The woman then told him that she had something on her mind that she wanted to tell him, because he had been recommended to her by a friend of hers with whom he had been pretty square, and that he (Deputy Linkins) had been pointed out to her by this other party as being the person to give this information to if she must give it to someone. She then stated that on Wednesday night at about Main Street and "B" in Hamilton, Ohio, she had seen John Hamilton and two other men in a coupe. She said that Hamilton had gotten out of the coupe but the other two stayed in the car. She further stated that one of the men was suffering from a bullet wound in the leg. She said that John Hamilton and these two men were still in Hamilton, and she said the only reason she was giving him this information was because she had an axe to grind and that she had known Hamilton for a long time and that she wanted to get away from that crowd.

Deputy Linkins stated that in a way it seemed to him that she might be telling the truth, because she seemed to be familiar with the fact that the police were just a few hours behind Millinger, Hamilton and their crowd when their apprehension failed in Hamilton some time ago, and also because of the fact that she seemed to be a fairly intelligent sort of a woman. Deputy Linkins stated that the woman said that the reason she picked Central Avenue and Broad Street was due to the fact that she realized that the only way that she could get by without being covered would be to meet him in a crowd and then disappear through the crowd. Deputy Linkins stated that he did not know the woman, he did not ever remember seeing her before, and he had no idea who this might be. He stated that he did not have someone cover him while he was talking to the woman because he had no idea that the woman was the one that had called him the night before, and due to the fact that she asked to meet him on the busiest corner in town.

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Deputy Sheriff Linkins advised that there was only one possible clue that he might follow up in determining who this woman is, and that was by finding out where one Robert Koker, formerly of Hamilton, Ohio, and a man with a criminal record, might be located. He stated that Koker could possibly be the man that she had referred to when she stated that he (Deputy Linkins) shot pretty square with a certain individual, Koker being a man who was arrested by him in a laundry case sometime before, and he gave Koker all the chances that he possibly could and did not press charges any too hard at the time of the trial.

Deputy Linkins stated that at present he does not know where Koker is, not having seen him in a year or two, but that he might possibly be able to find out through an informant of his with whom Koker lived at one time. He stated that he might possibly be able to find out the names of former and present girl friends that Koker might have been, or is, associated with, and in this way eliminate these girls one by one, with the hope of finding this particular unknown woman, that contacted him in Middletown. He stated that should he at any time see this particular woman or locate her through this informant, he would immediately have her watched and notify this office.

Deputy Linkins stated that Robert Koker was the former husband of Mrs. Naomi Hooten, and that there might possibly be some close connection between this unknown woman, Koker, and Naomi Hooten.

A description of this unknown woman, as offered by Deputy Linkins, is as follows:

Height	5' 8"
Weight	125 to 130 lbs.
Hair	Black
Eyes	Dark
Complexion	Very clear and dark

Note: The unknown woman seemed to be well educated, and to the fact that she carried on an intelligent conversation.



Special Agent V. J. Wolfe conducted the following investigation on April 20, 1934:

AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

This inquiry is based upon letter of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Purvis, Chicago, Ill., dated 4-23-34, with reference to a radio found in the Little Bohemia Lodge at Spider Lake, Wisconsin, after raid conducted by Division Agents on 4-23-34.

Agent contacted E. P. Peters, Traffic Manager, Crosley Radio Corporation, Cincinnati, who searched the shipping records of the corporation and found that the radio given in the letter identified as "A C P C - 100 - 125, Model 172; 50 watt; number A C B A 322221" was shipped to the Law Room Company, 2500 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minn., on 2-30-34.

AT CINCINNATI OHIO

With reference to letter received from The Chicago Office, April 25, 1934, this Agent checked birth records at the Bureau of Vital Statistics in the City Hall, Cincinnati, Ohio, and was unable to find Anna Marie Gethorn listed in the birth records of that city.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE CHICAGO OFFICE at Lafayette, Ind. Consider advisability of attempting to locate Pearl Elliott thru Hospitals at Lafayette, Ind.

THE ST. PAUL OFFICE, Consider the advisability of trying to locate Pearl Elliott thru Hospitals at St. Paul, Minn.

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Re: John Dillinger & 01217, et al.  
N. Y. J. A.

St Paul 26-2434

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San Francisco Calif April 27, 1936

J E P DUM  
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Department of Justice  
617 Federal Building  
Los Angeles California

John Millinger NAVA Baker and Hamilton records and financial report of  
September 1935 NAVA Western Auto Company located room 208 San Francisco  
Building 408 South Main Street Los Angeles stop check by C F Burtin  
and transfer made on point 2081 partial in question part of shipment  
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Department of Justice  
516 North Hill  
San Francisco Calif

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Los Angeles, Calif. April 28, 1934

**R. E. Vetterli**  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
318 Hewes Building  
San Francisco, California

JOHN DILLINGER NUNYA C F DANIELS PROPRIETOR WESTERN ARMS COMPANY ROOM TWO HUNDRED EIGHT SANFERNANDO BUILDING LOSANGELES WAS IN LOSANGELES ABOUT SIXTY DAYS ONLY IN NINETEEN THIRTY TWO LEFT NO FORWARDING ADDRESS BUT WHEN LEAVING STATED HE WAS GOING SEATTLE STOP IDENTIFICATION RECORDS LOSANGELES CITY AND COUNTY SHOW NO SALE HERE OF COLT THIRTY EIGHT SUPERAUTOMATIC SERIAL THIRTEEN FIVE EIGHT THREE STOP COMPLETE RECORDS FOR STATE KEPT IDENTIFICATION DIVISION SACRAMENTO SUGGEST INQUIRY THERE

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1000 Bankers Building  
Chicago Illinois

Mr. E. A. Tamm, President  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
1000 Bankers Building  
St. Paul, Minnesota

RE: JOHN HENRY MILLER, et al. ALIEN  
FUGITIVE, I. O. NO. 1, 1934  
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT  
CONSPIRACY IN JUSTICE

I am transmitting herewith as requested in your letter  
of May 2, 1934, certified copy of the Chicago Record of Justice  
Syndicate.

This certified record contains copies of the newspaper  
in Chicago, which is divided into two sections, and also the  
columns issued in this case.

There is also attached to each certified copy a small  
booklet which will verify the name and position of the  
Justice and Clerk of the Superior Court of Cook County.

I trust that these are the necessary papers as requested  
by you.

Very truly yours,

E. A. Tamm  
Special Agent in Charge

1000 Bankers Building  
Chicago  
Illinois

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

April 30, 1935

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

Dear Sir:

Re: JOHN WILLINGER, with aliases,  
I.O. 1219 - FUG., et al. HURT  
HARBORING FUG. FROM JUSTICE,  
St. Paul file No. 22-2434.

Special Agent in Charge R. E. Vetterli telephoned from San Francisco stating that JOHN P. CHASE, an associate of "Baby Face" Nelson, is 32 years of age; 5 feet 10 inches in height; weighs 170 pounds; medium athletic build; has hazel eyes; black hair, combed straight back; medium complexion; wears green hats and suits, usually; and he makes his contacts at Tony Catasio's place in Chicago.

This is submitted for your information.

Very truly yours,

R. E. GLEN,  
Inspector.

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Mr. Stanley E. Ryan,  
United States Attorney,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Ryan:

Enclosed with this letter  
is a copy of indictment charging  
JAMES HILL with  
murder, I.O. # 107, of  
J.A.Y.F.A. on January  
15, 1934, File No. 10-200.

In accordance with your request  
made to Special Agent E. W. Hardy of this office, the  
attached copy of indictment charging JAMES HILL with  
others with harboring JAMES HILL, a fugitive from  
justice, was obtained through the courtesy of the United  
States Attorney at St. Paul and is being transmitted for  
your information.

With assurances of my regards,

I am,

Sincerely yours,

W.H. H.

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SUITE 1 FEDERAL BLDG.  
KANSAS CITY, MO.

May 2, 1934

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

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
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Re: JOHN HERBERT DILLINGER, with  
aliases - Fugitive I. O. #1217;  
JOHN HAMILTON, with alias, I. O. #1220;  
HERMAN VAN METER, with aliases, I. O. #1222, ET AL  
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

Dear Sir:

Mr. C. C. Chilcott, Attorney, 321 Bryant Building, Kansas  
City, Missouri called this office this morning and advised that he had  
received a letter in regard to John Dillinger which he would like to  
discuss with an Agent of the Division.

Special Agent R. H. Simons immediately went to the office  
of Mr. Chilcott and was given the envelope and newspaper clipping which  
is being forwarded herewith to you. The clipping and envelope were not  
handled by anyone other than Mr. Chilcott. Mr. Chilcott explained that  
he had no idea who could have mailed this clipping to him and as the  
post mark is Kansas City and the newspaper clipping from the Kansas City  
Star under date of April 28, 1934, he stated that he believes some one  
was trying to play a joke on him or trying to embarrass him in some way  
but that in view of the intensive search for John Dillinger, he had be-  
lieved it would be wise to communicate with the Division in this regard.

The envelope and newspaper clipping are being forwarded to  
you for what action you may deem necessary in this instance. It is  
possibly the work of a practical joker or some friend of Mr. Chilcott.  
He advised Special Agent Simons that he had an employee at one time by  
the name of George Nelson who had worked for him as an investigator. He  
stated, however, that this George Nelson weighs in the neighborhood of  
two hundred and fifty pounds, very large, and he knows that he is at the  
present time working out of the office of Jim Reed here in Kansas City  
as an investigator. It may be that the mailing of this clipping to Mr.  
Chilcott is in connection with those facts.

Very truly yours,

RHS:g

cc - Division  
cc - Chicago

26-4759

E. R. CONDON

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE



735 Philadelphia Saving Fund Bldg.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

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

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Re: JOHN DILLINGER, with aliases, I.O. 1221-FUGITIVE;  
HERBERT YOUNG BLOOD, with aliases, I.O. 1221-FUGITIVE;  
alias JOHN CALDWELL, I.O. 1221-FUGITIVE;  
FREDERICK, with aliases, I.O. 1221-FUGITIVE;  
and NATIE MOORE, with aliases, I.O. 1221-FUGITIVE.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter of April 24, 1934,  
concerning telephonic request of Inspector Clegg, requesting that  
investigation be made at the Reading Hardware Corporation, Reading, Pa.,  
concerning key design #145023, which letter lists purchasers of this  
key design located in several cities throughout the country.

