

for the purpose of looking for her. These individuals were driving a Ford V-8 sedan bearing 1934 Michigan license plates No. 1-20301. Special Agent J. H. Welles was met at Detroit by Special Agent in Charge William Larson of the Detroit office and Special Agent W. W. Peterson. Special Agent in Charge Larson advised Agent Welles that he did not desire to follow the girl inasmuch as he was aware of the intended destination of Pat Cherrington and this address was under surveillance at the time.

Special Agent in Charge Larson accompanied by Agents Peterson and Welles proceeded to this address, which was the home of Opal Long and Mrs. Pierce. The car in which Opal Long, Mrs. Pierce and Pat Cherrington were riding did not arrive at the address in question until approximately 3:00 A.M. It is believed possible that the length of time which elapsed between the arrival of the train in Detroit and the time the car arrived at the house in Detroit, was occasioned by an attempt of Opal Long, Pat Cherrington and Mrs. Pierce to avoid being trailed. Special Agent in Charge Larson stated that Opal Long left her home in the Ford sedan mentioned at 3:10 A.M. to meet the 3:40 A.M. train, that this destination could easily be driven in approximately fifteen minutes and her early departure to meet the train was also probably the result of an attempt to avoid suspicion. Special Agent in Charge Larson advised that the Detroit office intended to keep the women mentioned above under surveillance. Agent Welles left Detroit at 8:00 A.M. and arrived at the Chicago office at 3:00 P.M. May 2, 1934.

On the night of May 2, 1934, Inspector Clegg of the St. Paul office communicated by telephone with Assistant Director Harold Nathan, at which time he advised that one Eva Teise left St. Paul, Minnesota, on the same train with Pat Cherrington. It was alleged that Eva Teise was enroute to Chicago to visit her sister, one Mrs. E. Stevens, 1155 Grace Street, Chicago, Illinois. It was stated that possibly Eva Teise did not have any connection with the instant matter, but it was desired that appropriate investigation should be conducted at 1155 Grace Street.

Special Agent J. H. Welles conducted investigation at 1155 Grace Street, Chicago, and determined that Eva Teise of New Effington, South Dakota, visited her sister at 1408 Laurel Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota; that she left there Monday, April 30, 1934, for the purpose of visiting another sister at 1155 Grace Street in Chicago. According to Eva Teise, she did not meet or speak to anyone on the train enroute to Chicago. She appeared to be a lady of good character and there was nothing to indicate that she was connected in any way with Pat Cherrington. This information was communicated by Special Agent W. W. Peterson to Inspector Clegg at St. Paul.

On May 1, 1934, confidential informant [redacted] communicated by telephone with Special Agent in Charge W. H. Purvis. Special Agent W. B. Jamison was directed to contact [redacted] and he accompanied [redacted] to a garage located at 4610 West Washington Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois. This garage is alleged to be owned by States Attorney Courtney, Chicago, Illinois, and his brother. The brother of Mr. Courtney was there when [redacted] arrived. One of the men in the garage is named Hughes, according to [redacted] and Hughes informed him that Dillinger came into the garage on the night of April 30, 1934, with two men and two women. The identities of the women were not known. One of the cars was a brown Hudson, 1930 or 1931 sedan, with Illinois license plates No. 609-329. Special Agent Jamison was instructed to continue to keep the garage under surveillance until the license numbers and other details could be checked.

Through the Secretary of State, Auto License Division, Springfield, Illinois, it was determined that Illinois license plates No. 609-329 were issued to Ed Utes, 425 Hannah Avenue, Forest Park, Illinois, for a 1928 Hudson sedan, motor No. 613186, serial No. 15775.

Special Agent H. E. Hollis conducted investigation relative to Ed Utes. It was determined at the Forest Park, Illinois, Post Office, that Mrs. Bertha Utes receives mail at 425 Hannah Avenue, Forest Park, Illinois. Mr. Carl Meyer, 617 Circle Avenue, Forest Park, Illinois, was interviewed by Special Agent Hollis. Mr. Meyer delivers mail at the present time to 425 Hannah Avenue. He advised that he first met Ed Utes about one and one-half years ago, while working at a filling station located at Randolph and Circle Avenue, Forest Park, Illinois. Meyer stated that he has not seen Utes during the past year and does not know the nature of the employment in which Utes is engaged. Meyer has never known Utes to be implicated in any trouble with law enforcement agencies.

Ed Regan, 7706 Monroe Street, Forest Park, Illinois, was also interviewed by Special Agent Hollis. He delivered mail to the address 425 Hannah Street, Forest Park, prior to the time that Carl Meyer began carrying mail to that address. Regan is not personally acquainted with Ed Utes, but knows that he resides at 425 Hannah with his mother and a brother, Ray Utes. Regan stated that he has seen an old model Hudson sedan at 425 Hannah. He further stated that he passed the Utes home on April 28, 1934, at which time he saw the Hudson car parked in front of the house. Regan stated that the Utes family is quiet and that he has never heard of the family having been implicated in any trouble. Regan further advised that he does not know the nature of the work in which Ed Utes is engaged, but believes that he is interested in aviation.

In addition to the members of the Vtes family, previously referred to a family by the name of Vtes also resides at 153 Hannah Avenue, Forest Park, Illinois. Special Agent Hollis advised Special Agent Hollis that Vtes was at home when he, Hollis, was delivering mail there.

Special Agent Hollis observed the address "153 Hannah Avenue" and it was determined that it is a two story frame dwelling.

Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley of the Cincinnati Division office communicated with the Chicago office by long distance telephone from Indianapolis, Indiana, and provided certain information concerning statements made by Norman Hancock, a nephew of Dillinger. Special Agent in Charge Connelley advised that Hancock stated that he took a bus as far as 63rd Street and Stony Island Avenue, from which point he walked approximately four or five squares west and stopped at a hotel, the office of which was located upstairs.

In order to check the story related by Hancock, Agents K. D. Deadrick and W. C. Jamison conducted investigation on 63rd Street for a distance of twelve blocks west of 63rd Street and Stony Island Avenue. They were unable to find any hotels in this district which would in any way correspond with the statement made by Hancock.

Special Agent in Charge Connelley advised that in the bag of a man named "Peppers" was found a card showing the name of "Ary John Arlon". On the front of this card was written "Ann Wilson" and on the reverse side thereof was the address "159 North Dearborn, 5th floor. Dr. Kemp. Ann Whittman, 5054 Kenmore Ave."

With respect to Dr. Ary John Arlon, Agents Deadrick and Jamison advise that they interviewed Dr. Timothy J. Foley, Secretary, Chicago Medical Society, who advised that Dr. Arlon had graduated from Northwestern Medical School in 1928, that thereafter he was an interne at the Blodgett Memorial Hospital, Grand Rapids, Michigan, and that he is now on the faculty of the Northwestern Medical School, and a member of the Chicago Medical Society. He further stated that Dr. Arlon's application for membership in the Chicago Medical Society had been endorsed by Drs. C. S. Salmon and G. R. Hammar, two physicians of the highest standing. Dr. Foley further advised that no complaints had ever been received as to Dr. Arlon, and that he was considered to be a perfectly reputable physician.

An effort was made to interview Dr. Arlon at his loop office, 59 East Madison Street, but as he had departed he was later interviewed by Agents Deadrick and Jamison at his South Side office, 6256 South



Ashland Avenue. Dr. Arlon went over his appointment book and stated that he had no record of treatment for anyone of the above named individuals, namely Norman Hancock, Forrest Pepper, Ann Wilson, or Ann Whittman. Neither did he have any record for Walter Pearson, also referred to by Mr. Connelley. Dr. Arlon further stated that he had had no occasion to treat any gunshot wounds or wounds of any other nature for at least a year. Dr. Arlon, at the time of this interview, was unable to furnish any information of value. However, he later telephoned the office and stated that he had checked the records of his loop office and found that on February 16, 1934, an Ann Wilson, giving her address as Box 51, Stevens Point, Wisconsin, had appeared at his office for a consultation, accompanied by a young man whose name was not given. He described the girl as having red hair, strawberry color, age 24, height 5' 2" or 3", pleasant and amiable, and that the man who accompanied her was about 27 or 28 years old, had blue eyes, dark hair, about 5' 6" or 7" tall, well build, and wore a sweater and blue corduroy trousers, and that these people stated that they were staying at a rooming house on the near North Side of Chicago, but did not give an exact address. The young lady stated that she wished to have her blood tested, and after making the blood test he, Dr. Arlon, advised her to return to her own physician at Stevens Point, Wisconsin, for treatment. This information was obtained from Dr. Arlon and was given to Inspector H. H. Clegg over the long distance telephone by Agent Waters on the evening of April 20, 1934.

At 159 North Dearborn Street, it was found that this building is occupied by the Public Health Institute. This institution is a quasi-charitable institution supported by several very prominent philanthropists of the City of Chicago, who have for their objective the eradication of venereal diseases. Dr. F. E. Kemp was found to have an office on the 5th floor, and stated that cases were referred to him by number only, and that he would therefore have no record whatever of the names of any patients referred to him. He further stated that this information might be obtained from their executive officer, Dr. Cummings.

On the following day Dr. Cummings was interviewed by Agent Jamison, and after consulting with his attorney, Mr. MacGhee, refused to disclose any information in his records without first having a letter from United States Attorney Dwight H. Green, stating the purpose of the inquiry.

With reference to the address given, 3054 Kenmore Avenue, Agent Jamison interviewed Mr. F. O. Wilburn, manager of an apartment house at that address, who stated that he had been manager for the past five months, and that during that time no person by the name of Ann Wilson or Ann Whittman had lived there. Mr. Wilburn had records of the tenants extending back to 1933, all of which were checked by Agent Jamison, and no names similar to those given on the card or mentioned by Mr. Connelley were found.



While Special Agent F. J. Millen of this office, was at the Indiana State Penitentiary on April 23, 1934, interviewing Edward Shouse, who is at the present time in seclusion, and who was one of the original members of the Dillinger gang before his apprehension the latter part of December in Paris, Illinois, Shouse advised Agent that in the latter part of October, 1933, it was agreed among the Dillinger gang, the Touhy gang, and a gang from St. Paul, Minnesota, to hold up the Dixie Flyer of the Chicago Eastern Illinois Railroad upon its arrival at Terre Haute, Indiana for the purpose of robbing the mail, and also of robbing any shipments of money that were being made by the Railway Express Agency. In this connection, the combination of the three gangs mentioned above was to consist of 80 men, six of the Dillinger gang, which consisted of besides Dillinger, Pierpont, Clark, Shouse, Makely, and Hamilton. VanMeter was to furnish seven men from St. Paul, Minnesota, including himself; and Tommy Touhy of the Touhy gang northwest of Chicago was to furnish seven men including Tommy Touhy. Shouse stated he did not know the makeup of the personnel of the men to be furnished by VanMeter from St. Paul, and Touhy from Chicago, but that the plans, as stated above, were to rob this train upon its arrival at Terre Haute, Indiana at 12:57 A.M.; that in making preparation for this robbery Shouse stated he did not know where the information was obtained, but it was understood that large shipments of money were made by both mail and express on this train for delivery to various parts of the South.

About two weeks prior to the appointed time of the above robbery, the date of which Shouse could not give, other than to state it was the latter part of October, Shouse, Hamilton and Clark proceeded to Terre Haute, Indiana, and checked the night arrival of the Dixie Flyer, and also watched disposition of any mail or express thrown from that train at Terre Haute; that in addition to that they established three hideouts, which were all individual homes located in the best residential section of Terre Haute, and in this connection Shouse stated that three families were established in each house; that each house was equipped with new furniture throughout, and that the equipping of these three homes with furniture cost the gang over \$5000.00. Shouse refused to tell Agent who these families were, or the street location of these houses in Terre Haute, stating that he did not in any way wish to implicate these three families.

Arrangements have been made with Deputy Warden Lorenz Schmulz of the Indiana State Penitentiary, Michigan City, Indiana, whereby he will have several interviews with Edward Shouse in an effort to locate the addresses of these three alleged hideouts; that if necessary to obtain this information Mr. Schmulz will allow him certain privileges that are not ordinarily allowed the prisoners who are in seclusion; and Agent Mullen will keep in contact with Mr. Schmulz in the hopes of obtaining the whereabouts of these three hideouts.

In this connection Shouse further advised Agent that along about the fall of 1933 when four of them had an automobile accident at Avon, Indiana, in which their car was wrecked, they hired a machine that cost him \$20.00, and that the four of them were driven to Terre Haute, Indiana, within three blocks of one of the hideouts mentioned above, and that the four of them hid out in one of these houses for several days until such time as they figured the "heat" had been lifted with respect to the search of their whereabouts at Terre Haute.

In connection with the robbery of the mail and express at Terre Haute, Indiana, Shouse stated that for some reason, unknown to him, it did not materialize as they thought it would. He thought that one of the reasons, however, was the possible trouble they would encounter in getting to their hideout in Terre Haute from the railroad yards; that it was the intention to have six men with machine guns surround the depot, and hold everyone at bay, while the other fourteen ran the engine and the express and mail car further down the railroad track where they would rob the mail and express.

Shouse further advised that this same gang, consisting of 20 men, were to rob another mail train at Charlotte, North Carolina, but that when they did not go through with the Terre Haute robbery, there was to be a delay in the robbery of the mail at Charlotte; that two or three members of the Dillinger gang wanted to doublecross the Touhy gang in conducting the robbery of the mail at Charlotte; that the rest of the Dillinger gang mentioned above would not stand for the doublecross and nothing was done by them.

Shouse stated that the robbery of the mail at Charlotte was finally conducted by members of the Touhy gang.

Agent exhibited to Shouse the photographs of Mary Marion Conforti, Sothern and Mrs. Joseph J. March. The only one of the photographs that Shouse could identify was that of Mary Marion Conforti, stating that some time early in the fall of 1933 when he went to apartment #12 at the Lincoln Park Arms Hotel, Chicago, for the purpose of having a conference with VanMeter. VanMeter had in his room at the time several girls, among whom was the Conforti woman. Shouse stated that he was merely introduced to her, and while he does not remember the name under which she was introduced, he understood that she was VanMeter's girl, and that she was from St. Paul.

As indicated in previous reports in this matter, a number of cards were found in the apartment of Vera Cherrington, 1832 Belmont Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Included among these cards was one which contained the following address "Havana Beverage Co., 3942-44 West Lake Street, Chicago, Illinois. On the face of this card was a pencil notation "Ginko".

On April 26, 1934, Special Agent W. C. Jamison interviewed Mr. Anthony Calabrese, who stated that he was the owner of the Havana Beverage Co., and that he had been in business at this address for the past three and one-half or four years. He stated that the notation "Ginko" is a nickname for one of his salesmen, whose correct name is Michael Marchese. Marchese had been employed by him ever since he had been in business, and it was Marchese's duty to call at saloons, liquor stores, taverns and night clubs in an endeavor to sell his products, which consist mainly of ginger ale and other carbonated waters.

Michael Marchese was interviewed later that evening, and he stated that he had no recollection of ever having known anyone by the name of Cherrington. He stated that in the course of his business he had distributed thousands of cards, and that it was quite possible that he had given his card to Vera Cherrington, but, if so, he did not know her by that name. He was shown photographs of subjects in this case, including that of Pat Cherrington, but he stated he could not recall ever having seen anyone who resembled these photographs. Marchese advised that he made regular stops at 302 Belmont Avenue, 3808 Belmont, 5041 Belmont and 3518 Belmont, all of which are saloons or liquor stores, and that he also had a regular stop at 3165 Broadway, this address being near the intersection of Broadway and Belmont Avenue. Marchese stated, however, that he could not recall meeting anyone by the name of Cherrington in or around these places.



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Special Agent V. W. Peterson communicated by telephone with Percy Drew, Undersheriff, Bessemer, Michigan, inasmuch as Ironwood is located within the jurisdiction of the Sheriff's office at Bessemer, Michigan. Mr. Drew was advised that the Chicago office possessed information to the effect that Dillinger might possibly have a hideout near Ironwood, Michigan, and it was desired that he make a check of all the known resorts and other places which might provide a refuge for Dillinger and his gang. He promised to cooperate with the Chicago office to the greatest possible extent.

Special Agent Earl Van Wagoner proceeded to Ironwood, Michigan, for the purpose of conducting investigation relative to the information provided by Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley. He communicated by telephone with Special Agent V. W. Peterson from Ironwood, Michigan, on the night of May 2, 1934, at which time he advised that investigation was being conducted throughout the entire area surrounding Ironwood, Michigan. According to Special Agent Van Wagoner, the Sheriff at Ironwood, Michigan has a logging contractor for the purpose of conducting investigation. This logging contractor is extremely well acquainted with the country in that particular vicinity. It was stated that this logging contractor has visited all the haunts and possible hideouts in the vicinity of Ironwood, Michigan, but no information has been developed, which would indicate that Dillinger might be hiding in that particular locality.

Agent Van Wagoner further stated that one Jack McDonald, a well known hoodlum of Detroit, Michigan, brings gangsters from Detroit during the summer months to Watermeet, Township, Michigan. It was believed that possibly Dillinger might have been afforded refuge in the vicinity of Watermeet.

On May 3, 1934, Special Agent in Charge E. H. Purvis received another call from Special Agent Van Wagoner from Bessemer, Michigan. He advised that on April 24, 1934, at 5:00 P.M., a large black Lincoln sedan, bearing 1934 Georgia license plates No. 635-A was observed

in Watersmeet, Michigan. Two men from this car entered the store of Joe Kelly, at which place they purchased meat. A \$20.00 bill was presented in payment therefor. Joe Kelly, his son, [redacted] a gasoline station attendant, and a butcher of Watersmeet, positively identified Tommy Carroll as being one of the men in the car. The other man was described as being approximately 30 years of age, weight 150 to 155 pounds, light complexion, light chestnut hair, wearing an overcoat which was dirty and had grease spots. He also wore a light grey felt hat. A woman accompanied the two men in question. She was approximately 30 years of age and had dark hair and a dark complexion. The woman who accompanied the men in question entered the Post Office for the purpose of mailing a package to Wrights, Illinois, which is situated in Greene County. However, she later changed her mind and left the Post Office without having mailed the package. It was stated that the two men and the woman departed from Watersmeet, Michigan, on Route 26, proceeding South. According to Agent Van Wagoner, they were seen at Land O'Lakes, Wisconsin, which is located fifteen miles North of Eagle River. Further information was provided that one Raymond Johnson alias "Boelidge", who resides near Eagle River, Wisconsin, succeeded in "bumming" a ride from them. The automobile in which they were riding contained numerous bags and other articles in the back seat. The Lincoln was said to have yellow wheels and was 1929 or 1930 model with a black body.

Special Agent Van Wagoner was instructed to communicate with Inspector Rorer and to furnish the information to him so that Raymond Johnson at Eagle River might be interviewed.

A telegram was dispatched to the Birmingham office, instructing that office to make an immediate check of the Georgia license plates described above. A telegram was received from the Birmingham office on May 4, 1934, in which it was stated that Georgia license plates No. 635-A, were issued to Robert Wilson, Elks Club, Columbus, Georgia for Lincoln sedan bearing motor No. 55546. It was further stated that additional investigation was being conducted at Columbus, Georgia, concerning Wilson.

On May 4, 1934, an additional telegram was received from the Birmingham office in which it was stated that Robert Wilson is unknown at the Elks Club, Columbus, Georgia, and that Georgia 1934 license No. 635-A is not registered at Columbus, and that there are no theft records in the Columbus Police Department of tags for the Lincoln sedan bearing motor No. 55546. It was further stated that the Detroit office has been requested to trace the said car and advise the Chicago office direct.

The following section of this report is dictated by Special Agent A.E. Lockerman, and will include a report on the surveillance of the airport, and investigation that was conducted in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. The report of Special Agent J.J. Waters, dated April 6, 1934, sets out results of surveillance at the Municipal Airport from 4-3-34 to 4-6-34, and this report is covering the 24-hour daily surveillance at that point from 4-7-34 until 4-17-34. This surveillance was being maintained by Special Agents A.E. Lockerman, S.K. McKee and J.A. Murphy.

Twenty two planes arrive at the Municipal Airport each day, and the same number of planes depart from that airport each day. During the time this surveillance was maintained, the passengers leaving Chicago, were all observed by the agent on duty, as well as all passengers arriving by plane at that airport from this point. Agents were stationed in the rear of the ticket office and each passenger checking their ticket or purchasing their ticket could easily be observed, and since it was necessary for all passengers to come through the airport after alighting from the planes, they could easily be observed.

On April 8, 1934, Special Agent A.E. Lockerman, while on duty at the airport, was informed late in the afternoon by Mike Cafferello, who is mentioned in the above referred to report of Agent Waters, and who owns a number of airplanes used for charter purposes, that he had just received a telephone call from an unknown woman, who from her conversation seemed to be drunk; that she informed him that she was considering chartering a plane for a trip and desired to know his charges per mile; that he informed her of the rates and asked her the destination to which she desired to fly, stating that he might possibly be able to give her a better rate; that she refused to disclose to him her contemplated destination, but told them to get a plane ready, and that she would be out later. Cafferello stated that he has quite a number of such calls, and that usually the party failed to show up, but that since he had been previously requested by the writer to be on the alert for such calls, he told the woman that the plane would be placed in readiness for use at any time during the night.

Cafferello assured Agent that he was keeping one of his pilots available, and that regardless of the time of night, that if the unknown woman showed up at his hanger, the trip would be made. This information was immediately called to the attention of Special Agent J.J. Waters, and as a result he instructed Special Agent W.J. Devereux to proceed to the airport, and await the possible arrival of this woman, and that in the event she showed up, [REDACTED] b7E



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In view of the fact that it was possible that if the woman showed up at the airport and chartered the plane, that she might tell them before leaving that she desired to go to a certain point, and after taking off, instruct the pilot to go to some other destination, arrangements were made for the pilot to broadcast by radio to the broadcasting station in Chicago, any destination that might be given him after the take-off, and arrangements were made with the radio operator at the Municipal Airport to be on the alert for a broadcast from that plane, he being told that a message from that plane might be sent in for Mr. Lockeman, advising of a certain destination of the plane. The radio operator was not given any of the details of this matter, and did not know who the plane would belong to, or who the parties on the plane would be, and would not know that this Agent was connected with the Government. This was made possible by reason of arrangements through the ticket office at the Municipal Airport.

Special Agent Devereux remained at the airport with the writer throughout the night, but the woman failed to show up. It was believed that the woman was evidently Evelyn Fredette, who had not been taken into custody at that time, for the reason that she had previously chartered a plane from Mike Gaffarello for a trip to Indianapolis, Indiana, and at that time she was also in a drunken condition.

On April 10, 1934, Special Agent Jay C. Heyman called the writer at the Municipal Airport, and advised that Art Martin, or Martin, the alleged owner of one of the Ford automobiles belonging to the Dillinger gang, was reported to have engaged transportation to New York City by way of airplane on Sunday night, April 8, 1934, and requested that the records at the airport be examined to verify this information, and accordingly the records for April 7, 8 and 9, were checked, but with negative results.

On April 11, 1934, the passengers arriving by way of American Airways plane from Detroit, were observed, and one party who appeared to be suspicious in a manner was particularly noticed. This party was a man, and was met at the airport by another man driving a Ford V-8, bearing 1934 Illinois license plates No. 547-436. Neither party, however, answered the description of John Dillinger or any of his gang. However,

it was deemed advisable to make a further check on this individual, and it was learned through the office of Secretary of State of Illinois, that the above plates were issued to Logan Harbican, 215 West Lake Street, for a Ford V-8, 1933 model, motor No. 259186. Investigation at that point developed the information to the effect that Logan Harbican owns and operates a studio; that he has been located at that address for a number of years; that he seems to bear a good reputation, and has in his employ a number of men who travel throughout the City of Chicago and surrounding territory, making photographs. This information was obtained by the mail carrier covering that district. He stated that he has personally known Mr. Harbican for a number of years, that he has never known him to be involved in any suspicious activities, and expressed the opinion that the man was absolutely on the level.

From the description that the mail carrier gave of Mr. Harbican, it is believed that Mr. Harbican was the party who came into Chicago by way of the above mentioned plane from Detroit, and it is reasonable to assume that the other man who met him at the airport was one of his employees, and there seems to be no connection between that individual and this case.

Other matters that developed at the airport have been accounted for in previous reports.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents A.E. Lockerman and J.H. Rice, at Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan and that vicinity following the raid that was made on the residence of Mrs. Isaac Steve, the sister of John Hamilton. A report covering the raiding of those premises and the investigation prior thereto will be set out in memorandum to be submitted by Special Agent R.D. Brown. Special Agents Lockerman and Rice were instructed to remain at Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, and conduct the necessary investigation after Special Agents Reinecke and Brown and Falkner had returned to Chicago.

On the night that Mrs. Steve's home was raided, she informed us that she had a son approximately 18 years of age, who was not there at that time, but was expected to return later in the evening. She stated that she did not know where he could be located. However, instructions were left at the house that in the event he returned, he should be instructed to immediately appear at the sheriff's office. This son, whose name she gave as Charles Campbell, did not appear at

the sheriff's office until Saturday morning, April 21st, at which time he stated that he did not return to his home on the night of April 20th and did not know of his instructions to appear at the sheriff's office until Saturday morning, when he did return to his home. He was immediately placed in one of the cells and questioned relative to his knowledge of the presence of Brown, Hamilton and John Dillinger at his mother's home on the night of April 17th, and in connection therewith he furnished the following signed statement:

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.  
April 21, 1934

I, Charles Campbell, make the following voluntary statement to A.E. Lockerman, whom I know to be a Special Agent of the Division of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice. This statement is not made as the results of any threats or promises of immunity and I know that same can be used against me in any court of law.

I am eighteen years of age, living with my mother Mrs. Isaac Steve and my step-father Isaac Steve, at their home on Oak Bluff in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. I am presently employed at the tannery and working on the shift that runs from 7:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M.

My mother has a brother by the name of John Hamilton and I knew that he was wanted by the Government, that is the United States Government. I also knew that the U.S. Government was looking for a fugitive by the name of John Dillinger and I also knew that John Dillinger was a friend of my uncle John Hamilton. Last Tuesday night which was April 17th, 1934 I returned to my home about 10:00 P.M. and entered the house from the rear which is the usual door used in entering the house; that door leads into the kitchen. As I opened the door and stepped into the kitchen I saw two men sitting at the kitchen table and when they saw me they appeared startled and reached for their guns but my mother told them I was her son Charles, and then Uncle John Hamilton recognized me although he hadn't seen me in about seven years. My uncle John Hamilton, then introduced me to the man with him, just saying- "Charles this is Johnnie." I then recognized the man as being John Dillinger, although I had never seen him before, but had seen his picture in the paper often. Up until that time I had thought that John Dillinger had dark hair, but I noticed that his hair was very light, it looked like it had been bleached. After looking both of them over I noticed that each one of them was armed, that John Hamilton had an



automatic stuck under his belt and I could see what appeared to be a holster sticking out from under Dillinger's vest on the front right hand side. There was also a girl with them, she had dark curly hair and appeared to be about 35 years old and John Hamilton introduced her to me as "Pal". That was the only name that they called her while they were there.

After I came into the house we all went into the room adjoining the kitchen and in that room I saw a machine gun on the sewing machine and a blanket had been thrown over it. They had also placed a rifle on a chair and it looked like a high powered gun with extra clips attached to it. John Hamilton sat down near a window thru which he could look up the road and see anyone that drove up to the house. (I said John Hamilton sat down where he could look out the window but I meant to say that it was John Dillinger) and he constantly watched the outside. We just sat around and talked for about three quarters of an hour and during that time someone asked Dillinger about the wooden gun that he had used in making his escape, and he said that he still had it. They also mentioned the fact that Chicago was too hot for them and that they did not think they would go back there. We noticed that Hamilton had a stiff left arm, that is, he couldn't straighten it completely out and he said that he had gotten into some trouble and had been shot in the shoulder and showed us the bullet hole in the shoulder of the suit he had on and I assumed that that was the suit that he had on when he was shot but I didn't see any blood on it. Dillinger was also limping and made the remark that he had been shot in the leg. Neither Hamilton or Dillinger stated where the shooting had happened and no one asked them. I did not hear them say where they came from or where they had been or where they were going; I did hear Hamilton make the remark that they had parked their car that afternoon out in the woods near Hassel Mich., and had stayed there for about an hour until it had gotten dark, that they did not want to drive into Sault Ste. Marie until after dark. Hamilton also made the remark before leaving that they had a long ways to drive that night and Dillinger said "Well I'm going to bunk pretty soon." They did not say where they would spend the night but they did not stay at our house. They also said that most of the stuff in the papers blaming them with "jobs" that are pulled is a bunch of lies. Dillinger did not have much to say and read a paper most of the time and neither of them talked about very much about themselves.

About fifteen minutes after I got to the house, Hamilton asked me to go over to where Paul Fargueffs lives and tell him to come over there that a fellow wanted to see him, but he told me not to tell him who it was. I went over to Paul's house and told him just what Hamilton had said and Paul returned with me to our house when he was introduced as John Billings. He stayed there for about five minutes and talked to John Hamilton, who Paul and Hamilton had been very close friends when Hamilton lived here. Hamilton took the machine gun into the kitchen and showed it to Paul, showed him how it works and all about it and then Paul went home by himself.

About 11:00 P.M. they said they had to leave and gathered up all their guns and went out thru the back of the house. When they left they just told us all, "Well I hope we see you again" and they walked down the road leaving the Ford V-8 sitting out back of our house and I just assumed that they had another car because I asked Mother about the car they left and she said that they intended to leave it there. I didn't know whether they had given it to her or whether they intended coming back for it and I put it in the garage next to the barn Wednesday night.

My step-father was not at home while they were there for the reason that he works at night at the tannery but my mother told him about them being there, the next morning. I did not see the other car that they had evidently parked some place and I do not know what kind of a car it was.

This statement which is two pages long and written on yellow paper has been read to me and is the truth.

(Signed) Charles Campbell

Witness:

A.E. Lockerman  
Special Agent, Division of Investigation  
U.S. Department of Justice  
1900 Bankers Building, Chicago, Ill."

After obtaining the above statement from Charles Campbell, which is evidently a true account of his knowledge of this matter, he was released from the custody of the sheriff.

The original and one copy of this statement are being retained in the Chicago office file.

Mrs. Isaac Steve, who was taken into custody on the night of April 20, 1934, was being held in custody by the Sheriff at the County Jail in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, pending the filing of a complaint against her in order that she could be taken into Federal custody.

On April 21, 1934, a complaint was filed by U. S. Commissioner John A. Caldwell by Special Agent Lockerman, charging Mrs. Isaac Steve with harboring and concealing a fugitive from justice, John Dillinger, at her residence located at 1201 14th Street, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, on the night of April 17th, for whose arrest a warrant therebefore had been issued under the provisions of that law of the United States known as and called the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, so as to prevent the said Dillinger's arrest, well knowing then and there that said Dillinger was a fugitive from justice, and that a warrant had been issued for his apprehension as aforesaid in violation of section 246, title 18 of the U. S. Criminal Code and contrary to the statutes of the United States in such case provided. The complaint also stated that the warrant for the arrest of John Dillinger was issued on March 8, 1934.

By reason of the fact that it was necessary to summons the U. S. Deputy Marshal to Sault Ste. Marie from Marquette, Michigan, the arraignment of Mrs. Steve was postponed until Monday morning at 11 A.M. At which time Deputy U. S. Marshal Hill was present in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, for the purpose of taking into custody Mrs. Steve. On that date Deputy U. S. Marshal Hill obtained from U. S. Commissioner John A. Caldwell the warrant for the arrest of Mrs. Steve, and after taking her into Federal custody, she was arraigned on that date before U. S. Commissioner John A. Caldwell, at which time she was represented by her attorney Claude Coates, whose office is located in the Adams Building. Mr. Coates waived the reading of the complaint and asked for an immediate hearing, at which time the Commissioner was requested to postpone the hearing until May 16, 1934, and a postponement of the hearing was granted by the Commissioner until that date. The Chicago Division office had previously advised that a request should be made for the bond to be set at \$1,000.00 and that was the amount of the bond that was set by the Commissioner. In view of the fact that Mrs. Steve could not make bond immediately, she was returned to the County Jail. However, later during the same day she was able to make bond and was released.

On the morning of April 23, 1934, before Mrs. Steve was arraigned before the Commissioner, she was fingerprinted by the Chief Deputy Sheriff of the Sheriff's Office, Chippewa County, Michigan. One copy of the prints was furnished to Deputy United States Marshal Hill, who advised that he would forward same to the Identification Unit at the Division and proper notation was made on that copy requesting that criminal record, if any, be forwarded to the Chicago Division office.



On Saturday night, April 21, 1934, Special Agent in Charge, Mr. Purvis, made telephonic connections with this Agent at Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, and advised that they had received information to the effect that Fort Brady, which is located near Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, might possibly make a good hideout place for Millinger and his gang. Sheriff Welch was questioned relative to the possibility of this place serving as a hideout for the gang, and he advised that he did not see how it would be possible for a hideout to be located at Fort Brady for the reason that it is an active army post, garrisoned by a battalion of soldiers, and the informant furnishing that information was evidently mistaken as to such a possibility. Mr. Purvis also stated during this conversation that Chief of Police Hanson of Muskegon, Michigan, had stated that a Stevenson family were located at Pickford, Michigan, which is about 20 miles from Sault Ste. Marie in the same county; that Hanson thought it would be a good place for Millinger and his gang to possibly be concealed. It was stated that in this family are four sons, Alvie, John, George and Joe, and that they had served time in some penitentiary for aiding and abetting in a bank holdup that was pulled by John Hamilton. That one or more of the Stevenson boys and John Hamilton had lived for about 4 months at Grand Rapids, Michigan, before the bank robbery, and that Hamilton's former wife is a sister of the Stevenson boys; also that Mrs. Stevenson, the mother of the boys is reported to be a "bad actor".

In connection with this particular information it is well to state that on Sunday, April 22, 1934, Special Agents Rice and Lockerman, accompanied by Sheriff Welch, interviewed Mr. Patterson, a reputable citizen of Sault Ste. Marie, who was reported by the sheriff to have known the Stevenson family at the time they lived in Pickford, and at the time they lived in Sault Ste. Marie. Mr. Patterson stated that he is acquainted with Alvie, John, George and Joe Stevenson, and that he is also acquainted with Mrs. Stevenson, whose given name was unknown to him. He stated that it was his understanding that the Stevenson boys had become involved in some trouble with John Hamilton, and had possibly served time in connection with that matter; that at the present time the whereabouts of the Stevensons is unknown to him, but stated that the Stevenson boys have two uncles living in Sault Ste. Marie, and that Jim Stevenson would most likely furnish information as to their whereabouts, but that Bob Stevenson, the other uncle, is not trustworthy. He stated that George Stevenson had at one time worked for him, and that Mrs. Stevenson left her husband, leaving the boys. He also stated that she was a tough old woman.

Sheriff Welch stated he is acquainted with Jim Stevenson, above mentioned, and accordingly he was interviewed during the presence of the sheriff and Special Agent Rice, and questioned relative to the whereabouts of the Stevenson boys and their mother. He stated that several years ago the boys were living at Grand Rapids, Michigan, and that the mother was living some place in Ohio. He also stated that John Hamilton was married to Mary Stevenson, a sister of the Stevenson brothers, and that she is now deceased.

Jim Stevenson further stated that the boys' mother was formerly named Elinor Jane Kelly before her marriage to his brother, and that Mrs. Stevenson has a brother by the name of Joe Kelly who resides near Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, and expressed the opinion that if Joe Kelly knew the whereabouts of his sister, he would furnish such information to us.

Sheriff Welch, knowing the farm on which Joe Kelly lives, proceeded to that point accompanied by these Agents, and Joe Kelly was interviewed relative to the whereabouts of his sister and Alvin, John, George and Joe Stevenson. He stated that they were presently living in Toledo, Ohio, the address being unknown; that he had received a card from his sister last summer, and made efforts to locate the card but could not find same; stating, however, that he did not believe the card contained their address. This information along with other information that will be set out in this report, was given to Special Agent J.J. Waters by telephone on the night of April 22, 1934.

In the above mentioned telephone conversation with Special Agent in Charge Purvis, he also advised that he had been informed that John Hamilton had a brother living at Sault Ste. Marie some years ago, and that the brother could be located through Edward Swanson, chief mechanic of the Standard Oil Company, or Fred Schaepe, a lumber sawyer around Sault Ste. Marie and Nubish, Michigan. Sheriff Welch was questioned relative to the possibility of this brother being in Sault Ste. Marie at the present time, and he stated that the informant in this particular matter was evidently making reference to Hamilton's youngest brother, by the name of Foy Hamilton, who did up until some time ago live in that city, but who is presently serving a sentence in the Michigan State penitentiary for robbery. The identification order issued on subject John Hamilton sets out as one of his relatives Foy Hamilton, and gives his address as Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. It is believed that that data is incorrect by reason of the statement of Sheriff Welch, and also by reason of the fact that Mrs. Isaac Steve, Hamilton's sister also confirmed the statement of Sheriff Welch to the effect that the only brother of Hamilton who had ever lived in Sault Ste. Marie,

Michigan, was Roy Hamilton, and that he is presently serving time in the above mentioned institution.

The above information was also furnished to Special Agent J.J. Waters during the telephonic conversation with him on the night of April 22, 1934.

Mr. M.H. Purvis also advised in his conversation that a party by the name of Lawrence, who was bent up for a bank job that was pulled with John Hamilton, has a wife who is supposed to work in a drug store at Plymouth, Michigan; that Lawrence was in the Grand Rapids bank stickup that was pulled by Hamilton. In view of the fact that Plymouth Michigan is approximately 300 miles from Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, according to Sheriff Welch, it was not possible to conduct further investigation as to that matter by these agents. However, this matter is being called to the attention of Special Agent in Charge M.H. Purvis by memorandum.

On April 22, 1934, Sheriff Welch also informed us that he had received information that Dillinger and his outfit may have concealed themselves in some cottage located in the forest, known as the Norway Ranger Station, about 24 miles from Sault Ste. Marie; also that he had been informed by a party by the name of Hendrickson, who is employed by the COC as a dinner carrier, or a truck driver at Bacco, Michigan, which is in the locality of the above mentioned forest, that on Wednesday April 18th, about 11:35 A.M. he had noticed a Ford V-8 coming from Strong, Michigan, in the direction of Sault Ste. Marie; that two men were riding in this automobile, and that the car bore Tennessee plates, and that he remembered the last 3 numbers as being 032; that the following day, April 19th, he had noticed the same car about 11 A.M. going in the same direction, containing two men driving rather leisurely. In connection with both these matters, the writer and Agent Rice, accompanied by Sheriff Welch, proceeded to the Norway Ranger Station, and contacted Mr. E.F. Bald, a forest ranger. This station is located 24 miles from Sault Ste. Marie, and is in the heart of what is known as the Norway Forest. Mr. Bald stated Mr. Hendrickson, previously referred to, had also called his attention to the occurrence of seeing the Ford V-8 on the two days, containing the two men. Mr. Bald stated, however, that Hendrickson has done odd jobs for him from time to time, and that he considers the man mentally unbalanced to a certain extent; that he has no faith in the reliability of any information that he might give, and stated that any statements he made in connection with this case, could be discounted as being untrue.



Upon being questioned as to the possibility of any shack being used as a hideout by Dillinger and Hamilton in the Norway Forest, Mr. Bald stated that it would be practically impossible for an automobile to drive through the forest to any shacks located therein at this season of the year by reason of the heavy snowfall, and that even if a party could drive through to such shacks, they could not make rapid get-aways, and that they would virtually be bottled in. He further stated that he has not received reports from any of his employees that any of the shacks located in the forest are now being occupied by strangers. He indicated that it would be practically impossible to drive to the shacks located in that forest even for the purpose of making an investigation. Accordingly it was not believed that Dillinger and Hamilton were seeking refuge in that locality.

Sheriff Welch had also received information to the effect that the operators of Tumble Inn, located approximately 55 miles from Sault Ste. Marie, had two customers come in to their place of business on Thursday night, April 19th, and that they were reported to have been driving a Ford V-8 with a foreign license. Accordingly investigation was conducted at that place, and the proprietor, whose name was Bill Riley, was contacted. He advised that on the above mentioned night, two men driving a Ford V-8 with a foreign license, drove up to his place and pulled the car up alongside the west side of the building, and came in and ordered sandwiches. He described one of the men as being about 5'10" or 11" tall, wearing a light brown hat, a light coat, age approximately 38, weight approximately 190 lb. He described the other party as being about 5'7" or 8" tall, as wearing a dark Fedora hat, a dark coat, and appeared to hold his shoulders in a rather cramped position. He also stated that this man was wearing glasses. He further advised that the men appeared somewhat restless, and continued to walk in and out of the place, seeming to go back and forth to the car; that after eating their first sandwich, they ordered another, but when informed that it would be necessary to wait awhile, they canceled the order and left. When shown photographs of Dillinger and Hamilton, he could not definitely identify them as being the parties who appeared at their inn. He stated that a small boy was present at his place at that time, and he had later told him that the license on the automobile was a Tennessee license plate, but no credence is placed in that statement. He stated that he had never seen the parties before, and has not seen them since that time.

While at the Tumble Inn, Matt Brown, who had been a boarder at the residence of Mrs. Isaac Steve up until the night of April 30, 1934, came up to where Special Agent Rice and Sheriff Welch were standing, and he was recognized by Sheriff Welch, and was immediately questioned relative to his knowledge of the presence of Dillinger and Hamilton at the Steve home on the night of April 30, 1934. Matt Brown stated that he had been living at the Steve residence for a quite awhile, being employed as a handy man, and receiving in return his board and lodging; that on Tuesday night, April 17th, he recalls he retired early in the evening about 8 P.M., and while reading a magazine in his room located over the kitchen of the home, he heard an automobile drive up in the backyard, and later heard some parties enter the house through the rear door, and very shortly thereafter, he heard a woman with a foreign accent address Mrs. Steve, and shortly after that, he heard two men enter the house from the rear door, making it necessary for them to pass through the kitchen in to the living room; that after these parties entered the house, he heard one of them addressed as John, and having heard Mrs. Steve mention her brother John Hamilton, he immediately assumed that one of the parties present was John Hamilton, Mrs. Steve's brother, although he had never heard the man's voice or seen him. He also stated that he was further convinced that one of the men present was John Hamilton by reason of the fact that they talked of old times, but stated that he did not know at that time that the other man was John Dillinger, although he knew from newspaper accounts that Dillinger and Hamilton were reported to be traveling together. He stated that he overheard very little of the conversations remembering, however, that Hamilton told Mrs. Steve that she could have his share of the estate of their deceased mother.

Matt Brown stated that while peeping through a register in the floor, he could see into the kitchen of the house, and that he was trying to see what was going on down there, and saw a rifle propped up against the chair, and that he then knew that it was John Hamilton, but that he still did not know who the other man was. He further stated that he heard the parties leave the house about 11 or 11:30 that night, and heard the car drive away from the backyard; that he was positive that one car did drive away, however, according to the statements of the other occupants of the house at that time, Hamilton, Dillinger and Pat Cherrington, did not drive away, but are reported to have walked away from the house down the hill to another car that they had. Matt Brown denied hearing these parties discuss where they

had driven from or where they contemplated going, and from what conversations he could overhear, some concerned the renewing of past family incidents that took place at the point before Mrs. Steve's brother left that part of the country. He further stated that when he came downstairs the next morning, Mrs. Steve said to him, "Guess who was here last night", and that she then stated, "My brother John Hamilton, and John Dillinger and their woman, a gal of theirs was here", and that she also told him that they had a machine gun and a rifle and bullet-proof vest; also that her brother John was wounded in the shoulder, and that Dillinger was wounded in the leg. He stated that upon hearing that he became extremely frightened, and wondered at the time as to whether or not he could safely furnish that information to any law enforcement officials. He stated that he would have immediately contacted the sheriff had he not feared that it would have been found out that he had squealed, and that Dillinger would come back and kill him. He also stated that on the night they were there, after he determined that it was John Hamilton who was in the house, that he considered the possibility of trying to get out of the house, and get to the sheriff's office, but believed that if he made any attempt to leave the house that he would be immediately shot. He stated that he remained at the Steve home until Friday night, April 20, 1934, at which time he came to his brother's shack located near Cadillac Camp, and has been there since, and that he had not mentioned Hamilton and Dillinger's visit to anyone at all. He further stated that on the morning following their visit at the Steve home, he observed a new Ford V-8 sedan standing in the backyard, and that Mrs. Steve had informed him that her brother John had given her that car. He further stated that that car was put into the garage, which is in effect a lien-to adjoining the barn, by Mrs. Steve's son, Charles Campbell.