Special Agent J. Dan Brown conducted an investigation  
at the firm of W. Devin Henninger, 620 N. Front Street, Reading, Pa.,  
which is an apartment house and was assigned one of the keys bearing  
#145023. This building has nine apartments (none numbered). The second  
floor front apartment uses key #145023. The building was erected in  
October 1930 and W. Devin Henninger, the owner, obtained custody of the key  
in question, as well as the other keys for the additional apartments.  
The apartment for which key #145023 is utilized was rented by the  
following individuals since the completion of the building:

Oct. 25, 1930 to Oct. 1, 1931-May Clayton & wife  
Vacant from Oct. 1, 1931 to March 1932  
March 1932 to May 1933 rented by W.A. Harrison & wife  
May 1, 1933 to date rented by Theodore Hansen & wife

No key of this number has been lost, according to W. Devin Henninger.  
Henninger stated he is personally acquainted with all of the above  
tenants, all being local residents of Reading, and good first class  
people. He is positive no one answering the description of Evelyn  
Frechette or members of the Dillinger gang, whose photographs were  
exhibited, have ever been tenants in the building.



through which the Special Agent in Charge, William J. ...  
... purchased one of the ...  
... this company, located his records for ...  
... invoice of the ...  
... covered Key 7145023. The ...  
... to a contract named ...  
... available but believed the lock and key of the above ...  
... to an apartment located at 42 ...  
... Nicholas, Agent ...  
... to the three apartments in this building and ...  
... Mr. Nicholas said he had one key of each apartment in ...  
... was in a ...  
... records that he had purchased said key in a batch of five locks and ...  
... keys to be used in an apartment house at 40 So. Ann Street, Lancaster. ...  
... Subsequent to the purchase of this lock and key, the number of ...  
... nants was changed from five to three, which fact ...  
... on his hands. Later, he converted a private residence into three ...  
... apartments at 403 East Walnut Street, Lancaster, which property was ...  
... owned by Miss Elva E. Bellinger, a young woman of Lancaster, ...  
... with her sister, occupies one of the apartments. Agent ...  
... is aware of the similarity between Miss Bellinger's name and that of ...  
... Subject, Bellinger, there is absolutely no connection.

It was ascertained in the month of ...  
... Walter Patton and one John ...  
... to which Key 7145023 belonged. ...  
... fingerprint classification being ...  
... he was arrested at Lancaster, Pa., on June 5, 1935, ...  
... on charge of stealing a suit of clothes. ...  
... months in Lancaster County Prison. ...  
... the only original record that could be found at Lancaster, it was ...  
... tained that ...  
... Street, ...  
... North Avenue near Bolton Street, in an apartment above an undertaking ...  
... named Black. Patton's photograph is attached hereto.

All the other parties, who occupied apartments in this building, are ...  
... are well known. None are acquainted with

William Prochetta, John Dillinger, or members of their gang, but only through the house owner. After obtaining this information, the contractor informed that before the lock covering key #145023 was placed in this apartment house in the Spring of 1935, he had changed the lock and key in such manner that the key would not open the original #145023 lock, in other words, the lock and key, while bearing the number in question, do not correspond with the original lock and key.

Agent Browne informs he was unable to obtain any information concerning the small key, which was transmitted with key #145023 by Inspector Clegg.

The following investigation was conducted by Agent J.F. DeVitt at Philadelphia:

Agent interviewed Mr. Draft of Deleschlagers & Sons, wholesale and retail hardware dealers, 2212 Market Street, Philadelphia. He said the keys purchased by them from the Reading Hardware Corporation for the John J. Sewickley Job, of which Key #145023 was no doubt one, was the result of an order being placed with their concern by Architect R.L. Colton, who died about two years ago, and that there were 18 keys in the set and same were shipped to Robert W. Wilson, Sewickley, Pa., which is in Allegheny County, for the use of Mr. Wilson's private home.

Mr. R.L. Kroll, 2500 N. 14th Street, Philadelphia, hardware dealers, stated that keys purchased by him from the Reading Hardware Corporation were purchased for the James M.E. Colored Church, Baines Street East of Germantown Ave., by Architect Charles M. Parker, Professor at the Olney High School, Philadelphia.

At the James M.E. Colored Church, Agent interviewed George Bell, colored janitor, who stated that the keys purchased from Kroll were for ordinary use, such as cloak room, closets, etc. Bell said he had about the keys of the same serial number as the specimen, but none of them were the same number. He said that several of the keys, particularly master keys, have been lost. He viewed the photographs of the Dillinger gang, but stated he never saw nor heard of any of them.

At the Bourse Hardware Company, 414 Market Street, Philadelphia, Agent interviewed Mr. Shidman. He said that he could not recall any Rowe Job. He examined the key and said that he never handled such a key with that number, but that about three months ago he purchased from the Reading Hardware Corporation two locks (no keys), which he sold to Al. Liguori, 569 Bailey Road, Yeadon, Pa., who is in the apartment house service business, and who purchased most of his goods from him.



Key #145023 and the MAIL Key attached thereto are being returned herewith to the St. Paul Office.

POB: AS

26-3310

cc: Division

cc: Chicago

**R.G. BARTON**

**Special Agent in Charge.**



P. O. Box #705,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

VJH:MS  
Jas-3000

Dear Sir:

Your courtesy and cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

ELISS MORTON,  
Acting Special Agent in Charge

CC: Division

Re: John Dillinger, with aliases - Fugitive,  
I. O. #1217;  
John Hamilton, with alias, I. O. #1220,  
et al,  
NAT'L MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT, etc.

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

MAILED  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Mr. George F. Sullivan,  
United States Attorney,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Re: JOHN HERBERT MILLINGER, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O. 51817, et al.;  
S.M.V.T.A. - CONSPIRACY TO HARBOR;  
St. Paul File No. 2434.

There are enclosed herewith the following:

1. Certified photostatic copy of a bill of complaint filed January 17, 1934, in the Superior Court of Cook County, Illinois, by EVELYN FRECHETTI alias EVELYN SPARK, which is her petition for divorce.

2. Certified photostatic copy of summons in the divorce proceedings and a certified photostatic copy of the back of one of the copies of the bill of complaint, upon which appears the sheriff's return, the sheriff being Ray Harvey of Lake County, Illinois.

3. A copy of the Chicago Daily Tribune, dated March 9, 1934, and a copy of the Chicago Daily News, dated March 9, 1934, both of which contain news items relative to the issuance of a warrant by the Federal Court in Chicago for the arrest of John Millinger.

Very truly yours,

W.H.G.

Enc.

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P. O. Box 2756  
Cincinnati, Ohio

April 20, 1934

E.C.M.H.

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

Dear Sir:

In conformity with my telephonic conversation with Mr. Dowley of the Division, Stenographer Mary E. Heineke arrived in Indianapolis, Indiana at 11:00 A.M., April 27, 1934 and will return to Cincinnati, Ohio April 29, 1934. This was for the purpose of having her take the lengthy statements which had been obtained from members of the Dillinger family in the matter of JOHN DILLINGER with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. #1217 et al., National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, Obstruction of Justice; also for the purpose of various agents' dictating reports here, which should be written up at an early date; also for the purpose of my dictating the specifications for the rental of quarters and the purchase of equipment for the proposed office which may be established in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CONNELLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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818 Hayes Building  
San Francisco, California.

MEMO  
44-3886

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
P.O. Box 884,  
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Sir:

RE: JOHN HERBERT DILLINGER, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1237, et al.  
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act;  
Obstruction of Justice.

Confirming my telephone message of April 27,  
telegram then referred to is as follows:

Washington, D.C., April 28, 1934.

R.E. Vetterli,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
818 Hayes Bldg., San Francisco.

GOLT THIRTY EIGHT CALIBRE SUPERAUTOMATIC PISTOL SERIAL NUMBER  
ONE THREE FIVE EIGHT THREE SHIPPED BY GOLT FACTORY TO BAKER  
HAMILTON AND PACIFIC COMPANY SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTH STREET SAN  
FRANCISCO JANUARY THIRTEEN NINETEEN THIRTY TWO THIS GUN RECOVERED  
SAINT PAUL FOLLOWING GUN BATTLE WITH JOHN DILLINGER NATION THIRTY  
FIRST TRACE THROUGH DEALER TO ULTIMATE PURCHASER FORWARD REPORT  
AIR MAIL.

Records of the Baker, Hamilton & Pacific Company, as  
furnished by J.K. Burke, Manager, reflect that Golt 38 calibre  
superautomatic pistol No. 15,235 was shipped to the Western Arms  
Company, Los Angeles, May 2, 1932. Invoice 4-50-132, under which  
the shipment was made by pickup and delivery freight, covered a  
lot of small firearms, among which pistol in question was included.

According to Baker, Hamilton & Pacific Co. records, and  
a financial statement furnished by Dun-Bradstreet in September,  
1933, the Western Arms Company is a partnership consisting of

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C.F., Walter and Victor A. Daniels, brothers, located at Room 205 San Fernando Building, 406 South Main St., Los Angeles. Shipments to the Western Arms Co. are C.O.D. Invoice was paid at time of delivery. Baker, Hamilton & Pacific Company say, as far as they know, Western Arms Company is still at the address named.

Very truly yours,

H. E. Vetterli,  
Special Agent in Charge.

W.C. Division.



1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago Illinois

Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
P. O. Box 525  
St. Paul, Minn.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION	
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	
ST. PAUL, MINN.	
JUL 11 1934	

Dear Sir:

Re: JAMES EARL RAY, alias  
Fugitive, I.O. 219, et al.  
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT AND  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE

Reference is made to the teletype message signed by  
Inspector Clegg, St. Paul, May 2, 1934, in which he requests  
complete copies of the Herald & Examiner newspaper containing  
stories of the Green Point escape, theft and transportation  
of car, issuance of Federal warrant by any indication of  
Dillinger being sought by the Government.

On sending you under separate cover copies of this  
newspaper, commencing with the March 2, 1934 edition which  
copy relates to the escape of Dillinger from Brown Point, Wash-  
ana Jail, through the edition of April 4, 1934, including all  
copies which are relevant to the referenced teletype, which is  
a few days subsequent to the location of Dillinger from Division  
Agents, in St. Paul. It is desired that these papers be  
be used for the purpose of holding in view liable the possi-  
bilities of Dillinger's status as a fugitive from justice.

If copies subscribed to these are desired, please advise  
this Office and they will be immediately secured and forwarded.  
One copy of each issue has been secured. Inasmuch as the  
Herald & Examiner Newspaper Office only issues each edition of paper  
for a period of two weeks, and copies of editions prior to that  
time must be purchased through a local publisher, please advise  
charge one cent extra per day for each day since edition of paper  
was issued.

Very truly yours,

H. E. FURVES  
Special Agent in Charge

A'KL:RM  
EC-5085  
CC: Division

Post Office Box 4807,  
Jacksonville, Florida

ELM:ELM

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

RE: JOHN HERBERT DILLINGER with aliases  
FUGITIVE—I. O. #1219, et al  
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act  
Obstruction of Justice

Reference is made to your letter of April 25, 1934, in which is quoted several telegrams dispatched to Jacksonville, Florida, by Louis P. Piquett, Chicago, Illinois, lawyer for John Dillinger, which telegrams appear to have been sent in reference to the Head case pending in the United States District Court at Jacksonville, Florida.