Agent Rice, Sheriff Welch, and the writer then drove to the shack occupied by Matt Brown and his brother located near Cadillac Camp, Michigan, and the premises were observed. It was found that the place does not have a garage, and that the building is a one room log hut, and could not possibly house over two people; further that Hamilton and Dillinger were not at the shack, and no indication that they had been there.



After returning to Sault Ste. Marie on the afternoon of April 22nd, Chief Deputy McKee, attached to the sheriff's office, called attention to the fact that he had received a telephone call from a party by the name of John Thompson, who lives at Pickford, Michigan, which is located about 24 miles south of Sault Ste. Marie, to the effect that on Tuesday, night, April 17th he had seen parties at his garage that he believed to be Dillinger and Hamilton. Accordingly Agent Rice, Sheriff Welch and the writer immediately proceeded to Pickford, Michigan, and interviewed Mr. John Thompson who operates a garage and filling station on the old gravel highway from St. Ignace, Michigan to Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. Mr. John Thompson advised that on Tuesday night, April 17th about dark, he observed Ford V-8 drive past his garage and filling station, and stop a short distance up the road, same containing a man and a woman; that following this car was another Ford V-8 sedan containing one man, and that the second car drove up to his filling station, and the party in the car told him to fill it up with gas. He stated that he walked over to the car and leaned up against the side of it, and engaged the man in conversation; that he noticed the car bore Minnesota license plates, and that upon noticing that he called the stranger's attention to the fact that he was certainly a long way from home, and asked him what his line of business was, whereupon the occupant of the car informed him that he was a clothing salesman; that he looked in the back of the car expecting to see sample cases; instead he saw 3 or 4 small black cases, which he described as being about 2-1/2 or 3' long, about 9" to a foot deep, and about 6" in width; that he thought at the time that cases of that type certainly did not contain clothing, and that he noticed the corners of the cases appeared to be painted or striped in a reddish color. He stated that he did not know what the cases were. He further stated that he noticed on the front seat a pair of binoculars, and he also observed that the car did not contain a suit case or any other type of package. He further stated that the man in the car kept his right hand in his overcoat pocket throughout the time that he was waiting on him, and that while he was putting the necessary amount of gas in the tank to fill it, which was a little over 3 gallons, he noticed that the man did not take his eyes off of him for one second. He further observed that the man wore a gray flat brim hat, which was pulled down well over his forehead, and that he believed he was wearing dark clothes. He stated that at the time he was talking to this man, and since he noticed the Minnesota plates, he thought of asking the man if he had ever run across Dillinger in his travels through Minnesota, but that he did not happen to make that remark to him.

Mr. John Thompson further stated that he noticed that the car containing the man and woman who passed his garage first, bore Tennessee license plates, and that after the car containing the one man that stopped in his station, pulled away from the station, the other car also pulled away from where it was parked, and they proceeded up the road in the direction of Sault Ste. Marie in a very leisurely manner. Mr. Thompson stated that after the parties left he had an idea that the matter might warrant investigation, and that it crossed his mind that possibly the party he had sold gas to, was Dillinger, and that the only reason he did not call the sheriff's office was that he thought it would just be another bum tip.

When shown photographs of Dillinger, Mr. Thompson immediately positively identified the photograph of Dillinger as being the individual to whom he had sold the gas and conversed with on that evening. He stated that the presence of these parties occurred about April 22, 1934. Thompson stated that he did not see either of the cars return from Sault Ste. Marie, and that he had not seen the parties since. This information was immediately furnished by telephone to Special Agent J.J. Waters at the Chicago office.

In connection with this particular matter, it is desired to correct a statement in the report of Special Agent V.W. Peterson dated April 25, 1934, wherein it is stated on page 4 that one of the cars seen by Mr. Thompson was a new Buick coupe with California license plates and that the other automobile was a Ford V-8 sedan with Illinois license plates 338-557. That statement is incorrect for the reason that the two automobiles that were seen by Mr. Thompson were both new Ford V-8 sedans, and the car being driven by the party that he identified as Dillinger, bore Minnesota license plates, the number being unknown to Mr. Thompson, and the other car which was evidently being driven by Hamilton and Pat Cherrington, bore Tennessee license plates, the numbers of which were unknown to Mr. Thompson.

On April 22, 1934, Corporal Miller of the Michigan State Police appeared at Sheriff Welch's office and stated that on that date he was at Floyd Miller's restaurant at Cut River, Michigan, which is 35 miles northwest of St. Ignace on U.S. Highway No. 2 that Floyd Miller told him, after the circumstances of Dillinger's presence in Sault Ste. Marie was mentioned, that he, Corporal Miller, was about 12 hours too late; that on that morning between 6:30 and 7:30 A.M., two men drove up in a dark colored new Ford V-8 coach; that one man was about 5'9" tall, slim build, about 145 or 150 lb. in weight, and age between 30 and 40 years; that he was wearing a gray suit, gray hat; that the other man

was somewhat shorter, and seemed to be heavy set; that he had light hair, was wearing a dark suit, but was not wearing a hat; that they wanted to get a thermos bottle of cold water; that the tall man seemed to be stiff in his shoulders, and that the short man seemed to limp; that the subject of Dillinger was mentioned while the men were in his restaurant, and that one of the men said "Well, we are late of traveling purposes", whereupon the short man flashed a gun that was under his belt, and said "We are headed along"; further that when they left they said they were going to Barrage County, which is about 247 miles from Sault Ste. Marie, and would be in a straight westerly direction from that city. Corporal Miller stated that these circumstances had been called to the attention of the officer in charge of the Michigan State Police, and that the man had been instructed to be on the alert for the two parties answering the description and driving a Ford V-8.

On the night that Mrs. Isaac Steve's residence was raided, a number of letters addressed to her and other members of the family were found, and among those letters were found two letters from John Hamilton written to her during the time he was confined in the Michigan State Penitentiary. All these letters were brought to the Chicago Division office and placed in the file for inspection. When the car that had belonged to John Hamilton, and which had been left by him to his sister, was searched, there was found in the back of this car a small crumpled up piece of paper, but upon being examined appeared to be a carbon copy of a code written in long hand. This code has been submitted to the Division in Washington for examination in the laboratory.

The Ford V-8 sedan that formerly belonged to John Hamilton, and which was seized from Mrs. Isaac Steve, was obtained from Sheriff Welch after court order had been issued transferring title to the Federal Government, and was driven by the direction of Special Agent in Charge Purvis, by Special Agents Rice and Lockerman from Sault Ste. Marie to Chicago, Illinois, and is presently stored in the Clark-Vanburen Garage.

The following section of this report was dictated by Special Agent R.D. Brown.

On April 19, 1934, Sheriff J. Willard Welch, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, called at the Chicago Division office and advised Special Agent in Charge Purvis, that an informant had given him information to the effect that John Dillinger and John Hamilton had visited the home of the latter's sister, Mrs. Isaac Steve on the night of April 17, 1934.



and that he did not know whether or not these two men were still in the vicinity.

Upon receipt of the above information Special Agents H. Becke, A. E. Lockerman, F. H. Rice, W. C. Falkner and this Agent left the Chicago Municipal Airport in a chartered airplane at 4 P.M. Due to strong head winds, it was necessary for agents to land at Green Bay, Wisconsin. On the following morning, April 20, 1934, at daylight, Agents proceeded to St. Ignace, Michigan, where the plane was landed and where Agents were met by Sheriff Welch and conveyed in his automobile to Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.

Upon arrival at Sault Ste. Marie, a conference was had between Agents and Sheriff Welch, at which time Sheriff Welch called in [redacted] his informant.

[redacted] He stated that [redacted] informed him that [redacted] told her, after being sworn to secrecy, that on the night of April 17, 1934, Charles Campbell (a son of Mrs. Steve by a former marriage), rapped on the window of their house, at which time they were in bed, and [redacted] called at the door, at which time Charles informed [redacted] to come over to the house at once; that she, [redacted] thought her husband was going out on a drinking party, and followed him part way down the hill adjacent to their house, and there saw two men waiting in a large car, and her husband drove away with them; that her husband returned in about an hour all out of breath and excited, and stated he had just met John Dillinger and John Hamilton, and that they went to a small shack located approximately 4 city blocks from the [redacted] home, and there talked with these 2 men; that Dillinger informed "we are going to pull big stuff". On the following morning she saw a large black sedan leave the yard of Mrs. Isaac Steve's home. Informant [redacted] was unable to furnish any further information except to state that [redacted] is a dangerous character; that his wife is an expectant mother, and that if he learned that she had told [redacted] of the instance he would probably abuse her terribly.

The informant further advised that he wished to be assured that his name would never be brought into the matter as being the informant. He also stated that it was with the greatest of difficulty he was able to obtain this information from his wife.

The informant was unable to state whether or not Hamilton and Dillinger were still at the Steve home, or if they were hiding near Sault Ste. Marie. He volunteered to arrange on that date to take his wife over to the home of [redacted] and permit her to visit with [redacted] for the day. In this way he might obtain some further information as to the whereabouts of Dillinger and Hamilton. He stated he would return approximately at 6:30 P.M. to the sheriff's office.

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After this conference Sheriff Welch accompanied by Special Agents Reinecke and this Agent, examined the section of town surrounding 1201 14th Street, the home of Mrs. Steve. It was found that Mrs. Steve's home is located on a very steep hill, and it could be reached by way of 14th Street, which is practically impassable because of mud, and from a street at the foot of the hill by way of Foss Street. Sheriff Welch informed that none of the neighbors residing in homes adjacent to the Steves were dependable, and they could not be taken into custody. For the remainder of the day, Agents watched the Steve home from advantageous points, and at 6:30 P.M., informant [redacted] returned to the Sheriff's office and advised he was unable to secure from his wife any further information of value, which might indicate that Dillinger and Hamilton were in the vicinity, or any further details as to their visit, or the cars used while at Sault Ste. Marie.

Sheriff Welch then called in two of his deputies, and under the direction of Special Agent H.H. Reinecke, a raid was made on the Steve home, at which time the place was properly surrounded and covered. Mrs. Isaac Steve met Agents at the door of her house, and did not resist, or object to a search of her home. She readily admitted that her brother John Hamilton accompanied by John Dillinger, came to her house. This information is contained in a signed statement made by her, which appears later in this report.

A careful search was made of Mrs. Steve's home, and nothing of value could be obtained other than letters from relatives, etc., none of which had any reference to subject John Hamilton. Adjacent to the house is located a small barn, on which is a lean-to. Examination was made of this barn and the lean-to, and in the lean-to section of the barn was found a 1934 model Ford V-8 DeLuxe sedan, bearing 1934 Tennessee license plates (motor No. 18-517244). A careful examination was made of the car, but nothing of any value as to identification was found therein.

Mrs. Steve was then asked as to the ownership of this car, and she stated her brother John Hamilton had given her this car on the night of his visit on April 17, 1934, and informed her she should not use the same until a year from that date, as it was "hot". She turned

over to Agent a bill of sale for this car showing that same was purchased by one Art Morton (an alias used by John Hamilton), address Hermitage Hotel, Nashville, Tennessee dated 12-16-33, salesman being Addison, for the Hippodrome Motor Company, Nashville, Tennessee, an authorized Ford dealer. Notation is made on this bill of sale that it is to certify that the car described herein has been paid for in full. The invoice shows that \$750.00 in cash was paid. The bill of sale was notarized by Mattie Mae Butler, notary public, Nashville, Tennessee. The tire looks like 37-12, ignition lock #1-375, door lock #2-575, and motor number as is listed above. This bill of sale is being retained in Chicago Division office file.

A photograph of Pat Cherrington was shown to Mrs. Isaac Steve and she stated it looked like a young woman who accompanied John Dillinger and John Hamilton on the night of their visit to her on April 17, 1934.

The following statement was furnished by Mrs. Steve:

April 21, 1934

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

I, Mrs. Isaac Steve, make the following statement to R.D. Brown, who I know to be a Special Agent of the Division of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice. I am making this statement in the Chippewa County, Michigan, Sault Ste. Marie, jail and I am making this statement of my own free will and accord and realize fully that it may be used against me in court.

I am 39 years of age and have lived in the United States nearly all my life. I was first married to Charles Campbell at Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, in 1918. Charles Campbell died in 1925. Of this marriage was born six children, all now living. In 1928 I married Isaac Steve at Sault Ste. Marie and have been living with him ever since. By this marriage I have one child.

I reside at 1201 14th Street, Sault Ste. Marie with my husband and family and have lived in this house since 1928. This house is located on a steep hill overlooking Ross Street and in order to get up to my house, one must climb approximately fifty yards up this hill and my house faces the hill. A group of buildings belong to the house property, consisting of a garage, a small barn to which is attached a "lean-to" which can also be used as a garage.



John Hamilton, a member of the so called "Dillinger gang" is my brother. In 1933 he was an inmate of the Indiana State Prison, Michigan City, Indiana, for Bank Robbery and escaped with several others in September of that year. I first heard about the escape from newspapers. While in the above mentioned Penitentiary I often hear from my brother John Hamilton but after the escape I received no word from him until some time about the middle of January 1934, when I received a letter from him, which letter was postmarked Chicago, Illinois. In the letter John Hamilton requested me to destroy the letter. The letter was unsigned but I knew it was my brother John because of the handwriting. The letter was very short and stated he had been shot in the shoulder and did not at first expect to recover but was then on the way to recovery. The remainder of the contents of the letter was with reference to my welfare etc. He failed to furnish me any clue as to his address in Chicago or who he was with at the time.

I did not hear from John Hamilton again until about 8:30 P.M. on Tuesday night, April 17, 1934, when a young woman knocked at my door and asked if the Steves' lived in that house. I said they did and my brother then came up and greeted me. He then introduced a man to me as "my friend John" and a young lady as "my pal". No one else was in the party. I immediately recognized my brother's male companion who he called "John" as John Dillinger, having seen numerous newspaper photographs of him. I had never seen the young lady before but I have been shown a photograph of Pat Charrington and I am of the opinion that the woman who called at my house with my brother and John Dillinger resembles this photograph although the young woman is now much thinner than she appears in the photograph. John Dillinger and my brother John referred to her only as "pal".

After the introductions I prepared a meal for my brother and his companions. We then talked about old times, especially about my brother John when he was a child. My brother John showed me his wound in the left shoulder. He was still wearing the coat he wore when shot and I saw the bullet hole which showed the bullet passed through the outer and upper part of his left shoulder. He stated he lost a lot of blood before he had the wound taken care of but did not tell me

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where he had it treated. His left arm did not appear to be stiff. He only told me he received the wound in Chicago. He also told me he had a bullet in his leg but did not show me the location of which leg was wounded. He indicated he received this wound at the same time he received the wound in the shoulder. He did not limp.

John Hamilton and his friends did not tell me where they had driven from that day but said they had driven about six hundred miles and were tired. When they entered my house John Hamilton had a machine gun wrapped up in a blanket. John Dillinger had a rifle and they each had a revolver, both being automatics. Both men were wearing bullet-proof vests but did not state where they obtained these vests. They wore them all the while they were in my house. They appeared to be expecting trouble as they kept constant watch at the windows.

At my home at the time of my brothers visit were my daughters Sarah, June and Georgia and my sons Charles and Kenneth. John Hamilton sent my son Charles over to the home of Paul Pickette, three doors down the street on which I live, to ask Paul to come over to my house. Paul and my brother John were close friends while in school in Sault Ste. Marie several years ago. Paul came over and talked for about ten minutes and went back home. No one else visited my house while they were at my home.

John Dillinger, "Pal" and my brother John drove up to my house in a new Ford sedan with Tennessee license plate on it. John Hamilton told me this was his car and that it was too "hot" for him to use any longer and said I could have it. He told me I should not use it until next year, 1935. He gave me a bill of sale for the car showing it had been purchased in Nashville, Tennessee; that he used the name of Art Morton when he purchased it. I have turned this bill of sale over to Special Agent R.D. Brown.

My brother John, John Dillinger and "Pal" left my house about 10:30 P.M. and walked down the hill before mentioned to Foss Street and I have not seen them since. John Hamilton told me they had a car down at the foot of the hill. When he left, John Hamilton, did not say where he was going or when he would see me again; that he had no address and there would be no place where he could be reached by letter.

John Dillinger said he had a bullet wound in his leg and he limped slightly but I don't know which leg it was. He said nothing about his escape from the Crown Point Inst., and about his future plans. I could not believe he is a villain because of his charming personality.

I have read this statement and it is true in all respects and I have furnished this information of my own free will and accord.

WITNESSED:

(Signed) Mrs. Isaac Steve

R.D. Brown  
Special Agent, Div. of Investigation,  
U.S. Dep't. of Justice.  
1900 Bankers Building Chicago, Illinois

The original and one copy of the above statement, are being retained in the Chicago office file.

The following section of this report was dictated by Special Agent J.H. Rice:

On the morning of April 23, 1934, Agent Reinecke and the writer accompanied by Sheriff Welch interviewed Paul Paukette, who resides in the 700 block, 14th Street, Oak Bluff, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. Paukette's residence is about 500 yards south of Mrs. Steve's residence. Paul Paukette advised that he had known John Hamilton for a number of years, and that they were old time friends; that John Hamilton on many occasions previous to his confinement in prison, had befriended him. Paukette advises that he works in the tannery at the Sault, and that he returned home from work about 6:30 P.M. on April 17, 1934; that shortly after he had dinner he heard a rap at the door, possibly 9 P.M., and upon answering the door at his residence, a boy known to him as Silvie, who is Charles Campbell, one of Mrs. Steve's sons by her first marriage, told him that there was a man over at his father's, Mrs. Steve's house, that wanted to see him, and asked him if he would not come right away. Paukette stated



that most of this conversation took place outside of his residence. He stated that he returned into his house to secure his hat and coat at which time his wife asked him where he was going. He advised her he would be back in a short time, and then immediately proceeded to Mrs. Steve's house; he noticed a dark colored sedan parked near Steve's garage, but was unable to state the make of car, as he did not inspect same. He advised that he knocked at the door and entered Mrs. Steve's house by the kitchen door, and upon meeting Mrs. Steve she conducted him into the sitting room where he met John Hamilton; that John Hamilton introduced him to John Dillinger. Paukette stated that John Hamilton asked his sister to get them something to eat. He stated that he and Hamilton talked over old times, and he showed to him the bullet proof vest that he and John Dillinger had on; that they were blue in color. John Hamilton also showed him a machine gun, which Hamilton let him handle, and stated to him, Paukette, "Now you can say that you have had a machine gun in your hands". Paukette advised that he also saw a woman at Mrs. Steve's house, who was a stranger to him, and that Hamilton called this woman "Pal". Paukette advised that the photograph of Pat Cherrington resembled that of the woman whom Hamilton called Pal. Paukette stated that Dillinger had very little to say to him, and that he, Dillinger, sat in the kitchen most of the time he was at Steve's that either Hamilton or Dillinger kept the machine gun within easy reach at all times, and they continuously maintained watch of the doors and looked out of the windows, while he, Paukette was at Mrs. Steve's.

Paukette advised that when Dillinger moved about the room he appeared to have a limp, and Hamilton told him that Dillinger had been shot in the leg; also Hamilton stated to him that he was having a little trouble with his left shoulder. Paukette also noticed the butt of a rifle, which was laying on a table in the sitting room. Paukette advised that all the conversations at Mrs. Steve's residence with Hamilton was confined to boyhood days and past experiences that they had experienced before he, John Hamilton had left the Sault; that neither Hamilton or Dillinger intimated to him any of their plans, but stated in response to question as to what they were going to do, that they would have to move on from there. Hamilton also advised Paukette that he was going to leave his car for his sister Mrs. Steve, and also he heard Hamilton state to his sister that she could have his share of their mother's estate.

Paukette advised that he is not positive of the exact time that he visited Mrs. Steve, but knows that it was between 9 and 10 P.M. on April 17th, and believes that he was at Mrs. Steve's residence possibly 20 or 30 minutes. Paukette stated that Hamilton looked quite well, and that he could easily recognize him, that Dillinger looked quite well, and to weigh at least 170 or 175 lbs. and his hair appeared to him to be light brown, or possibly blonde in color. Paukette stated the reason why he did not report the meeting of Hamilton and Dillinger to the sheriff's office at the Sault was due to the fact that he was an old-time friend of John Hamilton, but stated that should he learn any information in the future relative to the whereabouts of these parties, he would advise the police officers at the Sault (no reliance can be placed in this statement of Paukette relative to reporting of information concerning Hamilton or Dillinger).

During the interview Paukette was in a nervous state. Mrs. Paul Paukette corroborated the call of Charles Campbell, and the time Paukette left his residence on the evening of April 17th. She also advised that after her husband's return to their residence on that night, he stated to her "Guess who I saw over at Mrs. Steve's". She stated that she did not know, and then he advised her that he had just talked to John Hamilton, who introduced to him John Dillinger, and that these two men were accompanied by a woman, whom they called Pal, but whom he had never seen before.

**E. J. Slattery**, Manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company, and **W. R. Wyley**, Manager of the Postal Telegraph Company, Sault Ste. Marie, after examining the records of their offices, and this Agent questioning the messengers of their offices, it was ascertained that no messages that they can recall were received, and their records show that no messages have been delivered within the last year or so to Mrs. Isaac Steve or any one at that residence.

Under date of May 3, 1934, copies of the signed statement of Mrs. Isaac Steve and the statement of Charles Campbell were forwarded to the United States Attorney at Grand Rapids, Michigan, by letter. The original copies of the said statements are being retained in the files of the Chicago Division office for the present. A copy of this report is not being transmitted to the United States Attorney at Grand Rapids, Michigan. A summary report pertaining to that particular phase of investigation in which the United States Attorney at Grand Rapids, Michigan, may be interested will be submitted for his benefit at a later date.

On May 1, 1934, Mr. J. E. Layton, who has previously provided information to the Division, informed Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis that a green Hudson bearing Indiana license plates No. 402-701 had been parked under suspicious circumstances in a parking lot near Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin. It was stated that a grip was contained therein, bearing the initials "L.J.K.". Mr. Layton advised that the gasoline station attendant had been instructed to deliver the car to a point near Rudolph, which is near Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin, after dark on the evening of May 1st. Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis communicated by telephone with Inspector W. A. Rorer, who together with Agents Rhodes, Madala, Melvin and Suran, conducted investigation relative thereto.

On the night of May 1, 1934, Inspector Rorer communicated with Special Agent V. W. Peterson, at which time he stated that apparently the information provided by Mr. Layton had no connection with the Dillinger case. He stated that Mr. Layton was somewhat of a "crank" in connection with police work, and that he has written to law enforcement officials on numerous occasions in connection with the Lindbergh and other important cases. With reference to the information which Mr. Layton provided in this case, Mr. Rorer advised that it was determined that the Hudson car bearing Indiana license plates No. 402-701 was driven to a parking lot by one Leo J. Kohne, 2217 South Calhoun Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana. Leo J. Kohne was said to be in a hospital suffering with delirium tremens. The keys for the car were said to be still in the possession of the service station attendant who had been directed to deliver the car in the manner previously described. At the time Inspector Rorer telephoned the car was still parked in the place where it was left by the gasoline station attendant, and Mr. Rorer stated that apparently there was no foundation for the information furnished by Layton indicating that the car possibly belonged to associates of the Dillinger gang.

With reference to Indiana license plates No. 402-701, it may be stated that officials of the Fort Wayne, Indiana, Police Department advised Special Agent J. W. Waters that the same belonged to C. W. Gardner, 2217 South Calhoun Street, Fort Wayne.

On April 29, 1934, a report was received by the Sheriff's office at Baraboo, Wisconsin, from one Ray Babcock, operator and ticket agent for the C. & N.W. Railroad, to the effect that a telegram message was delivered in Baraboo, Wisconsin, it being given by two men, one of whom greatly resembled John Hamilton. It was stated that the car in which they were riding was a 1932 or 1933 Nash coupe,



dark blue in color, and was believed to have a hole in the windshield which might have been caused by a bullet. It was also stated that the man who resembled Hamilton was believed to have an injured right arm. The message in question was directed to Alma Hyland, 2440 North Kedzie Street, Chicago, Illinois, and reads as follows:

"Will be in Chicago at Noon.  
Changed plans again. Love - Book"

Special Agents of the Chicago office immediately conducted investigation relative to this matter and kept the residence 2440 North Kedzie Street, Chicago, Illinois, under surveillance. Investigation disclosed, however, that the individuals driving the car apparently had no connection with Dillinger or Hamilton.

As indicated in previous reports, Mrs. Juliett Fitzsimmons, sister of George (Baby Face) Nelson, and his mother, Mary Gillis, or Nelson, reside at 5516 South Marshfield Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. This address has been kept under surveillance at different times by Special Agents of the Chicago Division office. The results of the surveillance conducted by Special Agent Earl Van Wagoner are incorporated in a memorandum dated April 30, 1934, a copy of which appears below:

"During Agents surveillance of this address he noticed at about 10:45 P.M., an old Buick sedan carrying 1934 Illinois license plates No. 539-291; that there were a man and a woman in the car, the man being about 35 years of age, about 5' 8" tall, and weighed about 150 pounds, wearing a grey felt hat and dark topcoat. The girl was around 30 or 35 years of age, about 5' 4" tall and weighed around 120 lbs., and wore a dark hat and coat as well as glasses. They went into the Fitzsimmons apartment and remained for three-fourths of an hour and came out and got into the car, which Agent followed to East Huron Street, at which place the girl got out of the car either at 227 or 231 East Huron and was unable to see whether the man had gotten out or not. In order to find out the correct address to which this woman had gone, Agent got out of the car and walked around the block in order not to be detected and upon arriving at the above address, he was unable to find either the man, the woman or the automobile.

Agent telephoned the above information to the Chicago office in order that a check might be made of the owner of said automobile and Agent was advised by Agent Peterack that this car was registered in the name of Robert Fitzsimmons, 5516 South Marshfield Avenue.

The lights of the apartment immediately went out after the couple left, and no more activity was noticed by Agent until around 7:00 A.M., April 27, 1934, at which time he noticed a woman about 30 years of age and an elderly lady, rather heavy set, whom Agent took to be "Baby Face" Nelson's mother. Agent also noticed two small children, about two years of age, a girl about 6 and a boy about 5, and another boy around 15. He also noticed a man about 5' 9" or 10" tall, slender build, weighing approximately 150 pounds, who came out of the house wearing a greenish-grey hat, a dark topcoat and a light grey suit. It was apparent that this man was on his way to work, as he ran across the street and across a gas station lot, presumably to catch a street car.

Agent was relieved by Special Agent Arthur McLawhen about 10:00 A.M., April 27th.

About 9:30 A.M., April 28th, this Agent noticed an old Humobile bearing 1934 Illinois license plates No. 700-280, containing two men. One man was short, stocky, about 5' 4" tall, weighed about 175 pounds, age about 40. The other man was slender, about 5' 6" tall, had dark complexion and dark hair. This man carried a small black bag and went around to the rear of the house, and as he went, he looked up at the window of the Fitzsimmons apartment. He did not stay long and returned with the same black bag and got in the car and drove away. In the rear of the car there was a number of paper cartons and packages piled up in the back seat.

During Agent's surveillance of the above residence, from 9:00 P.M. April 27, 1934, to 9:30 A.M., April 28, 1934, nothing took place. A police squad car stopped at the side of Agent's car about 11:00 P.M. and requested Agent to produce his credentials. It was also apparent to this Agent that his presence during his surveillance had been detected by the people occupying the premises at 5516 South Marshfield Avenue, as they continually stayed in the window and looked out."

Attention is directed to page 27 of the report of Special Agent V. W. Peterson, dated Chicago, May 2, 1934, which relates to information provided by United States Attorney Donnelly, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent Earl Van Wagoner on April 23, 1934, the same being predicated upon information obtained by Special Agent in Charge W. E. Davis from United States Attorney Joseph M. Donnelly, Grand Rapids, Michigan, wherein Donnelly advised that he had received a telephone call from someone stating that two men had stopped and left a car at the entrance to a woods in the County adjoining the one in which Grand Rapids is situated.

Agent called upon United States Attorney Donnelly, who advised that on April 20, 1934, a man called him up from Engine House #9, Grand Rapids Fire Department, and stated there was a man at that place who did not want his identity disclosed, who had seen Dillinger between Grand Rapids and Muskegon, Michigan. Mr. Donnelly advised that he called the United States Marshal's office and Deputy Andrew Dowd went out to Engine House #9 and in about an hour came back and advised the United States Attorney that he had interviewed the man who gave his name as Albert F. Fynegaven, of Lambert, Michigan. He further advised that Deputy Marshal Dowd turned the matter over to the Sheriff and requested the Sheriff to look into the matter. Mr. Donnelly advised the following day, when not receiving any information from the Sheriff, he became impatient and called him on the telephone, and he advised that his investigation disclosed the location of the cars were over the County line and he could not handle the matter and therefore dropped it. Mr. Donnelly further stated that he immediately telephoned Inspector Frank O'Malley, Chief of Detectives, Grand Rapids Police Department, who called at the office and furnished him with information concerning John Hamilton's connection with the four Stevenson Brothers in a bank robbery in Grand Rapids. The information furnished Agent by Mr. Donnelly was obtained first hand from Inspector O'Malley and same will be set out under Agent's interview with him.

Mr. Donnelly further advised that after receiving the information from Inspector O'Malley he telephoned Chief of Police Peter Hansen, Muskegon, Michigan, who called at his office in connection with the above matter. The information furnished Mr. Donnelly, which was obtained from Chief of Police Hansen, will be set out under Agent's interview with him.

Agent contacted Inspector Frank J. O'Malley, Chief of Detectives, Grand Rapids Police Department, who advised that John Hamilton and Raymond E. Lawrence (#16845 Pendleton, Indiana, Reformatory, March 19, 1927), formerly a policeman in Dearborn, Michigan, and who came from that point to Grand Rapids to hold up the bank was connected



with the bank robbery of the Old Kent Bank, Grand Rapids, Michigan, on January 1st, 1927; that assisting the above individuals were the four Stevenson Brothers, namely, Alvin, John, George and Joseph, and two other individuals by the name of Clayton Powers and Curtiss Turner, who served a term in the Jackson Prison but are now out and apparently had no connection with the Dillinger gang. Inspector O'Malley advised that Powers and John Hamilton married sisters of the Stevenson Brothers and the whole gang lived in a house in Grand Rapids on the West side for about three months before the robbery; that after the robbery Turner was the first one apprehended and from information furnished by Turner to O'Malley, O'Malley contacted a man in Muskegon by the name of George Baxter, who admitted driving the gang after the robbery from Muskegon to Ludington, where they took the boat across to Manitowoc, Wisconsin. Inspector O'Malley stated that through a communication from the gang to Mr. Baxter the Stevensons were located in Elgin, Illinois, and arrested; that three of the Stevensons were convicted and one acquitted; that the Stevensons were all born at Pickford, Chippewa County, Michigan, about twenty miles South of Sault Ste. Marie. Inspector O'Malley advised that he believed the Stevensons were living in Toledo; that Baxter's wife has since separated from him and is now living with John Stevenson on Locust Street or Avenue in Toledo, the exact street address being unknown, but he believed the same could be obtained from Chief of Police Hansen at Muskegon. He further advised that the mother of the Stevenson boys is a regular old "she devil" and she also is probably living in Toledo.

Inspector O'Malley advised that John Hamilton and Powers were involved in a bank robbery at South Bend, Indiana, in March, 1927; that both were sentenced twenty-five years for this crime, Powers still serving time and Hamilton having escaped.

O'Malley stated that during the investigation of the Grand Rapids Bank robbery he contacted the wife of Lawrence, who is a good looking woman, about 32 years of age, 5'8" tall, weighing 155 pounds, and has auburn hair; that according to information she is nothing more than a common prostitute. He stated that in May, 1927, Mrs. Lawrence was working at a drug store in a hotel in Plymouth, Michigan, and that her mother and father at that time were living in Plymouth also. He stated that this woman was very talkative and at the time furnished him some valuable information, and it is possible that if she were contacted again she may have information relative to the Hamilton and Dillinger gang.

Inspector O'Malley advised that George Baxter is now living in Flint, Michigan, he being the man who furnished information

which resulted in the apprehension of the Stevensons, and while he did not know whether Barter had kept up his connections with the Stevensons and Hamilton, yet he believed that he might be a good man to contact for any possible information he may now have.

Inspector O'Malley stated that no information regarding the above matter could be obtained from the house on West Fulton Street, where the gang lived prior to the bank robbery. He stated that he did not know what became of Hamilton's wife, whether she was still with him or not. She stated that Hamilton, Powers, and their wives, left Detroit the day before he arrested Turner, this being during the month of March, 1927, and went to South Bend, Indiana, at which point they robbed the bank at South Bend; that he requested the Indiana authorities to release Hamilton and Powers to Grand Rapids for the bank robbery at that point as they had been identified with the robbery, but the police at South Bend refused to turn them over to him.

Inspector O'Malley stated that on January 11, 1934, he wired W. R. Doell, Warden of the Marquette Prison, relative to the address of the wife of Clayton Powers and advised that on the same day he received a wire from the Warden advising that Mrs. Clayton Powers was living at 630 Ashwood Street, Toledo, Ohio, her former address being 1034 1/2 Peck Street, Toledo; that this information was furnished the Warden by the Welfare Bureau, 1035 Superior Street, Toledo, Ohio. Inspector O'Malley advised that Mrs. Hamilton was a woman about 30 years of age, height 5'4 or 5", weight 110 pounds, and that she had reddish hair, and that the South Bend Police Department should have a photograph of her.

Agent interviewed Peter Hansen, Chief of Police, Muskegon, Michigan, who advised that he was contacted by United States Attorney Joseph M. Donnelly and at his request proceeded to Grand Rapids where he furnished him with the following information. He stated that after being advised by Mr. Donnelly that a car had been parked in the woods in Ottawa County, he contacted a Mrs. Welp, mother of Barter's wife, and found that she was moving, the house being upset; that she informed him that she was moving into the country to occupy a farm near Sullivan, Michigan, some ten or twelve miles from Muskegon, Michigan. Chief Hansen stated that in his opinion the only person that Billinger and Hamilton would call upon in Muskegon if they came would be a man by the name of Kettle, who lives near the Muskegon County Airport on the South side of Mona Lake; that Kettle served time at the Ionia Reformatory for the theft of an automobile, and he believes served time at Jackson, Michigan, or Ionia for breaking and entering. He further advised that

at the time of the Lakey payroll robbery, sometime during August, 1935, a car, less body and wheels, which was used in the payroll robbery, was buried in the ground on the Kettle Farm and later dug up by his Department. He stated that while he was unable to fix the responsibility on Kettle for this act, yet in their opinion he was responsible for the car being there. He stated that John Hamilton was positively identified as being connected with the Lakey payroll robbery. Chief Hansen stated that if George Barker of Flint, Michigan, was contacted, he would furnish whatever information he had concerning Hamilton and Dillinger, but was unable to state whether he would know anything about them or not. He stated that the Stevensons all came from Pickford, Chippewa County, Michigan, and that the above information was furnished by him to Mr. Donnelly during the time of his visit with him on Saturday, April 21, 1934.

Agent interviewed Mrs. Augusta Welp, 636 Webster Avenue, Muskegon, Michigan, and found her in the act of bringing all of her belongings to a farm about a mile and a half West of Sullivan, Michigan, address, Route 1, Sullivan. This farm was formerly owned by Joe Simon and is described as the North half of the Southeast quarter of Section 16, Township 22, 15 West, Muskegon County, Michigan. Agent ascertained from Mrs. Welp that the last known address of her daughter, Mrs. Martha Baxter, which was April 14, 1932, was 905 Locust Street, Toledo, Ohio; that she has two children and works in a laundry, and does house cleaning for a living. She stated she had a son, Paul Welp, who lives at 2615 South Delaware Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and a sister, Mrs. John Malash, 2715 South Delaware Avenue, Milwaukee. She stated that she has never been in any trouble before in her life and has always tried to be a respectable citizen, and that she has not heard from her daughter in two years and does not know whether she was living with one of the Stevenson Brothers or not. During the interview with Mrs. Welp there were present Detectives William Fenney and Rudolph Johnson of the Muskegon Police Department.

Agent contacted Mr. Albert Fyneveaver, Lamont, Michigan, who advised that he was on the County Highway about three miles East of Lamont, said highway having been caved in by heavy snow, and he saw a blue car, make unknown, parked in the driveway of a farmer by the name of Hollens; that two men got out of the car and walked to the next farm owned by some Hungarian, name unknown. He said he did not get a good look at the men but believed that J. Michael, who was with him, had a better look at the men than he did. Agent exhibited the group photograph of John Dillinger to Mr. Fyneveaver but he was unable to recognize either of the men who got out of the car as being John Dillinger.



Agent interviewed G. Michael, Lamont, Michigan, who advised that he was working on the highway with Mr. Fyneveaver, at the place above described, when two men in a small blue car, make unknown but being an old model, parked in the driveway of a farmer, that the man who owned the farm had a conversation at a distance with these two men and felt that he got a better look at the men than he did, when exhibited the group photograph of Dillinger he was positive that neither one of the men could have been John Dillinger. He stated that one of the men somewhat resembled one of the poses of Dillinger, but claimed that the man whom he saw had a much thinner face and was not as heavy as Dillinger is at the present time.

Agent interviewed Mr. Hollens, Route 2, Marne, Michigan, who advised that about two weeks ago two men driving a light blue, Model 1926 or 1927 Chevrolet Coach, parked their car in front of his farm due to the fact that the road was caved in and that the road was also impassable; that they asked him if he wanted to sell his farm or would like to trade it for an 80 acre farm south of Grand Rapids; that he was about ninety feet away from the men and could only see their general characteristics; that they then proceeded to the farm of Jakuchunas, which farm is located at the end of this County road, and that the roads from his farm to this farm were impassable at the time. When exhibited the group photograph of Dillinger he was unable to identify either one of the men as being John Dillinger, but added that one of the men resembled him slightly, but he felt sure that Dillinger would never venture to hide out in this locality due to the terrible conditions of the road and the further fact that it would be impossible to make a quick getaway in case he was located. From agent's observation of the conditions of the highway and the locations of the farms agent is sure that what Mr. Hollen stated was correct.

Agent interviewed Miss Frances Jakuchunas, who advised that her father was not home at the present time but that the State Police had been to the farm the morning of agent's visit relative to the two men who had parked on the highway at their neighbor's farm. She stated that on Monday, April 9, 1934, two men walked to her father's farm, leaving their car near their farmer neighbor due to the fact that the road had caved in and they could not drive to the farm-house. She said that one of the men was an acquaintance of her father and that on several different occasions these men had been to the farm for the purpose of trading or buying the farm. She was positive that neither one of these men were Dillinger, and upon being exhibited the group photograph of Dillinger she stated that neither one of the men resembled Dillinger. She stated one of the men had a black mustache, a thin face, and would weigh about 145 pounds.

Mr. Donnelly advised that the reason he called Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis was due to the fact that from the information furnished him by Inspector O'Malley relative to Hamilton's connections with the Stevensons and the information furnished him by Chief of Police Hansen of Muskegon, relative to Hamilton's connection with the Lakey payroll robbery, and the further fact that the above mentioned automobile was found in the woods near a farmer's home in Ottawa County, one of the men somewhat resembling Dillinger, and the further fact that Mrs. Welp, mother of Barker's wife, was moving into the country on a farm, caused him to believe that perhaps Fyneweber did actually see Dillinger and that Dillinger was in that vicinity arranging for a future hideout, and he felt that the information should be brought to the attention of the Chicago Division Office for whatever value said information might have in connection with the present hunt for Dillinger and his gang.

On the morning of April 30, 1934, a telephone call was received by the Chicago Division office from the Bellwood Police Department, Bellwood, Illinois, indicating that certain officers of that police department had been forced from the squad car which they were driving by gangsters, one of whom was supposed to have been "Baby Face" Nelson.

Special Agent W. C. Jamison interviewed Chief Henry Eggebrecht and officers Harry Wayland, August Nendze and Lieutenant Hagermister of the Bellwood, Illinois Police Department, on April 30, 1934, with reference to an encounter the last three named officers had with a group of bandits in the early morning of April 30, 1934. Chief Eggebrecht was interviewed and stated that Lieutenant Hagermister and Officers Wayland and Nendze had reported to him that at 1:40 A.M., April 30, 1934, they were stationed in a squad car and gasoline station at the intersection of St. Charles and Mannheim Road; that these officers saw a car coming over Mannheim Road at approximately sixty miles per hour and that this car ran through a red stop light at the intersection of Mannheim Road and St. Charles Road. The officers pursued the car and at the intersection of Mannheim Road and Roosevelt Road they found this car had pulled into a gasoline station operated by George Carosso, the attendant on duty at that time being a young man, last name Nieman, who is on duty at that station from 11:00 P.M. to 7:00 A.M.

Chief Eggebrecht advised that his men reported that they had pulled up alongside the car they had been pursuing and officers Wayland and Nendze, who were seated in front, got out of the squad car and approached the other car. As Officer Wayland arrived at the side of the car he was covered with a machine gun and three other men

in the car got out and covered the other two officers. The officers were ordered to stick their hands up and Officer Wayland not complying quickly enough was struck over the head with a machine gun and fell to the ground stunned. Officer Wayland and the other two officers were searched and their guns were taken away and Lieutenant Hagermister and Officer Hendze were ordered to walk North on Mannheim Road and not to turn around. The bandit car then pulled out of the station and headed East on Roosevelt Road in the direction of Chicago. No pursuit was attempted by the officers as they had been disarmed.

Officers Wayland, Hendze and Lieutenant Hagermister were interviewed and repeated substantially the same story as had been related by the Chief. Officer Wayland stated that he had been the first out of the squad car and that as he walked over to the side of the other car he noticed a machine gun and therefore started towards the back of the car but was met by one of the bandits who came from the left side of the car and covered him with a machine gun. This man Wayland describes as being about 5' 11" tall, weighing 190 pounds, well built, dark complexion, with a two days growth of beard, age about 35 years, wearing a grey cap and a dark brown suit. This man appeared to be the boss of the other bandits in the car. This man, Wayland is positive, was John Dillinger, and it is also the belief of Officer Hendze and Lieutenant Hagermister.

Agent questioned these officers closely about this man but they appeared to be firmly convinced that he was Dillinger in spite of the fact that they described this man as being 5' 11" in height, whereas Dillinger is 5' 7 1/8" tall. The second man who got out of the car, they described as being about 5' 8" tall, weighing about 180 pounds, dark complexion, with about a two or three day growth of beard, age about 33 to 35, wearing a dark grey cap and a blue suit. The third man in the car was not closely observed by them. They described him as being about 23 or 24 years of age, fair complexion, blonde hair, clear skin, wearing a light hat and what they thought was a light topcoat. The three officers believed that this man was "Baby Face" Nelson. The fourth man in the car they were unable to describe. They described the car driven by this group of men as being a Ford V-8, either a Tudor coach or a four door sedan. They stated that it was dark blue in color, but was very dirty and appeared to have been driven for a considerable distance. They said they were unable to get the license number because of the fact that the license plates were covered with dirt. The officers stated that the four bandits were very abusive and that after Wayland had been struck down and the other two officers were walking North on Mannheim Road, they heard one of the bandits say, "Let's get going, I got one of them".



The officers were shown photographs of John Dillinger, George Nelson, Homer Van Meter, Tom Carroll, John Hamilton, Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur R. Barker and Harry Campbell, but were unable to identify any of the photographs outside of those of Dillinger and Nelson, who they feel confident were in the gang.

In connection with the interview with these officers, officer Wayland was the only one who impressed Agent Jamison as being very level-headed. The Agent was also warned that any identifications by Lieutenant Hagermister should be accepted with caution. Chief Eggebrecht himself expresses the opinion that he feels there is some reason to doubt that Dillinger was a member of this gang.

Under date of May 2, 1934, a letter was received from Otto Topel, Sheriff, Marinette, Wisconsin, in which certain information obtained by him from one John Farnsworth of Marinette, Wisconsin, was set forth. Mr. Topel advised that Mr. Farnsworth is an active "outdoor" man and was frequently in Long Lake, Wisconsin. On May 1, 1934, he visited a place known as the Pine River Inn, which is operated by one Joe Reiser, near Long Lake, Wisconsin. It was stated that Reiser casually dropped information to the effect that Dillinger and certain associates were known in that section of the country, and intimated that they were at the present time hiding in that vicinity. No definite information concerning the hideout was provided however.