I am informed by Assistant United States Attorney Smith House, Jacksonville, that there has been pending in this district a Mail Fraud case against W. ELMER MEAD, WILLIAM A. SPAN and H. C. HOWARD, since January 1931. These men for the greater part of this time have been fugitives. However, the case against William A. Span was recently disposed of by a fine of \$2,000.00. W. Elmer Mead is at the present time a fugitive, his bond for \$10,000.00 having been recently extracted. H. C. Howard is now reported to be in custody in the county jail at Los Angeles, California, and the United States Attorney's office in Jacksonville has a detainer against him there.

Concerning the character and reputation of W. Elmer Mead, it was ascertained from the file in the United States Attorney's office that he and his associates were indicted on the Mail Fraud statute, which charge involved a confidence scheme at St. Augustine, Florida, as a result of which \$11,300.00 was obtained from Parker G. Horton. The file further indicates that W. Elmer Mead makes Chicago his headquarters and was reported by Post Office Inspector E. M. Graham of New York City to have been operating a confidence game on visitors at the World's Fair in Chicago last year.

Mr. M. E. Myerson, Attorney-at-Law, Professional Building, Jacksonville, was the former attorney for W. Elmer Mead, but the file in the office of the United States Attorney now indicates that Mr. Fred Witz, Police Commissioner of the City of Jacksonville, is now Mead's attorney.

The office of the United States Attorney in Jacksonville is unable to furnish any information other than the above concerning the character and reputation of W. Elmer Mead.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt,  
Special Agent in Charge

cc Division

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

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**New York City 6 PM May 1-3, 1934**

**F. J. BLAKE**  
**DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION**  
**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**  
**POST OFFICE BUILDING**  
**DALLAS, TEXAS**



**BILLINGHAM REAL SAN ANTONIO OFFICE DESIROUS TRACING AND ADVISING  
IMMEDIATELY FORTYFIVE CALIBER AUTOMATIC SIXTEEN NINETEEN  
SEVEN ONE SHIPPED BY COLT'S FACTORY HARTFORD CONNECTICUT  
TO WOLF AND KLAR FORT WORTH TEXAS FEBRUARY TWENTYSECOND NINETEEN  
THIRTY TWO FORTY FIVE CALIBER NATIONAL MATCH AUTOMATIC SEVENTEEN  
THREE SIX NINE SEVEN SHIPPED FOR ACCOUNT OF WOLF AND KLAR TO H. S. LEHMAN  
SAN ANTONIO NOVEMBER TWENTYSECOND NINETEEN THIRTY THREE**

**PAY**

**CC:DIVISION ✓**  
**CC:SAN ANTONIO**

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All America  
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San Antonio Tex May 1 1934

FX Pay  
Division of Investigation  
US Dept of Justice  
370 Lexington Ave Room 1408  
New York NY

Dillinger et al Please start trace immediately Calts factory forty five caliber  
National Match Automatic pistol serial seventeen three six nine seven and  
forty five caliber Calts automatic pistol sixteen nineteen seven one  
Handle any follow up by wire

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San Antonio Tex May 1 1934

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J M Edith  
Division of Investigation  
US Dept of Justice  
Hurley Wright Bldg  
Washington DC

*John* Billinger et al Contact Army Ordnance endeavor trace forty five automatic  
pistol number seven seven four nineteen Handle any follow up by wire

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

SPC:DSS

April 30, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

In connection with the teletype message received from Mr. Clegg at St. Paul advising that he had an informant named [redacted] who was well thought of by the underworld and whose services he could obtain for \$50.00 a week for the next two weeks, but it would be necessary to furnish him with an automobile, I talked to Mr. Clegg who advised that the informant in question seemed to be quite reliable.

[redacted] In addition to the \$50.00 a week, however, it will be necessary to supply the informant with an automobile to make connections in his previous "old haunts". Mr. Clegg was quite enthusiastic over this informant and believed that he would be able to produce. He stated they would have to permit the informant to hire an automobile for this purpose because the cars attached to the Division's office all bear certain license plates which, if checked, could be determined to be official cars. The employment of this informant was authorized.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley  
S. P. Cowley.

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MR. CLEGG  
MR. COWLEY  
MR. EDWARDS  
MR. EGAN  
MR. QUINN  
MR. LESTER  
CHIEF CLERK  
MR. ROBER

DIV INVEST CHICAGO

MAY 2, 1934

8:07 PM

MHP

DIRECTOR

WITH REFERENCE TO YOUR MESSAGE ABOVE SPECIAL AGENT VAN WAGONER  
HAS PROCEEDED TO IRON WOOD MICHIGAN FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRACING DOWN THE  
INFORMATION GIVEN BY MR CONNELLEY

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MR. ROSEN  
Hapkins

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DILLINGER CASE GEORGE R BRODKINS ATTORNEY 707 STEVENS BUILDING  
CHICAGO IDENTIFIED PHOTOGRAPHS OF EVELYN FRECHETTE AS  
WOMAN KNOWN TO HIM AS EVELYN SPARK WHO APPROACHED HIM FIVE MONTHS AGO  
FOR PURPOSE OF INSTITUTING DIVORCE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST HUSBAND WELTON  
SPARK INMATE OF UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY. DIVORCE PROCEEDINGS  
INSTITUTED BUT NOT CONSUMMATED INASMUCH AS ILLINOIS LAW REQUIRES  
PLAINTIFF TO APPEAR IN OPEN COURT WHICH EVELYN FRECHETTE HAS NOT DONE.  
MISS ELSIE WALLIUS SECRETARY TO GEORGE R BRODKINS ALSO IDENTIFIES  
PHOTOGRAPH OF EVELYN FRECHETTE

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MR. NATH  
MR. TOLB  
MR. CLEO  
MR. COWL  
MR. EDWA  
MR. EDAN  
MR. QUINN  
MR. LEST  
CHIEF CL  
MR. ROBB

AGENT HARDY AT MADISON WISCONSIN REPORTS LOCAL ATTORNEY HAS PETITIONED COURT FOR PERMISSION INTERVIEW BABY FACE NELSONS WIFE IN JAIL THERE. HEARING THIS AFTERNOON. HARDY INSTRUCTED TO FOLLOW ADVICE U S ATTORNEY. U S ATTORNEY THERE ADVISES ME BY PHONE HE BELIEVES APPLICATION SHOULD BE HEARD BEFORE JUDGE IN EFFORT TO GET LOCAL ATTORNEY DISCLOSE WHO RETAINED HIM.

CLEGG

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MR. HATHAN  
MR. TOLSON  
MR. CLEGG  
MR. COWLEY  
MR. EDWARDS  
MR. EGAN  
MR. QUINN  
MR. LESTER  
CHIEF CLERK  
MR. BORE

DIVN INVEST NEW YORK CITY MAY 3, 1934 12-00 PM TEN

*T.H. Dougherty*

DIRECTOR

RE TELETYPE /THOMPSON /SUBMACHINE /GUN NUMBER 6146 SHIPPED THROUGH  
AUTO ORDNANCE CORPORATION ON FEBRUARY 29, 1928 TO POST QUARTERMASTER  
MARINE BARRACKS, NAVY YARD, BROOKLYN, N Y FOR BASE FORWARDING OFFICER  
US MARINES FOR SHIPMENT CORINTO, NICARAGUA. WILL TRACE THROUGH NAVY YARD  
HERE TOMORROW . ALSO SUGGEST TRACING THROUGH NAVY DEPARTMENT WASHINGTON,  
D. C.

*John Dillinger*

FAY

*Correct number  
was given on  
outgoing teletype  
5-4-34*

*Teletype*

*N.Y.*

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MESSAGE TO BE TRANSMITTED BY TELETYPEWRITER

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TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT NEW YORK CITY

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RE TELETYPE THOMPSON SUBMACHINE GUN YOUR NUMBER 6141

CORRECT NUMBER 6141 TRACK IMMEDIATELY

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THE COMPANY SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SUGGESTIONS MADE BY THE CUSTOMER

# CLASS OF SERVICE

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

R. B. WHITE  
PRESIDENT

NEWCOMB GARLICK  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

J. E. WILSON  
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

# WESTERN UNION

## SIGNS

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NL - Night Letter  
LC - Deferred Cable  
NLT - Cable Night Letter  
Stop Background

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Received at 708 14th St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

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CARL / LAEGOLE

BELIEVED HE AND FAMILY IN POSSIBLE DANGER DUE

TO UNIVERSAL PICTURE

OFFERING FIVE THOUSAND REWARD INFORMATION

LEADING CAPTURE

DELLINGER

STOP LAEGOLE

FAMILY BELIEVED

POSSIBILITY OF

DELLINGER

SEEKING REVENGE DUE TO NEWSPAPER

PUBLICITY OF REWARD STOP

LAEGOLE

DECIDED NOT TO ADVERTISE

REWARD IN

UNIVERSAL

NEWS

REEL

STOP NO THREATS

RECEIVED FROM ANY SOURCE ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR IMMEDIATE

CONTACT WITH THIS OFFICE AT ALL TIMES IN EVENT THREATS ARE

RECEIVED=

SACKETT ACTING.

MR. NATHAN  
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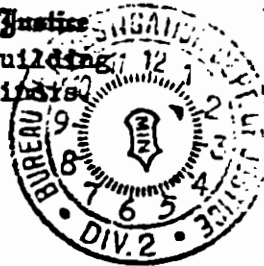
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SPECIAL DELIVERY

May 3, 1934  
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Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

There is attached, hereto, an item appearing in the Chicago American of May 2, 1934, concerning a statement made by Mr. Larry Benson, of the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific Railroad.

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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### **Rail Officer Won't Hunt Dillinger**

Larry A. Benson, superintendent of police for the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific Railroad, today turned down an offer to join a special posse of well known sleuths to hunt down John Dillinger and his band of outlaws.

He was mentioned yesterday in Washington dispatches as one of the men invited by Gerald P. Murphy, former federal agent, to take part in the hunt. Benson said he was satisfied the Department of Justice could do the job.

*✓ Chicago American*

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

Dear Sir:

RE: JAMES EARL RAY, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O. #102, 1st St.  
L.A.V.P.A. and BURNING  
H.P. #115 Box 25-2024.

In confirmation of information furnished your office by telephone, you are advised that Special Agent S. E. Hardy of Madison, Minnesota, has advised that HARVEY F. LUDWIG of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, stated that JOHN SCHILLINGER has present several cars and at Beaver Dam and has been by a college teacher who operated a business near 1200 West Spring Street in Beaver Dam.

This information is submitted for whatever action it will appear to you to be appropriate.

RE: RAY

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

*Mr. Clegg  
St. Paul*

May 3, 1934.

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

RE: WILKMAN, et al.,  
HARBORING FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE and  
FURNISHING MACHINE GUNS TO GANGSTERS.  
St. Paul File No. 62-912.

Dear Sir:

Concerning the information received from the San Antonio Office relative to the shipment of machine guns to JOSEPH BENNETT at Minneapolis, there is enclosed, herewith, the fingerprints of JOSEPH JOHN BENNETT as taken by Special Agent T. J. Dodd on May 1, 1934. BENNETT states that he has no previous criminal record.

Very truly yours,

*H. H. Clegg*  
H. H. CLEGG,

Inspector.

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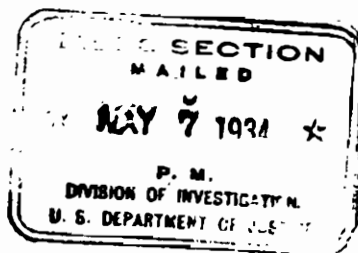
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Mr. H. E. Clegg,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
232 Post Office Building,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Referring to fingerprints forwarded by you, please be advised that an examination of the fingerprint records of the Division of Investigation fails to disclose any data concerning the following:

Joseph John Bennett.



AIR MAIL

Very truly yours,

Director.



Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

625 Lafayette Building,  
Detroit, Michigan.

May 3, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:-

There are being transmitted herewith copies of a communication received today from Mr. Marshall M. Vance, American Consul at Windsor, Ontario, Canada, dated May 2, 1934, which, it will be noted, refers to one Glenn Russelo of Leamington, Ontario, Canada, who is "dreaming" about several important cases including the John Dillinger affair.

Very truly yours,



WM. LARSON,  
Special Agent in Charge

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IN REPLY REFER TO  
FILE NO. 310  
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AMERICAN CONSULAR SERVICE

Windsor, Ontario, May 2, 1934

(REAL)  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

William Larsen, Esquire,  
Chief, Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Lafayette Building,  
Detroit, Michigan.

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Sir:

As stated in our telephone conversation of a few moments ago, I am forwarding to you by letter certain information which was given me by Mr. Glenn Russelo of Leamington, Ontario, just prior to my telephone call.

Mr. Russelo wrote the President on July 18, 1933, relative to the O'Connell kidnapping case and this Consulate was instructed by the Department of State to acknowledge the receipt of his communication, which was done on August 11, 1933. He appears thoroughly sane and states he has been examined by his family physician, informing this physician of the dreams he frequently has and the exactitude with which subsequent developments follow all subjects and fields which these dreams cover.

He states he again wrote the President in January of this year relative to the Lindbergh kidnapping case giving a description of the man who was primarily involved therein, stating certain scars to be present on his cheek. It was found that these scars actually were present on the face of Vernon Sankey who committed suicide in his cell in Chicago after being linked, at least in the newspapers, with the Bremer kidnapping case in St. Paul and with the Lindbergh case itself.

He further stated that in his January letter he might have mentioned the Staviaky scandal in France, which broke several weeks later, inasmuch as he at that time had seen in his dreams all events leading up thereto.

Coming down to date he further says that about ten days ago he again dreamed and saw clearly outlined the headquarters some thirty miles north of St. Paul, Minnesota, which has been found within the last few days were those of Dillinger and his gang.

All of the above is leading up to the information he gave me today which he believes is of current interest to authorities in the United States.

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This information is that in a dream within the last few nights he distinctly saw two places which are now being used as headquarters by Dillenger and his followers. One, he says, is 7 1/2 miles south-east by south of St. Paul, Minnesota. He says this is a dirty, squatty shack occupied by persons who appear to be foreigners.

The other place seen by him is south-west by west of St. Paul and is about the same distance from that city as is the former one. This place is a small store.

I am sending you this information for whatever you think it may be worth.

Respectfully yours,

/s/ Marshall M. Vance,  
American Consul.



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

Dear Sir:

The automobile in which Eugene J. Schenck was killed during the raid on Little Bohemia Lodge is a Chevrolet Sedan, 1933 Model, Motor #3460402, property of John Hoffman, address Mercer, Wisconsin.

In the presence of Inspector H.H. Clegg and Assistant U. S. Attorney Doyle, Madison, Wisconsin, I examined this car at Mercer, Wisconsin. It contains the following bullet holes and imprints:

- 1 bullet imprint on the right front fender
- 1 hole right top of head
- 3 bullet holes in right window
- 1 hole in right side of head
- 2 holes on right side between head and door
- 10 holes through right door
- 3 holes underneath right door
- 1 imprint on rim of right front wheel
- 2 holes on right side near right door handle

It is apparent that all of the above shots approached the car from the right front.

Very truly yours,

CC Division  
St. Paul

W. A. Rorer  
Inspector  
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**U. S. Department of Justice**

1216 Smith Young Tower  
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Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

H. S. ~~LEHMAN~~  
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JOHN DILLINGER ET AL  
Nat. M. V. T. Act

Dear Sir:

Having reference to my telephone conversation with you Monday morning, April 30, 1934, and the agreement reached that wide publicity should be given to the arrest of Lehman and the fact that he has been supplying notorious gangsters with machine guns and other arms, I am attaching hereto clippings from local San Antonio papers.

It is my honest belief that if each and every individual known to give aid and comfort in any manner to any of these gangsters is dragged out into the open, where the citizens of the town can look him over and know what he is doing, it will tend to close up some avenues of refuge and supplies that these gangsters have apparently been furnished. It will no doubt tend to make it all the harder for them to make new contacts and will cause some of their contacts that we do not as yet know about to become more wary concerning their dealings, as some of the so-called respectable citizens throughout the country who have been surreptitiously rendering aid to these gangsters will not know when they will be next to be advertised among their home-town people.

Very truly yours,

Gus T. Jones  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Apr. 30, 1934.

JOHN DILLINGER ET AL

Nat. M. V. T. Act

# Dillinger's Guns Made in S. A.

## GUNSMITH IS SEIZED BY U. S. AGENTS

Charge of Receiving Stolen  
U. S. Automatic Placed  
Against Lebman.

Following the arrest of H. S. Lebman, 29-year-old gunsmith and saddle store operator at 111 South Flores street, federal authorities Monday declared they had cut off one of the chief supply sources of machine guns and other deadly weapons used by John ("Wooden Gun") Dillinger and his notorious band of killers.

Lebman, it is claimed by federal agents, sold firearms to George ("Baby Face") Nelson, chief machine-gunner for the Dillinger mob, and to Homer Van Meter, Dillinger lieutenant.

Arrested Saturday night and held in Bexar county jail over the weekend, Lebman was arraigned before U. S. Commissioner Paul A. Lockhart Monday on a charge of receiving, concealing, and retaining a stolen government pistol. This was the only charge which could be brought under provisions of existing federal statutes, officers said.

### IDENTIFIED BY PHOTO.

Department of Justice Agent Gus Jones, gangland nemesis, who headed the round-up of the kidnapers of Charles F. Ulrich, Oklahoma millionaire, announced that Lebman had positively identified one of the men to whom he sold machine guns as Nelson.

Nelson was known to Lebman as Jimmie Williams. It was claimed

and identification was established through a photograph of Nelson.

Lebman's gunshop, visited by officers Sunday morning following his arrest Saturday night, was described as a veritable arsenal.

It was claimed that the stolen government pistol was wired to a work bench and was being converted into a machine gun.

Lebman was described as an expert gunsmith.

It was further revealed by Jones that a .38 caliber automatic pistol found in the wake of the battle between Dillinger and government officers in Wisconsin last week has been traced to Lebman's shop.

This gun, Jones said, was shipped to Lebman from a Fort Worth firm on September 18, 1933.

Lebman was released under bond Monday afternoon. Bondsmen are his father, Sam Lebman, 524 East Evergreen street, and Harry Hazel, same address.

Lebman was placed under \$2000 temporary bond when arraigned, returnable at 10 a. m. Tuesday.

Lebman pleaded not guilty. His hair was tousled, his face unshaven, and he was in his shirt sleeves when he appeared before the United States commissioner.

Jones explained how Lebman had been linked with allegedly supplying guns used by Dillinger gangsters.

It was admitted in Lebman's statement, Jones pointed out, that Lebman sold five machine guns to a Jimmie Williams, delivering them in St. Paul, Minn.

Jones said that Lebman, when confronted with a picture of George ("Baby Face") Nelson, readily admitted it was a likeness of the man he had known as Jimmie Williams.

This Williams was known to have kept company while in San Antonio last fall with Tommie Carroll, slayer of City Detective H. C. Furrow.

Furthermore, Jones declared, Williams was with a man going under the name of Wayne Huttner.

Huttner, according to Jones, has been positively identified as Homer Van Meter, Dillinger's chief lieutenant.

When federal officers visited

Lebman's store Sunday following his arrest Saturday night, Jones reported, they found the stolen pistol, some 200 shotguns and rifles, and in addition to pistols, there was a machine gun.

Part of the machine gun was in a safe, Jones said, and the other portion was concealed elsewhere. The two parts were ready to slip together, it was said.

The pistol which Lebman assertedly was fashioning into a machine gun had been ordered, it was claimed, by Huttner or Van Meter.

Lebman's statement disclosed that he had obtained guns in Fort Worth, El Paso and Corpus Christi.

It is claimed by Jones that the pistol which killed Detective Furrow last December 11 had been obtained from Lebman. Carroll, the slayer, who shot his way out of a blind alley, has been traced to recent depredations with Dillinger and his outlaw band.

In the recent engagement between Uncle Sam's picked officers and the Dillinger clan at Little Bohemia, Wis., Carroll was one of the gunmen.

In signing the complaint charging Lebman with receiving and concealing the stolen weapon, Jones bitterly remarked:

"I have the statement from Lebman, and all I can file is this charge, since there is no other law under which to bring a charge."

Jones and other local federal agents declared that this should spur congress to act on the bill now pending which would make possession of firearms a federal offense.

### COUNTY TO ACT

At the same time, however, United States Attorney W. R. Smith Jr. announced that he had found the last called session of the state legislature had passed a law making it a felony for a person to possess a machine gun.

Smith immediately went into conference with District Attorney Walker Tynan, he revealed, and Tynan, after viewing the statements of Lebman, agreed to prosecute in cooperation with the state of the machine gun.

Conviction under this new state law, Smith said, carries with it a penalty ranging from 10 to 15 years in the state penitentiary.