Under instructions from Assistant Director Harold Nathan, Special Agent V. W. Peterson communicated by telephone with Frederick Doyle, Under-sheriff, Florence County, Florence, Wisconsin, and provided him with information to the effect that one Joe Reiser was a source of information, indicating that Dillinger and associates might be located in that particular vicinity. Frederick Doyle stated that Joe Reiser has appeared before the Board of Insanity in Florence County, Wisconsin, but notwithstanding this fact, Mr. Doyle stated that he would conduct a most thorough investigation concerning the report that Dillinger might possibly have a hideout in that locality. He was requested to advise the Chicago office immediately in the event any information of value to this investigation was determined, in order that Agents of the Chicago office might be sent to that locality immediately. This procedure was deemed advisable in view of the fact that there were no available Agents to conduct investigation at Florence County, Wisconsin at the time the report was received and Assistant Director Nathan suggested that this procedure be adopted.

Mr. Frederick Doyle communicated with Special Agent V. N. Peterson on May 2, 1934, at which time he advised that he had contacted all available informants in Florence County, Wisconsin, and in contacting them, it was developed that [redacted] claimed that [redacted] visited the White Buck Resort near Tiplar, Wisconsin, approximately two or three weeks ago, at which time Dillinger received a telegram through [redacted] place. Upon making further inquiry, one [redacted] Richard, proprietor of a hotel in Long Lake, Wisconsin, informed Sheriff Doyle that on May 1, 1934, two individuals stopped at the bar in his hotel for a few minutes only. He stated that one individual somewhat resembled Dillinger, although his hair was much lighter than the hair of Dillinger is alleged to be colored. The other individual who stopped at the bar in the hotel operated by Richard somewhat resembled Baby Face Nelson, according to [redacted] Richard. However, it was stated that neither individual had the appearance of a gangster, and it was doubtful whether they were actually Dillinger and Baby Face Nelson. Mr. Frederick Doyle conducted investigation at the White Buck Resort near Tiplar, Wisconsin, at which place it was stated Dillinger visited some three weeks ago. It was determined that three [redacted] were residing there at the present time and that Dillinger has not been seen in that vicinity.

On the morning of May 1, 1934, Lieutenant John Howe, States Attorney's office, Chicago, Illinois, communicated with Special Agent J. J. Waters. He stated that he received a letter from [redacted] Whittier Cardinal, Ontario, Canada, in which it was stated that Dillinger is at the present time hiding in Cardinal. Special Agent Waters conveyed the information provided by Lieutenant Howe to Mr. Cowley at the Division in Washington, and Mr. Cowley advised that he would communicate with the headquarters of the Canadian Royal Mounted Police and the Detroit office to conduct the necessary investigation relative thereto. Accordingly, no lead is being set out in this report.

It will be noted on pages 17 and 18 in the report of Special Agent V. N. Peterson, dated at Chicago, Illinois, April 22, 1934, and on page 8 of the report of the same agent dated April 22, 1934, that investigation has been conducted at South Bend, Indiana, with reference to the address of 604 Third Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana. This address is that of one Kirby Davis, who is alleged to be in contact of Dillinger. On April 20, 1934, [redacted] Gladback, Superintendent of Mails, Fort Wayne, Indiana, telephoned Special Agent W. J. Devereux and informed him that Mr. Firse, a carrier in the neighborhood of 604



Third Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana, had reported that a rumble-seat coupe automobile, make unknown, bearing 1934 Ohio license plates No. K-515, leaving the curb in front of address 604 Third Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana. He stated that several men were in the car, but that no descriptions were obtained by the carrier. It is possible that the car in question is owned by the daughter of Mrs. [redacted] who lives at 604 Third Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana as it is stated that she has a daughter living in Ohio. Nevertheless, it is believed that the Cincinnati office should determine the identity of the individual to whom 1934 Ohio license plates No. K-515 were issued in order that it may be established whether or not this individual has any connection with the Dillinger case.

Mr. Gladback further informed Special Agent W. J. Devereux that the Van Meter family maintain two small cottages at Lake George, Indiana. He has no reason to believe, however, that Homer Van Meter visits this place and State troopers were provided information concerning the summer cottages of the Van Meter family located at Lake George, Indiana, but it is not known whether any investigation was made relative thereto.

Based upon information telephonically received from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley on April 28, 1934, the following Agents proceeded to South Bend, Indiana: H. E. Reinecke, S. K. McKee, H. E. Hollis, W. J. Devereux, J. G. White, F. C. Ryan, A. E. Lockerman, L. D. Nichols and J. J. Waters.

Agent Devereux had previously called the South Bend Police Department, and when the Agents arrived at South Bend, Indiana, Special Agent Waters discussed the matter with the Chief of Police, who said he would be willing to send as many men as would be required, and as a matter of fact was quite willing to do so.

With the South Bend police officers the above Agents proceeded to Plymouth, Indiana, where Sheriff Keller was contacted. He also indicated a willingness to participate in any investigation.

In view of the fact that the information was not definite, it was considered inadvisable to raid any of the roadhouses without making preliminary inquiries. Consequently, it was decided that Agent Waters with Sheriff Keller would enter the roadhouses while the other Agents with the South Bend police and several deputy sheriffs would park one-half mile from each roadhouse. These plans were carried out and



Sheriff Keller, Agent Waters entered the Mayflower Roadhouse, which, according to Sheriff Keller is the first roadhouse West of Plymouth. A thorough examination of the surroundings and of the Mayflower itself revealed the presence of no one known to the Chicago Police. Subsequently, two other places on Route 30 were entered, but with no results.

About thirty miles East of Plymouth there is a house of prostitution which Sheriff Keller believed was a likely hideout for any hoodlums. Consequently, it was entered and in view of the fact that there was no one in the barroom downstairs, all the rooms in the above house were examined, with no results.

On April 30, 1934, a telephone call was received to the effect that Miss Bernice Beardon, Woodstock, Illinois, telephone No. 59, of the Chicago Motor Club, provided information to the office of the Chicago Motor Club in Chicago to the effect that the Dillinger gangsters were headed for Chicago in a car bearing Wisconsin license plates No. 550-497. Special Agent V. M. Peterson communicated by telephone with Miss Bernice Beardon, Woodstock, Illinois, at which time she stated that she is Secretary of the Chicago Motor Club office located in Woodstock, Illinois.

She advised that a man entered the office at approximately 4:00 P.M. on April 30, 1934; that he stated that he was from the Department of Justice and desired to place a telephone call to the Chicago office of the Department of Justice; that apparently he was unable to get to contact the Chicago office of the Department of Justice; that he provided information that members of the Dillinger gang were headed for Chicago on route 19 in an Auburn car, bearing license plates No. 550-497; that it was his desire that all roads leading into Chicago should be blocked.

Incidentally, Miss Beardon stated that the telephone call which he placed was not paid for and she requested information concerning whether it would be possible for her to collect the charges.

Special Agent M. Chaffetz immediately contacted by telephone, the Secretary of State's office, Madison, Wisconsin, Motor Vehicle Bureau, at which place he received information that 1934 Wisconsin license plates No. 550-497 have never been issued, 1935 Wisconsin license plates No. 550-497 were issued, however, and the following information relative thereto was obtained:

Said license plates were issued to the Auburn Chicago Company, August 19, 1933, for a new car. The motor number of this car was 88082 and the Certificate of Title number was 130124. The title together with the license plates were later assigned to the Lakewood Development Organization, 390 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. Chaffetz communicated with an official of that organization who emphatically stated that the Lakewood Development Organization is still in possession of the Auburn sedan in question and that the 1933 license plates No. 850-467 which were previously on this car have been destroyed. He stated that it is the policy of the company on all occasions to destroy license plates when they are removed from the car in order that it would be impossible for same to be placed on another automobile.

On April 28, 1934, information was received from Mr. Cowley of the Division at Washington that a car bearing 1934 Wisconsin license plates No. 10649 was alleged to have been seen in Kingston, New York, and that it was believed that this car was transporting Dillinger. With reference to this information Special Agent R. A. Knittle conducted investigation, the results of which are set forth in a memorandum under date of April 28, 1934, a copy of which appears below:

"Upon instructions of Special Agent Peterson, the writer telephonically received the following information regarding 1934 Wisconsin license plates No. 10649, alleged to have been seen on a car transporting Dillinger in Kingston, New York, from the Title Department, Secretary of State, Madison, Wisconsin:

Issued to: Adolph Duerrwachter,  
R.F.D., Colgate, Wisconsin

For: 1929 Chevrolet coupe  
Motor No. 518543  
Serial No. 1 AC 30523

Adolph Duerrwachter telephonically advised that he resides five miles northwest of Menomonie Falls, Wisconsin; that his mail address is R.F.D., Colgate, Wisconsin. He stated that the above car and license plates



are now and have been in his possession continuously.

The above information was teletyped to the Division.

On Monday, April 20, 1936, a letter was received from Bertie Whitehill, 7515 Essex Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, stating that she had seen a man resembling John Dillinger enter a drug store at the corner of 75th and Essex Avenue about 10:00 o'clock that morning. Acting on this information, Agent F. B. Welles called at the home of Mrs. Whitehill and received the following information:

At about 10:00 A.M. Monday, she left her home to go to the drug store at 75th and Essex Avenue to purchase a newspaper. As she approached 75th Street, four men across the street were looking at her very intently. Two of these men entered a doorway at 2400 East 75th Street, which leads to a closedbowling alley on the second floor. The other two men crossed the street, just as a Checker taxi drew up to the curb. A man with a slight limp got out of the taxi. He did not pay any fare at this time, and the taxi left very rapidly. The man getting out of the taxi closely resembled pictures of Dillinger. He was greeted by the two men and they apparently asked him about his leg. He seemed to motion as if to say - it is nothing. One of the men was a tall, slim man, and this person handed the one resembling Dillinger some little article. This tall person was about 37 or 38 years old, six feet tall, very thin, black hair, black suit with new light grey overcoat and hat. Shown pictures of the Dillinger mob, Mrs. Whitehill said the tall, thin man resembled Homer Van Meter.

Mrs. Whitehill could not describe the other three men except that they were neatly dressed, of stocky build, and from 40 to 45 years old.

Mrs. Whitehill described the man resembling Dillinger as about 40 to 45 years of age, 150 pounds, red face and hands. He had a cleft or deep groove in his chin, but not as pronounced as that shown in Dillinger's pictures. He was wearing a new very light grey hat, a new leather jacket with a zipper front, old blue trousers and old shoes. He seemed to be protecting his right leg, and was limping, although not badly.

Mrs. Whitehill has lived in this neighborhood for five years. She appears to be above the average in intelligence and sincere in her desire to be of aid. She is positive that five men mentioned do not live in that vicinity. She further stated that a colored man in the drug store waited on the person resembling Dillinger, and there was no one else in the drug store.



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H. R. Vanse, owner of the drug store at 75th and Essex Avenue was interviewed about 3:00 P.M., Tuesday, April 23rd. He said the name of this colored man was Ernest E. Gray and he would be in town the next morning. Agent Weller called on Gray's home at 1825 West 75th Ave., Beverly 3934, but no one answered.

Vanse informed Agent Weller that the bowling alley at 2450 East 75th Street, were torn out a long time ago and a gambling joint started. This was subsequently closed, but he believed it to started up again now. He does not know any persons who visit this place or might know about it.

It will be noted from the file in this case that Pearl Elliott is a valuable contact for the Dillinger gang. Efforts are being made by the Chicago office to determine the exact location of Pearl Elliott. A telegram was received from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley at Indianapolis, Indiana, in which he requested to be advised concerning whether Dewey Elliott, husband of Pearl, has been returned to the Michigan City, Indiana, State Penitentiary.

Special Agent T. V. Mullen conducted investigation at the Indiana State Penitentiary, Michigan City, Indiana, and officials of that institution informed him that Dewey Elliott, who is the husband of Pearl Elliott, is not known, and that he has never been incarcerated in that institution. However, one Dewey Elliott is in custody in the prison at the present time. This individual is not identical with the husband of Pearl Elliott.

Special Agent T. V. Mullen interviewed Dewey Elliott, who advised that Pearl Elliott is not known to him. The Dewey Elliott who is now incarcerated in the State Penitentiary at Michigan City, Indiana, is single and an examination of the records pertaining to him failed to disclose any information which might indicate that he has any connection with Pearl Elliott. Agent Mullen also contacted Elwood, who is a member of the Dillinger gang. From this source, Agent Mullen determined that the husband of Pearl Elliott is originally from Kokomo, Indiana. A definite address could not be obtained at this time, but further efforts will be made to secure same.

Special Agent in Charge E. J. Purvis was advised that Pearl Elliott at one time resided at the Kenwood Hotel, 6417 to 6423 Kenwood Avenue, telephone Fairfax 8100, Chicago, Illinois, and that it is possible she is still residing at that address.

Special Agent E. L. Richmond conducted investigation with reference to this matter and submitted a memorandum under date of May 8, 1934, pertinent portions of which appear below:

It was suggested to Agent that before making any inquiry at the hotel to first ascertain the character of the manager of the hotel. In endeavoring to do this, Agent interviewed Mr. Reinhold Wente, Superintendent of Mails at the postal station located at 5315 Langley Street. Mr. Wente was unable to furnish any personal information as to the character of the manager of this hotel, but furnished Agent with the following information, that he obtained from his files.

He stated that Morton M. Harris, a man of Jewish extraction, was the manager of the hotel, and that he had been in there less than one year. Mr. Wente called postal carrier Mr. Joseph E. Grandpre on the telephone.

Agent went to Mr. Grandpre's home located at 5315 Rhodes Avenue, telephone Fairfax 0476, and interviewed Mr. Grandpre. Mr. Grandpre stated that he believed that the Kenrose Hotel had been leased from the Chicago Title and Trust Company about 8 months ago. Mr. Grandpre further stated that as far as he knew, the manager of the Kenrose Hotel, Mr. Morton M. Harris was a highly respected man in that community.

At the Chicago Title and Trust Company, Agent interviewed Mr. Hugh Michael who is in charge of rental and leases. Mr. Hugh Michael stated that the Kenrose Hotel was not under his jurisdiction and he did not believe his company handled it, but promised to contact Agent early the next day, and said that he would be able to furnish Agent with complete information on the Kenrose Hotel, because he had various connections in the city, and it was his custom to check property. Mr. Michael stated that he would conduct this inquiry in a discreet way and whoever he contacted would believe that he was endeavoring to obtain information concerning the management of the Kenrose Hotel for his own files.

On the next day Mr. Michael reported to the Agent that the Kenrose Hotel was managed by Straus Brothers, and that Mr. Herman Straus was trustee in possession.



On May 8, 1934, Agent called on Mr. Herman Straus in his office located at 184 West Randolph Street, Room 100. Mr. Straus informed Agent that Morton H. Harris, who is the manager of this hotel was really the figure-head and that Mr. Harris' father was the man in back of this hotel venture. Mr. Straus further stated that the Harries took over this hotel in a lease in August 1, 1933, and that as far as he knew they seemed to be very respectable people. While Mr. Straus did not know either Mr. Morton Harris or his father personally, he stated that he was acquainted with the wife of the elder Mr. Harris, and he believed her to be a woman of very high taste, who was highly regarded in charitable work in this city. Mr. Straus also stated that a former employee of his, whom he highly regarded and trusted, was at present night clerk at the hotel. This employee's name is Mr. Simon Cohen. Mr. Cohen has been employed at the hotel long before Harris took possession as manager. It was Mr. Straus' suggestion that if any discreet inquiry was to be made at the hotel, or if any contact was to be established at the hotel, Mr. Simon Cohen was the man to see.

Agent D. P. Sullivan interviewed Mr. Simon Cohen, night clerk, Kenrose Hotel, 6417-6423 Kenwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Cohen stated that he had been employed at this hotel for approximately seventeen months, and that Morton H. Harris has been manager of this hotel since August of 1933.

Mr. Cohen stated that he cannot recall any woman by the name of Pearl Elliott having lived at this hotel and that he is absolutely certain that she is not at present residing here. Mr. Cohen was shown a photograph of Pearl Elliott, which he likewise failed to recognize as any party he recalls having lived at the hotel, but stated that it seemed somewhat familiar although he could not definitely say whether he had ever seen the woman in person or had previously seen her photograph, perhaps in the newspaper.

Mr. Cohen volunteered the following information: That approximately one month ago two men registered at the hotel at approximately 1:00 A.M. They carried but one small handbag. One man was comparatively young, height about 5' 8", dark complexion, medium build, and kept his head down and apparently was trying to hide his face. The other man, age approximately 40-45 years, height 5' 11" or 6', weight



about 300 pounds, build heavy, complexion light, no nose glasses and pretended drunkenness and seemed to make it a point to attract Cohen's attention from the dark complexioned man with him.

Cohen stated that both signed the register but he does not now recall their names, but could check and ascertain this information and produce the register sheet for Agent's examination. These men stayed over night and made two telephone calls. Cohen checked one of the numbers and found that the call was made to a woman who lives in the vicinity of the Kenrose Hotel. Cohen had no further information regarding these calls, but stated that he would provide Agent with detailed information on the following day.

These two men had breakfast in their room late that morning with a Mrs. Florence M. McGivney, wife of Walter McGivney, former manager of the Kenrose Hotel, now employed at the Park Manor Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri. Cohen stated that Mrs. McGivney did quite a bit of gambling and frequented gambling joints, although Cohen at no time remembered any friends or acquaintances of Mrs. McGivney calling on her who appeared to be racketeers or gangsters.

Cohen further stated that Harold Watta, employed by the Federal Government in investigating counterfeit violations, and who apparently is an operative of the United States Secret Service, entered the hotel at approximately 3:00 A.M. about a week ago and stated that he recognized the four men as being secret service men on the date following, two United States Secret Service men sat in the lobby of the hotel for approximately two hours. Mr. Harris, manager, during the course of the conversation, advised Cohen that the house was being investigated in the Dillinger case.

Mr. Cohen further stated that after the above incident regarding the two men who registered at the hotel overnight and who checked out the next morning, he mentioned to some of his acquaintances the fact that Dillinger had stayed at the hotel. Cohen stated that he cannot now state that either of the above mentioned two men was Dillinger and merely passed the remark as a joke. He thought it possible that this information had gotten to the police or to the secret service and may be the reason why the house was being kept under surveillance. Cohen advised that he did not deem it advisable to contact Morton M. Harris, manager, stating that he did not believe that Harris was absolutely dependable.

Agent exhibited to Cohen Chicago Police Department bulletin photographs of Harry Pierpont, John Hamilton, John Willinger, Homer Van Meter, Charley Mayall, Russell Clark, Walter Davis, George Nelson, Edward Larue, John Kibbas, Ludwig Schmidt, and several others, which he failed to identify as either of the two men who registered at the Kenrose Hotel.

It is to be noted that Cohen is on duty at this hotel from 11:00 P.M. to 8:00 in the morning. His residence telephone is Keystone 6385. Agent, being assigned to other work, was unable on the day following the above investigation to obtain the information Cohen promised. Cohen stated that he would try in every possible way and would keep this matter absolutely confidential.

Agent W. J. Devereux interviewed Assistant Postmaster E. J. Foster at Marion, Indiana, and after he checked the carriers' route book, he stated that there was no 414 Cherry Street in Marion, Indiana; that the numbers were all in the 100 figure and that the last number in the street was 127. Agent checked the city directory and learned that there were only five houses listed on Cherry Street and that all the numbers were in the figures "100" with the last address as 127 Cherry Street. A further search was made of the directory for streets sounding like Cherry Street, but there were none to be found.

Mail Carrier M. Jackson, carrying mail on Cherry Street and Mail Carrier Fred Williams, carrying mail on Christy Street, both in Marion, Indiana, were interviewed and they stated that they knew of no Peggy Grant or Grout on their route, and knew nothing of a Pearl Elliott or of a new Pontiac sedan being in their district. Neither of the men could identify the photograph of Pearl Elliott as being that of any one seen in their districts.

Mr. Foster, Assistant Postmaster, checked the post office carriers' books for the name of Peggy Grant or Grout and also the General Delivery Window for either Peggy Grant or Grout and Pearl Elliott, but reported that there were no records of the women named.

It is noted from the signed statement of Mrs. Edward M. Crompton alias Jean Angeline Delaney alias Ann Southern alias Anne Southern that she met Tommy Carroll at the Ruffy Nite Club on Clark Street on April 10, 1934, and that at 11:00 P.M. on April 12, 1934, she met Tommy Carroll at 1800 Clark Street, Chicago, at which time Marian Marr and



and "Slim" were with Carroll in a black Buick coupe which evidently was the coupe which was confiscated at Spider Lake, Wisconsin. It was believed that investigation at the Nitty Night Club on Clark Street, and at 1800 Clark Street might develop information of value to this investigation.

Special Agent F. C. Guerrero, assisted by special police officers Charles R. Moore, Hugo Holmberg and Edward Saturnas, conducted investigation relative to the above addresses, the results of which are contained in a memorandum submitted by Special Agent Guerrero, a copy of said memorandum being incorporated below:

James Weathers, for nine years Post Office carrier who delivers mail at 1800 North Clark Street, stated that the house at this address is a rooming house run by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Blair; that it is a transient rooming house. Mr. Weathers stated further that the only permanent guests whom he knows are two ladies by the names of Bergman and Fitting. Mr. Weathers described Miss Bergman as an old lady, whereas Miss Fitting is described as a middle-aged woman.

It was further stated by Mr. Weathers that to the best of his recollection he had delivered mail at the above address to a woman named Ann Southern but that he does not recall when this mail had been delivered at 1800 North Clark Street. Mr. Weathers could give no further information concerning the activity of the people residing at 1800 North Clark Street, except to say that it is a transient rooming house. Whether or not the premises bore a good reputation in the neighborhood, Mr. Weathers was unable to state.

When shown the identification order photograph of Tommy Carroll, Mr. Weathers stated that he was unable to identify him. He further stated that to the best of his memory, he had never delivered mail at the above address to Tommy Carroll or any of his known aliases.

Joseph H. Blair, the landlord, who runs the rooming house located at 1800 North Clark Street, upon being interviewed, stated that he could not remember a Mrs. Edward A. Crompton, or any of her known aliases, as well as Tommy Carroll, or any of his known aliases, had never been registered at the above address. Mr. Blair stated that he had assumed charge of the above premises since November, 1933.



The photograph of Tommy Carroll was shown to Mrs. Lane as well as to his wife, and they both stated that they had never seen this individual at any time. Mrs. Lane was a particular since and she stated that to the best of her recollection she could not remember Mrs. Edward A. Crompton or her known aliases, or Tommy Carroll under any of his known aliases. The photograph of Tommy Carroll was shown to James Weather, the mail carrier who covers the above address, and he stated that he could not remember seeing any individual answering his description or likeness.