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#### S. A. HEADQUARTERS

United States Marshal Guy McNamara, who has been active in the investigation, declared that "this revelation should be an 'eye-opener' for congress, awakening them to the pressing need for legislation which would control the sale and ownership of firearms."

McNamara said:

"San Antonio has been virtually the headquarters for the criminal gangs which have been terrorizing the nation. Not only have they looked to San Antonio for supplies, but they have come and gone here at will."

"We go out with pistols to fight criminals armed with machine guns," the marshal added.

Lebman's name had appeared at the time of the slaying of City Detective Ferrow last December.

At that time, Carroll, the two-gun lawyer, was chased to Lebman's store. Carroll commandeered a truck at pistol point following his bloody escape from the trap on East Commerce street, and forced the driver to take him to Nueva and South Flores streets, officers said.

The gunman then dashed into Lebman's store. It was said, and procured a pair of blue riding breeches, which he donned for his escape.

He was never traced beyond the store until officers recognized him in recent brushes with the Dillinger mob.

Jones related Monday that Lebman's wife telephoned him following her husband's arrest and sobbingly begged that he be allowed to return home. The wife said Lebman's two small children were ill.

"I told her," Jones said, "that her husband would come back home to her and their children soon, but that the father of two small children in Virginia would never come back. The latter was Carter Baum, department of justice man, who was slain in the fight with Dillinger and his gang at Little Bohemia last week."

#### TO CHECK RECORDS

Declaring that he is going to "smoke them out," Jones was attempting Monday to check the records and transactions in all cases where guns have been sold to Lebman, in an effort to get the numbers of guns. Lebman kept no records, Jones explained. Three machine guns left at the Little Bohemia battleground might have been shipped from San Antonio, Jones said as their source has not been traced.

"We know now, and we want all the world to know, that gangsters have not only been coming here and receiving aid and comfort, but that they have even had supplies shipped to them as far north as St. Paul," Jones said.

#### S. A. HEADQUARTERS

"This is one of the answers to why we can't catch the desperadoes that are leaving a trail of blood over this country," Jones added.

Federal officers made the flat statement, after the news of the case had spread, that "San Antonio is headquarters for gangsters."

"They can come and get their guns or have them shipped, or have them repaired," Jones said.

Local federal officials were in conference with Washington representatives all morning Monday, relaying details of the case and urging passage of the federal bill which would make it possible to prosecute Lebman under the new law.

Jones explained that Lebman sold Keith two .380 calibre automatic pistols last September, and that after the death of City Detective Ferrow, Keith had a .380 calibre pistol on his person when arrested at the Aurora apartments. Ferrow was killed with a .380 pistol, Jones said.

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SAN ANTONIO EVENING NEWS  
Apr. 30, 1934.

## OUTLAW SHOT WAY OUT OF TRAP WITH WEAPON SOLD BY DEALER IN ALAMO CITY

Automatic Pistol Left by Gang When They  
Fled From Officers in Wisconsin Also  
Traced to Dealer Here.

A .38-CALIBER super-automatic pistol which was used by John Dillinger mobsters in their battle with Government agents and other officers at the Little Bohemia resort in Wisconsin last week has been traced back to San Antonio where it was sold by H. S. Lebman, South Flores street gun dealer, Federal agents reported today.

A charge of receiving and possessing a stolen Government pistol was filed against Lebman today.

Gus Jones, agent in charge of the bureau of investigation, U. S. Department of Justice here, declared that the pistol, found at the Wisconsin resort after Dillinger and his gang had escaped, was first traced to Wolf & Klar, a Fort Worth firm. Their records show that it was sold to Lebman here.

In a written statement, Lebman admitted selling the gun, and also admitted the sale and shipment of five Thompson sub-machine guns to a man named Jimmie Williams in St. Paul, Minn., in October, 1933.

Echoes of the slaying here last December of City Detective H. C. Perrow reverberated through Lebman's written statement. He told of Tommie Carroll, alias James McLarkin, visiting his gun store at 111 South Flores street immediately after he had shot Detective Perrow and wounded Detective Alfred Hartman, but declared that he knew anything of Carroll's implication in the shooting at that time. Carroll put on a pair of blue denim pants in Lebman's store, it was stated, and walked out.

Carroll, under the name of James McLarkin, has been charged with Perrow's murder. He has been positively identified as a member of the present Dillinger mob.

Jones reported finding a

mantled Thompson sub-machine gun in perfect working order in Lebman's store Sunday. In his statement, Lebman said that this gun was secured from a man in Corpus Christi.

### PISTOL MADE INTO MACHINE GUN.

Jones also found a .45-caliber automatic pistol on Lebman's workbench which he declared was being made into a machine gun.

In the written statement, Lebman said that this gun was ordered by a man named Wayne Hutner last November, while he was here with Carroll, H. L. Keith and others. Hutner, Jones declared, has been positively identified as Homer Van Meter, one of Dillinger's right-hand men, who started shooting in a recent fight in a St. Paul apartment house when Dillinger again escaped.

Jones said that the man Jimmie Williams, who Lebman named as the consignee for the five machine guns he shipped last October, is yet to be identified and located.

Excerpts from Lebman's statement follow:

"In June, 1933, one Jimmie Williams and a man named Fisher or Keith came to my place of business. At that time they had with them a woman whom Williams said was his wife. Williams and the woman had a little boy about two years old."

"Keith had no woman with him and is the same man who was arrested in an apartment house on Dec. 13 in connection with the shooting of City Detective Perrow. These people remained in San Antonio about one week. While they were here I sold Williams and Keith two super-automatic pistols and two .38-caliber automatic pistols. These pistols I ordered to express from Wolf & Klar, Fort Worth."

"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, Minn., ordering two super-automatic, .38-caliber, two caliber .38 automatic pistols and three .38 rifles. In this letter Williams also wanted to know if I could get him some Thompson sub-machine guns."

"Through Harry Cushman, who travels for a gas tank 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 in Fort Rio Diaz street, El Paso. I communicated with Stockmeyer. He did not recall whether he lettered me by telegram, but 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 Melcoy. This is the same man who was arrested in the apartment house with Keith. On this trip I secured two Thompson sub-machine guns and returned to San Antonio. This was in the month of October, 1933. I said that same month made another trip to El Paso and obtained three additional Thompson machine guns from Stockmeyer. All these guns were shipped to Jimmie Williams at 1033 South Flores street, St. Paul, Minn. 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 \$500 in the letter he wrote me, and I believe that approximately \$500 of this was in cashier's checks of some Chicago bank, the name of which I do not recall. The machine guns were shipped to Williams by a D. O. charge of approximately \$500. I later received a letter from Jimmie Williams asking for a receipt of this money. Some time about the middle of November, 1933, Jimmie Williams arrived here accompanied by a man named Keith, whom I believe is the same man who was arrested in the apartment house with Keith. Williams and Keith were accompanied by a man named Melcoy."

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# **PARTY REMAINS ONE MONTH**

This party of people remained in San Antonio almost a month during which time I sold either Jimmie Williams or Keith two more .38-caliber automatic pistols. Williams, Huttner, McGannon, and the woman left San Antonio on Saturday night, prior to the shooting of Detective Perrow on Monday, Dec. 12. I believe it was (Perrow was killed Dec. 11.) I know they left because they came to my store and told me goodbye. Carroll and Keith remained in San Antonio.

"Tommy 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 8:30 p. m. Keith phoned me to meet him on Broadway near Brackenridge Park. I met him and Nelcey. They were in the car of Keith's. Keith asked me about the shooting and I told him that from a conversation I 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 apartment, get his clothes, and leave town. The next time I saw Keith was in the San Antonio police department after his arrest.

"I have not been able to find the record of a .38-caliber super-automatic pistol shipped to me on Sept. 18, 1933, by Wolf & Klar, but if one was shipped on that date it was one of the guns that I shipped to Jimmie Williams at St. Paul."

## **EXPLAINS LETTER FROM WILLIAMS.**

In a supplementary statement, Lebman explained a letter which he received from Williams. The letter follows:

"Dear Pal: Could not write sooner. Enclose my personal letter in another envelope addressed to Jimmie. Hope to hear some good news from you soon. Don't let me any more outside 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. The letter was signed, 'Jimmie'."

Lebman Williams was at St. Paul, Minn., when he received the above letter from Jimmie Williams. It was posted in Minneapolis, Minn., and since having it mailed to my attention I now know that I was mistaken in the address of Jimmie Williams which I said in my previous statement was 1631 South Preston street, St. Paul. 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 other 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 10th of September, 1933, and remained about three days. There was no one else with them. At that time he also bought one .38 superautomatic and a .38-caliber automatic pistol. This machine gun I obtained from a man in Corpus Christi, Tex. I believe he 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 for the gun. I brought it to San Antonio and Jimmie was leaving that night and I delivered the gun to him. He paid me \$800 for it."

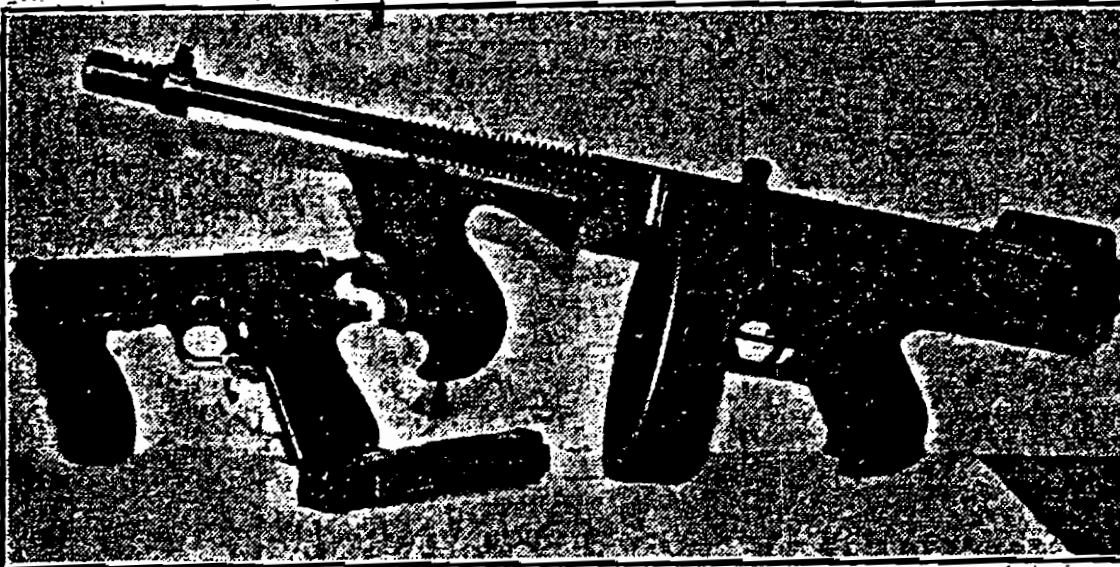
**GUN TURNED OVER**  
**TO GUS JONES**  
"Jimmie shipped this gun back to me to be repaired as it would not operate 'full auto' and that is what he meant by his statement in the above letter that it was 'one-way.' I repaired this gun and showed it to him when he came to San Antonio in November, 1933. This gun I am now voluntarily turning over to Gus T. Jones for the purpose of tracing its identity. "Concerning the .45-caliber superautomatic, 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."

Mrs. Mary Newman, the gun dealer's wife, also made a statement in which she said that she and her husband, who is a well-known garage owner, after being thanked by Keith, Huttner, Carroll and others, "Lebman was arrested Saturday night by Jones, who was aided by the investigations of Charles Jones, Government agent, and the detective of the military police. The complaint filed against Lebman charges him with unlawfully and feloniously receiving property of the Government; to wit, one automatic .45-caliber pistol, serial No. 77419. Jones declared that Lebman kept no record of his gun dealings. Lebman was arrested here following the killing of Perrow and held for questioning, but was later released. Carroll, who escaped following the killing, has lately been identified as a member of the John Dillinger gang. Keith has since been sentenced to 10 years in the penitentiary and a Minnesota post office robbery."



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**DEALER AND GUNS**—H. S. Ledman, San Antonio gunsmith held on charge of receiving and concealing a Government pistol, is shown below with the machinegun and the Government pistol found in his shop at 121 South Flores Street. The small gun beneath the muzzle of the sub-machine gun was found wired to a work bench and was loosely fitted with an extra handle just under the muzzle. Officers said the mechanism of the pistol could be easily changed by a gunsmith into a wicked lightweight machinegun. Beside the pistol is an extra long magazine.



by and broken windows near the theater since Labor Day.

Martin said the monotony of being alone in the projection room,

together with the fact that he could hear the noise of the talking pictures without being able to understand the words caused him to

start shooting at pedestrians through a hole in the projection room wall. He said he will pay the \$200 damage to windows.

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## GUNSMITH FACES FEDERAL CHARGES

### South Flores Dealer Admits Selling Machine Guns To Gangsters

H. E. Lebman, 39, operator of gunsmith's shop at 111 South Flores Street, who has admitted to Federal agents here that he supplied machine guns to men known by officers to be gangsters, will be heard before United States Commissioner Paul A. Lockhart Tuesday morning on charge of "feloniously receiving, concealing and retaining in his possession" a Government automatic pistol known by him to have been stolen.

Lebman was granted temporary bond of \$2,000 Monday morning. The bond was signed by Sam Lebman and Harry Hessel.

The penalty for the offense may be as high as five years' imprisonment in a Federal penitentiary and a fine of \$5,000. It was pointed out by the office of District Attorney W. R. Smith Jr., where Article 101 of the United States Criminal Code was cited to that effect.

#### One Government Pistol

Lebman was arrested Saturday night by Gus Jones, chief of the Federal bureau of investigation here and Jones took in charge a .45-caliber Thompson submachine gun and two automatic pistols. Both the pistols were .45-caliber and of the same model but one bore no Government stamp.

The pistol alleged to have been stolen from the Government was found wired to a workbench and had been loosely fitted with a wooden grip just under the trigger. Jones said the pistol could be easily remodeled into a light machine gun by an expert gunsmith. A slight change in the mechanism would provide for continuous fire without pulling the trigger after each shot, it was said. An empty magazine, twice the length of those used in automatic pistols, also was found in the shop. With this magazine a burst of 20 shots would have been possible with the pistol after it had been changed to a machine gun.

City detectives pointed out that the gun with which Detective E. C. Perrow was shot by a gangster here was probably of the same type as the one found in the shop. The man who shot Perrow used both hands in firing his automatic. It was pointed out, and it was believed his gun had also been fitted with a grip for the left hand just under the trigger. This grip has the same shape as the left hand grip for a machine gun but is smaller.

#### Admits Sale

Jones said that Lebman had admitted selling five machine guns to a Jimmie Williams and shipping them to St. Paul. Williams is known to have associated here with Tommie Carroll, who is charged with murder of a police officer. He is also known to be an associate of another man known to the officers as Wayne Hunter, who is believed to be one of the lieutenants of John Dillinger.

The little gunshop here was directly connected with the Dillinger gang through a .45-caliber automatic pistol found in the Little Bohemia resort in Wisconsin where Dillinger and his gang shot their way out of a trap last week. The gun was found in the resort and through its serial number was traced to the firm of W. E. A. Star in Fort Worth. The records of the Fort Worth firm showed the weapon had been sold to Lebman here.

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## ARMED DILLINGER



H. S. Lebman, left, and U. S. Marshal Guy Mc-Namara as marshal and San Antonio gunsmith left Bexar jail Monday. Lebman was arraigned on charge of concealing stolen U. S. army pistol, and made statement that he had sold weapons to Dillinger benchmen in S. A.

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# DILLINGER ARMORER,



Above, H. S. Lebman and U. S. Marshal Guy McNamara leaving Bexar jail. Lebman was arraigned on federal charge of concealing stolen army pistol. At right above are weapons found in Lebman's store: at top a "Tommy" sub-machine gun and below a .45 automatic which was being converted into machine gun by addition of handle and special magazine. At bottom is George ("Baby Face") Nelson, Dillinger henchman to whom, as Jimmie Williams, Lebman says he was selling guns and ammunition since last fall.

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# CHARGES FILED IN MACHINE GUN CASE

Complaints charging possession and sale of machine guns were filed in Justice of the Peace John F. Onion's court Tuesday against R. S. Leberman, 29-year-old gunsmith.

The complaints, sworn out by Investigator Raymond South of the district attorney's office, allege Leberman possessed a machine gun, in violation of a new state law, on or about April 20, 1934, and that he sold a machine gun on or about October 15, last, to Jimmie Williams.

At the same time, a 10-day delay was granted by U. S. Commissioner Paul A. Lockhart in the scheduled preliminary hearing for Leberman in connection with the federal investigation of the case.

Leberman, who operates a gunshop and saddle store at 111 South Flores street, was arraigned Monday on a charge of receiving and concealing a stolen government pistol, and national significance was attached to the case since Leberman made a statement to officers admitting sale of machine guns and other weapons to henchman of John ("Wooden Gus") Dillinger, the nation's No. 1 desperado.

The United States commissioner granted a delay in the preliminary hearing until 10 a. m. Thursday, May 10, when the United States district attorney, W. R. Smith Jr., and other federal authorities explained they needed more time for investigation.

William Schlesinger, defense counsel, objected on the ground that the federal district court grand

jury would convene next Monday, prior to the date of the hearing.

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# GUNSMITH IS SEIZED BY U.S. AGENTS

## Charge of Receiving Stolen U. S. Automatic Placed Against Lebman.

Following the arrest of H. S. Lebman, 29-year-old gunsmith and saddle store operator at 111 South Flores street, federa; authorities Monday declared they had cut off one of the chief supply sources of machine guns and other deadly weapons used by John ("Wooden Gun") Dillinger and his notorious band of killers.

Lebman, it is claimed by federal agents, sold firearms to George ("Baby Face") Nelson, chief machine-gunner for the Dillinger mob, and to Homer Van Meter, Dillinger lieutenant.

Arrested Saturday night and held in Bexar county jail over the weekend, Lebman was arraigned before U. S. Commissioner Paul A. Lockhart Monday on a charge of receiving, concealing, and retaining a stolen government pistol. This was the only charge which could be brought under provisions of existing federal statutes, officers said.

### IDENTIFIED BY PHOTO.

Department of Justice Agent Gus Jones, gangland nemesis, who headed the round-up of the kidnapers of Charles F. Urschel, Oklahoma millionaire, announced that Lebman had positively identified one of the men to whom he sold machine guns as Nelson.

Nelson was known to Lebman as Jimmie Williams. It was claimed, and identification was established through a photograph of Nelson.

Lebman's gunshop, visited by officers Sunday morning following his arrest Saturday night, was described as a veritable arsenal.

It was claimed that the stolen government pistol was wired to a work bench and was being converted into a machine gun.

Lebman was described as an expert gunsmith.

### TRACED TO BOMB.

It was further revealed by Jones that a .38 caliber automatic pistol found in the wake of the battle between Dillinger and government officers in Wisconsin last week has been traced to Lebman's shop.

This gun, Jones said, was shipped to Lebman from a Fort Worth firm on September 12, 1933.

Lebman was released under bond Monday afternoon. Bondsman are his father, Sam Lebman, 834 East Evergreen street, and Harry Hesel, same address.

Lebman was placed under \$2000

temporary bond when arraigned, returnable at 10 a. m. Tuesday.

Lebman pleaded not guilty. His hair was tousled, his face unshaven, and he was in his shirt sleeves when he appeared before the United States commissioner.

Jones explained how Lebman had been linked with allegedly supplying guns used by Dillinger gangsters.

It was admitted in Lebman's statement, Jones pointed out, that Lebman sold five machine guns to a Jimmie Williams, delivering them to St. Paul, Minn.

Jones said that Lebman, when confronted with a picture of George ("Baby Face") Nelson, readily admitted it was a likeness of the man he had known as Jimmie Williams.

This Williams was known to have kept company while in San Antonio last fall with Tommie Carroll, slayer of City Detective H. C. Ferrow.

### CHIEF LIEUTENANT.

Furthermore, Jones declared, Williams was with a man going under the name of Wayne Huttner.

Huttner, according to Jones, has been positively identified as Homer Van Meter, Dillinger's chief lieutenant.

When federal officers visited Lebman's store Sunday following his arrest Saturday night, Jones reported, they found the stolen pistol, some 200 shotguns and rifles, and in addition to pistols, there was a machine gun.

Part of the machine gun was in a safe, Jones said, and the other portion was concealed elsewhere. The two parts were ready to slip together, it was said.

The pistol which Lebman assertedly was fashioning into a machine gun had been ordered, it was claimed, by Huttner or Van Meter.

Lebman's statement disclosed that he had obtained guns in Fort Worth, El Paso and Corpus Christi.

It is claimed by Jones that the pistol which killed Detective Ferrow last December 11 had been obtained from Lebman. Carroll, the slayer, who shot his way out of a blind alley, has been traced to San

Antonio, where he was arrested and his outlaw band.

### ONE OF GUNSMITHS.

In the recent engagement between Uncle Sam's picked officers and the Dillinger clan at Little Bohemia, Wis., Carroll was one of the gunmen.

In signing the capitulation charging Lebman with receiving and concealing the stolen weapon, Jones bitterly remarked:

"I have the statement from Lebman, and all I can file is this charge, since there is no other law under which to bring a charge."