Inquiries at the Post Office disclosed that there is no such club known as the "Muttie Nite Club". However, there is a club known as the "Nut House", located at 550 North Clark Street. This place is well-known to Special Police Officers Charles B. Moore, Hugo Holmberg and Edward Batunas. These officers stated that the Nut House was opened about five weeks ago and is under the active management of a former theatrical entertainer by the name of James Lane. The Special Police Officers stated that they know Mr. Lane very well and that they felt sure that Lane would assist in this investigation should he be approached. It will be recalled that Mrs. Crompton averred that she had met Tommy Carroll at a place called the "Muttie Nite Club" on or about April 10, 1934. The telephone company advised that the "Muttie Nite Club" is not listed in the telephone directory.

It will be stated that the Nut House, located at 550 North Clark, is a combination saloon and night club where after theatre people usually seek entertainment. Mr. Lane, the manager of the Nut House, explained that there are so many people visiting the place every night that it is impossible for him to remember the identity of any individual or group of individuals frequenting his place of business. He stated, in the presence of the Special Police Officers, that he has no knowledge concerning a Mrs. Edward A. Crompton, or her known aliases; further, that he does not remember having ever seen Tommy Carroll in these premises. In this connection, Mr. Lane was shown the photograph of Tommy Carroll and after viewing same he stated that he has never seen this individual at the Nut House.

The file in this case reflects that Tommy Carroll is married to a night club entertainer known as "Radio Sal". It has been determined that Radio Sal is employed at the 77 Club, Chicago. This club is alleged to be owned by "Red" Grange, famous football player.

Special Agent R. H. Brown visited the 77 Club on one evening and identified a singer who is engaged as an entertainer at this club as Radio Sal, from the description previously set out in the file on this case. No information concerning her or her associates could be developed during the evening that Special Agent Brown spent at the club. Further investigation toward that end will be conducted at the 77 Club.

Information was received from the St. Paul office to the effect that a letter was received from Radio Sal in Chicago, indicating that her address is 4701 North Beacon Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Special Agent Arthur McLawhon conducted investigation with reference to this address. After making sufficient investigation in connection with the Manager of the Northgate Apartment Hotel, located at 4701 North Beacon Street, Agent McLawhon approached him concerning Radio Sal, the wife of Tommy Carroll, who was said to be stopping at that hotel.

The Manager's name is Mr. Holms, and Agent McLawhon found both he and Mr. J. J. Wilson, a clerk at the hotel, to be entirely cooperative with the Division and its work in apprehending any of the Dillinger mob, and in furnishing any information which might be of assistance concerning Radio Sal, who is registered at that hotel under the name of Mrs. Ballie Bennett. She is occupying room 8, which is an English basement room renting for \$3.00 per week. She checked in at the Northgate Hotel on April 18, 1934, and was known both to the manager and to the clerk to be an entertainer at the 77 Club in Chicago. Wilson, who states that he is on duty most of the time when she is in her room, advised that to his knowledge she has had only one woman, since her arrival at the hotel, and that this visitor is a woman, perhaps in her late twenties, about 5' 5" tall, moderately slender and having rather dark blonde hair. He gladly furnished Agent McLawhon with a list of all outgoing telephone calls made by Ballie Bennett since her arrival. They are as follows:



April 16, 1934 Longbeach 2780 (This number was  
 recognized by Wilson as being that  
 of a Checker cab stand located at  
 the Wilson Avenue Station of the  
 Chicago Rapid Transit Company)  
 April 17, 1934 Longbeach 2780  
 April 18, 1934 Longbeach 6300 (This number was  
 recognized by Wilson as being the  
 Lawrence Hotel located at 4725  
 Malden Avenue)  
 Longbeach 2780 (Cab)  
 April 21, 1934 Longbeach 6300 (Lawrence Hotel)  
 Longbeach 2780 (Cab)  
 Longbeach 2780 (Cab)  
 April 22, 1934 Longbeach 8126  
 Ravenswood 2316  
 Longbeach 8126  
 April 23, 1934 Longbeach 8126  
 Longbeach 8126  
 Longbeach 6300 (Lawrence Hotel)  
 April 24, 1934 Longbeach 2780 (Cab)  
 April 26, 1934 Longbeach 2780 (Cab)  
 April 28, 1934 Longbeach 2780 (Cab)  
 April 29, 1934 Ravenswood 4750  
 April 30, 1934 Longbeach 6300 (Lawrence Hotel)  
 May 1, 1934 Longbeach 2780 (Cab)  
 May 2, 1934 Longbeach 2780 (Cab)

The Manager stated that he would keep and furnish this  
 office with a record of all outgoing phone calls made by Sallie Bennett.  
 He was not, however, certain that he would be able to obtain the numbers  
 of incoming calls, as is requested. The Manager also stated that he  
 would be glad to make tracings of the handwriting and postmark of all  
 mail which comes addressed to Miss Bennett and furnish this office  
 with same.

Pictures of all the known associates of Dillinger, both  
 men and women, were displayed to the Manager and to the Clerk, and  
 while they did not recall ever having seen any of these people in that  
 hotel, they studied them carefully and assured Agent McLawhon that  
 they would keep a sharp lookout for any person looking like any of the  
 photographs displayed.



Agent McLaughlin furnished them with the address and telephone number of the Chicago Division office for their use in immediate communication in case anything develops. Mr. Wilson stated that he also felt that he could engage Miss Bennett in conversation and perhaps learn from her any information which she might have which would be of benefit in this office. He was cautioned of the fact that the inquiry made concerning Miss Bennett was to be treated as strictly confidential, and he gave his assurance that it would be so treated.

At the Northgate Hotel, 4701 Beacon Street, Agent McLaughlin obtained the address of 4524 Malden Street, which is a large group of furnished apartments.

Agent McLaughlin talked with Charles Sney, who is the janitor of the building at the above address, and ascertained that Nellie Bennett had occupied an apartment in that building at least April 15, 1934. He did not recall the date on which she moved in, but stated that she had been there a few months, and that he was quite positive that she had come directly to that apartment from St. Paul. She was living in a two room apartment, paying \$35.00 per month rent. She was asked to leave by the management because she was unable to keep up this rent. It was impossible to obtain any numbers called by her during her stay at this apartment. Pictures of the known members of the Dillinger mob, including men and women, were displayed to Sney, none of which he could identify as being that of any person whom he had ever seen visiting Nellie Bennett.

Agent McLaughlin called at the Kenmore Apartments, and there talked with the manager, who informed him that at no time during the past two or three years had they had any person stopping at that apartment by the name of Nellie Bennett. The number "304", which appears on the address found among the effects of Tommy Carroll, made this manager quite positive that this address did not refer to his apartment, inasmuch as they had no apartment with such a number, stating that their apartments are marked from 1 to 57.

As indicated in previous reports in this matter, George (Baby Face) Nelson was an associate of Stanton J. Randall, and Randall together with Nelson committed bank robberies. Mr. R. C. Saunders, formerly of the Illinois Bankers Association, Chicago, Illinois, informed Special Agent V. E. Peterson that the wife of Stanton J. Randall could provide valuable information concerning the whereabouts of

"Baby Face" Nelson, in the event she were approached in the proper manner.

A letter was directed to the Illinois State Penitentiary in Joliet, Illinois, and a reply was received under date of April 27, 1934. This letter stated that Stanton J. Randall alias "Baby Face" John Randall alias John F. Haggerty, No. 3409-B, was received July 1931 from Cook County, having been convicted of larceny and sentenced to an indeterminate sentence of one to ten years. It was stated that he will be eligible for discharge at the expiration of his sentence, October 8, 1937. Previous to his incarceration in the Illinois State Penitentiary at Joliet, Illinois, Randall served one term in the State Penitentiary at Columbus, Ohio.

A list of the correspondents of Randall during the period of his incarceration in the Illinois State Penitentiary was provided and the same appears below:

"Our correspondence files show Randall wrote to the following people:

Mr. E. A. Evans (friend) 7716 Emerald Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois.  
Miss G. Hodges (friend) 710 South Central Park  
Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.  
Miss Mary Hodges (sister) 710 South Central Park  
Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.  
Mrs. S. J. Randall (wife) 710 Central Park Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois.  
Miss Mae Muir (friend) 5745 West Erie Street,  
Chicago, Illinois.  
Mr. Boss Saunders (acquaintance) 3322 Clinton Street,  
Berwyn, Illinois.  
Mr. B. F. Ray (friend) 454 West 24th Place, Chicago,  
Illinois.  
Mr. B. J. Pettigrew (friend) Charleston, West Virginia.  
Mrs. M. Hodges (mother) 710 South Central Park Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois.  
Mr. Charles Bittenfield (acquaintance) 15 South  
Winchester, Chicago, Illinois.  
Miss Kate Finnegan (aunt) 1402 Washington, Charleston,  
West Virginia.  
Miss Mae Muir, 372 North Cicero Avenue, Chicago,  
Illinois.

Mr. R. S. Hogan (sister), 1000 Washington Street,  
Cleveland, Ohio.  
Mrs. Jesse Jordan (sister), 1000 Washington Street,  
West Virginia.  
Mrs. R. W. Miller (sister), 1000 Washington Street,  
West Virginia.  
Miss Gladys Hodge (sister), 710 South Central Park Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Our visiting records show that Randall received visits  
from the following persons:

Mrs. S. J. Randall (wife), 710 South Central Park Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois.  
Mr. C. Bittenfield (friend), 10 South Winchester Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois.  
Mr. Arthur Perlman (friend), 1625 South Lawndale Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois.  
Mrs. C. Randall (wife), 1634 Clifton Park Avenue, Chicago,  
Illinois.  
Mrs. Hodges (mother-in-law), 5325 West 25th Street,  
Cicero, Illinois.  
Mr. Ed Evans (friend), Chicago, Illinois.  
Attorney Levy, Chicago, Illinois.  
Mrs. Hodges (mother-in-law), 5325 West 25th Street,  
Cicero, Illinois.  
Mrs. R. Steffens (friend), 178 West Washington Street,  
Chicago, Illinois.  
Mr. C. Tausinski (friend), 178 West Washington Street,  
Chicago, Illinois.

It will be noted from the above list of correspondents  
that the last known address for the wife of Stanton J. Randall was 710  
South Central Park Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. In view of the information  
obtained indicating that this individual could provide valuable information  
with reference to the present whereabouts of Baby Face Nelson,  
Special Agent J. T. McLaughlin conducted investigation for the purpose  
of attempting to locate her.

Upon making inquiry at 710 South Central Park Avenue, it  
was learned that this address is unoccupied, and that the wife of Stanton  
J. Randall moved from that address to 1634 Clifton Park Avenue, Chicago.



after which she again moved to 1259 South Karlov Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Superintendent of Jail, George Lane, Fairfield Park Police Office Sub-station, 4025 East Harrison Street, Chicago, Illinois, advised upon interview that one Mrs. C. W. Hodges recently moved to 1259 South Karlov, Chicago, Illinois. As indicated by the information provided by the Illinois State Penitentiary, it appears that Randall is connected with certain individuals named Hodges.

Mrs. C. W. Hodges was interviewed by Special Agent J. E. McLaughlin. She advised that her daughter, Mrs. Stanton J. Randall, is residing with her at 1259 South Karlov, Chicago, Illinois, at the present time; that she is in extremely poor health; that she is now recovering from a nervous breakdown and has been on the verge of insanity; that her daughter knows nothing concerning the whereabouts of George (Baby Face) Nelson or his wife, and that the last time she heard of Mrs. George (Baby Face) Nelson she, Mrs. Nelson, was employed by an electrical company the name of which is not known in Chicago. Mrs. C. W. Hodges further advised that her daughter might be interviewed, if extreme care were taken, within a few days. It is believed that an interview with Mrs. Stanton J. Randall may be productive of results, and this interview will be had at the earliest possible date.

A letter from Mr. Frank D. Whipp, Warden of the Illinois State Penitentiary at Joliet, Illinois, under date of April 27, 1934, also provides the following information with reference to George (Baby Face) Nelson:

George Nelson alias Lester Willis, No. 5437-K, was received June 17, 1931, from Cook County, having been convicted of Robbery Armed, and sentenced to serve from one year to life imprisonment. He escaped while out on a writ from that institution February 17, 1932. The correspondence files of the Illinois State Penitentiary reflect that Nelson wrote to the following people:

Mrs. Juliette Fitzsimmons (sister), 2715 West 39th Place, Chicago, Illinois.  
Mrs. George Nelson (wife), 2142 South Millard Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.  
Mrs. George Nelson (mother), 2715 West 39th Place, Chicago, Illinois.

The visiting records of the above named institution show that Nelson was visited by the following individuals:

Mrs. Helen Nelson (wife), 2222 West 22nd Street,  
Berwyn, Illinois;  
Miss Leona Nelson (sister), 2232 West 22nd Street,  
Berwyn, Illinois;  
Mr. M. Duako (friend), 1102 North Franklin Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois;  
Mr. Al Moore (friend), 5311 Washington Boulevard,  
Chicago, Illinois;  
Mrs. Helen Nelson (wife), Mrs. Nelson (mother)  
and Miss Leona Nelson (sister), 2142 South Miller  
Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

A photograph of George (Baby Face) Nelson was forwarded to the Chicago Division office, with the letter from the Warden of the Illinois State Penitentiary.

Jim Foster, Universal Service, Chicago, Illinois, com-  
municated with Special Agent V. E. Peterson by telephone on the night  
of May 3, 1934, at which time he provided information concerning al-  
leged dealings which are now in progress with reference to bonds which  
are alleged to have been stolen by Dillinger and Associates. He stated  
that an insurance investigator, the name of whom is not known to him,  
is at the present time in Chicago, Illinois, from Fort Wayne, Indiana,  
and that he is driving a Ford V-8 automobile bearing Indiana license  
plates (1934) No. 393-432. This insurance investigator is represent-  
ing the Lincoln Life Insurance Company, Fort Wayne, Indiana, which  
company has insured a large number of bonds which the Dillinger gang  
is alleged to have stolen. According to Mr. Foster, this investigator  
is in Chicago at present for the purpose of attempting to make a deal  
whereby he will purchase the stolen bonds at a big discount.

Mr. Foster stated that he was attempting to follow the  
car in which the insurance investigator and another man were riding,  
but the car turned a corner at a high rate of speed at 3500 on Broad-  
way, and that he was unable to pick up the trail thereafter.

Mr. Jim Foster further advised the writer that there is  
an individual engaged in the insurance business in the insurance ex-  
change Building who has been approached with reference to purchasing  
stolen bonds; the name of this individual is Mr. Bowman (initials or  
given name not known). Mr. Bowman is District Manager of a company,  
the name of which Mr. Foster believes to be American Surety Company,



although it is not certain as to the date. His firm is located at the Insurance Exchange Building, 121 West Jackson Street. According to Mr. Foster, Bowman had a proposition made to him with reference to the purchase of stolen bonds some time ago, at which time he refused to consider same. Subsequently, however, he was stopped on the street, at which time he was again approached with reference to purchasing stolen bonds.

Mr. Foster believes that inquiry of Mr. Bowman might develop information concerning individuals who are probably contacts for the Dillinger gang. Mr. Foster stated that obviously the source of this information should not be disclosed to Mr. Bowman in the event he is interviewed concerning this matter. Investigation is now in progress by the Chicago Division Office concerning the information provided by Mr. Foster, the results of which will be reported at a later date.

According to information furnished Special Agent Peterson by H. C. Saunders, who has been referred to previously in this report, George (Baby Face) Nelson is alleged to be closely associated with a man named either Larrie or Clarence, who operates a garage in the vicinity of Crawford and Fullerton Avenues, Chicago, Illinois.

Special Agent E. K. McKee conducted investigation relative to this matter and determined that the garage in question is the Debaets Auto Service, 2419 North Crawford Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. This garage is operated by one Larrie Debaets.

In connection with the garage located at 2419 North Crawford Avenue, Special Agent M. L. Spott contacted Lieutenant Howe, Chicago Police Department, in Room 400, Hotel Laramie, on May 15, 1934, at which time he advised that the Debaets garage and a gas station located at Fullerton and Crawford Avenues, are supposed to be places which George (Baby Face) Nelson, Identification Order No. 1223, frequents. Lieutenant Howe further advised that Frank Gask, 1521 Barry Avenue, is alleged to be a good friend of Nelson.

and that in the event information of value is received, the Chicago Division Office will be advised. Lieutenant Howe further stated that he is instructing his men to keep away from the garage mentioned and that he had made a similar request of the investigators from the States Attorney's office,



inasmuch as he believed it inadvisable to make inquiries thereof at the present time.

According to Lieutenant Howe, the correct address of William Davis is 4923 Quincy Street, Apartment 3-B, Chicago, Illinois. It is stated that he has no telephone.

Reference is made to the undeveloped lead contained in the report of Special Agent V. W. Peterman, dated at Chicago, Illinois, April 27, 1934, which sets forth certain investigation to be performed at the C. D. Peacock Jewelry Company, 101 South State Street, Chicago, Illinois.

In connection with this undeveloped lead, Special Agent Arthur McLaughlin interviewed Mr. C. W. Chatterton, who is a jewelry salesman at the C. D. Peacock Company located at the given address, concerning a wrist watch, No. S5023641, which their records reveal was sold to Mrs. T. C. Rogers on October 27, 1933, for the cash price of \$190. Mr. Chatterton recalled the sale of this particular watch very well, stating that a woman came into their store one morning, seeming in an extreme hurry, stating that her husband was driving around the block and was going to pick her up as soon as she purchased a watch for herself. She described the type of watch she wanted as being something flashy, and stated she wanted to pay about \$175.00 for it. He showed her a watch which was an Elgin watch with a diamond bracelet which sold for \$200. She expressed a desire to have this watch, but stated that after counting her money in her purse she had only \$190.00, the major portion of which was, he noted, in \$1.00 and \$5.00 bills. He said the woman, though not a bad looking woman at all, was in his estimation somewhat gaudy in her appearance and impressed him as being a "report". Mr. Chatterton said that he noted that at the time of her visit to his store, she was somewhat intoxicated, and that inasmuch as she was so attracted to the particular watch in question, he allowed her to have it for \$190 in cash. He suggested, prior to the closing of the deal, that she pay the \$190 in cash and allow them to charge the other \$10.00, but she stated that she and her husband travelled all over the country and never knew from one day to the next where they would be. The deal was consummated and she took her watch and left, still seeming in quite a hurry.

Mr. Chatterton also commented that the bracelet on the watch was a full inch too large for the woman's wrist, and he suggested that she leave it and have the bracelet fitted. However, she seemed

very impatient and said that it would not be necessary, and that she could wear the watch as it was.

On November 27, 1935, the same woman returned, having with her another woman and left the watch for repairs. The bracelet was described by the repairman, Mr. Frank Puchs, as being in the worst condition of any he had ever seen; one diamond was missing and the watch was torn off, and it was generally demolished. She, however, left it for repairs under the name of Mrs. Evans, and two or three days later returned and got the watch paying cash for the repairs. She has not been seen in that store since that time.

Both Mr. Chatterton and Mr. Puchs positively identified the photograph of Pat Cherrington as being the woman who had purchased this watch, and one of the women who had returned to have it repaired. They were unable to identify any of the other pictures of the Dillinger mob as being that of the woman who had accompanied Pat Cherrington on her return visit to this store.

In connection with the guns which were seized near Rhineland, Wisconsin, at the Little Bohemia Lodge, operated by Emil Wenzke, Special Agent M. Chaffetz conducted the following investigation. It was determined that the guns in question consisted of the following:

- 1 Winchester .351 calibre automatic rifle, No. 41808, Model 0741,
- 1 Winchester repeater, Model 24 - 30 WCF No. 104519
- 1 Remington .22 automatic long rifle, Model 24, No. 128099
- 1 .38 Special Smith and Wesson Pistol No. 576426.
- 1 .38 Colt Superautomatic, Serial No. 14150
- 1 .38 Calibre Smith and Wesson Double Action Pistol on a .44 frame, No. 40399.
- 1 .45 Pistol, Smith and Wesson, on which numbers have been removed.
- 1 Thompson submachine gun on which numbers have been removed.

The following information has been obtained concerning these guns:

The .38 Special Smith and Wesson Pistol, No. 576426, and the .38 Smith and Wesson, double-action pistol, on a .44 frame, No. 40399, have been definitely established as belonging to the Police.



Department at Warsaw, Indiana. This information has been obtained by wiring the Smith and Wesson Company who furnished information showing that the gun, No. 876436, had been shipped by them direct to Chief Pettinger at Warsaw, and that gun No. 876437 had been shipped by the company to Henry Sporting Goods Store, which concerns is now in the gun to Chief Pettinger.

The .38 Colt Superautomatic, Serial No. 14150 was shipped by the Colt Arms Company at Hartford, Connecticut, as information obtained from them, to the Wolf and Klar Company, Dealers in Arms at North Worth, Texas. Accordingly, a wire was sent to the Dallas Office in order to check this information. It was determined by the Dallas Office that the Wolf and Klar Company shipped this gun to a man named Lehman in San Antonio, Texas. This last named person is a dealer in harness and saddle equipment and also handles guns. A proper lead was set out for the San Antonio office in order to determine the accuracy of this information. Subsequently, the San Antonio office has furnished the information telephonically, which is set out, showing that this gun was sold by Lehman to a person who may be connected with the Dillinger gun.

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

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

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

Further investigation is in progress concerning the guns in question.

On May 1, 1934, Assistant Chief of Police L. O. Bates, of Niles, Michigan, telephoned Special Agent M. J. Devereux at South Bend, Indiana. Special Agent Devereux interviewed Assistant Chief of Police Bates, and obtained from him the following information:



Mr. Bates stated that information had come to him that Dillinger had spent a few days with one Ringo Becker, supposed to live at or near Eagle Lake, Indiana, and that this was a few days after Dillinger got out of the Crown Point jail. Also, Dillinger was supposed to have stayed with Becker at Eagle Lake a couple of weeks ago, and at that time told him that he would be back.

Mr. Bates stated that he does not know Becker, but has learned that Becker had been living in Cassopolis, Michigan, about two years ago, and was then supposed to have been engaged in bootlegging. He also stated that he had talked with Sheriff Shattuck of Cassopolis, Michigan, about Becker, but Sheriff Shattuck did not know the man. He promised Bates, however, to get some information about him and where he lives.

Mr. Bates introduced Agent Devereux to a man named Gordon at the Miles Police Station, and Gordon stated that he knew Becker in Cassopolis, Michigan, about two years ago and that he was engaged in bootlegging part of the time, but he had no recent information concerning him. At that time Becker was living around Diamond Lake in Michigan.

Both Mr. Gordon and Deputy Sheriff C. J. Huff of Miles, Michigan, who was present, stated that Becker is a close associate of one Morris Brown of Cassopolis; that Brown is the Michigan distributor for Silver Edge beer and is known to be a racketeer and to have made plenty of money in the last few years, although he is now only twenty-eight years of age. Deputy Sheriff Huff stated that while he does not know as a fact that Brown knows Dillinger, he was of the opinion that Brown was acquainted with Dillinger and would help him out if requested. These men also stated that Brown is pretty thick with Governor Comstock of Michigan and seems to have things his own way in that State. Agent Devereux learned that Brown was released from Jackson Prison in Michigan, about three years ago after having been sentenced to a term of five to ten years for statutory rape.

The only description Agent Devereux could get of Becker was that he was in his thirties.

The description of Brown is:

Weight	10-
Weight	140 lbs.
Build	Slim
Hair	Dark
Appearance	Very good dresser and very aggressive

Mr. Bates advised Agent Devereux that if he gets any further information he will forward it to the Chicago Division office.

While Special Agent A. E. Sweeney was in the office of the United States Attorney at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on April 23, 1934, one Mr. Arthur J. Schmidt, Assistant Manager for the Prudential Insurance Company of America, 401 State Guaranty Building, 110 East Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, telephone Broadway 8290, came in and advised that he was very familiar with the country around Mercer, Wisconsin, as he had fished there several years. He stated that he knew a spot about fifty miles from Mercer, in the direction of St. Paul, which would be ideal for Dillinger to hide. The place is Stevens or Stephens' resort on Squaw Lake, off Route 70, about fifteen miles from Minocqua, Wisconsin, between Minocqua and Pifield. It is near Hales Lumber Camp and a man named McNalls, who lives in the vicinity, is a reliable source of information.

Schmidt stated that Stevens is from Chicago; that he catered to a rough element at his resort, and the citizens of that vicinity were doubtful as to his character. Schmidt says the spot is deep in the woods and quite inaccessible.

Agent Sweeney stated that Mr. Schmidt requested that his name not be used in connection with any investigation made.

Mr. John A. Hulit of John A. Hulit and Company, 258 East Washington Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, who resides at 284 North Oakland Grove, Villa Park, Illinois, called at the Chicago office on May 3, 1934, and advised that on Saturday, April 28, 1934, his daughter Gloria Hulit, about sixteen years old, reported that in the early afternoon of the same day, she and a friend of hers named Virginia, whose last name Mr. Hulit did not know, were walking West on Albert Avenue near Villa Avenue in Villa Park, Illinois, when they saw a black automobile with four or five tough looking men occupants, and that they were quite certain that the driver of the car was John Dillinger. The driver turned and stared at Gloria Hulit, and the car then drove on, and was not seen again.



Mr. Huli; thought this incident might have had some connection with the bank raid that occurred in Hills Park a short time previous, or a day or two later.

This is all the information that Mr. Huli was able to furnish in this connection, and he advised that he would immediately communicate with the Chicago Division and should receive similar information in the future.

On April 30, 1934, Special Agent E. J. Devereux called from South Bend, Indiana, and stated that he had seen Sheriff Harry Pearson at Warsaw, Indiana, and the Sheriff said he knew of no hoodlum hangout in his county; that after the recent raid on the Warsaw Police Department he, the Sheriff, with other officers, toured the entire county with negative results. He said that if this office should need any assistance in his county and were unable to reach him, he should contact the telephone operator and ask her to call South Bend. South Bend is composed of nine men who have national reputations as sharpshooters. Agent Devereux stated that an airplane landing field is located at Warsaw.

Agent Devereux also stated that the South Bend, Indiana, Police Department raided the home of Hamilton's brother, but obtained no information of value.

On April 30, 1934, at about 2:00 P.M., Mr. Green, who is Assistant Manager of one of the Standard Oil Company's bulk plants, telephoned this office and advised Special Agent T. E. Billings, that about 5:30 or 5:45 P.M. he saw three men in a 1929 or 1930 Chevrolet sedan driving South on Mannheim Road at Ogden Avenue heading for LaGrange, Illinois; that the car had 1934 Wisconsin plates, the number of which he did not secure; that the driver appeared to be a young man with dark bushy hair, and was dressed in blue overalls and a large hat, which appeared to be a cowboy hat, and that all of the parties appeared to be dirty and unkempt, and it appeared that they had been driving for a considerable length of time. Mr. Green was unable to give a description of the parties and also was not sure whether there were 1933 or 1934 plates on the car. This information was immediately telephoned to the Chief of Police at LaGrange, Illinois.

On May 3, 1934, Chief of Police Murray of Lake Forest, Illinois, advised Special Agent T. E. Billings that Lester M. Gillis alias George Nelson alias "Baby Face" Nelson has a brother, Bowen D.



Nelson alias "Swede", who is a constable at Saukage, Illinois, and was formerly a policeman at that place.

He stated that Howard D. Nelson was a very good person in the community and that he might considerably help in the chase with a great deal of work.

It was Chief Tiffany's opinion that Howard D. Nelson could aid his brother in evading the law in any way possible.

Chief Tiffany was very definite in the statement that Howard D. Nelson is a brother of "Baby Face" Nelson, but could not state where he had secured this information, stating that it was common knowledge among the police officers of Saukage and Lake Forest.

Mr. H. B. Pool, Chief Attorney, Veterans Hospital, Joliet, Illinois, telephoned on May 3, 1934, and advised Special Agent J. E. Dillinger that a patient of the hospital, Charles R. Novius, was brother-in-law of Dillinger, that Novius' wife's name was Betty, that Novius was in the tumor ward, suffering from a cancer, being admitted on April 29, 1934, and that his address was Route 28, Martinsville, Indiana.

Mr. Pool secured this information from the Chief Guard, whose name is O'Day.

Mr. O'Day advised that Dr. Barnes at the hospital had given him this information.

Dr. Barnes was not at the hospital on that date, May 3, and consequently could not be contacted by telephone.

On May 4, 1934, Mr. J. P. Honey, an employee of the Telephone Company in their branch office at West 49th Street, telephone Lafayette 3942, telephoned and advised Special Agent J. E. Dillinger that he had been informed by another employee of the Telephone Company by the name of Johnson, who resides at 8204 Woodlawn, telephone Saginaw 3312, that a bootlegger, whose name was not given to Mr. Honey, and who was a former associate of Dillinger at Michigan City, Indiana, was living on 2nd Street, about one block east of Stony Island Avenue, that his house was a bungalow and about the second house north of the corner on the east side of the street.

Mr. Honey stated that he thought it would be best to make for this office to contact Johnson in a further effort to locate this bootlegger and ascertain his name, and gave assurance that he, Honey, would determine this information and telephone this office within the next day or so.

On May 4, 1934, an individual telephoned this office and stated that he had some information of value, but that he did not want to give his name nor would he give his telephone number or address where he could be reached.

He stated, however, that this information pertained to "Prize Number One" and gave Agent T. E. Billings, to whom he talked, the understanding that he referred to Billings.

He stated that he knew that a Doctor M. S. Sevian, who has an office on 43rd Street and Archer Avenue, takes care of gangsters, and that if his office is watched long enough, he is sure that "Prize Number One" will show up there.

This individual stated that he would look further into this matter and if he secured additional information he would call this office and would identify himself by use of the number "22530".

On May 4, 1934, Chief of Police Kumerow, of Elmhurst, Wisconsin, telephoned and advised Special Agent T. E. Billings that Doctor Langhurst's secretary at that place had received a telephone call from some woman who refused to give her name, but asked for a Dr. Ellsworth. Dr. Ellsworth is an assistant to Dr. Langhurst.

This woman inquired as to whether Dr. Ellsworth was an old doctor and was informed that he was not, that he was a young man. The woman calling stated that he probably would not do then, as it would require a doctor with considerable experience to treat her patient, but that she would confer with her patient to see if he wanted Dr. Ellsworth to treat him.

The secretary was unable to get any further information from the woman over the telephone and the woman seemed very vague and indefinite in her statements.

Chief Kumerow stated that he was endeavoring through the telephone company, to learn the source of this call and thought that it might have some relation to the instant case.



Special Agent J. E. Peterson received information to the effect that one Howard Davis, who operates a garage at 8201 Grand Avenue, River Grove, Illinois, was an associate of Harry Rack Miller and that John Kelly, 849 Newport Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, is a contact man for Billings.

With respect to Howard Davis, Special Agent J. E. Peterson interviewed Edward Miller, a mail carrier assigned to the River Grove branch Post Office, River Grove, Illinois. Mr. Miller stated that he had personally known Howard Davis for the last three years as Davis is a member of the River Grove Pleasure Club of which Miller is President. Miller further advised that Davis is an automobile dealer, handling Plymouth cars and has been in that business for four or five years; that Davis is a politician and is a former Trustee of River Grove Village. He stated that Davis appeared to be quite prosperous and was operating two salesrooms for Plymouth cars, one located at 8201 Grand Avenue, and the other at the corner of Grand and Davis. He further stated that Davis resides at 8203 or 8205 Grand Avenue, immediately adjacent to one of his salesrooms. Davis, according to Miller, is married and has two children. He is about 40 years old, height, 5' 11", weight 180 pounds, black hair, black mustache, dark complexion, dark eyes, and looks like an Italian, although he does not have an Italian accent. Miller further advised that Davis has a brother, Kip Davis, who is a member of the River Grove Police Force. Miller stated that Davis has a good reputation in and about River Grove, and that he had always thought him to be a very respectable person.

The salesroom at 8203 Grand Avenue is a combined salesroom and garage, and is set back from the building line, gasoline pumps being in front. The residence of Davis is immediately West of this salesroom and is a small, frame building. This address is situated about a block and a half from the main business part of River Grove. There are no points from where this place could be adequately covered, except possibly from a Phillips 66 Gasoline Station, which is diagonally across Grand Avenue, somewhat East of the salesroom. This is a very small village and the presence of strangers would be quickly noticed.

With reference to John Kelly, Agent Jamison found that 849 Newport Avenue is a three story building, all the floors of which appear to be occupied. Due to the character of the neighborhood, it was deemed injudicial to conduct any neighborhood inquiry.



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The file in this case disclosed that possibly one Danny Stanton might be in possession of information of value to the instant case. It was stated that Stanton could be located through the operation of the Tivoli Grill at 63rd Street and Cottage Grove Avenue.

Special Agent S. K. McKee interviewed Felix Giovanetti, proprietor of the Tivoli Grill, 6320 Cottage Grove Avenue, and he advised he did not know anyone by the name of Danny Stanton. Betty King, bartender at the Tivoli Grill was contacted by Agent McKee and he stated that he knew Stanton, who used to hang out at a speakeasy north of the Tivoli Grill, which was located at 63rd and Cottage Grove Avenue, up until about a year ago. He stated that it is his understanding that Stanton presently frequents a tavern operated by one Johnny Ballis, which is situated at the corner of 79th and Belmont Avenue.

The tavern operated by Ballis was located at 1025 East 79th Street, the place being known as the Green Lantern Bar. Ballis was not in at the time of Agent McKee's visit, but inquiry was made of the bartender and he advised that Danny Stanton was unknown to him. From the actions and tone of the bartender, it

and the opinion of Agent McKee that he does know Stanton, but was unable to furnish any information regarding him, in view of which Agent McKee left his name and the telephone number of the Chicago Division office, and requested that the bartender, who is the proprietor of the place and in the event Stanton was known to him to have this office telephoned, with the request that Stanton call Agent McKee.

Further efforts will be made to contact Danny Stanton for such information as he may be able to furnish.

In response to a teletype message from the St. Paul Division office the night of May 3, 1934, in which it was requested that information be furnished the St. Paul office, indicating that Evelyn Frechette is identical with Evelyn Spark, who filed divorce proceedings against Walton Spark, register No. 42165, United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, Special Agent F. W. Peterson communicated by telephone with Inspector R. H. Gless, and furnished him with the following information:

Special Agent J. J. Waters conducted investigation in the vicinity of Shawano, Wisconsin, at which place he determined that Evelyn Frechette was married to one Walter Sparks, correct name later determined to be Walton Spark, which individual is now serving time in the Leavenworth Penitentiary for robbing the mails. The above information is set forth in a memorandum prepared by Special Agent Waters under date of March 17, 1934. In a letter dated March 8, 1934, from the Kansas City Division office a list of correspondents of Walton Spark, register No. 42165, United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, is provided. The following names are contained therein:

- Mrs. W. Spark, Shawano, Wisconsin.
- Mrs. W. Spark, 901 Addison, Chicago, Illinois.
- Mrs. A. E. Cherrington, 1244 North Dearborn Street, Chicago.
- Miss Evelyn Frisette, Box 47, Neapitt, Wisconsin.

Evelyn Frisette is an alias used by Evelyn Frechette, and it will be noted that the Chicago address of Mrs. W. Spark is 901 Addison Street, which is a former address of Evelyn Frechette. Attention is also directed to the report of Special Agent R. W. Hagen, New Orleans, Louisiana, dated March 12, 1934, in which it is stated that certain correspondence of one Jack Bourland alias Virgil Frost Bourland



was examined. Among the correspondence was a letter from Welton Spark alias Walter Sparks, an inmate of Leavenworth Penitentiary, dated 4/14/34. This letter disclosed that he received divorce papers on February 16, 1934, indicating that Evelyn Frichette alias Evelyn Frechette was to secure a divorce on February 19, 1934, from Walter Sparks.

Upon being furnished this information, Inspector Clegg suggested that the attorney who represented Evelyn Frechette at the time divorce proceedings were instituted in Chicago be immediately contacted.

A telegram was also directed to the Kansas City Division office, requesting that Welton Spark, inmate of the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, be immediately interviewed and photographs of Evelyn Frechette be exhibited to him in order to definitely establish the fact that she is identical with the former wife of Spark. The Kansas City office was instructed to advise Inspector Clegg at St. Paul immediately as to the information obtained from Spark.

Special Agent E. G. Falkner interviewed George E. Brodkins, 907 Stevens Building, Chicago, Illinois, who identified photographs exhibited to him by Agent Falkner of Evelyn Frechette as being identical to the woman he knew as Evelyn Spark, who approached him about five months ago relative to divorce proceedings against one Welton Spark, an inmate of the Leavenworth Penitentiary. He stated that he is quite sure the photograph exhibited to him of Evelyn Frechette is that of the woman who appeared in his office, and stated that her name was Evelyn Spark and requested his firm to institute divorce proceedings against her husband, Welton Spark, an inmate of the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, which proceedings were instituted, but have not been consummated, inasmuch as under the Illinois law the plaintiff in such proceedings must appear in open court and nothing has been heard from the plaintiff in this matter for over two months.

Falkner Agent/presented the photograph of Evelyn Frechette to Miss Elsie Wallins, secretary to George E. Brodkins of the above firm, who stated that that was the woman who appeared at the office about four or five months ago, with the request that divorce proceedings be instituted against her husband Welton Spark, an inmate



of the Leavenworth Penitentiary. Miss Walling stated that she had seen this woman on two occasions, and is quite positive that the woman known as Evelyn Frechette is that same woman known to her as Evelyn Spark.

Both Brodkins and Miss Walling stated that the actual handling of the case was by Attorney Bieler of this firm, who was then in Louisville, Kentucky and would not return to Chicago for three or four days. They further stated that another member of the firm, Irving Eiserman, contacted her on the above two occasions, and that he was under the impression that she had given him some local address when conversing with him relative to this matter. Mr. Eiserman was not in the office at the time of Agent Palmer's call, but was interviewed later by telephone.

Irving Eiserman advised Agent Palmer that they remembered Evelyn Spark appearing at the office of the Brodkins and Bieler law firm once in February and once in March, 1934. At which time he talked to her and she seemed very anxious to obtain the divorce sought, and seemed equally anxious that the proceedings go through without the necessity of her appearance personally in court. He stated that because of this fact no final action was ever taken on the matter, due to her insistence that the matter be handled without her personally appearing in any court; that he told her it would be necessary for her to appear in court only a very few minutes, and that she would not listen to this, and apparently wanted most of all to keep away from the Court house herself; that he told her it would be impossible for her to obtain a divorce without her appearing before the Judge on the last occasion of her visit, which was about two months ago, and he has not since heard of her.

Irving Eiserman described the woman known to him as Evelyn Spark as short, swarthy, dark hair and rather plump.

Records in the office of Brodkins and Bieler reflect that this divorce action is case No. 34554 in the Superior Court of Cook County, Illinois, and the petition was signed and filed on January 17, 1934, which was the date of the plaintiff's first appearance at this office.

Mr. F. K. Butterfield of the Western Union Telegraph Company, communicated with Special Agent V. W. Peterson by telephone.

on April 23, 1934. He stated that he is greatly interested in the George "Baby Face" Nelson angle of the Dillinger case, and desires to render all possible assistance in effecting the location and apprehension of Nelson.

Mr. Butterfield stated that he has been contacted by a garage which is located at the corner of Division and Valley Streets on one occasion when Nelson was driving a 1933 Ford car and another man employed by Mr. Butterfield saw Nelson leave from the garage in a new Chrysler automobile. This information appears to be of interest in view of the fact that numerous informants have provided information concerning various garages with which Nelson is alleged to be connected.

Mr. Butterfield stated that it would be impossible for Agents of the Division to secure information at this address by direct inquiry. He stated that he will gladly furnish an informant who is employed by him in the capacity of an undergarment maker for some investigative work at this garage in the event it is desired.

Mr. Butterfield advised that he will communicate with the Chicago Division office at a later date concerning this case and provide any further information which may come into his possession.

Reference is made to the letter from Acting Special Agent in Charge Bliss Horton, dated at Cincinnati, Ohio, April 23, 1934, relating to this case, in which it is stated that Mary Longaker advised upon interview that in the summer of 1933 she together with [redacted] accompanied John Dillinger to Chicago, Illinois, where they registered under their own names at the Hotel Brillon.

In this connection, Special Agent Arthur McLawson interviewed R. G. Doubek, auditor at the Hotel Brillon, Michigan Boulevard and 13th Street, and ascertained by a search of the registration cards that John Dillinger was registered at the above mentioned hotel on July 20, 1933, registering at 5:00 A.M. under his own name, together with one [redacted] and one Mary Longaker. Dillinger occupied Room 420, and the two women occupying Room 421. On July 21, 1933, Dillinger changed to Room 422 and the two women changed to Room 423. The address given by Dillinger was 2033 Cooper Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. No address was given for the women. Dillinger paid the bill.



of both himself and the two women four days in advance, the room which he occupied costing \$4.00 per day and the room for the two women costing \$3.00 per day.

There was a charge made at the Hotel Grillon for a room for radio service, and a hotel charge of \$1.00 for Dillinger's room.

No one at the hotel remembered him when he was there.

On July 22, 1933, a local call was made from Room 523 and was charged to the bill of Dillinger and was paid by him when he checked out on July 24, 1933. The number which he called was Harrison 4700. No other calls were made from either of the rooms during his stay at the Hotel Grillon.

It will be noted that the only telephone call placed from Room 523 at the Hotel Grillon was to Harrison 4700. For the information of the file it may be stated that this is the telephone number of the Federal Building at Chicago, Illinois.

Numerous communications in the file in this case reflect that Marian Marie Comforti has been associating with Homer Van Meter for a considerable period of time. In this connection attention is directed to page 19 of this report, which contains information provided by Edward Schouse, a former member of the Dillinger gang, and who is now incarcerated in the Michigan City, Indiana penitentiary, to the effect that he met Marian Marie Comforti with Homer Van Meter in apartment number 12, Lincoln Park Arms Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, in the fall of 1933. The file in this case also reflects that there were found in the apartment at 2814 Marshall Avenue, St. Paul, which was abandoned by Dillinger and associates, 1933 Illinois license plates, number 1-857-855, which were issued to Robert L. Huttner, 2738 Pine Grove Avenue, Chicago. This is the address of the Lincoln Park Arms Hotel, and the file reflects that an alias used by Homer Van Meter is R. L. Huttner.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS

Detroit Office.

At Jackson, Michigan.

Foy Hamilton, brother of John Hamilton, is now serving a sentence in the Michigan State penitentiary for robbery. It is possible that he may be a source of information concerning the whereabouts of his brother, John Hamilton.



At Plymouth, Michigan.  
Will contact Mrs. Raymond A. Lawrence, who is the wife of the Lawrence implicated in a bank robbery with John Hamilton. Mrs. Lawrence has been a good source of information to police officials.

At Flint, Michigan.  
It may be deemed advisable to attempt to locate one George Bacter, who has previously furnished information of value concerning Hamilton.

At Toledo, Ohio.  
It is requested that Mrs. Clayton Powers, 630 Ashwood Street, be interviewed for whatever information she may possess concerning the location of Hamilton.

Cincinnati Office.

It is being left to the discretion of the Cincinnati office whether any useful purpose could be gained in confronting Norman Hancock with the apparent discrepancies in his statement, as indicated on pages 15 and 16 of this report.

Chicago Office.

Will conduct appropriate investigation with reference to the following individuals:

Miss Leona Nelson - Sister of George "Baby Face" Nelson, 6639 West 22nd Street, Berwyn, Illinois.

M. Jusko - friend of George "Baby Face" Nelson, 1108 North Francisco Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Al More - friend of George "Baby Face" Nelson, 6311 West Washington Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois.

(In connection with the above leads, refer to page 75 of the instant report.)

It will be noted on pages 82 and 83 of the instant report that Rowen D. Nelson, a Constable at Waukegan, Illinois, is alleged to be a brother of George Nelson. Investigation will be conducted to verify that fact and appropriate investigation will be conducted through that source for the purpose of locating subject Nelson, in the event it is developed that the said Rowen D. Nelson is a brother of George "Baby Face" Nelson.

P E N D I N G

518 Howe Building  
San Francisco, California.

May 9, 1934.

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Refer File  
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Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
P.O. Box 984  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Sir: Re: JOHN HENRY DILLINGER, with aliases -  
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1217.  
JOHN HAMILTON, with aliases - FUGITIVE -  
I.O. #1220.  
ROBERT VAN MATER, with aliases - FUGITIVE -  
I.O. #1222. As also  
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.  
Harboring Fugitive from Justice.