Jones and other local federal agents declared that this should spur congress to act on the bill now pending which would make possession of firearms a federal offense.

### COUNTY TO ACT.

At the same time, however, United States Attorney W. R. Smith Jr. announced that he had found the last called session of the state legislature had passed a law making it a felony for a person to possess a machine gun.

Smith immediately went into conference with District Attorney Walter Tynan, he revealed, and Tynan, after viewing the statements from Lebman, agreed to prosecute in connection with the seizure of the machine gun.

Conviction under this new state law, Smith said, carries with it a penalty ranging from 2 to 10 years in the state penitentiary.

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United States Marshal Guy McNamara, who has been active in the investigation, declared that this revelation should be an "eye-opener" for congress, awakening them to the pressing need for legislation which would control the sale and ownership of firearms.

McNamara said: "San Antonio has been virtually the headquarters for the criminal gangs which have been terrorizing the nation. Not only have they looked to San Antonio for supplies, but they have come and gone freely at will."

"We go out with pistols to fight criminals armed with machine guns," the marshal added.

Lebman's name had appeared at the time of the slaying of City Detective Ferrow last December 11.

At that time, Carroll, the two-time slayer, was traced to Lebman's shop. Carroll commandeered a truck at pistol point following his blood escape from the trap on East Commerce street, and forced the driver to take him to Nueva and Flores streets, officers said.

The gunman, it was said, secured a pistol from Lebman's shop.

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freedom, which he doctored for his escape.

He was never traced beyond the store until officers recognized him in recent brushes with the Dillinger mob.

Jones related Monday that Lebman's wife telephoned him following her husband's arrest and sobbingly begged that he be allowed to return home. The wife said Lebman's two small children were ill.

"I told her," Jones said, "that her husband would come back home to her and their children soon, but that the father of two small children in Virginia would never come back. The latter was Carter Baum, department of justice man, who was slain in the fight with Dillinger and his gang at Little Bohemia last week."

#### TO CHECK RECORDS

Declaring that he is going to "smoke them out," Jones was attempting Monday to check the records and transactions in all cases where guns have been sold to Lebman, in an effort to get the numbers of guns. Lebman kept no records, Jones explained. Three machine guns left at the Little Bohemia battleground might have been shipped from San Antonio, Jones said as their source has not been traced.

"We know now, and we want all the world to know, that gangsters have not only been coming here and receiving aid and comfort, but that they have even had supplies shipped to them as far north as St. Paul," Jones said.

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"This is one of the answers to why we can't catch the desperadoes that are leaving a trail of blood over this country," Jones added.

Federal officers made the flat statement, after the news of the case had spread, that "San Antonio is headquarters for gangsters."

"They can come and get their guns or have them shipped, or have them repaired," Jones said.

Local federal officials were in conference with Washington representatives all morning Monday, relaying details of the case and urging passage of the federal bill which would make it possible to prosecute Lebman under the new law.

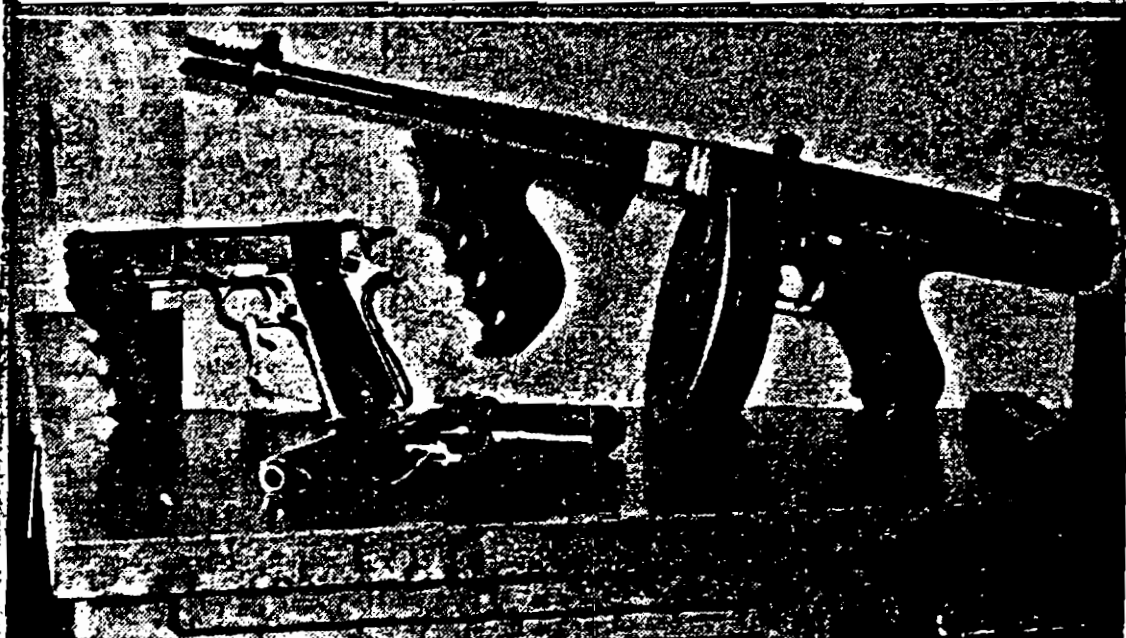
Jones explained that Lebman sold Keith two .380 calibre automatic pistols last September, and that after the death of City Detective Ferrow, Keith had a .380 calibre pistol on his person when arrested at the Aurora apartments. Ferrow was killed with a .380 pistol, Jones said.

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## 2 Dillinger 'Trigger Men' and Type of 'Choppers', With Which They Kill



Gangland weapons seized at H. S. Leberman's gun shop.

Implements of gangster warfare and the men who use them, two of John Dillinger's killers who adjourned in San Antonio last fall.

At top, the weapon on the left is a .45 caliber automatic pistol which H. Leberman, local gun dealer, said he was converting into a machine gun on order from Homer Van Meter, Dillinger lieutenant, who was known here last fall as Wayne Hatfield.

The weapons in the center is a pistol traded to by Van Meter on a .38 .38 caliber super-automatic, the highest-powered pistol now made. Weapon shown is alleged to be a stolen Army pistol with serial



Homer Van Meter, left, and Baby Face Nelson, right, were charged last week with the machine gun shown to the

was was shipped back to Leberman by Baby Face Nelson, Dillinger's machine-gunner, to be made into a "full-auto," or pump, type weapon. These weapons were taken by government agents in search of Leberman's shop.

Van Meter, above, is the man who aided Dillinger to shoot his way out of a St. Paul apartment house recently.

Nelson, known here as Jimmy Williams, escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary in February, 1933, while serving a one-year to life sentence for a Chicago robbery. He is the man who shot a machine gun at the Leberman shop. Nelson was charged with Dillinger's escape and with the shooting of a St. Paul

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## Admits Machine Guns Sold to Dillinger's Ace Gunner



H. S. LEBMAN, U. S. MARSHAL  
Here is the man, H. S. Leberman, who admitted to federal authorities here that he sold machine guns and other firearms to John Dillinger, the famous bank robber. Leberman is shown in the photograph with a U. S. Marshal.



## S. A. MACHINE GUN BUYER IS BARED AS 'BABY FACE' NELSON WHEN LEBMAN VIEWS PICTURE

**"BABY FACE" NELSON**, one of John Dillinger's machine gun killers who is known to have taken part in the bloody Little Bohemia, Wis., battle and who also participated in a Lima, Ohio, jail delivery, has been identified as the Jimmie Williams to whom H. S. Leberman, San Antonio gun dealer, shipped five machine guns last October.

Gun E. Jones, agent in charge of the United States bureau of investigation here, announced this morning that Leberman has positively identified a photograph of George Nelson, alias "Baby Face," as the man known here as Jimmie Williams, the man who ordered the guns and to whom they were shipped from San Antonio.

The identification was another link in the chain of evidence which shows Dillinger gangsters sojourning at frequent intervals in San Antonio in the latter part of 1933.

According to written statements made by Leberman, Nelson, alias Williams, was here in the summer and fall of last year, ordering both high-powered pistols and machine guns on his visits.

With Williams on some of his visits was a man who called himself Wayne H. Hutter, now positively identified as Homer Van Meter, another Dillinger killer; Tommie Carroll, charged here as James McClarkin, with the murder of City Detective H. C. Parrow and the wounding of Detective Alfred Hartman; H. L. Keith, arrested here following Parrow's death and later returned to Wisconsin, where he was sentenced for post office robbery; a man named Tom McMannon, who is yet to be identified, and a man named Melcey, who was arrested after Parrow's death last year.

According to Leberman's statement, the machine guns which he shipped to Nelson were secured from an insurance man named John Stickmayer in El Paso. The guns were shipped, it was stated, in October, 1933, to Jimmie Williams in Milwaukee.

Jones declared that it was in October that the Lima, Ohio, jail delivery was carried out, when a Lima effort was killed. The government agent advanced a theory that some of the machine guns shipped from here were used in that killing.

## U. S. AGENT SLAIN IN WISCONSIN FIGHT

The Little-Bohemia battle last week resulted in the killing of Carter Baum, a government agent, and "Baby Face" Nelson has been identified as one of the Dillinger machine-gunners in that fight.

Tommie Carroll has also been identified as a Dillinger gunman in the Little Bohemia affair. Carroll shot his way out of a narrow alleyway off East Commerce street last December, killing Parrow and wounding Hartman.

Leberman is under \$2,000 bond on a charge of receiving and retaining stolen Government property, to-wit, a .45-caliber automatic pistol.

Government agents reported finding a .45-caliber automatic pistol which was being made into a machine gun, and a dismantled Thompson submachine gun in perfect working order when they searched Leberman's store at 131 South Flores street Sunday.

In his statement, Leberman said that the converted automatic pistol was being made on an order from Van Meter, alias Hutter, when he was here last fall. It was Van Meter who aided Dillinger to shoot his way out of a St. Paul apartment house recently.

## LEBERMAN HEARING IS POSTPONED

A preliminary hearing for Leberman on the charge of receiving and retaining stolen Government property was continued until May 19 by U. S. Com. Lockhart this morning at the request of U. S. Dist. Atty. Smith.

The district attorney stated that the Government wanted more time for a further investigation of the case.

William Schickinger, attorney for Leberman, asked that the case be withheld from the federal grand jury until after the preliminary hearing, but Smith said the defense counsel's request for grand jury will continue Monday and the district attorney said that the case may or may not be continued at that time.

## STATE CHARGE NAMES LEBMAN IN GUN SELLING

Charges of possessing and selling machine guns without license authority were filed today against H. S. Leberman, San Antonio gun dealer, before Justice of the Peace.

Two complaints were filed, charging that he possessed a machine gun without license authority on April 30, 1934, and the other alleging that he sold a machine gun without license authority to Jimmie Williams on Oct. 15, 1933.