Reference is made to a telegram from the Cincinnati Office  
dated April 21, 1934, reciting that G. E. DUNCAN, 547 - East 12th  
Street, Oakland, California, was communicating with Mrs. Minnie E.  
Duncan, Rural Route 3, Box 394, care of Harry Baugh, Indianapolis,  
and that Harry Baugh is the father-in-law of Subject Dillinger.  
The wire requested that a check be made at Oakland to ascertain the  
identity of the writer of the letter.

Please be advised that Special Agent T. P. Derogatis called  
at the Clifton Apartments, 547 - East 12th Street, Oakland, Calif.  
and, which was cheap, furnished, housekeeping room, and upon  
inquiry was informed that Clyde E. Duncan and wife had been residents  
there for over two months, and residents of Oakland, California, for  
about two years; that Clyde E. Duncan was a painter by occupation.

Clyde E. Duncan was interviewed under suitable pretext.  
He stated they had formerly lived in Indiana, where they have re-  
latives, and came to Oakland two years ago, and that he is a painter  
by occupation when he can secure work. There was no indication that  
Subject Dillinger was in Oakland, California, or contacting the Duncans  
at Oakland.

The gist of this information was wired to the Division of Investigation  
on April 21, 1934.

Very truly yours,

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R. E. VERTALI, Jr.  
Special Agent in Charge.

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DIRECTOR AND STP OFFICE

DILLINGER CASE

WIRE TAP PLACED ON PHONE OF [REDACTED] CHICAGO.

*John Dillinger*  
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[REDACTED] IS ALLEGED DILLINGER CONTACT. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT KEEPING CLOSE TOUCH WITH LARRY STRENG AND JACK PERKINS A CONTACT OF DILLINGER. SAC CONNELLEY ADVISES THAT EFFERT IS BEING MADE TO LOCATE PEARL ELLIOTT AND SYLVIA CLEFINGER. INFORMATION RECEIVED INDICATING POSSIBLE LOCATION DILLINGER INDIANA HARBOR, INDIANA. PREPARING TO CONDUCT RAID THAT PLACE EARLY THURSDAY MORNING

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

May 15, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
224 Federal Building,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Re: JOHN HERBERT WILLINGER, with  
aliases, I.O. 1217 - FUG., et al.  
NATL. MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT.  
HARBORING FUG. FROM JUSTICE.  
St. Paul file No. 25-2424.

There is enclosed a subpoena for Special Agent  
K. D. Dendrick calling for his presence at St. Paul,  
Minnesota, on May 18, 1934, in connection with the above  
entitled matter.

Very truly yours,

R. H. CLARK,  
Inspector.

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Cc Division

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P. O. Box 512,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

May 15, 1934.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: JOHN HERBERT DILLINGER, with  
aliases, I.O. 1217, FUG., et al.  
NATL. MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT.  
HARBORING FUG. FROM JUSTICE.  
St. Paul file No. 26-2434.

Enclosed are subpoenas for Special Agents  
H. C. Falkner and H. H. Reinecke calling for their  
presence at St. Paul, Minnesota, on May 15, 1934, in  
connection with the above entitled matter.

Very truly yours,

H. H. CLEGG,  
Inspector.

HHC:WVS  
Enc.  
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P. O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

May 9, 1934.

Mr. E. E. Retzlaff,  
Postmaster,  
Kenmare, North Dakota.

Re: JOHN HERBERT DILLINGER, with aliases,  
I. O. 1818 - FUG., et al.; EDWARD  
HARBORING FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE.  
St. Paul file No. 26-2434.

Dear Sir:

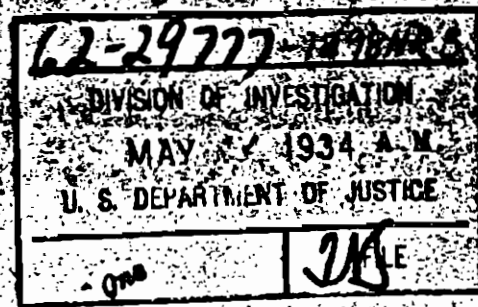
I am in receipt of your letter dated May 8, 1934,  
in which you advise that you have a bill on which is  
printed the name of John Dillinger in St. Paul on March 27,  
1934.

You are advised that the number on this bill  
has been checked and it has not been found identical with  
any kidnaping ransom money which is recorded in this office.  
It would therefore appear that the currency would have no  
particular value at this time. However, I desire to express  
to you my sincere appreciation for your thoughtfulness and  
cooperation.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CLEGG,  
Inspector.

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P. O. Box 1876  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
May 11, 1934

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MAY 15 1934

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

Re: JOHN HERBERT DILLINGER with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1217, et al.  
K. M. V. T. A. and Bartering.

Dear Sir:

There is attached hereto copy of a letter received today from  
Reuben A. Cardwell, Sheriff of Tipton County, Tipton, Indiana. It is  
the understanding of this office that you have been making some investi-  
gation relative to Pearl Elliott, operator of a road house, who is alleged  
to be one of the women companions of John Dillinger. Therefore, this let-  
ter is being forwarded to you for such action as you deem appropriate.

The letter of Sheriff Cardwell is being acknowledged by this  
office.

Very truly yours,

EARLE H. BLACK - Acting  
Special Agent in Charge

cc - Division  
Chicago  
Inspector Clegg, St. Paul.

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REUBEN A. CARDWELL  
Sheriff of Tipton Co.

Tipton, Ind.

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May 9th 1934

Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
224 Federal Building,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:-

I have an excerpt taken from a letter written at Oklahoma City and mailed at Tulsa and received in Tipton County, Indiana on May 2nd 1934.

This letter was addressed to Tiny Cyphers.

Contents: There will be a man call for you and baby after night in car and bring you to Oklahoma City. If you answer this letter be very careful where you mail it from.

Business has been fair today; broke about even. Will pay your father well for what he has done.

(signed) "Aunt Daisy,

M. B. Tiny Cyphers has been operating a road house here in central Indiana for Pearl Elliott, John Dillinger's "Moll." This might be of value to you and pay you to investigate.

(signed) Reuben A. Cardwell,  
Sheriff Tipton County, Ind.

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P. O. Box 7768,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

MR. JH  
Jas 5985

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

Re: JOHN HERBERT DILLINGER with aliases - FUGITIVE,  
I.O. 1217; JOHN HAMILTON with alias - FUG., I.O. 1220;  
HOMER VAN MEYER with aliases, I.O. 1222; ALBERT R.  
HILLIY with aliases, I.O. 1223; LESTER M. CHILLES  
with aliases, I.O. 1225; THOMAS LEONARD CARROLL with  
aliases - FUG., I.O. 1224, ET AL;  
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT;  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE.

Dear Sir:

With reference to my letter of May 11, 1934, in the above  
entitled case, submitting a memorandum indicating that Sylvia Cleveland  
is now located at 7600 Flora Avenue, Detroit, Mich., there is attached  
hereto a photograph of Chester B. Williams, which might be of assistance  
to you in this matter at Detroit.

Very truly yours,

E. J. KELLY,  
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

AIR MAIL-SPECIAL DELIVERY

MAY 13 1934

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

Dear Sir:

RE: JOHN HERBERT DILLINGER, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1217, et al;  
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act;  
Obstruction of Justice.

I am enclosing herewith certified copies of complaint and warrant issued in the case of the United States against John Dillinger and Herbert Youngblood, with exemplification of both warrant and complaint, by the Clerk and Judge of the United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois. I am also enclosing an authenticated copy of the docket entries of the aforementioned case obtained from the United States Commissioner's office. Also enclosing an authenticated copy of the docket entries of the case of Evelyn Spark against Welton Spark, obtained from the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Cook County, Illinois. It will be noted in the certified copy of the docket entries in this case that the case has not, as yet, been docketed but that complaint has been filed and a summons issued.

Very truly yours,

H. PURVIS,

Special Agent in Charge

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

May 15, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

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

Reference is made to your letter dated May 8, 1934, relative to the eight pieces of luggage containing women's clothes and personal effects taken at Little Bohemia. These eight pieces of luggage arrived at the Lorraine Hotel in Madison, Wisconsin, on May 9, 1934, while I was present in that city. The luggage was removed to the United States Marshal's office subject to the control of Special Agent S. W. Hardy, who was requested to obtain receipt therefor from the United States Marshal.

Because of the fact that it was necessary for me to return to St. Paul that night, I was unable to make an examination of the contents of any of the luggage. In the event there is anything contained therein which has potential value as evidence, it is suggested that you advise to that effect immediately.

Very truly yours,

H. H. CLEGG,  
Inspector.

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

May 11, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Suite L, Federal Building,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

RE: JOHN HERBERT MILLINGER, with  
aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #127, et al.  
N.M.V.T.A. - HARBORING.  
St. Paul File No. 25-2434.

With further reference to our letter of May 7, 1934,  
setting out a list of toll bridges, in your district, which had  
been furnished Identification Orders by the St. Paul Office, please  
be advised that this office has been advised that there are two  
toll bridges located in Clinton, Iowa, which are as follows:

Clinton & Illinois Bridge,  
8th Avenue & South 2nd Street;  
Lyons & Fulton Bridge Company,  
Main Avenue.

Very truly yours,

H.E. GREGG, INSPECTOR.

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Not check above of service desired, otherwise it will be assumed as a full rate communication.

# Postal Telegraph

(THE MACKAY SYSTEM)

ALL AMERICA  
CABLES



COMMERCIAL  
CABLES

and the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to  
San Francisco, California  
May 10, 1934.

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

JOHN DILLINGER

NECESSARY TO HAVE ORIGINAL READING KEY NUMBER FOURTEEN FIVE NAUGHT TWO THREE IN  
POSSESSION EVELYN FRECHETTE WHEN ARRESTED LOCK CYLINDERS NOT NUMBERED FOR AND  
AIR MAIL

CHARGE-Gov. Rate,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
818 News Bldg., 995 Market St.,  
San Francisco, Calif.  
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Philadelphia Saving Fund Building  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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

Re: John Dillinger with aliases-Pug. I.O. 111  
John Hamilton, with aliases-Pug. I.O. 1220  
Homer Van Meter, with aliases-Pug. I.O. 1221  
National Motor Vehicle Theft Act  
Harboring Fugitive from Justice

Dear Sir

A. F. Montgomery, Chief of Police, Lancaster, Pa., informed this Division of Investigation in Lancaster on a charge of vagrancy, and that Lipp, prior to his arrest, had informed a citizen of Lancaster that he was intimate with John Dillinger and had associated with him on numerous occasions.

Special Agents J. L. Fallon and A. Schroeder interviewed Lipp at the Lancaster County Jail, at which time he advised that his home is in Frankfort, Indiana; that he has been traveling throughout the country, endeavoring to secure employment, for the past six months; that, prior to his arrest in Lancaster, he had obtained a ride with a stranger and, while so riding, had engaged in conversation with the stranger and told him that he, Lipp, knew John Dillinger intimately and had shot pool with him at Martinsville, Indiana; and that, as a result of this conversation, the stranger had turned him over to the Lancaster Police upon their arrival at that place. Lipp advised Agents Fallon and Schroeder that he did shoot pool with Dillinger in 1917, at Martinsville, Indiana, at which time Dillinger was, apparently, "legitimate" and was working on the road. However, Lipp claimed that, since that time, he had not seen Dillinger nor does he know his present whereabouts or have any information of value concerning him.

For further reference, Lipp's address is Frankfort, Indiana.

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A description of Lipp, as obtained from personal observation, is as follows:

Age	35
Height	5' 10"
Weight	170
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Ruddy
Teeth	One upper front missing
Habe	White
Nationality	American

Very truly yours

R. G. Harvey  
Special Agent in Charge

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

RE: JOHN HERBERT DILLINGER, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I.O. 1217; ET AL  
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT  
CONSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE -----

With reference to ascertaining the names and addresses of the photographers who took pictures 1, 4, 5, 7 and 8, interview was today had with Mr. Atwell of the Chicago Tribune Photography Department, from whom it was learned that such information would have to be obtained from Mr. E. S. Beck, the managing editor, or Mr. Don Maxwell, the news editor. Both of these individuals could not be reached today, and in their absence further communication was had with Mr. George T. Schreiber, of the city desk, Chicago Tribune.

the news editor, and in their absence further information was obtained from T. Schreiber, of the city desk, Chicago Tribune.

Mr. Schreiber advised that he was not certain that the pictures in question were taken by Tribune photographers, and that if they were, it would still be extremely difficult to attempt to ascertain the identities of the photographers who took the pictures. He explained that no record is kept by the newspaper, or by the photographers, which would indicate which photographer took which picture. Mr. Schreiber was asked if it could be determined who developed the pictures in question, and he replied that this would be equally difficult to determine in view of the fact that persons who develop pictures

the Tribune had specifically in mind of the pictures they carried  
of the scene of the photographing and taking the pictures in  
and that, therefore, it would be entirely a matter of personal  
location on the part of the man who took the pictures.

In order to attempt to obtain the information desired Mr.  
Schreiber said it would be necessary for him to interview all of the  
fourteen or more photographers employed by the Tribune for this par-  
ticular kind of work, and that he will immediately make every effort  
to determine by means of such interviews, and also by interviewing with  
the man or men who develop pictures, all information possible with  
reference to the taking and developing of these pictures.

Mr. Schreiber requested that this Office communicate with  
him about noon of Monday, May 14, 1934, at which time he expects to  
be in a position to furnish some information in regard to this mat-  
ter. Mr. Schreiber also advised that this is absolutely the best and  
quickest means that could be employed to obtain the information  
desired, and that communication with his superiors would be made to  
expedite the efforts to obtain this information.

Following the preparation of this letter, a telephone call  
was received from Mr. Schreiber of the Chicago Tribune, who advised  
with reference to the above numbered pictures, that pictures 1 and 2  
are unknown to the Tribune, and they have no record of these pic-  
tures whatever, nor do they know who may have taken these pictures.  
Picture 3 was taken on January 20, 1934, but Mr. Schreiber advised  
that he is unable to determine who took this picture, in that the  
Tribune had a photographer at Green Point, Indiana, who took a  
number of pictures, but this photographer, according to Mr. Schreiber,  
after viewing this picture stated that he did not remember having  
taken it, and in fact believes that he did not take it. With refer-  
ence to pictures 4 and 5, Mr. Schreiber advised that these pictures  
were purchased by the Tribune from the Associated Press.

Accordingly inquiry will be made at the Chicago Office of  
the Associated Press with reference to pictures 4 and 5, and also  
with regard to pictures 1, 2 and 3 in an effort to develop all infor-  
mation possible concerning the origin of these pictures.

Very truly yours,

M. E. FURVIS  
Special Agent in Charge

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May 15, 1934

Inspector M. H. Culver  
Ottawa City Police Department  
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your request of Special Agent  
Y. D. Lott, of this Office, I am pleased to send you  
herewith copies of the following Identification Orders:

John Dillinger	I. O. #1217
John Hamilton	I. O. #1220
Homer Van Meter	I. O. #1222
Lester M. Gillis	I. O. #1223
<del>Alvin</del> Leonard	I. O. #1224
Carroll	I. O. #1225
Albert W. Bailey	

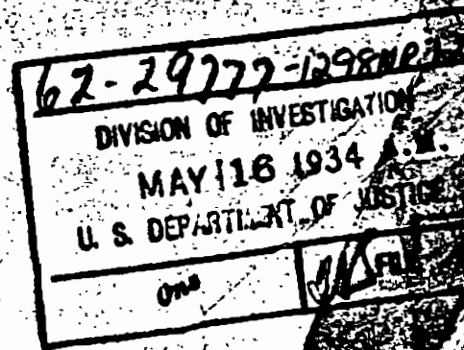
I have been advised of the courteous cooperation  
which you and Detective Leonard Green have accorded Mr. Lott  
and wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation  
therefor. I trust that this Division will have the pleasure of  
rendering you a reciprocal service at some future time.

Very truly yours;

J. P. MacFarland  
Special Agent in Charge

JPM:MAN  
Enc.

CC Division



1900 BANKERS BUILDING,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

May 14, 1936

Mr. David Dressler, Secretary,  
National Code Authority of Men's Clothing,  
225 5th Avenue,  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

In connection with an official investigation  
being conducted in this office, it is necessary that  
we ascertain to what clothing manufacturer is assigned  
the N.E.A. code label bearing the following letters  
and numbers:

1. "Manufactured under Men's Clothing  
Code Authority L.I.D. 08190"

2. "Manufactured under Men's Clothing  
Code Authority L.I.D. 008619"

It would be appreciated if you will furnish  
this information. In replying to this please refer to  
Chicago file No. 25-5685. I am enclosing a self ad-  
dressed franked envelope for your use in replying.  
Thanking you, I am

Very truly yours,

R. H. FURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

Yours

cc-Division  
New York City

Re: JOHN HERBERT DILLINGER with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. 1217, et al  
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT  
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P.O. Box 515, St. Paul, Minn.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
P.O. Box 515,  
Birmingham, Alabama.

Dear Sir:

There are enclosed herewith the enclosures accompanying your letter dated May 11, 1934, relative to the case entitled JOHN DILLINGER, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1219, SWANN FRANCHETTE, with aliases, et al, NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT, OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE, St. Paul File No. 23-3434. The enclosures relate particularly to the harboring charges filed in connection with the CHOMER E. KELLY, with aliases, CHARLES F. UNSCHER, Victim, kidnaping and harboring charges which were adjudicated in United States District Court at Memphis, Tennessee. Your courtesy in cooperating in this respect is appreciated.

There has, likewise, been received from the United States Attorney at Memphis, a copy of his file relating to the above matter as well as the subsequent transcript of the testimony which has been loaned to the United States Attorney at St. Paul, Minnesota, and which will be subsequently loaned to the United States Attorney at Madison, Wisconsin. They will be returned to your office after they have served their purposes in this territory.

Thanking you, I am

Very truly yours,

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1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago Illinois

SPECIAL DELIVERY

AIR MAIL

MAY 12, 1934

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

Mr. William L. ...

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your teletype message of today regarding the origin of pictures 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 in the group of nine character-istic poses of John Dillinger.

At the office of the Associated Press, 155 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois, it was learned from Mr. G. E. Linde, who had in charge of developing and printing photographs, and from Mr. Harry Hall, a photographer for the Associated Press that picture No. 3 was taken by M. T. Pawcett, Journal Herald Building, Dayton, Ohio. The other pictures referred to are not Associated Press pictures; however, a photograph somewhat similar to picture No. 3 was taken by Mr. Harry Hall and two copies of this picture were obtained and are being forwarded to you herewith. It may be noted that this photograph was taken at the same time and place as picture No. 3, being a cut-out from the picture in which Dillinger had his arm on the shoulder of Prosecutor until at Crown Point, Indiana. In view of the similarity between these pictures it is believed that the picture taken by Mr. Hall should be exhibited to the witnesses who have already identified picture No. 3, and if they are able to identify Mr. Hall's picture, it will serve the same purpose as picture No. 3.

Mr. Hall resides at 204 West First Street, Chicago, but in the event that a subpoena is issued for him it would be addressed to him in care of the Associated Press, 155 North Clark Street, Chicago, in view of the fact that he is at that address much more of the time than he is at home. The pictures taken by Mr. Hall were developed and printed by Mr. G. E. Linde of the Associated Press, who resides at 1407 Pennsylvania Avenue, Chicago.

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Another picture that is very similar to picture No. 4 was obtained from the Associated Press with the information that this picture was taken by the Daily Times. It was subsequently ascertained that this picture was taken by Mr. John Furlock of the Daily Times, 211 West Jackson Drive, Chicago, Illinois. A copy of this photograph is being forwarded to you herewith and when it has served its purpose should be returned to Mr. J. W. Grayson of the Associated Press. The two pictures above mentioned which were taken by Mr. Hall & Co. are returned.

It was also learned that picture No. 4 was taken by Mr. John Furlock of the Daily Times.

It has not been possible to obtain any information with reference to the origin of pictures No. 4 and 9, all of the newspapers interviewed advising that they do not know the source of these pictures. The information with reference to pictures No. 4 and 9 was communicated to you by telephone today.

Very truly yours,

E. R. PURVIS  
Special Agent in Charge.

JJA:TH

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Enc.

CC: Division

Mr. Stanley A. Ryan,  
United States Attorney,  
Madison, Wisconsin.

Re: JUNE MILLER, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O. 11219, et al.  
U.S.V.T.A. - MADISON,  
St. Paul File No. 25-3154.

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At the suggestion of the United States Attorney at  
St. Paul, Minnesota, in connection with the harboring of a fugitive  
from justice charges which will be tried in St. Paul, Minnesota,  
obtained from the office of the United States Attorney at  
Madison, the United States Attorney's file in  
which has been disposed of in that district.

In view of the fact that some ideas were obtained  
by the United States Attorney here, which were thought to be  
valuable, I am taking the liberty of enclosing the file of the  
United States Attorney at Madison, relative to the case entitled,  
versus L.P. MILLER, et al. for your observation. If it proves  
any value, I shall, of course, be delighted and shall further  
provide it if you will return this file to me after you have  
examined it.

In this connection, you are likewise advised that  
have obtained, at the request of the United States Attorney at  
St. Paul, Minnesota, a transcript of the evidence in the trial  
of this case, which is now being studied by the United States  
Attorney at St. Paul and after he has completed it, I will again take the  
liberty of transmitting it to you for your information. This case  
also been obtained for files of the United States Attorney at  
Tulsa. In similar cases, and after the United States Attorney has

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has completed studying them I shall forward them to you.

I hope you will not consider my corrupting the FBI.  
as you are suspicious as the United States Attorney have requested  
them and I thought that you might find them of some service, or at  
least of some interest.

With assurances of my highest regards, I am

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

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

Re: JOHN HENRY DILLINGER, with  
aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1217;  
et al. U. S. V. S. A.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of a letter from Honorable Joseph M. Donnelly, United States Attorney, Grand Rapids, Michigan, under date of May 5, 1934, in which information is provided that one STANLEY BROWN, who resides at Harwood, has a cottage at Black Oak Lake, in the Land O'Lakes region in Northern Wisconsin. It is alleged that he has had the reputation for several years of being one of the doctors to whom gangsters go for medical attention after having engaged in gun battles.

                     and the U.S. Attorney appears confident that he would treat anyone, regardless of the character of the individual, and provide temporary hideout at his cottage in the northern part of Wisconsin.

This information is forwarded to you for whatever consideration may be deemed advisable.

Very truly yours,

M. H. FURVIE,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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