The complaints were filed after an investigation conducted by federal agents. Jimmie Williams has been identified from a photograph as George "Baby Face" Nelson, one of Dillinger's machine gunners.

In a statement to federal agents, Leberman admitted that he sold five machine guns to Williams in the fall of 1933.

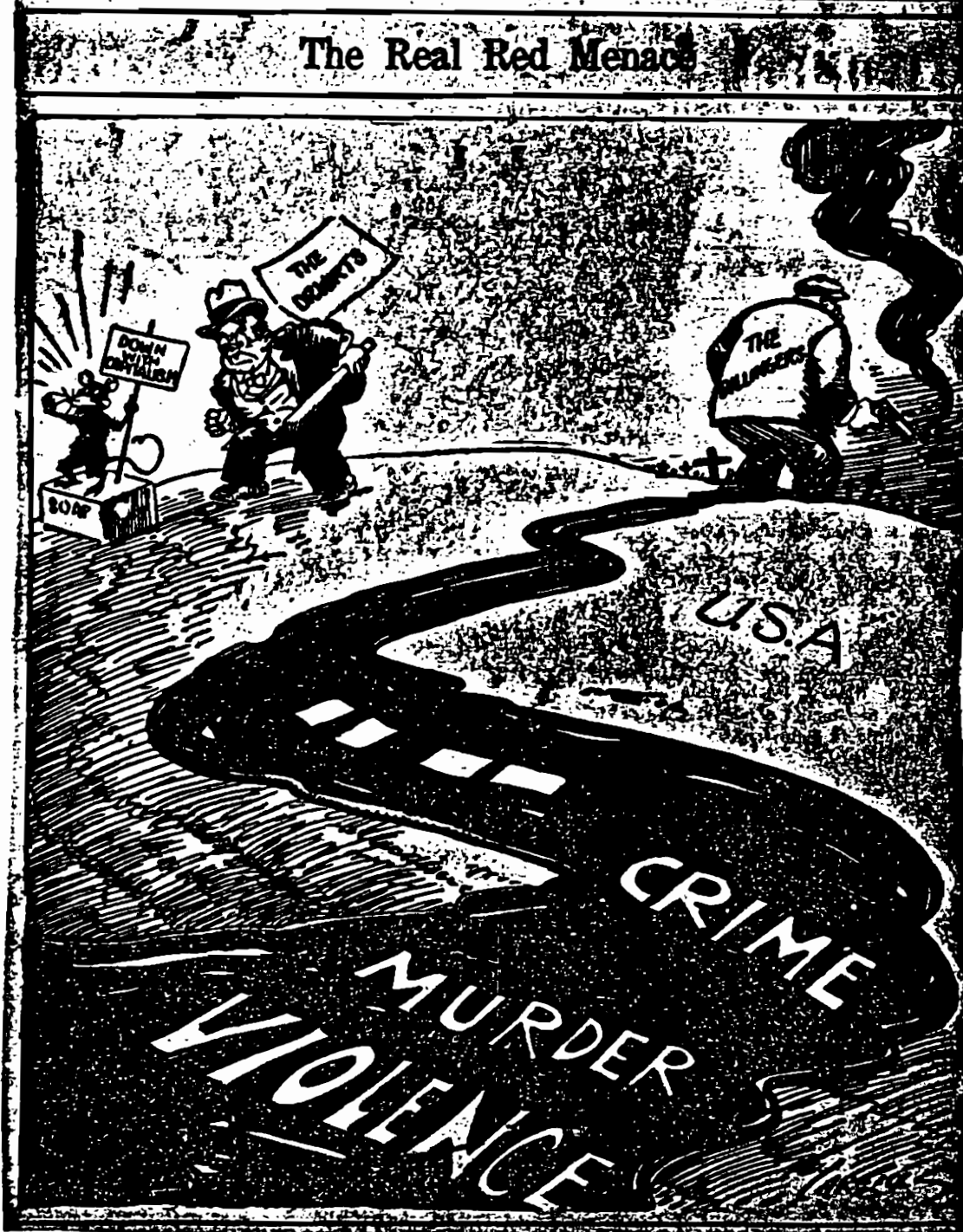
Leberman also faces a charge in federal court of possessing stolen government property. The charge in connection with handling machine guns was filed in the state courts because there is no federal statute which can be prosecuted in federal court.

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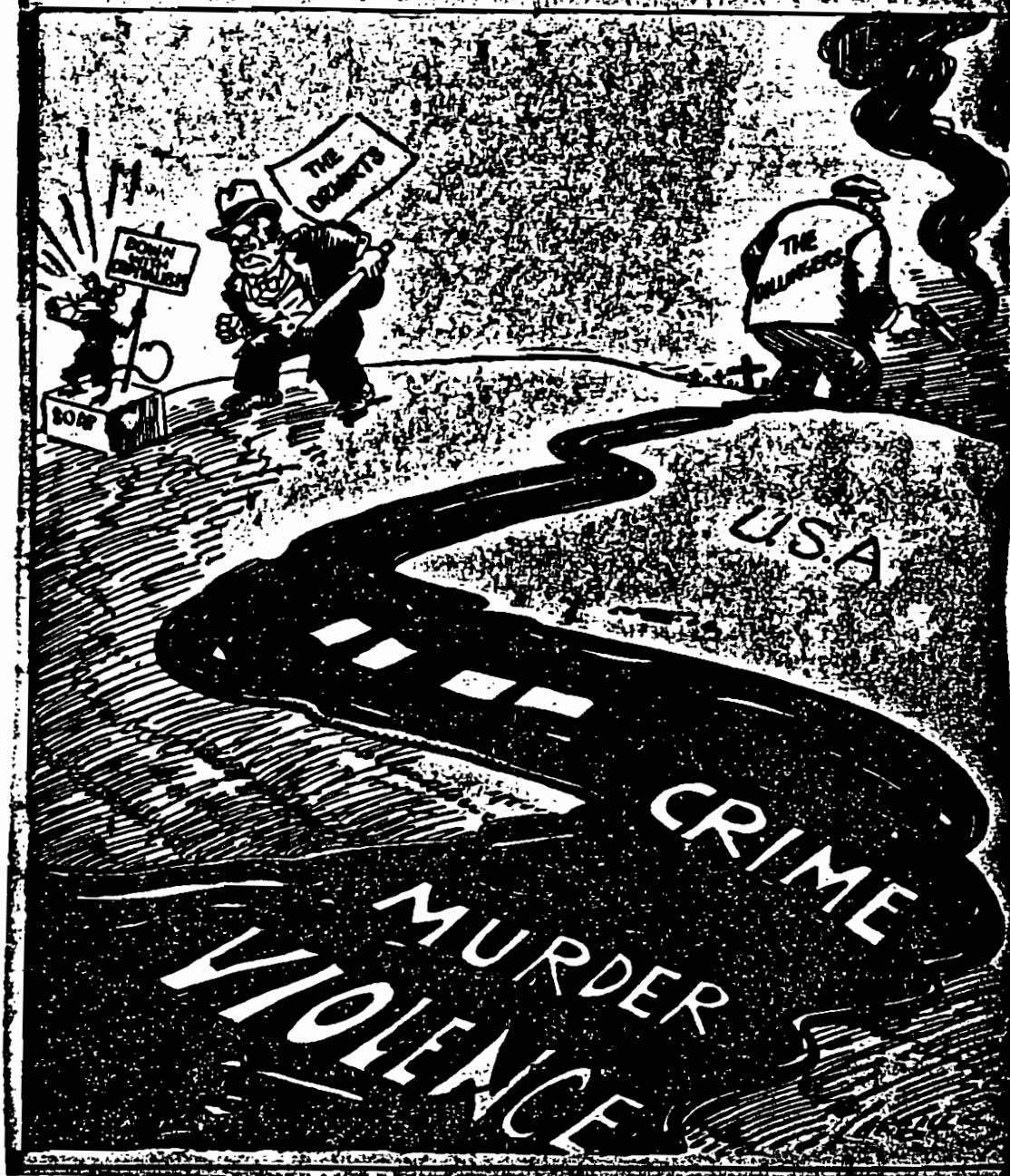


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## LEBMAN FACES STATE CHARGES

### Violation of Machine Gun Statute Alleged in Two Cases

Accused of having sold machine guns which found their way into the hands of John Dillinger's Henmenants, H. S. Leberman, 19, San Antonio gun dealer, Tuesday faced two complaints before Justice of the Peace John F. Ordon. One complaint charged Leberman with unlawful possession of a machine gun April 28. The other was that he sold a machine gun to Jimmie Williams Oct. 16, 1933. Leberman, in a statement to Federal officers here, had admitted that he sold five machine guns to Williams last fall. Williams has been identified through photographs as George "Baby Face" Nelson, one of Dillinger's Henmenants.

Possession of a pistol which allegedly had been stolen from the government was charged to Leberman Monday in Federal Court.

Leberman was arrested when officers raided his gunshop at 111 South Flores Street. He is out under bond in both the State and Federal charges.

At the same time, city police said Tuesday that they were checking up on a signed-off shotgun and three pistols seized in a liquor raid Monday night. A small amount of liquor was found, they said, and the proprietor of the place and his wife were booked under the Deam law. No complaint had been filed. The suspect said that he had purchased the weapons from various individuals and that they were not a lawful traffic.

The five machine guns which Leberman ordered five machine guns from Leberman, all were positive identified by Leberman from a photograph as George "Baby Face" Nelson, alleged John Dillinger's rifle gunner, according to Ordon, agent in charge of the Department of Justice's bureau of investigation here. Leberman was scheduled for a hearing Tuesday before United States Commissioner A. Lockhart on a charge of receiving and retaining a stolen government .45 caliber automatic pistol. The hearing was postponed until May 16. Leberman is at liberty under a \$2,000 bond signed by Leberman and Harry Hensel. Identifications that have been made by the Department of Justice and Leberman reveal that several alleged members of the Dillinger gang were visitors here last year at different times. Nelson was here both summer and fall, according to Leberman's written statement. With him at different times were the following: Wayne Mattay, identified as Homer Van Meter; Tommie Carroll, charged here with the name of James McLaughlin with the slaying of Detective E. J. Perrow and the wounding of Detective Alfred Hartman; Keith, arrested here after being killed slaying of Perrow, sent to Wisconsin, where he was sentenced for postoffice robbery; a man named Wiley, arrested here but later released; and Sam Leberman. The five machine guns shipped by Leberman to Nelson, alias Williams in Milwaukee last October were obtained at El Paso, by Government officers searching Leberman's shop. They found a Thompson submachine gun, dismantled, but in working order, and a Smith-Wesson pistol being made as a machine gun.

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